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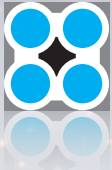
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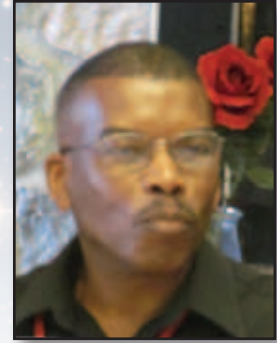
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New MPMCP President's Appointed

Jim Bruner



On August 13, 2011, Jim Bruner of Bruner Plumbing and Heating Company took the reins of the Michigan Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association (MPMCA), our statewide association for plumbing and mechanical contractors. Jim supports and now leads MPMCA because he believes that they are a diverse group of individuals (both union and non-union), who get along very well and have a common interest in advancing the plumbing industry in Michigan.

Jim Bruner is a true gentleman and as such, has earned a stellar reputation in the Detroit area plumbing industry as a man who is dedicated to excellence and relationship-building. It is fitting that his knowledge and gentle spirit will now become known statewide.

Jim decided to seek out a plumbing career one day, soon after he graduated from high school, while standing next to a plumber in line waiting for a paycheck at Wayne County General Hospital. He noticed a big difference in the paychecks! Then one day, Local 98 announced on the local radio that it was taking apprentice applications. When he arrived at the Local 98 training center the next day, there were one thousand people in line to get applications, five hundred of those took the test a year later and thirty-eight of them were accepted into the Apprenticeship Program. Jim was one of them. He was the only minority at the school at that time (initiated in March of 1973 and turned out in 1978). He knows that the number of minorities has increased since that time, but says more progress needs to be made. Jim also said of those times, "Back then you had to work a lot harder as there were no power tools or new material. I got in at the end of the lead and oakum period."

Jim's first job in plumbing, as an apprentice, was working for Donald Miller at the Ford Office Building in Dearborn. Then he went on to Innerlakes Mechanical and continued there when Midwest Mechanical took over, working at the Wayne County Sewage Plant. When he turned out, he was working for Irving Muskovich, one of the largest plumbing and mechanical contractors in southeastern Michigan, at Detroit Receiving Hospital.

In the early 80's construction work was scarce in Michigan, so Jim went to work at the Savannah River Power Plant in Augusta, Georgia. There he worked refurbishing one of the four nuclear reactors, donning a "spacesuit that pumped in air" each day to protect against radioactive exposure. He describes this work as a short, but very interesting time. Upon returning to Michigan he was approached by the Pipefitters at Local 636 and worked as a fitter at the Bell River Power Plant

for Babcock and Wilcox. He also did fitter work directly for the company at Renwalt Chemical Company.

In 1984, Joe Sposita of Plumbers Local 98 approached Jim to become a foreman at Wayne State University, where he worked in construction and remodeling. While there, Wayne State had labor problems and wanted to pay plumbers less money, so Jim decided to resign. But the Director so valued his skills and work ethic that he told Jim if he went to work for a contractor separate from the WSU personnel, they would pay him the union rate. After working for a while for a union contractor on the Wayne State Project, Jim decided to open Bruner Plumbing and Heating in October of 1990. His first client was Wayne State University! And he still works there today.

Wayne State also nominates Jim every year for the "Supplier of the Year" award from the Michigan Minority Business Association.

Today Jim Bruner has established himself as a premier plumbing contractor in the Detroit area for new construction, maintenance and remodeling. He joined the Board of Directors of MCA Detroit in 1995. His more recent clients have included: Detroit Institute of Arts, African American Museum, Detroit Historical Museum, the People Mover, Detroit's three casinos, the Farbman Group, Compuware, and the Renaissance Center. Notable among his projects is the completion of a joint venture that installed new transmitter water meters (so the meters no longer had to be read in person) throughout the city of Detroit.

