

Plumbers, Pipefitters and Service Journeymen



UA Local #58

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Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to start this newsletter by thanking everyone who helped make the Oldtimers/Apprentice Turnout Banquet that was held on April 13, a success again this year. There is quite a bit of work that goes into these events to make them seamless. Congratulations are also due to all the members who received pins this year. This year pins were awarded to members with 25 to 65 years of service. Your years of service is what has made this local the success it is. I would also like to congratulate all the new Local 58 Journeymen who were recognized at this year's banquet. Your patience has paid off and you are now ready for all the trade has to offer as well as whatever it throws at you.

I want to give everyone an update about the massive amount of work proposed for local 58's jurisdiction. Work in our jurisdiction is starting to pick up after a bit of a slowdown this past Winter and there is a lot of proposed commercial and industrial work. Including in the high-tech industry, where our members should be busy for some time to come. With so much work proposed we will most likely need to look to travelers from other locals as well as the organizing department to help fill some of these anticipated calls. Our local contractors have told us that they have been busy pricing much of this work and already have some of it on their books. Out of town contractors have also contacted me requesting wage sheets for work they are looking at in our jurisdiction. One of these out of town contractors did come to town to meet with us saying they may need

to open an office here because of the amount of work in the future. Adam will go more into detail in his section of this newsletter about work in our area.

As I'm sure everyone is aware that on July 01, 2024 Local 58 is due a \$1.80 increase to the Building and Divisional Trades agreement. In order to have the wage sheets updated and notify the RMMCA and the contractors of the changes before July 01, the membership will allocate the increase at the regularly scheduled union meeting in May. Regularly scheduled union meetings always occur on the third Wednesday of the month at 6pm. May's meeting will be on Wednesday May 15, 2024. We look forward to seeing you there.

In Solidarity,
Dale



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.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As you have seen we started off the new year pretty slow with some layoffs, with that being said we are starting to see an increase in manpower request as of the last month. With the projections of a very busy 2024, now would be a great time to touch up on your skills and check that all your certs are current for any certification questions reach out to the JATC at 719-473-9690.

Work on the road has started to pick up as well so as always if you would like to travel call me anytime to discuss the opportunities outside of our jurisdiction.

I would like to thank the members & their guests who attended the Old Timers Dinner for making it a great night. If you were scheduled to receive a pin at the dinner and you could not make it the pins will be mailed by the end of the month.

As a reminder the next event scheduled is the Picnic on June 22, 2024 at the Pueblo Zoo starting at 11:00am and concluding at 4:00pm. This year we are trying something different concerning the menu... we are having Sloppy Joes, Brats, Spareribs, baked beans, mac n cheese and chips. Dessert will be assorted cookies; brownies and the Kona Ice Truck will be there again.

I would like to remind you to please keep up on your dues.

Respectively,
Adam Larson



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 - 3rd Wednesday of the month @ 6PM!

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).



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.

JATC NEWS

Upcoming classes for the JATC

We will continue CE class on the first and third Tuesday of the month.

Journeyperson Foreman class will be June 14-15 and June 21-22, please note you must attend all four days to test, and a deposit is required for those that have signed up.

Open welding sessions will begin June 4, and every Tuesday for the summer.

At this time, I would like to recognize the following apprentices that competed in the State competition.

Tyler Miller Welder.

Justin Kaminski Pipefitter.

Quintin Solberg HVAC

Jack Canning Plumber.

This year we will be sending Tyler Miller and Justin Kaminski to regionals in Spokane Washington to represent Local 58 and Colorado. Wish you both the best!!

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



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.

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, no alcohol 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