

SOLAR, ENERGY AND CONSTRUCTION  
TRADES TRAINING PROGRAM

# COHORT 3 GRADUATION SMALL WORLD PARK MAY 2, 2013

## *“A Message from the Instructor”* *Morris Carey*

*This is my third and best year as the Future Build Instructor. Thanks to the aid of my trusty sidekick Amanda Casillas, as well as the guidance and support provided by Gerald Dunbar and Merl Craft, I have been able to enjoy watching yet another group of enthusiastic young men and women challenge our unique educational process and our multifaceted construction curriculum.*

*The students attending my phase of Cohort 3 have had the opportunity to learn basic electrical wiring, basic plumbing, rough & finish carpentry, sheetrock, painting, foundation work, measuring, construction math and more. They have learned to safely use a table saw, a radial arm saw, a miter saw, a circular saw, a reciprocating saw and several types of electric drills; not to mention a myriad of professional grade hand tools.*

*This year, in addition to our regular curriculum, we had the distinct pleasure of making several repairs at Small World Park. The class rebuilt a 700 square foot wood deck and handrail at the north side of Small World Lake, repaired and painted the train station and completely rebuilt the privacy walls surrounding the boys and girls bathroom entrances. They installed and painted two new doors at those same bathrooms and a third door at the janitor's shed. They painted the east side of the park office building and began dry rot and rust repairs on the U.S. POSSCO Riverboat and the adjacent steel railing system.*

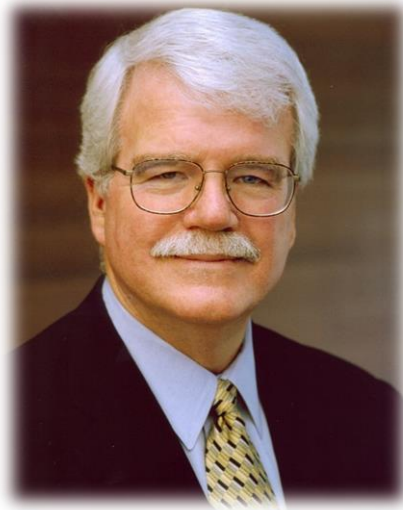
*Those who graduate this year will walk away with a true insight into the real world of construction. They know what it's like to build a foundation in ankle deep mud – on a damp, cold, winter morning. They also know what it's like to sledgehammer a steel post repair bracket into a concrete pier – on an unseasonably hot spring afternoon.*

*I love it when a student “gets it,” no matter what “it” is. Their beaming expression of pride and accomplishment literally makes my day. I am so very, very proud of this class and their achievements as individuals and as a team.*

*I feel honored to be a part of their lives and their learning process.*

*The graduates of Future Build Cohort 3 know “full well” the challenges that lay ahead.  
They are prepared to make the next step.*

# KEY NOTE SPEAKER GEORGE MILLER, U.S. CONGRESSMAN



**Congressman representing the 11th District, CA. Elected in November, 1974**

**Committee Assignments:**

Senior Democrat, House Education and Labor Committee;

**Recent Achievements:**

[Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act \(2010\)](#)

[Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act \(2010\)](#)

[Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act \(2009\)](#)

**George Miller first ran for office** because he had a sense of urgency to serve people and his country. And today he continues to believe that the test for elected officials is whether they get up every day with that sense of urgency and drive to get things done. He recognizes the solemn responsibility and enormous opportunity he has to help strengthen and grow America's middle class families by improving the economy and creating good jobs, ensuring access to affordable health care, making college more affordable, improving public schools, protecting our children, and keeping our environment and water supplies clean and secure.

George believes America must honor its commitment to our service men and women and veterans, that seniors deserve affordable services and that we must protect Medicare and Social Security. He works hard at his job because there is so much at stake. His goal is to give voice to the people in his community over the powerful interests that dominate our political system and to help ensure that his constituents and people across California have the opportunity to reach their full potential.





**Nancy Parent**  
**Pittsburg Mayor**

# Special Guests



**Federal D. Glover**  
**Contra Costa County Supervisor**

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### **Project Staff**

Donna Van Wert - Contract Administrator, Workforce Development Board  
Gerald Dunbar - Administrator & Instructor, Pittsburg Power Company  
Merl Craft - Project Manager, Caseload Manager, Instructor, Open Opportunities, Inc.  
Morris Carey – HBI and Construction Instructor  
Amanda Casillas – Assistant Instructor  
Sandy Navarro – Administrative Support  
Brian Hurd – Photovoltaic I & II Instructor  
Steve Stewart – Plumbers and Pipefitters Test Preparation Instructor  
Billy Weaver – Construction Math Tutor  
Juan Gutierrez - OSHA 10 Instructor

### **Pittsburg Adult Education**

Robert Beck –Principal  
Lynn Nicodemus – Vice Principal  
Jack Kane – Vice Principal



# Home Builders Institute PACT

## Electrical



**Plumbing**



**Carpentry**



**Construction Math**



# Photovoltaic I & II Theory & Installation



# Community Benefit Project Small World Park -Pittsburg





# COHORT 3 GRADUATES



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**MR. MORRIS CAREY**  
"On the House"

Future Build Head Instructor  
HBI Certified Instructor  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year



**AMANDA CASILLAS**

Future Build Assistant Instructor  
Future Build Cohort 2 Graduate



**Interested in Working in the Construction Industry and Learning Green Trade Skills?**

**Training Program Runs: July 29 through November 8, 2013**

Are you at least 17 years of age?

Have a high school diploma, GED Certificate or need one?

Live in one of the following East Contra Costa County cities: Antioch, Bay Point, Bethel Island, Brentwood, Byron, Discovery Bay, Knightsen, Oakley or Pittsburg?

**Then this is the program for you!**

**Future Build** utilizes PACT (Pre-Apprenticeship Certificate Training) Program designed by Home Builders Institute. PACT has been recognized by the U.S. Departments of Labor and Housing and Urban Development as an outstanding tool to prepare workers for the construction industry. PACT integrates work-based learning with vocational and academic skills training. Successful graduates will show proficiency in carpentry, electrical, plumbing, painting & finishing, brick masonry, facilities maintenance, landscaping, weatherization, green building and solar.

### **FUTURE BUILD COHORT 4 ORIENTATION**

**MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2013**

**3:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

**329 Railroad Avenue, Pittsburg, CA 94565**

**Necessary documents:**

**Photo ID (California ID or Driver's License)**

**Social Security Card**

**DMV Printout**

**3 References**

**High School Diploma or GED if you have either**

**Resume (if you have one)**

**Any advanced training certificates you may have earned**

**Proof of residency**

**Future Build is drug free, all those**

**who are enrolled must be too (entry & exit test will be performed)**

**For additional info call: Merl Craft at 925-522-2970**

**Or email [openopportunities@ymail.com](mailto:openopportunities@ymail.com)**



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