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MEETING NOTICE

**WSMPA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2018**

Washington Suburban Master Plumbers Association's monthly general membership meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 17, 2018**. This meeting will be held at Knights of Columbus (College Park).

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
9450 CHERRY HILL ROAD
COLLEGE PARK, MD 20740**

Please note the time schedule has been tweaked a bit.

- 6:00p Social Time
 - 6:30p Sponsor Presentation/Training
 - 7:30p **COMPLIMENTARY** Buffet Dinner
 - 8:00p Business Meeting
 - 8:30p Adjourn
- AWESOME Door Prize Drawing(s)**

This meeting is being sponsored by:



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



This is going to be an exciting month for our association!

We have our general meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 17th. This meeting will be sponsored by Thos. Somerville. Somerville has been a long time sponsor and always puts on an informative meeting. Please join us and enjoy dinner on them.

On Friday, October 19th we will be holding our 2nd Annual Richard "Ricky" A. Barnes Golf Classic located at Rattlewood Golf Course in Mt. Airy, MD. If you have not purchased any tickets yet please call Charlotte and join in on a great day away from work. The event has food, drinks, contests, and prizes all included in the price of admission. Last year's event was a great success and we hope to continue this for many years to come.

Last month's meeting hit all the reasons why you are a member. We had Washington Winnelson bring two companies in for a very informative presentation. On the plumbing side Spears Plastic introduced fittings, tools, and new products that are just coming out. On the heat side Champion wheeled in an impressive setup on a large cart. The equipment was connected to an outdoor generator so they could have a working system while explaining its functions.

We also heard from Tom Buckley, WSSC Plumbing-Mechanical Engineering Review Manager, about all the

new code changes and how they affect us. Another surprise guest was Chip Matthews; most of us know him as the cross connection instructor. This past meeting Chip informed us he now works at W.S.S.C. and will be heading up the cross connection division for W.S.S.C. Chip mentioned that he is looking forward to working with us. If you have any concerns or ideas that would be beneficial please contact him.

The end of the year is approaching quickly. In two months, at the December general meeting, we will elect our new board. If you have considered or thought about being a little more involved please come see me at the next meeting. Honestly, when I say a little more involved I mean that. For the most part a board member is required to attend a monthly board meeting held on the first Monday of each month. Board members also share in specialized committees. Overall on a normal month the Board position could take up around three additional hours of your time including dinner. I have been involved on the Board of Directors in one way or another for the past 23 years. I have found it extremely rewarding and encourage any member to try it out.

John "J.R." Seymour, 2018 President

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

General Membership Meetings



October 17, 2018
November 14, 2018*
December 19, 2018
January 16, 2019
February 20, 2019
March 20, 2019
April 17, 2019
May 15, 2019

*Note: 2nd Wednesday Due to Thanksgiving.

72nd Annual Dinner Dance

"The Plumbers' Ball"

February 2, 2019

WSMPA 2018 Golf Tournament

October 19, 2018

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 5th @ The Greene Turtle.

WSSC

WSSC will be closed on the following dates:

- Tuesday, November 6th (Election Day)
 - Monday, November 12th (Veterans Day)
 - Thursday, November 22nd (Thanksgiving Day)
 - Friday, November 23rd (Day After Thanksgiving)
 - Tuesday, December 25th (Christmas Day)
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WSMPA GOLF TOURNAMENT

October 19, 2018

8AM Check In • 9AM Shot Gun Start

Rattlewood Golf Course

13501 Penn Shop Road • Mt. Airy, MD 21771

COST

Individual Tournament Fees: \$125

Foursome Tournament Fees: \$400

INCLUDES

Greens Fee, Cart Fee, Range Balls,
Domestic Beer, Soda, Water, Catered Lunch
Prizes



**PERSONAL NOTE FROM
WSMPA MEMBER MIKE BOWERSOX**

My name is Mike Bowersox and I have worked at Ben Lewis Plumbing for 46 years. Currently, I am a licensed master plumber in 6 states; a WSMPA member since 1980+; I'm serving on the Frederick City Plumbing Board; and, for the last year I've been serving on the State of Maryland Plumbing Board (where we just agreed to use the IPC throughout Maryland).

