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## NEWSLETTER

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### MEETING NOTICE

**WSMPA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2019**

Washington Suburban Master Plumbers Association's monthly general membership meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 16, 2019**. This meeting will be held at Knights of Columbus (College Park).

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

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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**ON THE AGENDA**  
Training by Herbert Harvey

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year, and hope we all have a prosperous and healthy one!

I'd like to thank John Seymour for his service as President last year, and thank you for the opportunity to serve this fine association once more as President.

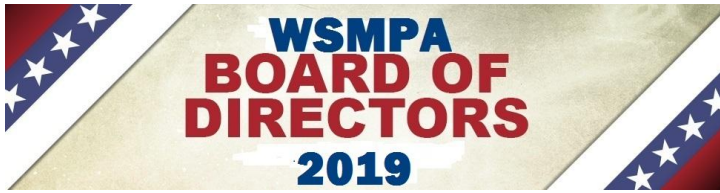
I've been a member for almost 30 years now and have met some of my closest friends here. The wealth of knowledge is exceptional; the resources available are endless; and, the work we do for our industry is very rewarding.

This month's meeting is sponsored by our good friends Roy and Sharron Bremerman of D&B Distributing. D&B has been a very dependable sponsor over the years and Roy and Sharron have become great friends. And speaking about endless knowledge, Harvey will be returning to educate us on Bradford White water heaters.

Fast approaching, on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, is our 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dinner Dance at Gaithersburg Hilton. You won't want to miss out on this night of good food, drinks, friends, casino night, and door prizes. Call or email Charlotte for your tickets now.

Hope to see you on January 16<sup>th</sup>.

*Kevin M. Black, 2019 President*



Congratulations and Welcome to our 2019 Board of Directors.

Officers

President	Kevin Black
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Jon Hershberger
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Deidra McElroy
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Fred Werth
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Treasurer	Jack Walsh
Sgt. At Arms	Ian Jolles

Directors

Kenny Howes, Doug McLendon, Ron Smith

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

General Membership Meetings



- January 16, 2019
- February 20, 2019
- March 20, 2019
- April 17, 2019
- May 15, 2019

**72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dinner Dance**

**“The Plumbers’ Ball”**

February 2, 2019

**WSMPA 2019 Golf Tournament**

October 18, 2019

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup> @ Miller’s Ale House.

**WSSC**

- WSSC will be closed on the following dates:
- Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
  - Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> (Presidents’ Day)

**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: March 2019

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

Gasfitter

6 Weeknights • 6p-9p/night  
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**TO REGISTER:**

Download Application(s) from WSMPA’s website [www.wsmpla.com](http://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 03/09/19 • 7AM-3PM

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

**32-Hr Certification Classes**

Thursday 03/28/19 – Saturday 03/30/19 • 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>

## **72<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL DINNER DANCE**

*(The Plumbers' Ball)*

**Saturday, February 2, 2019**  
**Hilton – Gaithersburg**



**2019 Theme**  
*Cancer Awareness*  
**"They All Matter"**

7:00pm Cocktails/Hors d'oeuvres  
8:00pm Dinner  
*(followed by awards, casino games,  
dancing, door prize drawings)*

Open Bar 7:00pm-11:00pm  
Cash Bar 11:00pm-12:00am

***Formal Attire Optional***

**TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE.**

Email [charlotte@wsmpa.com](mailto:charlotte@wsmpa.com) to reserve  
your tickets.

### **MEMBER PRICING**

\$160.00 per person – Tables for 10

### **ADVERTISING PRICING**

Full Page Ad \$1,800 (includes 10 tickets)  
1/2 Page Ad \$1,455 (includes 8 tickets)  
1/4 Page Ad \$1,115 (includes 6 tickets)  
1/8 Page Ad \$ 765 (includes 4 tickets)  
1/16 Page Ad \$ 425 (includes 2 tickets)

### **Hilton Guest Rooms**

Hilton Guest Rooms - \$79  
*(Limited Number Available)*

For Reservations – Call 301-977-8900  
*(ask for In-House Reservations)*

**OR**

**TO BOOK ON-LINE:**

<http://group.hilton.com/WashingtonSuburbanMast>

## **TOO YOUNG TO BE THIS OLD**

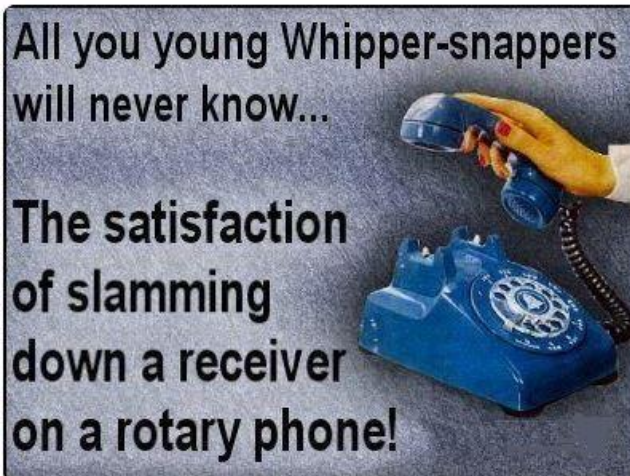
*George M. Brill, Jr.*

I am too young to be this old.

Wow! It is 2019. The great Mickey Mantle once said "if I had known I was going to live this long I would have taken better care of myself". Along with New Year resolutions for some it also brings reflections. Just before Christmas four of us met for lunch. Two of those I would have never known if it wasn't for the WSMMPA. Reflecting back I realized I have been a member of this organization since 1980. Good grief Charlie Brown I am close to starting my 5th decade, but what great memories. Never would have met Ricky Barnes (Ricky Barnes Golf Outing) who you can blame for getting me to do the newsletter for 20 years. Never would have met Tony Eberly either (The Eberly Outing) who got me involved with the board of directors. I remember our Summer Fall Outings and in the parking lot was Big Tony's minivan with the tailgate up and a well stocked bar that would make the Hilton jealous. Although I am retired, I still like coming to the monthly meetings to see all the good friends I have. I bet Chuck Small and Francis Coleman feel the same way.

All you folks are special even if you don't realize it. Most of you never went to college yet you are still smart. I made a comment to my daughter one time that someone was not very smart and she said he was highly intelligent. I said I didn't say he wasn't, he is just not smart, and there is a difference. You are self motivators and take charge when it is necessary. You are not afraid to take chances and that's why you run your own business and are your own boss. Like Frank Sinatra's song "I Did It My Way". The only thing you want from government is to get out of the way. Now see how special you are.

So, until I am told not to come I going to keep coming to the meetings and enjoy companionship of all the friends I have. If you know someone that fits all the above mentioned attributes, invite them to come. We can never have too many friends.



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