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ORACCA Meeting at Lennox

FROM ORACCA
MERRY
Christmas

The December 7th meeting of the Oregon Air Conditioning Contractors Association is scheduled to be held at Lennox Industries, 13101 SE 84th Ave., Bldg. A, Clackamas, OR. 97015.

Our Holiday Lunch is being provided by Lennox, so bring your appetite and join your fellow HVAC contractors to celebrate our 2017 holiday.

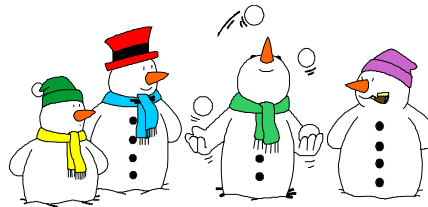
The time for the meeting is 11:30AM

This month's meeting will feature Phil Burkhart from Customer Lobby and a number of our favorite suppliers and Mfg. Reps.

Also, this year our Santa Suppliers are donating a gift to be used for drawings for the attending contractors. Be there for your opportunity to get your gift.

See you at Lennox!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
FROM THE STAFF AT
ORACCA
HEADQUARTERS



Sam Laurel Dick David



Suzanne



Happy Holidays! from ORACCA



Best wishes to all for a wonderful holiday season and a new year filled with peace and prosperity!

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What?

**ORACCA Meeting
Santa Suppliers**

When?

**11:30PM
December 7th
at**

**Lennox Industries,
13101 SE 84th Ave.,
Bldg. A,
Clackamas, OR. 97015.**

Twass the week before Christmas and without fail
we still did not have our cards in the mail.
Our Christmas letter was blank, not even a line.
The address book lost (as it was most of the time)

I had just finished "Fallon" and was headed to bed
when my wife threw a box of cards at my head.
"They're your friends, too." she shouted at me.
"The least you could do is finish the tree!"

I knew right then there was no place to hide.
Grabbed the tinsel and lights and headed outside.
"Now where was this tree she'd went on about?"
"I had not seen it. Was it inside the house?"

When all of a sudden from above came a noise.
I looked up to the sky and down fell a toy.
And then fell another, toys all over the ground.
I dropped all the tinsel and turned right around.

There on my roof was a herd of reindeer
and a jolly fat man dressed up in red gear.
Now I was no slouch and guessed right away
this must be Santa and that was his sleigh.

His arms gripped my chimney, his head down the flue.
By the sounds I would guess that he just had a few.
I shouted "Hey, Santa!
Why the sleigh and
reindeer?
You're a week early and you
shouldn't be here."

His head rose up slowly and he looked all
around
until finally he noticed me there on the
ground.
"Where am I? he whispered and then held
his head
"The last thing I remember was going to bed.



The elf's had a party since their job was done.
They spiked the eggnog and I had more than one."
"Let me help you" I said "get these toys back in place.
Come on in for some coffee and to clean up your face."

I thought for a moment. "Should I tell my wife?"
But Santa and I needed no more lectures that night.
While he had his coffee I found his lost sack
Untangled the reindeer and put the toys back.

He thanked me profusely and I pointed his way
And as I walked back inside I heard my wife say
"The problem with you is no Christmas spirit!"
With a smile I looked up and said "Whatever you say,
Dearest"

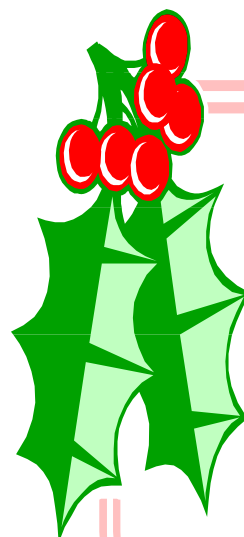
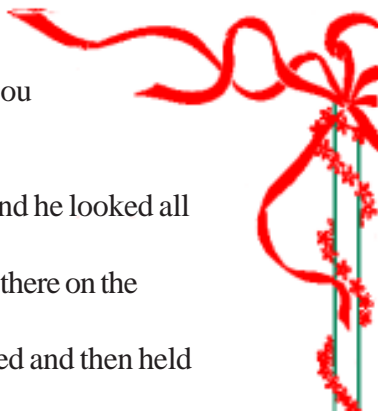
Dick returned to his desk, once again all alone, and sat down
to create this brief Christmas poem.