Jim has been married to his lovely wife, Graziella ("G" for short) for ten years. Seeing them together, one can immediately know of the great love shared between them. Together they have five children: James, Jr. (a Local 98 Plumber and Jim's foreman for the past ten years), Angela, Ricky, Rickelle and Rickisha. Jim and Graziella enjoy traveling and have visited most of the Caribbean Islands, their favorite being Jamaica. Both went skydiving (ONCE only!) and Jim also has scuba dived though he questions where his next breath is coming from while doing so.

We at MPMCA look forward to further enjoying our relationship with this fine leader and thank him for his service to our organization.



MPMCA ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

JIM BRUNER ELECTED MPMCA PRESIDENT

The 2011 Annual Meeting saw the election of Jim Bruner, Bruner Plumbing & Heating, Detroit, as MPMCA President. In accepting election, Jim said in his message to the Board he was honored to have been elected and said; he looked forward to working with the membership and would work hard to be worthy of the position.

To round out the new Executive Committee also elected were, Vice President Secretary Nancy Cummins, Hutzel Plumbing & Heating, Ann Arbor, Secretary Chad Myers, Myers Plumbing & Heating, Lansing, and Treasurer Bill Christ, Total Plumbing, Pontiac.

NANCY CUMMINS ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT

Nancy Cummins, Hutzel Plumbing & Heating, was elected to serve as Vice President of the MPMCA. She has been a co-owner for 27 years of the Hutzel Plumbing & Heating, Ann Arbor, Michigan's Oldest Plumbing Company – 152 Years. Nancy has been active in the Greater Michigan PMC, serving on many committees and projects. She has been married to Scott for 29 years. They have two children – daughter employed by Disney and son at Washtenaw Community College Welding Program / Graphic Arts

CHAD MYERS ELECTED SECRETARY

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Mike Buday is the 2011 MPMCA Contractor of the Year

Mike Buday (r) accepts the Contractor of the Year Award from past winner Mike Brunett (l).

We were pleased to honor Mike Buday as our Contractor of the Year. Mike is the perfect association member every Executive Director would love to have. Always willing to give of his time and talent, Mike has served both MPMCA and MCAA with honor and enthusiasm. With MPMCA Mike has served in every officer and director position. He was MPMCA president in 2001 and has served on

its Board of Directors and has been chairman or member of several important committees.

He is the second generation to serve MPMCA and the State of Michigan as his dad Tony preceded him in both service to the association and the state Plumbing Board.

His company ABI Mechanical Contractors is a solid fixture in the Traverse City area infrastructure.

Bill Fedorinchik Receives MPMCA Lifetime Achievement Award



Bill Fedorinchik (l) receives the MPMCA Lifetime Achievement Award from President Jim Bruner (r).

Something you don't know about Bill Fedorinchik is that before going into the plumbing business, he studied to be a barber. Bill started his own agency in 1984 after a short time with Jomar International. His business partners are his son Mike, and his brother in law Mike Denver and Bill Tosch. Most of their lines have been with JW Sales for over 20 years and include: Legend Valve; Slant Fin; Laing Pumps; Rectorseal; Danfoss; Holdrite; and many other well known lines

He has been married to Cece for 40 years, has 5 children, and 11 grandchildren, (10 straight girls and then a boy) He credits his family and faith for the success of JW Sales.

Greater Michigan PMC: Local Association of The Year



Greater Michigan PMC Representatives Dianne Calmeyn, Jim Dornbrock, Mike Brunett, receive the award from Jim Bruner.

Each year we honor a local association of the year -- not only for its activities that serve its membership, but also for the value that these associations add to their communities and for their support of MPMCA. Our local association of the year has sponsored the Ferris State University chapter which has won MCAA's student chapter of the year award four times—no one has received more.

Our local association of the year has run a HEAT's On project for 20 years; they have sponsored a student building program for 41 years.

One of their members personally is involved in "Helping Waters"—a program to bring water purification to earthquake ravaged Haiti. They produce Christmas packets for military personnel overseas and help with Toys For Tots and Food Gatherers.

