Change is in the Air

Big News! **PHCCONNECT2020 will be held virtually.** The convention will take place on September 30 and October 1 of this year. Our planners are working hard to create an event that will include many of the activities we’re all used to attending. Keynote speakers, educational sessions, and the always popular Trade Show are all in the works. For the Auxiliary, we’ll have our Board of Directors’ Meeting and our Annual Business Meeting. While we aren’t sure exactly what the schedule or meetings will look like, we will still conduct the business of the Auxiliary and present awards and scholarships.

Before the convention, we plan to have lots of information about how to access the meetings (hint: you don’t need a boarding pass to attend). You can participate via your smartphone, tablet, or computer using Wi-Fi or cellular data. You can attend from home or while you’re at the office. You can show your lovely face or choose to be invisible. I know many of you have already had virtual meetings through your job, church, or volunteer work. I’m confident that we can all easily learn and utilize this new method of keeping in touch.

**But what about our PARTY?!?** 100 years is an amazing accomplishment, and we were going to celebrate big time in Dallas. Not to worry, we’re going to keep this party going for another year! The Executive Officers have decided to hold our Anniversary celebration at the 2021 convention in Kansas City, Missouri. We’ll be sure to keep you in the loop about all the future fun!

We look forward to seeing you at our first-ever virtual convention. Mark your calendars and be on the lookout for more information as we get closer to the event. Thank you for your support and attendance!

“Our Shining Future is Now”
We Need You...As Auxiliary Vice President

We need your help to fill the VP position for next year. Since we are not having an in-person convention, we need to search for someone to step up to the plate and volunteer. The current officers have made several changes regarding travel due to the current health situation and are currently holding our meetings through the web instead of traveling. We plan to do this again next year with the only required travel being to attend CONNECT in the fall.

According to our current Vice President, Bonnie Whitaker, “VP is the easiest job on the Executive Board! Basically, the job of VP is to get up to speed on current events, practices, duties, and procedures. I have taken notes and asked questions and so far, this position has been fun! I’ve met new people and gotten to know others better than I did before. So far, I definitely have enjoyed it!”

We hope you will consider volunteering your time for our 100-year-old organization. The memories are wonderful, and the friendships you make are priceless. Please feel free to reach out to Kathy Tindall, President-Elect, for more information or to recommend someone you think would enjoy taking this position on the Auxiliary Board. Kathy@tindallranson.com or 609-947-3242.

A Semblance of Normalcy

Mark Valentini, PHCC Director of Legislative Affairs

The COVID pandemic has not yet subsided, yet as states focus on recovery and Americans adjust to what will be a “new normal” for the foreseeable future, PHCC’s federal advocacy is likewise beginning to refocus on issues that were important to the industry prior to March. Nonetheless, with some states seeing a rebound in COVID cases and governors reversing or stalling decisions to reopen their economies, we must remain vigilant until this storm subsides and the skies clear.

Infrastructure - The key to jump-starting the economy lies in putting people back to work. This is where rebuilding our nation’s infrastructure comes into play, an issue that has long been a PHCC priority. The House of Representatives recently passed an extensive infrastructure bill, but it is unlikely to pass the Senate at this time.

Privacy Concerns - The ILLICIT CASH act is an anti-money laundering bill that has major flaws that will violate the privacy rights of small business contractors. It would allow law enforcement access to ownership information without a warrant. PHCC does not oppose law enforcement efforts to crack down on money laundering activities, but this act doesn’t consider the privacy rights of small businesses and would impose burdensome reporting requirements.

Keeping Small Business Afloat During the Pandemic - As much as we want to move on, we are still in the midst of a pandemic and Congress still has work to do to help our nation’s economy recover. So far, Congress has passed six economic recovery bills worth almost $3 trillion combined. In the near future, Congress is expected to negotiate a legislative package providing additional relief to small businesses.

PHCC continues to advocate strongly on behalf of plumbing and HVAC contractors to ensure they have immediate access to economic relief during this period of unprecedented tumult. Contact PHCC’s Government Relations team at government@naphcc.org for further information.
Auxiliary Fun Facts
By the Numbers

1919
At the National Association of Master Plumbers’ Convention held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, a group of women got together to organize what would become the Women’s Auxiliary.

48 + 1
Number of State Auxiliaries over the years. The + 1 is the District of Columbia. Only Hawaii & Nevada have never had a chapter.

86 Presidents
Of these, Mother Hornbrook served for eight years, Mrs. Mueller served for three years during the war, and three women have served twice.

4477
Most members in a given year, 1954.

1,550,930
1268
Since 1954 we have awarded $1,550,930 in scholarships to 1268 students.

6
The number of times that the name of the organization has changed.
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.

Applications for the

Robert M. Cox Awards

or

Larry Dore Member of the Year Award

Due by

August 1, 2020

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