We had a wonderful turnout for the annual Gild Burgher Breakfast held during the AGA Operations Conference & Biennial Exhibits in Grapevine, TX. During the AGA Operations Conference Opening Ceremony, caped Suppliers join newly appointed Mayor, Ed Young, Jr. for the Gild’s Capes on Stage.

A charity check was donated on behalf of the Gild to Terry McCallister’s charity of choice, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington. Below is further information about this wonderful organization.

The mission of Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington is to help boys and girls of all backgrounds, especially those who need us most, build confidence, develop character and acquire the skills needed to become productive, civic-minded, responsible adults.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington was established in 1886 as the Newsboys and Children’s Aid Society. In the early 1900s, the Working Boys Home and Children’s Aid Association replaced this organization and enlarged the scope of service to neighborhood boys.

With the support of the Rotary Club of Washington, D.C., a board of trustees was established and the name changed to Boys Clubs of Washington. In 1973, Boys Clubs of Washington began serving girls as full and equal members. In July of 1981, Boys Clubs of Washington changed its name to Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington to reflect its new direction.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington is now a major metropolitan affiliate of Boys & Girls Clubs of America with 12 sites over a 75-mile radius from Virginia to Germantown, Maryland.

CHILDREN TODAY FACE INCREDIBLE ODDS. Reality threatens to rob youth of the childhood they deserve. Some manage to reach adulthood intact and strong. Yet so many struggle
and fall between the cracks, never realizing their potential. Here at BGCGW we help our members realize their potential and reach higher than they ever imagined.

**RECENT EVENTS……..**

Suppliers Tony Spivey, Ed Young, Dean McGowan, Roy Sutterfield, Tom Brown, Dean Lightfoot, Jon Beam, Paul Wehnert, Gerald Sims, Lamar Jones, Jim Deal and Jude Rossi at the **Gild Gathering held during the SGA Spring Gas Conference March 24, 2015 at the Sheraton Charlotte Hotel in Charlotte, NC**

District 1 Warden, Bill Murtaugh hosted an informal **Gild breakfast held at the Red Rock Resort in Las Vegas NV on Thursday, April 23, 2015.** The breakfast was held in conjunction with the **Western Energy Institutes Operations Conference.**
District 1 Warden Bill Murtaugh extends his personal thanks to Paul, Michelle, Howard and Bill for making the time to get together.

Also hosted by District 1 Warden Bill Murtaugh was the WGMSC Gild Breakfast in Portland, OR May 6, 2015
Suppliers enter the Breakfast Hall and join in fellowship prior to the AGA Gild Burgher Breakfast in Grapevine, TX May 20, 2015.

Newly appointed Sergeant-At-Arms, Brad Frantzen assists Sergeant-At-Arms, Scott Kranstuber to collect fines from guilty parties.

Mayor Brown Knights Sir John Schnitzer during the 2015 AGA Gild Burgher Breakfast in Grapevine, TX.
Mayor Brown presents the *Warden of the Year* award to District 1 Warden, Bill Murtaugh, who is now the Far West Alderman. Another *Warden of the Year* award went to District 6 Warden, Russ Schrey, now the Mid-Atlantic Alderman.

Mayor Brown becomes Past Mayor XXXIV as he hands over the Mayor’s Cape to Senior Warden, Ed Young, Jr.

Adorned with their capes, Past Mayors gather for a group photo around the Gild’s Objectives Blocks with newly appointed Mayor, Ed Young, Jr. 🧟‍♂️🧟‍♂️🧟‍♂️
During the NGA Operations School Gild Breakfast held on June 2, 2015 in Smithfield, RI, New District 7 Alderman Scott Vigil ushered in Paul Sully as the new Warden for District 7 Northeast (The Colonial). We thanked George Lomax for his years of service as Alderman in District 6 and ushered in Russ Schrey to the position. There were 3 Burghers, one of which was a speaker. Scott LaPlante, Manager of Pressure Mgmt. & Meter Operations from MA/CT based Eversource Energy, shared his thoughts on the value of today’s quality supplier. Tom Kiley, the NGA’s President, gave us all an update on the criticality of safety in our industry as well as sharing the current struggle the northeast has with supplies of natural gas for power generation. There were a few corny jokes and all mused over the extra crunchy bacon which appeared to have been cooked with a blow torch.

NEW SUPPLERS……..

As evident with the growing number of new and highly esteemed Gild members, the Gild is rapidly revitalizing and our traditions being passed on to many to continue to carry forward with honor. Please join me in welcoming the following new Supplers of the Gild:
- Jason Burke, Vice President of Sales at Tecvalco Ltd. in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Jason has worked at Tecvalco, Ltd. For 15 years. All 15 of those years he has been involved in the natural gas industry and has worked with gas contractors and gas utility companies. In September of 2014 he took on the challenge of VP of Sales of Tecvalco.

- Donald G. Barder, President & COO of Liberty Coating Company. Donald has been in the gas industry since 1989. He has worked for companies that apply coating to gas pipe and served in various positions throughout his 26 years in the gas industry.

