ORACCA Meeting at Lennox

The December 6th 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 a discussion on the Portland Codes Planning issues 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 ORACCA

Best wishes to all for a wonderful holiday season and a new year filled with peace and prosperity!
Christmas Time is finally here, It only comes but once a year. And it's a time to spread good cheer, To those we love and hold so dear.

Tis the season of Christmas, and of all the bad luck, we’re all stuck here with Dick, who thinks this whole thing just sucks.

While others keep busy with their holiday rush, he’s mumbling obscenities that would make the Grinch blush.

The crew is all happy, decorating the office and the fax machines humming, the emails won’t stop. The financials look great, this year has been super, but none of that changes his holiday stupor.

So he sits in his office, alone, Christmas Eve and what happens next he just doesn’t believe. He heard a jingling outside, and the scraping of hooves. “OH NO!” he exclaimed as he climbed to the roof.

Sure enough, there he stood in all of his glory, It was Santa, just like you’d see him in a holiday story. He dismounted his sleigh and pulled Dick aside, He said, “Let’s go inside and talk before I continue my ride”.

So they climbed down through the hatch and descended the ladder, Santa said, “C’mon, Dick, tell me what’s the matter.

We need to discuss your holiday mood I’m starting to think you’re one bitter old dude!”

“Bitter?” Dick said, “Now that’s kind of funny. Compared to last year my disposition is sunny! “Seriously,” he added, “I wouldn’t lie to you, the year we’ve just had is too good to be true.”

“Great, “ Santa said “If it’s true that’s fantastic! But it’s hard to tell if you’re just being sarcastic. The holidays come just one time each year, Would it kill you to show just a hint of good cheer?”

As he stood up to leave, Santa said with a smile, “I want you to sit here and think for a while. Consider all the things for which you should be grateful, and find a way to express them without being mordant and hateful.”

Santa went back upstairs, and they both said goodbye. “Merry Christmas, friend Dick!” he said, already on the fly.

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!

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
So here I am again, just like last year, watching television and going through the repetitive motions of having a brainstorm that would allow me to the December Newsletter for ORACCA.

While working, I was once again 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. Remember last year 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: Well this year it is a Synagogue, followed by a kid shooting another in the hall of the school and Oh Yeah, the idiot sending pipe bombs through the mail. Make America Great Again? How about we just get along with each other for starters.

Being an actual old guy, I remembered how it used to be. 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.

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, Take time to relish the concept of home. That warm place filled with the scent of roasted turkey, onions, butter, and celery. Take that 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 in a safe environment.

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”.
TRAINING/TESTING
2018

NATE Test, On Demand - Call ORACCA for details and scheduling

CFC Test, On Demand - Call ORACCA for details and scheduling

Brazing Certification Test, December 14, 2018, PCC @ Swan Island Facility

Brazing Certification Test, March 22, 2019, PCC @ Swan Island Facility

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