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INDUSTRY NEWS

HOLIDAY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Lebanon Country Club provided a beautiful location for PCMA's Annual Holiday General Membership Meeting December 10. The fabulous selection of dinner foods were set up at stations which made for even more opportunity for the members to connect with each other. With our rich history as a theme for the evening, attendees took a *Trip Down PCMA Memory Lane* by reviewing display boards featuring photos of PCMA functions since 1969. We thank Andy Kohlhepp for his efforts to produce these display boards from the PCMA archived photos. Many hours were needed to produce these and surely he enjoyed the fond memories these wonderful photos brought back to him. Thanks again, Andy!

The highlight of the event this year was the recognition of all Past PCMA Presidents from the beginning of our Association in 1969 into Honorary Membership. We were pleased to have many of our past presidents and their guests in attendance for the festivities.



PCMA Past Presidents pictured left to right: Andy Kohlhepp, Phil DeVecchis, Art DeVecchis, Dean Miller, Logan Myers, Joe Dufour, John Morgan, John Fizzano, Michael Iannelli, Bob Lewis, Don Dunlap, William Rennekamp, Ted Lewis

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PA MASONRY INSTRUCTORS WORKSHOP

The First Annual Pennsylvania Masonry Instructors Workshop was held on September 26, 2006 at the Wildwood Conference Center of Harrisburg Area Community College. It was coordinated by PCMA with sponsorship from the Pennsylvania Department of Education and special thanks to the Northeast Cement

Shippers Association for their financial contribution which made the Workshop possible. The purpose of the event was to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and assistance for teaching young men and women to have the best possible skills for entrance into the workplace or for post secondary education for masonry.

The agenda for the full day Workshop included:

- *Review of latest Pennsylvania State Department of Education Initiatives* by Kathy Showers, PA Department of Education
- *Masonry Business and Employability Skills & State of the Masonry Industry in PA and Nationally* by Perry Sanders, Caretti Inc. & Tony Mirarchi, Apprentice Coordinator, Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Union Local #5
- *Teaching Masonry Essentials* by Dan Hildebeitel, Director of Construction Technology/Masonry, The Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Mark Shaffer



It has been an honor to be the President of PCMA for the past year. It hardly seems possible that it has been one year already! 2006 has been a productive year for PCMA, and many successes have been realized.

There are some people that I need to thank for making my year as president a productive year and an enjoyable experience. I apologize if I miss anyone. So, here is the short list! The North East Cement Shippers Association for their continued and increased support over the years. NECSA is a big part of the

reason we can do what we do at PCMA. Please remember to thank your cement supplier for their support of PCMA through NECSA!

The Outgoing Board Members - It has truly been a pleasure to serve on the Board with everyone. Without dedicated board members like each of you, PCMA would be much less than what it is. Keep up the good work and efforts and I hope to meet around the boardroom table with you again.

The Incoming Board - To the new Board Members, welcome! You need to know what large shoes you have to fill! Most of you have been here before, but there will be a few new board members to break in this year.

Our Executive Director - Jan, **THANK YOU** for making the year pass without so much as a bump in the road! Jan is a huge part of the reason that PCMA runs as a well-oiled machine. Without Jan, my job as President would have been MUCH more difficult!

The Membership of PCMA - Without a great and supportive membership like we have there would be no Pennsylvania Concrete Masonry Association! It is only because our members believe in what we do, and support it with their hard earned dollars, that we are able to take our message and promote our products the way we do. **THANK YOU!!**

I also wish to take just a few words to thank everyone for the support I have received for my 5,000,000 Steps for a Cure project. Plans are well in place to start hiking in March, and my pledges are almost \$16,000.00 to date! It WILL be an interesting 2007 to say the least! You can check out my hike plans (and hopefully my progress) at, www.fivemillionsteps.org or www.trailplace.com/UncleBuck.

Thank You Everyone for a terrific 2006,

Mark

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SRW SEMINARS JAN - FEB 2007

The Hardscape Committee and Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Concrete Masonry Association have been working for the past year to arrange for seminars at several locations throughout Pennsylvania to address issues regarding the design and installation of Segmental Retaining Wall in a generic program.

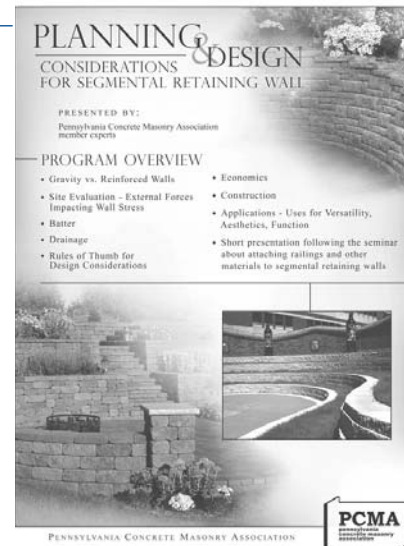
Our new seminar, entitled "Planning and Design Considerations for Segmental Retaining Wall", was developed by Tom Forsberg and David Biggs of PCMA Member Engineering firm Ryan Biggs Associates. They developed the one hour seminar for PCMA and it is the only generic program that we are aware of in the Country. **The purpose of the seminar is to avoid wall failures which can affect our market for the various segmental retaining wall products we produce.** It is tailored to architects, engineers, landscape contractors, post secondary and college students, developers, general contractors and anyone considering the use of these products. AIA architects will receive 1 health, safety and welfare learning unit for attendance.

