

# Plumbers, Pipefitters and Service Journeymen

UA Local #58

Newsletter - May, June & July 2017

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Brothers & Sisters,

The industrial outage season is slowing and the commercial market is picking up. Dale has been keeping the membership in the monthly meetings posted of the upcoming hospital work, and we now have contracts to proceed on St. Francis and Children's hospitals. Manpower postings for these jobs should start coming in as soon as the buildings start going vertical. The ability to negotiate and secure jobs this large is partially due to the fact that we were able to extend the current Collective bargaining agreement past the duration of the projects. This gives the General, mechanical and plumbing contractors a solid bidding platform and stable workforce outlet. Posted on page 48 of the 2016-2022 CBA, are the increases negotiated covering this year and also the next 4 years. The membership in the May meeting allocated the \$1.20 negotiated wage and fringe increase for this next contract year. .25 cents will be covering the health and welfare requirement, .5 cents to a Local 58 labor management partnership fund, and .90 cents added to the current wage rate. With these increases effective July 1, the commercial hourly base wage rate will be \$32.00 per hour and the industrial hourly base rate will be \$36.50 per hour. Each future year at the May membership meeting, future allocations will be voted for placement.

The Local 58 website ([local58.org](http://local58.org)) is currently under construction, the new site will provide a more interactive layout with more informative links and information for both the Local and JATC. Our current third party administrator for the Colorado Pipe industry trust funds (Zenith

American Solutions) has not performed to the funds expectations, and is in the process of being replaced by a new administrator (WPAS) Welfare & Pension Administration Services Inc. The fund trustees are quite sure this adjustment will reduce reporting errors and minimize issues with member fund balances. Feel free to call Cindy, Dale or I with any questions or recommendations you think may help the Local represent you to our full potential.

Our new phone system has changed slightly but still has all our links and extensions listed to prompt you to the party you desire.

Sincerely,

Ron Lenz



### 2017 Picnic

The Picnic will be at Wonderland Ranch in Black Forest on June 10, 2017. There will be lots of activities including catch and release fishing (bring your fishing pole) there will be great food, games and lots of prizes Remember that Wonderland Ranch has a NO PET POLICY, service animals only.

OUR  
SCHEDULE!

### Union Meeting Schedule

The next Union Meetings will be June 21, July 19, and August 16 at 6:00 PM.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It's hard to believe that it is almost time for the annual local 58 picnic again. Wonderland Ranch will be the site of the picnic again this year. We look forward to seeing everyone there. The event starts at 11:00am. Food will be served from 12:00pm until about 1:30pm. We have the facility until 4:00 pm, stick around for an afternoon of fun. The wonderland ranch is located on the NW corner of Vollmer road and Hodgen road. Once at that intersection you will find the park entrance about 75 feet north of the intersection on Vollmer road. Wonderland Ranch has a strict no pet policy, but service animals are allowed.

On the work front, in our jurisdiction our local contractors have a lot of work on their books and have said they will need to hire in the next couple of months. The hospitals have started but are working on underground at this time. Once the structures go up there will be a need for Med-Gas, Plumbers, and Fitters. Other than the hospital work in Pueblo and Colorado Springs we have been told there is work waiting to start from Alamosa to the Air Force Academy. The work forecast for Local 58 looks like it should be a busy Summer.

I look forward to seeing you and your family at the picnic on June 10th,

Dale



Membership Information Needed

Members are encouraged to check with the hall & JATC to make sure we have your proper contact information, i.e. phone numbers, email, address and current beneficiary. We can't tell you how important it is to keep this information current.



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

Local #58 Merchandise

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



JATC News and Information

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.



Summer 2017 - JATC Class Schedule

Foreman Recertification class – Call to Confirm  
Backflow Class – Call to Confirm

Both of these classes are not full and will be scheduled when enough people have signed up to participate.



Apprentice Competition News

Zac Bosco Is headed to Concord CA to Represent Local #58 at the regional apprenticeship competition as a welder.