MPMCA was pleased to recognize Greater Michigan PMC as the Local Association of the Year.





I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: The only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.

--Albert Schweitzer

PMC, UA Local 190 and the Joint Labor-Management Fund

Greater Michigan PMC, UA Local 190 and the Joint Labor Management Fund were proud to support our members and their families for the Make-A-Wish 300 Mile Bike-A-Thon. GF Wilbur Plumbing & Heating, represented by George Wilbur and his son Jonathon Wilbur, Dan McGovern, retired former owner of McGovern Plumbing & Heating, along with Jonathon Judd, a Wilbur family friend formed team Bora-Bora to honor Jonathan Wilbur who has been fighting cancer for over nine years.



L. to R.—Team Bora Bora—Jonathon Judd, George Wilbur, Dan McGovern, Jonathan Wilbur

Team Bora Bora rode the 300 miles across Michigan in an effort to help other children experience the dream of having their wish come true. In 2002 at the age of 17, Jonathon was diagnosed with cancer. Jonathon began a series of intense weekly chemotherapy treatments that lasted 2-years.

As you can imagine this was the most difficult time of his life. Jonathon was an active all state swimmer and normal high school senior with his whole life in front of him, planning for college, plotting out his career, when all was crushed as his life took this wild turn. Shortly after his treatments began he was contacted by the Make-A-Wish foundation. Jonathon had been chosen as a Wish recipient.

This gift given to him is the reason the Team participated in the WAM 300, to be able to give the same opportunity to other children who have life threatening diseases and to be able to make their wishes come true. Here is Jonathon's story in his own words.

"You have cancer. Not one of the things someone wants to hear, especially a teenager. Those were the words I heard from the doctor on October 2, 2002. I was 17 and a state champion swimmer from Milan High School. I was planning on attending North Dakota University for aviation. All it took was one phone call to change my life completely. When I was a teenager I felt invincible, at some time or another I think every teenager feels that way. But I was wrong.

About a month before I was diagnosed, I was jumping on a trampoline when suddenly my left knee gave out. It was very painful but not enough to go to the hospital. After a couple of pain pills the pain subsided and I was able to walk again. The next day I woke up and was having problems walking right away. I immediately told my parents. One week later I had an appointment with an orthopedic surgeon, he suggested that I needed an MRI to assess the problem. The next week went by really slow; I had a lot to think about. Finally the time came to go to the bone cancer specialist. The doctor I went to see was right to the point, she did not have a good bedside manner but you do not have to when you are the best in the field. She suggested that I get a biopsy on the tumor to find out if it was cancerous or not.

Four days later I was sitting in a prep room waiting to get a large needle pushed into my femur. After the two hour procedure it was time to go home. I was not able to walk for the rest of that day. The next day I was feeling well enough to go to our schools basketball game, it wasn't enjoyable I had to use crutches, but on the brighter side of things I was able to park in a handicap space. When the game was through I went home, as I was pulling in my driveway I noticed a lot of cars around. I was thinking to myself why are there people at my house on a Tuesday night at nine; it never crossed my mind that my results were in about my tumor. As I pulled up my mother, father, and grandfather were sitting outside waiting for me, they asked me to park my truck and come inside, and I demanded to know why. As my father told me I had cancer, but not just any cancer, a cancer called pre-b cell lymphoblastic lymphoma and that I had to be at the hospital at six the next morning my mind just went blank, I wasn't sad, I wasn't mad, I was just there."

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Thus began Jonathon's odyssey. One of the highpoints was that after being in treatment for a couple of months Jonathan was approached by a social worker that, for the first time, introduced me to the make-a-wish foundation. "I was asked "what is your wish" the first thing that I could think of is a vacation, but not just any vacation one that would change my life and get my mind off of this disease that will affect me for the rest of my life. After a day or so I found the perfect place, Bora Bora! The make-a-wish foundation gave me that wish and sent my family and myself to Bora Bora for ten of the best days of my life.

