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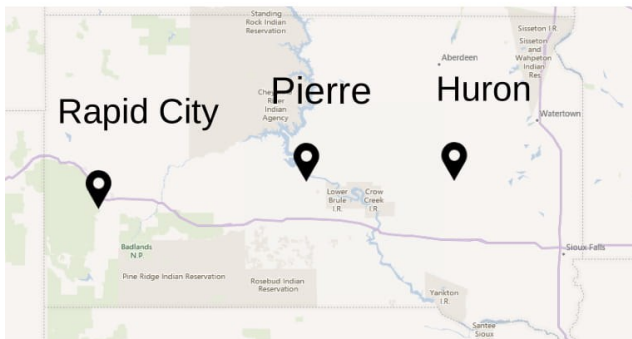
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President's Message



Hello everyone,

I hope this month's message finds you all happy and healthy.

Here, at our shop, we are staying busy on a few schools and other projects. It still seems like it is impossible to find the manpower we all need to get everything done. I have hired a few new employees but could use more. I often wonder what needs to be done to get the younger generations into the trades. I know when I was young, I had no choice other than to work.

On a personal note, my oldest daughter Madisyn was hit head on in a car accident on the morning of September 2. She was sitting in a turning lane, not moving, and was struck. For my wife and I, this was the longest day of our lives. We received a phone call that morning from the Highway Patrol telling us to head to the hospital to wait for her arrival. Once at the hospital, they called us back saying the fire department had gotten her out of the vehicle and she was conscious. This gave me hope that she was fine since they also stated they had turned the helicopter around. She was awake and very confused when she arrived at the hospital. After a bunch of tests they said she would recover, but it would take time. Now, 3 weeks later, I am glad to say she is back at SDSU with a shortened schedule of only 2 hours of class a day. She is able to do some of her physical therapy in Brookings with my wife and I are picking her up and hauling her to Sioux Falls for her other therapy and appointments. If there is one thing about this that all of you can take in, it is tell your loved ones you love them. You never know when it might be the last time.

I hope next month has some better news. Enjoy the beginning of fall and we will chat next month.

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The SDAPHCC hosted the West River Golf Tournament on Thursday, September 7 at Elkhorn Ridge Golf Course in Spearfish, SD.

Thirteen teams of golfers enjoyed 9 holes of golf followed by dinner. During dinner, a prize drawing was held and pin prizes were awarded. In addition, prizes were also given to the first place, second place and last place teams.

A special thank you to all the hole, dinner, and prize sponsors for making this event possible (see page 6 for full list)

First Place Team



First place team: Rick Bell, Jordan Marshall, Andy Bruce, Blake Lynch

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SDAPHCC Medical Gas Certification Class

What: Medical Gas Installers Training

When: January 30-February 2, 2024

Time: 8:00am - 5:00pm each day

Where: Rapid City, SD

Tuition: \$1,475 per person (PHCC Member)
\$1,675 per person (non-member)

The class will consist of training in all facets of medical gas pipeline equipment installation for hospitals, office-based occupancies, nursing homes and other health care facilities. A portion of the class will be devoted to learning proper brazing techniques and requirements for working with medical gas equipment and piping.



TO REGISTER: Complete the following form and send with tuition payment to:
SDAPHCC, 707 E 41st St, #220, Sioux Falls, SD 57105
Make checks payable to: SDAPHCC. Registration Deadline: 12/22/23

Registration Form for Medical Gas Training Seminar

Please fill out a separate form for each student.

Please print or type – this information will be used for your permanent records.

