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President's Message:

My second term as chair of our local CIPH NL chapter approaches the midway point and as the calendar year draws to a close, I reflect on a fairly busy year thus far.

My term started with my representation of our chapter at the ABC in Victoria and Ron Neary's attendance at the Summit meeting.

Our chapter had also been involved in enforcement of product non-conformity of the National Building Code. We also continue to take initiatives on non-certified products in our industry and this has gone a step further in latter years with cooperation from our City inspection and appointment of our local inspector, Mr. Sylvester Crocker, as NL rep to the Plumbing Advisory Council of Canada this year. This is a real working group and goes a long way in voicing our industry and market concerns to the Council on code issues, product issues, etc and is a real value and voice for any concerns we may have in the trade and/or market. I would like to point out that Sylvester has been a real asset and help for CIPH in local issues that have arisen and has been really accessible and supportive of our local CIPH initiatives and we are

more than delighted to have this open relationship with our municipality. Congratulations to Sylvester and I would also like to thank our CIPH National team, headed by Ralph Suppa, for their involvement and guidance in this initiative and others throughout the year.

Our chapter continues to be a proactive presence in our industry as well, by supporting and attending career events at MUN and CONA and introducing our industry as a viable career choice, as well as helping to positively influence some key players in curriculum of these programs offered for such initiatives as Hydronics certification and the like. To move this forward further, and sort of "put our money where our mouth is", CIPH National allows us to provide a local scholarship to CONA every year for their distribution to worthy, applying students.

We also continue to maintain cooperation and communication with our colleagues at the Local 740 School, NL Construction Association, and MCA NL. The latter of which we continue to share successful social events such as our Golf Tournament and BBQ in September at Glendenning and the Annual Christmas Dinner and Dance, held December 9th at the Capital Hotel and attended by about 250 guests. I would like to thank board member David Smith for his continued effort in coordinating and selling tickets for the evening and to those who donated gifts to the event; especially our friend at MCA and their generous donation of the wine for the evening. I would like to mention that this annual local Christmas Dinner and Dance, again which we co-host with the local Mechanical Contractors Association, is also an event that we use to help those who are less fortunate than us in our industry and raise donations at the event to support the local food bank, as well as this year extending 50/50 draws in a local chapter initiative supporting local Newfoundlanders and local members in plumbing for a hospital in Zimbabwe.



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If you would like to know more about this, just talk to one of our local members of the board. I would like to thank Gordon Walsh and Wolseley for initiating this effort and to Ron Neary for helping to coordinate and communicate with the particular organizing people. To date we have raised funds, but also helped them load a container that has been shipped to Zimbabwe. My thanks to those who donated product.

I would like to mention that our main event for this year was the Roadshow, held in November. A special thank you to David Edison who was the responsible for making this event a success and really made it his mission to sell the show out. While the trade show was the attraction, there was a successful 2-day Water Treatment Technician course, sponsored by CIPH and Canadian Water Quality Association, taught by Mr. Ric Harry of Watergroup. As well, there was an introduction to cross connection and backflow: City of St. John's Bylaw 1548. This was an introduction to gauge interest for us to facilitate the CCC course at CONA and Local 740 and will provide a brief outline to systems, their applications and how the CCC program works. The programs' success will be determined by contractors or certified backflow assembly testers who insure equipment is installed and working properly to recognized standards. I would like to thank Ron Neary once again, for his efforts in gaining a facilitator that will offer the course, while giving consideration to the different objectives of potential attendees and offering courses at a "neutral" setting.

Special thanks to our board members as well as new members James G Crawford and owner Peter Colbourne for their continued support of each and every event and initiative. A real promoter of education in our industry.

Finally, I would thank Sheri Slaney, our coordinator and her organized and thorough efforts. An asset for our board and I believe a real reason for our chapters' rising profile, keeping all of us on task and presenting us as a

professional chapter in our industry. Introducing Board members in no particular order :

- Carl Burt – chair (par four PLUMBING PRODUCTS INC.)
- Ron Neary (IPEX)
- David Smith (EMCO Corp)
- David Edison (DEAL)
- Gordon Walsh (Wolseley)
- John Ozon (Crane Supply)
- John McLoughlin (Gerry Wright Sales)
- Shawn Whiffen (Victaulic)
- Peter Colbourne (James G Crawford)

While remembering those who are less fortunate during the season, I would like to wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a happy, safe and prosperous New Year and look forward to starting 2012 where we left off a successful 2011.

