



The Fitting Connection

September 2009



Roundtable Discussion Groups

Roundtable Discussion Groups will be the program at our September meeting. The two topics that will be discussed are:

Tankless Water Heaters—Pros and cons/ How to offer more “Green”

This will be a very informative program and a great opportunity to network. *Fax back form is on page 15.* Please help by letting us know if you plan to attend.

PHCC Lunch Meeting

September 15, 2009

Brookhaven Country Club

3333 Golfing Green Drive

Dallas, TX 75287

11:30—1:00 pm

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Lonnie Erwin Honored at August PHCC Meeting

Lonnie Erwin, Chief Plumbing Inspector with the City of Dallas, will be retiring in September. PHCC North Texas honored Lonnie at their August Meeting at Brookhaven Country Club. Lonnie has been a long time supporter of PHCC North Texas. We wish him well in his retirement



Keith Powers (former Inspector with the City of Dallas), Mark Daniel (Inspector City of Dallas), Lee McFarland (President PHCC North Texas), Lonnie Erwin (Chief Plumbing Inspector City of Dallas), Roger Davidson (Former Chief Plumbing Inspector City of Dallas) and Robert Summers (Former Inspector City of Dallas)

Donation from Baltimore Plumber

Baltimore, Maryland Contractor, Jim Berndt, of **Jim's Plumbing and Heating**, donated two pre-season Cowboy tickets for two people with parking passes to PHCC North Texas. The tickets were auctioned at our PHCC North Texas meeting on Tuesday, August 18th. We were very excited to receive \$650.00 for the tickets.

We presented a check for \$650.00 to Michele Mills of Mary's House, Inc. at the lunch meeting. **Mary's House is our charity for the 11th Annual Golf Tournament** which will be held on April 20, 2010.



Visit to Mary's House

Mary's House, *A special Place 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 the Special Olympics).

Mary's House has only been open since June and are already close to reaching their capacity.



Cowboy Pre Season Tickets bought by Ken Reinhardt with Braswell and Associates and Tish Jennings with LL Roberts Group & Michelle Mills with Mary's House

PHCC Connect 2009

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

Learn how to confidently position your 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 vendors 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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Challenge Air Fly Day

On October 10th, Challenge Air for Kids and Fiends will be hosting a Fly Day Event for challenged children in the Dallas area at Dalfort Fueling, 7515 Lemmon Ave. (Love Field). Challenge Air would love for you to volunteer to assist. **There are several different "jobs" that you can do, but the most rewarding is to be a "leader", assisting the children and their special guests on and off the airplanes.** Other jobs include helping with registration, food services, face painting, crafts, at the bounce house, and games in the hanger. You can register as a volunteer on line at www.challengeair.com, or if **you just want to come by and visit, that's fine too.** Volunteers should be at Dalfort by 8 am, when the jobs are assigned.

Challenge Air for Friends and Friends, a not-for-profit, Texas-based organization, joins with communities and families to host exciting special events, nationwide, where they inspire physically, mentally challenged and seriously ill children and young adults by providing the opportunity to fly in small airplanes piloted by both wheelchair and non-wheelchair aviators

PHCC-NA, PHCC Texas, PHCC f North Texas, and Quality Service Contractors are among the many valued sponsors of Challenge Air.

State Talk by Nancy - September 2009

NATIONAL PHCC CONVENTION

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October 21-14, 2009

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IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER—A GREAT BUSINESS INVESTMENT IN A TOUGH ECONOMY!

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- ◆ He can use 500 hours of his Apprenticeship Program classroom training to apply toward the hours he needs to take his Tradesman or Journeyman License.
- ◆ He will only have to wait one year to take his exam for his Master License (instead of 4 years **for those who haven't taken a Board Approved Apprenticeship Training Program.**)

The next PHCC Texas Apprentice I-A Class is November 9-12 at the Construction Education Foundation in Irving. Call (800) 831-90313 (ext 204) to sign up!

