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Message from the President

Dayton-ACCA Membership Greetings!

Some HVAC companies and suppliers throughout the Miami Valley are experiencing a greater decrease in business than ever before due to the economic downturn of the past six months. If you are in the new construction side of the industry or selling to them, you are probably taking a bigger hit than a retrofit company or supplier. However, since we had triple the 90+ degree days in the summer of 2007 than we did in 2008, we've all been affected in some way.

Tired of bad news? I am too! Is there anything good for HVAC business right now? Sure there is.

As I write this letter, gas is at a 5-year low, which has reduced companies fuel bills by 50% or more. With interest rates being low, now is a great time to refinance a building, equipment or vehicles. Did you know you can group your trucks into a lump sum loan with a lower interest rate? Contact your bank or financial institute to find out how. How about offering more energy saving systems and services that are proven to save money?

According to US News and World Report, one of the top 15 Best Small Business to Start is "Energy Auditing." According to HVAC businesses that are performing this service, they see it getting them through a down economy along with raising the bar of professionalism in our industry.

Just remember, the economy and stock market changes from bull to bear and has done so throughout the ages. Hang in there and make the best of it!

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The following is something to ponder:

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep ... you are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace ... you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness ... you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation ... you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death ... you are more blessed than three billion people in the world.

If your parents are still alive and still married ... you are very rare, even in the United States.

If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful ... you are blessed because the majority can, but most do not.

If you can hold someone's hand, hug them or even touch them on the shoulder ... you are blessed because you can offer healing touch.

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If you can read this message, you just received a double blessing; you are wealthy enough to belong to a great association and you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world that cannot read at all.

Have a great day, count your blessings, and feel free to share this to remind everyone else how blessed we all are.

Best Regards,
Greg McAfee
President, Dayton-ACCA

2009 Membership Dues

2009 Membership Dues are now due. Contractors can register at www.acca.org and click on the link JOIN ACCA. Associate members may contact the ACCA Greater Dayton office or e-mail your request for an application form to anndetmer@gmail.com.

2009 Calendar of Events

January 8	Board Meeting
February 5	Board Meeting
February 21	President's Party at Beaver Creek Golf Club*
February 26	General Membership Meeting*
March 5	Board Meeting
April 2	Board Meeting
April 16	General Membership Meeting*
May 14	Golf Outing at Sugar Valley Country Club
August 6	Board Meeting
August 6	ACCA Night Out at Dayton Dragons Game
September 3	Board Meeting
October 1	Board Meeting
October 15	General Membership Meeting*
November 5	Board Meeting
November 19	General Membership Annual Meeting (Election of Officers)

*Denotes continuing education opportunity

In Memory of Cecil Bowen

Members of the board recently visited B&K Heating to present Pam Bowen a plaque in honor of her late husband, Cecil Bowen. Cecil Bowen passed away earlier this year.

Cecil started B&K Heating in 1976. Cecil was very active in the HVAC industry both on local and state levels for many years. Cecil served as past president to DACHA (nka ACCA Greater Dayton) and served on the state and local boards for numerous years.

Cecil's contributions and commitment to the HVAC industry had a great impact on our local industry. He dedicated countless hours to both the local and state chapters. Cecil was a valued member of the HVAC community.

Pam Bowen continues with B&K Heating at the present time. The company is located on Old Troy Pike in Dayton. We wish Pam the very best in B&K's continued success.

Save the Dates -

The President's Party is scheduled for Saturday, February 21, 2009, and promises to be a fun-filled evening. The event will be held at the Beavercreek Golf Club in Beavercreek, Ohio. Along with dinner, there will be a silent auction, and special guest speaker. The dinner will be a continuing education opportunity.

The February General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2009, at 11:30 a.m. The meeting will be a continuing education opportunity. The meeting will be covering the topics of new energy codes and new energy star ratings.

The Golf Outing will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2009, at Sugar Valley Country Club.

Details for these events and more will follow in the near future. For a complete list of 2009 calendar events, see page 3. Any questions, please contact Ann Detmer at (937) 237-9074 or anndetmer@gmail.com.



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