Seminars have been scheduled for January 25 in North Pittsburgh, January 30 in Harrisburg and February 2, 2007 in North Philadelphia for architects, landscape architects, engineers, landscape contractors, general contractors and others.

Doug Statler, York Building Products will present on January 25, Dave Lewis, Daron Northeast on January 30 and Jon Calle, Advanced Hardscape Solutions on February 2. Each seminar will be held from 8:00 to 10:00 AM at each location and include a full breakfast buffet. The cost per attendee is only \$25 per person. Invitations were sent to architects and engineers in PA and each PCMA Producer Member received 40 copies for distribution to their landscape contractors along with a cover letter explaining the program and asking for their participation.

In this way producer members can ensure that those who need to be trained most to specify their product will be included as one of participants at each seminar event. The PA Landscape Nursery Association has agreed to promote the seminars to their membership as well.

Please encourage the architects, engineers, landscape professionals, real estate developers and property owners and masons that you have a relationship with to attend. Attendees will be registered on a first come first served basis. Additional seminars will be scheduled in the future if the response warrants. If you need additional invitations, please contact the PCMA office or go to the PCMA website www.pacma.com and click on the Hardscape icon for a PDF of the invitation.



LIEN LAW SEMINAR

PCMA sponsored a very important seminar November 9, 2006 about the 2006 Amendments to the PA Mechanics Lien Law of 1963 presented by **Paul Bucco, Esq., attorney and partner, Davis, Bucco & Ardizzi** and PCMA solicitor. Specifically designed for owners, financial officers, comptrollers, accounting and collections personnel at our member companies, Bucco reviewed how the amended law applies to PCMA members for commercial and residential projects, issues for consideration with General Contractors, sample agreement contracts and how to file claims.

Pennsylvania House Bill No. 1637 Mechanics Lien Law Reform was passed by the House and Senate on June 26 and

was signed into law by Governor Rendell on June 29, 2006. **The new law went into effect January 1, 2007, extending mechanics lien rights to third tier parties (sub-subcontractors and suppliers to subcontractors) and therefore favorable to our PCMA members.**

The seminar was held in Lebanon and well attended. If you have an interest in this topic and were unable to attend the November 9 seminar, please contact Jan at the PCMA office. We are determining interest in a second seminar in the western part of PA and would appreciate your feedback.



PA Masonry Instructors Workshop *continued from page 1...*

- Three Roundtable Areas for Group Discussions with Facilitators
 - *Creative Student Incentives and Competency Checklists* with Bill Doutt, Greater Altoona Career & Technical Center
 - *Instructional Classroom Resources* with Jan Boyer, PCMA
 - *Safety on the Job Site and in the Classroom* with Jack Figured, BAC Local 5

At the conclusion of the day there was a group discussion which provided feedback for the direction the instructors would like to take for the future. Each instructor who attended acquired eight Act 48 credits toward maintaining their certification to teach.

The workshop proved to be even more interesting than we hoped because of the extraordinary mix of secondary and

post secondary instructors in the room, many with over 15 years of experience teaching students. There was definite agreement to have one or two workshops per year with topics suggested by the instructors. Mike Iannelli made a short presentation about the Masonry Instructors Association that had been in existence in the past but dismantled about 10 years ago. With the age of electronic communication, the reasons for the disbanding of the group can now be overcome and there is much interest in starting the Association again under the guidance and support of PCMA.

We wish to thank the following people and organizations who helped to make the day possible:

- Our masonry partners Perry Sanders and Tony Mirarchi for their volunteer efforts and unending support.
- PCMA Workforce Development Committee Members who participated in the planning and were on site at the event including Chairman, Kurt Rosander who spearheaded the Workshop and acted as MC throughout the day; Doug Shaeffer; Jeff Stauffer; Ryan Jacoby and Don Simmons.
- Resource materials provided for the attendee packets by the Northeast Cement Shippers Association and International Masonry Institute.

The 2nd Annual Workshop is tentatively planned for September 2007.

