

Plumbers, Pipefitters and Service Journeymen

UA Local #58

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Brothers and Sisters,

Work has picked up in our jurisdiction and we are starting to rely on the Organizers and Travelers to fill some of the open calls in our area. Adam will elaborate in his section of the newsletter about some of the specific manpower needs and some of the work coming up in our area as well as travel opportunities. The UA has a scheduled organizing blitz scheduled the first week of August that Adam and I will be participating in. There will be approximately 140 organizers from around the country flooding the entire state for that week looking for qualified Plumbers, HVAC Techs, Pipefitters and Welders to bring into membership and fill some of the open calls as well as the calls we are anticipating in the near future.

As you all know Local 58 received a \$1.80 increase to the Building Trades Collective Bargaining Agreement on July 1, 2023. The membership allocated the \$1.80 increase at the May 2023 meeting. This year the requested increase from the trustees for health and welfare was \$0.10 and the membership voted overwhelmingly to fund that increase request. The health and welfare contribution is now \$7.65 an hour on commercial and industrial. There was a motion and second to put the remaining \$1.70 on the check. That motion passed overwhelmingly. Effective July 1, 2023 the journeyman commercial wage will be \$39.40 on the check and the journeyman industrial wage will be \$43.90 on the check.

I would like to take the time to acknowledge the apprentices that competed in the regional apprentice competition recently. Local 58 had two apprentices that made it to the regional competition this year. Mattie Garnhart represented local 58 as a

welder and Nathan Lanning represented us in the HVAC competition where he placed second. Making it to the regional competition is no small feat, our apprentices competed with apprentices from 11 states on some very tough projects and they really made us proud. All the apprentices that stepped up and competed here at the local level and the state level in Denver need to be congratulated and thanked for representing local 58 and making us proud. It really takes a lot to step out of your comfort zone and face being critiqued by a bunch of strangers. If you get a chance, take the time to thank the apprentices that competed.

I also want to let the membership know that the JATC is doing well and growing. There are currently 95 apprentices registered and it looks like we may have even more in the not so distant future. With all that growth comes the need for more instructors so if you are interested in giving back to the local, contact Beto at the training center to see if their instructor needs will match up with something you are comfortable teaching.

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer. If you ever need anything, feel free to contact me or anyone at the office for assistance.

Dale



Members who have passed away

- ❖ *Richard Pike passed away 5/4/2023*
- ❖ *Dave Kulbiski passed away 5/27/2023*
- ❖ *Dan Nethery passed away 6/13/2023*

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you all had a safe and fun 4th of July. The picnic at the Pueblo Zoo was a great time again this year. We gave away many door prizes to include a Black Stone Grill and accessories. It is always nice to see Local #58's membership and families able to relax and enjoy the event. I hope to see more of the membership able to attend next year I know it has been hard the last couple years with all the overtime work going on. Many thanks to Richard Snider and his father-in-law for all the help.

Currently we have full employment for all members who want to work including 25 travelers. I have open calls for PLS (plumbers) and US Engineering (plumbers).

I have spoken with our contractors and they all holding steady with manpower through the summer for now but are actively bidding work with a couple large projects on the horizon. There are opportunities on the road, if you are interested in traveling out of the state give me a call.

Please set a reminder to keep up on your dues and check your e-mail regularly to find out if you owe any death benefits.

Adam

JATC

Hello everyone,

First, I would like to give a huge shot out to Nathan Lanning for taking second place in the HVAC Regional Apprenticeship competition and Mattie Garnhart who represented us on a short notice!!!! Thank you!

Orientation for apprentices will be August 8th, and 9th at 5:00pm.

We have one CE class scheduled for 18th July. There will be no CE classes in August. CE classes will resume in September and will continue to be on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. Please remember that it is 8 hours a year.

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.

401K-Annuity is through Principal their phone number is 1-800-547-7754, or go to Principal.com and down load the app.

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.**

 **2023 Union**

Meeting

***Schedule - 3rd Wednesday of the month @
6PM!***

*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.***

2024 UNION SPORTSMANS

ALLIANCE CALENDARS

Local #58's membership voted on and approved (at the June 2023 Meeting) the purchase of 50ea. 2024 Union Sportsman's Alliance Calendars. The Calendars are NOW available at the Union Hall. Stop in and pick one up. The first 50 members who stop by the Hall can pick one up. **One per member and the member must sign for it.**

2024 Event Schedule

**Important dates to remember for 2024,
clip this section and keep it for future
reference!**

2024 Old Timers and Apprenticeship Banquet

The 2024 Old Timers and Apprenticeship Dinner will be held on April 13, 2024 at the Double Tree by Hilton 1775 East Cheyenne Mountain Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80906. The dinner will start at 6:00 pm. Please call the hall to make reservations, 719-633-4052, ext. 10.



Local #58's 2024 Annual Picnic

*Local #58's Annual Picnic will be held on June 22, 2024 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 smoking and no pet policy with the exception of service animals.***

