

## **FROM JOSEPH C. SAVIA, BUSINESS MANAGER**

### **ELECTION NOTICE**

A secret ballot election to fill the Offices referenced above as well as Delegates to the convention will be held on **Monday, April 3, 2006, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**, at the U.A. Mechanical Trade School, 8509 Ardwick-Ardmore Road, Landover Maryland.

### **Eligibility to Vote at Local Union Election**

#### **Sec 124, page 76 from the Constitution of the United Association**

- (a) No member shall vote at any election of any description unless he has been a member in good standing in the Local Union where the vote is being taken for a period of one (1) year immediately prior to the date of the election. Any member who owes or has paid a reinstatement fee within a period of one (1) year immediately prior to the date of the election shall not be eligible to vote in any Local Union election.

#### **Sec 161, page 95 from the Constitution of the United Association**

Any member of the United Association who enters business legitimately for himself, or who holds a financial interest in any business directly connected with the plumbing and pipefitting industry, and who desires to maintain his membership in the United Association in order to keep his burial expense benefits, shall not have the right to voice or vote or to take part in the official affairs of the Union until one (1) year after the member has terminated his business or financial interest in any business directly connected with the plumbing and pipefitting industry.

The candidates receiving the highest votes in the delegates election shall be declared the elected delegates. The candidates receiving the next highest votes shall be the alternates, by descending numerical order and shall act in case of the inability of any regular delegate to attend the convention.

### **PLEASE NOTE**

Due to the number of Delegates we are entitled to take to the Convention, each voting member will have to vote once for the officers, and once for the delegates. Each "station" will have two voting machines. Enough machines have been ordered to eliminate any lengthy wait.

All results will be announced at the regular Tuesday, April 4, 2006, Meeting which will be held at the U.A. Mechanical Trades School, 8509 Ardwick Ardmore Road, Landover, Maryland.

### **IN EVENT OF A TIE**

In the event of a tie, a run off election will be held on Saturday, April 8, 2006 from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., at the U.A. Mechanical Trades School, 8509 Ardwick-Ardmore Road, Landover, Maryland; results will be announced at the May, 2006 Meeting.

## **M.EDDIE MOORE SCHOLARSHIP**

Applications for the year 2006 will be accepted through June 30, 2006. You must be eligible for medical coverage, in our Fund, to apply. For applications please call (301) 333-2356 or fax (301) 333-1730.

SUPPORT LOCAL 602'S ANNUAL PROJECT  
FOR THE JUVENILE DIABETES  
RESEARCH FOUNDATION  
“WALK TO CURE DIABETES”

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2006  
FEDERAL CENTER SW METRO  
3<sup>RD</sup> & MARYLAND AVENUE, NW  
(MALL)

WASHINGTON, DC

CHECK IN AT 8:30 A.M.

WALK BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 10:00 A.M.

POST-WALK SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED

WALK WILL TAKE PLACE RAIN OR SHINE

MAKE CHECK DONATIONS PAYABLE TO:

JUVENILE DIABETES FOUNDATION

AND MAIL TO

STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 602

8700 ASHWOOD DRIVE, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR

CAPITOL HEIGHTS, MD 20743



## **THIS 'N THAT**

### **BIG WINNERS**

George Harbaugh was the winner of the 50/50 raffle held at the March, Union Meeting. Roland Johnson was the winner of the Wizards basketball tickets and James Whipty was the winner of the Hockey Tickets. All the tickets were donated by Danny Glover.

### **SYMPATHY**

Our sympathy to the family of David Aston who recently lost his mother.

Our sympathy to the family of Mark Shea, who lost his mother, Mary Donahue Shea, on February 26.

Our sympathy to the family of Marc and Linda Arseneault on the recent loss of Marc's grandmother on March 6, 2006.

Our sympathy to the family of David Williams (35 year member), on the loss of his father, Alvin William, Sr. on March 6, 2006.

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of the following members:

Retiree, Harry H. Wolfe died February 11, 2006. Brother Wolfe was 81 years old and had been a member since April 3, 1962. Death #1220.

Retiree, James E. Gibson died February 19, 2006. Brother Gibson was 45 years old and had been a member since March 7, 1989. Death #1221.

Retiree, Robert H. Overton died March 3, 2006. Brother Overton was 74 years old and had been a member since January 5, 1971. Death #1222.

