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President's Message - by Dave Flamand

Hello again everyone. At the last newsletter we were anticipating the beginning of summer and this newsletter finds us in the waning days of the summer season. Where the heck did the summer go? Oh well, I look forward to a warm and wonderful fall. As I write this the Riders just came from behind with a last minute field goal to beat the Bombers in the Banjo Bowl so all is well with the world.

I will use this newsletter to do a quick refresher on some of the business of the association.

The **"Ban the Can"** drive is still alive. Daryl Schwartz and committee will be meeting with the City of Saskatoon on September 30, 2008. It is hoped that from this meeting a recommendation to ban the can test in Saskatoon will be brought forward to city council to vote on. The finish line is in sight folks. Good luck to Daryl and committee.

We still have not heard anything on the proposed one to one ratio change to two to one. As a Pipefitter/Steamfitter Trade Board member I know that it is being talked about at the trade board level. The Electrical Trade Association has also asked for a change to the one to one ratio so we are not alone on this one. Has everyone been able to hire all the help that they need this summer? We need to make a change to this ratio so that we can. The work isn't going to slow down; in fact I think the work load is only going to become larger in the future.

It was great news to hear that the **"Commercial Boiler Program"** has been extended. The rules are slightly different this time out in how the rebate is calculated. The net effect is slightly less money will be rebated per installation but still enough to make it more than attractive to switch to high efficient equipment. James Gates and Jacquie Kerr and the rest of the team really worked hard on this and deserve acknowledgement.

The **"Gas Review Committee"** will be sending a survey with three options as to the future of the Gas Fitting Trade in Saskatchewan. Watch for this survey in September – Take time to participate.

The MCAC annual general meeting will take place in Calgary from September 24th to September 27th. As most of you know it is being held in conjunction with the World Plumbing Council meetings. This should be an extraordinary event and I am looking forward to the opportunity to attend. The Mechanical Service Contractors Association will also be holding a day of meetings at this conference. In Saskatchewan; as in all of the other provinces, we have a committee that works with the Mechanical Service Contractors Association to bring about programs and training that benefit Service Contractors in

Saskatchewan and across Canada. I have been privy to some of the training programs that could be brought here and it really is quite an impressive list. Make sure and try to support the training programs as they arrive.

Many thanks to those of you who made it out to the Boiler Branch meeting to discuss concerns and provincial regulations. There was some great feed back from the Industry to the Boiler Inspections Branch. Boilers Branch and MCAS will jointly be holding some informational seminars as a result. Once we hear more about them we will inform everyone.

I would like to end this newsletter on a completely unrelated item. I was reading my Business Week magazine this weekend and came across an article about this fellow named Randy Pausch. He is a university professor who was diagnosed with cancer and was given six months to live. If you go to www.thelastlecture.com you can read about him. Make sure to click on the link and watch his last lecture. I found it very inspirational. Check it out if you can.

Until next time everyone, take care.

Gas Review Committee:

Further to comments in Dave Flamand President's message I would like to expand on the survey he references.

Following the gathering of industry information, committee debate and dialogue within the committee a survey is being forwarded to industry stakeholders. A survey that will direct the future of gas fitter training in Saskatchewan. Stakeholders will be given the opportunity to vote on and comment on 3 options for the future training of gas fitters in Saskatchewan. You are encouraged to participate in this survey that will come via email.

The 3 options are:

- Option #1** Training only to Domestic Gas in the apprenticeship system
- Option #2** Designate gas fitting as a separate trade
- Option #3** Lengthen the in school portion of gas

Mechanical Industry Career Training:

MCAS was pleased with the process and outcomes of the Mechanical Careers pilot program offered early in 2008. Feedback from employers was positive and placements within the mechanical industry were numerous. We will be featuring an update on one graduate who is being indentured to plumbing by a member company. With this said the MCAS board has approved another program beginning in October of this year. Stay tuned!!!!

Training Update:

Check out our web site <http://www.mca-sask.com> for all training courses and dates.

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Mark Your Calendars:

March 13-14, 2009
MCAS 37th Annual Bonspiel - Saskatoon
Granite Curling Club - Saskatoon, SK
Hilton Garden Inn

May 28 & 29, 2009
MCAS & CIPH Joint Provincial Conference & AGM
Jackfish Lodge - Cochin, SK

June 11, 2009
MCAS 5th Annual Southern Golf Tournament
Deer Valley Golf Course - Lumsden, SK

June 25, 2009
MCAS "Ron Young" Memorial Golf Tournament
Moon Lake Golf & Country Club - Saskatoon, SK

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