



Plumbers, Pipefitters and Service Journeymen

UA Local #58

Newsletter - March and April 2019



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Brothers & Sisters,

Spring work is picking up and manpower calls are starting to trickle in from the Local contractors. Some of the other work options available or soon to be available are the chilled water pipe replacement in Cheyenne Mountain for Apollo National projects, ICI is in the hunt for some outage work at the Martin Drake power station. The Pueblo steel mill rail expansion is moving forward but no contractors have not been awarded any scope of work yet and Bechtel has submitted a National Construction Agreement request form for an additional 100-million-dollar project to install 3 static detonation chambers, to destroy mortar rounds the existing facility cannot manage. Other contractors from around the country have called for wage rates and working conditions to put together proposals for several military upgrades at Ft. Carson, Peterson, Schriever and the AFA. The Local contractors have secured an ample supply of work for the summer and we expect to continue to post above average man hours for most of the year. On the trust fund side of the business we are having a lot of trouble getting our Plan Administrators to accurately identify Health care eligibility, HRA contribution balances and plan usage. These issues have been lingering for quite some time with all the Local's in Colorado Pipe Industry. With the promise of a resolution which is weak at best, continue to call the Hall and we will work your issues from our end. In the last trust meeting Wells Fargo once again pointed out that the Colorado Pipe Industry annuity and salary deferral plan has 1083 participants with holdings of \$11,388,097 in Stable value funds, with minimal rates of return compared to other options available. Participants in this fund should expect to receive letters encouraging them to explore options to improve the rate of return on your personal fund assets.

The Service contract agreement at the AFA was awarded and the newly selected contractor is searching for plumbers interested in plumbing service and maintenance jobs. Dale will soon be able to provide a link for anyone interested in applying for these positions. Colorado Springs City Council has some open seats up for election in April and Terry Martinez is running for an at large seat for the council. Terry has been endorsed by the Building Trade council and the Local union and we urge your support in this mail in ballot election. With labor friendly members Richard Skorman and Yolanda Avila, Terry would be an asset to a slowly shifting labor movement. Membership meetings are still the third Wednesday of every month so stay involved to stay informed.

Ron Lenz



JATC News and Information

If you hold a certification of any kind and have not been notified by text message when your cert is expiring we have the incorrect phone number for you. Please call the school or hall to make sure we have your most current information, this includes your address.

NITC has an app that shows when your brazing continuity for your Med Gas expires. Make sure you have the app as NITC will no longer send expiration information through the mail. If you lose your card you must contact NITC directly.

If you have any specific class/certification needs call 473-9690.

Brothers and Sisters,

It's hard to believe that it is already 2019. After a busy spring and summer, we slowed a bit through the holiday season. That being said, our local contractors have let us know they are expecting to be quite busy the first part of the new year. In addition to the jobs the contractors have told us they have in Colorado Springs and Pueblo they also have work in Trinidad, Alamosa and Del Norte.

There have also been quite a few national contractors that have contacted us for wage rates for upcoming projects in our area. The jobs that we know they have been successful on are at PCAPP, Fort Carson as well as Cheyenne Mountain. Apollo International is the contractor who has the Cheyenne Mountain job. They have hired a few journeymen and a couple of apprentices. They have started mobilizing for that job. The bulk of the work on that project should start in June.

Work on the road is kind of hit or miss at this time. With some really big jobs poised to start but haven't because of one reason or another. That being said Phoenix, AZ and Manassas, are expecting some large calls at their INTEL plants. As always if anyone has questions about work at home or on the road don't hesitate to give me a call.

Dale

Important dates to remember, clip this section and keep it for future reference!

St Patrick's Day Parade

The St. Patrick's Day Parade is March 16, 2019. For details call Dale at 633-4052 ext. 14.

2019 Old Timers and Apprenticeship Banquet

The 2019 Old Timers and Apprenticeship Dinner will be held on April 6, 2019 at the Pueblo Union Depot, 132 West "B" Street, Pueblo, CO 81003. The dinner will start at 6:00 pm. Please call the hall to make reservations, 719-633-4052, ext. 10.



Local #58's 2019 Annual Picnic

Local #58's Annual Picnic will be held on June 29, 2019 at Wonderland Ranch in Black Forest Colorado. The picnic starts at 11:00 am and ends at 4:00 pm. Please keep in mind that Wonderland Ranch has a very strict no pet policy with the exception of service animals.



DUES PAYMENT REMINDER

Keeping track of your union dues payments is as simple as marking a calendar and it prevents a lot of needless trouble for members and the union office staff alike.

All too often, members fall into dues delinquency and incur additional costs upon themselves – not because of long term financial difficulties but simply through poor record keeping.

UA DELINQUENCY

But whatever the reason, falling behind on your monthly dues is bad news; and members have to follow the rules of the United Association to return to good standing.

Any member who falls more than three months behind in dues payments automatically becomes delinquent. No notification is required. Delinquent members are not entitled to any union rights, privileges or monetary benefits. (See UA constitution booklet, page 103, SEC. 157).

\$50.00 REINSTATEMENT

A delinquent member returns to good standing by paying all back-dues through the current month, plus a \$50.00 reinstatement fee. The reinstatement fee cannot be paid until the back dues are paid in full.

A reinstated member is immediately entitled to full participation in local union meetings but must wait 90 days after paying the reinstatement fee before being entitled to monetary benefits.

So, keep careful track of your due's payments. It helps keep the union's books up to date, and it maintains your status as a good union member.

Please note, you can now pay your dues over the phone with credit or debit card, by calling the hall at (719) 633-4052, ext. 10.

Local 58's web page

Local #58's web page is – local58.org – there is a lot of information on this page.

- ✚ Important Phone Numbers, calendars for the Hall and JATC, upcoming events, benefits (including dental) information, helpful links and photos of events.

2019 Union

Meeting

Schedule - 3rd Wednesday of the month!

March 20th, April 17th, May 15th, June 19th, July 17th, August 21st, September 18th, October 16th, November 20th and December 18th (which is the Christmas Party) all at 6:00