



Plumbers, Pipefitters and Service Journeymen

UA Local #58

Newsletter - June/July 2020



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Brothers & Sisters,

We are slowly getting back to normal, if we can remember what normal was. The work forecast is even better than expected for this time of year. Dale is looking far and wide to fill open calls as we speak. Gary Arnold "BM Local 208 in Denver" is who we owe a debt of gratitude to for keeping construction active. Gary is a member of the Governor's advisory board and helped keep construction worker on the essential workforce list. Good work Gary! There are a lot of jobs to fill so Dale and the 5 states organizers will be putting together some organizing activities to fill the jobs we are struggling to man.

The Governor has loosened some of the restrictions, but there is still a ban on gatherings of 50 or more people so Union meetings are still suspended until regulations allow. The May meeting is when the 2020 wage increase would normally be allocated, but the UA guidelines direct the Business Manager to make these decisions until we can meet to change or ratify business actions. Instead of making this decision I asked the Union Stewards and the Executive Board to discuss with their groups and report back with a recommendation. The Stewards and Executive board were unanimous in the placement of the \$1.50 July 1, 2020 increase. The increase to Journeyman wage will apply .25 cents to the Health and Welfare, .5 cents to the JATC, .20 cents to the HRA and \$1.00 on the check. This will apply July 1, 2020 and will be ratified when the Local resumes with membership meetings or it can be reallocated with a membership vote on the floor.

All of the meetings for the AFL/CIO, Labor Councils, Building Trade Councils, Trust Fund and 5 States are still continuing, but by conference calls or zoom. Business is still conducted but concentrated to fit a large group teleconference, so activity is limited. As you know we terminated our contract with our third-party administrator WPAS and are self-performing our Trust

Fund assets. The move is going better than we ever expected. John and his staff are outstanding in handling of member funds and eligibility. Cigna is still the provider of our Health care network but they do not handle the HRA any longer. If you log on to local58.org and click on benefits you will see the HRA link to your new account management site.

The only Political Activity we are looking at right now is the Pueblo County Commissioner Primary. Ballots should be in the mail any day now. We are supporting Abel Tapia for this seat to remove Garrison Ortiz and his failure to support Union jobs. Garrison had a clip in the Pueblo Chieftain where they commented they see no additional value to using Union Labor. Garrison has been a disgrace to the people that got him elected and must be replaced. Please spread the word to all your friends and family to look for Abel Tapia on your primary ballot. Call if you have any questions, if the phone system is hard to navigate just dial 633-4052 and hit extension 10 for the front desk. Stay safe and enjoy the sunshine.

Ron



Members who have passed away

- **Frank Madrill** passed away on 4/8/2020, he was initiated 8/24/1972, he was the owner of IMC in Pueblo. A memorial service is planned at a later date.
- **Jeremy Hogg** passed away on 4/28/2020, he was initiated 7/10/2003 into Local #3, and transferred into Local #58 in 2006. A memorial Service will be held on 6/20/2020 at Springs Lighthouse, 4777 North Academy Blvd. Colo. Spgs., CO 80918 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM.
- **Hans Stahlmann** passed away on 5/14/2020, he was initiated 1/14/1960 into local 254, and transferred to local 58 in 1967. A memorial service is planned at a later date.

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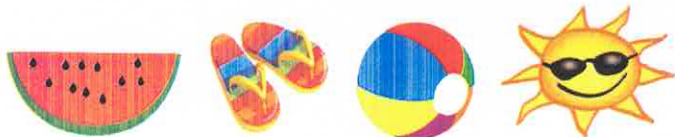
I hope this letter finds everyone healthy and doing well. With construction being part of the essential workforce and most of our active membership continuing to work thru the Colorado stay at home orders we did have quite a few members hit the out of work list. Work in our jurisdiction does seem to be starting to pick up. PLS Mechanical has put in calls for the project they are currently working on at Mt. San Rafael Hospital in Trinidad. Falcon Plumbing and Heating has had a few calls for the second phase of the Middle School/High School addition they have in Buena Vista. Olson has various projects in our jurisdiction that they have been calling Plumbers for. Murphy Co. has the In-N-Out Burger distribution center that is currently underway off Interquest Parkway at the north end of the Springs. ICM is holding steady with the manpower they have at the Chemical Weapon Depot in Pueblo. Rand Construction is a contractor out of Kansas City that has a project at the Peterson AFB medical clinic. They have hired a few Journeymen for that project and have said they should be calling for more in a month or more. WMC Mechanical Inc. a contractor who has done work in our jurisdiction in the past, has a project at the Ambulatory Care/Dental Clinic at Schriever AFB and has said they will be calling for manpower in the near future.

For the time being our temporary change to the hiring hall that was established in April is still in effect. *Effective immediately any member whose employment status changes for any reason will be able to phone the office to be put on the out of work list in the order the calls were received. If you are in a situation that you need to sign the out of work list you will need to call (719) 633-4052 Ext. 14 and leave a voice mail if no one answers. All calls to be put on the out of work list must be to ext. 14 to be put on the out of work list.*

As you all know by now the Old Timers Dinner and Apprenticeship turn out banquet had to be canceled this year and has been tentatively scheduled for next April. Also, we have just received an update from the Pueblo Zoo that at the writing of this letter they are still not open. They are working thru procedures on reopening but don't think that they will be able to accommodate a group the size of ours anytime soon. We are trying to schedule a date close to the same time next June. When we have official date and time worked out with these venues we will notify the membership.

As always, if anyone has any questions about work or anything else please call the office.

Dale



JATC NEWS

Phone: (719) 473-9690

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope all is well and everyone is going good during these trying times. We will be having Apprentice Orientation night at the JATC on August 25, 2020 at 5:00 PM to start the school year off. I would like to congratulate the 5th year apprentices that have tuned out this year and this summer. It was an obstacle that you pushed through with hesitation, so Congratulations!



Here are some updates:



- **Weld lab** sessions are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM.
- **Foreman Class** has been rescheduled for September 11th & 12th and September 18th & 19th at 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM. There is a refundable \$100.00 deposit required, and will be refunded after the completion of the class. Call to sign up.
- **Industrial Rigging** class is scheduled for July 2020. There is a \$150.00 non-refundable class fee. Call to sign up.
- **Med Gas class** – there is a \$250.00 non-refundable class fee. Call to sign up.
- **OSHA 30 class** – there is a \$100.00 refundable deposit required, and will be refunded after the completion of the class. Call to sign up.
- **VIP Instructor Opening** - We are looking for a **VIP Instructor for Ft. Carson. Resumes must be delivered to Beto directly no later than June 26, 2020 cut off time is 4:45 PM. Resumes are for interview purposes. Call with any questions.**

The JATC requires responsible Social Distancing and Face Covering practices until further notice.

Continuity and Brazing forms for welding are on our web site (www.local58.org) under the JATC forms.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (719) 473-9690.

Be Safe,

Beto

