



ON THE LEVEL

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ABC SAN DIEGO TRAINING TRUST

ABC Graduation 2008, Sheraton Mission Valley

ABC graduation is upon us once again. This year, our event takes place at the Sheraton in Mission Valley at 6:00pm on June 20th, 2008, and is by invitation only.

We are featuring a Mardi Gras theme this year, with a cocktail hour, dinner, ceremonies, and then casino night and karaoke. As it has been in the past, this event promises to be a true appreciation of the accomplishments of our graduates.

ABC graduation is a separate event from the City College graduation, which is on Friday, May 23rd in the Organ Pavilion in Balboa Park.

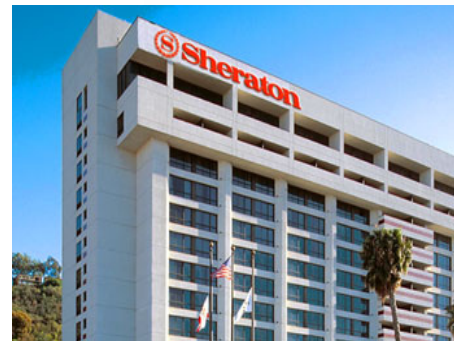
Graduating ABC apprentices will be sent an invitation for themselves and a guest to enjoy the festivities. Graduates may bring additional

guests by purchasing tickets for them at \$75 each.

Graduates, be certain that you are up-to-date on your OJT, that your classes are complete and that you have a passing grade. It is ultimately your responsibility to tie up these loose ends before you graduate.

For more info on graduation, please call Pam Fadden at ext 222. If you need more info on graduation requirements, call Tracey Barrett at extension 223.

Congratulations to all of our 2008 graduates! We wish you luck in your future.



Sheraton Mission Valley, San Diego, is on Camino Del Rio South, near the intersection of I-8 and Mission Center Road.

Notes for Summer Break

Summer break is only two weeks away, so here are some tips to get you through:

*ABC offices are open all summer between 8 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday. If you have any questions or need any paperwork, please call us at 513-4700 and we can help you.

*REMINDER: OJT hours are still due over the summer, by the 20th of each month. The California Division of Apprenticeship Standards

requires that apprentices submit a detailed record of their On-The-Job Training hours. **There is no grace period.** TURN IN ZERO HOURS IF YOU HAVE NO HOURS. The OJT hours serve as your documentation for your upgrade to the next level of apprenticeship for pay and promotion purposes. They also serve as proof of the actual training you have received. Please ask questions about OJT and speak up if there is any confusion. Call Ann Baay, Student Services Administrator, at extension 214 with

any questions or concerns.

*Classes are not held during summer time for apprentices, but advanced education courses are still taking place for those of you who qualify. Please call Gary Wood at extension 208 for more information on the class list and schedule. You can also view the list online at www.abcsd.org, then click on Continuing Education.

*The first day of classes for the fall 2008 semester is August 18th. The schedules for fall classes will be mailed out prior to that,

but if you do not have your class schedule by August 11th, 2008, please call Nicole Lieu at extension 216.

*In the event that you become unemployed over the summer, remember you have 24 hours to report to our office. The same rules apply over the summer that apply during the regular school semesters.

Have a great summer break and we'll see you in August!

Nicole N. Piner

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developing programs in other trades, as well as creating an online delivery system for training.

The ABC San Diego Training Academy and Chapter Headquarters has set a standard in training for merit shop construction. Here is where ABC trains the future merit shop leaders of America! We have the best instructors, contractors and students in our program, so we believe the San Diego chapter membership represents the best our industry has to offer.

For more information about the ABC San Diego Training Trust, please call Nicole N. Piner, Director of Communications and Workforce Development, 858-513-4700, ext. 225.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

ALL THAT STANDS BETWEEN THE GRADUATE AND THE TOP OF THE LADDER IS THE LADDER ITSELF.

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RIDGID TOOLS PAYS ABC A VISIT



The Ridgid Roadshow visits ABC!!

They raffled off a Ridgid SeeSnake micro- inspection camera to the apprentices, and the winner was Kerry Cole, a 4th year electrical student. Over 200 ABC students participated in the roadshow event.

Demonstrations consisted of the SeeSnake camera, pipe-threading tools and machines, pipe-cutting tools, and using an underground utility locator device.

Ridgid now moves on to their next roadshow stop in Orlando, Florida on May 22nd, 2008.

The Ridgid Roadshow 2008 came to ABC on Tuesday, May 13th, and provided demonstrations, giveaways, and prizes while on their way to Tool-Up in Kearny Mesa on May 14th.

Ridgid donated a number of tools to the ABC lab, including an electric drain-cleaning snake, a pro-press machine for crimping pipe, and a SeeSnake camera to view items not in plain sight. Those items are valued at over \$3000, and we thank them.

Large tool demonstrations took place outside from 4 to 7 pm.



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