



MIKE HAGAN

GLAZIER FOR 30 YEARS, LONGTIME SOFTBALL COACH

SPOTLIGHT

On Mike Hagan:

Title Foreman for Eureka Metal & Glass Services, Inc. (Philadelphia, PA)

Hometown Northeast Philadelphia, PA

Family Wife Jamie; kids Michael (22), Maria (19), and Joseph (14)

Favorite Team Philadelphia Phillies

Favorite Movie A Bronx Tale



ABOUT MIKE

With 30 years of glazing under his belt, Mike Hagan appreciates that most every day has been different. He became a glazier at age 21, after graduating from Father Judge High School and spending time working as a landscaper and for the phone company. Mike's then-brother-in-law was a glazier and encouraged him to take the test. Today, Mike works as a glazier and foreman for Eureka Metal & Glass Services, Inc., of Philadelphia, Pa.

Mike admits construction work can be a grind. "The toughest part is in the wintertime when it's 10 degrees outside and it's dark out when I get up at quarter to five." But he's quick to add that his colleagues make the job worthwhile. "When you work with good people, it makes it easy to go into work every day."

THERE FROM DAY 1

In March, Mike will have spent 19 months at the Comcast Innovation and Technology Center, the second Comcast tower under construction in Center City, Philadelphia. As a foreman for the interior glass package, Mike has been on site since Day 1, coordinating crews, payroll, paperwork, and participating in the day's glazing tasks. "It's the longest job I've ever been part of," says Mike. "To see it from beginning to end is pretty amazing." The lobby atrium alone involved hanging 2,700 nine-foot-by-three-foot decorative glass pieces.



From left: Mike on site at the Comcast Innovation and Technology Center; the Comcast tower's lobby atrium (image courtesy AGI)

OPEN MIND

Mike encourages apprentices – and any young person considering the trade – to come in with an open mind and always be willing to learn and to listen. “My way’s not always the best way,” Mike explains, “You may have five guys working together and have five different ideas. But for a young kid, be willing to listen, learn, and take it all in during your apprenticeship. It will help you learn your best way to do things.” He encourages absorbing, asking questions, and offering input. In the end, it helps build respect and skill, both of which Mike has gained in his three decades of glazing.

QUIET RESULTS

According to Eureka President Terry Webb, Mike is quiet, modest, and effective on the job. “He runs an efficient, safe, and goal-oriented crew. I have observed crews directed by Mike and they produce quality results in an efficient manner for certain.” Quick to point out the good work Mike has done on the Comcast project, Terry adds that “Mike is a man of high integrity who can be trusted by all.”

SILVER ANNIVERSARY

On April 24, 2018, Mike and his wife Jamie will celebrate 25 years of marriage. Together, they have three children. Son Michael, age 22, is a senior at LaSalle University. Daughter Maria turned 19 on Saint Patrick’s Day. She’s a freshman at Cabrini University. Youngest son Joseph is a 14-year-old eighth grader. The tight-knit family enjoys spending time together on the beach in North Wildwood, N.J.

FRIENDLY COMPETITION

Mike has been engaged in playing and coaching sports for all 30 years that he’s been a glazier. He joined the Glaziers Local 252 softball team in 1988, the same year he began his apprenticeship. He began coaching around 2000, was a player-coach from 2000-2015, and has coached ever since. After a series of late-winter Nor’Easters, Mike was looking forward to the spring 2018 season getting started.

When his children were younger, Mike was actively engaged in their sports as well as his own. He served as a coach and board member of Northeast Philadelphia’s Holy Terrors Youth Organization. Just as Mike is always willing to step up and do what’s needed on a job site, he supported the organization, even setting up and lining the soccer fields around his coaching duties.

Today, Mike spends his free time watching his daughter play soccer for Cabrini University and attending his older son’s track meets for LaSalle University. “I get enjoyment out of watching them compete,” he says.



Left: Mike with his daughter Maria, son Joseph, wife Jamie, and son Michael; Below: Mike and family at the beach in North Wildwood; with the Glaziers Local 252 softball team; Mike (second from left) at the annual Stewards Dinner in 2017 (image © Joe Garvin)

