

NEWS & VIEWS

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Thursday, December 3rd ORACCA meeting is Cancelled



I am sure all of you are getting ready for the Holiday season. Perhaps somewhat differently than in the past but hopefully still looking forward to some semblance of friends and family gatherings. Being asked to stay home, rather than gathering socially at restaurants and bars puts a strain on many of us.. Especially the bar part.

That aside, as I watch the news and all the CoVid-19 discussion, I can respect the caution imposed upon us as mere mortals.

The ad on TV was especially pointed. Don't kill your friends, colleagues, neighbors, extended family outside your home! Stay safe, stay at home!

So, until there is some definitive evidence that the pandemic is under control, we shall suspend ORACCA

group meetings and training until it is deemed safe to do so.

In the interim, I urge everyone who can to give support to the brave folks who are still working on the front lines. Health care, Police and Fire, Sanitation, City workers, everyone in the supply chain and truckers.

Just to name a few.

And in that group are the trades people, like us, who keep our environment functioning. God bless them all

Keep Safe and stay strong until we meet again! And to everyone, have the best Holiday possible



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What?

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS to EVERYONE!!





Did You Know ...

Membership with ORACCA is a benefit for all members of the company!

To help keep your team well-informed with important industry news, special member perks and discounts, as well as training workshops and webinars opportunities -- we encourage our member companies to make all of their employees aware of ORACCA updates.

There are many benefits of an ORACCA membership. **Here are the top several mentioned by existing members.**

- 1. Networking with other contractors. This source of information is invaluable in handling problems within your own company. ORACCA members help fellow members to be successful**
- 2. Training discounts. Brazing Certification, NATE Certification, Manuals J, D, S and T Certification, CFC certification. Special pricing for members more than offsets the cost of membership.**
- 3. Medical insurance coverage. The ORACCA Health plan offers plans that could more than pay for your ORACCA membership.**
- 4. Many of our educational monthly meetings qualify for either NATE CEU's and/or CCB CE's**
- 5. Quarterly meetings with Oregon Code officials. Get your code enforcement questions answered here.**

Additional reason for membership are:

- Company membership applies to all employees of your firm
- Access to local experts from NW Natural, PGE, ETO and Local and State Building Code Division personnel for your technical and code questions.
- Monthly meetings with informative presentations that benefit both the Contractor and Supplier.
- Relevant technical training and educational classes.
- Monthly newsletters and email communications filled with industry information and updates.
- Reduced rates on materials, conferences, and training.



ORACCA distributes NEWS & VIEWS on a monthly basis to members and selected non-members, so that all those in the HVAC/R industry can keep informed of issues regarding our trade, and Chapter activities. We hope the non-members will see this newsletter as an example of the quality services that ORACCA provides. Contributions or suggestions can be faxed to Association Headquarters at 503-914-1999 or emailed to dan@oracca.org

Tw'as 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"



Dan 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 gather with your loved ones and mix and mingle. We
might even share a Christmas time jingle. Make food that
will fill you to the brim.

Join with us to toast to another year, filled with the hope of
peace and prosperity.



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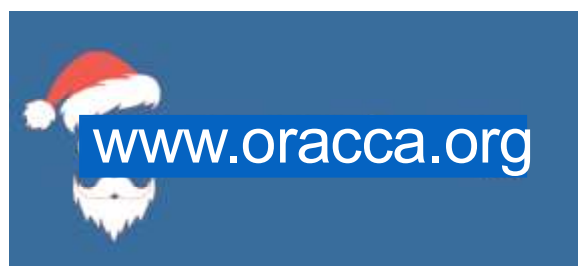
On-Demand Training /Testing. This means the tests are scheduled with both your availability and that of the the Proctor in mind. Once you feel comfortable to take the test, a date and place are set up through the ORACCA office. Call 360-824-3805 for information.
These on demand trainng/testing sessions include the following:

EPA 608 CFC Training/Test - Now Available!

NATE Training/Test Core, Gas Heat and Heat Pump

Brazing Certification Test,

December 18, 2020 Cancelled. New date to be determined.
Participants will be notified of new date as we receive updates from the State of Washington on test sites.



Not a member? We'd love to serve you, too.

For additional information visit www.oracca.org or call 360-834-3805. Email dan@oracca.org

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