- Todd Willis, Business Development Manager at SICK, Inc. Todd began his career with Dresser Industries in 1993. Through his 19 years with Dresser, he worked in a variety of areas with the majority being Product Management and Sales.

- Dan Rosinski, Gas Products National Sales Manager at Georg Fischer Central Plastics. Dan was with Elster Perfection for 19 years prior to his current position.

- Rick Gava, Senior Account Manager at Tecvalco Ltd. Rick has been with Tecvalco for ten years.

- Martin Schlebach, Director, Global Business Development at Daniel Measurement and Control. Since 1986, ninety percent of Martin’s time is involved in gas related pursuits. Martin provided sales & service of natural gas equipment at Daniel Measurement and Control prior to his promotion to Director, Global Business Development. Martin previously served as VP of Sales CT Products with Keohne Oil and Gas.


- Bill Adcox, Branch Manager at Consolidated Pipe & Supply Co., Inc. For the past 31 years, Bill has been the Branch Manager at the Charlotte, NC location. He has been involved with the natural gas industry and has been with Consolidated Pipe & Supply Co., Inc. for 40 years, first working in Nashville, TN as a sales representative and then Operations Manager. He was sent to Charlotte, NC to open and run the branch and was responsible for opening 5 other branches for Consolidated Pipe & Supply Co., Inc, a which sells pipe, valves and fittings to both transmission and distribution companies.

- Mark Ripley, Branch Manager at Consolidated Pipe & Supply, Inc. in Richmond, VA. Mark brings 36+ years of experience selling gas piping materials to utilities, contractors & municipalities in Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, W. Virginia, Pennsylvania and North Carolina. Prior to his 19 years with Consolidated Pipe & Supply, Mark worked for A& P Supplies/WaterPro for 17 years.

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL FORM......
The online membership proposal form is available on the Gild website at:  
http://suppliersgild.org/member-login/membership-proposal/
Any member of the Gild may propose any eligible person for membership. National and Regional Association Staff personnel shall also be eligible for Gild Membership providing they meet the ten year industry involvement requirement.

Pursuant to Article 3 of the By-Laws:
Membership
SECTION 1-A. Eligibility. An individual who has provided as a substantial part of his business activity, products and/or services for use in the Gas Industry. The individual shall have served this industry for 10 or more years in a worthy, honorable and ethical manner and be active currently. This individual must not be in a business whose primary purpose is the sale or transportation of gas and must not have previously declined Gild membership.

And Pursuant to Article 1 of the By-Laws:
3. The clerk will communicate with the references given by the proposer and upon receipt of their replies will forward copies of the proposer’s letter and replies from references to all members of the Great Council who will approve or reject the candidate.

4. In the case of approval of the candidate by four members of the Great Council, the Clerk shall immediately write to all members of the Gild telling them the name, business connection, years of service and address of the candidate and that he has been approved by the Great Council.

5. In the case of lack of approval by four members of the Great Council, the Clerk shall immediately notify the proposer of the rejection of his candidate.

6. Should any Gild member disapprove of the candidate’s election, he shall, within thirty days from date of notification of approval of candidate by the Great Council, state his objections truthfully to the Mayor in a confidential communication. The objection will be communicated to the Great Council who, within sixty days from first approval, shall elect by vote of at least, four members of the Great Council, or in the lack of such vote, reject the candidate.

GILD WEBSITE

With the change of term and welcoming of new Supplers, the Officers of the Gild and Membership Roster have been updated on the Gild website. Enjoy browsing through additional pictures from past events that are routinely added to the website following each event.

As a reminder, the following credentials are required to login to the Gild website:
Website address is www.suppliersgild.org
User Name: gildgas
Password: 51pine12

DISTRICTS

In 2004, the following three former districts were combined to create The Colonial District 7:
7. Delaware & Chesapeake Reaches
8. Knickerbocker Patroons
9. Yankee

In 2014 the Great Council dropped District 9 GAMA, as it no longer exists. These changes are represented in the attached District Map, which can also be found on the Gild website.
PINS........
It has come to our attention that many of you are in need of new Gild tie tacs/pins that signify your current Gild position. Your member status is based your number of years in the gas industry. Using the chart below, please determine if you are in need of an updating pin and if so, contact Anne Blong at anne@supplersgild.org to order a new pin.

Master (25 years) – White Diamond Sapphire
Yeoman (20 years) – Pale Yellow Topaz
Apprentice (15 years) – Orange Sapphire
Villein (10 years) - Ruby

CAPES........
With the recent changeover of Officers, Alderman and Wardens, many have already transferred their capes to the new Suppler in their reigning position. Senior Warden McGowan will contact with Cape holders to obtain the status of their capes.

GLAD YOU ASKED BROCHURE........
We have a plentiful supply of Glad You Asked brochures available to hand out or display at shows and conferences to those involved in the gas industry who may express interest in what the Gild is all about. These brochures explain the purpose of the Gild of Ancient Suppliers and are a great conversation piece for Suppliers you may be interested in recruiting to join the Gild. If you would like copies of the Glad You Asked brochures, please contact Anne Blong at anne@supplersgild.org with how many you will need and the address to send them to.

