



Food, Games, Prizes and Pies!

Some of our members had the opportunity to enjoy a wonderful day out at the Snoqualmie River Campground on September 8, 2007 to participate in the Northwest Washington Chapter of IAPMO's 11th Annual Picnic. Below you'll see some pictures of Fred Volkers (Plumbing Inspector for City of Bellevue) and Steve Nastruz (Plumbing Inspector for City of Seattle) before and after a bit of pie throwing fun!



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Serving as the Chair of the Northwest Washington IAPMO Chapter for the last nine years, and most recently as a new Board Member of IAPMO, Fred Volkers has always taken an active roll in the PHCC industry here in Washington. To sum up who Fred is, I'll quote straight from the IAPMO website and his bio:

New board member Fred Volkers, who was born in Zeeland, Mich., began his plumbing career more than forty years ago when he was approximately one year out of high school. Since then, he has worked tirelessly in the industry, promoting safe plumbing codes and serving actively with IAPMO.

Volkers was drafted into the military a year after starting work as a plumber. Stationed in Hawaii from 1966 to 1968, he served as a plumber for the military. He began his UA apprenticeship with Local 675 in Hawaii. In 1969, Volkers moved to Seattle and joined Local 32; he remains a member today.

Volkers became a journeyman plumber in 1973, shortly after transferring to the Northwest. He worked as a foreman for fourteen years, installing plumbing systems that ran the gamut from small remodels to large, multi-story buildings and hospitals. In 1987, he became a detailer for University Mechanical Contractors, Inc., checking engineers' plumbing designs to ensure their compliance with the UPC. After ten years with that company, Volkers accepted a position as a plumbing inspector for the city of Bellevue, Wash. He continues his work with Bellevue to this day, and is also qualified as a combination dwelling inspector for the city.

An active member of IAPMO since the mid-1980s, Volkers has served as chair of the Northwest Washington Chapter for the last nine years. He served as an alternate on the UPC Technical Committee until May of this year. Volkers is also a skilled teacher; he served as a UA instructor, teaching drawing and blueprint reading courses to apprentices in his local from 1980 to 2003. He graduated from the UA instructor training program in 1987. A dedicated proponent of IAPMO, Volkers has promoted the UPC as the premier plumbing code throughout his career.

Volkers and his wife Judy met in Hawaii while both were serving in the military—he as a plumber and she as a nurse. They married in 1968 and have two children, Elizabeth Ann and David, and three grandchildren. In their spare time, the Volkerses enjoy traveling.

Volkers would like to thank all those who have supported him throughout his career. He would like to include a special thanks to Russ Chaney and all the IAPMO staff for their continued support and encouragement throughout his time as Northwest Washington Chapter chairman.

Thank you Fred for all your effort over the years! Give him a pat on the back the next time you run into him to say thank you for the picnic and for everything he does for our industry.

Everyone had a great time watching and participating throwing pies at the extremely brave instructors. This is a great event to take the kids to as there are many activities for the young ones to do. The picnic is open to anyone who has an interest in plumbing so make plans to attend next years picnic.

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PHCC of Washington

Welcome New Members

The PHCC of Washington State continues to grow. We have been fortunate to add six new members to our association this year. We'd like to recognize and welcome them officially as plumbing/heating techs, trade folk, business people...and friends.

J&K Plumbing
Gerry & Kathy Church
Auburn, WA

PlumbStar, Inc.
Tim Carr, JR
Lake Stevens, WA

Service Plumbing
Pat Dickinson
Lynnwood, WA

North Sound Plumbing
Pete Lackie
Kenmore, WA

Stalwart Plumbing
Paul Lewan
Seattle, WA

E.M. Plumbing, Inc
Erik Muth
North Bend, WA

It is important for us to recognize those that join our ranks. As new members, they haven't reaped the benefits that the rest of us have over the years. This leap of faith is to be commended. It shows they hold a personal interest in improving the standards of our trade.

They will all soon recognize the two way benefits of joining PHCCWA. The association and "our voice" become stronger with each new member. The membership reaps benefits that are too many to possibly list here (that's another article in itself). Once again, thank you new members, and welcome!

Free Continuing Education - Woohoo!!!

No, we're not pulling your leg. Cheryl Maas and the Executive Board has come through big for our members. Beginning this month and continuing every month (except July, August & December due to busy schedules) we will be holding One Hour Code Classes in the North and South Puget Sound areas.



For all members and their employees, these classes will be completely free. For those non-members that wish to attend, it will cost \$10 per person. We'd recommend you invite along employees from another company if they aren't members. They'll get the much needed continuing education credit and perhaps a little insight into what our great association is all about.

We hope you will inform your employees of these classes so they can take advantage of obtaining free code credits. If you would like us to include your employees in the class notification emails please send their names and email address to cheryl@phccwa.org. Please note, their email addresses will only be used to notify them of the upcoming code classes, and will remain private.

