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Attn: Former Graduated Mechanical Skills Students

The Indiana Plumbing Commission notified Mechanical Skills that all former students who graduated before 2009 who have not yet taken the practical portion of the former state test for their journeyman/contractors' license **MUST** take the practical test before applying to sit for the written exam.

\This means that Mechanical Skills must offer the practical exams to former **graduated** students and issue them a grade sheet showing passing scores before completing the Journeyman/Contractor application that they must submit to take the written exam.

Offering the training sessions **BEFORE** they take the actual test increases the chances of passing the 3 projects. Without the training classes, the students are being set up for failure. Then there would have to be more of an investment and time out to re-take the practical exams.

Mechanical Skills is giving a "Practical Exam Training & Testing Session", which is 4 weeks long. The first 3 sessions will be 2 hours per night on each individual section of the exam. This will include 2 hours on the PVC Assembly Project, 2 hours on the Cast Iron Assembly Project, and 2 hours on the Copper Assembly Project. The 4th week will be actually taking the Practical Exam; **Continued p.2, col. 2**

September 16th GIPHCC Luncheon

Primo's South

2615 National Ave.

11:30 registration

12:00 noon: lunch

**12:30 speaker: Rob Lloyd,
Lubrizol**

Topic: Commercial & Residential Water Distribution Systems Utilizing CPVC Piping Mat'l

Cost: \$25 per person

First brought to market in 1959, CPVC is increasingly being used in a wide variety of plumbing and process applications. Lubrizol was the 1st company to bring a 3 layer PEX to market. Lubrizol continues to be the largest producer of raw CPVC and PEX materials in the US.

Rob Lloyd is a Piping Systems Consultant with Lubrizol Advanced Materials. Rob has been in the plastic piping industry since 1986. He has worked at the distributor level; he has been marketing, specifying and selling CPVC and PEX water distribution and fire protection piping systems for Lubrizol since 1999.

Please respond by fax 577-4574, phone 579-5040, or email ma-booth@att.net by Friday, Sept. 11th.

News of Note—

Congratulations to Laura Ciriello Benedict, 2009 Indiana Contractor of the Year!!

Thank you to Larry Metzler for his contribution to the GIPHCC display plaques/trophies at Mechanical Skills. Larry brought in several plaques and Max's vintage gavel. They add weight and another layer to the collection. While looking at the display, take a look at the ongoing renovations going on at Mechanical Skills. Another example of PHCC strides at improvement and progress.

5th Annual Nancy L. Irwin Memorial Walk for a Cure

The 5th annual Nancy L. Irwin Memorial Walk for a Cure will be held Sept. 26th at Southeastway Park in Indianapolis to benefit Huntington's Disease. WISH-TV's Julie Patterson will serve as the Master of Ceremonies.

With the help of sponsors and 300+ walkers, last year's event brought in over \$25,000 to fund research. There are 3 levels of sponsorship available:

Gold—\$500: logo on walk t-shirt, link to your organization on website, registration booth sponsorship, HD stop sign with fact about HD on the walk route, and name announced at the walk.

Silver—\$300: logo on walk t-shirt, link to your organization on website, HD stop sign with fact about HD on the walk route, and name announced at the walk.

Bronze—\$100: HD stop sign with fact about HD on the walk route, and name announced at the walk.

Door prizes and auction items will be offered to walk participants. Donations of gift certificates, event tickets, sports memorabilia, clothing, and home items are greatly appreciated. Organizations which donate prizes will be announced and thanked at the walk.

To arrange the donation, contact 317-432-0798 or stophd.indy@yahoo.com. Checks may be made payable to HDSA, Indiana Chapter and mailed to Laura Ciriello Benedict, Ciriello Plumbing, P.O. Box 468, Beech Grove, IN 46107.

Visit www.stophd.org to learn more about the cause and about the disease.

Together we can Stop HD.

Practical Exams, continued from p. 1, column 1

This will be a 3 hour long test with 1 hour limits on each of the 3 projects.

The 1st 4 week session will begin on October 28, 2009., The training weeks will be Wed., Oct. 28th: Wed., November 4; Wed., Nov. 11th,; and the test on Wed., Nov. 18th. All classes will begin promptly at 6 pm.

The cost of the classes will be \$275 for students employed by PHCC companies and \$345 for students employed by non-members or unemployed students. Registration for this session must be made by October 14, 2009. Registration may be made by email to mechskills@aol.com including name, address, and phone number and employer name; by calling Mechanical Skills office, 317-352-1189 with this information; by faxing their name, address and phone number and employer name to 317-352-1867, or by mailing their name, address and phone number and employer name to the Mechanical Skills Bldg., 3535 E. Michigan, Indpls. 46201. Each person registering will be sent a confirmation letter of registration, along with an invoice for the amount due. All payments must be received in full before anyone may attend the 1st class. There will be no refund of payments made if the student quits attending prior to completing the testing. The 4week Practical Exam Training and Testing Session will be repeated as frequently as necessary for everyone to be eligible to sit for the new State Written Exam. The next session could be given around February 2010.