State Talk Continued

PHCC Texas will offer the new 24 or 48 hour courses for Tradesman/Journeyman License applicants beginning in January. The course will include an OSHA 10 hour course and code review. This new course will supplement a required C.E. course. Information will be available soon.

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Health Care Reform Debate Continues

During the summer months, PHCC has been working to both keep the pressure on legislators and to develop health care reform policies that would not place an undue burden on small business owners, and educate members about this important issue.

On Aug. 6, members of PHCC’s Executive Committee, Board of Directors and Government Relations Committee participated in an hour-long conference call with Sen. John Kyle (R-AZ), Kyle first briefed the group on some of the bills that have been passed by committees in both the Senate and in the House of Representatives. “Currently, four separate committees have taken action on Health Care Reform, and out of those four committees, there are four different bills. And the Senate Finance Committee is still in the process of drafting legislation due out in September,” he said.

With so many cooks in the kitchen, it is easy to see why this issue is confusing. Some of the proposals on the table include:

- ◆ A surtax at the rate of 1 percent for individuals who earn \$350,000 to \$500,000, 1.5 percent for those earning \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, and 5.4 percent on incomes over \$1,000,000.
- ◆ An employer mandate, requiring employers to provide health insurance that meets a minimum standard or be subject to an 8% payroll tax.
- ◆ **A definition of “minimum standard” will be established by a government-run panel threatening small business owners who currently provide their employees with the best possible plan, though that may not meet this arbitrary “minimum standard.”**

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Sen. Kyle encouraged our members to fight back against these proposals to get into a position where any Health Care Reform will be narrower in scope, less expensive and not government controlled.

PHCC members can have the greatest impact on the debate by talking about their own desire to provide their employees with quality health care options. To help you understand the issue and have the tools to take action, a Health Care Action Pack is now accessible on the PHCC Web site, www.phccweb.org. This resource includes contact information for members of the House and the Senate, a sample letter opposing the current proposals, speaking points, a health care fact sheet and more. If you have any questions or need additional resources, contact Suzanne Webb at webb@naphcc.org or Kevin Schwalb at schwalb@naphcc.org

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Fitting Connection Ad Rates

If your company would like to have an ad in the newsletter, please call Barbara at (972) 818-1990. All ads must be in a jpeg format

Prices for the 2009 Ads:

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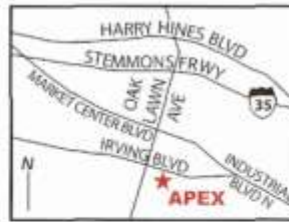
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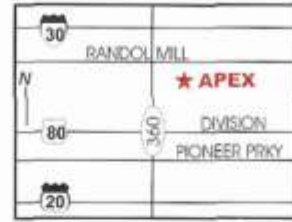
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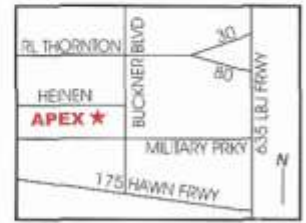
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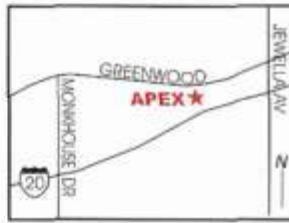
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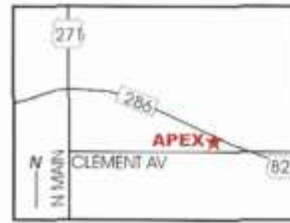
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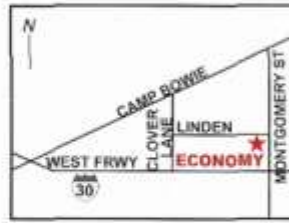
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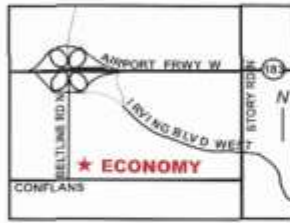
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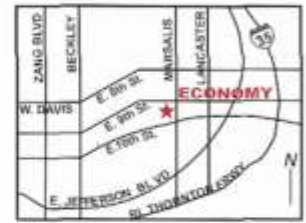
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