

SEPTEMBER 12 / WILLAMETTE (SALEM AREA) CHAPTER MEETING

PLEASE RSVP

Join ORPHCC President Ron Loewen for a lively discussion on ***“Warranty Reserve Accounts: Do You Have One? Why You Should.”*** As Oregon SLOWLY pulls out of a bad economy, contractors need to be smart about preparing your businesses to grow. Come and learn something new while fellowshiping with industry leaders. **Please RSVP to info@orphcc.com or call 503-557-1203.**

Date: September 12, Thursday

Location: Rudy’s at Salem Golf Club

Time: 6:00 PM

Cost: Order from the menu

RSVP: info@orphcc.com / 971-388-1786

NEW MEETING INFORMATION: The Willamette Chapter will now meet every other month on the 2nd THURSDAY of the month (not Tuesday) 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. Meetings will be September 12 and November 14th. Mark your calendar today.

SEPTEMBER 26 / MEET THE NEW CHIEF PLUMBING INSPECTOR

PLEASE RSVP

On Thursday, September 26th the Columbia Chapter of ORPHCC will hold a dinner to introduce Oregon’s new Chief Plumbing Inspector, David Kloss. Dinner will be in the Tigard/Tualatin/Wilsonville area starting at 6:00 pm. The cost is only \$30 per person and everyone is welcome. However, we do ask that you RSVP so we can get specific location information to everyone once a venue is confirmed (depending on the size of the group). So, PLEASE RSVP by replying to this email or calling 503-557-1203. Thank you.

Date: September 26, Thursday

Location: TBA / Tualatin-Wilsonville area

Time: 6:00 PM

Cost: \$30 per person

RSVP: info@orphcc.com / 971-388-1786

NEW MEETING INFORMATION: Change of time for Columbia Chapter meetings: The Columbia Chapter will now meet on the 4th Thursday of each month: Coming up: September 26 and October 24. However, in November, the monthly meeting will be the C.J. Hansen Scholarship Auction on Friday, November 8th at the George Morlan Design Center. There will not be a meeting in December.

What issues would you like addressed during a Columbia Chapter PHCC meeting? Are there questions you can’t get an answer to and need help? Is there a broken government program and you want to talk about how to fix it? Are there trends that excite or concern you as a contractor? Feed us some ideas (just respond to this email) and we’ll get them on the list of topics to discuss.

2011 PLUMBING SPECIALTY CODE CHANGE CONTINUING EDUCATION

Time is slipping away for those JPs who still have not completed your 2011 Specialty Code education. 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. You need to get ‘er done.

CJ HANSEN SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION

The CJ Hansen Scholarship Auction will be Friday, November 8th starting at 6:00 PM. A special THANK YOU to George Morlan Plumbing as they have graciously agreed to allow us to use their BEAUTIFUL George Morlan Design Center at 2222 NW Raleigh in Portland. So, mark your calendar now!

ORPHCC is also please to announce plans to award four \$500 scholarships during the 2013 auction. The scholarships will be for use during Spring, 2014 apprenticeship or community college classes. If you would like a scholarship application packet, please send an email to info@orphcc.com.

NATE GAS HEAT CERTIFICATION

Attention all you folks interested in getting your NATE Gas Heat certification!! Saturday, September 14th at NW Natural.

Seating is limited to the first 18 people who register, so do it soon to ensure your seat at the table. Contact Dick Stilwill at ORACCA at 360-834-3805.

BOARD OF BOILER RULES TO MEET SEPTEMBER 10

For more information, follow this link:

http://www.bcd.oregon.gov/boards/boiler/board_pack/2013/20130910.html

MECHANICAL BOARD TO MEET ON SEPTEMBER 11

For more information, follow this link:

<http://www.bcd.oregon.gov/boards/mechanical/boardpack/2013/20130911.html>

CCB NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING - AGENDA

CCB Stakeholder Meeting / Implementation of SB 783 – Residential Continuing Education changes. This is important for everyone with a CCB number. Everyone is encouraged to attend! 9:00 a.m., Friday, September 20, 2013 / CCB office / 700 Summer St NE Suite 300 / Salem, Oregon

LOCAL BUILDING DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

Click on the link to view the newsletter, or copy and paste the link into your Internet browser.

http://www.bcd.oregon.gov/bldg_newsletter/index.html

ORPHCC NOW HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE

Are you on Facebook? Then like the OregonPHCC page!

<http://www.facebook.com/OregonPHCC>

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>

UPDATE FROM NATIONAL PHCC

- **“Tenant Star” Amendment to be Offered in the Senate Next Week.** U.S. Senators Michael Bennet (D-CO) and Kelly Ayotte (R-NH) have filed a PHCC-supported amendment to S. 1392, the Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act of 2013, also known as “Tenant Star.” PHCC signed a letter last June supporting legislative language promoting Tenant Star, which is an initiative that encourages cooperation by landlords and tenants in commercial buildings to save energy as leased spaces in these structures are designed, constructed, used and occupied. S. 1392 is expected to be brought-up in the

Senate following deliberations over the issue of Syria. [Click here](#) to read the letter sent by PHCC and other cooperating organizations.

- **The Push for Further Energy Efficient Tax Deductions.** PHCC recently signed onto a draft letter to be sent to the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee, regarding the tax deductions of Section 179D of the IRS Tax Code, which is set to expire at the end of this year. [The letter](#) will be sent to Capitol Hill next week when Congress goes back into session. Section 179D is a tax deduction allowing for cost recovery for energy efficient windows, roofs, lighting, heating and cooling systems that meet “certain energy savings performance targets.” PHCC has been meeting with other interested organizations and associations, and will continue to provide members with information as Congress begins to review tax deduction extensions such as 179D.
- **R-22a --- The Continued Fight Against Dangerous Refrigerant Substitutes.** PHCC continues to work with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to support the agency’s ongoing investigation against R-22a. EPA has issued a [stern warning](#) to propane manufacturers and sellers, home owners, home improvement contractors and air conditioning technicians regarding the dangers of refrigerant substitutes such as R-22a. PHCC has published information that R-22a is not EPA-approved and highlighting the [severe dangers](#) posed by R-22a. Although EPA does not comment on ongoing investigations, EPA has issued an [enforcement letter](#) to a manufacturer of the alternate refrigerant which in essence, accuses the company of violating the Clean Air Act and more specifically, provisions of the “Significant New Alternatives Policy” (SNAP). PHCC’s mission to protect the health, safety and comfort of the nation compels our continued involvement in this issue and PHCC again warns members about the use of R-22a. PHCC continues to work with EPA on this issue and urges members who have experienced or are aware of a specific incident involving R-22a to contact the EPA attorney assigned to the issue: Louise Gross, Associate Regional Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - 312-886-6844 or gross.louise@epa.gov.
- **Join In - Invest in Your Future!** - The PHCC Educational Foundation’s annual giving campaign is making great progress toward our annual goal, with \$112,000 from over 275 contributors already received. These funds support the development & delivery of Foundation programs and scholarships from the PHCC National Auxiliary. Our goal is \$145,000 from 400+ contributors *and* to hit those marks before the end of CONNECT 2013 in Las Vegas. We invite everyone reading this message to please take a moment to make your gift now if you have not already done so. Can’t remember if you have given? Click for a list of [current year contributors](#). Your contribution can be made [online here](#) or with [this fax back form](#). Thank you.

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