For more information on Jonathan—wishmich.org/borabora or to learn more about Make-A-Wish or to make a donation—wishmich.org



10th Year for Ferris's Heat's On

Greater Michigan MSCA's Ferris State University Student Chapter proudly held their tenth annual HEAT'S ON Project, on September 24, 2011.

The Chapter has participated in the program with Greater Michigan MSCA and UA Local 190 for the past ten years. The Chapter took on the monumental task of scheduling a project for their hometown, working with the Mecosta County Family Independence Agency.

Trucks came from Ann Arbor, Hutzal Plumbing & Heating and Johnson Controls, Grand Rapids, Hurst and Lansing, T. H. Eifert, Inc.

Chapter Advisors Sandra Miller and Diane Calmeyn and their assistant Teresa Pugh, from Greater Michigan MSCA, and Chapter Advisor Mike Feutz, FSU were also in attendance.

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Food Gatherers



Food Gatherers exists to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes in our community by reducing food waste through the rescue and distribution of perishable and non perishable food; coordinating with

other hunger relief providers; educating the public about hunger; and developing new food resources.

The Association collected 269 lbs of food and 3 boxes of toys for Toys for Tots.

US Marine Toys for Tots

The Greater MI PMC was a collection location for the



US Marine's Toys for Tots and the Food Gatherers. This year we combined our volunteering for these organizations with the Inspectors Luncheon. Those attending were notified that if they were interested in donating, receptacles would be available during our Annual Inspectors Luncheon.

The mission of the US Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community.

Saint Joseph Mercy Saline's 2011 Golf Classic

St. Joseph Mercy Saline held its 21st annual Golf Classic in May, at Travis Pointe Country Club. The event raised more than \$ 76,000.



Rob Casalou, President & CEO (far left) and Jim Blum, Golf Classic Chair (far right) with the 1st place mixed team representing John E. Green Co. : Frank Johnson, Lisa Marino, Ben Green, and Anne Johnson

Proceeds will support mammography and related screening services for under-insured and uninsured individuals in the community. 116 golfers enjoyed a beautiful day and the 1st place mixed team winner was John E. Green Company.

With a multitude of daily expenses - food, housing, utilities and transportation—that take priority over health screening, those who have been hardest hit by the economic downturn are less likely to seek care.

Delays in screenings decrease the odds that cancer will be found before an advanced stage, or in the most severe cases, before it is too late. For those who have to make choices about seeking care, your support will help patients bridge the gap to gaining quality health screening and diagnostic care.

Friends in Deed

One of the organizations that we help each year is the *Friends In Deed*.

We assist with the newsletter, printing it and other brochures, and financially support their Bed Drive that is held annually around Christmas time.

The drive provides new beds for families. Friends In Deed is a program we

first became involved in through Mary Jean Zill, (pictured above) wife of Board Chairman Lloyd Zill, who was a longtime volunteer for the program.



Dave Jones Reappointed to MI Plumbing Board



Dave Jones of the John E. Green Company was appointed to his third term on the Michigan Board of Plumbing. Dave is the Branch Manager at the Ann Arbor office of John E. Green Company.

Dave has had a long and distinguished career in our Industry. He received his Journey card along with his Associates Degree from Washtenaw Community College in 1984. He received his Master Plumbers License in 1988. He serves as the Chairman of the Greater Michigan National Certified Pipe Welding Bureau, a member of the Greater Michigan UA Local 190 Joint Training Committee, Owners/Users Committee and has been involved in numerous activities on behalf of the Association, and the plumbing industry.

A dedicated family man, he is very involved in his families' activities, in the community and his church. Dave Jones and his wife Therese have been married 27 years with six children, ages 15 to 27, and one grandson.

MCAA Chapters Bring Dr. Katz to Learning Fair



Ever wanted to learn how to make chocolate candy or find out more about the dangers of electricity or how HVAC works? Local area children learned about those topics and more when they headed to the Spring Arbor University Learning Fair with their friends and families.

