



The Fitting Connection

August 2009



Grease Interceptors

Our Program for August will be presented by Brian Tubaugh, Josam Company, and Helen Cantril Dulac, Dallas Water Utilities Department. The **Topic is Grease Interceptors and the City of Dallas' Grease Abatement Program.**

PHCC Lunch Meeting

August 18, 2009

Brookhaven Country Club

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11:30—1:00 pm

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Presentation Topics

- ▶ FOG (Fats, Oils, and Grease) Basics
- ▶ Gravity vs Hydro-mechanical
- ▶ Sizing
- ▶ **“Automatic” Grease Removal Methods**
- ▶ Maintenance

Brian Tubaugh is the director of Engineering for Josam Company—a manufacturer of a wide variety of plumbing products including a full range grease interceptor line. Specific to grease interception, his experience ranges from product design and sizing recommendation to on-site troubleshooting and includes the spear-heading of the newly released standard PDI-**G102, “Grease interceptors with FOG Sensing and Alarm Devices.”**

Helen Cantril Dulac works for the Dallas Water Utilities, Pretreatment & Laboratory services and the Grease Abatement Program.

Join PHCC North Texas at our August lunch meeting for a “Farewell to Lonnie Erwin” . Lonnie is retiring as Chief Plumbing Inspector for the city of Dallas. Come wish his well in his retirement!



Fax back form is page 14. Please send in your reservations for this very important meeting.

Charity for 2010 Golf Tournament

On August 4th the PHCC North Texas Board of Directors met with three Charities who were suggested as beneficiaries of our 2010 Golf Tournament. This was a very difficult decision. All three of the charities were very deserving of our support. We would like to share with you those that we considered. Maybe if you have the opportunity you or your company might wish to support these charities in some way. All non profits are struggling in this economy.

Genesis Women's Shelter and Outreach's mission statement is to provide quality safety and shelter to battered women and their children through crisis intervention and short term crisis therapeutics and reduce the occurrence of violence against women and children in the greater Dallas area. They are also committed to raising the level of community awareness regarding the pervasiveness and effects of domestic violence. All services are provided at no cost. If you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship, please call them at 214-946-HELP, 24 a day, 7 days a week.

Challenge Air for Kids & Friends offers motivational, inspirational, and life-changing experiences to physically challenged children and youth through aviation. Children are initially introduced to Challenge Air through the well organized "Events" program. These events are usually held on a Saturday. Private planes are used to provide the opportunity to participate in an actual flight. The young co-pilots are often encouraged to actually take the controls and fly the plane. The children are empowered by the flight experience—to look beyond any perceived physical or mental limitations, to demonstrate ability, to set personal goals, to experience achievement, and to look ahead to a more enriched and prosperous life.

Charity—Mary's House

Mary's House, *A special Placed for Special People*, is a non-profit day habilitation program focusing on the needs of adults with disabilities. In addition, **Mary's House also provides before and after school care and summer programs for school-age children 13 years and older with special needs.** The focus of the program is to teach skills for individuals to learn to be independent to the greatest extent possible through American Sign Language, community-based instruction, prevocational skills, music therapy, independent living skills, social skills training, and recreation therapy (including participation in Special Olympics).

The Executive Director, Michelle Mills, began her journey as a Special Education teacher for **over 15 years.** She has a **Master's Degree in Deaf Education** with a Specialization in Sever and Multiple Disabilities. Recently, she was teaching high-school students with autism and had seen that there were few choices for them, after they leave school. Although there are a few day habilitation programs currently serving the Dallas/Ft. Worth market, the Arlington, Mansfield, Grand Prairie and surrounding areas are greatly underserved. Go to their website and take a look!

www.maryshouseinc.org

After listening to each of the wonderful non profit organization it was a really difficult choice. Finally the board decided that the one **with the most immediate need was Mary's House**, *A special Placed for Special People*.



PHCC Connect 2009

Position Your Company for the Economic Upturn at PHCC's CONNECT 2009

Learn how to confidently position you company for an economic upturn at the Oct. 21-23 PHCC convention –CONNECT 2009 in New Orleans.

You'll hear about the hottest topics of the day and the latest trends and business management practices so that you're prepared for the future. Here are some highlights:

- ◆ Keynote speaker Stuart Varney, business and financial journalist for FOX News, will talk about **"21st Century America: A New Day in Politics, Culture, and Business;"**
- ◆ Richard Trethewey of This Old House will discuss **"The Future of Comfort and Efficiency."**
- ◆ Seminars will be offered on green plumbing, pre-fabrication, residential fire sprinklers, understanding overhead and year-end tax planning
- ◆ An industry panel will help contractors learn what to expect from the manufacturers as they weather the current economic climate and prepare for the upturn.
- ◆ Contractors, manufacturers and other venders will gather during a full-day Product and Technology Showcase to learn and exchange ideas about products, technologies and advancements in the p-h-c industry.

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State Talk by Nancy - August 2009

HAVE YOU EVER ATTENDED A NATIONAL PHCC CONVENTION?

Now is your chance! This year it's in New Orleans, close enough to drive or you can fly Southwest out of Dallas at a really low fare! (There is a \$79 one-way special fare going on now!) You will be amazed at what you will learn at this convention – check out the agenda at www.phccweb.org. You can also register and book your hotel online. The convention will be held at the Sheraton New Orleans from Oct. 21-23. Our PHCC Texas Board is holding their Quarterly Board Meeting there on Oct. 21 at 1:00 pm and we invite you to join us for that meeting if you decide to attend the convention. QSC is also holding a meeting in New Orleans during the convention, so you can take advantage of that, too. If you're not a QSC member and you are a service contractor, you are encouraged to attend QSC and see what it could do for you.

