

PROFESSIONAL RESUME OF JIM GANDER, OWNER



1977 Graduate of Lourdes High School, Rochester MN
1977 – 1978 Attended St John's University ~ Collegeville MN
1982 Graduate of Plumbers Local 6 Apprenticeship Program
1982 Start Gander Sales Company (Superior Water Conditioning) ~
Rochester MN
1984 Opened Superior Plumbing, Heating and Water Conditioning ~
Rochester MN
1986 Incorporate businesses as Superior Companies of Minnesota, Inc.
1990 – 1993 Steering Committee, Winona Technical School ~ Winona MN
1990 – 1993 Teach Plumbing Classes, Winona Technical School ~ Winona MN
1994 Opened branch of operation Superior Plumbing and Heating in Red
Wing MN
1994 Appointed by Governor Arne Carlson to the Plumbing Code and
Examination Board

1996 – 2006 Appointed Representative Minnesota Plumbing Code Advisory Council (ABC)
2000 Start Superior Mechanical Systems, Inc.
2000 Incorporate Superior Water Conditioning
2004 Start U.S. Mechanical Insulation
2005 Opened branch of operation of Superior Plumbing and Heating in Edina MN
2005 – Present Contractor Board with Woodford Manufacturing
2005 – Present Contractor Board with Watco Manufacturing
2006 Opened branch of Superior Plumbing / Mechanical Systems in Pequot Lakes MN
2007 – 2011 Appointed by Governor Tim Pawlenty as the Outstate Commercial/Industrial Plumbing Contractor
on the Minnesota Plumbing Board
2007 – 2008 Elected Secretary to the Plumbing Board
2008 – 2011 Appointed by Senator Dave Senjem to the Workers Compensation Advisory Council
2009 – 2011 Alternate for Construction Codes Advisory Committee, Department of Labor and Industry
2009 – 2011 Public Trustee for Olmsted Medical Center
2009 – Present Merged all companies into Superior Mechanical
2012 Recipient of Minnesota Plumbing Heating & Cooling Association Industry Award
2013 – Present Board of Directors, Builders Association of Minnesota
2013 – Present Code Consultant for Ecolab
2014 – Present Board of Directors, Minnesota Plumbing Heating & Cooling Association
2015 – Present Contract Legislative Consultant for Plumbing, Heating & Cooling Contractors Association

LICENSES HELD

Master Plumber ~ State of Minnesota
Master Installer License ~ City of Rochester MN
City Masters License: Warm Air Ventilation, Refrigeration/Cooling & Gas Piping ~ Rochester MN
Contracting Steamfitter ~ State of Minnesota
Backflow Preventers Certificate
Type B Gas ~ City of Winona
Master HVAC Installer ~ State of Iowa
Master Plumber ~ State of Iowa
Certified Continuing Education Industry ~ State of Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry

ASSOCIATION INVOLVEMENT

1984 – Present Plumbing, Heating, Cooling Contractors ~ Rochester and Minnesota Chapter
State Director, Legislative Committee, Membership Committee, Code Committee
1994 – Present Rochester Area Builders and Builders Exchange ~ Rochester MN
Board of Directors, Personnel Committee, Dispute Resolution Committee, Remodelers
Committee, Building Committee, Membership Committee, Executive Committee, Finance
Committee, Nomination Committee, Spike Committee, Government Relations Committee,
Legislative Committee
1994 – Present Member of Rochester Elks
1995 – 1996 Chairperson Builders Exchange
1999 – 2000 President Rochester Area Builders
1996 – Present Associated Builders and Contractors ~ Minnesota Chapter

State Director, Membership Committee, BEAM Club Committee, Mechanical Code Council
 Chamber of Commerce ~ Rochester, Minnesota
 1996 – Present
 2001 – Present Member of Rochester Eagles
 2003 – 2010 Board of Directors Chamber of Commerce ~ Rochester MN
 2000 – Present Builders Association of Minnesota
 2003 – 2005 State Director Builders Association of Minnesota
 2006 – 2007 Associate Vice President Builders Association of Minnesota
 2006 – Present Brainerd Lakes Chamber of Commerce
 2007 – 2008 President Builders Association of Minnesota
 2008 Distinguished Business of the Year Builders Association of Minnesota
 2008 Associate of the Year Builders Association of Minnesota
 2008 – 2011 Government Relations and Legislative Committee Builders Association of Minnesota
 2000 – 2009 National Association of Home Builders, Associates Advisory Council ~ Minnesota Chapter
 2005 – 2009 National Director National Association of Home Builders
 2006 – Present Mid-Minnesota Builders Association
 2010 – Present Builders Association of Minnesota Board of Directors

VOLUNTEER WORK

2007 Building improvements to community ~ Guatemala City, Guatemala (Next Step Ministries)
 2008 Bathrooms in homes Navajo Reservation ~ Crownpoint NM (Next Step Ministries)
 2009 Remodeling bathrooms/showers, Camp Willerup ~ Cambridge WI
 2008 – 2009 Festival of Trees, Hiawatha Homes ~ Rochester MN
 1998 – Present Jim Gander family serves Christmas dinner at the Gift of Life Transplant House
 2009 – 2012 Volunteer at Hidden Valley Game Farm; Veterans only hunting day
 2009 – Present Board of Directors, committee work "Join the Journey" ~ Rochester MN
 2011 Reconstruction of various homes and businesses in the aftermath of the Hammond/Millville flood

DONATIONS / SPONSORSHIPS

Lourdes High School	Early Riser Exchange Club
Rochester Catholic Schools	Boy Scouts of America
Gift of Life Transplant House	Rochester Family Y
American Cancer Society	Y-Mentors Annual Wine Tasting Fund Raiser
Corporate Sponsor of Paws and Claws Auction (2000-2003)	Beighley Cup
Corporate Sponsor of March of Dimes Auction (1997-1999)	Hope Lodge
Ronald McDonald House	Booker Mini Foundation
Next Step Ministries	Rochester Youth Baseball Teams
American Legion	Rochester Youth Football Teams
Rochester Youth Basketball Teams	Rochester Men's Football Teams
Rochester Men's League Softball Teams	Rochester Co-ed Volleyball Teams
Rochester Women's League Softball Teams	Sponsor
Rochester Men's Broomball Teams	
Rochester Men's Bowling Teams	

REFERENCES

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