

Pennsylvania Guild of Professional Chimney Sweeps

December 2017

Dear PA Guild Members,

This past year was another positive year for our Guild as well as business in general. With the current administration being pro business, my feeling it has helped our trade. Our Senate and House have just passed new tax laws that will further help our trade in the years to come.

In 2017, your Guild held many training events to further your education in our trade, from internet training in Region 5 and 6, to masonry training at Camp 93 and also our annual charity workshop last May in the Poconos. Thanks for all who helped at the workshop as well as Kevin McArdle, our Region 3 Director who setup this event.

We will continue this training mission again this year. Our first training will be held the Friday before the holiday party. We have Ryan Consultants holding a program about talking chimneys. From the initial phone contact, to the delivered estimate. Be sure to register and learn from a company that does this consistently to keep booked out months in advance.

We will continue our Charity Workshop in early May. This time it's a Girl Scout camp in Region 1. Please be sure to attend!

This year there are 2 conventions to attend in our trade. The national guild (NCSG) will be in Portland, Oregon in mid April. Closer to home, Certified Chimney Professionals (CCP) convention and trade show is in Valley Forge early April. I encourage you to attend at least one to keep up with the latest trends in our trade.

This is my 7th year as your president of our Guild. Elections were held in May and the entire Board was reelected to serve you. I will continue to serve in this position and welcome the challenge to setup events that further your education. I have also accepted a nomination to serve as region 2 Director for the NCSG. My feeling is that this nomination and possible appointment will actually help our Guild. If you are a member of the NCSG and you receive a ballot with my name, I would kindly welcome your support.

Here are the 2018 dates the Guild will be involved with:

January 19th – Talking Chimneys with Bill Ryan –Please go to our web site (PAGUILD.ORG) to register for this event. It will be held in Region 2.

Toftrees Golf Resort, 1 Country Club Lane, State College, PA 16803

January 20th – General Winter Meeting at Toftrees Golf Resort at 12:30

January 20th - Our Annual Holiday party at Toftrees Golf Resort at 6PM. Please register by 1-6-18. The form is enclosed.

April 5th, 6th & 7th – Chimney Expo in Valley Forge –See Chimneyexpo.com

April 18th to the 21st – NCSG Convention in Portland, Oregon

May 3rd, 4th & 5th- Our Annual Charity Workshop at Camp Redwing, 103 Rader School Rd, Renfrew, PA 16053 It's just north of Pittsburg.

June, July and August – Masonry training at Camp 93. We will be finishing our outdoor fireplace plus building a mockup chimney for training.

As you see it's a full schedule, we will add programs as needed.

If you know of a company that is near you, invite them to attend any of our events. Its better if we are all presenting the same information to our customers.

Mail your application and check to Ray payable to the PA Guild of Professional Chimney Sweeps.

I look forward to seeing you at our events in 2018.

Yours in Sweeping

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