

# Plumbers, Pipefitters and Service Journeymen



UA Local #58



## Newsletter **January & February** 2024

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Brothers and Sisters,

With 2023 in the books it doesn't seem possible that it's already 2024! I'd like to start by saying thank you to everyone who helped with the active members and retirees Christmas parties. Both parties were a success and seemed to be enjoyed by all who attended. Everyone should plan to attend some of the functions that the local has organized this upcoming year.

2023 was a good year for Local 58 with our membership growing and the Local as a whole ending on a high note. With an abundance of work proposed for our jurisdiction in 2024 we should be busy for some time to come. In fact, if half of the proposed work goes and signatory contractors are successful getting these projects we should be relying heavily on travelers and the organizing department to help fill these calls.

Some exciting changes that have come to local 58 this year. The first is for those members who are covered under the active and basic plans through the Pipe Industry Health & Welfare Fund of Colorado. Everyone should know by now that as of January 01, 2024 Cigna is no longer our health care provider and we are now with United Health Care. UMR started sending out new ID cards the second week of December. The fund office has also sent out mailers describing what to expect and what to keep an eye out for in the coming weeks as well as flyers on new features and how to navigate the new plan. If you are an active participant and didn't receive any correspondence or these new ID cards you can reach out to the Pipe Industry Administration Company (PIAC) directly for help getting these new cards reissued. The PIAC contact info is on our website. Local58.org and click the benefits tab. Under "health and Wellness" you will find the PIAC contact info.

The second bit of news is for the participants of the United Association National Pension Fund. Starting in calendar year 2024, there will no longer be a maximum

or 1.2 years of future service credit that can accrue per year. Also, the number of hours of work needed to accrue 1.2 hours of future service credit is reduced from 2100 to 2080. Instead of an annual maximum, you accrue an additional 0.1 year of future service credit for each additional 300 hours of work above 2080.

These two changes will be of great benefit to the membership as a whole. It's a great feeling to be a member of the United Association and Local 58 and I look forward to seeing what the future holds for the membership of our local.

In Solidarity,  
Dale

**The United Health Care Group Number is 76-416547**  
**The link below will take you to the UMR web page, there you can create an on-line account and see your entire profile and plan documents. Download the UMR app on your phone and never worry about losing your insurance card.**

**<https://member.umar.com/member>**

### 2024 Union Meeting Schedule

# Meeting

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

*February 21, March 20, April 17, May 15,  
June 19, July 17, August 21, September 18,  
October 16, November 20, December 18*

***(Christmas Party Night, Retirees Christmas  
Lunch is December 19 at Noon).***

## JATC NEWS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy New Year. I hope you are all doing well, currently manpower needs have been slowing down the last couple of months with some members sitting on the bench. I have spoken with several contractors and with the limited information I have received it sounds like it will be another busy year, with some of the work being chip related it would be a good time to get stainless and or orbital weld certs.

Work on the road has been picking up in multiple states to include working overtime and paying per diem as always if you are interested in traveling give me a call.

We have been getting a lot of calls about paid sick time. This is a state requirement. It is handled by your employer and PIAC, we do not have any information on how many hours you have or have used. Sorry for any inconvenience. PIAC's Contact number is 1-800-257-2168.

Please don't forget to download the UMR app as it contains your digital card and plan information. Remember that your dental is still through CIGNA and your vision is still with VSP. All that changed is your H&W from CIGNA to United Health Care.

As a reminder please keep up on your dues I do not like to have to call contractors and get people taken off jobs.

Respectively,

Adam Larson



*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.*

Hello everyone and Happy New Year,

I would like to take the opportunity to express my gratitude to the JATC instructors. All of you have put in work to help our apprentices succeed, and helped us get local, state, and national recognition for our accomplishments!!! Also, I want to give a shout out to Adam Larson who has stepped down from the JATC committee. Thank you for the 12 years of service in the apprenticeship program, the best of luck in your future endeavors.

Our local competition will be 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024, we are also hosting the state competition 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024 here at local 58!!

CE classes are continuing the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, and our first cycle will end 29 February 2024. Please remember that you need to have a minimum of 4 hours of code-related training per two-year cycle. All communication regarding CE class times and cancellations will be posted on the Union Strong app ([see code to scan below](#)).

- Registration for Foreman class is closed, and dates will be sent out.
- Sign up for orbital Welding classes and a UA 18A welding test at the conclusion of the class.
- You can now sign up for OSHA 30 (Spring 2024 class) at the JATC!!

If are interested in future classes, please feel free to contact the JATC. Thank you.

**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.**

## **URGENT: INFORMATION**

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

As you know, PIAC now administers the HRA benefits via the WEX Health platform. Any HRA inquiries/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.**

## **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.***



## **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**

As of January 1, 2024, your health insurance will now be with United Health Care. Cigna will no longer handle your health care. This notice was in newsletters that we emailed to you from [cindy@local58.org](mailto:cindy@local58.org) if you did not receive this notice or the newsletters check your junk mail or call the hall to make sure we have your correct information. You should have received your new “UMR” Insurance card in the mail around the second week of December 2023. We have not received any calls from PIAC that Local #58 had any undeliverable mail. Previous to the card being sent to you PIAC sent many informational fliers explaining these changes to you. Also, at the November 2023 Union meeting a representative from UMR attended the meeting to hand out fliers and take questions. Below is your new Group Number and 800 number to UMR and a link to set up an on-line account. **Your “Plan Benefits” did not change.**

UMR 1-800-207-3172 Group#: 76-416547 <a href="https://member.umr.com/member">https://member.umr.com/member</a>
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As a side note Cigna will continue to handle your Dental Benefits, and VSP will continue to handle your Vision Benefits.

As always if you have questions or need help with the changeover call the hall at 719-633-4052, ext. 10.