



## MONTHLY BULLETIN

South Jersey Mechanical Contractors Association

February 2006

### **SJMCA Welcomes new Associate Members**

- True & Associates, 325 North Avenue East, Westfield, NJ 07091
- Mueller Industries, 4 Bear Ct., Yardville, NJ 08620
- Young Agency, Inc., 100 West Merchant St., Audubon, NJ 08106

### **OSHA Alliance**

An Alliance agreement between OSHA, South Jersey Mechanical Contractors Association and Local 322 will be signed February 21, 2006 at a ceremony at the union hall at 9:30 AM. Everyone is invited to attend

### **Gary Forosisky – Industry Advancement Award**

Gary was recognized and presented with a plaque at the SJMCA Annual meeting in December for his years of service to our Industry and the Association.

### **New Jersey Schools Construction Corporation**

After nine months of reforms, the state agency in charge of building schools in poor communities has made solid progress toward improving its operation and should be allowed to resume spending on new construction projects, the state inspector general said in a recent report

### **Trade Unions Form New Jersey Council**

New Jersey's six leading mechanical trades have joined to create the statewide Mechanical and Allied Crafts Council of New Jersey. The unions say they are committed to working with the construction industry to complete projects on time, within budget, and with a high degree of skill. The group, which is self-funded, will also have a political action committee, MACPAC. The six unions involved are the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry; the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; the Sheet Metal Workers International Association; the International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Asbestos Workers; the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers; and the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers.

### **February 15<sup>th</sup> Wage and Hour Seminar**

An educational seminar for prevailing wage contractors is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15, 2006 from 9:00AM until 12:00PM at Scotland Run Golf Club in Williamstown, NJ. This seminar is intended for you and the persons responsible for filling out the DOL forms and completing payroll. Plan to attend and learn about "mistakes to avoid" and "common areas of violation".

### **Alliance Marketing Program**

The Alliance Marketing program between South Jersey Mechanical Contractors Association and UA Local 322 got underway with a strategy meeting on January 31, 2006. Attending were contractors from the Industrial, Commercial and Residential segments of our business. Suggestions of film locations were identified as well as possible testimonials from existing customers. Our goal is to produce a business card

CD that not only highlights our strengths but provides a tool to use to increase our market share in areas that has growth opportunities. Participation from interested members is welcome.

**Residential**

In response to the labor shortage Joe Harkins and John Connors met with representatives of the Cumberland County Office of Employment and Training. This very productive meeting opened up a future pool of potential workers in a five county area in South Jersey. More information will be available for the February meeting.

**Kevin McCormick**

After many years in the business Kevin has retired and will pursue other interests. His outstanding reputation as a person and a professional will be noted at the February meeting. We will also utilize the occasion to explore the dynamics of the contractor/vendor relationship as a topic for dinner. A questionnaire will be sent to all for input.

**Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events and Meeting Dates**

JAN-26	SJMCA Monthly Meeting	Ram’s Head Inn
JAN-26	Association Board Meeting	Ram’s Head Inn
FEB-23	SJMCA Monthly Meeting Industry Fund Board Meeting	Scotland Run
MAR-15	SJMCA Monthly Meeting	Tomatoe’s-Margate
APR-19	SJMCA Monthly Meeting Association Board Meeting	Scotland Run
MAY-17	34 <sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing	Scotland Run
MAY-19	PHCC-NJ/PHCC-PA Combined Trade & Convention Trump Taj Mahal, Atlantic City	
JUN	No General Meeting Industry Fund Board Meeting	TBD
JUL	No General Meeting Association Board Meeting	TBD
AUG	No General Meeting	
SEP-20	SJMCA General Meeting Industry Fund Board Meeting	Scotland Run
OCT-18	SJMCA General Meeting Association Board Meeting	Scotland Run
NOV-15	SJMCA Monthly Meeting Industry Fund Board Meeting	Scotland Run
DEC-15	SJMCA Annual Meeting	Bally’s-Atlantic City