Carl Burt

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CIPH Roadshow 2011:

CIPHEX Roadshow showcased new products and technologies across the country.

The 2011 edition of the [CIPHEX Roadshow](#) turned out to be an unqualified success with more attendees and better quality attendees than ever before. The tour of one-day shows kicked off in Edmonton (October 18), then travelled to Regina (October 20) and then across the country to St. John's (November 3).

Fast Facts

- Attendance was up over 10% in all three cities.
- More than 70% of attendees said they plan to make purchases based on what they saw at the show within the next six months.
- The Roadshow has evolved from table-top exhibits to small product displays and visitors loved the new format.
- Many exhibitors featured new products. [Click here](#) to see a presentation of those products.

CIPH Roadshow 2011 – Related Industry Dinner:

Coincident with the CIPH Roadshow, the Newfoundland Region sponsored an industry night on November 2 at the Capital Hotel. Sean Giberson was the speaker and the topic was Beautiful Heat. Comments on the speaker, meal and venue were very positive. Sean was presented with a Ben Gillard print of the St. John's narrows as a thank-you for the hosting the industry dinner. CIPH Newfoundland Region was also presented with their plaque for Region of the Year Award. Dave Edison also received a plaque for his work on the Roadshow; Dave spent countless hours making sure the event was well-attended.

CIPH Chariman of the Board, Kevin Fullan of Flocor Inc. and CIPH President Ralph Suppa joined the CIPH NL

Region for this event and brought greetings on behalf of the CIPH Board of Directors. Kevin also took the opportunity to highlight some of the key initiatives of CIPH and acknowledged that the real strengths of CIPH are the nine active regions across Canada, i.e. the regional boards and regional people.

Backflow Prevention Certification Training:

During the CIPHEX Roadshow, a seminar was held on backflow prevention to offer information to the attendees and gauge interest for a training program to be offered in the new year. Interest was high as the seminar had 64 participants, many of whom were interested in the training program. Cross connection, backflow certification will be required by most municipalities in the very near future, St. John's is taking the lead and will require enforcement in 2012 (reference City of St. John's bylaw 1548).

The training program will be a full week and offered back to back for two weeks in March. To-date, we have commitment for 24 people, 12 for each week.

For more information on this training, please contact Ron Neary at ron.neary@ipexna.com.

Christmas Party:

The Christmas Party, jointly sponsored by CIPH Newfoundland Region and the Mechanical Contractors Association of Newfoundland and Labrador, was held at the Capital Hotel on December 9, 2011 with 250 people in attendance. Mr. Music provided the music and even though Sheri did not stay that long, we understand the music continued until 3 AM. Many thanks to MCANL again this year for providing the wine for the tables and for a \$100 gift certificate to the Capital for a door prize (won by Betsy Wheeler). Thanks to the Capital for a great meal and a night for 2 as a door prize (won by



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Chris Knight). CIPH NL also provided a gift certificate to Montana's as a door prize (won by Cindy Owens).

The 50/50 draw netted \$600 for the Salvation Army Temple Zimbabwe Project and was won by Calvin Jackson of Tristar.

Food was collected for the food bank and \$290 in monetary donations including \$200 donated by CIPH NL.

Thanks to Carl Burt for the MC and Dave Dawe for saying grace. Thanks as well to the CIPH members for helping out with 50/50 and for providing prizes for the event.

The Capital has been booked again for December 7, 2012 for this event. Book early as this event fills up pretty fast.

St. John's Food Banks:

At the CIPH Christmas Party this year, as in other years, we requested a non-perishable food item to be donated to the local food bank. Food bank donations are happening many places this time of year but few people know where the food banks are and how they are operated. When Sheri retired from Aliant in 2009, one of the activities she took up was volunteering at a local food bank so she now knows a little about how they work.

