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2022 Florida Air Conditioning Apprenticeship Graduation

Aileah Ensley, Steve Sparks, Rhonda Beeler, Amanda Gaita, and Peter Montana

This year 29 students graduated. They completed the four year program by dedicating two nights per week to the Florida Air Conditioning Apprenticeship Association (FACAA) Program. The celebration was held on August 5th in conjunction with the Palm Beach Air Conditioning Contractors Association (PBACCA) August General Membership Meeting. The graduates, their instructors, employers, friends, families and other industry members attended the event.

The Graduation was held at The Beach Club lake Worth beach, Florida. PBACCA President Tony Kiser, and FACAA Committee Members hosted the meeting. The evening began with Palm Beach Air Conditioning Contractors Association General Membership Meeting. President Kiser then introduced FACAA Program Director Steve Sparks.

Steve congratulated the students for their commitment, and also thanked their family for the sacrifices they endured the past four years.

Steve Sparks introduced the instructors. Then went on to introduce the Graduates, Steve Sparks, and Rhonda Beeler and Aileah Ensley presented them their certificates, and a \$50 gift certificate from Tropic Supply.

Mr Sparks then announced Amanda Gaita as the Graduate of the Year. He presented her with a plaque and \$250, sponsored by Peter Montana of HVAC Insider

With the help of all the instructors and coordinators it has become one of the most successful HVAC programs in Florida.

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PBACCA Presents

GENERAL MEETING Thursday, October 6, 2022

8th Annual Food Drive

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President's Perspective



Tony Kiser

Greetings HVAC community!

It seems the summer months have flown by and Labor Day is upon us. For most of us, this equates to a long weekend, barbecues, and extra time spent with family and friends. The historical value of Labor Day was meant to celebrate the American worker, the daily laborers whose efforts contributed to our standard of living. I cannot think of anyone more appropriate to celebrate this Labor Day than those in the HVAC-R industry. It is our work that

keeps families cool in their homes, food refrigerated in restaurants, and chillers running in office buildings. I hope you find some time to relax over the holiday weekend, and, if you are that lucky individual to be on call this Labor Day, remind yourself of the importance of the work you are doing that helps others to live, work, and play in comfort.

As we approach the official start of autumn later this month, it seems our sweating summer pace has yet to slow. It takes perseverance to push through these last few weeks of exceptionally high temperatures and even more to do it with a positive attitude. They say that attitude is contagious and will spread quickly around our places of business, so let's all do our best to wear a smile and a can-do attitude so we finish out the summer heat on a high note.

If you haven't already, be sure to mark your calendar for our remaining PBACCA events in 2022:

- · General meeting at the Beach Club in Lake Worth Beach on October 6
- Golf tournament at the Wellington National Gold Club on November 18
- Casino Night at the Beach Club in Lake Worth Beach on December 1

I look forward to seeing you all throughout the upcoming months at these awesome networking and community-building events.

In unity

Tony

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PBACCA General Meeting And 8th Annual Food Drive

October 6, 2022

"The Beach Club" in Lake Worth Beach.

Program Speaker: PZB-Building Division Director Doug Wise

"What does the future hold for contractors and Permitting Process?"

Doug has been instrumental in making the Process of permitting in the county less burdensome with the decal program and Video inspections. He will be going over what he thinks the future holds for contractors and permitting. With open discussion and Q&A

Reservations are required

Reservation deadline Monday October 3, 5:00pm

Thursday, October 6 "The Beach Club"

One 7th Avenue North, Lake Worth, Fl. 33460

5:30 p.m. Check-in 6:30 p.m. meeting start's

No cost for meeting

Everyone will be ordering from the menu and paying for themselves

RSVP to Pam at pripple@pbacca.org

Would you like to sponsor a General Meeting?

\$250 Meeting sponsor / spotlight (includes 2 attendees and 5 minute introduction at the podium)

Contact Pam for more information:pripple@pbacca.org or 561-585-3880

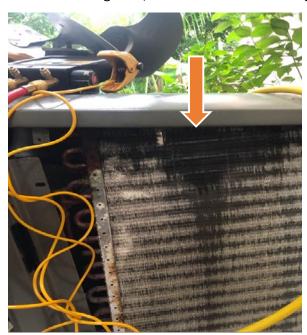
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LEAK DETECTION

By Kelly McCann

Today we are facing equipment and parts availability issues like we have never seen before. It is becoming more important now to find and repairs leaks. If replacement parts are not available and it's not time for the owner to replace the system - it may be time to hone up on our repair skills. In this month's article we'll discuss how proper leak detection helps us make refrigerant circuit repairs.