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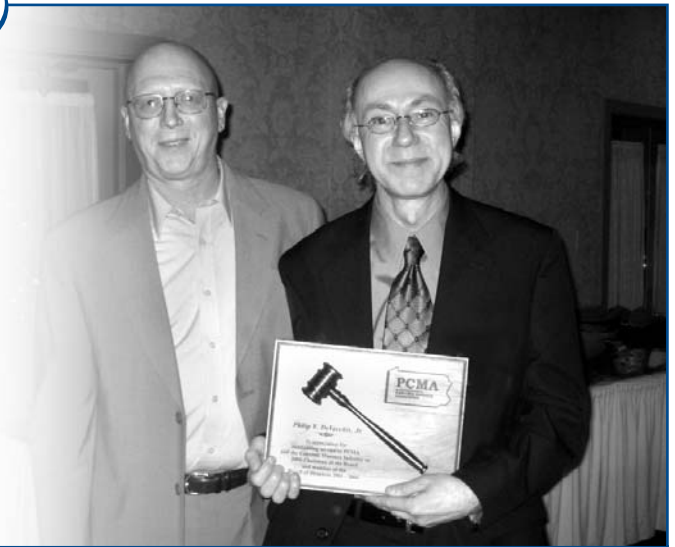
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During the program outgoing & incoming Board members and officers were recognized with plaques for their efforts on behalf of the concrete masonry industry as well. Overall this event gives our members a chance to relax and enjoy some holiday cheer with industry friends. We plan to recognize other Honorary Members next year, so plan now to join us Wednesday, December 5, 2007.



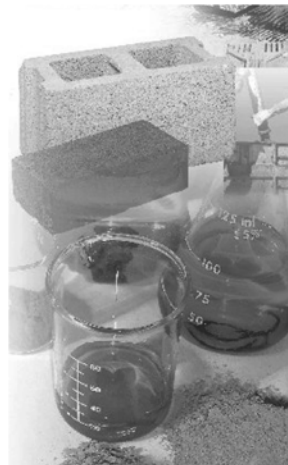
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The NCMA produced **CM Designs Magazine** was sent to all AIA architects in December. This commercial issue provides information and ideas to the architects while allowing them to get AIA CES learning units.

There are several **trade shows** that PCMA will be participating in for conferences of our target markets schools and specifiers. We are maintaining our position in some of the shows that have been good and have opened the door to new opportunities for 2007.



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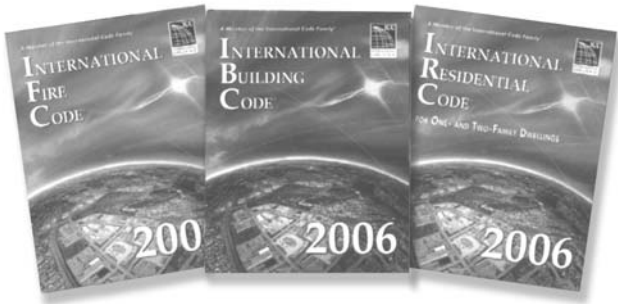
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PCMA NEW MEMBER OF ICC

PCMA has joined the International Code Council as a member which allows us to purchase Code Books for our members at a reduced price as well as other benefits. If you would like to purchase the new 2006 version of the Code Books, please contact Jan at the PCMA office.

MACS

The next Masonry Alliance for Codes and Standards meeting will be held in San Antonio January 17 & 18 for the second round of discussion about the challenges and opportunities open for masonry during the development of the 2009 family of codes. At this time we will evaluate tentative code changes submitted by our competitors and recommend code changes from our industry.

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CALENDAR

OF EVENTS

JANUARY	25	PCMA - SRW Seminar, <i>North Pittsburgh, Cranberry</i>	MAY	16	PCMA Board Meeting, <i>Lebanon Country Club</i>
	30	PCMA - SRW Seminar <i>Harrisburg</i>	JUNE	7	PAFSCAC Board
FEBRUARY	1	PAFSCAC Board Meeting, <i>Lebanon Country Club</i>		14 - 16	PCMA Annual Family Convention, <i>Hershey, PA</i>
	2	PCMA - SRW Seminar, <i>North Philadelphia, Trevoise</i>	JULY	11	PCMA Board Meeting, <i>Lebanon Country Club</i>
	14	PCMA Board Meeting, <i>Lebanon Country Club</i>		25 - 28	NCMA Mid Year Meetings, <i>Boston</i>
	6 - 8	PLNA Conference State College, <i>PCMA Exhibit</i>	AUGUST	8	PCMA Board Meeting, <i>Lebanon Country Club</i>
	20-24	NCMA Convention, <i>Orlando, FL</i>		29	PCMA Golf Outing, <i>Lebanon Country Club</i>
MARCH	11 - 12	TMS Professors Workshop	SEPTEMBER	12	PCMA Board Meeting, <i>Lebanon Country Club</i>
	14	PCMA Board Meeting <i>Pittsburgh, PA</i>		25	PCMA Masonry Instructors Workshop
	13 - 15	PASBO Conference, PCMA Exhibit <i>Pittsburgh, PA</i>	OCTOBER	11	PHRC Advisory Council Meeting, <i>State College</i>
APRIL	11	PCMA Board Meeting, <i>Lebanon Country Club</i>		17	PCMA Board Meeting, <i>Lebanon Country Club</i>
	19	PAFSCAC Board	NOVEMBER	14	PCMA Board Meeting, <i>Lebanon Country Club</i>
			DECEMBER	5	PCMA Holiday General Membership Meeting <i>Lebanon Country Club</i>

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