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Summer 2009

Director's Diary

We have had a great year in the FMA&EF, Inc.! First of all, don't worry about remembering the name; we registered the Florida Masonry Apprentice and Educational Foundation, Inc. (FMA&EF), as the Masonry Education Foundation. So just say "Masonry Education Foundation" and that is us. See how easy that was? This makes Jerry Painter of Painter Masonry and probably a lot of you very happy.

The Masonry Education Foundation (MEF) has diversified into a multi-faceted masonry training organization. First and foremost is our management and support of masonry apprenticeship training around the state. That function is our main thrust. However, we have taken on the Masonry Inspection and Certification Workshop, formally run by the Florida Concrete & Products Association (FC&PA). This course has been added to our full offering of masonry education courses including the very successful Structural Masonry Design Seminar. (See page 5 for dates and locations or go to www.masonryeducation.org for complete details and registration)

Another facet of the Masonry Education Foundation is our association with the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) as an industry supporting partner. In this role, the MEF runs the NCCER Instructor Certification and Training Program (ICTP) which certifies high school, trade school and other education instructors to teach the NCCER curriculum. After certifying these instructors, the MEF provides ongoing support for an annual and per student fee.

And lastly, we have been awarded two grants. One grant is for managing the Orange County Correction's mason tender program. We have taught over 300 mason tenders through this program. And the second grant is an OSHA grant to train construction workers in north Florida about different aspects of safety. The OSHA grant has expansion opportunities next year and it is in partnership with Tallahassee Community College.

So, as you can see, "YOUR" Masonry Education Foundation has been very active in promoting the masonry training message throughout the state and in many different venues.

And remember, when you think of masonry industry training, don't think FMA&EF, Inc., just think MEF!

Respectfully submitted,



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Mandarin High School Presents North Florida Masonry Council Awards

On Thursday night May 21, 2009 The Mandarin High School Girls Softball Team and the Booster Club presented framed photos of the Mandarin Softball Backstop to members of the North Florida Masonry Council.

In October of 2008 the North Florida Masonry Council built a backstop for the Mandarin girl's softball team. The wall has become a source of pride for the Mandarin Athletes.

Visiting teams are asking where they can go to get one built at their school. This wall was done as a Community Service Project by the North Florida Masonry Council. Carlton Walker Masonry, R.D.Masonry, Maltbly All-Star Masonry, Prestige, Tarmac, Cemex and Cherokee Bricks provided manpower and materials to build this wall for the team.

At the Mandarin Senior Athletic Awards Ceremony the above framed photos were presented to Robert Carlton, Carlton Walker Masonry, Johnny Woodle, Prestige Redi Mix, Mike Beville, NE Florida MAF Apprentice instructor and Al Herndon FMAEF.

During the presentation Coach Ed Sullivan said that the wall has made the Mandarin Softball Field a World Class Facility and will be a source of Pride for that the young ladies on all future Mandarin Girls Softball Teams.



CTC Fundraiser

Under the leadership of PHS instructor Bob Lounds, PHS CTC pre-apprentices and PHS FBA Chapter constructed and sold over a dozen picnic tables last year to fund new equipment purchases for their carpentry program.

(Left) Palmetto High School Pre-apprentices from CTC with picnic tables they made and sold.

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Florida also had a presence as they assisted with the set-up and judging at the National USA Skills Masonry Contest in Kansas City. Our Florida HS Mason Codey Rodgers finished 16 out of 30 HS Masons. Codey is now a first year apprentice with Carlton Walker Masonry.

Other education activities during the first six months of 2009 included:

Tallahassee Community Construction Advisory Board, the Florida Skills Masonry Contest in Bradenton, two classes on working in the masonry field to Saint Petersburg HS, judging the Tallahassee Parade of Homes for the Tallahassee Builders Association and the Region 1 FCPA Committee. Check the website for other activities:
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National Masonry Instructors Association Conference

Destin, Florida - July 12-14 2009
Al Herndon

The National Masonry Instructors Association held another successful Educational Conference for the masonry instructors throughout the United States in Destin, Florida.



The Florida Masonry and Apprentice Educational Foundation provided the educational programs for the instructors. The Banner Center for Construction Director Kurt Morauer brought his mobile construction trailer to the conference and conducted a workshop on what the Banner Center does in Florida.

