

Plumbers, Pipefitters and Service Journeymen

UA Local #58

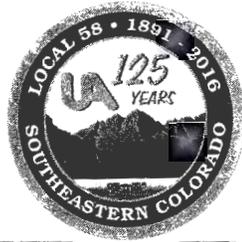
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****Special Notice****

Brothers & Sisters,

Prior to the June membership meeting the contractors asked me to approach the membership, with an offer to extend the existing collective bargaining agreement beyond the current term. With a District Council #5 strategic planning effort and a plan for putting budgets together for upcoming work, the MCA of Southern Colorado has proposed the following offer to the existing contract termed June 30th 2019.

\$1.40 per hour increase to the total package beginning July 1, 2019

\$1.50 per hour increase to the total package beginning July 1, 2020

\$1.60 per hour increase to the total package beginning July 1, 2021

***New contract end date of June 30, 2022**

There are no language changes to the agreement, just monetary values and length.

The members present at the June membership meeting found this offer to be fair and reasonable, and called for a vote of the collective membership.

A vote on the contract proposal will be held:

6:00 PM Wednesday July 20th, 2016

Local 58 Membership Meeting

2870 Janitell Road Colo. Spgs. CO 80906

As for work in the area, we are receiving quite a few calls from out of town contractors for wage rates for bidding purposes and we wish them

the best of luck. Responsible contractor language is a hot topic discussion item for Pueblo City Council & County Commissioners but each seems reluctant to go out on a limb for us before the other.

Elections are closing in soon and maybe it's time to figure out who is labor friendly and who just says they are. I'm sure we can keep you posted as the election cycle heats up. Stay cool and call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Ron Lenz



IMPORTANT DUES NOTIFICATION!!!

Due to the new computer membership program Local #58 purchased there are strict dues cut-off date and time changes. Any member owing over three months dues by the close of business (5pm) on the last day of the third month will be considered delinquent thus owing an additional \$50.00 reinstatement fee.

The same rule applies to dues put in the "drop off slot" or dues sent in by mail.

There is no way around this, so please pay your membership dues on time.



UNION MEETINGS

Local #58 Union Meetings are the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm. Meetings are held at 2870 Janitell Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80906. **Please attend it's your business.**

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

With the implementation of the new computer program that Local #58 purchased we need current information. We need to make sure we have all your contact information correct, this includes your mailing address, phone numbers, e mail, beneficiary and emergency contact. Please help us get this information into the system correctly.



Brothers and Sisters,

If you were able to attend the 125th celebration at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort there is no need to tell you what a success it was. Everyone that we have spoken to has told us what a good time they had. I would like to take a moment to give a special thanks to the Entertainment Committee and everyone who helped them getting people signed in and passing out the gift bags. They all helped make the event the huge success that it was.

The annual picnic was held this year at the Pueblo Zoo. There was close to 150 in attendance and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves catching up with old friends that they hadn't seen in a while and some that they see all the time. The Zoo was open to all of our guests and most everyone was out checking out the animals. It seemed that everywhere you went in the Zoo you would run into someone from Local #58.

I reported in the last newsletter that the contractors were anticipating a lot of the work that they had on the books to start in April. As most of you know they haven't been coming in like we expected. They have started to call a few jobs in the last couple of weeks. Graycore does have the new unit at Black Hills Power in Pueblo and have 5 Journeymen onsite. They have said that they will probably hire more sometime in early July. Graycore told us that they plan on a crew of about 20 but are kind of slow getting started because of weather and other unforeseen delays. JJD who is a sub of Graycore has hired a couple of our members to work the HDPE on the project.

B&W has the scrubber project at Ray Nixon Power House the Pre-Job for that project was held on June the 2nd. They told us last week that they are about four weeks away from hiring fitters and that they would only be hiring eight to twelve fitters for the project. Anyone wanting to go to work on that project will have to have an OSHA 10 dated in the last 3 years. Yearout Mechanical from New Mexico has told us that they have a couple of small projects at Fort Carson that they have hired a Plumber and Apprentice for and say they may hire a couple more Journeymen soon.

We have heard that the Museum in Downtown Colorado Springs that Apollo Mechanical has won't be starting as soon as we thought its sounding more like later in the summer. PLS Mechanical has told us that they have a fast paced project that should begin the first week of June. CDE seems to be holding steady with the crew they have in the Springs for now and still have quite a bit of work in the Mountains. Olson has told me that they have a lot of work on the books and that they will be busy for the summer. AZCO has a pretty good sized job at UTC in Pueblo and they have started to hire a few for that job.

In Solidarity,

Dale

JATC INFORMATION

Up-Coming Classes:



- ❖ Backflow date scheduled and full
- ❖ Med-Gas is delayed, but still planning it for September.
- ❖ The Boom Truck is now certified and we can hold "certified rigging" classes without renting a crane or operator. The state of Colorado does not require licensing for a boom truck operator.
- ❖ Regional Apprenticeship Contest - Ryan Whitcomb representing Local #58 won the state of Colorado Apprenticeship competition in Denver as a Pipefitter qualifying him for the regional contest in Van Nuys California. We had fun and learned a great deal about the contest.