

Greater Michigan Mechanical Industry Alliance Report

Special Summer Edition 2008

55th Annual United Association Instructor Training Program



“The UA has been preparing instructors to train new generations of United Association journeymen for more than five decades. This is a truly noble endeavor, and I am grateful to all who have made this program such a success.”



The United Association Training Department has once more put together classes that meet all the needs of our organization. New courses are being offered, along with variations throughout the curriculum, which are intended to make the program more relevant and up-to-date.

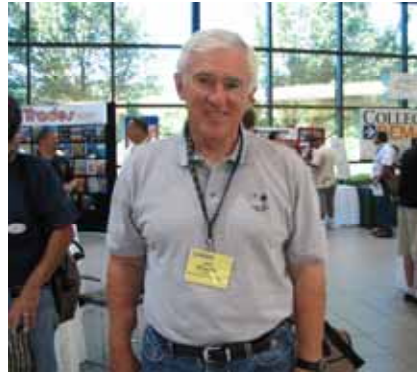
Along with the Instructor Training Program, the United Association International Apprentices Contest will run simultaneously with ITP week. Winners of the contest divisions will be recognized at the Completion Ceremony. The UA continues its mandate, “Leading the way in Training”.

UA General President William Hite



UA Local 190 Instructors

Registration—Busiest Day Of the Week



There is a day no more full of activity at the UA Instructor Training Program, than Registration. Everyone is busy getting their classes and workbooks, along with meeting with old friends and introducing themselves to those who are destined to be their new friends.



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Around The Campus



Above—L. to R.—Cathy's amazing, she can even help out the Canadian Guys! - Tracy's just wondering how much her Mom must be thinking about this week (Mom is, of course, Wanda Jameson who retired last year) - Working hard to keep everybody happy

Below—L. to R.—Terry Urbanic smoozing with the troops - Sorry, no matter how hard you smile, no discounts
Ann St. Eloi talking with UA brothers



Above—L. to R.—Okay, Explain it to me again, Why did we have to get here so early??? - Guy in the back? No, you stay in the picture! - We said you'd make the newsletter and you did, but I can't believe we are using a picture with a guy in a green hat like that!

Below—L. to R.—Come on, how often do you see these people? Get off the phone John - Three mustaches and a cowboy hat! Had to use this picture! - Peggy Klapper (wife of UA 190 Training Coordinator Scott Klapper) collecting donations for the



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Have A Safe Trip Home

What a terrific week this has been. The community has been extremely happy to have you here.

We look forward to the UA returning to Michigan, and along with the Michigan State Pipe Trades and representatives from the Michigan Mechanical Contractors Association, we sincerely hope your stay has been a happy one.

We know with the excellent curriculum of the UA Instructor Training Program that it has definitely been an educational one.

Congratulations to UA General President William Hite on the amazing program here at WCC. We also extend our best wishes for his speedy recovery.

Also, congratulations to UA Director of Training Mike Arndt on this incredible program. Director Arndt and all the members of the UA Training Department, make it look easy with the quality way they put the program together. We congratulate all of them on the exceptional job they do on this program, as well as all year long assisting Local Training Programs.

We hope you have a safe trip home and that we'll see you again next year!

Bryce Mitchell, Business Manager **Sandra Miller, President**
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