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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*I am pleased to announce the publication of a new Master Painter's newsletter.
My purpose is to keep you updated on information and events of interest and importance to you.
I hope that in the coming months this newsletter can be a way for us to communicate with our members
and to give you useful feedback about the industry and the association.
I welcome your input as to what issues and features you would like to see in future newsletters.*

— Todd Nugent
President, Association of Master Painters and Decorators
of New York

Bruce Ruinsky Named Executive Director

As you know the Association recently hired Bruce Ruinsky as its new Executive Director. Bruce comes to us with an extensive background in government, labor relations, executive administration and law.

"As your new Executive Director my first goal is to serve the needs of Association members. I am only a phone call or email away and I am here to help. I look forward to working with all of you to make the Association an effective voice for your interests."

— Bruce Ruinsky

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181st CONVENTION at the ATLANTIS HOTEL and RESORT BAHAMAS

NOVEMBER 8, 2006 to NOVEMBER 12, 2006

The convention is rapidly approaching. Make your travel plans now- Send us your registration forms-sign up for golf. If you have any questions about the upcoming convention or need assistance in making travel arrangements, call Bruce Ruinsky at the Association office-212 -697-4790. Special thanks to Mac Kushner and JoAnn Miano for their hard work to make this convention a great success.

Entering the Bahamas

US Citizens

To enter the Bahamas U.S. citizens need ONE of the three documents listed below, accompanied by a return ticket. If you are using an electronic ticket, you will need to show immigration a copy of your travel itinerary and ticket number.

Passport- Current or expired (up to maximum of five years since expiration date)

Or

Official Birth certificate. For persons 17 Years of age and older: An original certificate issued by the U.S. Govt. or court-certified copy (raised or ink seal) is required, accompanied by an official photo ID (driver's license or voter's card).

Photo ID alone is not acceptable as adequate documentation.

For persons 16 years of age and younger:

A birth certificate is all that is required. If the Traveler is a student and possesses a student ID, the traveler should also carry the student ID to facilitate being processed by Bahamas immigration.

Bahama Quick Facts

Currency: The Bahamian dollar is equivalent to the US dollar. Both are accepted throughout the Island.
Time Zone: Eastern Standard Time
Power: Standard North American 120/60 cycle AC electrical outlets.



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Deborah Hospital Dinner

The Deborah Hospital is a unique medical facility. This world renowned heart and lung center is distinguished by its outstanding level of care and by the fact that no one has ever received a bill for medical treatment at this medical center. Please join us to celebrate and support the important work done at Deborah Hospital and to support two outstanding leaders in our industry and labor community, President of the Association of Master Painters and Decorators of New York, Todd Nugent and DC 9 Business Manager/Secretary Treasurer Joseph Ramaglia.

HOLD THIS DATE
DSATURDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 30, 2006

D.C. 9
New York
District Council 9 Painters and Allied Trades
International Union of Painters and Allied Trades

Testimonial Dinner-Dance
In Honor of
JOSEPH RAMAGLIA
Business Manager/Secretary Treasurer, District Council 9, IUPAT
and
TODD NUGENT
President of T.F. NUGENT, INC.
President of the Association of Master Painters
And Decorators of New York, Inc.
Benefiting
Deborah Hospital Foundation
at THE SHERATON NEW YORK HOTEL AND TOWERS
7th Avenue at 53rd Street, New York City

Dinner Co-Chairmen
BILL ELFELD
President, District Council 9, IUPAT
and
JEROME HABER
President, W & W Glass Systems
President of the Window and Plate Glass Dealers Association of New York

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
COCKTAILS: 7:00 P.M.
DINNER: 8:00 P.M.
DRESS OPTIONAL

Something to Remember

FOR RESERVATIONS & FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (718) 631-3500

APPRENTICE CENTER SITE VISIT

Recently, Bruce Ruinsky met with Paul Belliveau, Director of Apprenticeship and Training at the Finishing Trades Training Center to tour the facility. This state of the art apprentice training center is undoubtedly one of the most successful operations of its kind in the United States. The center boasts a wide range of equipment and materials and is staffed with expert instructors whose mission is to turn out highly trained apprentices. In an effort to increase awareness and Association involvement in the Training center, several of you have volunteered to serve on an apprentice committee which will soon meet at the facility. The success of the facility is a credit to Paul Belliveau's hard work as well as the financial support and vision of the Union and the Association of Master Painters and Decorators of New York.

OSHA

Recently, you received emails from the Association about OSHA respirator regulations. Plans are moving ahead to provide training and standardized compliance procedures. The three basic issues which will form the foundation of the program are:

1. Standardized set of written procedures.
2. Medical questionnaire and evaluation.
3. Fitment tests.

JOINT TRADE COMMITTEE

As you know the collective bargaining agreement between the Association of Master Painters and Decorators and District Council 9 provides for a Joint Trade Committee composed of representatives of both the Association and the Union. The Joint Trade Committee arbitrates charges alleging violations of the trade agreement. Frequently, charges are brought by the union against employers charging failure to file a job registration or an overtime permit. Some important and common requirements you should be aware of:

1. Association employers must register with the union prior to the commencement of any job.
2. Overtime work can only be carried out with the permission of the Union. Association employers must obtain an overtime permit from the union at least 48 hours in advance of the work to be performed, whenever possible.
3. It is the responsibility of every employer to submit weekly "Shop Steward Reports".
4. Association employers shall have no restrictions placed upon the use of the spray and paste machines. The Association is mindful of this important part of our Trade Agreement and strongly supports its enforcement.

If you have questions about the Trade Agreement, the Joint Committee, enforcement of its provisions, or your obligations under the agreement, please call or email Bruce Ruinsky at the Association office.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Painting Industry Promotion Fund is proud to announce that the following children of District Council 9 members were awarded scholarships in 2006. Over the past twenty-five years, the Promotion Fund has awarded more than a million dollars in scholarships.

Katherine Biggs	Giovanni Oliveri
Samantha Castoro	John Seidita
Sal Frisina	Christopher Seidita
Marialena Izzo	Jeremy Trazoff
Alexandra Kittle (recipient of scholarship awarded by local 806)	

Congratulations to these deserving young people— Good luck in college!

Future Events

Meet and Greet our friends from DC 9.

We will be holding a luncheon in the near future to give you an opportunity to get together with union leaders and business agents. This will be an opportunity to meet in an informal setting. Time and place to be announced.

Website and email address

The Association will soon be online. Keep an eye out for a new website for the Association of Master Painters and Decorators of New York. We will also be utilizing a new email address in the near future. Details to follow.

Trade Show

The Association is planning a trade show for the Spring of 2007. Please contact Bruce Ruinsky at the Association office with your thoughts and suggestions regarding this event.

The Association of Master Painters and Decorators of New York has represented the interests of painting contractors since 1825. The Association's goal is to promote the painting and decorating industry in New York and to assist our members in the areas of labor relations and compliance with governmental regulations.

Please call the Association at 212-697-4790, or send an email to Masterpaintersnyc@att.net for further information or to inquire about joining us.