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“HEATS ON”

Once again about one hundred journeymen including apprentices volunteered their time and expertise for this years “Heats On” Project. This year marks the 22nd Anniversary of this worthy cause. It’s held in conjunction with the Mechanical Contractors Association for the purpose of servicing and inspecting heating systems for many of the elderly who could not otherwise afford to have it done. The contractors supply the trucks and the Union supplies the manpower.

On October 16, 2010 at 7:00 a.m. a delicious breakfast was donated and sponsored by Mr. Ed Dunlap and held at his Amici’s Banquet Center on Rt. 51. By 8:00 a.m. trucks and volunteers were on their way to make sure those less fortunate would have another safe and cozy winter. Many thanks go to Mr. Dunlap and all those that gave their time and participated.



We are very close to have E-News Alert available through our website. This is another communication system that the Technology Center and Union Hall will be using to update members and contractors of news from the Training Center along with some updates from the Union Hall.

All you will need to do is click on the **e-blast block** on our homepage (www.ua449.com) and enter your name and email address and E-News Alert will be sent to you directly. (Of course, mailings will still be sent from the Technology Center and Union Hall.

APPRENTICE BANQUET



Steamfitters Local Union 449 held a graduation banquet at the LeMont on Mt. Washington to honor its 2010 graduating apprentices on August 21, 2010. The membership would like to congratulate the new journeymen for their hard work and determination.

Back Row: William Yocum, Dean Reed, Mark Malisko, Christopher Kobelak, Richard Tutich, David Plavi, Jr., Bryan Meister, Ryan Kolodzieck, Daniel Wiefeling, Raymond Mincin, Jr., and Dale Glavin

Front row: James Harding, Regis Ryan, Joseph Little, Kenneth Broadbent, Michael Leaf and William Beardsley, Jr.) **not pictured:** Nelson Ferris, Charles Fisher, Jason Hogue, Branden King, James Sekely and Justin Wachter.
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RETIREES

MAY 2010

JAMES R. PALMER, JR

JUNE 2010

CHRISP PERRY, JR.
WILLIAM E. TUITE

AUGUST 2010

HUBERT DEWEY
GEORGE G. HALL, JR
WILLIAM B. RUBINSAK
NATHANIEL A. SNYDER

SEPTEMBER 2010

RONALD J. LAMNECK
GORDAN P. RYAN
JOHN C. THOMPSON

OCTOBER 2010

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IN MEMORIAM

George C. Schwoegl	10/2010
Charles W. Brown	10/2010
William A. Christiana	11/2010
Ronald S. Whitehead	11/2010

HOME SAFE...

Because we want to make sure you get home safely!

Everyone likes to go out and have a good time with family or friends especially during the holidays. We want to make sure that those good times are not marred by having something happen to you or someone else.

If you have been drinking and need a ride home, call a cab or if the person who is responsible for driving you home has been drinking, call a cab.

- Obtain a receipt and mail it to Lytle EAP Partners at 200 Cedar Ridge Drive, Suite 208, Pittsburgh, PA 15205.
- Include your name, address, phone number and union.
- Reimbursement is sent to your home and is limited to three times per year up to \$50.00 per incident.
- Home Safe, like the MAP, is completely confidential. No one in your company will know that you used the service unless you tell them.

The MAP is available 24/7 to talk to a counselor about alcohol, drug, or any problem you may be dealing with in your personal life or on the job.

**For more information or questions,
please contact your MAP at**

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LABOR DAY PARADE

This years Labor Day has been reported by The Pittsburgh Post Gazette as small, but enthusiastic. The Post Gazette stated that the number of parade watchers matched the number of marchers about 60,000. There could be many reasons for this small enthusiastic crowd; end of summer picnics, last chance for a summer vacation, or getting ready for the start of school.

The member of Steamfitters Local Union 449 know that importance of Labor Day. Labor Day is a time to celebrate the contributions of the labor movement; 8 hour day, safe working conditions, a fair wage, etc. This year our Local expressed our patriotic pride by wearing red, white and blue shirts and hats.

How much do we as Union members know about Labor Day and the history that surrounds this day? A quiz has been prepared to test your knowledge of Labor Day.

Good Luck!!!

1. When is Labor Day?
2. What day is the start of the Political season, end of summer and the last day to wear white?
3. Who began the labor movement?
4. Typically how many hours did immigrants work in factories?
5. What happened in the Spring of 1872?
6. When was the first Labor Day Parade held?
7. When did Labor Day become a federal holiday?
8. In the United States it is easier for investors to form a corporation than workers to form a Union. Name three countries where workers can form a Union as easily as investors can form a corporation?
9. Who said, "The people who own the country ought to govern it"?
10. What great American document was written behind closed doors in 1787?
11. At the end of the 19th Century what was the largest labor organization in the United States?
12. What were the demands of the Labor Movement in 1830?
13. How can 5 people amend the Constitution?
14. Whose election to the presidency of the United States was determined by a special commission of the CEO of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Supreme Court Justices and members of Congress?
15. When did the President pull the last federal troops from the south ending reconstruction and use those troops to put down a national labor strike where 100 strikers were killed?
16. What issues did the Knights of Labor advocate at the end of the 19th Century?

Find the answers on page 7

J.A.T.C. NEWS

Phase II of the Technology Center Renovation is finally completed. Please check out the newest pictures of the project in the photo gallery section on our website.

Please continue to check out the 449 website for training classes offered at the Technology Center by going to www.ua449.com on the homepage. If you wish to stay up to date with our locals' upcoming events and training center class announcements, please sign up for email notifications called E-Blast from our website. Just click on E-News Links and supply your email address.

