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SIDEBAR

Summer 2016

As you’ll see in this Sidebar, we’re having more Gild functions – Breakfasts and Gatherings, with not only “happy to be there” smiles, but obvious camaraderie amongst our fellow Gild members. As Gild members, you are honored to be among the elite of this Great Gas Industry and carrying on the tradition of this historic organization formed in 1937 is our privilege and duty. The Gild is each of us, striving to make it better, grow and set the standard for future generations of Supplers.

RECENT EVENTS........

District 1 held their holiday celebration on Wednesday, December 9th, at the Del Rae Restaurant in Pico Rivera CA.

Five gild members attended and a good time was had by all!! The Del Rae is a wonderful venue and ended being the perfect setting for the 2015 District 1 Christmas luncheon. Below is a picture of the five Gild members celebrating the holidays, as we all are looking forward to a healthy and bountiful 2016. Special recognition here to Murray Royce, who made the trip down from Northern California in part to participate in our celebration.
District 7 Gild members gathered at the Benjamin Steakhouse in NYC December 17, 2015.
*Please note Sir Gus Buchhalter in attendance.*

Look at the size of that bacon!
Mayor Young presents a charity check to Guiding Eyes for the Blind on behalf of the Gild at the SOGO’s Christmas Party December 17, 2015

Below is the thank you letter we received from Guiding Eyes for the Blind:

January 26, 2016

Gild of Ancient Suppliers
4955 S. Berkeley Lake Road
Norcross, GA 30093

Dear Gild of Ancient Suppliers:

It is with the deepest gratitude that we acknowledge your $250.00 contribution to Guiding Eyes for the Blind. Your gift was received December 18, 2015 and will be used for Guiding Eyes for the Blind’s general operating fund in support of our mission.

At Guiding Eyes for the Blind, it is our mission to provide guide dogs to people with vision loss, as well as service dogs for children with autism. We are passionate about connecting exceptional dogs with individuals and families for greater independence.

This year, we plan on graduating 150 guide dogs for people from all walks of life and supporting 1,000 active graduates around the nation. For these dogs who do not make it as a guide dog, our careful stewardship of donor dollars allows us to train and place autism service dogs in our local community as well as release dogs in partnership with other disability and law enforcement agencies.

From the Guiding Eyes’ family to yours, we wish you all the best and thank you for keeping us in mind making decisions about charitable contributions in the future.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Linda Press
Vice President Strategic Partnerships

For tax purposes, we are required to inform you that no goods or services were rendered in consideration of this donation.
District 1 held an informal breakfast meeting at the Barcino Restaurant in the Hyatt Regency in San Diego, CA on Thursday March 31, 2016. The breakfast meeting was held in conjunction with the Western Energy Institute’s Operations Conference and we had a record 7 members in attendance for this event. This represents the most members in attendance in recent memory and allows us to consider hosting a formal gild meeting at this event next year.

Attendees included: Bill Murtaugh, Alderman Dist. 1, Rick Mooney, Warden Dist. 1, PMXXXIII Jim Micklos, Vince O'Connor, Michelle Trapp, Bill Marshall & Howard Lyon
SGA Management Conference Gild Gathering held at the historic Menger Bar in San Antonio, TX April 7, 2016

Mayor Young poses at the entrance to the historic Menger Bar in San Antonio, TX

Caped Gild members accompany Mayor Young on stage at the AGA Operations Conference Opening Ceremony at the Arizona Biltmore April 20, 2016
Mayor Young presents a Gild tile to Ron Bradley of PECO Energy. A $500 charity check was also presented to Ron Bradley for his charity of choice, Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Capes on Stage at AGA Operations Conference Opening Ceremony

District 7 Warden Paul Sully presented a Gild tile to speaker, Amos Barnes, Director of Corporate Engineering for Southern Connecticut Gas Company
Honorary Master Gild Member & NGA President, Tom Kiley speaks at the NGA Gild Breakfast. (Left). Senior Warden Dean McGowan poses with retiree, Roger Lebel (Right)

