



Plumbers, Pipefitters and Service Journeymen

UA Local #58

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Brother & Sisters,

The work is picking up slower than expected but it is picking up. The 3 hospitals are slowly coming out of the ground and as soon as some steel is erected we will finally be able to dispatch our remaining manpower. Isn't it odd the work always picks up during the hunting seasons when we need some time off? Even with the upcoming secured work, we are continuing to pursue every upcoming job posting to our contractors to keep a steady flow of work for the future. With news Excel Energy plans to retire 2 units at the Comanche power station and replace them with 1,000 megawatts of wind power, 700 megawatts of solar power and 700 megawatts of gas produced power, we need to stay competitive commercially. One of our contractors has heard the intent is that the 700 megawatts of gas produced power will be built in the northern portion of the state, but you never know. Our new plan administrator WPAS is now on board and working thru the cleanup process for the last 2 years reporting before they can start with a clean and accurate slate. I have no doubt this company will be able to administer our plan funds with the dedicated staff they have provided us. You should have been mailed a Benefits Pipeline flyer with updates and information on preventative healthcare recommendations, cost saving tips and newly implemented dental benefits. Keep in mind the dental benefit available is an oral exam, a set of x-rays and one dental cleaning per calendar year per active employee and eligible dependent.



Until we determine how to issue dental benefit cards your dental provider may submit your claim electronically or you may have to pay for the entire cost of the service upfront and send your claim to the Plan for reimbursement. We have new information flyers from Cigna "Know before you go" with urgent care locations, addresses and hours of operation to assist you in finding the best provider "nearest your home" for you're in network needs. We are dropping these informational flyers in when we mail out your dues receipt's but if you haven't got one call and we will get one mailed to you. The trust fund has made some changes to the Wells Fargo Annuity plan investment options. You will see the Wells Fargo 10 year target date funds being replaced on November 10th with Vanguard 5 year target date funds. Your current target date funds are being mapped to the new target date funds based on your date of birth and expected retirement date. The Local 58 web site has been upgraded and should be easier to navigate. The calendar will be loaded with updates, classes and training and the attached links will better navigate you to your plan administrator, health care provider and annuity plan representative. Log on to the site and try it out at local58.org. Stay warm and we hope to see you at one of the monthly meetings the third Wednesday of each month.

Ron Lenz



Union Meeting Schedule

The next Union Meetings will be October 18th, November 15th, and December 20th (which is the membership Christmas Party) at 6:00 PM.

Brothers and Sisters

Our contractors have told us that all the hospital work they have on their books is finally starting. If you have been through the intersection of Woodmen and Powers lately you have seen the steel going up for the addition at St. Francis. Olson has told us that project should really get rolling soon. There are two projects at the Memorial North Campus that are also underway. Those projects are the new Children's Hospital and additions and renovations at UC Health. They are starting to come out of the ground and once the structures start going up they should start calling for manpower. Apollo Mechanical has started on the new Olympic Training Center Museum in Colorado Springs. That job is also just coming out of the ground and they have told us they don't think they will be needing to hire until sometime in November. Commercial Design has a business center they are currently working on in the north end of Colorado Springs and have told us they have a couple more projects in our jurisdiction on their books that should start soon. The rest of our contractors have said that they are holding their own with manpower they have for now and that they continue to bid more work.

Work on the road is hit or miss. Local #469 in Phoenix AZ has said their Intel Plant should really take off after the first of the year and would need help to fill all of the calls they are expecting. Local 412 in Albuquerque NM does have a couple of jobs that they could use help manning. They need some Fitters at Los Alamos Lab and they could use Plumbers in Santa Fe. Local #140 has also said they could use help manning calls at IM Flash in Lehi UT. As for the rest of the country Local #342 in Oakland CA has been taking Combo welders and Fitters with a current UA Rigging Cert. As always if anyone is interested in finding out about work at home or on the road give me a call or stop by the hall.

Regards, Dale



Retirees Christmas Lunch

This year's Christmas Lunch for the retirees will be held on December 21st at noon. Please let us know if you plan on attending.



2018 Old Timers and Apprenticeship Banquet

The 2018 Dinner will be on April 14, 2018 at 6:00 pm, at the Hotel Elegante, 2886 South Circle Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80906. More information to come in the following newsletters.



Local #58 Merchandise

We have a variety of Local #58 merchandise available for purchase, these items include short sleeve t shirts, mechanic shirts, jackets, hooded sweatshirts, baseball caps, beanie caps and pins.



JATC News and Information

If you are interested in the vacated apprentice director position at the JATC, please contact Ron Lenz at (719) 633-4052 ext. 12. If you have a resume feel free to drop it off at the Union Hall.

Please make sure you call the JATC at 473-9690 to confirm the class (s) date and time, you must also be signed up for the class to attend. Call the school for a class you need or want that isn't on the schedule. There are also calculators, handbooks (Med Gas \$73.00) and codebooks (IPC \$89.00) for sale through the JATC.

When applying for Med Gas or Back Flow certs your paperwork must be turned into the JATC thirty (30) days in advance of the class start date, there will be no exceptions.



2017 - JATC Class Schedule

- **CPR/First Aid Class** - Will be held on an as needed basis.
- **Weld Test** - Will be held monthly as long as there are at least 4 people. Call to sign up and deposit is \$100.00. The deposit will be refunded when you attend the class.

Attend the UNION MEETINGS - It's your business!!!