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## Small Business Chamber Working For You

Under old business, the Board heard an update on the property tax reform efforts in the General Assembly. The Board re-affirmed its support for permanent property tax relief that provides adequate funding to public schools and does not shift the tax burden to commercial property.

The Board voted to support legislation that would allow job tax credits for small businesses to be accrued immediately upon hiring at least 2 net new jobs instead of the credits only starting at the beginning of a fiscal year.

The Board also voted to support legislation to implement the four proposals offered in the Small Business Chamber's health care forums aimed at addressing the cost of health care/health insurance for small businesses.

John Lenti requested that the Chamber support an increase of \$250,000 in the S. C. Small Business Development Center budget to help with developing a Hispanic outreach business initiative, increase support for the growing veteran population and providing more assistance to exiting businesses for on-line training and other assistance. The Board voted to support the increased budget request.

The Board was informed of plans for a fundraiser utilizing a women's golf tournament and an upcoming meeting on building entrepreneur friendly communities being sponsored by the Chamber.

November Meeting Notes By Frank Knapp

## HOT OFF THE PRESS

The Board discussed the issue of the Workers' Comp Second Injury Fund. Mr. Knapp pointed out that the Second Injury Fund was not achieving its primary purpose of encouraging employers to hire workers with prior injuries. Information was provided that indicated that the Fund was also not providing a cap on large claims going against mod rates that is not already included in the Workers' Comp calculations. He also stated that the current legislation to eliminate the Fund would do so immediately for new claims thus avoiding the run on the Fund, which would increase premiums dramatically. However, Bill Smith pointed out that the Fund might be an incentive to keep a well-trained worker on the payroll even if he/she has a Workers' Comp claim under the theory that another claim for the same injury will be largely covered by the Fund. The Board voted to seek a projection of the impact eliminating the Fund would have on premiums every year for 5 years and compare this data against a projected impact of not eliminating the fund would have on premiums over the next 5 years.

Side Note: If you haven't yet had the pleasure of receiving a Second Injury Fund assessment, fasten your seat belt, because it's on the way. The assessment is costly and it is real...we will be paying to shore up the Second Injury Fund and we will be paying now. I haven't heard one good argument to retain this fund, nor have I heard any projections about how long these assessments will continue. Isn't that healthy? We are bidding work every day, a bill is on the way - big bill - but no one can tell you an amount. I sat in a meeting on this topic in which there were GC's, insurance agents, subcontractors, and a former SC Worker's Comp Commissioner. The gist of the meeting was that many attempts have been to fix the workman's comp problem; but, this is South Carolina so, don't get too excited about solutions. Legislation reform prepared by a special committee representing a cross section of businesses will be introduced in January. This reform proposal will enter the maze with the potential to dramatically improve the system. What happens to it after it gets in the hands of our (Continued on Page 8)

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2006

WINTER

RETREAT

MYRTLE BEACH

MARRIOTT

RESORT at

GRANDE DUNES

MARCH 2-5, 2006

MAKE YOUR

HOTEL

RESERVATIONS

NOW!!

(See details pages 5 & 6)



# PROJECTS FOR BID & BID FORECAST

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JOBS TO BE BID THROUGH THE MCASC BID PROCEDURE.  
 ALL MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION BIDDING ON THESE ADVERTISED JOBS ARE  
 INVITED AND URGED TO UTILIZE THE MCASC BID PROCEDURE PUBLISHED HEREIN.  
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## NOTES:

1. ALL JOBS LISTED WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THE MCASC FOUR-HOUR DESIGNATION ARE EITHER ZERO OR TWO-HOUR BID JOBS.
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**\*MCASC BID PROCEDURE SIGNATORY GC'S INDICATED WITH "O"**