Sr. Warden Dean McGowan, Warden Paul Sully, Alderman Scott Vigil and PM XXVIII David Bettinghaus present a Gild “retirement tile” to former Alderman & Warden, Roger Lebel in honor of his years of service in the gas industry.
This year’s NGA Gild Breakfast was unique in quite a few ways. First and foremost, we had 11 total attendees with 2 Burghers in the mix. This is the best attendance we have had at this breakfast yet. We had Amos Barnes, Director of Corporate Engineering for Southern Connecticut Gas Company speak to us about how important product standardization is to his multi-divisional utility company called AvantGrid. We also had fellow Gild member and Northeast Gas Association President, Tom Kiley share some very real concerns about local groups organizing very real protests against the use of Natural Gas as a fuel due to perceived problems with carbon footprint. Ex: FANG is Families Against Natural Gas. We all realized that there is a very real threat from uneducated folks mounting negativity on our industry and, they are getting press.

Paul Sully requested a special Gild tile for Roger Lebel, Performance Pipe Regional Territory Manager for the gas industry. This was Roger’s last meeting as an employee for Performance Pipe since he is retiring this month. Paul presented the tile after sharing some youthful pictures of our friend Roger, along with some funny stories from his career we all touched somewhere along the way. It was a wonderful moment and one that made us see the value in the Gild relationships we have built over the years. Congrats to Roger on a battle well fought and relationships well earned. Roger told a great joke that we all decided no one could top so we didn't try. (See “A Little Bit of Humor,” below)

NEW SUPPLIERS…..
Please join me in welcoming the following new Suppliers of the Gild:

- Frank Rampton, Sales & Marketing at Trenton Corporation. This is Frank’s 16th year involved with the gas industry, all working with the Trenton Corporation. Trenton is a manufacturer/provider of products and service to the as market. We provide external coatings to gas pipelines.

FORMER SUPPLIERS……..
The Gild leadership would like your assistance in reaching out to former members within your district or knowledge, who might be interested in reconnecting with the Gild. These former members might have ceased membership due to varying issues such as corporate policy changes, employment relocation, disconnection or merely lack of communication. The Gild by-laws allow reinstating former members and we welcome your assistance in getting the word out that they are welcome back in and now have an option to pay dues by credit card.

RETIERED/RETIURING SUPPLIERS……..

Roger Lebel served as both Warden and Alderman for several years and was presented with a Gild “retirement tile” at the NGA Gild Breakfast, recognizing his service to the industry.

Sir John Schnitzer will be retiring from GE Oil & Gas effective August 1, 2016.

Mayor Young’s Special Acknowledgement:
In the 79 years since the Gild’s inception there have Thirty-five (35) Gild Mayors, there have been Forty-four (44) Presidents of the United States and Twenty-three (23) Prime Ministers of Canada, but there have only been TEN (10) Knights of the Gild.

An elite group, below is the list of these Knights, whom are forever always referred to as Sir!

W.O. Danhausen*  G.W. Burrell
P.D. Fowler*  Wayne Hennigar
W.F. Morris  R.W. Lyall*
S.T. Roberson  Gus Buchhalter
F.M. Chapman  John Schnitzer
For all those, like myself who have known (shall I also say enjoyed being entertained by), Sir John, we wish Sir John and Christine all the best. While most deservingly honored as a Knight, I suppose many of us will remember and always consider Sir John as the “Greatest Jokester” and ”Par Excellence Fine Collector” Sergeant-At-Arms of all time! A personal memory for me is at a Gild Breakfast 20 years ago, as I’d lost (another one of) my Gild pins, I’d borrowed one from fellow Gild member Ed Young Sr. Not realizing my fellow Gild member had secretly informed Sergeant-At-Arms Schnitzer of my deed. At the Gild Breakfast, Sir John seemed to hone in on (actually felt like an interrogation of) me with questions about the validity and authenticity of the pin, before telling everyone the truth and promptly levying a huge five ($5) dollar fine on me!!!

Please join me in honoring a true legend and send Sir John Schnitzer a High Five Left Hand of Congratulations.

