

From Joe Savia, Sr., Business Manager

At the July 5th Meeting all of the officers were sworn in. The following are the Boards for the 2006 – 2009 Term:

President: John P. Sullivan

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Donnie Braun, Jr.
Joe Savia
Bernie Thornberg

The By Laws Committee consists of a representative from each of the Boards chosen by that Board. At their July Meeting each Board will elect a representative from that Committee, the By Laws Committee will then be announced.

Please join me in wishing all a successful term.

Congratulations

Congratulations go out to Roger Merica and Sean Straser, both have been invited to teach at the Instructor Training Program which is held in Ann Arbor, Michigan in August, 2006.

A special congratulations to Sean Straser upon receiving his Bachelor's Degree.

Protect Your Work

Please remember to get and keep up your certifications. Med Gas Certifications are in demand, if we cannot supply the manpower the Plumbers will be doing OUR work.

Convention News

The UA Website will be interactive with convention events and news, log on to get the most up to date news during the convention. August 7th – 11th.

COPE Contributions

Please remember your COPE Contribution. Please remember the next two years are critical campaigns. In Maryland this year we have the Governor's race in DC we have the Mayor's race, and the 2008 Presidential campaign is right around the corner.

If you have already contributed I thank you, if not please consider a Contribution. Remember, this is not a democrat or republican backing, but rather a Labor friendly backing of candidates.

UA News

The UA has recently announced the inception of the United Association Scholarship Trust Fund, which will benefit the children of UA members, beginning with the spring semester of the 2006-2007 academic year.

Eligibility for scholarships will be limited to graduating high school seniors and college undergraduates. All children of United Association members in good standing with the Union are eligible. The student's academic and personal accomplishments as well as community involvement will be the most important considerations. The financial need of the students may be considered, particularly in situations where a "tie breaker" is needed.

The application can be obtained from the UA Website, www.ua.org or our office.

Lee C. Ashcraft Memorial Union Scholarship - 2006

The law firm of ASHCRAFT & GEREL, LLP offers this scholarship to members of metropolitan area unions and their families to help with the high cost of education. Each year they award a one-time grant of \$5,000.00 to an eligible student for education expenses.

If you, your spouse or child, plan to pursue education or training *full time*, you can apply now. Applicants must be enrolled for their post-high school education or training by Fall of 2006 to be eligible for this year's award.

A committee of union volunteers screen the applications and a finalist is chosen by an independent party. No one at ASHCRAFT & GEREL, LLP participates in the selection process. This is an equal opportunity program, conducted without regard to race, gender, religion, age or disability.

To obtain your scholarship application, call (703) 931-5500. The deadline to submit your application is **November 17, 2006.**

MEMBERS GET DISCOUNTED DC UNITED TICKETS

CAUSE will once again be an official sponsor of the DC United. As part of the 2006 sponsorship package, MCAMW members can purchase DC United home game tickets at a discounted rate via the

following website link: https://secure.mlsnet.com/MLS/dcu/tickets/2006/group/uam_all/. CAUSE will have a Spanish message field board ad and Hispanic radio ads, all part of CAUSE's Hispanic outreach program.

THIS 'N THAT

Jim and Jackie McCabe proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Jenna Maragrete, born June 22, 2006 weighing 8 lbs, 14 ½ oz.

James and Alicia Solano are the proud parents of a baby boy, Nathan Ray, born June 23, 2006 weighing 7 lbs. ¾ oz.

BIG WINNERS

Tim Blackwell was the winner of the 50/50 raffle held at the July Union Meeting and Bob "Reddog" Mumford was the winner of the Soccer Tickets that were raffled.

SICK BAY

Marcus Walker was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident on June 24th and was in the Intensive Care Unit.

Fred Elliott was in Washington Adventist Hospital for heart by-pass surgery is now home recuperating.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy to the family of Greg and Timmy Hurley who recently lost their mother; and to the family of Lonnie Stansbury who recently lost his father, Harold Stansbury on July 3rd.

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

Retiree, William C. DeLodovico, died on June 21, 2006. Brother DeLodovico was 80 years old and had been a member since May 4, 1948.

**THE CURRENT DEATH IS NO. 1229. ANY MEMBER
NOT PAID THROUGH DEATH NO. 1229 IS IN ARREARS**

SOLIDARITY

President, John P. Sullivan

The Immigration Debate PART IV

So what has happened to the number one domestic issue in America? Well, the President has been rebuffed by the governors and less than 500 of the promised 6000 guardsmen have been stationed along the border. Money has been shifted. Contracts relating to border security are being made with funds originally earmarked for bolstering port security. And the House Republicans have blocked the formation

of a Conference Committee to iron out the differences between the House and Senate bills. Instead, they have decided to go to their respective constituent corners to hold a series of public hearings.

House Republicans, all of whom are up for reelection, are holding their meetings in southern border towns under the slogan of "Border Vulnerabilities to Terrorist Threats" Testimony was given by the Border Patrol in San Diego that it has found Sudanese currency at the border and fears that al-Qaeda may be infiltrating into country through Mexico. The Border Patrol has detained 829,109 illegal aliens at the U.S./Mexican border as of the end of May. When Border Patrol officer, Darryl Griffen was asked what became of those detained, he replied that, "There are very few formal deportations, because you have no place to put them." Translation, they catch them, book them, issue them a citation to appear at a later court hearing, and let them go.