Name of Student _____ (nickname if any) _____

Address of Student _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # Work () _____ Home () _____

Last 4 Numbers of Social Security No. XXX-XX- _____

E-Mail _____

Master Plumber _____ Journeyman _____ Apprentice _____ Yrs experience _____

Field Supervisor _____ Inspector _____ Estimator _____ Other job title _____

In-house hospital personnel (please specify position) _____

Current license No's. (if any) _____ States: _____

Do you currently work on medical gas pipelines? Yes _____ No _____

Are you familiar with NFPA 99? Yes _____ No _____

Name of Employer _____

Address of Company _____

Company Phone # () _____ Fax # () _____

ABOUT THE MED GAS COURSE

A Medical gas installation and brazing class will be held at Midwestern Mechanical in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, February 1-4, 2022. Classes will run from 8:00 am to about 5:00 pm. Students will need to bring paper and pencils for note taking and highlighters.

Contractor employees need to be journeyman level, or active in an apprentice program for at least four years. Estimators, construction company officials and hospital employees who will not be installing medical gas systems, and building officials/inspectors, are welcome into the class with the four year requirement waived.

As many of you are aware, NFPA has mandated brazing qualifications since 1993. NFPA 99 now mandates that all installers meet the requirements of the A.S.S.E. series 6010, 32-hour course. In addition, many major design firms now mandate compliance with the ANSI/A.S.S.E. 6000 series in their specifications. As of July 2016 the federal government has mandated compliance with the 2012 edition of NFPA 99.

Class will consist of training in all facets of medical gas pipeline equipment installation for hospitals, office-based occupancies, nursing homes and other health care facilities. A portion of the class will be devoted to learning proper brazing techniques and requirements for working with medical gas equipment and piping. The textbook for the class will be the 2018 edition of NFPA 99 and will be provided, as well as other learning aids.

Students will also be required to successfully complete a written examination as well as a brazing practical in which you be required to braze vertical and horizontal full-penetration joints on 1-½" tubing and the brazing coupons will be tested by a Certified Welding Inspector at an independent laboratory.

Class fees will include the use of turbo torches and acetylene. Each student will need to bring 4' of 1-½" L tubing (not cleaned) and 6 to 8 1-½" wrought couplings with stops, as well as 1 lb of silver solder.

Class space is limited.

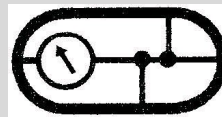
ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR



Bill McCormick has more than 27 years experience in design, testing, verification, troubleshooting and repair of all

components in medical gas systems, including air compressors and vacuum pumps. He is a ASSE 6050 credentialed medical gas instructor and has been teaching classes for more than 10 years.

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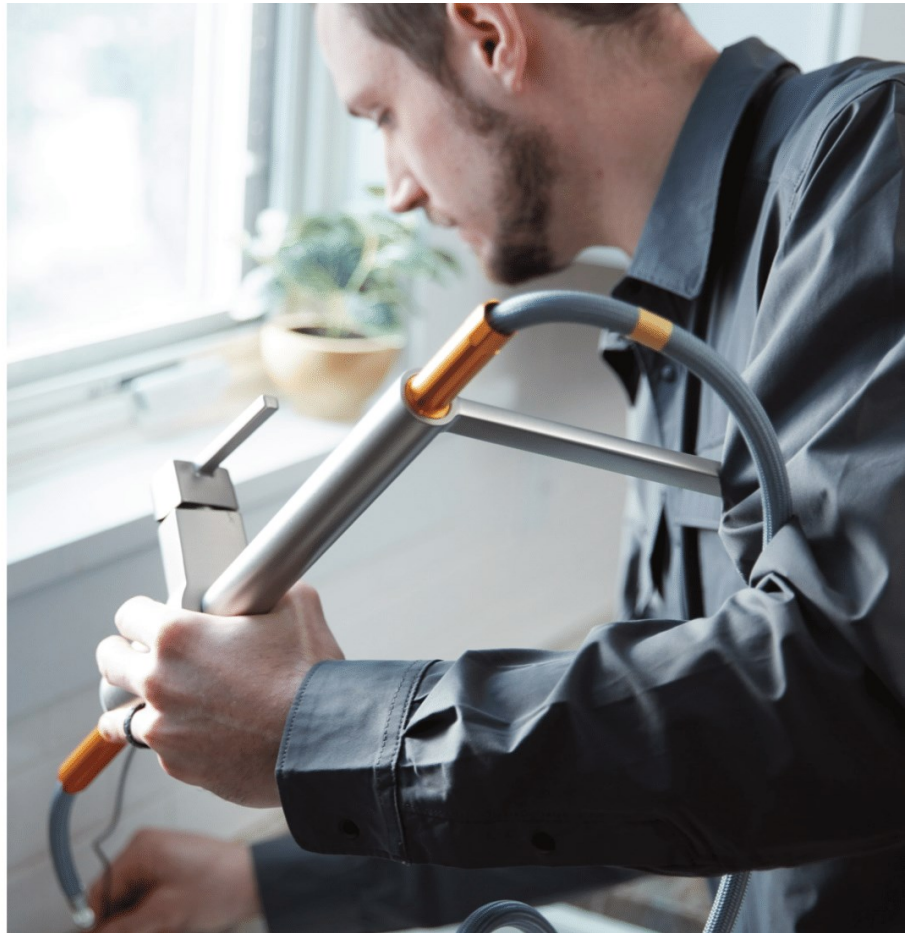
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Two Continuing Education Options for Plumbers Who Need 2023 Credit

