This legislative session we find ourselves with two separate “Right to Work” bills being introduced. A version of the same bill has been introduced in both the New Hampshire House and Senate. In the coming weeks we will be asking our members to contact their respective Senators and Legislators to oppose this Legislation. The language in both bills state “this bill establishes a right to work act which provides for freedom of choice whether to form, or assist a labor organization or refrain from such activity”.

For over twenty five years the National Right to Work Committee has targeted New Hampshire in an attempt to add another state to their anti-union ranks.

The facts are that right to work does not guarantee anyone the right to a job or any other work place rights. It’s sole purpose is to undermine unions and there right to collectively bargain a contract. The real agenda is to extend the rights that unions have bargained for, to both members and non-members alike with no consideration given to their membership status. The cost associated with running the organization, bargaining and administering the contract is borne by the member only. This kind of legislation is designed to divide union members and weaken the labor movement. Forcing union members to pay the way for free riding non-members will only lead to dissention in the work place and through out local unions.

Work in the area continues to be extremely slow with no major hiring taking place at this time. There are 76 members on the out-of-work list with only 6 on travel cards working in the States of Nebraska and Alabama.

Work on the road has become very difficult to find and most of the jobs require one or all of the following: UA Weld Certs, OSHA 10 card, UA Medical Gas Certs, or a Plumbing License.

Work at Stryker Pharmaceutical in Lebanon for DSI has picked up with the hiring of 3 more members and 1 orbital welder traveler.

Walsh Mechanical won the bid for Fidelity in Merrimack and has hired 6 members. They have a very aggressive schedule and may possible work two shifts to meet the completion date in early February. We absolutely need to perform on this project so we have a chance to do the next two buildings Fidelity has planned for this year.

Maroney has started Phase 2 at Southern NH Medical center and has hired 5 members to date.

We have the paperwork in the hall for Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Plant in DC scheduled for 34 days in mid February. You must fill out this package ASAP and fax it to the plant to even be eligible to be hired for this shutdown.

There have been a total of 20 members hired between the December 14th and January 10th Union meetings, which consisted of 12 pipefitters, 3 welders, 3 plumbers and 2 apprentices.
The UA is no longer providing certification cards every six months. Members can access their certification information online at www.ua.org. Go to the member’s only section... your membership number will be used for your log in ID. Follow the simple directions and access the valuable information available to you, which includes college on demand programs! Please look at the training programs offered on-line at reduced rates for UA members.

UA Valve Recertification: The last class is scheduled for January 21st with the precision measurement section scheduled for February 18th.

Plumbing Seminar: February 6th at 6pm.

Accreditation:
We have again received accreditation for our UA Apprentice Training Program (2006-2011). This process allows each apprentice trained in our program to receive college credits and the ability to work towards college degrees.

Instructors for 2006/2007 academic year!
Looking forward to next year, we would like members to assist with our training program in the following areas: Rigging, HVAC, Oxy-fuel torch cutting, Pipefitting and the various Plumbing courses.

We must prepare for the future and continue to improve our training program your help is needed to do so.

We have several dedicated and determined members who currently assist with our training program. They are doing a wonderful job and their efforts are APPRECIATED!

REMINDER TO ALL UA CERTIFIED WELDERS AND MEDICAL GAS INSTALLERS...
CONTINUITY IS REQUIRED EVERY SIX (6) MONTHS. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SATISFY THIS REQUIREMENT ON THE JOB YOU MAY DO SO HERE AT THE HALL!

a study being done by the NH Building & Construction Trades Council in conjunction with the NH Endowment for Health and the NH Charitable Foundation. After the study is done it will be reported to the Legislature and hopefully we can change the way jobs are bid in this state.

We also decided to send out a survey to our HVAC service men and women and to our contractors to get their input as to how we can be better prepared to meet the demands of this industry. There will be questions about training, wages, benefits, marketing, etc. If you are in the service side of our trade and receive this survey please answer it truthfully and swiftly so we can address the concerns and look for real solutions.

It was decided that the District Council maintain an office at Local 131. This new office should be operational by February. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the District Council please feel free to stop in. Until next month I remain

Faithfully yours,

Dennis
Every advance in this half-century came with the support and leadership of American Labor.  
-Jimmy Carter-

As I was going to St. Ives,  
I met a man with seven wives.  
Every wife had seven sacks.  
Every sack had seven cats.  
Every cat had seven kits.  
Kits, cats, sacks and wives,  
How many were going to St. Ives?  
(answer below)

MEMBER NEWS

Henry “Chic” Farrell passed away  
December 21st.

Richard Dawson passed away  
January 12th.

Brian Gagnon’s condition continues to improve.  
He has not, however,  
been released to go home yet.

It’s that time of year again?!  Already? No!!!  
I don’t mean income taxes.  I mean the start of the 
new year.  Of course, we all know what that means.

NEW YEAR’s RESOLUTIONS! I don’t know about you, but I lasted about 3 weeks on the last batch.  The usual 
things.  We all swear to lose weight, eat healthy, curse less, give up pizza, chocolate, beer (well, maybe not 
beer).  In general, it always seems to be about giving things up; doing without stuff we’ve grown to love; just 
painful self denial.  And we always fail!  This year I’ve decided to put a positive spin on the resolutions.  
I RESOLVE to always use “Please” and “Thank You”, especially with my family.  If I can have good manners 
for total strangers, how much more important it is to be polite to those I profess to love.  I RESOLVE to hug 
my grandchildren. . . . A lot!  I RESOLVE to do what I like and like what I do.  I RESOLVE to go to the movies 
and laugh out loud and not worry about how much they charge for popcorn.  I RESOLVE to go for long hikes 
and slow down and look around and see the beauty of it all, rather than rush to make the best time but see 
nothing.  I RESOLVE to listen, REALLY listen when people speak of what is important to them.  
I RESOLVE to live well, laugh often, love much.

Hope you had a Merry Christmas and wishing you many Happy Resolutions in your New Year!