First comes diagnosis; let's be sure we are not going down the rabbit hole by chasing a leak that's not there.



When you diagnose a system and see low pressure don't automatically assume "low gas." Check the subcooling and superheat. Remember to check both values even though it may have a TXV. Subcooling is used for charging; however, we use superheat to check txv and coil performance. After you have confirmed the low pressure is not due to a restriction etc... the first tool you should use is your eyes. Do a visual inspection, do you see an oil stain on the coil [as seen in the image] or at a braze joint? If the system is void of refrigerant you can pressurize with nitrogen then look and listen for an obvious leak.

If no leak is found then its time to break out the leak detector. There are many types and brands of detectors but the procedures to use them are similar. Start by warming up and calibrating your electronic detector. You should start at the top working your way down, remember refrigerant is heavier

than air. Start your run over the likely spots: end bells of the coil, braze joints, fittings and flare fittings. Be cautious in the area around the service valves. Some techs fall into the "it's the Schrader valve" trap; that's not always the case. Keep your sensor moving slowly across the section you are searching? Leak detection becomes more of an art as you develop your strategies and procedures. It all comes with practice, keep it slow and be patient. Depending on the type of detector (ultrasonic types) it may be more critical to keep the sensor moving. When you get a light or sound indicating a presence of refrigerant its time to pinpoint the leak. Change the sensitivity level on your detector or switch to soap bubbles to further pinpoint the leak. It may be necessary to move some of the aluminum fins out of your way. Next is the part where it may be a departure from previous thinking. In the past, when we've found a leak we think; time to change the "coil" without really pinpointing the leak. We will need a precise location to make a repair. Once located, clean the area and make the repair. Aluminum coils can be repaired as well, if you have not learned how to repair aluminum its nothing to be intimidated by. Although, it does require some instruction and practice but it can be repaired. Depending on the leak location and type you may or may not be able to repair but I believe it's worth the effort to get our clients cooling again. Some types of leak are not easily repairable; if you run across an "ants nest or champagne" leak it may be too extensive to repair.

If you cannot locate a leak with the two methods above you may need to do an isolation test, maybe the leak is in the lineset or somewhere you cannot access with a leak detector. As always make certain you are taking care of your tools, keep you leak detector clean, calibrated and serviceable. Replacing the sensor element and batteries as required. Please stay safe and hydrated!

Palm Beach Air Conditioning Contractors Association is excited to announce that their Twentieth Annual Golf Tournament will Be held at the Beautiful Wellington National Golf Club, Wellington, Florida
On Friday, November 18 2022, 1:00 p.m.



Wellington National Golf Club is the proud host of a 2021 Puerto Rico Open Golf Championship Qualifier, a 2021 Honda Classic Qualifier, and in 2022 will host a U.S. Open Regional Qualifying site as well.

Wellington National Golf Club is an <u>Exclusive Member's only</u> golf and country club that features an award-winning golf course Designed by the legendary Johnny Miller. We are truly honored to have them host our 20th Annual Tournament.

The 4-man scramble will start the day with a complimentary Box lunch during check-in, SHOTGUN START at 1:00 p.m., drinks will be provided on the course, a Barbeque Dinner and award ceremony will immediately follow the tournament at Wellington National Golf Club Ballroom. Additional Dinner tickets can be purchased from PBACCA. In addition, there will be trophies for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place and prizes for the longest drive, straightest drive, closest to the pin, and more!

Sign your team up now! Treat your friends, business associates, or your employees to a day of fun! It is suggested that you register early because this tournament will be a sell-out with a waiting list.

Contact Pam with any questions regarding the tournament 561-585-3880 or pripple@pbacca.org





Tournament

Palm Beach Air Conditioning Contractors Association

WHERE

Wellington National Golf Club... 400 Binks Drive Wellington, FL 33414

WHEN

Friday, November 18th 2022

1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start Scramble

- Box Lunch at check in (11:30 p.m. check in)
- Drinks provided on the course
- Trophy and Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place
- Prizes for longest drive straightest drive, closest to pin and more!
- Raffle prizes for everyone!
- FREE Barbecue Dinner included with green fees to be held at Wellington National Golf CLUB Ballroom.