Jerry Painter of Painter Masonry in Gainesville was the Keynote Speaker at the closing Banquet. He spoke on the "Passion of Teaching Masonry."

Masonry instructors and their families from Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky and South Carolina attended.

SKILLS USA Championships

Kansas City June 22-26, 2009
Al Herndon

Codey Rodgers from Bradford/ Union Area Technical Center in Starke, a pre apprentice with the Masonry Association of Florida, represented Florida at the 2009 Skills Championship in Masonry USA in Kansas City. Codey finished 16th out of the 30 secondary competitors in the nation. Codey was accompanied by his masonry instructor Mike Beville. Both Codey and Mike did an outstanding job of representing Florida. Over 5000 students from all 50 states and 3 territories competed in 91 different trade and technical fields.



Also representing Florida were Tiffany Sutherland, Apprentice Coordinator from P-tech, and Chris Sutherland, 2002 SKILLS USA Gold Medal Winner. Chris, a Tampa apprentice instructor, was selected to be one of the National Masonry Judges this year. Al Herndon from the Florida Masonry Apprentice and Educational Foundation is on the SKILLS USA National Masonry Educational Team and was also selected to be a judge. The National Technical Committee for Masonry is chaired by Bryan Light, Brick Industry Association SE Region, and board member of the Florida Masonry Apprentice and Educational Foundation.

Skills USA is the national organization for students in trade, industrial, technical and health occupations education. It sponsors the SKILLS USA Championships annually to recognize the achievements of career and technical education students and to encourage them to strive for excellence and pride in their chosen occupations.

High School Winners were, 1st place Jared Gandy, North Carolina, 2nd place Nathan Rader, Ohio and 3rd place Joey O Conner Alabama.

Foundation "2009 Year in Review"

Al Herndon is a busy guy...

You can never tell where you might see Al as he travels North and West Florida territory putting out fires and continuing to make inroads to grow masonry apprenticeship.

The 2009 year to date review follows:

First, the BAD news ~

Both the Chipola College in Marianna [home of the Chipola program] and the North East apprenticeship program at Saint Johns River Community College are temporarily suspended due to inability to meet student numbers to continue funding.

The Northeast program will conduct related training without funding starting in August.

Surber Brothers Masonry went out of business.

Now for some GOOD news~

Beman Masonry wants to start an INJ apprenticeship program with Melvin Dawson in Panama City.

Recruitment continues for future apprentices at George Stone Technical Center in Pensacola, and at Wallace Community College in Selma for the Northwest program.

The North Central Program is exploring starting up their GNJ program with Santa Fe Community, if they can come up with the numbers needed.

Jim White, Dennis Neal and the P-tech pre apprenticeship committee, along with Devon Brookshire, the pre-apprenticeship committee representative, are negotiating for fall start-up to combine the Manasota and Tampa programs.

DJJ Duval House in Jacksonville is exploring grants for a mason tender program.

The Attmor Career Fair with Mac Creech of Block USA was the platform in the Pensacola area to recruit for the NW apprenticeship program.

The Saint Johns County School Board presented the 2009 Masonry Showcase Award to Menendez HS and the Suppliers Trophy to Tarmac, their sponsor. They will become the sponsor for the Academy of Architect and Building Science in August 2009.

Governor Chief of Staff met with Al Herndon, Pat McLaughlin, Keith Sommer and Jim Painter regarding the masonry trade. They discussed proposing a clause be placed in all state, city and county contract bids requiring contractors to have registered apprentices or at a minimum belong to a local apprenticeship program. This was well received and the message was passed on to the Governor.

The Superintendent of the Bradford County School Board congratulated Codey Rodgers on winning the State Masonry Contest for HS students. Al Herndon, Jim Painter, Mike Beville and Robert Carlton helped secure monies for Codey to go to Kansas City for USA Skills.

Big Bend Workforce Board, NAWVIC and Tallahassee Community College secured funding for the Girls in Construction Camp to be held in June at TCC.

Robert Carlton, Mike Beville, Johnny Woodle, Cherokee Brick and Al Herndon were presented Mandarin HS Sports Awards for building their backstop for the Girls fast Pitch softball Team.

Dave Pfeffer, Tarmac, our Convention Host, along with Shawn McGee, Doug Stewart, Al Herndon and the Treasure Coast Chapter have coordinated the conven-



tion apprenticeship contest at Hutchinson Island.

