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NEXT GEN

Virtual
HAPPY HOUR

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May & June Happy Hour Recap

MCAM's Next Gen Committee launched Thirsty Thursday's Virtual Happy Hour summer of 2020. These Happy Hours provide an opportunity to share stories and have questions answered as they relate to the Mechanical Contracting Industry. Thirsty Thursdays take place on the last Thursday of each month and are a casual virtual Zoom Happy Hour to meet up, network and take part in conversations with the mechanical industry's future leaders.

The special guest for May Thirsty Thursday was MCAM President & CEO of DMS Industrial Constructors, Julien Lafleche. Those online were ecstatic to be speaking face to face with someone as well known as Julien. They spoke about leadership roles and touched on the rising costs throughout the industry and his perspective.

The special guest for June Thirsty Thursday was Dan Leduc, Partner at Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP. He has over 25 years of experience in negotiating, mediating, arbitrating and litigating construction disputes including construction liens, trust claims, delay claims, construction insurance claims, and architect's and engineer's errors and omissions. The conversations circled around topics like negotiating various forms of construction contracts on behalf of owners, developers, general contractors, subcontractors and suppliers.

Next Gen Chairman, Cory Ball of Mikkelsen-Coward, did a fabulous job in keeping both Happy Hours engaging for all those who attended.

Next Gen events such as the popular Scotch Night and Ice Fishing Derby were cancelled this year due to the pandemic. The committee launched Thirsty Thursdays because there was still an appetite to network and learn. Cory Gray of Thermo Applicators says, "It's not everyday you get to speak with CEOs and decision makers in a casual setting!"

The Next Gen Committee is looking forward to celebrating and gathering again at their upcoming event on September 24, a Tail Gate and Ball Hockey Tournament with leaf blowers!

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