(Sponsorships still available)

The Awards Ceremony: After you finish, join us for the awards banquet at Wellington National Golf Club Ballroom. We will serve barbecue chicken, burgers, and hot dogs, slaw, potato salad, beans and more! Your family and friends are welcome to join for the awards ceremony and dinner.

Friday, November 18th Wellington National Golf Club

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PBACCA Twentieth Annual Golf Tournament Sponsorship/Volunteer Opportunities

We have specific sponsorships available, but will be open to other types of sponsorship suggestions. Please review the following list of opportunities, fill in the form below and mail to the specified address. Sponsorships on this list are first come-first serve basis. The earlier you confirm your sponsorship the more recognition you'll receive in future marketing.

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Palm Beach Air Conditioning Contractors Association Inc.

3rd Annual



Thursday, December 1, 2022
The Beach Club
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Registration 5:30... Games begin at 6:30pm
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For more information, to purchase sponsorship packages or individual tickets (\$100), or to make a donation, contact Pam Ripple 561-585-3880 or complete and return the Registration Form to pripple@pbacca.org or fax to 561-585-3347

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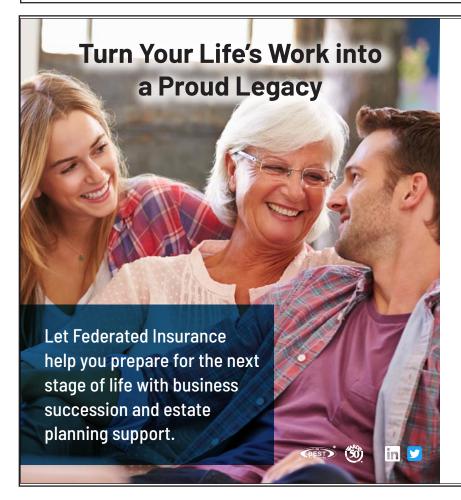
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Until December 31, 2022: Join PBACCA now for 2022 Membership and receive 2023 FREE

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We know that there are hundreds of HVAC/R contractors in the Palm Beach County area, many of who already belong to our association. There are also many contractors who probably have thought about joining, but did not know if they would like it. This "Beat the Heat" membership discount allows you to try out the PBACCA membership...with all its benefits for a very small investment.

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> T-6 Fort Pierce Resource Center

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Palm Beach Air Conditioning Contractors Association, Inc.

2022 CALENDAR of EVENTS

Sept 1 Board Meeting - 4:30 p.m.- Zoom

Oct 6 General Meeting - 5:30 p.m.- The Beach Club

One 7th Ave. North, Lake Worth, FL

8th Annual Food Drive

Nov 3 **Board Meeting** - 4:30 p.m.- **Zoom**

Nov 18 19th Annual Golf Tournament Wellington National Golf Club

400 Binks Drive Wellington, FL 33414

Dec 1 General Meeting - 5:30 p.m.-The Beach Club

One 7th Ave. North, Lake Worth, FL

3rd Annual Casino Night & 9th Annual Toy Drive

2023 Board Elections

Feb 1 General Meeting - 5:30 p.m.- The Beach Club

One 7th Ave. North, Lake Worth, FL

Feb 18 Skeet shooting -8am shotgun start

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I Want To Take It With Me

Rich old man had three younger friends that he wanted to do something nice for. He summoned them to his mansion. He told them he wanted to do something nice for each of them and was gonna give each one million dollars.

There was one stipulation, upon his death he wanted to be buried with that million from each of them. They all agreed. Several years later, the old man died. Fast forward to the grave site, the three men are there all by themselves.

1st man says to the 2nd man: "You know, I'm gonna miss our friend. But I have to admit it was tough to put all that money in the coffin."

2nd man acknowledges and says, "Yeah, I know what you mean."

The first two men look across the grave and say to the 3rd man, "You don't look so sad. Did you put your million in the coffin too?"

3rd man says: "Oh yes, I did, and I'm gonna miss him too. But I don't think he is gonna cash that check wherever he's going!"

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