October 21-23 PHCC Connect 2009, New Orleans

Tues., Oct. 20—PHCC Board of Directors meeting

Wed., Oct. 21—golf tournament, Green Plumbers workshops, Apprentice Contest orientation

Thurs., Oct. 22—Apprentice Contest, Product & Technology Showcase

Fri., Oct. 23—Business meeting, awards luncheon, education sessions. WWII Museum visit

Mark your Calendars

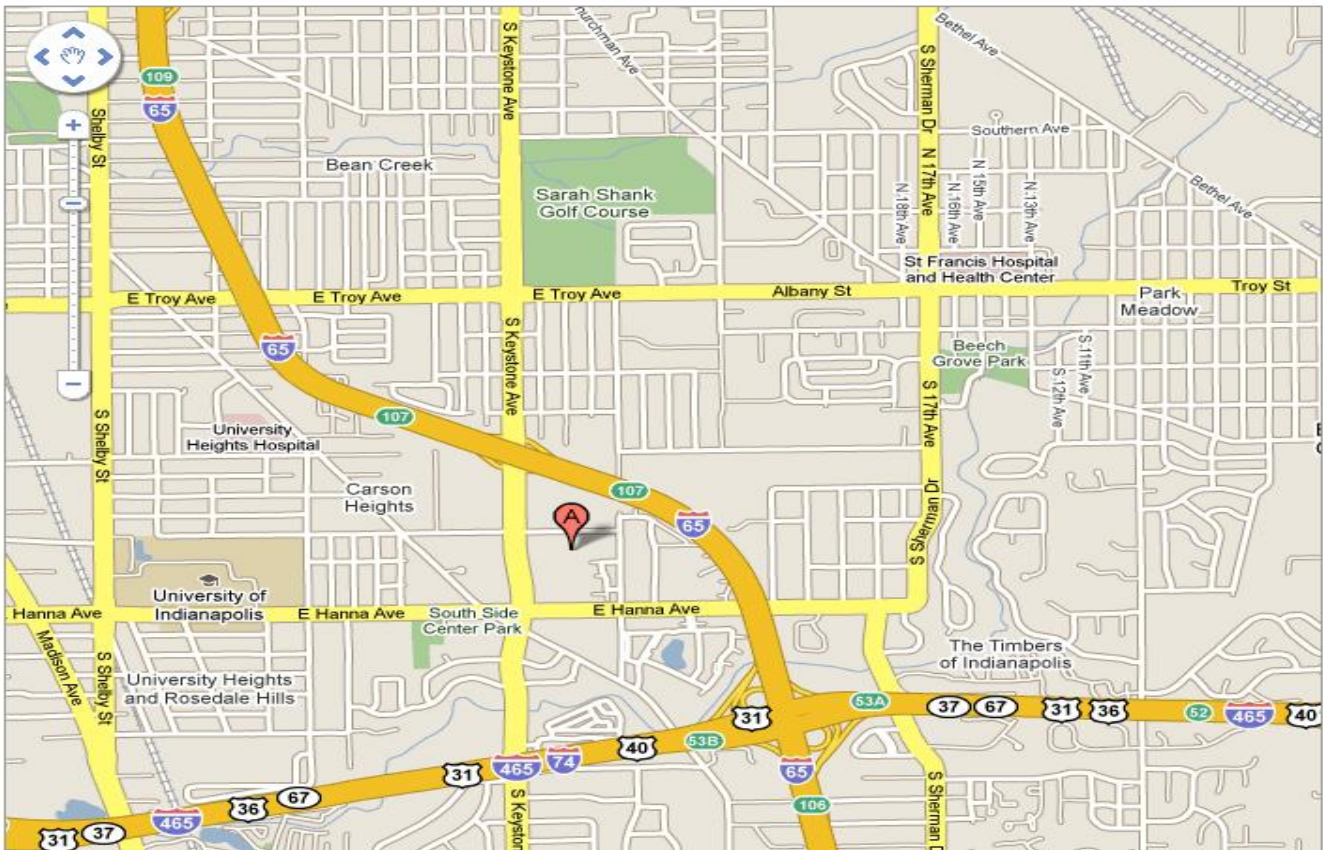
: **August 19—** Chuck Bailey, Federated Insurance, topic: disaster planning

September 16th — Rob Lloyd, Lubrizol

October 14— (Date change due to Convention.)
Topic: Lightning Strikes

November 18—Vendors Expo

Google maps Address 2615 National Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46227



RSVP Fax Form for September16th Luncheon

Name _____

Company _____

Fax # _____

_____ Yes, we are attending the Wed., September 16th Luncheon.

Please reserve _____ places at \$25 per person.

_____ No, we are not attending.

Please respond either by fax 577-4574 or phone Ann at 317-579-5040 or email her at mabooth@att.net no later than noon Friday, September 11th.
Thank you.

My updated email address is _____

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Dear Friends and Members,

First of all, I would like to give a big thanks and a job well done to Brenda and Susie. The Expo was great, and the President's Reception was fantastic. Thank you, ladies, for all that you do. Also, thank you to all of the vendors who participated and showed their support for the PHCC. In these trying times we all appreciate your dedication and help within our industry. Thanks Again!

Have a safe and prosperous month!

Thanks,

Mark Helm,

GIPHCC President