

Seasons Greetings and Happy New Year!

I think I can speak for most in the construction industry in stating we will be glad to see 2009 behind us as we move forward in hope of a prosperous new year in 2010.

The Health Districts have been busy this fall and early winter conducting H1N1 vaccine clinics. Those working for a health district can tell you when there is a health event of this magnitude it is all hands on deck in the health departments. Plumbing inspectors have been directing traffic, registering patients, and driving logistic material to the vaccine clinic locations these past few months.

Plumbing Inspectors working in both Health Districts and Building Departments have seen a dramatic drop in plumbing permits and revenue. We have all heard of a few of our colleagues being let go due to the downturn in the economy. Tough times are often the time to stay connected and network with fellow plumbing inspectors throughout the state. There is no better place then the Ohio Plumbing Inspectors Conference. This year it will be held at the Dublin Embassy Suites February 21st through February 24th in 2010. Hospital Equipment, Medical gas, and Plumbing Drawings are a few classes that will be offered for those in attendance. This year at our banquet we will be honoring Joe Schmitt, President of the Plumbing Heating Cooling Contractors Association (PHCC) and Gary Krebs, former Chief Plumbing Inspector for the State of Ohio. For those who are not attending the conference but would like to attend the dinner, tickets can be purchased at the conference.

In case you haven't had the chance lately please visit our improved web site at www.oapi.org. Transparency is a must for better communication. With this in mind our web site now lists the meeting minutes and calendar along with "test your knowledge" listed under the code corner. Take a minute and see our new look.

Thoughts and prayer go out to our OAPI president, Dean Wells, who had a mild heart attack. Get well soon, Dean; we will see you at the conference.

Sincerely,

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Vice President OAPI