The SDAPHCC, in partnership with IAPMO, has two continuing education offers for plumbers who still need their 2023 credits.

Online Course

The online course is designed to be user friendly and flexible, allow you to come and go as your schedule permits, and progress through the program at your own pace. At the completion of the course, you receive a downloadable certificate found in your training history and your status as completed will be reported to the state.

IAPMO has created a 4-hour course priced at \$110. The course is titled "2023 SD/IA Online CE Chapters 4, 6, & 8 (12-156477)". To access the class, visit www.iapmolearn.org. Type "South Dakota" into the search and scroll down to find the 2023 class.



Virtual Course

New for 2023, the Virtual Class will be held on November 14 from 6pm-10pm. This course is a live class delivered virtually to attendees via zoom. A live instructor will teach the class with a moderator from IAPMO. The cost for the class is \$80 per person.

To register, visit www.iapmolearn.org. Type "South Dakota" into the search. Scroll down to find the class titled "2023 SD/IA CE-Chapters 4, 6, & 8". Click on "Choose Session" and select "Virtual Zoom Meeting - 2023 SD/IA Chapters 4, 6 & 8 (12-0163983)".

Registration Information for Both Classes

If you are a returning IAPMO training customer, please use your existing account to register. If this is your first-time taking training with IAPMO, you will need to create a new account. Once you are registered for a course, please log into your IAPMO user account at www.iapmolearn.org to access the online course. If you need help with your username and/or password, please email seminars@iapmo.org. If you have questions, you may contact IAPMO at seminars@iapmo.org or 908-995-3322.



From the Executive's Desk



By Kristie Brunick

Fall is here! I'm loving the cool mornings and evenings with warm afternoons. This is definitely my favorite season - until I have to start raking leaves.

West River Golf Tournament

We had a great golf tournament at Elkhorn Ridge in Spearfish. The weather was awesome and the course was amazing! We sold out all of our sponsor spots and almost all of our golfer spots. It was such an enjoyable day! Congratulations to the winning teams and pin prize winners. Plus a special thank you to all our sponsors and golfers!

I have to be honest. I was a little nervous about hosting a golf tournament after 10 years. But I was wrong. Thanks to our awesome members and sponsors, we had 2 great events this summer. I enjoyed meeting new people and watching members have a good time. Thanks to everyone who participated and supported these events.

New Sponsorship Opportunity

We have a new sponsorship opportunity available. In an effort to make our CE Classes more enjoyable, we would like to give away prizes for attendees. Please contact me if you are interested in participating. Sponsors will be recognized at the class, in our newsletter and on our website.

