I would like to thank the retirees for their donation to the Christmas Party. Jim Griffin and Cliff Moberg for making the Christmas Party a success and wish all our members and their families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

2007 brings the 37th UA Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. The General Executive Board has sent out a notice authorizing Local Unions whose elections of officers is scheduled for June 2006 to advance their elections by up to four months, so the election of officers and the election of Delegates can be held simultaneously. Credentials for the convention must be in the General Office by May 8, 2006.

To allow time for a runoff election in the case of a tie we will hold nominations for officers and delegates on March 8, 2006 at the quarterly notified Union Meeting. Elections will be held Saturday April 8, 2006 at the union hall from 8am until 12pm. In the case of a tie, a run off election will be held April 12, 2006 at the regular union meeting.

The offices up for election are: Business Manager, Business Agent, Recording Secretary, Inside Guard, President, Vice President, 2 Executive Board positions, 1 Finance Committee, 1 Fitters Board, 1 Plumbers Board, 1 Health & Welfare-Pension-Annuity Trustee, 2 Negotiating committee and 3 Delegates to the UA Convention.

I would like to start out by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Safe, Happy and Healthy New Year.

Work in and out of the area has become extremely slow with most of the jobs starting to wind down and having some reductions in force. There are currently 66 members out of work with 4 of them on travel cards working in Nebraska.

Work in the Hanover area at Dartmouth College appears to be manned up with a date of June 2006 set for completion for both Ouellette and B-G Mechanical.

Work at Stryker Pharmaceutical in Lebanon for DSI is currently manned up with Phase 2 looking like it will be awarded to DSI next month. This will extend their work until October 2006 and possibly increase their manpower.

NPI, H&F and RTH are finishing up some of their jobs and having some layoffs. NPI does have work coming up in January in Keene, Conway and Bedford that are under the Residential Agreement. Anyone that is interested please contact me.

Maroney has picked up some demo work at Fidelity Mutual in Merrimack and hopes to get the install after demo is complete.

Over the past month we have put 19 fitters, 1 plumber, 6 welders and 6 apprentices to work within the Local.
Apprenticeship & Training

Kim Trisciani
Training Coordinator

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Recertification must be complete prior to March 1, 2006. One 8-hour session, which consists of review and the EPRI Exam and one 4-hour precision measurement session is required for recertification. Two 8-hour sessions have been scheduled for January 21st and 28th. Precision measurement session: February 18th.

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The Bulletin Board

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-Cesar Chavez-

>> Union Meeting <<
Wed. January 11, 2006

MEMBER NEWS

Dennis Adams’ wife Rita is recovering from open-heart valve-repair surgery.

John Trisciani, Sr. is also recovering from open-heart valve-repair surgery.

Brian Gagnon is recovering well from injuries incurred in a job site accident.

George Hogan spent a spell in the hospital with double pneumonia.

Gordon Bradstreet reports that, after 17 months of rehabilitation, his son is finally able to walk without crutches. In July of 2004 he underwent a bone graft in his leg for osteosarcoma, a type of bone cancer.

Jimmy Jenkins’ daughter recently suffered the loss of all her worldly possessions in a house fire that destroyed everything. Thankfully, no one was injured.

Office Odds & Ends
Mo Demers

There is a plane flying from New York to Canada at 300 MPH, but sadly, just as it reaches the border between the United States and Canada, it crashes into a mountain. Where do they bury the survivors, in the US or in Canada?

Below is a letter received from Brian Gagnon’s wife, Carol. At this special time of the year, this is just one example of the beauty of fraternity. Merry Christmas!

Dear David,

Brian is doing remarkably well, although it will still be some time before he will be able to walk. But he is being a good patient. I want to thank you and Steve for the visits and the offers of help and, of course, the beautiful flowers that you sent.

Brian and I are so amazed at the support he has received from the Local, especially since he is somewhat of a “newcomer.” He has gotten more good wishes from this Local than the one he left. And although he left, these were people he grew up with as well as worked with for 27 years.

Since there is no way that we can possibly thank each person individually for their kindness, I was wondering if you could either let them know at your next monthly meeting or include a thank you in your newsletter. We would appreciate it. And again, thank you so much for your kindness.

Sincerely,
Carol A. Gagnon

Happy Holidays!!