the Partnership Connection

SMACNA Columbia Chapter — SMWIA Local 16

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3rd Annual Summer Blast & Cruise-In

JOIN US ON SUNDAY, JULY 30th !
No where to go on a mid-summer weekend? SMWIA and SMACNA invite you and yours to come join us for a day of free family fun!

Once a year SMACNA contractors, affiliates, IFUS contributors, SMWIA Local 16 members, apprentices and HMI staff get together for some crazy fun in the sun at the Summer Blast.

Great food and beverages, live music, games, prizes, contests and a car and motorcycle cruise-in round out a fun filled afternoon. The first 200 guests will receive a special edition Summer Blast T-shirt!

This event is provided free to you and your family through the sponsorship of many generous members of our industry.

This is a great opportunity to get to know others in our industry and treat your family to some fun. Join us – we look forward to seeing you there!

When: Sunday July 30th
11am – 4pm

Where: West Linn Willamette Park
1100 12th Street in West Linn

Prizes, Prizes, Prizes Galore:
Weekend Getaway, Television, Bikes, CASH, and Gift Certificates

2006 Cruise-In Highlights:

- A Bike and Car Cruise-In competition
- Live Music by Fairly Honest John
- Games and Prizes for Children
- Treasure Hunt for All Ages
- Marshmallow Long Drive Contest
- Tons of food featuring Ribs and Chicken and Trimmings from Buster's Barbeque
- And lots of beverages

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Partnering for Excellence

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The Sheet Metal Workers Trust Funds created this quarterly newsletter as a resource for our participants, members, and contractors. Our goal is to help you better understand and utilize your Health & Welfare and Retirement plans as well as your Training Programs by featuring timely articles on topics important to you. This newsletter will also keep you updated on key partnership activities of SMACNA Columbia Chapter and SMWIA Local #16.

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Plans for Drug Testing Program Are Under Development

Representatives of SMWIA Local 16 and SMACNA are currently developing the rules and procedures for the new industry wide drug-testing program. This new program will get underway later this year, after a series of orientation sessions. All members of SMWIA and SMACNA will receive detailed information prior to the program's start. For more information contact either Tom Goodhue at SMACNA or Steve Kowats at Local 16.

Local 16 Member Cyndy Chan Wins International TAB Competition

Each year, apprentices from the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association gather to test their mettle in a two-day long competition, testing their knowledge in TAB, HVAC, welding, service, architectural sheet metal, detailing and drafting. This year 36 apprentices competed in Las Vegas at the 34th Annual International Apprenticeship Contest hosted by ITI.

This year Local 16's own Cyndy Chan won the Grand Prize for the Testing, Adjusting and Air Balancing competition. Cyndy was a 5th year apprentice at the start of the competition and is now a journeyman. She currently works for Vancouver Roofing and Sheet Metal, a contractor member of the Columbia Chapter of SMACNA. Cyndy also won the Northwest regional championship when she was a third year apprentice. The 36 apprentices at the competition represented the 12 different training regions across the country and were split into their respective areas of expertise for the competition. The TAB competition is the most difficult of the three categories, requiring knowledge, skill and precision.

The successful partnership between SMACNA and SMWIA is showcased by our apprenticeship programs and training center, HMI. Our apprentices and members receive the best training and experience in the industry. Cyndy combined her competitive spirit with the skills she learned at HMI and opportunities at work and became a champion which reflects well on her and our industry. We all offer her our congratulations and share in her success.

SMACNA & SMWIA: Partnering for Excellence

Greetings! We are pleased to welcome you to the first issue of the SMACNA–SMWIA *Partnership Connection*. Our industry continues to evolve and so do our services to you, our members. This new newsletter replaces *The Gauge* as a communications tool to keep you informed about issues, programs and changes involving your benefit trust funds.

SMACNA and SMWIA are embarking together on cooperative efforts to heighten awareness about our industry and the leadership role we play in it. These efforts include a more active use of our joint logo and promotion of our high levels of craftsmanship, cooperation, training and know-how.

We have redesigned the name, look and content of this newsletter to showcase that spirit of cooperation. Future issues will now also include reports on our promotional activities.

A great example of the cooperation within our industry is the annual Summer Blast & Cruise-In. Hosted by SMACNA and SMWIA, this free event comes alive through the generous support of many industry sponsors and volunteers. Check out our great list of sponsors on this page. The Summer Blast is a family oriented event and a good place to get to know others in the industry. Join us there for some fun!

