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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is with great sadness that the Board of Directors for PBMOA has accepted the immediate resignation of Charles Halloran.

For personal reasons, Charlie has asked us to replace him on the ballot for the upcoming elections.

Charlie has been a great source of information and historian for the organization and he will truly be missed.

GOOD LUCK TO YOU CHARLIE. WE WILL MISS YOU.

I would like to thank everyone for coming out to our last meeting we had a great turnout, and don't forget our fund raiser event our Annual Monte Carlo Night is on April 22nd.

Plus we have our Annual Golf Outing on the 19th of May. See you all soon!

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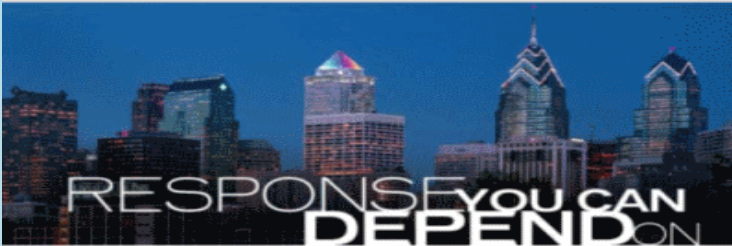
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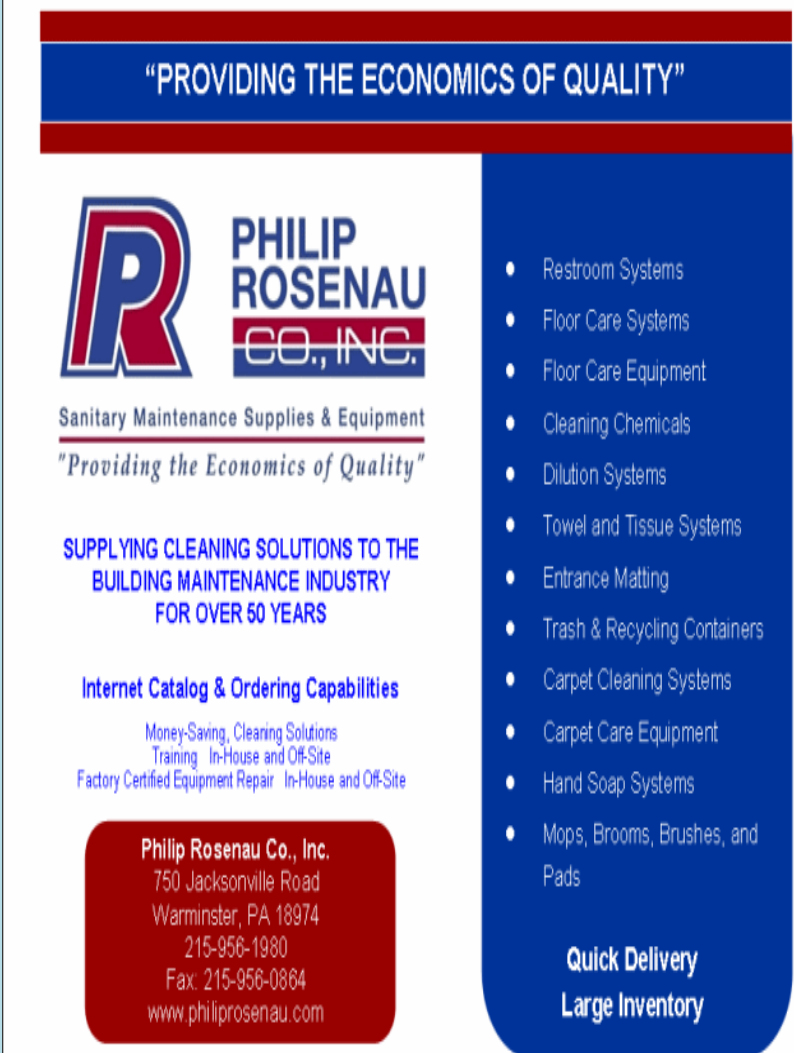
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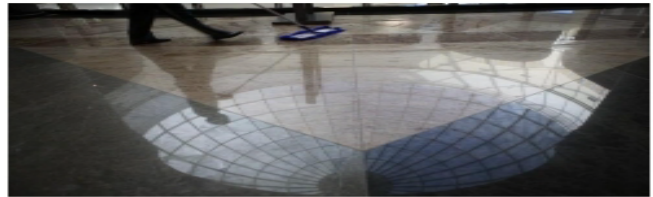
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April Fool's Prank

Elevator Picnic

On an April Fools dare in 1995, I got on a 51- floor elevator ride during the morning rush hour. When first getting on, there was room enough for me to set up a small red-checked table cover with a thermos of coffee and some bagels and cream cheese. I sat in lotus position and sipped coffee.

Mostly I got stares and people trying not look, but I did get a couple of people who asked for a bagel and were grateful for me including them in my morning picnic. It was funny to watch as the elevator got crowded and how people were careful to try not to step on the tablecloth, even if it meant crowding their own personal space.