Please see below, a most gracious and heartfelt note from the Gild’s most recent Knight – Sir John Schnitzer who is retiring:

“Effective August 1, 2016 I am retiring after 43 years serving the Natural Gas Industry. I so vividly remember starting my career in June of 1973 with Rockwell International in Pittsburgh, PA. They told me I will love the gas industry because I will develop true friendships with customers and competitors. I was young and skeptical but how right they were. I was sooo excited to be invited to join the Gild and attend the 6:29am breakfasts to be with friends and laugh at the quick wit and raw jokes. I got to travel this great country and others in the world and always found that special bond between customers and suppliers. We need each other and we work together as partners. The support, love and recognition I received from the members of the Gild is cherished by me now and always. Fortunately, the 2017 AGA Operations Conference is in Florida where Christine and I plan to stay. Please include me for breakfast!”

UPCOMING GILD PROJECTS……..
• For the Gild’s continuing efforts to increase the Gild’s awareness in the Industry, Mayor Young accepted Alderman Vigil’s suggestion to hand out the Glad You Asked brochure at any Gild “Capes on Stage” appearances. And in regards to this, Alderman Vigil working with Clark Kleppe to develop an “elevator speech” for all new Gild members in the form of a letter to these members to increase their knowledge of the Gild and pass on to any that ask, what the Gild means and what it means to them.

• In addition to Alderman Vigil & Clerk Kleppe’s efforts in creating an “elevator speech,” Mayor Young has created a Gild Business Card to hand out to others in the gas industry to promote membership in the Gild. Below is what the business card looks like. If you are interested in obtaining some of these to hand out at your leisure, please contact Asst. Keeper of the Treasure, Anne Blong at anne@suppliersgild.org.
• Historian Kris Kimmel, along with several PMs have formed a Committee to begin the process of catching up and completing the Gild Chronicles, as preserving our history and insuring the respected leaders of the Gild are duly recorded.

GILD WEBSITE……..

In addition to the photos above, more photos from recent Gild events, as well a list of upcoming events can be found on the Gild website at www.suppliersgild.org. It’s good way to keep up with Gild goings on. If there are additional gas industry related events that you would like to see on the Gild event calendar, please share the details with Anne Blong at anne@suppliersgild.org.

A DAY IN GILD HISTORY……..

UPCOMING EVENTS……..

July 25    APGA Annual Conference Gild Capes on Stage @ Newport Marriott Newport, RI 10:10am
July 26    APGA Annual Conference Gild Gathering in the Newport Room 3:59pm
July 26    SGA Operating Conference Gild Gathering Tuesday 2:00pm – 2:30pm at The Grove located right across the street from the Hilton Americas.
August 3    AGMSC Gild Breakfast at Embassy Suites Pittsburgh Airport 6:29am
August 10   Gild Great Council Meeting 2pm at Mayo Civic Center – Room TBD
August 11   MEA Annual Gas Operations Technical & Leadership Summit Gild Breakfast at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center MacArthur Room (4th Floor) 6:29am
Sept.      ASGMT Gild Gathering Houston, TX - Date & Time TBD
A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR……..

An elderly couple was in bed watching TV before turning in for the night like they have for the last 30+ years. The woman was laying down kind of rolled over drifting off to sleep with covers on. Husband getting frisky…or so his wife thinks….he reaches and touches her shoulder rubbing gently ……she internally thinks….what is going on….why is he touching me…guy withdraws hands… then guy reaches down and touches her butt feeling around a bit….she begins to melt….internally thinks, is it possible, after all these years….will there be more to this? Man withdraws his hands and begins to reach to her chest area again moving his hands around in a caressing motion. She starts to get excited and almost cries out with anticipation….man withdraws hands…he then goes down to her crotch with a similar motion and she just relinquishes all control finally calling out…”Oh Roger…it’s been so long….take me, I’m yours!” to which Roger responds, “what are you talking about, I was just looking for the TV remote!” …As told by recently retired Gild member, Roger Lebel at the NGA Gild Burgher Breakfast.

MAYOR’S MEMO……..

I’m glad that was a retiree’s joke (Roger Lebel) and not mine. Roger, congrats on a great career, your service to the Gild, and always being a true gentleman. Please let me and your Gild leaders know your thoughts and comments or concerns, general or specific in nature on the Gild. Also, I want to take this opportunity to recognize Anne Blong, as without her support and devotion to the Gild these Sidebars would not be possible.

Thank you With a Humble and Respectful Left Hand,

Mayor Ed Young Jr.