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Mark Your Calendar for

The MBA 2008 Golf Outing



**Monday, August 4, 2008
Pittsburgh Field Club,
Fox Chapel**

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Important Dates

June 11, 2008
Young Constructor Tunnel Tour & Pirates Baseball Game

June 17, 2008
Affiliate Council Seminar: What's New in State & Local Taxation

July 4, 2008
Independence Day *

July 11, 2008
Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh's "North Shore Club Noir"

August 4, 2008
MBA Golf Outing, Pittsburgh Field Club

September 1, 2008
Labor Day Holiday *

*** MBA Labor Agreements grant denoted days as holidays.**

History & Facts

In the U.S., the first modern Father's Day celebration was held July 5, 1908 in Fairmont, West Virginia.

Successful Contract Negotiations

The MBA Labor Negotiation Steering Committee settled several contracts in May of 2008.

Under the leadership of Jack Mascaro and Dean Mosites, two task forces formed to negotiate with the Operating Engineers Local 66 and the Cement Masons Local 526.

"The MBA is fortunate to be blessed with progressive and proactive leaders like Jack and Dean who volunteer their time and wisdom to improve our industry and our Association," said Jack Ramage, MBA Executive Director.

Both the Operators and Cement Masons contracts were agreed upon by both labor and management prior to the May 31st deadline.

Also, the Master Interiors Contractors Association (MICA) negotiated new contracts with the Drywall Finishers and Plasterers. The MICA negotiations were led by MICA President Tom Milletary.

As a service to the construction industry, CAP maintains current wage rate information on Western PA building trades unions.

The CAPsule Report announces updated wage rates and directs viewers to the MBA website. The following wage rates have been updated since the last edition of the CAPsule Report:

- Bricklayers Pointers, Cleaners & Caulkers Local 9
- Greater PA Regional Council of Carpenters*

- Cement Masons Local 526
- Drywall Finishers Local 2006
- Ironworkers Local 3
- Plasterers Local 31
- Sprinkler Fitters Local 542
- Steamfitters Local 449

To locate all the region's construction wage rates, visit the MBA homepage (www.mbawpa.org) and click on the link directing to the wage rates webpage.

* Note on Carpenters wage rate: the Pension and Savings Annuity amounts have been recalculated and corrected.

Allegheny County Building Fees & Regulations Book

Enclosed is a complimentary copy of the 2008-2010 Allegheny County Building Fees & Regulations Book.

As you may be aware, the development of this resource is funded by the Construction Advancement Program (CAP), which is administered by the MBA

and other union contractors.

CAP is a service organization established in 1961 via the collective bargaining agreements between the MBA and various building trades unions. The primary CAP function is to provide services which benefit all

persons, management and labor alike, who earn their living in union construction working for any of the contributing firms. This publication was created as a direct response from union contractors needing this resource for business and estimating purposes.

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MBA Committee Corner: Affiliate Council Seminars & More

The MBA's Affiliate Council has been a busy group thus far in 2008. The Council maintains a strong presence with Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh, which had its county-wide Rebuilding Day on April 26, 2008; this day resulted in the renovation of 31 homes and one park. Along with planning this event, members of the Council also assist in planning for RTP's North Shore Club Noir on Friday, July 11, 2008, at the Heinz Field East Club.

To see how you can assist with RTP or for more info on North Shore Club Noir, contact Cindy Gilch at 412-922-0453.

On May 6, the Council hosted "The MBA Surety Roundtable: Ask the Expert." This popular seminar included a panel of Jim Bly, Marsh; Chris Pavone, Liberty Mutual; and Marc Pennell, Chubb Group. (Surety Panel addressing the audience.)



The Council is preparing for its next seminar: "What's New In State & Local Taxation." This seminar delves into ever-changing tax codes by a panel of tax experts: Tim Adams, Schneider Downs & Co. Inc.; Stephen Blair, Alpern Rosenthal; Phil Cook, Pepper Hamilton; and moderator MBA Affiliate Council Chairman Gennaro DiBello, Schneider Downs & Co. This seminar will be held Tuesday, June 17, 8:00-9:30 a.m. at the Carpenters Main Office. For details, contact the MBA Office.

Finally, the MBA Affiliate Golf Outing will be held Monday, August 4, at the Pittsburgh Field Club.



AGC's Leadership in Construction Workshop By Constructors for Constructors

Few industries rely on effective leadership for success more than the construction industry. With the overwhelming number of activities on any given jobsite, it takes astute leadership to pull them all together. Without it, project safety, profitability and company reputation are at risk. Attending AGC's Leadership in Construction Workshop will help enhance your

individual skills and teach you how to become the most effective leader possible.

Workshop participants will:

- Complete personal assessment tests to discover leadership styles;
- Apply leadership principles to the construction industry;
- Explore the difference between

leadership and management;

- Learn effective model for conflict resolution;
- Map an action plan for continued professional growth; and
- Develop strategies for dealing with members of a project team.

