It’s June of 1919, and the members of the National Association of Master Plumbers are holding their annual meeting in Atlantic City, New Jersey. World War I has ended, and the Treaty of Versailles is being signed. Earlier in June, the 19th Amendment was approved by the U.S. Congress, giving women the right to vote. However, before women can take to the polls, it still must be ratified by the states.

Against this backdrop, a group of plumbers’ wives created the “Women’s Auxiliary.” Our name has changed numerous times over the years, as has our membership, structure, and projects. However, our organization is still making a difference 100 years later. Let’s CELEBRATE this amazing milestone! During CONNECT 2019 in Indianapolis, Indiana and again at CONNECT 2020, there will be events to pay tribute to the women who have contributed to the Auxiliary and to salute our many accomplishments.

Join us as we launch our legendary organization into its second century.
**What Do I Do?**  
*By Kathy Tindall, PHCC—National Auxiliary Vice President*

Hello, my name is Kathy Tindall from New Jersey, and I am honored to be serving on the Auxiliary Board again. I have served in the past as Membership Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Vice President up to President. I have served on numerous committees over the years and still feel that being a part of this organization has given me the opportunity to gain knowledge, meet many great friends, and make wonderful memories. I have been an Auxiliary member for over 25 years, and I will always treasure it.

As Vice President it is my job to work closely with the Membership Secretary. Keeping our members informed is very important. It is always great to hear from our members on what is going on in your neck of the woods and how we can share experiences with others to help grow our community of members to continue to promote our industry. Other exciting items coming up for my year will be the Trade Show at the CONNECT in October 2019 and celebrating the Auxiliary’s 100th Anniversary. So mark your calendars! You won’t want to miss this one!

Please consider volunteering your talents and time to help our organization continue to grow and prosper. We depend on volunteers like you to step up, and I promise you will not be sorry. You can contact me by email or my cell is 609-947-3242. I would love to hear from you!

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**Scholarship Update**  
*by Jorja Dickemann, Scholarship Committee Chair*

I am Scholarship Committee Chair and will be working with Bonnie Whitaker and Bev Potts on the scholarships for the 2019 convention. We are currently discussing the application and should have it ready for review at the Executive Officers’ Meeting in early February. We plan to have it available on the PHCC—National Auxiliary website by February 15. The deadline for all applications to be postmarked will be June 15, 2019. Last year there were less than 20 applicants who received scholarships from the National Auxiliary. Let’s try to increase that number this year! Please spread the word. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email.
Our Sharing Page

President Ann Rivers has chosen as her theme for this year, Women In The Industry. In this issue, we would like to introduce you to a woman who was a pioneer in the plumbing industry.

Lillian Baumbach was born and raised in Arlington, Virginia. In 1951, she received her master plumber’s license. This made her the first woman master plumber in the area and possibly, the United States. Lillian graduated from Washington-Lee High School in 1947. She learned details of the trade working summers tagging along on service calls in her father's Arlington plumbing business which he started in 1928.

The idea of a diminutive figure wielding a large, cast-iron pipe wrench in the labor-intensive world of plumbing was treated as a novelty. Women plumbers were so unusual at the time that the Washington Evening Star dubbed her “the pretty plumber.” The Arlington native attracted national attention that led to newspaper and magazine articles and radio and television appearances including What’s My Line. She was said to have “scorned dolls for monkey wrenches when she was six years old and by the time she was 12 she was a regular plumber’s helper on jobs with her dad.” Her story and picture were carried by wire services, and soon, she received hundreds of letters from around the world. The correspondences, some simply addressed “Pretty Plumber,” contained marriage proposals and queries on technical plumbing problems. A U.S. Army infantry company stationed in Korea during the Korean War elected her as its pin-up girl. She sent them the photo (right) of herself holding a wrench over her shoulder.

She married George W. “Bill” Jacobs, and they had two daughters. She was President of her father’s plumbing business until her retirement in 1989 when she moved to North Carolina. She died in 2000.

Lillian Baumbach Jacobs broke new ground for women by opening up a traditional man’s field. Her story was used for years by the industry to recruit new plumbers.

Information from Arlington Historical Society and Baumbach.com.
ROBERT M. COX HUMANITARIAN AWARDS — Sponsored by InSinkErator, BNP Media, PHCP Pros and Contractor Magazine

Listen up members, you will want to start thinking of projects and recruitment in your town NOW! This is how you can show off all your accomplishments throughout the year and also win cash awards. Now that is a home run for your efforts. Keep your eye out for more details as to when the applications are due before convention. Every convention our generous sponsors award cash prizes to each winner. These awards recognize outstanding efforts by a state or local Auxiliary in two categories: image and recruitment. Judging is based on the impact an Auxiliary has made on the p-h-c industry or local community, cooperation between Auxiliary and contractor association, and the description of the implementation of the activity and results achieved. So, let’s get going keeping track of events, taking pictures of your experiences and recruiting new members so you too can enter the Robert M. Cox Award Program.

Membership by Sandy Stack, PHCC—National Auxiliary Membership Secretary

Are you confused about Auxiliary membership dues and the contractor’s dues? We are two different organizations. The Auxiliary was founded in 1919 and is currently an all-volunteer group, without employees. The amount paid is for each individual member joining (not a company membership). Auxiliary dues are paid directly to the Treasurer, Cheryl Gammon, and confirmed by the Membership Secretary.

Who can join the Auxiliary? Anyone and everyone. Contractors, family members, employees, manufacturers and friends who desire to promote the plumbing, heating, and cooling industry, and further education and apprenticeship. Last year the Auxiliary awarded over $50,000 in scholarships to students entering college and/or trade schools. We also assist in collecting funds for the PHCC Educational Foundation.

Annual National Auxiliary membership dues are $100 per individual, unless you are under 30 or over 65 years of age, in which case your dues will be $50. If you are a member of a local and/or state Auxiliary, you will pay dues to them as well. In addition to dues, donations are gladly accepted.
Mission Statement

The Plumbing – Heating – Cooling Contractors (PHCC)—National Auxiliary, in cooperation with the PHCC—National Association, promotes public awareness of the industry through education and communication.