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A Season for Giving

In these harsh economic times, it's easy to bemoan our plight and fail to see those who are in need and who are less fortunate than we are. We are approaching the holiday season.

At the October and November meetings we will be collecting coats, blankets, sleeping bags, and other items which can be layered to ward off the cold; these items will be donated to Wheeler Mission again this year. Our thanks to Vicki Garrett, Kellie Plumbing, who has coordinated this annual project since its inception. Indianapolis Winnelson has also supported these projects in a major way in the past. Last year, our 6th such drive, we collected 156 coats/jackets, 12 hats/scarves, 15 pairs of mittens/gloves, 2 sleeping bags, and 8 blankets.

This year we are adding **another feature** to our giving. Thanks to the efforts and suggestion of Dave Heffner, there will be a **Bloodmobile** at the November Vendors Expo at Primo's South on **November 18th**. This will be a perfect opportunity to roll up your sleeves and truly open your heart and give of yourself.

Please put both of these events on your calendar as ways in which you can give back to your community and truly pay it forward. Encourage your employees to donate to these efforts as well. **Thank you for your support.**

Oct. 14 GIPHCC Luncheon

Primo's South

2615 E. National

11:30 registration

12 lunch, speaker

Speaker: Robert Torbin, P E
Of Cutting Edge Solutions LLC
Topic: Bonding of Flexible Gas Lines

Cost: \$25 per person

Robert Tobin is the principal contributor at Cutting Edge Solutions which is dedicated to assisting its clients gain a better understanding of technological issues and the transition of technologies/products from the laboratory into practical commercial solutions.

Cutting Edge Solutions LLC is dedicated to assisting its clients gain a fresh perspective of the technological issues affecting their day-to-day business. CES helps guide the transition and/or the adaptation of new solutions. They address both the business and technical sides of complex product commercializations issues including any needed changes to governing codes and product standards.

Please RSVP to Ann at 577-4574 (fax), 579-5040 (phone) or maboath@att.net.

By Friday, October 9th.

News of Note—

Showerheads are loaded with bacteria

Researchers at the University of Colorado, Boulder, have discovered that showerheads potentially deliver an unhealthy level of pathogenic bacteria when a shower is first turned on. The researchers analyzed roughly 50 showerheads from 9 cities in 7 states including NYC, Chicago, and Denver. They concluded that 30% of the showerheads had significant levels of a pathogen linked to pulmonary disease that most often infects people with compromised immune systems, but which can occasionally infect healthy people. "If you are getting a face full of water when you first turn your shower on, that means you are probably getting a particularly high load of bacteria, which may not be too healthy." Cities which use well water rather than municipal water do not appear to have such high levels of bacteria. Cities using surface water reservoirs are an entirely different matter.

Even cleaning the showerheads with a bleach solution in an attempt to eradicate the bacteria showed that the bleach treatment actually caused a 3 times larger increase in *M. gordonae*, indicating a general resistance of mycobacteria species to chlorine. Plastic showerheads appear to "load up" with more pathogen-enriched biofilms; metal showerheads may be a good alternative.

"Water monitoring in this country is frankly archaic. The tools now exist to monitor it far more accurately and far less expensively than what is routinely being done today."

PHCC's Connect 2009, Oct 21-23, New Orleans

This year's Connect 2009 will focus on helping attendees position their companies for the economic upturn in 2010. The hottest topics of the day will give participants access to the latest trends and business management practices. Stuart Varney, business & financial journalist for FOX News, will speak on "21st Century America: A New Day in Politics, Culture, and Business." Richard Trethewey, This Old House, will discuss "The Future of Comfort and Efficiency." Seminars will be offered on green plumbing, pre-fabrication, residential fire sprinklers, understanding overhead & year-end tax planning. An industry panel will help contractors learn what to expect from the manufacturers as they weather the current economic climate and prepare for the upturn.

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

Licensing Updates

The Indiana Plumbing Commission has outsourced the plumbing exam for journeymen plumbers and plumbing contractors. Examinees can begin taking the NEW exam August 1, 2009, at any Ivy Tech location provided by International Code Council (ICC). There are now 2 sets of fees—1 you pay to the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency and 1 to the ICC. Candidates must have their application for examination reviewed and approved for eligibility by the Plumbing Commission BEFORE the candidate can register for the exam. The Candidates Information Bulletin will explain in detail more information about taking the exam. If you have questions, you may contact Indiana Professional Licensing Agency at 317-234-3022 or email pla10@pla.in.gov.

Training Session

If you graduated from Mechanical Skills Apprenticeship program prior to 2009 but have not yet taken your Journeyman or Contractor's exam, you must successfully pass a practical examination before you do so. The school is offering a 4 week training and testing session beginning Oct. 28th.

