“Send One Out” Sets Theme For Annual AWCI Convention

“He who wonders why his ship has not come in... perhaps has not sent one out!”

Velma Boyd, AWCI First Lady, cuts the ribbon officially opening the 64th Annual AWCI Exposition.

“The example set by this Association, with its American and Canadian membership, is one which I believe supports (the relationship between our two countries)... and bodes well for the future,” Hon. Peter M. Towe, Canada’s Ambassador to the U.S. told the Opening Session crowd.

Guy Vander Jagt, Congressman from Michigan, complimented AWCI on the “Send One Out” theme and congratulated the members for their support of the Reagan candidacy and the financial support from WAC/PAC.

Bob Georgine, President, Building and Construction Trades Department, AFL-CIO, and former lather, was presented a plaque from AWCI for his extended service to the industry. The plaque is presented to Georgine (left) by AWCI Immediate Past President Bob Watkins.

AWCI President Ray Boyd tells those attending the Convention’s Opening Session how they can benefit from the “Send One Out” theme.
Contractors learn what Georgia-Pacific means when they say, “We’ve got what it takes,” at the AWCI Exposition.

Floyd McCall, Chairman of the Board, Fails Management Institute, gave an in-depth look at the many increasing ways that computers and the improved technological advances in this field can be adapted to the industry.

John R. Kubasek, President, John R. Kubasek & Associates, New York, conducted a seminar on “Marketing Your Contracting Services.”

AWCI’s Joe Baker said the “Send One Out” theme was selected “because association programs initiated during the past year will bring significant returns to all the members of the association in the future, and because the year . . . is filled with records of achievement and association participation.”

William McIntyre, President, McIntyre Financial Services, emphasizes an important point discussing “Insurance, A Continuing Study of the Problems,” one of AWCI’s many seminars held during the Convention.

“I consider myself a conservative, in fact, you might say I’m a little right of Attila the Hun,” Malcolm Kalp told a standing room only audience during the convention. Kalp stunned AWCI members with his account of his hostage experiences in Iran.

One day during Convention was devoted to meetings of the association’s various committees. Pictured above are members of AWCI’s Publication’s Editorial Board. Seated are: Jim Biddle, Buffalo, New York; Dick Connor, Nashua, New Hampshire, PEB Chairman; and Beth McGee Construction Dimensions Advertising Manager. Standing are: Vern Raymer, Denver; Bill Scott, Houston, PEB Vice Chairman; and Bus Ratliff, Rosemead, California. Also attending but not pictured were Bill Baird, Alabama Metal Industries, and Don Thompson Editor of Construction Dimensions.
Nelson King, Birmingham, Alabama, presided over the Regional Vice President’s Forum, which heard reports from around the country on the status of the industry.

United States Gypsum Company President Robert Day called for an end of unnecessary government regulation in business.

J.R. Moberly, Vice President and General Manager, Roblin Building Products, Buffalo, (pictured above) joined Ray Lynch, President, Liberty-Hazard, Inc., Pawtucket, R.I., for a discussion of “How to Perform An Energy Audit.”

ABC White House Correspondent Sam Donaldson served as moderator for the Second General Session and gave those attending a first-hand account of the events surrounding the recent Presidential assassination attempt.

David Stockman, director of the Office of Management and Budget and architect of President Reagan’s economic program, applauded AWCI members for their overwhelming support of the plan.

Velma and Ray Boyd, AWCI First Lady and President, display the presidential portrait presented at the Annual Banquet by the United States Gypsum Company.

Ladies, led by Jeffie Jean Bolton, learn aerobic dancing in the Ladies Hospitality Suite.

Shown playing air hockey at the popular Youth Center are Andy Boyd, Scott and Charlie Mason and John Sullivan.
Ted D. Simmons, Executive Vice President, Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, Newark, New Jersey, said that if Reagan's program is passed, it will help all industry get back on the right track.

"Obtaining and keeping your best employees is a situation faced by all businesses," Peter Cockshaw told a seminar on "Recruiting and Retaining Qualified Personnel."

McNeil Stokes, AWCI general counsel, discussed "Lien Rights from the Viewpoint of the Supplier."
‘The Breakfast of Champions’

Dryvit Systems, Inc. sponsors 1981 AWCI awards ceremonies—Twelve recipients honored

Frank Morsilli, chairman of the board of Dryvit System, Inc. breaks through the Dryvit penguin to officially open the 1981 “Breakfast of Champions” that his company sponsored.

Jack Kemp, Congressman from New York mixed sports humor with political reality as he keynoted the AWCI Awards Breakfast ceremonies.

Jack Carlson (right), AWCI board member from Albuquerque, accepts his award as Outstanding Committee Chairman in recognition of his three-year chairmanship of the special ad hoc committee on Regional Vice Presidents from AWCI Immediate Past President Bob Watkins. Harry Blair Immediate Past Chairman of the Southwest Conference (not pictured), was named Outstanding Regional Chairman.

Ed Charles, Executive Director of two local groups in the Pacific Northwest, the Associated Interior Contractors’ Association of Oregon and Southwest Washington, and the Northwest Drywall Contractors’ Association, receives one of two Outstanding Industry Employee awards presented.
Receiving the second Outstanding Young Member Award is Steven Watkins, who has been active in the development and promotion of the Young Executives’ Conference for two years, and was recently elected Vice Chairman of the group. Steven is presented the award by his father, Bob Watkins.

The award for the Outstanding Associate Member was accepted by Gene Johnson on behalf of Ames Taping Tool Systems Company.

Vito Arsena, the first president of IAWCC/GDCI displays the E.F. Venzie Award, presented to him for his “vision and foresight which helped bring the two former competitors together into what is now the strongest and largest association of wall and ceiling contractors in the world.” With Vito is his son John V. Arsena, winner of one of two Outstanding Young Member Awards.

Deane Rockwell, Ames Taping Tool Systems Company, is presented with a special surprise award of recognition for personal services to the industry.
The award to Outstanding Industry Employee has a double winner. Receiving the award for the second time is Jim Rose, Executive Director of the Contracting Plasterers’ Association of Southern California. Rose is also chairman of WAC/PAC, the political action arm of AWCI.

Joe Carpenter of Dallas, Texas accepts the new award, named for Joseph D. McNulty from Phil Zinn, Allied Structural Industries, who suggested the creation of the award. The award is given in recognition of the finest efforts in the field of research and development both in the technical and business areas. Other award winners included Nels Nielsson, United States Gypsum Co., the final recipient of the Charles Immer Award and John Burchynsky, Alberta Drywall, as the “Unsung Hero.”

Rick Bradsher receives the Wayne W. Vaughan Award as the Outstanding Drywall Installer. Lorenzo Emverzo was named Outstanding Drywall Finisher. Both recipients are from California.