We are continuing to hold **Saturday Weld Sessions** that will be open to any of our members who are looking to brush up on their skills or prepare to take a UA Weld Test – these sessions will be held on the 2nd Saturday of each month (December 11, January 8th, and February 12th) from 7:00am – 12:00pm. Please call the Technology Center to register.

If you are interested in downhill welding education, please call the Technology Center. Downhill welding will be available Tuesdays and Thursday from 6:00pm – 9:00pm.

Please remember to check your certification cards regularly to ensure that you do not expire on any of your certifications. The UA Weld Tests will continue to be held every month – they will be held on the 3rd Saturday of each month (December 18th, January 15th, and February 19th). The tests begin at 7:00am and you must call the Technology Center prior to the test in order to register. The 6G Carbon Steel Weld Tests will continue to be given on the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Wednesdays of the month beginning at 7:00am, with the Plastic Fusion Certification being administered on the 2nd Wednesday, also at 7:00am. All tests will be held at the Technology Center. The UA Weld Tests are good for six months, while the 6G and Plastic Fusion Tests are good for one year. Please call the Technology Center @ 412-481-0333 for an appointment.

Built-Rite re-certifications will continue to be given on the fourth Monday of every month from 6pm – 9pm with Sean George. Please call the Technology Center to register.

Also, **every six months** you must send in a UA Continuity form signed by your employer to upgrade your brazing certification. In addition, **you must also maintain your Medical Gas Code Certification every three years. If you are not current with BOTH brazing and code parts, then you are not certified** and no card will be mailed

OSHA passed legislation that requires everyone who works with a crane as a rigger or a signal person needs to be a qualified person. To meet the new requisition, we are offering a 6-hour program that will qualify you to OSHA 29 CFR part 1926.1430. You will receive a qualification card and completion certificate that documents your qualifications. Please check the website for dates and times.



HRA CHANGES EFFECTIVE 1/1/2011

Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

Effective 1/1/2011, the IRS has revised the definition of “medical expenses”. Expenses incurred for medicines or drugs may be reimbursed by your HRA only if:

- ⇒ **A medicine or drug requires a prescription;**
- ⇒ **The medicine or drug is available without a prescription (over-the-counter), but the individual gets a prescription for it; or**
- ⇒ **The Medicine or drug is insulin.**

Expenses incurred for over-the-counter medicines or drugs purchased without a prescription before January 1, 2011 may be reimbursed at any time, even after 1/1/11. This rule applies only to medicines and drugs; not to other medical care items such as equipment, supplies or diagnostic devices. So items such as crutches, bandages, and blood sugar test kits may be obtained without a prescription.

APPRENTICE AWARDS:

Highest Scholastic Average: BTA Program: David A. Plavi, Jr.

Highest Scholastic Average: MESA Program: Nelson L. Ferris

Fred Kienast Excellence Award: Ryan C. Kolodziek

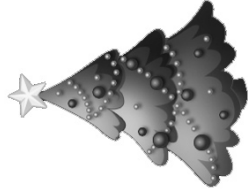
Perfect Attendance: Richard N. Tutich

Luke Zidar Excellence in HVAC-R Service Award: Branden H. King

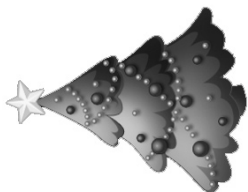
John T. Rodgers Memorial Award: Raymond D. Mincin, Jr.

Answers to Labor Day questions:

1. First Monday in September; 2. Labor Day; 3. Peter McGuire; 4. Over 12; 5. Peter McGuire and 100,000 workers went on strike; 6. September 5, 1882; 7. 1894; 8. Sweden, Germany, Italy, Japan, Ireland and more; 9. John Jay the first Chief Justice; 10. The Constitution; 11. Knights of Labor; 12. 10 hour work day and public education; 13. By becoming Supreme Court Justices; 14. Rutherford B. Hayes 1876 election; 15. April 1877; 16. Prohibition of child labor, equal pay for equal work between sexes and races, universal suffrage, 8 hour work day; 17. Sophocles



The Officers and office staff would like to wish
 you and your family a
 Happy Holiday and Safe New Year.



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All suggestions for topics to be covered in the newsletter are heartily welcomed. A piece of legislation, an event, present or future concerns, etc. are all fair game. This is your newsletter, let it work for you. All suggestions should be submitted in writing and sent to the union hall.

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Union Hall.....	412-381-1133
Toll Free	1-800-253-6960
Union Web Page	www.ua449.com
Apprentice & Journeymen Training Center....	412-481-0333
Vaccaro & Associates	412-481-0300
Toll Free	1-888-355-5665
Highmark	1-800-241-5704
Social Security	1-800-772-1213
Credit Union	412-678-9564
PNC Response Line	1-800-374-4631
Delta Dental	1-800-932-0783
NPA	1-800-467-2006
MAP (Member Assist Program)	1-800-656-9678
Mobile Medical	1-888-662-8358

SCHEDULE OF UP-COMING EVENTS

Friday, December 17, 2010.....	Union Meeting (Union Hall Meeting Room)
Friday, January 7, 2011.....	Union Meeting (Union Hall Meeting Room)
Friday, January 21, 2011	Union Meeting (Union Hall Meeting Room)
Friday, February 4, 2011	Union Meeting (Union Hall Meeting Room)
Friday, February 18, 2011	Union Meeting (Union Hall Meeting Room)
Friday, March 4, 2011	Union Meeting (Union Hall Meeting Room)