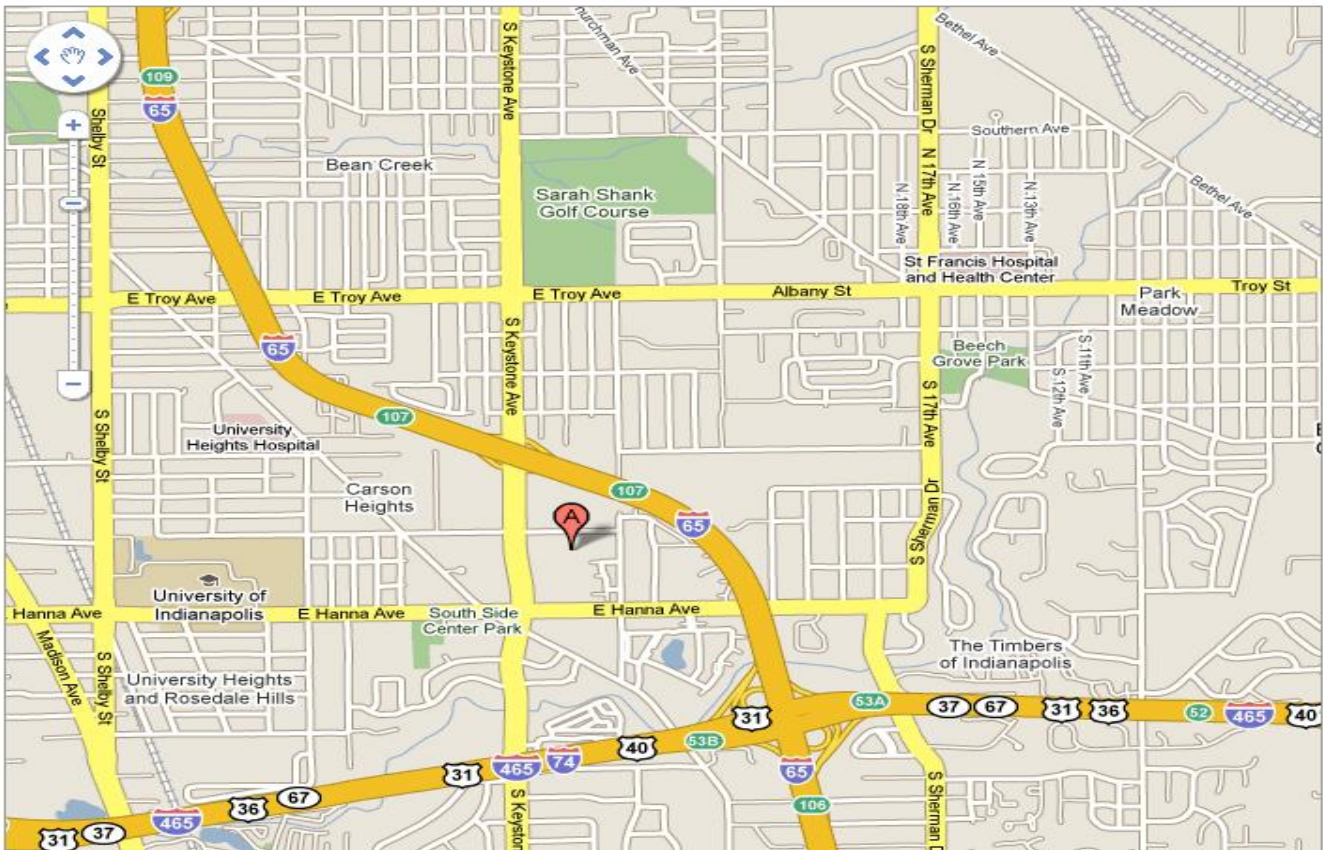
Mark your Calendars

October 14— (Date change due to Convention.)
Topic: Bonding of flexible gas lines, beginning of Wheeler Mission coat drive collection

November 18—Vendors Expo; Wheeler Mission coat drive collection; Bloodmobile.

December 16 — TBA

Google maps Address 2615 National Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46227



RSVP Fax Form for October 14th Luncheon

Name _____

Company _____

Fax # _____

_____ Yes, we are attending the Wed., October 14th 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, October 9th. Thank you.

My updated email address is _____

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Friends and Members,

Hello! Hope all is well with everyone. October and November are going to be busy months, so I thought I would update everyone on what the GIPHCC has planned.

October **14th** Eugene Schuler has located a speaker on a very hot topic, bonding of flexible gas lines. This should be very informative. Also we will be starting the annual donation of coats, blankets, etc. to Wheeler Mission; please help us with this worthy cause.

November 18th will be the second annual Vendors Expo. Contact Ann for booth space and any info you need. Also we are going to do a blood drive at the same time as the Expo; please participate and plan on being at both of these important events. It will also be the last chance to bring donations for the Wheeler Mission Coat Drive.

Have a great month.

Thanks,

Mark Helm,

GIPHCC President



CALLING ALL VENDORS!

If you have a product or service to offer
Plumbing or Heating Contractors, come to the

GIPHCC 2nd Annual Vendor Fair

“Doing Business with GIPHCC Members”

Primo's Banquet Hall

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM



Register for a Booth. Show off your product or service! Booth cost - \$50.00.

Booth Price includes one skirted table and one lunch ticket.

Additional vendor attendees: \$25.00 second person, \$20.00 third person, \$15.00 all additional.

CONTRACTOR ATTENDEES: \$25.00 FIRST PERSON, \$20.00 SECOND, \$15.00 ALL ADDITIONAL

Name _____ Booth (Y) ____ (N) ____ Phone # _____

Company _____ Number of total attendees _____

BOOTH AND ATTENDEE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 11/13/2009

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