In an effort to educate youth on the benefits of a career in the plumbing and mechanical industry, the Greater MI PMC along with Michigan MCA, again cosponsored Dr. Jerry Katz at the recent Learning Fair held at Jackson Area Career Center.

Habitat for Humanity®



The Greater Michigan PMC and UA Local 190 have been involved in the local Habitat for Humanity programs for the past 17 years.

As costs for materials continue to rise, it is becoming increasingly difficult to fund the construction of Habitat homes in Michigan and across the country. Without their assistance, it would be necessary to raise a good deal of additional money to accomplish the building of our house!



Dr. Katz of the National Foundation of Energy Education (NFEED) works with MCA chapters around the country.

Jerry has participated in the fair for several years and was a great hit with both students and parents. Before the 2011 event was finished, we had already been contacted asking for us to sponsor the presentation again, due to the outstanding comments from the Learning Fair participants.

The 18th annual event provided children with hands-on learning. Angela Klobuchar, a Spanish teacher at Northwest High School, helped coordinate the event.

The Ann Arbor Student Building Industry Program

Throughout the forty years of the program, the students have built quality homes in some of the best neighborhoods in Ann Arbor. **But the most important asset that comes from the program is not the homes -- it's the students.**



The Ann Arbor Student Building Industry Program

The AASBIP has historically served non-traditional student populations within the Ann Arbor school district. These tradespeople of tomorrow will need to pursue studies beyond high school in order to compete in the competitive marketplace. For these young men and women, three scholarships were formed to assist the students with college as they studied construction related courses and are often a lifeline to pursuing their dreams.



The Ann Arbor Student Building Industry Program kicked off their brand new development, *Sumerset Neighborhood* with a *Beginning Celebration*, in 2005.

Sumerset Neighborhood is a development of 11 home sites to be built by the students of the Ann Arbor Public Schools Student Building Industry

Program over the next decade. They began their 36th home which was completed in 2006.

These houses are providing attractive homes in a lovely setting as well as providing an opportunity for students to gain practical experience in the residential construction industry.

Financing for the development costs are provided by UA Local 190 Plumbers/Pipefitters/Service Technicians/Gas Distribution Pension Trust Fund.

Continuing with the great history of this program, much of the time, effort and labor required to develop this property was either volunteered, donated or performed at cost.

Ann Arbor Student Building Industry Program Pancake Dinner

PMC Executive Associate Diane Calmeyn participated in Flippin' Out for Student Builders Pancake Dinner.

This first time fundraising event was designed to improve awareness of the program and to provide scholarship opportunities for students who wish to attend college in a construction related field of study.



The Student Building program is in its 41st year, providing educational training to Ann Arbor high school students interested in the building trades and home building.

The Pancake Dinner was very successful with an approximate profit of \$2,700.00.



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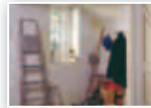
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UA Local 333 hosted a MSU FRIB Presentation on Wednesday, July 27, 2011 at the LCC West Campus in conjunction with an UA Local 333 Apprenticeship Open House. FRIB Project Conventional Facilities Division Director Brad Bull (pictured right) gave an overview of the FRIB Project, which will make possible a range of new scientific opportunities.



Brad Bull

The Facility for Rare Isotope Beams (FRIB) will be a new national user facility for nuclear science, funded by the Department of Energy Office of Science (DOE-SC) Office of Nuclear Physics and operated by Michigan State University (MSU). FRIB will cost approximately \$600 million to establish and take about a decade for MSU to design and build. As a national user facility, FRIB will provide intense beams of rare isotopes (that is, short-lived nuclei not normally found on Earth). FRIB will enable scientists to make discoveries about the properties of these



rare isotopes in order to better understand the physics of nuclei, nuclear astrophysics, fundamental interactions, and applications for society.

FRIB will have a total of 5,783 one-year jobs and 791 direct construction employment jobs. Mr. Bull explained that the main reason for the presentation is to partner with the construction trades in the planning and building of this state-of-the-art scientific facility. The presentation was followed by a tour of the UA Local 333 Training Center located at LCC West Campus (pictured below).



