

Plumbers, Pipefitters and Service Journeymen

UA Local #58

Newsletter - Fall 2022

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Brothers and Sisters

I hope everyone had a great Labor Day. This holiday was signed into law by president Grover Cleveland on June 29, 1894 to recognize the American worker and labor movement. In a recent poll 71% of Americans approved of labor unions which is the highest rate in nearly 60 years. It truly is a great time to be a union member.

Fall is fast approaching and work continues to pick up and we are back to relying on travelers and organizers to help fill some of the calls that have been coming in. Based on conversations we've had with the contractors at recent labor management meetings the work forecast and manpower needs remain accurate, but timelines can change. Materials and equipment seem to be a hurdle that all contractors are having to deal with and it has been affecting jobs. We are starting to see many calls being posted to the UA net for jobs around the country. Work is projected to really pick up here in the west with all of the chip plant work coming to Portland, Phoenix, and Albuquerque. As always when big jobs go around the country there is more competition for the travelers that help fill our calls here at home. We need to rely on the help we get from the 5 states organizing department as well as local 58's training center.

Local 58's apprenticeship program continues to grow and prosper under the leadership of Training Director Beto Herrera and Assistant Training Director Dee Sharp. Currently there are 104 apprentices in Local 58's program. As the program continues to grow so does the need for more instructors. If anyone is interested in giving back by teaching, reach out to the training center at (719)

473-9690 and see where you can help out. Since the first of 2022 local 58 has brought in 72 new members through the tireless efforts of the organizing dept. and the JATC. Organizer, Training Director and Instructor are all tough and thankless jobs. I want to personally thank them all for helping make Local 58 the success it is.

I would also like to remind everyone to make sure to keep an eye on your mail. The local sends out newsletters as well as death benefit notices. After the first of the year new membership cards will be mailed to you. Pipe Industry Health and Welfare fund of Colorado and Cigna send out important information and updates from time to time so make sure to check your mail box occasionally.

In Solidarity,

Dale



Updates to school classes and Union events will be posted on the Union Strong App. Scan the App below.



SCAN ME



2022 Union

Meeting

Schedule - 3rd Wednesday of the month!

Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21 (which is the Christmas Party night) all at 6:00 PM

Brothers and sisters

First off, the annual picnic held at the Pueblo Zoo was a huge success. This venue is always a great time. Thank you to everyone that attended!

It has been a very busy summer with a lot of hours worked. We currently have 41 travelers working in our jurisdiction working for various contractors on various jobs. US Engineering and Murphy company have both opened new shops in Colorado Springs and both have made quick work securing projects in our jurisdiction. US Engineering has started to hire for their Air Force Academy Hotel and Convention Center Project.

As of this time our local contractors are holding steady with the crews currently in place. Olson has picked up four schools that are scheduled to start in the Summer of 2023. ICM will be hiring in October for a two-week shutdown at the Steel Mill in Pueblo, and mentioned that there is a strong possibility there will be over time associated with this job.

Local #58 continues its search for Licensed Plumbers and HVAC Technicians. If you are aware of someone fitting these descriptions have them give me a call at 719-633-4052 ext. 14.

As always if you are looking to go on the road please don't hesitate to call.

Adam

JATC NEWS

Phone: (719) 473-9690

Hello,

First, I would like to thank all the instructors here at the JATC and a warm welcome to our full time HVAC instructor Jacob Haffley!! It's been a long road to get where we are at now. We are currently looking for volunteers for projects around the school if you are interested, please give us a call.

Our CE classes for the year to finish out 2022, and more classes will be added for January and February 2023. These dates will be posted on the Union Strong App also:

September 20th, 22nd

October 4th, 18th

November 1st, 15th

December 6th, 20th

Medical gas installer classes are still FREE!!



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



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 and newsletters.



Members who have passed away

- ❖ William Miller passed away 4/25/2022
- ❖ Max Flint passed away 6/16/2022
- ❖ Lloyd Wilson passed away 6/22/22
- ❖ LD Rhoten passed away 8/21/2022