For more information on the workshop, contact the MBA office.



Mark Your Calendar:

North Shore Club Noir on July 11, 2008

Every summer, during a Friday evening in July, Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh (RTP) brings to life the speakeasy days of the swinging 1920's with North Shore Club Noir. Eclectic performers and crap tables take center stage as funds are raised to support the efforts of RTP, which in turn

provides free home repair and rehabilitation services for low-income, elderly and disabled homeowners in Allegheny County.

North Shore Club Noir will be held at the Heinz Field East Club, on Friday, July 11, 2008, from 6 pm to 10 pm. Tickets are \$75 per person,

which includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, beverages and entertainment.

Sponsored by Meyer, Unkovic & Scott, Thorp Reed & Armstrong and Reed Smith, North Shore Club Noir is the region's most entertaining fundraiser, supporting the efforts of RTP.

MBA News



MBA Welcomes New Members—The MBA Board of Directors announced that the following companies have applied for membership and have been accepted:

ASSOCIATE:

Bristol Environmental, Inc.

Hanlon Electric Co.

Patrinos Painting

AFFILIATE:

Metz Lewis LLC

PSI, Inc.

The new members have been added to the website.

Career Center:

Does your company have an open position? If so, contact the MBA today to fill the position in the next edition of the CAPsule Report.

The following resumes have been received by the MBA since the last CAPsule Report. Contact the MBA to receive a copy of the resume:

- Estimator with 22 years experience.
- Engineer / Contract Administrator with over 20 years experience.
- Construction Superintendent with over 20 years experience.

Committee Additions—The following individuals have joined a committee:

AIA-MBA Joint Committee

Sean Sheffler, Astorino
Michael Kuchera, Mascaro Construction

MBA Marketing Committee

Dan Keller, A. Martini & Co.

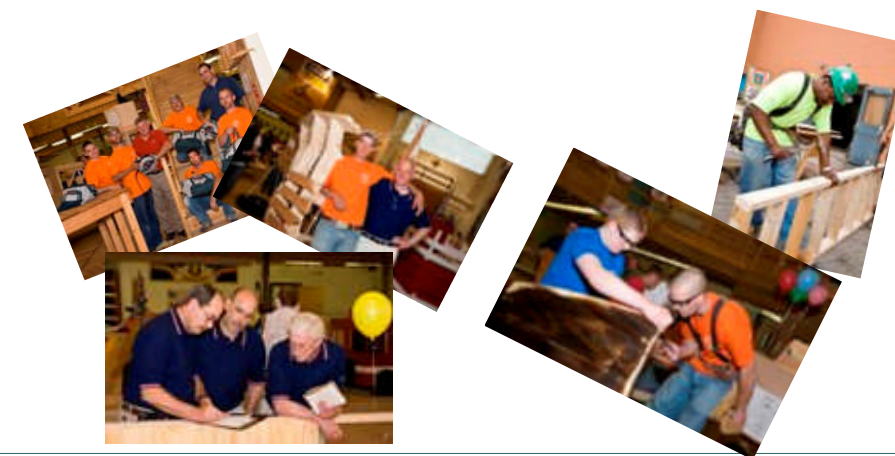
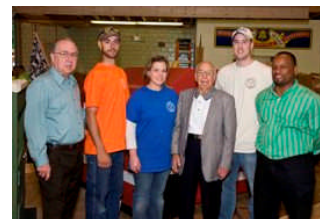
Young Constructors

Chris Burns, Rycon
Dustin Giffin, Giffin Interiors

For more information on the MBA and its committees, visit www.mbawpa.org.

Views from the Carpenters' May 9th Open House

On Friday, May 9th, The Carpenters Joint Apprenticeship & Training Committee held its Annual Contest and Open House. A photo journal of the day:



Miscellaneous News

MMC Extends Hours—As of April 1, Mobile Medical Corp has extended its Pittsburgh office hours to: Mon-Thurs: 7am to 8pm; Fri: 7am to 5pm; and Sat 8am to 12pm.

To reach MMC, call 412-835-8358.

Builders Guild Releases Publication—The Builders Guild of W. PA (BG) released its Spring 2008 issue of *The Construction*

Leader. This edition focuses on the contractor association members of the BG. To receive a copy contact the BG at 412-921-9000.

Engineering Sustainability 2009—The Univ. of Pittsburgh Mascaro Sustainability Initiative and the CMU Steinbrenner Institute announce the first call for papers for **Engineering**

Sustainability 2009: Innovations that Span Boundaries to be held on April 19-21, 2009, Pittsburgh, PA. to receive the "First Call for Papers" publication, contact the MBA.

PICPA 2008 Conference—The PA Institute of CPAs will hold its construction conference on Oct. 22, in Mars, PA. For more info contact the MBA.