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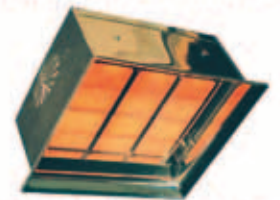
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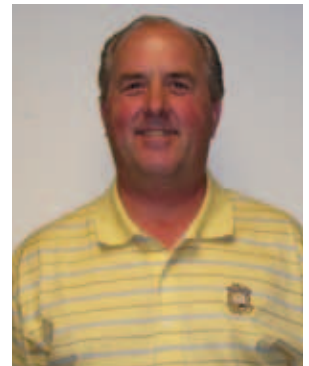


Local 174 and the WMMCA held a labor management meeting in September at the WMMCA office to discuss local business topics.



◆ The Walker Chamber of Commerce held a Business Expo at Amore Trattoria Restaurant. The WMMCA had a booth to introduce Chamber members to the WMMCA.

◆ Congratulations to Rick Ekkens, President of B&V Mechanical, for being elected secretary of the MMCA during the annual meeting in Traverse City. Darrell Boerman; Franklin Holwerda, Rick Ekkens; B&V Mechanical, Tom VanderHyde; Rite-Way Plumbing and Heating, and Cindy Morse; WMMCA, participated in this annual meeting and the Joint Pipe Trades and MMCA



meeting the following day with special guests: Irin Pike; Executive Director of the Bureau of Construction Codes, Keith Lambert; Deputy Director of the Bureau of Construction Codes, Bob Konyndyk; Chief of the Plumbing Division, Kevin Kalakay; Chief of the Mechanical Division and Ball Valance; Chief of the Boiler Division.



◆ Peter Anderson, Michigan AGC Director of Safety & Health conducted a one hour Masonry Wall Bracing Awareness training program in the WMMCA Offices. The WMMCA thanks the AGC and Peter for their willingness to conduct this course.

◆ Governor Rick Snyder recently appointed Jim Federighe, President of Northern Boiler, to the Michigan Board of Boiler Rules. This board is responsible for prescribing rules for boilers while licensing & regulating boiler inspectors, installers and repairers. Jim will be serving a four year term which will expire in June 2015. Jim has been with Northern



Boiler 32 years. He previously worked for Consumers Energy. Jim holds boiler repair & boiler installer's licenses. He is a graduate from Michigan Technological University. The WMMCA thanks Jim for his willingness to serve on this board and for representing the mechanical industry in this new role.

◆ Local 174 hosted a marketing update meeting for WMMCA contractors. Business Manager; Mark Man-gione, Assistant Business Manager; Jeff Wilkerson, Business Agent; Ryan Bennett and Organizer; Nate Phillips updated WMMCA contractors on new and ongoing marketing efforts.



◆ The WMMCA 2011 Golf Outing took place Thursday August 18, at The Meadows on GVSU's Allendale campus. A buffet lunch was enjoyed before the golf outing. The outing was followed by a gathering together for a light supper. It was a great day for golf!

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MCA Detroit Report

2011 Plumber Negotiations and 2012 Pipefitter Negotiations



After data collection, MCA staff put their heads together and brainstormed new and creative options that would allow the contractor to bid more commercial work at a lower rate, thereby expanding this market.



Preparations for this year's negotiations began over a year and a half ago. Long hours were put into this effort by Carl Evans, Chris Freeman and John Nussbaum. They gathered significant data from Michigan and from around the country with the goal of making MCA contractors more competitive.

After data collection, MCA staff put their heads together and brainstormed new and creative options that would allow the contractor to bid more commercial work at a lower rate, thereby expanding this market. Once the contractor negotiating committee became involved the plan became concrete.