Sheet Metal Workers # 16 Health Trust Announces: Benefits Information Online

Sheet Metal Workers #16 Health Trust is pleased to announce a new self service online tool. The service is HIPAA compliant concerning patient privacy and gives free online access to your benefits and eligibility information. Take a minute and review the exciting online services now available.

How do I access this information?

#1 Sign up

You will need your Last Name and the last six digits of your social security number to sign up. Go to: www.wcearhart.com Once there click on "Participant Login". You will be redirected to a login screen. Follow the simple instructions to complete the form as it relates to you. Please be sure to include an email address. You will then be re-directed to the benefits home page.

#2 Create your user name and password

Use a name and password that only you will know. Also indicate a hint question and answer, so that your password can be provided should you forget it in the future.

#3 Sign in and use the system

Once the sign up process is complete, you will have access to view your claims and eligibility online.

System features allow members to:

- View paid claim information
- Check eligibility status
- Retrieve plan summary anywhere
- Access to customer service via secure messaging
- Verify provider participation

and much, much more!

Common Questions

Do I need a special computer or software to access my benefits online?

No, all you need is an internet connection; any speed, any ISP service can get you access to your benefits online.

Does it cost anything?

No, it is a service offered by Sheet Metal Workers #16 Health Trust free of charge.

How current is the information?

Paid claim and eligibility information are updated nightly.

Is the information secure?

The claim and eligibility information and your profile are managed in a system that meets the requirements as set forth by HIPAA for Privacy and Security of Personal Health Information.

Who can see my personal information?

All insured members of the Sheet Metal Workers #16 Health Trust and their dependents age 12 and over will have the ability to create their own account. The system requires consent on a claim by claim basis for insured members to see benefit information for dependents age 12 and over.

For more information about using the online benefits information, contact the William C. Earhart Co. at 503-282-5581.

ICE

"ICE" -
IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Store ICE in your cell phone this summer! The acronym "ICE" — in case of emergency — can help paramedics decide who to call if you're hurt and not able to communicate. This initiative asks individuals to program their cell phones as a means of notifying emergency responders of an individual to contact who has information regarding the patient's identification and medical history. An emergency responder will be able to contact someone who can identify the victim and provide vital information. The ICE phone directory file could also contain pertinent medical information (blood type, allergies, prescribed medications), if the owner-patient decides to list it. ICE is supported by the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT). This simple tool could save your life or that of a loved one. SMWIA and SMACNA urge you to be cool and "ICE" your cell phones today!

How to get "ICE"ed

Type ICE into your cell phone's directory and include a name and number under the heading. Type the name "ICE" in capital letters. Make sure to enter an area code in case a call needs to be made while you're out of town.

Want more than one ICE contact? Number the entries as ICE1 for your primary contact, ICE2 for your secondary etc. You can also designate next of kin such as ICEMom or ICEDad. Make sure your "ICE" contacts have basic medical information about you, such as your blood type, allergies, or prescribed medications.

Information? Questions? Comments?

If you have any questions or comments about your Health & Welfare or Retirement Plans, please call:

The William C. Earhart Co., Inc.
Administrator of Employee Benefit Plans
503-282-5581
Outside the Portland Metro Area, call: 1-800-547-1314

Write to us at:
P.O. Box 4148
Portland, Oregon 97208
Visit our main office at:
3140 NE Broadway
Portland, OR 97208
Office Hours: M-F from 9am-5pm

Website:
www.wcearhart.com
(click on *Participant Login*)

Health Claims Department

Claims Anaylst:
Contact: **Pam R.**
503-331-8207 or
1-800-547-1314 ext. 207

Claims Analyst:
Contact: **Yolanda**
503-535-1438 or
1-800-547-1314 ext. 438

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Pension and Retirement
Contact: **Micah**
503-331-8224 or
1-800-547-1314 ext. 224

Backup Contact: **Simone**
503-535-1419 or
1-800-547-1314 ext. 419

Bookkeeping

Bookkeeper for:
Premium Payments, Hours Bank, COBRA and Self-Payments
Contact: **Patty**
503-331-8246 or
1-800-547-1314 ext. 246

Backup Bookkeeper for:
Premium Payments, Hours Bank, COBRA and Self-Payments
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