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NO JOBS LISTED

## MIDLANDS AREA

CHAIRMAN DESIGNATING COMMITTEE

NO JOBS LISTED

## PEE DEE AREA

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NO JOBS LISTED

## COASTAL AREA

CHAIRMAN DESIGNATING COMMITTEE  
 RON RUNYON  
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NO JOBS LISTED

## [MCASC Would Like To Extend Our Thoughts And Prayers To The Following Families:](#)

### CONCERNS

Chris Kirkland, G-M Mechanical, Greenville  
 Bob Townsend (Honorary Life Member), Charleston  
 Reta Higgins (Wife of Freddie Higgins) Cayce Company, Florence  
 Gloria Hill (Wife of Bob Hill) Hill Electric, Anderson  
 Preston Mitchell (Father of Tommy Burkett) Burkett Electrical Systems, Columbia  
 Lois Duke (Mother of Bob Duke) Honorary Life Member, Greenville  
 Estelle Purvis (Mother of Darlene McGee) Bryce Mechanical, Florence  
 Richard Miller, Sr., City Plumbing Co. of Florence, Florence  
 Mildred George (Mother of Robbie Stephens) Temporary Services, Spartanburg

### SYMPATHY

Ivory Tisdale, R. C. Jacobs, Inc., Georgetown  
 J. M. "Mac" Martin, Martin Engineering, White Rock  
 Tommy Vaughn (Brother of Brenda Gibbs) Bear Mechanical, Lexington  
 George Lanier Shealy (Father of Jimmy & Jake Shealy) Shealy & Sons Electric, West Columbia  
 Emmie White of Hemingway (Sister of Montez Self) Self's Heating & Air Cond., Camden  
 Clarence Evan Putnam (Brother of Ray Putnam) Peritus Engineering, Greenville

### BABY CONGRATULATIONS

Son (Landon Tryon Still) to Lance & Melissa Still (Rental Service Corp.) Columbia  
 Grandson (Holden Varner) to Kathy & Earl Horton (Temporary Services) Spartanburg

WEEK OF DECEMBER, 2005 – JANUARY, 2006

<u>DAY</u>	<u>JOB NO.</u>	<u>4/HR</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>BID DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
No Jobs Listed						

**“Tool Box Talks”**  
**Safety Tips**  
**Lockout/Tagout Standards**  
**By: Mel Rosas – Reliable Safety Solutions**

Serious injury or death can occur during equipment service and maintenance when standard lockout/tagout procedures are not followed. If you do not have proper procedures in place and/or if you do not enforce those procedures, you are putting your employees at risk.

Some of the most critical requirements of the standards are listed below:

- Develop, implement, and enforce an energy control program.
- Use lockout devices for equipment that can be locked out. Tagout devices may be used in lieu of lockout devices only if the tagout program provides employee protection equivalent to that provided through a lockout program.
- Ensure that new or overhauled equipment is capable of being locked out.
- Develop, implement, and enforce an effective tagout program if machines or equipment are not capable of being locked out.
- Develop, document, implement, and enforce energy control procedures. [See the note to 29 CFR 1910.147(c)(4)(i) for an exception to the documentation requirements.]
- Use only lockout/tagout devices authorized for the particular equipment or machinery and ensure that they are durable, standardized, and substantial.
- Ensure that lockout/tagout devices identify the individual users.
- Establish a policy that permits only the employee who applied a lockout/tagout device to remove it. [See 29 CFR 1910.147(e)(3) for exceptions]
- Inspect energy control procedures at least annually.
- Provide effective training as mandated for all employees covered by the standard.
- Comply with the additional energy control provisions in OSHA standards when machines or equipment must be tested or repositioned, when outside contractors work at the site, in group lockout situations, and during shift or personnel changes.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

A & T PLUMBING, INC. — ALAN KINARD — COLUMBIA  
DIXIE HEATING & COOLING CO. — JOHN W. “BILLY” MARSH — COLUMBIA  
FIRST CAROLINA INSURANCE ASSOCIATES, INC. — JULES MCMILLAN — CHARLESTON  
HONEYWELL INTERNATIONAL, INC. — BILL COOGLER — COLUMBIA

- PARKING IS COMPLIMENTARY.
- CHECK IN TIME AFTER 4:00PM.

