

Plumbers, Pipefitters and Service Journeymen

UA Local #58

Newsletter - November & December 2018

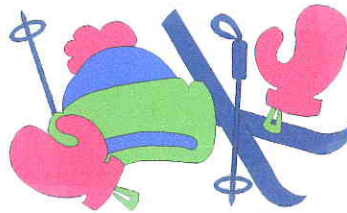


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Brothers & Sisters,
Work in the area has dropped of as it usually does in the fall but hopefully not for long. We have had reports from the local contractors they will be holding steady with the manpower they currently have and maybe increase as some new jobs get rolling. We have had several out of town contractors secure work in the area and will be adding to the calls on the job line as soon as contracts are signed, and work can begin. The industrial information construction site has confirmed the green energy push has swept across the state and all the new postings for power generation projects are in the wind and solar field. Even the projected plan to move forward with the rail mill expansion project in Pueblo, there is solar and battery backup power slated to coincide with the construction. To keep our market share growing and members working our contractors have been bidding work in the entire jurisdiction, you will be seeing zone pay jobs pop up in Trinidad, Alamosa, Buena Vista and several of the small south eastern towns soon also. The jobs in these rural cities are essential to Local 58 so we can continue to prevail in every county when the DOL updates the next Davis Bacon wage audit. The MCA has hired Bob Roth to work with the Colorado General Contractors association to build or repair labor relations and reintroduce the benefits of Union Labor and promote our Union contractors. Bob and I are in constant contact to get ahead of the work in the area and better our opportunities before the work has been awarded. Most of our

members Cigna HRA cards are expiring and new ones are being mailed out so if your card has expired and you didn't get a new one, call and we will get one issued. The new card will need to be activated prior to use and when used, Cigna may require additional documentation from the member to verify the use of the card met federal guidelines for HRA use. If you get the notice from Cigna they need more information about the HRA transaction, get an itemized description of the procedure, mail it to the Cigna address and the billing can be closed out. State and Federal elections are heating up so be sure to get out and vote, the sooner you vote the sooner you fall off the targeted outreach for support. Stay warm and if your headed out to hunt soon be sure to send a photo or share your story with us.

Thanks Ron Lenz

Merry Christmas



Remaining Union Meeting Schedule for 2018

The next Union Meetings will be Nov 21 (Nominations that night, see inserted colored sheet for details) and Dec 19 (Elections, see inserted colored sheet for details and Christmas Party Night) at 6:00 PM.

Brothers & Sisters

With winter and the holiday season fast approaching work has been slowing down. Our local contractors as well as some out of town contractors have said they have work on their books that should be starting soon. Some of this work includes Jackson Creek Elementary, a 5-story sports medicine building at UCCS, Canon City School, San Isabel electric Assn., and a hotel expansion in Cripple Creek, work at Fort Carson, Peterson AFB, Air Force Academy and NORAD. Also, an expansion on the hospital in Trinidad. There should be plenty of work to keep us busy through the winter and well into spring.

Work around the country has been busy and have requested needing Fitters, Welders and Plumbers. Most of the work seems to be shutdowns and outages. The really big jobs at INTEL in Phoenix and at the Shell Cracker in Pittsburg that everyone has been asking about are still on track to go but haven't been calling for many travelers yet. We currently have members working out of locals from Honolulu to Rhode Island. As always if anyone has any questions about work at home or on the road, give me a call or stop by the office.

Dale



Retirees Christmas Lunch

Local #58's retirees Christmas Lunch will be held on December 20, 2018 at noon. There will be plenty of good food, and prizes.



MEETING-



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



JATC News and Information

As of November 1, 2018 all weld test will be sent to Oklahoma for "bend testing". This is part of the United Associations new pilot program. This program will replace the current X-Ray requirements, until further notice.

Starting immediately all members holding a cert of any kind will be notified by text message when that cert is expiring, we will no longer send the notice by mail. Please make sure that the Union Hall has a correct phone number. These text messages will be sent out around the 16th of each month.

Med gas – When your brazing continuity is sent to NITC for your med gas certification they in turn send out a new card with an expiration date on it. NITC has added a new mobile app for phones and they will no longer send cards with expiration dates on them, you will have to check through the app when your cert expires. In the case you lose your card you must contact NITC yourself and get a new card, there might be a possible fee for a replacement card.

Current Class Schedule

- Med Gas Recertification Class
- Med Gas New Installer
- OSHA 10 on line



Call 473-9690 for all the details on the above classes.