From the numerous comments David and I have received, the new format for the newsletter seems to be well liked. As we said before, if there are any changes you’d like to see, let us know. Also, if anyone has a comment or announcement they want to share with the rest of the membership, we will be glad to print it in the newsletter when space permits.

With the increased numbers in membership over the past couple of years we have also seen a large increase of phone calls to the office. In order to better serve everyone we are trying a new phone system, which allows the phone calls to go to the desk of who you are calling. When you get the greeting you can immediately dial the extension number you want. If that person is on the phone or away from their desk you will get their voice mail and you can leave a message and we’ll get back to you as soon as possible. You can reach us at the following extension numbers: Dennis ext. 11, Dave ext. 12, Tim ext. 14, Kim ext. 15 & Mo ext. 10.

The month of February has brought more cold and a slowdown of manpower calls throughout the region.

Budweiser and the Cheshire Medical Center in Keene have been the only local calls, with the exception of a few quick one or two day calls at the Londonderry Co-Gen. We have meet with Laframboise Group. They have been awarded the carbon filtration project at Bud and are actively bidding more work at the plant. From discussions with Laframboise this past week, it looks like the carbon filtration project will be starting around the first week of March.

The outage at the Merrimack Generating Station in Bow is scheduled to start March 16th, and run for ten weeks. NGS should be looking to hire the second week of March.

The proposal to build a minor league baseball park, hotel, retail shops, condominiums and a generating plant along the Merrimack River in Manchester, is moving along through the Board of Mayor.
Office: 603-669-7516  
Cell: 603-660-0075

Reminder: OSHA 10 Hour Training;  
Saturday March 8th, 7:30 AM to 6 PM.  
RSVP required by February 28th.

Plumbing Seminars for 2003:  
May 12th, August 11th and November 10th.  
All Seminars start promptly at 6:30 PM.  
The 2000 International Plumbing Code books are required and are available for $48 each.

Schedules for Journeyman Training Classes that were noted in the last newsletter will be finalized and those members that signed up will be notified.

The Local 131 Joint Apprenticeship Training Program has successfully completed certification audits for:  
UA Valve Repair Authorized Test Facility and the UA Welder Certification program.

Thank you!

RIGHT TO WORK”…..IS WRONG!  
This legislation is simply a union busting tactic.

It is designed to erode the financial stability of organized labor unions, which will eventually destroy them.

THANKS to all who participated, I thought we made an excellent showing at the hearing, but our fight continues. (See Dave’s column)

I am looking for the yellow post cards, if you have not turned them in.

I am looking for members to make phone calls to their legislators.  
I have information to assist you, just call at the office. # 623-8417.

Salting of contractors is winding down.  
We could not bring union representation to those that do not want it.  
I feel we are at the point where we are helping these contractors complete these projects.

THANKS to those that went to work in support of our cause.

Working with the N.H. Building Trades Organizers, we are optimistic about doing something positive with the Co-Gen project at the Berlin Paper Mill.

I also salute our members who have been called to active duty.

Fraternally yours, Tim
One of the important responsibilities of the individual member is record keeping. Yours is a unique situation in that you will likely have a multitude of employers across your career. It will make your life much easier if YOU keep track of your pay records and employers from year to year. It can be as simple as a shoebox or a zippered bank envelope that you throw all your paycheck stubs into. Not only will this save you “brain cramps” trying to do things from memory and much “money spent” on phone calls all over the country, but you will have evidence in hand if for any reason you have a conflict with a contractor.

Another aspect of record keeping is updating personal information. Life gets awfully busy and we can easily forget the details, but when it comes time for you to collect on any of the great benefits afforded you by the union, it is critical that the various offices have CURRENT, accurate information. Events that should be reported ASAP include marriage, divorce, birth of a child, death of any dependent, change of name, change of address (AND phone number!), change of chosen beneficiary and reaching age 65.

“All that serves labor serves the nation. All that harms is treason...If a man tells you he loves America, yet hates labor, he is a liar....There is no America without labor, and to fleece one is to rob the other.” Abraham Lincoln

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**Notices:**

* The **March** meeting is a **Quarterly Notified Meeting**, to be held at the hall March 12, 2003 at 7:00 PM.
* The **APRIL** meeting has been rescheduled to the **THIRD Wednesday**, on April 16, 2003 due to officers’ scheduling conflicts.
* First Quarter 2003 UA WEB access password: ETHICS

By now the active members should have received their new PAC authorization cards and referral questionnaire. If you could please fill them out and get it back to us ASAP it would be greatly appreciated.

You will be getting a letter from Insurance Programmers shortly letting you know some of the changes we had to make in our Health & Welfare.

Please keep our members who were recalled to active duty in your prayers.

Dennis

and Aldermen. A Baseball team has been purchased to play in Manchester but must receive approval by the Boston Red Sox before any more action is taken.

Finally, I would like to thank the members who have filled out cards, phoned their state Reps, and have taken the time to attend the hearing on H.B. 821- The Right to Work Act. Another hearing is scheduled for March 5th at 10:00 am in Representatives Hall. We would encourage anyone who can make it to attend. Thanks, Dave