From the beginning of negotiations, Local 98 members not only understood the contractor situations, they embraced the goal of expanding the low rate market. They did so by more clearly defining the Building Trades rate, opening up the light commercial/service category a much broader definition of work that could be done in that pay classification. Together Union and Management forged a ground breaking business model for MCA contractors. It is important that all plumbing contractors now understood this language and put into place new efforts that will increase plumber hours in the coming years.

Special thanks to the Management Negotiating Committee: Bill James of Bill James Plumbing, Jim Mollicone of Western Mechanical, Carl Pistolesi of Danboise Mechanical, Mark Jones of John E. Green Company, Mike Scott of Oakland Plumbing, Charlie Reynolds of C&R Plumbing and Bob Battista, MCA's labor attorney who spent many long hours in negotiations and who spoke as one on the behalf of all MCA Plumbers. The information about business concerns shared with the union was invaluable.

Equally important to thank is the negotiating team from Plumbers Local 98. Led by Business Manager, Carlo Castiglione, all Local 98 Business agents, the Executive Board and several members, this group displayed unprecedented cooperation. The strong voices of Carlo Castiglione, Mike McIlroy, Wade Kovak, Dan Nixon and Jon DeRoo represented the union members well.

This month, (September 2011) Contractor meetings have begun to prepare for the 2012 Pipefitter Negotiations, with the same goal in mind – to make the contractor more competitive in the current market. In particular, HVAC Service issues will be at the top of the negotiation agenda.

A group of sixteen contractors and service managers will meet once a month and the union leadership will probably join us in informal discussions in November 2011, with formal negotiations kicking off in February or March next year.



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Mike Brunett Retires From John E. Green

The Greater Michigan PMC extends our sincere appreciation to Michael Brunett, John E. Green Company as he retires from John E. Green Company after a 56 year career.

Fifty (50) years in the plumbing and mechanical industry says enough, but we will go on. Mike has had a personally distinguished career in our industry. He began as an apprentice and has been with the same firm, the John E. Green Company (JEG), since 1955. The Ann Arbor office was opened in 1978 with Michael T. Brunett named Manager in 1979, Vice President in 1983, and Executive Vice President in 1992. Through his direction, the Ann Arbor office has worked to uphold the standards and mission of the JEG through its cohesive management team.

In 2004 he received the prestigious MPMCA Contractor of the Year Award - Mike's incredible commitment to the



Association is best exemplified by the fact that he was in Florida on vacation with the family and flew back two days early to represent PMC at the MPMCA Board meeting.



The Greater Michigan UA Local 190 Joint Training Committee honored him for 50 Years of Service to the Industry at their Graduation Ceremony .

Mike Brunett has served on PMC's Board of Directors for the past 25 years and retires as Chairman of the Board. For more than 25 years, he has been a dynamic member of the local Negotiating Committee, a committee that has ushered in major changes in the local contract, that have been adopted nationally and throughout the country.

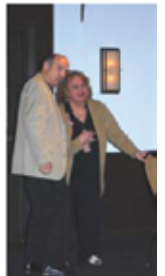
Mike has served not just at the local PMC, but has participated in numerous other activities, including, but not limited to: Co-Chairman of Michigan STEP – Strategic Education Program – a Statewide Labor-Management Partnership Organization, Board Member of the Michigan Environmental Balancing Bureau, assisted with the development of Michigan's first Medical Gas Training Program and Facility, was appointed to the Michigan Construction Code Committee on Medical Gas Development, and has given his support and assistance whenever requested for the betterment of the industry.

He has been involved in numerous local and statewide committees, including being President of the Michigan Mechanical Contractors Association.



On a local level he has been involved as an active member of the Washtenaw County Specialty Contractors Committee, Construction Unity Board, Total Systems Responsibility Committee, and the Public Owners-Contractors Liaison Committee, along with numerous special committees. The John E. Green Company has helped transform the State of Michigan as one of the top contractors in the country. The Ann Arbor JEG Office has helped transform the Greater Michigan PMC's area, and the PMC through its dedication and accomplishments. Mike and his wife Nita have been married thirty years and currently have 18 Grandchildren.

