Fall Training 2015

The apprentice classes began again in September along with some Journeyman Upgrade Classes. We are tentatively scheduled to have a 6 Week CLIMB class in October completing in the middle of December. We presently have the following instructors teaching apprentice and journeyman upgrade classes:

- Russ Pafford – Welding and Layout
- Levi Pafford – Welding
- Steve O’Grady – Welding
- Seth Kamarad – Med-Gas and Advanced Apprentice Classes
- Jack “Bubba” Williams – First and Second Year Apprentice Classes
- Mike Swallow – UA Certified Foreman Class
- Rusty Schuttemeier – First and Second Year Apprentices and Layout
- Dan Shellman Sr. – Welding
- Clayton Vasey – Advanced Apprentice Classes and UA Certified Foreman Class
- Tony Haller – Welding and Apprentice Classes (CLIMB)
- Brian Almqvist – CLIMB

Teaching these classes to our membership is a commitment that is truly appreciated by all of us in the JATC; we thank you all for your dedication and selflessness. However, every journeyworker of this Local and of the United Association is an instructor every time they are placed with an apprentice. This is true because every time you work with an apprentice you become that person’s mentor and teacher. As a journeyworker it is your responsibility to teach that apprentice everything you can so they can one day do the same when they become Journeyworkers themselves. Thus, thank you to everyone that is new or ever has or ever will, worked with an apprentice and given them a part of yourself to carry on to the next generation to perpetuate our heritage and the heritage of the United Association and keep this Local and this Union surviving for many more years to come.

We currently have 36 active apprentices and are looking forward to having a few of them to turn out this spring and next fall. We will have New Standards before the elections and we are looking forward to having a few new faces on the JATC (Committee) on the Contractor side.

If there is any training that anyone wishes to have put on, please contact Jay Green the Coordinator or any of the instructors and they can relay the message. We just require 5 or more people to sign up and if anyone would like to put on a class please let us know and we can let others know and everyone can get credit. Thanks and let’s have a great year and a new start.

Plumbers & Pipefitters Health and Security Fund

PHIX has finished processing all claims. This means that all claims have been negotiated or not depending on the providers cooperation. However whether or not the provider agreed to negotiate the claim will be paid.

Fringe Benefits will start cutting checks today. I made every effort to make sure that Fringe Benefits has all the claims. The provider has no more than six months to get them turned in, and that is as of Jan. 30th 2015. If a claim is turned in later than six months the fund has to deny the claim according to the fund’s SPD (Summary Plan Description). However if that happens, you the member have the right to appeal it. If this happens to you get with me in a timely manner and I will walk you through the procedure.

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Appointed Business Manager
Brian Almqvist

PAC Fund

We are considering working with other Unions and ELLA in Wyoming to form a Labor Table. We feel if we stand together and pull our resources together Labor can have a strong voice. We are looking at a few key races in the state next year. Our goal is to gain 9 seats in the house and 1 in the Senate. Our goal is to get as many Labor friendly representatives in office as possible. Getting labor friendly representative in office means middle class growth. If you are not donating to the PAC fund please do. We cannot accomplish this goal without your help. Please call Kathy in the office to donate. A few cents an hour would make a difference.

Reminders

Brothers and sisters, please remind the contractor to get a copy of your termination slip sent the Hall when laid off or otherwise. This is a new requirement in the CBA for the contractor to do. Change is sometimes difficult, and this is forgotten. We have run into some instances where the member does not agree how things went down and without the termination slip it becomes your word against theirs and it makes it more difficult for us to do our job and represent you well.

Also don’t forget that nominations will be held here at the Local in Cheyenne on October 8th, 2015 at 6:00pm.