Med Gas Class To Be Held in Rapid City

I'm happy to report that we have scheduled a Med Gas Class for January 30-February 2, 2024 in Rapid City. For more information and registration form, please see pages 15 & 16.

Membership Special

Our membership special is still going! New members can join now and receive up to 3 months of free membership. If you know of a contractor that would be a good fit for our association, please let me know.

Virtual and Online CE Classes Available for Plumbers

We have worked with IAPMO to provide 2 options for plumbers who still need their 2023 CE credits. Individuals can take either the online class or the virtual class a live zoom meeting event and will be held on the evening of November 14. If you or someone in your office still needs their credit, please check out these options on page 20.



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**Application for the
South Dakota Association of Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling Contractors
Educational Foundation Scholarship**

This Scholarship is intended for those students who wish to have a career in the PHC industry. This application must be typed and must be returned NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31. You must be sponsored by a SDAPHCC member, and the sponsor must sign the application. Each item must be completed in order for this application to be considered.

Please indicate your major below:

Date: _____

_____ Construction Management

_____ Construction Related Engineering

Telephone: _____

_____ Business Management

_____ Technical School (PHC or Business)

Your Name and Address

Name of Parent/Guardian

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Name of school and grade level:

Name: _____

Grade Level: _____

On your own paper, please answer the following:

1. State the reasons why you are applying for a PHC industry-related scholarship.
2. What are your career goals?
3. Describe your experience in the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling industry.
4. List your high school/college extracurricular activities and community service activities.

Your sponsor must be a SDAPHCC member in good standing who has retained such status without interruption for at least two years prior to the date of application. The candidate's sponsor must maintain good standing during the full term of the scholarship. The sponsor must fill out the following:

Name: _____

Company Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Signature: _____

Below is a check list of everything that must be included with the application.

- _____ A complete copy of your high school transcript.
- _____ A complete copy of your college transcript (if applicable).
- _____ A letter of recommendation from your principal, counselor, or dean.
- _____ A letter of recommendation from your sponsor. (Must be on company letterhead)
- _____ An official ACT/SAT score
- _____ Sign back of application

Information about the Scholarship

The purpose of the South Dakota Association of Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors (SDAPHCC) Educational Foundation Scholarship Program is to elevate the technical and business competence of the plumbing, heating, and cooling industry by awarding scholarships to young people who wish to attain a career in the Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Industry.

This year, the SDAPHCC Educational Foundation Scholarship Trust Committee will grant two scholarship awards. The dollar amount of the scholarship awards are \$1,000 and \$500.

The deadline for all applications and supporting materials is December 31. Entries that are received after the deadline but have a postmark of December 31 will be accepted. No extensions or exceptions will be made to this rule.

All applicants must be a senior in high school or a freshman in college and must be sponsored by a member of SDAPHCC. Payments are made directly to the college on behalf of the recipient. These monies can only be applied to a college or technical school in the United States of America.

The applications are evaluated on a 100-point grading system. Points are gained by how well the student answers each question/section and the supporting material. The results are recorded at the State Office where the five highest averages are considered to be the finalists.

Once an applicant is a finalist, his or her name is given to a Past State Officer (PSO) of the SDAPHCC. The PSO may contact the student to set up an interview. After the interview the PSO reports back to the State Office. Based on the information supplied by the PSO, the full Committee will make the final decision.

Finalists and alternates will be selected and notified in February.

Upon receiving a scholarship the student will need to arrange for their college transcript to be forwarded to the Scholarship Coordinator at the end of each grading period. A "C" average or better must be maintained.

The Board of Directors of SDAPHCC Educational Foundation, members of the Foundation's committees, their immediate families or any applicant who is sponsored by a Board member, Foundation member or committee member are automatically disqualified.

All SDAPHCC Educational Foundation Scholarship award recipients are selected without regard to race, color, creed, sex, handicap, age or national origin.

I have read and understand the following information.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return your application to:

SDAPHCC Educational Foundation Scholarship
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