January 7th @ NW Natural
Utility Program Update for 2016

Utility Program Update
The January Utility Update meeting is scheduled to be held at NW Natural’s fourth floor meeting room, 220 NW Second Avenue, Portland, OR. 97209 at 11:30AM, Thursday, January 7th. This is an ORACCA member’s only meeting.

Membership applications will be taken at the door for those that are interested in joining the ORACCA association. Join ORACCA and get free attendance to meetings, member price on training and testing and, if qualified, great medical insurance rates.

Lunch is being provided by NW Natural, so bring your appetite and join your fellow HVAC contractors to network and hear about these exciting programs.

Keith Barrow, NW Natural, will discuss the 2016 plans for gas incentives in the Portland market.

John Karasaki, Portland General Electric will bring you up to date on the Quality Assurance programs being offered by PGE for area contractors

We have also invited representatives from Energy Trust of Oregon, (Aaron Lazelle, residential and Nick Dreves, commercial), Clark Public Utilities and Air Northwest, all of whom will have specific information on the incentives and programs offered by their entities.

Medical Insurance Coverage.
What are some of the immediate effects of ORACCA membership on your business and how can you best plan for the future?

As always, being a member of ORACCA does have some advantages with insurance costs. Healthcare will be in a state of flux for some time, so information is a necessary part of your financial forecast. Members should inquire about the potential savings to your business costs.

Annual Christmas Meeting
The annual Christmas meeting at Lennox, this year outdid itself with the excellent luncheon spread. This was a great meal and gave the attendees a chance to wish each other a most memorable holiday.

Construction Wants You
Our presentation dealt with bringing new people into the trades. Loren Watts described the activities of the Workforce Development program

2016 Calendar
On the back page of this newsletter is the 2016 calendar of events for ORACCA. Please take a moment to review these dates and post them to your personal calendars, so you will not miss out on some very important and informative meetings next year.

What?
Utility Update on Programs for 2016

When?
11:30AM, January 7th at NW Natural
220 NW Second Avenue
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What is “virtual estate” planning?

There’s a piece of the overall estate planning process that few think about or may even be aware of: planning the handling of their “virtual estate.”

If you’re part of the majority of Americans who use the Internet for everything from banking to shopping to socializing, you have virtual estate, because these activities require digital accounts complete with a user name and password.

If something should happen to you, what happens to your digital accounts? Who has access? If your family wants to preserve or download the content, will they be able to? Would you want them to? Even with your user IDs and passwords, accessing a deceased person’s online accounts may violate service agreements or state or federal law.

Today, only seven states have passed laws related to digital assets. Currently, you do have a few ways to plan for your heirs’ access to your virtual estate. Check website policies. Some automatically close or delete inactive accounts. Others disable an account upon request by the family or executor.

Compile a list of user names and passwords. Then store on a flash drive or print, and keep in a safe place. Don’t include this information in your will, since a will becomes public record during probate. Leave instructions. While there’s no guarantee your heirs or executor will be able to follow them, make your wishes known on how you would like each account handled.

Commercial digital asset services. These service companies often allow you to name a designated beneficiary to whom your account information will be released upon proof of your death.

Taking time to consider your virtual estate now can save your loved ones significant time and frustration later.?

Questions? Contact your Federated Insurance Rep. for additional information on this subject and others of interest to your business.
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TRAINING/ TESTING

NATE Gas Heat Training/Test, February 6, 2016, NW Natural, Portland, OR.

Brazing Certification Test, March 18, 2016, PCC @ Swan Island Facility

NATE Heat Pump Training/Test, April 16, 2016, PGE Wilsonville, OR.

NATE Gas Heat Training/Test, May 7, 2016, NW Natural, Portland, OR.

Brazing Certification Test, June 10, 2016, PCC @ Swan Island Facility
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