The New Hampshire Building Trades has decided to take some action in response to Bell Constructors from Rochester NY being awarded the Federal Prison in Berlin. A sub-committee of Building Trades Representatives has been meeting with Employment security personnel, the Berlin area chamber of commerce and local politicians in an effort to raise awareness of the need for local people to be employed building the facility. Employment security has been accepting applications for Bell for all crafts. After talking to the representative from Employment security it has become clear that the majority of the construction workers will be coming in from out of the area to fill Bell’s manpower needs. The Building Trades have raised the issue that the North Country and Berlin in particular have been extremely hard hit by the down turn of the paper industry, and good jobs and benefits are what the area people need.

The Building Trades will be hosting a breakfast for area workers on August 25th from 9am to noon at the NH Technical College in Berlin. Our message will be that area people should benefit from the building of the Federal Facility. We will be looking to local politicians to see that area companies and workers have an opportunity to benefit from the federal dollars spent to construct the facility. As the date approaches and plans become finalized we will be asking members in the North Country to help turn out area workers to the breakfast.

On July 19th the rules were finalized and approved by the legislature for the licensing of gasfitters. We have been in contact with the Fire Marshal’s office and will let the membership know when applications for licensure will be available and what requirements will need to be met. State law currently calls for licensing by January 1, 2008.

Work in the area has picked up over the past month with work at Bud, UNH, Dartmouth, Nycoa, Timken, Seabrook, and St. Paul’s School. Work on the road is available for everyone. We currently have members on the road WA, PA, UT, MA, NE, MN, NV, TX, SC, NY and ND. We currently have:

*146 working for local contractors
*16 working locally for out of town contractors
*34 working on the road
*52 out of work

HVAC Unlimited has hired 7 members for work at Nycoa in Manchester, Timken in Lebanon, and St. Paul’s School in Concord. Congratulations to this new company, and all its workers, for expanding so quickly.

Amari Company has won the Lowes job in Conway and has hired 3 plumbers to help with this project along with a Walgreens in Merrimack.

Federal Piping is looking to hire one more Heat Tech to their workforce in Freedom NH to help ease the high demand they are receiving in the North Country.

RTH is holding their own with work scheduled to start in Maine very soon.

NPI is holding their own with work scheduled to start at Dartmouth College in Hanover next month.

Seabrook Station will not know if their Outage will move from 3/30/08 to 1/1/08 until the fall nuclear outage cycle of other plants is complete. There are some inspections to be done that will dictate weather or not Seabrook will have to come down early.

I would like to remind everyone how important it is to keep your referral questionnaire up to date. This is how we list your information on the out of work list for all potential contractors to see. I would recommend filling one out at least once a year or any time you get a new skill, license or layoff. You may fill one out on our website and electronically update it or print it and mail it in to us. You may also pick one up and fill it out anytime you come to the hall.
CONGRATULATIONS! Goes out to Rich Mazzaglia...the 2006/2007 recipient of the “Apprentice of the Year” award.

APPRENTICE CLASSES FOR 2007/2008:
Classes will start Tuesday September 11th
ALL APPRENTICES ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND classes on September 11 &13 and the quarterly meeting on September 12th.

Effective July 1, 2007 apprentice registration fee’s for the State of NH will be...$60 initial application & $40 annually. All apprentices must be registered with the State of NH!

* 2007 Plumbing Seminars *
August 6 * November 5
All seminars begin at 6 pm. Current NH Plumbing License and UA Membership card required for registration.

Effective August 17, 2007 The 2006 edition of the International plumbing code and residential code have been adopted by the State of NH. IPC 2006 codebooks are available through the JATC for $65 each.

**REMINDER**
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!

Don’t Toss That Computer!
(reprinted in part from the Manchester Hippo)
As of July 1, it is illegal to put a computer or other electronic equipment in a landfill in New Hampshire (’cuz computers are full of chemicals and metals and plastics with a million-year half-life). So what do you do instead? Bring your old computer (or fax machine or printer or scanner or whatever) to the nonprofit “Donation Networks” at 21 West Auburn Street, Unit 19D, in Manchester or 18 Franklin Street in Nashua. If it’s not viable, they dispose of it properly. If it’s a functioning machine, they can get it to someone who needs it (low-income and disabled folks, nonprofit organizations, schools, etc.) and you can write off the donation. Find out more at www.donationnetworks.org or by calling 624-6102. The website lists acceptable donations and current inventory and provides information about some free printers that your nonprofit group or Title I school might be eligible to receive.

Learn more about computer recycling at these Web sites:

* Greenpeace Guide to Greener Electronics  
http://www.greenpeace.org/international/campaigns/toxics/electronics/how-the-companies-line-up
* Electronics Recycler's Pledge of True Stewardship  
http://www.ban.org/pledge1.html
* Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition  
http://svtc.etoxics.org/site/PageServer
* Computer TakeBack Campaign  
http://www.computertakeback.com/
* Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT)  
http://www.epeat.net/
* Basel Action Network  
http://www.ban.org/
Hello all,

Hope you’re enjoying the summer. I just want to remind everyone that we will be starting up monthly meetings again in September. So the next one is the 2nd Tuesday, which is Sept. 11th. Hope to see you there with lots of stories of summer fun!

Notices:

- Annual dues ( $10 ) are due at the September meeting.
- The Service Awards Breakfast is scheduled for September 22nd. All recipients will receive formal notice/invitation in the mail in August.
- The final settlement against Owens-Corning for asbestos exposure is imminent. Any member who has any work history prior to 1975 with possible asbestos exposure may have a legitimate basis to file a claim. If you have not yet done so, contact David Pelletier at the union hall office. Claims must be submitted by September 1st. David will arrange for you to get the needed documents. A current chest x-ray (within the last 12 months) will be required.

A man leaves home and takes three left turns. Upon arriving back home he comes across two men wearing masks. Who are these men?

The pose of the horse in a statue is not simply an artist's conception. If you see a statue of a person on a horse with both front legs of the horse in the air, it means that the person died in battle. One front leg in the air signifies that the person died as a result of the wounds received in battle. If all 4 legs of the horse rest on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

Even though you may have registered on the website, you will NOT automatically start getting the newsletter by e-mail. You must specifically SIGN UP for the e-newsletter on the website (logon to www.ualu131.org and use the box at the top of the left column)