Kim Trisciani, our Training Coordinator has accepted a new position with Honeywell. Kim has agreed to stay on as a part-time coordinator until we can find a replacement. I personally want to thank Kim for her years of service to the local and specifically her dedication to training our apprentices. I am hopeful that Kim will continue to be involved in the training process as an instructor. We wish her the best of luck in her new endeavor. Anyone who is interested in the position on a part-time basis, please send me an e-mail stating your interest as well as a short summary of what you can bring to the program.

September is here and the legislature is back in session. We are back at the State House to support the Governor’s veto of the “Right to Work” bill as well as to monitor upcoming legislation. This month the mechanical licensing bill, HB 517, will be heard in committee. The bill combines the gas licensing and plumbing board under one mechanical licensing board. Our hope is that with a combined board fees will be reduced. We will be reviewing the bill and attending hearings to see that what is passed is in the best interest of the trade and our members.

In August, BA Steve Lachance and I attended the UA 38th Convention. It was 5 days of full day sessions where the 3380 delegates in attendance debated and voted on over 270 resolutions as well as held an election and voted on officers to lead the UA for the next 5 years. Congratulations go out to Bill Hite and his team of officers on their re-election to the General Office.

Work over the summer months has been status quo with few layoffs and few opportunities for our members. Work for the remainder of the year looks to be strong with a Secondary Waste Water Treatment Plant at Bow and the Berlin Station Biomass expected to hire over the next few months. Work on the road is strong right now as the outage season is in full hire mode throughout the country. We currently have members on the road in NY, TN, MA, IL, OH, VT, WI, AZ and SD.

We currently have:
* 135 working for local contractors
* 15 working locally for out of town contractors
* 50 working on the road
* 31 members out of work

Federal Piping in Freedom is seeking a heating technician for long term employment in the North Country. Anyone interested in this position please contact me ASAP.

Amari Plumbing has hired some of our plumbers and apprentices for work in the Manchester, Gilford and Lebanon areas with expectations of putting on a few more members.

NPI has the Manchester Municipal Center on the corner of Valley and Maple Streets in Manchester and is almost ready to hire. The project was bid under the Residential Agreement and should be hiring over the next few weeks.

RTH has been slowed by delays at the PNSY on the dry dock project with hopes of starting it before January 2012.

AZCO has won the Secondary Waste Water Treatment Plant at Bow and is telling me they will hire 2 shifts of 25 members for 3 months of 6-10s starting very soon.

B&W has the PLA and contract to do the Berlin Station Biomass. We have a pre-job with them on September 29 to discuss the schedule and hire dates.
The 2011-2012 Academic Year will start Tuesday, September 6th @ 6 PM with orientation for all apprentices. Notification went out in July to all apprentices that are required to attend classroom training.

We would like to thank all of the members who have been assisting with the fabrication of the rigging structure; Jim Griffin, Mark Grant, Jeff Welch, Jim Hawkins, Dave Hunter & Buzz Harte. We are making progress and look forward to final installation.

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PLUMBING SEMINAR:
November 7th @ 6 PM.
Registration starts @ 5:45 PM. Plumbing License and UA Membership card with dues paid to date is required. Non-Members Fee: $50

WELD TEST EVENT:
October 19th (5-9 PM)
Registration deadline is October 17th.

CRANE SIGNAL CERTIFICATION:
$100 refundable deposit required. There is a four (4) week lead time for exam scheduling. Participant registration is required upon scheduling request to the UA.

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Recently I lost my cell phone. Luckily I got it back two days later. But during those two days, I was frantic. Losing the phone itself is pretty bad. If you’re not due for an upgrade with your carrier contract, a new phone could cost a bundle!! Yeah, you could buy a used phone. But the worst part of losing a phone is losing the stuff you have IN IT. The contacts. The pictures. Losing them is bad enough, but remembering all that information and putting it all back in there!! OMG.

So I started doing some research. There must be a way to back-up your cell phone. Just like you back-up your computer (You DO back-up your computer, right?) Well, I learned that there are some products to help.

Verizon customers – Verizon offers a service for $2 a month. (could be free for “MyAccount” customers) It backs-up your phone on an automatic regular basis. You can also edit this info from your PC via the internet so you can use a full-size keyboard instead of the micro mini keys on the phone. Great for those of us with bad eyes and fat fingers.

Other products to look into (some free, some not):
  Cell Phone Manager • Data Pilot Universal • ZYB • CellPhonecontacts.com

There are many more out there. No matter which product you choose, pick one and do it now. You never know when your grandson will flush your Blackberry down the toilet!
A murderer is condemned. He must choose one of three rooms:
1. the first is full of raging fires
2. the second is full of assassins with loaded guns
3. the third is full of lions that haven’t eaten in 6 months.
Which room should he choose?

Member News
Brother John Timmons has transferred to Local 630, West Palm Beach, FL. Best wishes, John!
Brother Shane Post has transferred in from Local 130, Chicago, IL. Welcome aboard, Shane.

HELP WANTED
Local 131 is actively seeking a part-time coordinator for the JATC Program. Please contact David Pelletier for details.

FOR RENT
Local 131 has an office for rent at the Hooksett facility. 225 sq ft. Heat & electric included. $400 a mo. - 1 year lease. Please contact David Pelletier for details

In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts... So in olde England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them “Mind your pints and quarts and settle down.” This is where we get the phrase ‘Mind your P’s and Q’s.’

Union Meeting
July 13, 2011
7:00 PM

What would you attempt to do if you knew you could not fail?
~ Dr. Robert Schuller

>> RETIREES’ BREAKFASTS <<
Every First Monday – 9:00 am Windmill Restaurant, Loudon Rd, Concord

>> RETIREES’ ASSOCIATION MEETINGS <<
Every Second Tuesday – 10:00 am, Local 131 Union Hall, Hooksett NH

If you want to see something in the newsletter, let me know. - Jimmy Griffin 603-736-4626