**THE CURRENT DEATH IS NO. 1221. ANY MEMBER NOT PAID THROUGH DEATH NO. 1221 IS IN ARREARS.**

**Local 602 Retirees Club Meeting**

The next meeting of the Local #602 Retirees will be held at the Apprentice school on Wednesday, April 5, 2006, at 11:00 a.m. This will be a regular meeting with coffee and doughnuts.

**ATTENTION:** Is there any retiree who would be interested in teach refrigeration at a D.C. Voc-Tech school a couple of days a week? If you are interested, please contact Ron O'Bier at the Apprentice School. This is a paid position.

**REMINDER:** Have you paid your Retiree Dues? They are \$12 per person and payable to the Local #602 Retiree's Club, you can pay at the meeting or send to Sherry Connor.

## **SOLIDARITY**

**President, John P. Sullivan**

Richmond, March 7, 2006 "Republicans in Virginia's House of Delegates dealt Gov. Timothy M. Kaine (D) the harshest blow of his young administration Tuesday, rejecting the governor's nomination of a former top labor leader to be part of his cabinet.

In doing so, Republicans crossed a line that has never been crossed in Virginia and ratcheted up partisan tensions with Kaine, even as the General Assembly's negotiations over transportation improvements teetered on the edge of a stalemate.

By a vote of 55 to 42, Republicans rejected Kaine's choice of former AFL-CIO state director Daniel G. LeBlanc to be secretary of the commonwealth. The GOP objected to LeBlanc's long-standing opposition to "right to work" labor laws...

"They have taken a huge leap, way past any degree of partisanship that's ever been shown in this commonwealth, and they have decided that Washington-style, McCarthy-style politics is what they want to practice here in the House of Delegates," Kaine said after a House committee signaled the Republicans' intentions by voting 13 to 8 against the nomination Tuesday morning. "And they are going to regret it." (Washington Post)

Gov. Tim Kaine extended an olive branch from the start of his administration. His list of appointments involved a number of Republicans including the wife of his former opponent Jerry Kilgore. The Virginia Senate approved the bill of appointments 92-0. When the bill passed on to the House of Delegates it was amended by striking lines 60 to 62, the appointment of Danny LeBlanc. The move was unprecedented.

We are reminded that, as union members, we are obligated to "reward our friends and to punish our enemies". Following is a list of those that voted against

LeBlanc's appointment because of his ties to organized labor. They will all have to run again in November 2007.

Ken Albo (42nd)	Clifford Athey (18th)	Robert Bell (58th)
Kathy Byron (22nd)	Vince Callahan (34th)	Charles Carrico (5th)
Ben Cline (24th)	Mark Cole (88th)	John Cosgrove (78th)
Kirkland Cox (66th)	Anne Crocket-Stark (6th)	Allen Dudley (9th)
William Fralin (17th)	Jeff Frederick (52nd)	Thomas Gear (91st)
Todd Gilbert (15th)	Phillip Hamilton (93rd)	Frank Hargrove (55th)
Clark Hogan (60th)	Robert Hurt (16th)	Salvatore Iaquinto (84th)
Riley Ingram (62nd)	William Janis (56th)	S. Chris Jones (76th)
Terry Kilgore (1st)	Steve Landes (25th)	Scott Lingamfelter (31st)
Matthew Lohr (26th)	Daniel Marshall (14th)	Robert Marshall (13th)
Michele McQuigg (51st)	Harvey Morgan (98th)	Samuel Nixon (27th)
David Nutter (7th)	John O'Bannon (73rd)	Glenn Oder (94th)
Robert Orrock (54th)	Chris Peace (97th)	Harry Purkey (82nd)
Lacey Putney (19th)	Melanie Rapp (96th)	John Reid (72nd)
Thomas Rust (86th)	Chris Saxman (20th)	Edward Scott (30th)
Beverly Sherwood (29th)	Terrie Suit (81st)	Robert Tata (85th)
Leo Wardrup (83rd)	R. Lee Ware (65th)	John Welch (21st)
Thomas Wright (61st)		

### **From Kevin Sullivan Business Agent**

I met a non-union HVAC mechanic the other day and engaged him in a conversation about the benefits of working union versus non union. "The unions have outlived their usefulness, they are the protector of the lazy, and no way am I going to pay dues to get a job" he replied. His response did not surprise me considering the misconceptions of labor unions. We had both sat down to eat; I knew I had a captive audience for the next ½ hour, so I addressed his allegations.