Upcoming Dates of Interest



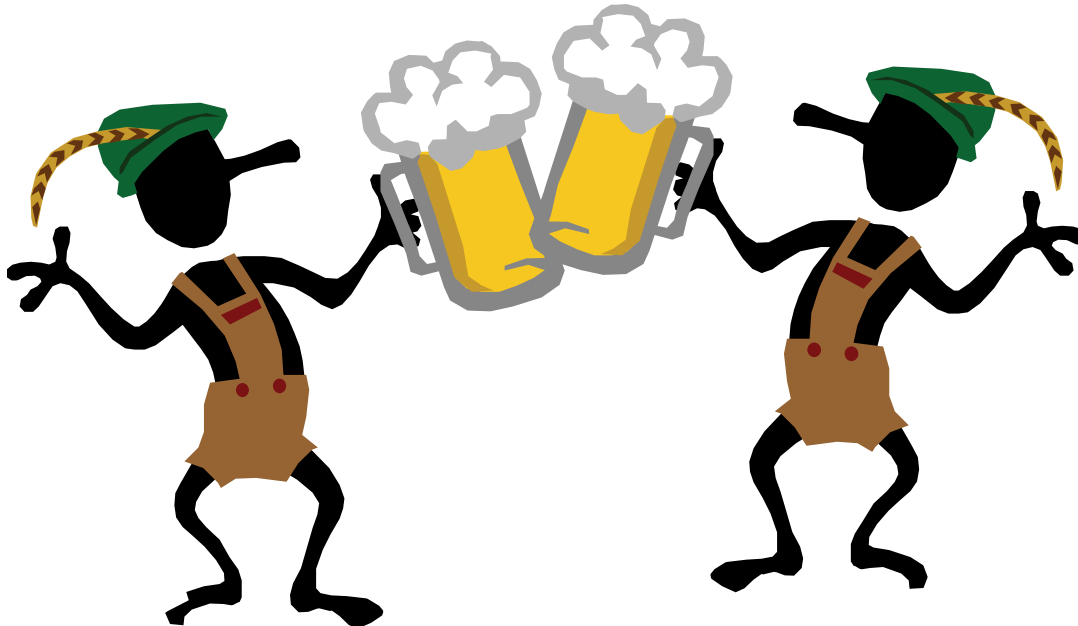
Oct 6th	2007 Owners' Event: Octoberfest
Oct 11th	One Hour Code Classes in Seattle and Tacoma: Contact the PHCCWA office for details
Oct 24-27	PHCC National Convention in Anaheim, CA
Oct 30th	General Membership Meeting in Tukwilla @ 6pm
Nov 15 & 27	Network Meetings on "Green Plumbing" in Tacoma & Seattle

Oktoberfest

Join us October 6 for the 2007 Owner's Event as we celebrate Oktoberfest, with great German food, beer and wine you won't want to miss this.

October 6, 2007
At the home of Ken Watson
16925 Larch Way
Lynnwood, WA 98037
Doors open at 3:00, dinner at 5:30.
25.00 Dinner
4.00 Drink Tickets

Come socialize with other PHCCWA members and with plenty of things to do (pool, darts, foosball, air hockey, card table and more) you will have a wonderful time. There are many hotels located nearby if you are interested in staying in the area.



Company: _____ Fax: _____
Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Count us in! We don't want to miss out on the fun! We would like to reserve the following,

Dinner # _____ @ \$25.00 per person = \$ _____

Drink Tickets # _____ @ \$4.00 each = \$ _____

- Our check for \$ _____ is enclosed.
 Please charge my credit card: MasterCard or VISA

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Is claim reporting a priority at your business? Did you know you can usually save money the more quickly a claim is reported?

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Workers Compensation:

You can control your workers compensation premium dollars by protecting your experience modification factor. Prompt claim reporting, the controllable variable, can provide an enormous cost savings. A recent study conducted by Federated's claims department found, in a sampling of three states, the cost of claims payments increased between 45 to 135 percent when claims were reported more than seven days from the incidents. Imagine the savings when claims are reported within 24 hours as we strongly suggest.

A reduction in workers compensation fraud is another benefit of prompt reporting. In fact, it is one of the best defenses. As time passes from the date of the injury, eyewitnesses are less likely to remember the incident, physical evidence is lost and conducting an accident investigation becomes increasingly difficult.

Water damage claims: (plumbers and HVAC contractors only)

Save money on your deductible expense by reporting water damage claims within 120 hours from the time you or any of your employees know, or should have known, of the presence of water. Reporting it after 120 hours will incur additional deductibles.

Self-Insured Retention Accounts (SIR):

If you have Federated's Self-Insured Retention program (large deductible plan), make sure paid claims are applied to the retention amount by reporting them within 60 days after their discovery by you or any of your officers or managers.

Pollution losses:

Quickly reporting pollution claims lessens the severity of the pollutant by quickly containing its migration.

- For property-covered causes of loss, assure that coverage can be provided by reporting the claim in writing within 120 hours from the time of loss.
- For causes of loss covered under your auto policy, if endorsed, report within 120 hours from the time you or anyone in your organization knows or should have known of the release to avoid additional deductibles. Assure that coverage can be provided by reporting within 180 days.

The above are summaries from the policy endorsements and should not be substituted for the policy wording. Please refer to the endorsements for full details.

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