Through the efforts of Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter, Congressman Paul Hodes and Senator Jeanne Shaheen the Federal Job Corps Center in Manchester is one of the first federal projects to require a Project Labor Agreement. Executive order 13502 directs federal agencies to consider using PLAs on large scale construction projects. The NH AFL-CIO and the NH Building Trades Council have been working to secure this PLA since the President signed the executive order. Now that the PLA has come to fruition the Associated Building Contractors of NH (ABC) have began to make noise, crying foul on the project. On Labor Day the President of the NH ABC had an op-ed in the Union Leader claiming the PLA will drive the cost of the project up and not deliver on quality or NH jobs because his contractors will no bid on it. Now the ABC has enlisted the help of NH Senator Judd Gregg to cry foul. Gregg claims the PLA will discriminate against local workers and local contractors. It is Ironic that the same Judd Gregg tooted his own horn when he brought the Federal Prison to Berlin NH. Gregg stated how the prison would create hundred of jobs and opportunity for the residents of the North Country, hit by the closing of the mills. Judd should take a trip to the prison and see how many of the employees are residents of the north country or NH for that matter, Had a PLA been implemented on the prison job the employees would have been hired through NH locals, money would have stayed in the community and the state, not migrated to NY with the current employees.

Work in the area has taken off with the Outage at Seabrook Station. Everyone has been offered the opportunity to go to Seabrook and we still needed to hire a total of 47 travelers for Williams Plant Services for the months of September and October to complete the manpower request. Work on the road is still slow for both Fitters and Welders at this time. We currently have members on the road in MA, CT, NY, MD, MO, WI, GA, AZ, IL, and WA.

We currently have:
- 165 working for local contractors
- 67 working for out of town contractors
- 20 working on the road
- 36 members out of work

Williams Plant Services at Seabrook Station has a total of 106 Pipefitters on site as of September 9 for the October 1st 30 day Outage.

Ames at Seabrook Station has a call for a total of 16 members starting on 9/14 through 10/5 to do Valve work on the Plant Maintenance side of the 30 day Outage.

MJ Flaherty at Merrimack Station has hired 1 welder to make a total of 4 on site doing the underground for the scrubber project. The work is scheduled to be completed by 12/4/09 but has been moving slow due to excavation issues.

O'Connor has moved its crew of 4 from Bow to Schiller for its 30 day Outage that started on 9/1. They have hired an additional 3 members to help at Schiller and may need more. They are working a 4-10 schedule of Monday through Thursday.

The Bow Scrubber Project for Mechanicals should start in 2010 with peak manpower projected in May-June with 40-60 members on site. No overtime is scheduled on the project due too the long duration to completion of 2013.
In this month’s “Member News” you will see condolences to families of two of our members who have passed on. The fact that they have passed on is very sad. Even sadder, we must apologize to those members who would have liked to have attended services and send condolences. We were unable to notify members of the news because we either 1) received the news too late or 2) didn’t receive it at all. One of them passed over two months ago. We only just learned of the news through a third party last week. The other, we received a call that they had passed but we never received details on the services and we were unable to find any information in the newspapers or on-line.

I cannot express how important it is for members to instruct their loved ones that they need to contact the Local Union office as soon as possible with ANY life changing information. The families have so much to deal with in these sad times, but a single call to the Local Union office takes care of everything the survivors need to do regarding the union and all the forms required to process any benefits due. I contact all the people that need to know: the UA, the National Pension, The Local 131 Pension, the Health & Welfare office. All of them will be notified by making just one call - to the Local 131 office.

Often times, a major concern of the widow(er) is finding out what happens to their pension income and they immediately call the fund office. That is certainly understandable. However, the pension office DOES NOT forward that information to us. Also, there are burial benefits that cannot be requested from the UA by anyone EXCEPT the Local Office. So if I don’t know, I can’t process all the required documents. And some benefits could go unclaimed.

Please, take a moment to speak to your family. Please remind them to call the Local Union office with ANY life changing information. That’s why we’re here.

Office Bits & Bytes
Mo Demers / Office Administrator

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The Bulletin Board

The next union meeting is
October 14, 2009
7:00 pm

If more of us valued food and cheer and song
above hoarded gold,
it would be a merrier world.

- J. R. R. Tolkien

What 5 letter word can be added to the end of each of
these words to make new words:
* green * out * light * bird * boat * club *

Member News

Brother "Buzz" Harte is participating in the 2009 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk in Manchester on Sunday, October 18, 2009. He is looking for sponsors to help him reach his donation goal. For more information on the "walk" and to make a donation, click here._____

Retired Brother Roger Stevens recently participated in the National Shuffleboard Competition. Roger made it all the way to 6th place in the nation in his age bracket! And he and his brother Raymond took 6th place in the nation in the doubles competition for their age bracket! The competition was in Palo Alto, CA in early August. Way To Go, Guys!!

Condolences to family and friends of:
Brother Francis Cressey who passed away July 27, 2009
Brother William Emmons who passed away Sept 16, 2009

2009 Membership Service Awards

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Local Union 131
Retirees Association

Jimmy Griffin / President

>> RETIREES' BREAKFASTS <<
every first Monday – 9:00 am Windmill Restaurant, Loudon Rd, Concord

>> RETIREES' ASSOCIATION MEETINGS <<
every second Tuesday – 10:00 am – Local 131 Hall
(no meetings June / July / August)