PMC recently honored Mike for his years of service to the industry at a gathering of his friends to meet and reminisce on the many years of involvement on both a business personal level.



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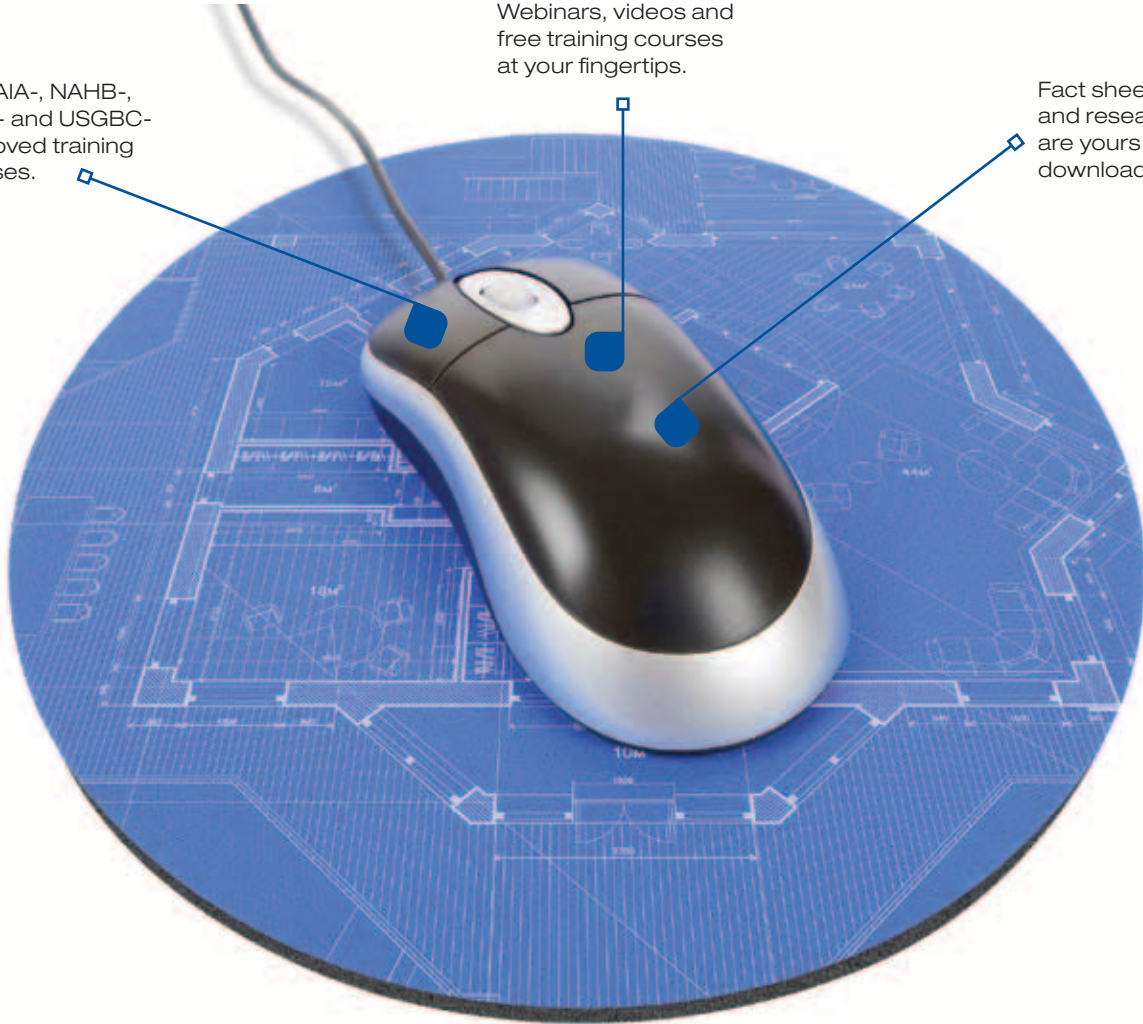
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