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Metropolitan Washington Association of Plumbing-Heating-HP Inc.

Newsleak — May 2024

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Training at 6:15 followed by dinner!

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This MWPHCC tournament has been going on for a number of years. Started by one of our chapter past-presidents, Harry O'Meara, the tournament is named in his honor. Your Golf Committee members of Dick Rhodes, Carl Anderson, Gary Markel and Ray Handy proudly continue to keep the outing going. Thank You Golf Committee!

The turn-out for the outing was fantastic and the weather cooperated! Everyone seemed to appreciate the beautiful and challenging Norbeck course.

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Special thanks to Rinnai (Lunch Sponsor), D&B and Bradford White (Beverage Cart) and Joyce Agency (Awards).



Congrats to all participants!
We look forward to next year's outing!





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“I Was Born to Be a Plumber” — *Reconciling Family Traditions with Changing Times (and What You Can Do Through Social Media)*

PHCC—National President Joe Cornetta, co-owner of a third-generation plumbing and heating business in Elmont, New York, says he was “born and bred to be in this trade and eventually control the path of our family tradition.” Read more [here](#) about the work ethic of his grandfather (“If you were standing still in front of my grandfather for more than a minute, you better be in an elevator.”) and why his dad asked Joe’s mom to stitch close all his pants pockets!

Times have changed. And – as we celebrate a month dedicated to plumbing and fixing leaks – Joe also offers how to balance family traditions and standards with fresh perspectives and abilities of the *next* generation of plumbing and HVAC professionals. As Joe mentions, *recruiting* also has changed. An article in the upcoming Spring edition of PHCC’s *Solutions* magazine offers how social media is a must for attracting those workers. You can view a preview of that article [here](#).

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THINGS LEADERS SAY

By: Dan Rockwell, *The Leadership Freak Blog*, April 22, 2024

The first step to becoming a leader is in the heart. You learn to love people. A person who loves people turns their focus outward.

The second step to leadership is practicing things leaders say from the heart.

Words without heart are meaningless irritants. Leaders say things that reflect a heart that has turned outward.

5 things leaders say:



#1. How can we simplify?

Simplicity is harder than complexity. One way to simplify is by stopping unnecessary things. You simplify when you put an end to drama. You shorten the path when you eliminate unnecessary steps.

A straight path is easier to walk but harder to create.

#2. How can we be better?

It's good to talk about doing better. It's remarkable to talk about *being* better. Excellent performance is important, but the way we show up for each other determines if we're exceptional.

#3. How does it feel to work here?

'Me' talk makes the world small and fearful. There's too much "I'm" stressed, I need..., I'm taking care of myself." The purpose of self-care is reigniting your ability to care for others.

Concern for others includes caring about emotions.

#4. What are we learning?

Average leaders tell. Remarkable leaders ask.

A leader who always knows is filled with decay.

#5. What's next?

Celebration is energy to continue, not relax. Victorious athletes say, "We're going to enjoy this victory tonight. Tomorrow we prepare for what's next."



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We have a great program planned for this year, including a new session tailored exclusively toward chapter executives! This new session will help chapter leaders build and enhance their own state-level advocacy programs to ensure maximum legislative impact in their state capitals.

We will also have onsite support for new and returning conference attendees, including a first-timers/ refresher course on advocacy, a com-

PHCC Legislative Conference

May 21-22, Washington DC

prehensive issues briefing hosted by our Government Affairs team, and panel discussions with top industry lobbyists on best practices and implementation of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).

Conference attendees will have the opportunity to meet with their legislators and educate them on PHCC's legislative priorities, including implementation of the IRA, energy choice for consumers, and reinforcement of the nationally registered apprenticeship model. This is where legislators hear and learn first-hand from the contractors who make these policies possible.

Our **keynote speakers** this year will be former Representatives **Martin Frost (D-TX)** and **Tom Davis (R-VA)** who will provide an objective overview of the state of politics in this pivotal election cycle.



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LONE WORKER SAFETY: HOW TO STAY SAFE WHEN WORKING ALONE



Working alone poses unique challenges and risks because there is no one immediately available to offer assistance or support if something goes wrong.

Working alone is a situation that is created when a person who is doing their job cannot be seen or heard by another person, and they do not reasonably expect a visit from another person for an extended amount of time.

The biggest risk to someone working alone is the potential delay for help to arrive in the event of injury or other serious event. This delay can cause an injury or situation to become more serious, or even life-threatening. Consider the following if you are working alone:

- ◆ Create a Check-in procedure with someone
- ◆ Conduct a hazard assessment prior to work
- ◆ Avoid high risk tasks if possible
- ◆ Wear PPR
- ◆ Minimize distractions
- ◆ Familiarize yourself with escape routes & exits
- ◆ Carry a basic first aid kit and know where emergency equipment is located

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