

# Plumbers, Pipefitters and Service Journeymen

UA Local #58

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Brothers and Sisters,

It's already 2023 and Spring is around the corner. I have been the Local 58 Business Manager for just over a year now and I am happy to say that Local 58 is healthy and running well. When I took over, the transition to this office was a smooth process considering that I inherited a local that was already run effectively by the previous Business Managers. The policy's and systems that have been put in place over the last few years here at the local office, have made it much more efficient to help our members on a daily basis. Know that we are constantly looking for ways we can make the office run even smoother.

Last year was successful for Local 58 and this year looks like it could be even busier. Local contractors are telling us there is so much work on the books that our members should have jobs for some time to come. We have also had out of town contractors calling about wage rates for projects they are looking at in our jurisdiction. Those projects include commercial, industrial as well as projects in the high-tech industry. With all this work scheduled to start in the state, we are going to be looking for travelers to help man some of these jobs. The UA organizing department has also scheduled a statewide blitz for the end of July to help find qualified candidates to fill some of the anticipated calls. During the week-long blitz, they will flood the state with organizers from around the country with the goal of meeting and talking to as many non-union workers, skilled in the pipe trades that are qualified and interested in becoming a part of the UA. Let's all remember that growing the local through organizing is critical to the success of Local 58.

I want to give an update on Local 145 and some of the changes they are going through. I have received a few calls from concerned members with questions about a merger of Local 145 into Local 58. There is a chance of this happening but, I can say that currently a merger is not on the table. Instead of a merger they are working on a plan to grow market share on the western slope and to save the Local. As more information comes available, I will share updates at the regular scheduled meetings and in upcoming newsletters.

Dale



*If you are retired and you chose the pension option that your spouse would receive part of your pension (if you pass away) and your spouse passes away you need to call the Pension at 1-800-638-7442 right away. Your pension amount will increase according to the retirement paperwork you received at the time of your retirement. There is a time limit to how far the pension will go back for this benefit, so notify them ASAP.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

While work in our area has slowed down our contractors have notified me that they are holding steady with their current manpower but expect work to pick up this spring. Now is the time if you are unemployed to make sure your certifications are current, and that you take advantage of any classes the JATC is offering. We are seeing that some jobs are requiring specialty certs including OSHA 10 and or 30. If you do not see a class you need or are interested in call the School at 719-473-9690 and see what can be done. This work included Military Base Jobs as well as multiple Schools.

Always call the job line at 719-633-4052 ext. 15 to hear open and filled calls.

As a side note this is a personal plea to members, please keep your dues paid thru the current month. If something happens to you and you are unable to pay your dues you risk the possibility of going delinquent or worse going expelled from membership.

Throughout this news letter you will see a lot of useful information please use all these tools available to you and your family to its full potential, so please take the time and down load the apps, up date your personal information with the hall, go to Local #58 web site, and most importantly attend the Union Meetings after all it is your business!

Adam

## JATC

Thank you to those who completed their CE hours with us! Classes for Spring and early Summer are listed below.

April 4 (2hrs.), April 18 (2 hrs.), May 2 (2 hrs.), May 16 (2 hrs.), June 6 (4 hrs. Code Update), June 20 (4 hrs. Code Update), July 18 (4hrs. Code Update)

A new schedule will be posted later for fall and early winter.

For OSHA, First Aid classes contact Dee at the JATC 719-473-9690

Thank You



### ***URGENT: H&W and HRA INFORMATION***

Cigna should be contacted for Medical/Rx/Dental ID cards (digital cards are available on the MyCigna mobile app or <https://my.cigna.com/web/public/guest>). Cigna should also be contacted for any health, prescription, dental, or vision benefit questions. Cigna can provide the most accurate benefit information as well as track and estimate card arrival. Their Phone Number is 800-244-6224.

As you know, PIAC now administers the HRA benefits via the WEX Health platform. Any HRA inquires/issues are to be handled by PIAC, but utilizing the self-help tools is where we would like to guide participants first. Participants can check account balances, review activity (contributions and expenses), upload substantiation documents, remit manual reimbursement requests, and even request a new WEX Health HRA card via the WEX Health HRA portal or app at,

<https://pipeindustrybr.lh1ondemand.com/login.aspx> or App Name: Pipe Industry H&W of CO HRA. The best part about both websites/apps is that no card information is required (only name, SSN, birthday and address are needed) and these services are available 24/7! **These self-help tools are the fastest and best way to get participants what they need, when they need it.**

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



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 and newsletters.*

 2023 Union

# Meeting

*Schedule - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month @  
6PM!*

*March 15, April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19,  
August 16, September 20, October 18,  
November 15, December 20 (also the Christmas  
Party is this night), Retirees Christmas Lunch is  
December 21 at noon at the Union Hall.*

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

### 2023 Old Timers and Apprenticeship Banquet

*The 2023 Old Timers and Apprenticeship Dinner will be held on April 15, 2023 at the Pueblo Union Depot 132 West B Street Pueblo, CO 81003. The dinner will start at 6:00 pm. Please call the hall to make reservations, 719-633-4052, ext. 10.*



### Local #58's 2023 Annual Picnic

*Local #58's Annual Picnic will be held on June 24, 2023 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.*



## 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**



## *Members who have passed away*

- ❖ *Calvin Johnson passed away 12/17/2022*
- ❖ *James Snider passed away 12/19/2022*
- ❖ *Harry Williams passed away 1/1/2023*
- ❖ *Dave Pylypczuk passed away 1/3/2023*