Al Herndon and Mary Jane Mueller have supported the 'new' MAF's promotional platform by introducing Pat McLaughlin, Keith Sommer and Don Beers at state organizational meetings, including the first meeting in June introducing the Tallahassee contractors and suppliers to restart the Capitol MAF Chapter. Al Herndon, Don Beers, Joyce Rivas of MAF and the SW apprenticeship committee members Danielle Larson, Dan Lagemann, Jeff Turley, and Amy Keidel presented Representative Trudi Williams information about apprenticeship training and the apprentice clause we are supporting to be placed in Contract Bids. Don also conducted an overview of "Masonry-, 'Faster. Cheaper. Better.'" for Ms. Williams Staff at TRW Engineering in Naples.

The first organizational Advisory Board for the Menendez ABS at Carlton Walker plans a Masonry Industry Salute to the Veterans of North Florida on September 11, 2009 at the Menendez vs. Bartram Trails football game at Veterans Stadium in Saint Augustine.

NEFB Apprentice Training Director and members of the Veterans Reintegration Center will meet to explore grants to help returning Vets get into Construction Apprentice programs.

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CTC Honors 27 Youth Pre-Apprentices

CTC, aka Construction Technology Careers in Manatee County, honored 27 youth pre-apprentice graduates May 20th at the Manatee Community College Lakewood Ranch campus. What a terrific event!

Mark Kennell, Volunteer Chairman of the CTC pre-apprenticeship partnership, was recognized at the ceremony with a DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARD for his eight years of service to the program. Kennell is a Senior Vice President and partner with WG Mills, Inc. There were several success story students, some who graduated a few years ago and have completed their apprenticeship; and a recent graduate from this year who has already obtained employment and has a goal to enter apprenticeship training post graduation.

I counted the number of times that the word "masonry" was used in the course of the afternoon. Guess what -- over 22 times in 1 1/2 hours. That was something 'new' and 'good'. It says a lot for people like Dennis Neal and Ryan Phillips who have been actively participating for many years with the CTC program. Gulf Coast Builders Exchange is a very active supporter of pre-apprenticeship in this region of the state. Outsiders are now aware of masonry as a bonafide career path for students interested in the trades. One item to note: no female graduates this year.

I had a hard time getting to my seat as I was stopped by 12 or so people inquiring about Dennis Neal. It became apparent to me that I was no longer a stranger in this pre-apprenticeship world, as I watched many of the NCCER Foundation certified instructors whom I recognized from proctoring the Craft certifications for Al Herndon and Dennis Neal, Master Trainers. Many of the volunteers from the annual, very profitable CTC silent auction fundraiser came by and said how good it was to see me. Like me, some have moved on, but still come back to see graduation. All in all it was a terrific afternoon, if only for a brief appearance; it was good to be back.

Ryan Phillips of Vulcan is the new CTC chairman, replacing Mark Kennell, and Ryan additionally sits on the area Workforce board...good stuff for masonry. Foremost in my mind was the quality of the



students and the attitudes of the instructors--much different from 5 years ago. Most of the students had 3.5 and above grade point averages; a couple are Honor Society members and many are active in the Future Builders Club and other outside school clubs and activities - football, wrestling, weight lifting, and several with Future Farmers of America. So I guess it's 'cooler' to be involved in the trades these days, and our participation continues to make a difference. One of the graduates was not present because both of his parents had lost their jobs and he was working to support the family and couldn't afford to miss work.

CTC sends a large thank you to Tampa Bay MCAF for their continuing sponsorship. Seeing 27 CTC Completers and many of their parents and teachers in that room is money well spent for the next generation. Graduation was even publicized on television this year. This program has come a long way with the efforts of Kristey Richardson and her avid area supporters.

For more information on how to get involved contact:

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More on CTC activities on page 15...

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Foundation Holds 19th Instructor Certification Class

Tallahassee Community College
July 25, 2009
Al Herndon

Saturday, July 25, Al Herndon and Dennis Neal conducted an ICTP training for nine Tallahassee Community College Adjunct Instructors and one Liberty County Career and Technical Education Instructor. This was the 19th ICTP Training Class held by the Foundation since 2006. There are now 265 trade instructors in Florida that are certified to teach the NCCER Construction Curriculums. Another class is scheduled for 20 people in Gainesville at the Banner Center August 19-21.

The Foundation has also successfully certified the first 11 instructors in Florida to teach "Your Role in The Green Environment."



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