I am running for the House of Delegates, District 3A, to be a voice for **ALL** plumbers, in Annapolis. (District 3A is all of Frederick City, Springridge, Pinecliff and Cloverhill areas.)

The reason I am running for office is to try and help Governor Hogan, "Change Maryland for the Better," for **you** and me. I am most certainly not running because I want to be a POLITICIAN.

But it takes a lot of money to win this election against the incumbents; Carol Krimm and Karen Lewis Young.

I had intended on funding my campaign out of pocket. I knew my chances to win the election in District 3A were small, because Republicans are the minority.

The incumbent Democrats, had the advantage, until recently. The State Republican Party did a poll, and it shows that I am within 2 percentage points of winning, and the State Republican Party is going to help support me. BUT, they want to do mailings and more advertising and spend more money, to increase my chances of getting elected. I need to raise \$30,000 to do more advertising and to do more direct mailings, to win this race.

I am pro Hogan, pro lowering taxes by making State Government and the Public Education Bureaucracy more efficient, pro fighting the drug problem, and pro building bigger roads, FASTER!

I think you are also.

So, I am asking for your support. Please help me raise money to win the election, and I will be able to help you, and our Governor Hogan.

Please go to my website and hit the donation button, \$1,000, \$500, \$250 or \$5 will help.

www.electmikebowersox.com

Or Mail Checks to:

Elect Mike Bowersox
8305 Glen Heather Dr.
Frederick, Md. 21702

Most importantly is for you to VOTE on November 6th so the far left, that is very energized, does not elect our future Politicians, and Ben Jealous does not become our Governor.

If you can share my FACEBOOK page, Elect Mike Bowersox, that will help me get my message out to more people, and I would very much appreciate that.

AND, if you could forward this email to some of your friends, that would be Fantastic!

Again, I am working very hard to win this election. I believe that if I am elected, I will be a real help to every plumber. **I will be a strong voice for ALL plumbers, if elected.**

I have been endorsed by:
Governor Hogan
Maryland Business for Responsible Government
Maryland Right to Life

Have a Good Day,



Thanks,
Mike Bowersox,
Ben Lewis Plumbing
301.428.3900 ext. 112

Authorized by Jo Bowersox, Treasurer, Elect Mike Bowersox

My Fellow Members,

This represents a rare opportunity for our trade to have someone in the State Legislature familiar with the problems we face. So, let's help Mike any way we can!

*Thank You!
Chuck Small*

EDUCATION

18-HR JOURNEYMAN/MASTER TEST REVIEWS

Location

JAMES A. WHEAT & SONS, INC.
7832 Beechcraft Avenue • Gaithersburg, MD 20879

Plumber

6 Weeknights • 6p-9p/night
NEXT CLASS: Starts October 16th

COST: \$400 Members / \$450 Non-members

Gasfitter

6 Weeknights • 6p-9p/night
NEXT CLASS: TBA

COST: \$400 Members / \$450 Non-members

TO REGISTER:

Download Application(s) from WSMPA's website
www.wsmpla.com under Education or call 301-466-7747.

BACKFLOW

Mid Maryland Backflow Academy

ABC Craftmasters
6901 Muirkirk Meadows Drive, Suite F
Beltsville, MD 20705 • 301-853-4668

8-Hr Recertification Classes

Saturday 10/27/18 • 7AM-3PM
Saturday 11/10/18 • 7AM-3PM

Cost: \$250 (Member) / \$275 (Non-Member)
(Member Cost is Extended to WSMPA Members)

32-Hr Certification Classes

Instructor: Dave Hahn

Thursday 11/29/18 – Saturday 12/01/18 • 7AM-6PM

Instructor: Chip Matthews

Thursday 01/17/19 – Saturday 01/19/19 • 7AM-6PM

Cost: \$500 (Member) / \$550 (Non-Member)
(Member Cost is Extended to WSMPA Members)

For more information and/or to register, visit:

<https://www.abcmetrowashington.org/Career-Development/Mid-Atlantic-Backflow-Academy>

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