Emmaus House is one of multiple food banks in the St. John's area connected to the Community Food Sharing Association and services primarily the downtown core. Clients are singles, single parents or large families and cover both working and non-working people. They must register using their MCP numbers for everyone in the family. Emmaus House Food Bank is operated by five churches, five days a week, Monday to Friday, three to four weeks a month depending on funding and availability of volunteers. The services provided are

inter-denominational. Sheri volunteers on Tuesday's, sponsored by the Anglican Cathedral. The food bank is funded and stocked by the five churches with additional support from the Community Food Sharing Association, local stores and individuals.

Emmaus House also sponsors a Christmas Hamper program; registration is done through Emmaus House, but the distribution of hampers is done through the five churches. The \$290 that was collected at the CIPH Christmas Party was donated to the Christmas Hamper program and the food was delivered to Emmaus House.

Emmaus House also has some limited space for clothing and small household items that clients can take when they visit the food bank. Most needed items are winter coats, boots, hats, mitts, etc. and small kitchen items such as dishes, cooking utensils and cutlery. These items are provided free of charge to clients.

Zimbabwe Hospital Project:



This year, CIPH NL is supporting the Zimbabwe Water Supply Infrastructure Improvement Project. The infrastructure at the Salvation Army administered Tshelanyemba Hospital has deteriorated significantly. The St. John's Temple



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Corps of the Salvation Army is attempting to bring the basic infrastructure at the hospital back to acceptable and forward-thinking standards, to reflect the level of care that the people of Zimbabwe need. St. John's Temple have already sent teams in past years to build apartments for nurses, upgrade other living quarters, install a hospital telephone system and provide medical support. Their next priority is to provide safe, sufficient water for the hospital and surrounding community. A team of 14 will be going from Newfoundland in May 2012 to upgrade the water system, install a new main line, fix leaks, install new pumps, valves and pressure gauges and leave behind an adequate supply of materials and tools to enable the hospital maintenance staff to maintain the system. A used 40' x 9' container has been purchased and filled with plumbing supplies, a mini-excavator that will be used to dig water lines, and medical consumables and equipment courtesy of Eastern Health. The container has been shipped and should arrive at the hospital in the spring.

Most recently at the CIPHEX Roadshow, Ralph Suppa introduced volunteers to the various exhibitors to drum up support for the project. CIPH board members banded together to help fill the container. The Zimbabwe team appreciates the support of CIPH and gratefully acknowledges the contributions of IPEX, Par 4, Crane, Crawfords and Wolseley specifically. There are a few items left that the team will carry with them when they go.

The next challenge is to hit their fundraising target and they are thankful of our donation of \$600 from the proceeds of the 50/50 draw at the Christmas party.

For more information, refer to the project web site at www.helpinghands.hostoi.com.

"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you." – John Bunyan.

Live a Life that Matters – Author Unknown:

Live A Life That Matters Ready or not, some day it will all come to an end. There will be no more sunrises, no minutes, hours or days. All the things you collected, whether treasured or forgotten, will pass to someone else. Your wealth, fame and temporal power will shrivel to irrelevance. It will not matter what you owned or what you were owed. Your grudges, resentments, frustrations, and jealousies will finally disappear. So, too, your hopes, ambitions, plans, and to-do lists will expire. The wins and losses that once seemed so important will fade away. It won't matter where you came from, or on what side of the tracks you lived, at the end. It won't matter whether you were beautiful or brilliant. Even your gender and skin color will be irrelevant.

So what will matter? How will the value of your days be measured? What will matter is not what you bought, but what you built; not what you got, but what you gave. What will matter is not your success, but your significance. What will matter is not what you learned, but what you taught. What will matter is every act of integrity, compassion, courage or sacrifice that enriched, empowered or encouraged others to emulate your example. What will matter is not your competence, but your character. What will matter is not how many people you knew, but how many will feel a lasting loss when you're gone. What will matter is not your memories, but the memories that live in those who loved you. What will matter is how long you will be remembered, by whom and for what. Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident. It's not a matter of circumstance but of choice.



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Choose to live a life that matters.

Region Coordinator Commentary:

This is the final newsletter for the Newfoundland Region for 2011. It is hard to believe that the year is coming to a close.

Also welcome to Kathy Saunders who will be joining the CIPH Team on January 1 as the new region coordinator for the CIPH Atlantic Region.

Merry Christmas to all and enjoy the best of the season with your families and friends. May the new year be healthy and prosperous and please stay safe this Christmas and New Year.