To all of our members, prospective, old and new,

Thanks for your support! We're all indebted to you!

We wish you good times, prosperity, and cheer,
Success in the future, Good Health and big profits in the
upcoming year!

So show up at Lennox and mix and mingle. We might even
share a Christmas time jingle. The food they are serving will
fill you to the brim. Join with us to toast to another year,
filled with the hope of peace and prosperity.



*Happy Holidays from
Your Association
Headquarters Team.
Suzanne, Dick, Dave,
Susan, Kathy, Melanie,
Collin, Laurel, Laslo,
Bruce, Cheril,
Christie, Harrison,
Eli, Christian, Riley,
Logan, MaKenna,
Kyle, Marty and Sam*



The World Today!!

by Dick Stilwill
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Last night I was sitting at my desk, working on some Association matter that slips my mind as I write this. In retrospect, it doesn't seem as important as when I first sat down to accomplish the task. Inexplicably, as I was sitting at my computer, trying to dredge up some inspiration for whatever I was doing, I also had the television on some news channel. So there I was, watching television and going through the repetitive motions of having a brainstorm that would allow me to accomplish the task at hand.(don't judge).

While working, I was viewing terrible things happening on the news: scenes of people caught in natural catastrophes around the world, footage of countries being torn apart by violence and political strife. And, then the news came on about the young man who decided to use the Baptist church in a small Texas town for target practice. He killed 26 people in a matter of minutes. Men, women and children. It was horrible to watch and left me feeling helpless: What can one person do?

So I just sat there and thought about the world we live in today and remembered my youth. (No cracks about the old guy). We played outside until the street light came on, then went home to an unlocked house and listened to the radio or if you were really fortunate, the black and white screen of an early model TV. Buck Rodgers, Howdy Doody, Big Ed. We rode in the back of pick up trucks, with no seat belts. Gas was \$0.25 a gallon or less. We drank water from the garden hose. We were taught to respect our elders and that was driven home sometimes with a swat on the backside. We did not have social media, examining every aspect of everyone's life and promoting ideals that may or may not be damaging.

As I sat there, I realized how lucky I was to be doing this mundane thing that a few minutes ago I would have called an annoying chore. I felt a sense of deep gratefulness to have the ability to work at my leisure, in a house I love with people and friends around who are safe. But I know that life can change in a second: It can go from humdrum to harrowing. It has happened to me before. I served in the military. So I know it's a privilege to be currently blessed with peace and a sense of relative normalcy. I was always taught that if I'm fortunate to be in a position with both feet on the ground, I should use my stability to offer a hand to someone else. But sometimes I forget as I go through the checklist of everyday life.

The Holidays are traditionally the time for us to remember how blessed we are. As the big meal winds down at Thanksgiving and Christmas and we do our chores-loading the dishwasher, cleaning the countertops, and putting away the leftovers, I'll take time to relish the concept of home. That warm place filled with the scent of roasted turkey, onions, butter, and celery. How do we take a feeling of security and gratitude and share it with someone who would be relieved, if not thrilled, to be sitting in front of their TV doing mundane chores?

We all know how to do it: volunteering and donating money or supplies. But actually doing it is the key. During this celebration of plenty, it's good to remind ourselves that being able to pick and choose what we are doing at a time or place, is in itself a blessing everyone deserves.

So, if you will forgive my rambling, my family, my co workers and I wish everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday. And, as they say on television, "Be kind to one another".



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15, 2017, PCC @ Swan Island Facility

Brazing Certification Test, March 23,
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