Unions remain as important today as in any time in our history. It was the craftsmen of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century that joined together to attain a common goal, better working conditions. It was the unions that fought for compensation (overtime) for the long hours worked; today overtime is being attacked in the public sector. Studies have shown that you are less likely to be injured on a union job. You are going to earn a higher living wage working out of a labor union. You have health insurance through the union; and they will continue to cover you through retirement plus provide you with a pension. "Tell me your company will do that for you" I asked of him.

The protector of the lazy we are not. We would be just as quick to reprimand our own just as much as we would approach a contractor and question their unrealistic expectations when they write up a member for "lack of production".

The statement that he made about "I'm not going to pay union dues to keep a job, I have already addressed. Our total package of \$42.42 far outweighs the cost of the .36 cents an hour that members pay for dues. I assured him the union's negotiation for higher wages (prevailing) brings his wage up too.

You only need to turn on the TV or read a paper to see the effects of Big Business on the rights of workers. Overtime is being stripped, loss of healthcare, relaxing of safety standards, and trade deals that promote the interest of corporate profits at the expense of domestic employees are a few. Millions of Americans today are working 40 or more hours a week and are struggling hard to keep their head above water. Thirty percent of American workers earn poverty or near poverty wages, despite working full time. Hourly wages for most workers are not keeping pace with inflation. The last time the Federal Government gave minimum wage earners a raise was 100 months ago; we have one coming August 1.

About 48 million full time employees or about 45% of the private sector work force receive no pension benefits. Nor do their employers offer retirement savings programs such as 401 (k) plans. Their ranks are expected to grow as larger employers eliminate retirement obligations.

A good living wage, good benefits, free training and a collective bargaining agreement is what I get working union. We were finishing up our lunch and as I looked at him he reminded me of someone that bought a cubic zirconium ring and thought he had a diamond until he saw mine. "Well I have been working for the company for 15 years and I got a good thing here" he said. I left him with that thought; but I believe a seed was planted.

We have one of the best kept secrets around; it is our responsibility and to our benefit to promote Local #602. We leaflet the open shop trucks with the breakdown of what our total package is; inviting them in which destroys the misconception of many open shop employee that Local # 602 is an exclusive club and that you need not apply. We are growing, our contractors our growing, and along with that so is our market share, this is our vision.

On a related subject please welcome these journeymen initiated this past meeting. James Miles, Barry Dubit, Dan Coombs, and Trent Voiles.

## **FROM WAYNE'S WORLD**

### **WINNING**

Have you ever competed in anything? No matter what it was, you probably liked the competition. If you like to compete, it goes without saying that you like to win. Personally, I love to win, I hate losing, it sucks!! Forget the saying "It's how you play the game", that's B.S., whoever said it probably never won anything. When I was coaching my kids as they were growing up, the team would get pumped when they won. The Reward of Winning is what makes playing the game worth the effort. Our members are in competition every day with the open shops. A good example of how we, as members, can win over the open shop is by getting the U.A. Star certifications. A lot of our members are getting these certifications both in construction and service. To get these certifications takes a commitment to be the best of the best in our trade, it gives a member the pride of being one of our "Elite". What does this have to do with

your job? Let's do some self examination, how high is your performance level on the job? Are you giving your all? Are you living up to our potential? Being the best if not for everybody and that's ok. If you're not sure about the level of commitment you are willing to make, you should think about it, what would you be willing to accept if you are the customer? Union Construction is supposed to be the BEST you can get! Not good, not above average, but the BEST. The thing is, at the height of your performance is not up to your company or your foreman, it is up to YOU! If you want to be the "Elite" Journeyman in the fight for this marketplace, you need to set your own expectations high, We need to be the BEST we can be for 602 to survive in this marketplace!

We are continuously updating our records. We now have over 3300 Members and close to 200 Contractors. Addresses, phone numbers and many other changes that we, at the Hall need to keep current. We have found that with upcoming events, and the speed that the world expects, we have found that we need to include email addresses in our database. If you have changed ANY of your vital information please let the union office know. You can email us at [ua602@aol.com](mailto:ua602@aol.com) or mail in the changed information.

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