



# Plumbers, Pipefitters and Service Journeymen

UA Local #58

Newsletter - January - March 2020



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Brothers & Sisters,

Work has slowed down a little but the long-range projection has Colorado Springs, Pueblo and Alamosa steady with growth to the region. School work in the rural towns has been above average and the use of the provisional journeyman has shown valuable to be able to man the work that has been difficult in the past. The industrial market will slow with the steel mill expansion being the only project on the radar for new construction. There is outage work coming to the local power generation facilities, but that market has been hard for us to compete in due to the increased interest from the non-union for the smaller jobs they can better man. The Chemical Weapon Depot static detonation chamber project has been painfully slow and frustrating for those on the out of work list waiting for it to hire. They report work is going well at management meetings and lay off men before we get back to the hall. I guess that is the way that job has been for the last 15 years.

Colorado Pipe Industry Health & Welfare fund has decided to end their contract with WPAS and self-perform as our own fund administrator. We have hired John Flanagan as our Executive Director and he will have a staff of 2 employees to operate and administer employee benefits. Cigna will continue as our Health Care network but will no longer handle the HRA side of the benefit. John and his team will use WEX Health to manage the HRA expense reimbursement portal.

The Mechanical Contractors Association has reported that work is easier to secure with a general contractor or owner when we have a contract in place that provides job stability the duration of the upcoming project. We still have 2 years on the existing CBA with a \$1.50 increase July 1, 2020 and \$1.60 increase July 1, 2021. The MCA has proposed a contract extension for an additional 6 years with a 3% increase each year. This offer comes out to increases of \$1.58 in 2022, \$1.63 in 2023, \$1.68 in 2024, \$1.73 in 2025, \$1.78 in 2026 and \$1.83 in

2027. The members have agreed to discuss this proposal, if the membership decides to vote on this offer or a counter offer the membership will be notified by mail prior to a ratification vote at the regular scheduled monthly meeting.

The membership voted to retire the 2 cars Dale and I drive and purchased 2 Dodge Durango's. The cars are 2012 Ford Taurus and have about 175,000+ miles on them. The membership chose to accept sealed bids to purchase these cars from the Local Union. They are currently at the Local and can be looked over, started and test drove if you wish to consider an offer. Sealed bids will be accepted until February 18<sup>th</sup> 2020 and the bids open and highest offer accepted at the February 19<sup>th</sup> membership meeting.

These next several Union meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month we will be discussing business that will affect the Local for a long time so stay informed and get involved.

Ron Lenz



## Local 58's web page

Local #58's web page is – [local58.org](http://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.

## 2020 Union

# Meeting

### Schedule - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month!

Feb 19<sup>th</sup>, March 18<sup>th</sup>, April 15<sup>th</sup>, May 20<sup>th</sup>, June 17<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup>,  
Aug 19<sup>th</sup>, Sept 16<sup>th</sup>, Oct 21<sup>st</sup>, Nov 18<sup>th</sup> and December 16<sup>th</sup>  
(which is the Christmas Party) all at 6:00

Brothers and Sisters,

It's hard to believe it's already 2020 and another year is in the books. It was a pretty good year and from what our contractors have told us this upcoming year looks like it is going to be even busier. Our local contractors are currently working on jobs in Trinidad and have work coming up in Alamosa as well as the second phase of the middle school in Buena Vista.

With those jobs and jobs like Switchback Stadium, CC Hockey Arena, In-N-Out Burger distribution center and the new ENT building in Colorado Springs there will be quite a bit of work coming up in Pueblo and Canon City as well. The PCC/St. Mary Corwin project is getting started and Trane has partnered with one our local contractors to replace equipment at several city and county buildings in Pueblo. In Canon City the new Washington Elementary school is underway and the St. Cloud Hotel remodel should start soon.

The project that has had a lot of our members asking questions about is the job at the chemical weapon depot that ICM has. The job took off in November and put several of our members to work but as fast as they hired the project slowed down to a crawl. Management with ICM said the slowdown is because of drawings not being released and some permit issues. They have told us they should be back on track soon.

Work around the country has been hit and miss this winter. The locals in our neighboring states have been quite slow this winter but Local 449 in Pittsburgh who has the PA Chem Shell Cracker Plant and Local 602 in Washington D.C. who has a large high purity project going in Manassas which is in their jurisdiction, have been hiring fairly steady thru the winter.

As always if anyone has any questions about work in our jurisdiction or around the country don't hesitate to give me a call.  
Dale

### **JATC NEWS AND INFORMATION**

2864 Janitell Road, COS, CO 80906

Phone: (719) 473-9690

**Med Gas:** If you are interested in this class you must have 4 years of piping experience.

**BackFlow:** If you are interested in this class you must 5 years of piping experience or a Colorado Plumbing License.

**Industrial Rigging:** If you are interested in this class you must have 4 years of piping experience.

**Foreman Training:** If you are interested in this class, 5th year Apprentices must have written approval from the contractor you are employed with to attend, as one of the two days is on a Friday.

**Continuous Education:** Will begin immediately following approval from the state on curriculum and location.

**Call 473-9690 for Questions or to sign up**



### **Dues Payment Reminder**

Keeping track of your union dues 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 dues 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**

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

#### **2020 Old Timers and Apprenticeship Banquet**

*The 2020 Old Timers and Apprenticeship Dinner will be held on April 11, 2020 at the Hotel Elegante, 2886 S. Circle Drive, CO 80906. The dinner will start at 6:00 pm. Please call the hall to make reservations, 719-633-4052, ext. 10.*



#### **Local #58's 2020 Annual Picnic**

*Local #58's Annual Picnic will be held on June 27, 2020 at the Pueblo Zoo, 3455 Nuckolls Ave., Pueblo, CO 81005. The picnic starts at 11:00 am and ends at 4:00 pm.*

**Please keep in mind that the Zoo has a very strict no pet policy with the exception of service animals.**

