I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jim Griffin for his work on the summer outing June 2nd; it was a great success also thanks to the many members who pitched in to help set up, work the kitchen and clean up all your help is greatly appreciated.

We will have Bob Pernicka from Segal Company attending the July meeting, July 11th. Mr. Pernicka will be here to address questions relating to the pension fund, the rehabilitation plan and other pension issues members have brought up during the past contract meetings. We are looking for a good turnout to have your questions addressed.

May 31st we learned that the protest of the PLA on the Job Corps Center in Manchester had been successful in removing the provision for a PLA on the project. We have been in discussions with Senator Shaheen’s office, the UA, Building Trades and the Department of Labor since we received word of the decision to rescind the PLA provision. From all we have learned from those involved the Government Accounting Office, which handles all bid protest was about to issue a decision that would not only have stripped the PLA from the Job Corps here in Manchester but would have had a damming effect on all proposed federal PLA’s. We are still working to find out if there is anything left to do about the project but at this point it looks like it will be going back out to bid in the near future.

Steve and I attended the District 1 UA Apprentice Competition in Conn. earlier this month. We had 2 apprentices representing Local 131 at the competition; Albin Vasquez participated in the plumbing contest while Andrew Nostrom competed in the pipefitting division. I want to thank both of them on behalf of the entire local. They did an excellent job representing us and we are all proud of the great job both of them did. Our hope is that next year we have a participant in all 4 disciplines. Have a Safe and Happy 4th of July.

Work in the area has continued be slow with no new contracts awarded to us and jobs starting to finish up throughout the state. Work on the road has also been slow with the Spring Outage season complete. We currently have members on the road in MA, VT, NY, TN, MS, FL, IL, AZ and WA.

We currently have;
* 138 working for local contractors
* 24 working locally for out of town contractors
* 17 members working on the road
* 55 members out of work

We had an early pre-job with Shaw/Stone & Webster for the 9/17 Seabrook Station Outage and they plan on hiring 120 Pipefitters for the Outage. They are projecting to start hiring in August on 40 hours and working 6-10s with Sundays off for the duration of the Outage. We are scheduled to meet again in July to tweak the schedule for hiring and possibly adjust the work schedule and hours. We have the PHQs available on our website that you must print and mail 2 weeks before your scheduled hire date.

We had a pre-job with Marley Cooling Tower for the Berlin Bio-Mass Plant. They plan to hire 4 fitters for the work to install piping and mechanicals on the tower that should last 3 to 4 weeks starting July 9th. B&W at the Berlin Bio-Mass Plant has been moving very slowly on that project and will peak at 50 fitters when that project is in full swing. The Turbine delivery is scheduled for November 2012 pending any further delays. We currently have 9 members on that project.

We had a pre-job with Ames Valve as they plan for the Seabrook Station Outage on September 17th. So far they are projecting 14 members for the Valve team with 7 on each shift. They are currently projecting to hire 1 Foreman in July to walk down valve packages and 1 Foreman and 6 welders on the last week of August with the rest of the Valve team on the first week of September.
But she was right. We didn't have the Second Tuesday.

Wind and solar power really did dry our clothes back in our early days. Kids thing back then?

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help in my transition into the training dept.

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10:00 am, Local 131 Union Hall, Hooksett NH

“thing back in my earlier days.” The young clerk responded, “That’s our problem today. Your generation didn’t care enough to save our environment for future generations.”

She was right - our generation didn't have the green thing in its day.

Back then, we returned milk bottles, soda bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled. But we didn't have the “green” thing back in our day.

Back then, grocery stores bagged our groceries in brown paper bags that we reused for numerous things, most memorable besides household garbage bags, was the use of brown paper bags as book covers for our schoolbooks. This was to ensure that public property, (the books provided for our use by the school) was not defaced by our scribblings. Then we were able to personalize our books on the brown paper bags. But too bad we didn't have the “green” thing back then.

Back then, we walked up stairs, because we didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. We walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go two blocks. But she was right. We didn't have the “green” thing in our day.

Back then, we washed the baby’s diapers because we didn't have the throwaway kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy-gobbling machine burning up 220 volts - wind and solar power really did dry our clothes back in our early days. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing. But that young lady is right; we didn't have the "green" thing back in our day.

Back then, we had one TV, or radio, in the house - not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of the state of Montana. In the kitchen, we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us. When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used wadded up old newspapers to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap. Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn’t need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity. But she’s right; we didn't have the "green" thing back then.

Back then, we drank from a fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water. We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull. But we didn't have the "green" thing back then.

Back then, people took the streetcar or a bus and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their moms into a 24-hour taxi service. We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 23,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest burger joint.

But isn’t it sad the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn’t have the “green” thing back then?
A basket has just 6 eggs in it.
A man comes along and takes 2 eggs.
A woman comes along and takes 1 egg.
A boy comes along and takes 2 eggs.
A girl comes along and takes 1 egg.
There is still one egg in the basket.
How can this be?

TRIVIA

Men can read smaller print than women can;
women can hear better.

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

The State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work:
Alaska

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history:
Spades - King David
Hearts - Charlemagne
Clubs - Alexander, the Great
Diamonds - Julius Caesar

In Shakespeare’s time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes.
When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on.
Hence the phrase........
‘goodnight, sleep tight.’

Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim, or handle, of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get service.
‘Wet your whistle’ is the phrase inspired by this practice.

Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.

George Santayana,
The Life of Reason, Volume 1, 1905

For goodness sakes, George, I wish you’d see a doctor about that broken leg!

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