As a PHCC member, you know you receive all kinds of benefits, which also include your local chapter meeting and our state annual convention. But did you ever think of the benefits you will receive by attending a NATIONAL convention? Ask Joe Dan Parson, Tony Cox, or Sonny Friedman – they can tell you all about what you'll learn and the fun you'll have. **Come on NORTH TEXAS MEMBERS, SIGN UP TODAY!!!**

LEGISLATIVE CHANGES YOU NEED TO KNOW!

If you attended last month's meeting, you heard me explain all the plumbing legislative changes that happened in this last session in Austin. Here is a quick summary:

- **A Journeyman plumber who wants to take his Master's exam must have been a Journeyman plumber for 4 years, unless he's attended an approved Apprenticeship Training Program.** If he has, he only has to wait one year to take the exam. (Goes into effect Sept. 1)
- **A Plumber's Apprentice who wants to take his Tradesman license exam must take a 24 hour training course approved by the Plumbing Board, in addition to his requirement of 4,000 hours working under the direct supervision of a journeyman or master plumber.** This course may include Continuing Education course credits.
- **A Plumber's Apprentice who wants to take his Journeyman License exam must take a 48 hour training course approved by the Plumbing Board, in addition to his requirement of 8,000 hours working under the supervision of a master plumber.**
- These training courses will be offered by PHCC and other Providers—details will be announced soon. These will go into effect early in 2010.

State Talk Continued

- **A Plumber's Apprentice who has completed a DOL or Board-approved Apprenticeship Training Program may apply up to 500 hours of his classroom training toward the required Tradesman or Journeyman exam hours.**
- **A Plumber's Apprentice who receives an associate of applied science degree from an approved plumbing technology program qualified to take his Journeyman or Tradesman examination.** The Plumbing Board will determine how many OJT hours will be required.
- **A Drain Cleaner, Drain Cleaner-Restricted or Residential Utility Installer must take six hours of a Board approved Plumbing Continuing Education program.**
- **A new endorsement was approved which would authorize a Journeyman or Master Plumber to install multipurpose residential fire sprinklers.** This requires completion of a training course approved by the Board, and passage of an exam administered by the Board. Details of this training program will be announced this Fall.
- **Municipalities and other political subdivisions which require drawings of proposed plumbing work must specify how the drawings must be submitted.**
- **Municipalities and other political subdivisions which require plumbing permits must verify through the Board's internet website, or by contacting the board by telephone, that the plumbing contractor has a certificate of insurance on file with the Board.**
- **If the boundaries of a municipality and another political subdivision overlap, only the affected municipality may perform a plumbing inspection and collect a permit fee.**
- **After Jan. 1, 2009, a municipality may not enact an ordinance, bylaw, order, building code or rule requiring the installation of a multipurpose residential fire protection sprinkler system or any other fire sprinkler protection system in a new or existing one-or-two family dwelling.**
- **Plumbing, HVAC and electrical contractors are exempt from the "3rd Day Right of Refusal Law" if the transaction involving the good or service is initiated by the consumer.** This law does not apply to a transaction that involves a breach of express warranty or a negligent installation in violation of a building code applicable to the good or service sold to the consumer.

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!



Lee McFarland, President PHCC North Texas, Raeshel Parker (First Cardinal) and Nancy Jones (Executive Director APHCC Texas)

Raeshel Parker was presented award for "Associate of the Year" by APHCC Texas



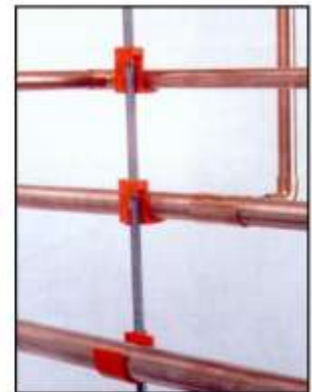
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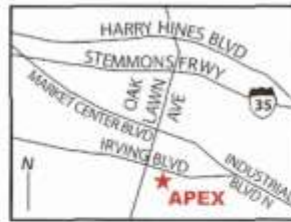
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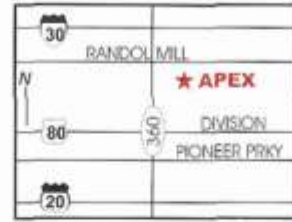
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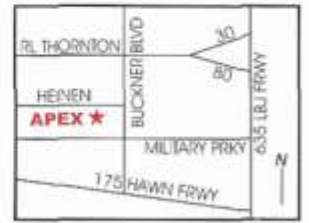
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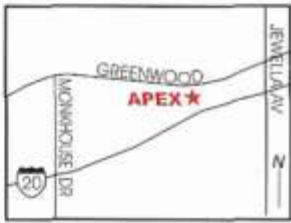
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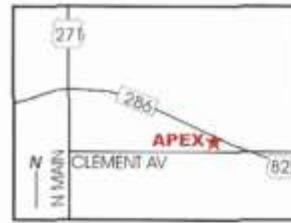
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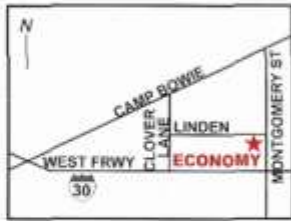
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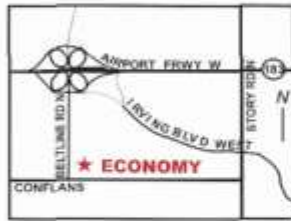
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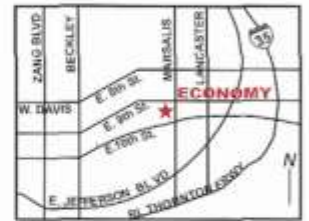
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