

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

From Theodore Roosevelt: "Every man owes a part of his time and money to the business or industry in which he is engaged. No man has a moral right to withhold his support from an organization that is striving to improve conditions within his sphere."

Happy New Year from the Board of Directors of the Oregon State Association of Plumbing Heating Cooling Contractors.

WILLAMETTE (SALEM AREA) CHAPTER MEETING JANUARY 8

The next meeting of the Willamette Chapter will be Tuesday, January 8th. Dinner starts at 6 pm at Rudy's at Salem Golf Club. The 2013 session of the Oregon Legislature will be the topic, including leadership, committee assignments and what businesses will face. The Willamette Chapter meets every other month on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Rudy's at the Salem Golf Club. You do not need to be an ORPHCC member to attend and everyone orders from the menu and pays for their own bill. Spouses and guests are welcome, too.

COLUMBIA (PORTLAND AREA) CHAPTER MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Columbia Chapter will be Tuesday, January 15th. Dinner starts at 6 pm at **McMenamin's Old Church & Pub House** in Wilsonville at 30340 SW Boones Ferry Road (same parking lot as the new Fred Meyer just off I-5). The 2013 session of the Oregon Legislature will be the topic, including leadership, committee assignments and what businesses will face. The Columbia Chapter meets every month on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. You do not need to be an ORPHCC member to attend and the cost is only \$30 per person. Spouses and guests are welcome, too.

HEALTH CARE REFORM SEMINAR

LaPorte & Associates, ORPHCC's endorsed health insurance broker, is offering a complimentary, in-depth seminar on how the changes in Oregon and Federal law are and will impact your business and your employees. It will cover "The Exchange", pay or play modeling, essential benefits and changes to the ORPHCC health plan through HealthNet. The seminar is January 23rd from 8:00 to 9:30 am (check in at 7:45 am). It will be held at HealthNet in the Willamette Room at 13221 SW 68th Parkway (Suite 200) in Tigard. For more information a flyer is attached or contact Teresa Monty at 503-239-4116 extension 142 or at tmonty@laporte-insurance.com.

ORPHCC PRESIDENT JAY HANSEN ON OREGON MECHANICAL BOARD

ORPHCC President C. Jay Hansen was nominated by Governor John Kitzhaber to a post on the Oregon State Mechanical Board. The Governor's nomination was issued on November 20th. The nomination was subject to confirmation by the Oregon State Senate. Jay Hansen appeared before the Senate Rules and Executive Appointments Committee on December 10th. The committee forwarded his nomination unanimously to the full Senate, which approved his nomination on December 12. The slot is a four year term which will expire on November 12, 2016.

TERRY SWISHER ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

An email from Oregon Chief Plumbing Inspector, Terry Swisher: "I wanted to make sure you are notified that I will be retiring on April 1, 2013. I cannot express in words the wonderful experience it has been for me to work at BCD. It is the great people, our stakeholders, board members and our work force that makes BCD the perfect place to work. I have learned a great deal from all of you over the past 23 years." If you would like to extend your appreciation to Terry for his years of service, his email address is terry.l.swisher@state.or.us.

FREE WINTER WEATHERIZATION TRAINING CALENDAR

Attached is information on some free winter weatherization training programs offered by Job Growers, Inc.

ORPHCC C.J. HANSEN SCHOLARSHIP

Late this summer, or early next fall, ORPHCC will resume awarding scholarships from our C.J. Hansen Scholarship Fund. Scholarship recipients will need to be studying in an apprenticeship program, or be enrolled at a community college or university in a field closely related to the construction industry. More information about applying for a scholarship will be available soon. Watch this space for details...

FREE NATIONAL PHCC WEBINARS FOR MEMBERS
THE NEW LEAD LAWS ARE COMING -- ARE YOU READY?

The National PHCC is hosting a free webinar this Wednesday, January 16th at noon (Oregon time) entitled "Get The Lead Out: The New Lead Laws Are Coming -- Are You Ready?" This is a members-only benefit. To register click on this link <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/599449722>.

2011 PLUMBING SPECIALTY CODE CHANGE CONTINUING EDUCATION

The State of Oregon contracts with ORPHCC to provide low-cost 2011 Plumbing Code Change education to licensed plumbers. An online class is available 24/7 and only costs \$20. To register for the online class, simply go to www.orphcc.com and click on the "2011 Plumbing Specialty Code" link.

ORPHCC NOW HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE

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