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ANNUAL ORPHCC CONFERENCE (AND GOLF)

ORPHCC's annual conference will be at Salishan on the Oregon Coast. The conference will be Friday, October 28th through Sunday, October 30th. More information will follow soon. There will be a golf tournament at noon on Friday, October 28th. If you are not a golfer, general registration will start Friday evening.

IMPACT OF THE 2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION ON BUSINESS

Follow this link to the BOLI website and order their "hot off the presses" book called "Recent Changes in Labor and Employment Law 2010-2011 Edition." You need to know!

http://www.oregon.gov/BOLI/TA/docs/Special_Publication_Form-8-2011.pdf

ORPHCC RETOOLING TO BETTER SERVE MEMBERS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES.

Changes at ORPHCC :

New office location: ORPHCC has moved from Lake Oswego to Salem. The new office address is 3340 Commercial St SE, Ste 210 / Salem, OR 97302. The phone and fax numbers will remain the same (503-557-1203 phone / 503-557-0884 fax).

Staff: Interim Executive Director Burton Weast retired April 1st. Burton had long advocated on behalf of PHCC members and came out of retirement to serve as the interim executive director. Tracy Rutten, our Deputy Executive Director, accepted a position with Western Advocates.

Darrell Fuller has been retained as our new Executive Director. He has more than twenty years' experience in lobbying and association management in Oregon, and is working as an independent contractor. He can be reached at Darrell@orphcc.com or 971-388-1786.

Julie Fleck, our Apprenticeship Coordinator, will continue her effective service to our three apprenticeships programs.

COLUMBIA AND WILLAMETTE CHAPTER MEETINGS

The Columbia Chapter (Portland area) and Willamette Chapter (Salem area) will resume monthly dinner meetings in September.

Columbia Chapter meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Wilsonville Holiday Inn. All ORPHCC members are welcome. Mark the following days on your calendar: Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15 and Dec. 20, 2011.

Willamette Chapter meets the second Tuesday of each month at Rudy's at the Salem Golf Club. All ORPHCC members are welcome. Mark the following days on your calendar: Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8 and Dec. 13. Sarah Mazze from Green Shares will discuss energy efficiency issues at the September 13th meeting.

REGIONAL MEETINGS

Next spring ORPHCC will plan regional meetings across Oregon to gauge interest in holding regular (quarterly or monthly) chapter meetings in other parts of the state besides Portland and Salem. If you are interested in helping, please contact Darrell Fuller at darrell@orphcc.com or 971-388-1786.

FEDERATED MAINTAINS "A" RATING

Federated recently announced that it once again has earned an "A" ("Excellent") rating for financial strength from Weiss Ratings, the nation's leading independent provider of ratings and analyses of financial services companies, mutual funds and stocks. Less than two percent of the nation's life and health insurers meet Weiss Ratings' criteria for exceptional financial strength. Melissa Gannon, Vice President of Weiss Ratings, wrote, "This rating recognizes Federated Life Insurance Company as an outstanding insurer, offering excellent financial stability for its customers, vendors, and employees." Federated has also maintained their "A+" ("Superior") rating from AM Best, the leading rating service for property and casualty. To contact Federated about the products they offer to Oregon contractors, contact Oregon Marketing Manager Randy Raymond at (503)320-7387.

VALUABLE INFO AT NATIONAL PHCC WEBSITE

This link will take you to the all-new National PHCC website. Take a few minutes to look around!
<http://www.phccweb.org>

CHANGES COMING TO ENERGY TAX CREDITS

Follow this link to an Oregon Dept. of Energy report on the changes coming to energy tax credits. While the document states the legislation is awaiting the Governor's signature, Gov. Kitzhaber signed the bill into law on August 5th.

<http://www.oregon.gov/ENERGY/CONS/docs/HB3672summary.pdf?ga=t>

2011 PLUMBING CODE CHANGES

The State of Oregon renewed its contract with ORPHCC to provide low-cost 2011 Plumbing Code Change education to licensed plumbers. ORPHCC is developing both live classroom seminars across the state and an on-demand online version of the course. Each will cost only \$20. More information and a schedule of dates and locations will be available soon.

DOES YOUR BUSINESS USE FACEBOOK? TWITTER? LINKEDIN?

Brenda Dant, Indiana PHCC Executive Director, is facilitating a panel discussion at the National PHCC convention next month in Minneapolis. She is looking for contractors who are using social media (Facebook, Twitter, Linked In etc.) in their business. You don't have to be an expert on the subject - she is looking for stories of all kinds to share - the good, the bad and the ugly! If you have a story you are willing to share, please contact her at 317-575-9292 or brenda@iaphcc.com.

CALENDAR

August

11: Oregon Boiler Minor Label Rule Advisory Committee, BCD, 1535 Edgewater St NW, Salem
(9:30 am – Noon)

www.bcd.oregon.gov/committees/boiler_minor_labels/20110811/Agenda_081111.pdf

18: Oregon State Plumbing Board, BCD, 1535 Edgewater St NW, Salem (9:30 am)

Board meetings are broadcast live over the internet:

<http://bcd.oregon.gov> (click on "View live meetings")

18: ORPHCC Board of Directors meeting, Ram Pub, Salem (10 am -- 1 pm)

September

13: Willamette Chapter meeting, Rudy's at Salem Golf Club (6 pm)

15: ORPHCC Executive Committee meeting (10 am)

20: Columbia Chapter meeting, Wilsonville Holiday Inn (6 pm)

21-24: CONNECT 2011 / Premier national event for plumbing and HVACR contractors. Click for info:

<http://www.phccweb.org/Meetings/content.cfm?ItemNumber=6714&navItemNumber=529>

October

11: Willamette Chapter meeting, Rudy's at Salem Golf Club (6 pm)

18: Columbia Chapter meeting, Wilsonville Holiday Inn (6 pm)

28-30: ORPHCC Conference, Salishan Resort (details soon)

November

08: Willamette Chapter meeting, Rudy's at Salem Golf Club (6 pm)

15: Columbia Chapter meeting, Wilsonville Holiday Inn (6 pm)

17: ORPHCC Executive Committee meeting (10 am)

December

13: Willamette Chapter meeting, Rudy's at Salem Golf Club (6 pm)

15: ORPHCC Executive Committee meeting (10 am)

20: Columbia Chapter meeting, Wilsonville Holiday Inn (6 pm)

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