It was a harmless joke and no one got hurt and I got \$50.00 for completing the dare

What is the best prank you ever pulled or had pulled on you? (Come on, you know you did one)

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Useless Information (but fun anyway)

April Fool's Day History

The history of April Fool's Day or All Fool's Day is uncertain, but the current thinking is that it began around 1582 in France with the reform of the calendar under Charles IX. The Gregorian Calendar was introduced, and New Year's Day was moved from March 25 - April 1 (new year's week) to January 1

Communication traveled slowly in those days and some people were only informed of the change several years later. Still others, who were more rebellious refused to acknowledge the change and continued to celebrate on the last day of the former celebration, April 1.

These people were labeled "fools" by the general populace, were subject to ridicule and sent on "fool errands," sent invitations to nonexistent parties and had other practical jokes played upon them. The butts of these pranks became known as a "poisson d'avril" or "April fish" because a young naive fish is easily caught. In addition, one common practice was to hook a paper fish on the back of someone as a joke.

This harassment evolved over time and a custom of prank-playing continue on the first day of April. This tradition eventually spread elsewhere like to Britain and Scotland in the 18th century and was introduced to the American colonies by the English and the French. Because of this spread to other countries, April Fool's Day has taken on an international flavor with each country celebrating the holiday in its own way. In Scotland, for instance, April Fool's Day is devoted to spoofs involving the buttocks and as such is called Taily Day. The butts of these jokes are known as April 'Gowk', another name for cuckoo bird. The origins of the "Kick Me" sign can be traced back to the Scottish observance.

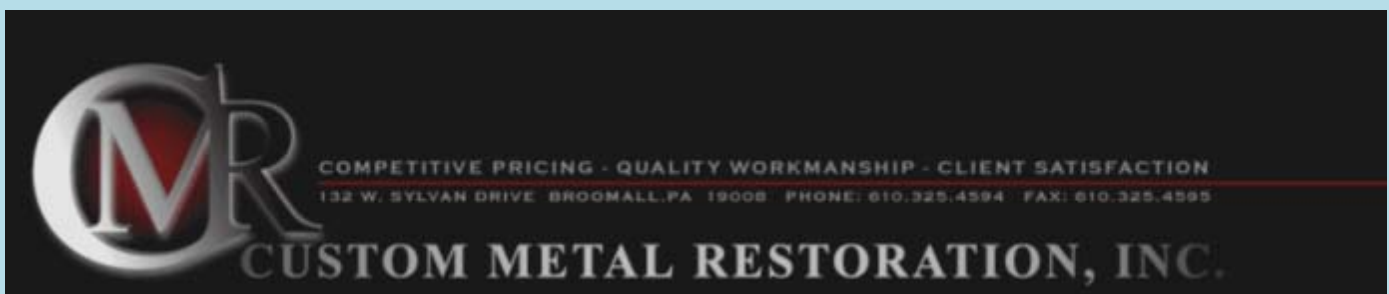
In England, jokes are played only in the morning. Fools are called 'gobs' or 'gobby' and the victim of a joke is called a 'noodle.' It was considered back luck to play a practical joke on someone after noon.

In Rome, the holiday is known as Festival of Hilaria, celebrating the resurrection of the god Attis, is on March 25 and is also referred to as "Roman Laughing Day."

In Portugal, April Fool's Day falls on the Sunday and Monday before lent. In this celebration, many people throw flour at their friends.

The Huli Festival is celebrated on March 31 in India. People play jokes on one another and smear colors on one another celebrating the arrival of Spring.

So, no matter where you happen to be in the world on April 1, don't be surprised if April fools fall playfully upon you.



Volunteer Event

Thank you to all the volunteers who have signed up for the Ronald McDonald House meal serving on March 30th. Once again, the weather was not cooperative and most of the parents were stuck in the rain so they did not make it back in time for dinner. Fortunately, our volunteers wrapped everything up for them so they could have a warm dinner when they finally reached the house. Thanks again to Cricket Catering for the wonderful job they did, and our volunteers:

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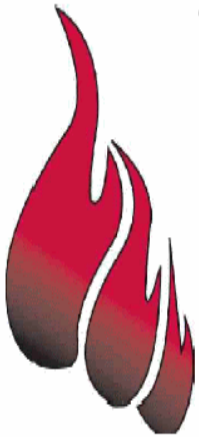
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Retiring

Larry Spielvogel- Good luck Larry and we hope you enjoy your retirement.

Deploying

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Mark Anderson, United Elevator, welcomed his second grandson, Shane Patrick Anderson, on January 11th, 2010. Parents, Ryan and Megan and older brother, Brennan, join the proud grandparents. Congratulations to the whole family.

Kathy Gross, CSI International welcomed her newest granddaughter, Keira Bernadette, on January 26th, 2010. Keira joins previous grandchildren twins, Sonny James and Reese Evyn born on September 28th. Sounds like Kathy has her grandmotherly hands full. Good luck Kathy.

Volunteering- Way to go Gary Rubin and staff at PCA
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