**CHECK-IN TIME AFTER 4:00PM:**

Accommodations prior to that time will be handled on a space available basis. Luggage storage is available.

**CHECK-OUT TIME IS 11:00AM**

Please check the type of accommodations desired. ALL ACCOMMODATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY AT CHECK-IN.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NAME(S) OF ADDITIONAL PERSON(S) SHARING ROOM:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (DAY) \_\_\_\_\_

GROUP/ORGANIZATION: Mechanical Contractors Association of SC  
 DATE(S) March 2-5, 2006

SPECIAL REQUEST \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Reservations must be received by: January 31, 2006**  
 After the above date, rooms will be confirmed on a space and rate available basis. Group rate available 3 days before and 3 days after the conference based on space and rate availability.

**SMOKING** \_\_\_\_\_ **NON-SMOKING** \_\_\_\_\_

ARRIVAL DAY/DATE \_\_\_\_\_

TIME OF ARRIVAL \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTURE DAY/DATE \_\_\_\_\_

# OF ADULTS OVER 17 YEARS \_\_\_\_\_

NO. Rooms	TYPE OF ACCOMMODATIONS	RATE
	Single: One (1) person	\$99.00
	Double: Two (2) persons, One (1) Bed	\$99.00
	Double: Two (2) Persons, Two (2) Beds	\$99.00

For all reservations, please list each guest's name where provided. Suite rates are available upon request. Please contact the hotel directly at (843) 449-8880.

Reservations must be accompanied by a guarantee for first night's lodging via check or credit card.  
 Fill in American Express, Diners Club, Carte Blanche, VISA, MasterCard or Discover Card information below. You will be charged for the first night's lodging unless reservations are cancelled 7 days prior to arrival.

CARD TYPE \_\_\_\_\_ EXP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

CARD NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

**Advance Deposit.** Please include one night's room plus 10% tax. Deposits are refundable if cancelled 7 days prior to arrival.

CHECK ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**8400 Costa Verde Drive, Myrtle Beach, SC 29572**  
**Phone (843) 449-8880 Fax (843) 497-1447**  
**www.myrtlebeachmarriottresort.com**

# MCASC WINTER RETREAT REGISTRATION

MARCH 2 - 5, 2006 - Marriott Resort at Grande Dunes, Myrtle Beach, SC

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND FAX THIS PAGE TO THE MCASC STATE OFFICE  
AT (803) 731-0390 BY NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, FEB. 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2006**

COMPANY NAME \_\_\_\_\_

I AM REGISTERING \_\_\_\_\_ PEOPLE FROM MY COMPANY FOR THE WINTER RETREAT SCHEDULED MARCH 2-5, 2006. PLEASE LIST ALL NAMES OF THOSE ATTENDING BELOW.

**\*REGISTRATION FEE IS ONLY \$250.00 PER PERSON - MCASC WILL BILL YOU LATER**

*NOTE: A full refund of MCASC Winter Retreat Registration Fees will be made on cancellations received prior to Tuesday, January 31, 2006. After that date, only 50% will be refunded up until Tuesday, February 14, 2006. Substitutions will be allowed.*

PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU PLAN TO PLAY GOLF ON SATURDAY

GOLF???	GOLF???
_____ Y N	_____ Y N
_____ Y N	_____ Y N
_____ Y N	_____ Y N
_____ Y N	_____ Y N

## TENTATIVE AGENDA

### Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006

4:00 PM – Until	Hotel Check In	Marriott Grande Dunes
4:00 PM – Until	Hospitality Suite Open (Heavy Hors D’oeuvres)	Room TBA

### Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Breakfast	Room TBA
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Workshop “A Contractor’s Diet: How To Get Lean” By: Martha-Ann Dailey	Atlantic 3 (Main Level)
10:30 AM – 12:00 Noon	Workshop “Staying In The Moment With Husbands, Wives, and Business Associates” By: Dr. Mary Frame	Atlantic 3 (Main Level)
12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM	Lunch	Atlantic 2 (Main Level)
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	“Interactive Legal Workshop” By: Dan Brailsford, Esquire	Atlantic 3 (Main Level)
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Workshop “Being A Better Contractor Tomorrow Than You Are Today” By: Mike Trammell, CPA	Atlantic 3 (Main Level)
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Hospitality Suite Open	Room TBA
6:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Past Presidents’ Meeting	Room TBA
After Dinner Until	Hospitality Suite Open	Room TBA

### Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Open Business Meeting	Heron (Lower Level)
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Board of Directors Meeting	Osprey (Lower Level)
12:00 Noon	Golf Tournament: \$109.00 Per Person (Modified Shotgun Start)	Grande Dunes
	All Others Afternoon Free On Your Own!!	
4:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Hospitality Suite Open	Room TBA
7:00 PM	Dinner As A Group (7726 N. Kings Hwy.)	Collectors Café
After Dinner-Until	Hospitality Suite Open	Room TBA

### Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006

11:00 AM	Hotel Check-Out	Have a Safe Trip Home
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**Associate Member:  
Corley Security Systems, Inc.**

Corley Security Systems, Inc. began as a locksmith business in 1975. The company was incorporated in 1979 and expanded to include total integrated security systems. Their products include electronic access systems, fire alarm systems, electronic locks, magnetic locks, closed circuit cameras with remote viewing, and two-way intercom communications.

Corley Security Systems, Inc. is dedicated to providing advanced quality and technological security systems, installation and service to their customers. They strive to be viewed by their customers as a partner. Their goal is to create a long term, mutually beneficial relationship, based on integrity, dependable service, professional advice, and lasting value.

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**Congratulations to our next Associate & Mechanical Members who will be highlighted in the upcoming issue of "The Tool Box":**  
**B & W Mechanical Contractors, Inc. — N. Charleston**  
**Noland Company — Charleston**

**JANUARY 2006 MONTHLY AREA MEETINGS**

**MIDLANDS AREA**

Thursday, January 5, 2006 @ 6:00 PM

Location: MCASC State Office, 1504 Morninghill Drive

Sponsored By: Tradesmen International, Inc.

**Topic:** TBA

**PIEDMONT AREA**

Tuesday, January 10, 2006 @ 6:00 PM

Location: Charlie's Steak House, 18 E. Coffee Street, Greenville

Sponsored By: HAJOCA Corporation, Sanitary Plumbing &

Tri-Star Constructors

**Topic:** TBA

**PEE DEE AREA**

Thursday, January 19, 2006 @ 6:30 PM

Location: 933 Santiago Drive, Florence

Sponsored By: City Plumbing Company of Florence

**Topic:** Roger Jordan with CSP of Florence to speak on Workmen's Compensation and the 2nd Injury Fund

**COASTAL AREA**

Tuesday, January 24, 2006 @ 6:00 PM

Location: 4989 Dorchester Road, N. Charleston

Sponsored By: C. R. Hipp Construction, Inc. and  
RSC (Rental Service Corp.)

**Topic:** John Knott  
with the Noisette Company  
to present an update on The Noisette Project.



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**Mechanicals make it happen -  
 Be part of the best!**



**HOT OFF THE PRESS**

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trusted representatives is yet another thing. This is where we come in. Now is the time for all good men/women to raise some hell. 1.) Know the representative from your area. 2.) Follow this issue and get yourself up to speed on what the reform is. 3.) Go see your representative, call him/her, write him/her, let them know that you vote, you care and you are **watching**. Tell them the workmen comp stories and tell them that we are tired of allowing this system to continue operating under the current rules. If you don't have a story, tell them about Bobby...if you don't know Bobby's story, call me....

**Notes Prepared by Charlene Meetze, your Board Member on the  
 SC Small Business Chamber Board**



***MCASC Would Like To Extend Our Appreciation And  
 Season's Greetings To All Of Our Members  
 For Their Support During The Past Year.  
 Together, Let Us Make 2006  
 The Best Year In The History Of MCASC.***