This and that by Dana Oaks, Executive Director

A little over a year ago at the request of Peoria’s Mayor Ardis, I was asked to join a Committee that was being formed of business leaders, construction labor and management representatives and members of the NAACP and other members that serve the minority community, to investigate and recommend ways to give more minorities the ability to find their way into the construction trades. This group has become named PADEAT or Peoria Area Diversity in Employment Action Team.

We meet once a month to strategize educational opportunities, how best to reach out to minorities to seed in their minds the jobs that could await them if they can work themselves through the different levels of the apprenticeship hiring process. PADEAT has partnered with several other outreach entities in the Peoria area to provide training for math, writing, reading, and other soft skills such as how to interview and dressing for success in order to give the applicant all the tools they need.

PADEAT’s second career fair will be held on March 7th at the Woodruff Career and Technical School from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please feel free to stop by and see what PADEAT is doing to bring more diversity to the construction workplace.

Also, look for a press conference announcing PADEAT to the community that will be shortly forthcoming.
By The Numbers

Year End Plans received by the Plan Room

2014  485 plans with 438 visits to the Plan Room, and 28,010 visits to the Electronic Plan Room
2013  424 plans
2012  496 plans
2011  530 plans
2010  488 plans

Hours worked reported by Carpenters (#237-Zone 1), Ironworkers (#112), Laborers (#165), Cement Finishers (#18-12), Plasterers (#18-12), Operating Engineers (#649), all building contracts, year end 2014.

2014  1,298,258 hours
2013  1,526,823 hours
2012  1,725,817 hours
2011  1,461,909 hours
2010  1,700,346 hours

NEW MEMBERS

REGULAR MEMBERS —
Harold O'Shea Builders, Springfield, IL/East Peoria, IL

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS—
Absolute Masonry, Inc., Peoria, IL
AMP Electrical Services, Inc., Galesburg, IL
Lake Fire Protection, Inc., Delavan, IL
Stoops Plumbing, Peoria, IL
Zdi, Inc., Normal, IL

CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS—
Meglio & Associates, Inc., Chesterfield, MO
Summer & Associates Insurance, Washington, IL
Wise Safety & Environmental, St. Louis, MO/Bartonville, IL
Meet Brian Rumpf, Immediate Past President

I thought I would share a bit of my background with you.

I was born and raised in Peoria.

I attended Peoria High School and graduated in 1983.

From there I attended Iowa State University where I received my Bachelor of Science in Construction Engineering in 1988.

During the summers of 1986 and 1987 while still attending school I worked for Williams Brothers Construction and then was hired after graduation in 1988 and worked as a Project Manager until 1994.

From there I worked at River City Construction from 1994-2006.

In 2006 I went to work for CORE Construction.

I have been fortunate to work for these companies and worked on various types of projects including the Peoria Chiefs ballpark, schools, hotels, hospitals, and everyone's favorite waste water treatment plants.

I still live in Peoria and have been married to my wife Lori since 1990- (Please Remind me in November it will be our 25th anniversary). We have 15 year old twins Max and Molly who attend Richwoods High school and keep us busy going to all of their games.

Six years ago Dana asked me to serve on the board of directors for the GPCSA. Then 3 years ago asked me if I would be interested in serving on the Executive board and go through the chairs. It has been a great experience and an honor working with some of the finest construction people in our industry. In closing, I would like to thank everyone supporting the GPCSA.

AROUND THE ASSOCIATION

TREY SOLORIO HAS JOINED WRIGHT-WAY INTERIOR SYSTEMS LLC AS A PARTNER.

(IF YOU HAVE BUSINESS NEWS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO REPORT, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AND WE WILL GET IT IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.)
Negotiations for 2015

We have two trades to negotiate new contracts with this year -- Operating Engineers Local #649 and OPCMIA Local #18-Area 12 (cement masons). Collective bargaining rights have become due and a new settlement needs to be in place by the end of April.

GPCSA's Labor Committee's co-chairs Joe Hart of P.J. Hoerr, Inc. and Mike Dietz with River City Construction LLC are looking for members to serve both on the Labor Committee and those that are interested in becoming part of the negotiating teams. If you have an interest in this very important committee, please contact the GPCSA.

OSHA Top Ten Violations for 2014

1. Fall Protection 6143 violations
2. Hazard Communications 5161 violations
3. Scaffolding 4029 violations
4. Respiratory protection 3233 violations
5. Lockout/Tagout 2704 violations
6. Powered Industrial Trucks 2662 violations
7. Electrical Wiring Methods 2490 violations
8. Ladders 2448 violations
9. Machine Guarding 2200 violations
10. Electrical, General requirements 2056 violations
GPCSA Trustee Appointments for Fringe Funds for the following Trades  
Carpenters #237 Zone 1 (previously #183): Cement Masons #18-12: Iron Workers #112:  
Laborers #165: Operating Engineers #649: Plasterers #18-12

Carpenters #237 Zone 1  
Apprenticeship - Jim Hein, Mike Dietz  
Annuity – Jim Hein  
Health & Welfare – Jim Hein,  
Retirement Savings- Jim Hein, Bobby Taylor  
Pension Fund- Joe Hart  
Drug Testing Program-Randy Perau

Cement Masons #18-12  
Apprenticeship - Mike Childers  
Health & Welfare - Joe West, OPEN (this position would also serve Plasterers #18-12)  
Pension- Joe West, OPEN (this position would also serve Plasterers #18-12)

Iron Workers - #112  
Apprenticeship - Kirk Anderson, Jay Kulavic, Jim Harris  
Pension Fund- Jim Harris  
Welfare Fund- Dana Oaks

Laborers - #165  
Apprenticeship - No Rep.  
Welfare Fund- Dana Oaks  
Annuity – No Rep.  
Pension Fund- No Rep.  
Lecet- Dana Oaks  
Vac. Fund- Dana Oaks

Operating Engineers - #649  
Apprenticeship Com.- Tom Meischner  
Annuity – Tom Meischner  
H & W.- No Rep  
HRA – Tom Meischner  
Pension Fund – No Rep

Plasterers - #18-12  
Apprenticeship - No Rep.  
H&W - Joe West, OPEN (appointment would be same as Cement Masons)  
Pension- Joe West, OPEN (appointment would be same as Cement Masons)  
Drug Testing- OPEN