A DAY IN GILD HISTORY........

Twentieth Annual Session and Birthday Party
Atlantic City with A.G.A. in 1958

HIGHER GILD........
Please take a moment of silence in remembrance of the following members who have moved onto the Higher Gild:

Former member Paul Miller, Master Greybeard, from Miller Pipeline passed to the Higher Gild on March 24, 2015. His brother Paul, not a member of the Gild, passed away the following day.
**UPCOMING EVENTS……..**

You will receive an email invitation once we verify the dates and locations for Gild events to be held in conjunction with the following:

- **MANGO Summer Safety Conference in Lake of the Ozarks, MO** June 24 – 26, 2015
- **SGA Operating Conference & Exhibits in Nashville, TN** July 20 – 22, 2015
- **APGA Annual Conference in Broomfield, CO** July 26 – 29, 2015
- **AGMSC in Pittsburgh, PA** August 3 – 6, 2015
- **MEA Annual Gas Operations Technical & Leadership Summit in Rochester, MN** August 11 – 13, 2015
  - Gild Burgher Breakfast and Great Council Meeting

Updates to the 2015 Gild Events Calendar will be posted to the website as soon as we verify the dates and locations for the Gas Industry-related events.

You may view the complete Gild Events calendar on our website at: [http://supplersgild.org/member-login/meetings/](http://supplersgild.org/member-login/meetings/)

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At a Captain’s Choice golf tournament, after a huge buffet breakfast, several foursomes took to the links.
On the 3rd tee one of the players experienced a strong brown bomber urge,
So he quickly bounded off the tee box to take cover in the trees,
Butt there was a problem,
As his foursome had carried on without him,
So, the next foursome came to the 3rd tee box,
When the first player, a serious golfer addressed his ball,
There came a pssst, pssst from the woods, “Hey buddy, got any papertowels”?&nbsp;
Startled and backing away from his ball, the golfer of the tee, said, “NO”! and again addressed his ball,
And again a psssst, psssst from the woods, “Hey friend, got any golf magazines, or maybe some extra scorecards”?&nbsp;
The irritated reply was “NO, stop bothering me, let me hit!”
At which time upon re-addressing his ball,
Another and louder with urgency psssssssst, psssssssst from the woods, “Well do you have change for a $20”?
*Often told at Gild Breakfasts and credited to Higher Gild member, Ed Young, Sr.*

**MAYOR’S MEMO……..**

I would like to express to all Gild Members my appreciation and honor to serve as your Mayor, as it is truly a high privilege to serve this group of distinguished colleagues and peers. The long held traditions and values of the Gild are important to all of us and give us a sense of pride to be members of an association founded in 1937.
As Mayor, I am most respectful of all the XXXIV Past Mayors in our history and the dedication and commitment each of them gave and are still giving to the Gild. Also, I wanted to recognize and thank your current Gild Officers – Senior Warden McGowan, Clerk Kleppe and Keeper of the Treasure Nolte, as they are both a noble and notable group of leaders that have served the Gild with distinction and are well qualified and positioned to continue the revitalization that PM Brown so significantly and appreciatively began. Larry, my personal thanks for your leadership and support of me, the other Officers and the general Gild membership…. well done!

To the Wardens and Aldermen, thank you for your service and know that your efforts are critical to the Gild in keeping the various Districts and Regions actively participating in Gild functions.

Fellow Gild members, I believe it important to commend Anne Blong, as her commitment and talents are to be highly valued by all of the Gild in keeping us informed and focused.

All of us are fortunate to be in the Natural Gas Industry, a not only vibrant and expanding Industry, but a “home grown” energy source that has an boundless future. I wonder if the founding members and of the Gild and Customers (and even in more recent times) could ever have imagined Natural Gas’s current energy standing, no longer the stepchild of the electric Industry or a non-essential luxury fuel (at least in warmer parts).

So, we’re in a great Industry that to my knowledge is the only Industry to have an organization of peers that embody the highest standards of honor and integrity of our Gild.

“We are a unique fraternity organization of suppliers to the gas industry throughout the U.S. and Canada. The select group’s primary objective is to encourage the use of gas and basically strive to promote good will and good fellowship among its members and to the great industry of natural gas.”

“The objects of this Association shall be: To encourage the use of gas. To promote and preserve goodwill and good fellowship among the members and the gas industry. To encourage, maintain and guard the highest ideals of service, integrity and loyalty in its members in their relationships to their customers, clients, associates, employers or principals. To provide an agency of assistance in any legitimate manner for those members who may require it.”

With an Grateful Left Hand,
Ed Young
Districts

District #1 – Rising Sunset

District #2 – Mountains Lakes Plains

District #3 – Santa Fe Trail – Lone Star La Salle

District #4 – Dixie

District #5 – Tippecanoe

District #6 – Our First West

District #7 – Colonial District

District #8 – From Sea to Sea