Meanwhile those favoring the Senate Bill with its amnesty provisions are meeting in the big metropolitan cities with large immigrant populations. Pennsylvanian Republican Senator Arlen Specter (up for reelection) met with New York City mayor, Michael Bloomberg in Philadelphia, in a public hearing designed to show how impractical and economically unsound it would be to deport illegal aliens. After admitting that there were at least a half million illegals in his city the mayor opined that the "Big Apple" would collapse economically if illegals were removed from the workplace. He offered no firm statistics to back up his claim but went on to say that the foreign workforce must expand at all levels, from farm workers to scientists. "The economics are very simple...We need more workers than we have."

At that same hearing, Ronald Bird, an economist from the U.S. Department of Labor stated that, immigrants currently constitute 15% of the labor force and account for 40% of the growth of the labor force between 2002 and 2005. We should wonder why Bloomberg, who spent a \$159 Million on his elections in 2001 and 2005, would suggest that there are too few aliens in the workforce. We should also wonder to what special interests is he beholdng to. Given his labor record, I believe that Bloomberg's lament is simply about cheap labor and the increasing ability to break up the unions.

Following the money...It was reported by P. W. Singer of the Brookings Institute that V.P. Cheney's past employ, Halliburton, was awarded a \$385 Million contract for an on-call service. In case the government ever needs to, they are to stand ready to build 5,000-person camps for "*temporary detention and processing*". In addition, the Department of Homeland Security issued a request, through the Federal Business Opportunities Act, for "Alien Meals (BURRITOS) Del Rio Sector". It is another "stand ready" solicitation for an on-demand "indefinite quantity, indefinite delivery" of frozen, five-ounce bean and beef burritos, to be stockpiled along the Texas/Mexico border.

I often worry about an "October surprise" preceding a national election. Perhaps this year there will be some "get tough" move on illegal immigration designed to trick the voting public into believing that the politicians are serious about this issue. Flatulence aside, that would really stink.

WHAT'S NEW IN TRAINING

Advanced AutoCAD Class

An advanced course in AutoCAD will be offered this fall at the UA Mechanical Trade School. Matt Webb will be the instructor. This course will build upon the topics from the Introductory AutoCAD course offered in the spring of 2006. The Introductory AutoCAD course is a prerequisite for the Advanced Class. This course will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 5:00 until 8:00pm in the computer lab at the 8509 Ardwick-Ardmore Building. The first night of class will be August 21.

Availability is on a first come-first serve basis. If you are interested please contact the Apprenticeship Office at 301-341-1555.

From Kevin Sullivan Business Agent

More than 1,100 individuals from the DC area's building industry gathered to honor the area's most talented craftsmen and women at the Washington Building Congress Annual Craftsmanship Awards Banquet at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel on May 13, 2006.

The WBC Craftsmanship Awards Program was created to bring public recognition to those people who, because of exceptional workmanship and individual effort, deserve such an honor. The Washington Building Congress believes that the recognition of fine craftsmanship is of tremendous value to the entire local construction industry. Public recognition of superior craftsmanship is deeply satisfying to the individual doing the outstanding work and encourages other tradesman to take more pride to their work as well. The following jobs were recognized for excellence in craftsmanship:

Dennis Austin, Rick Deao, Scott Holbert, Steve Leineweber, Don Mullins, Jerry Seidenkranz – John J Kirlin, Inc. at the ACC Data Center in Ashburn, Va.

Due to a compressed construction schedule, the entire 8,000 linear feet of welded steel pipe for the chilled water system was completed in 5 months. The piping supplied twelve 400 ton chillers with pumps, fourteen 90,000 cfm air handling units and a 200,000 gallon thermal energy storage tank.

Chris Bischoff, Ron Bowen, Bobby Clark, Donald Johnson, Miquel Saba, Steve Tolson – R&R Mechanical, Inc. at the Dumbarton Oaks Library, Washington, DC

The mechanical system was designed to eliminate any potential water damage while providing critical temperature and humidity controls to a variety of space users. The storm piping is a double walled system with an integrated leak detection system. Among a variety of impressive features, each temperature and humidity control zone has individual humidifiers and hot water coils strategically field piped in the interior air handling unit's multi damper section.

Gary Baldwin, Tim Biggs, Tom Campbell, Scott Eskins, Ryan Morris, Jorge Puentes – Pierce Associates, Inc. at the University of Maryland Kim Building of Engineering and Applied Science.

This project features a 12,000 square foot micro fabrication clean room with state of the art equipment that enables new miniaturization technologies.

Lael Claiborne, Ron Sacchetti, Rozier Singletary III, James Washington Jr. , Jack Welch, Michael G Woods – Pierce Associates, Inc. were the winners of the Star Award for excellence in the face of Adversity for their work at the Donald W Reynolds Center for American Art and Portraiture, Washington, DC.

This historic retrofit project was an exceptionally complex and difficult undertaking. The work crews faced a great deal of obstacles throughout the building process. Despite the challenges that the work crews faced such as material handling, they continued to meet deadlines and exceeded expectations.

Bob Cronin, Richard Yerby, Bob Cronin Jr, John Abbott – John J Kirlin, Inc. for McKinley Technology High School Washington, DC.

The mechanical systems were completely removed and replaced with a new chiller, cooling tower, and boiler plant system. Fan coil units throughout feed the main air distribution. The most unique aspects of this project include the utility tunnel below the first level and above the basement level, which acts as the distribution for all the piping risers throughout the campus.

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Don't Let Your Tools Get Rusty

By: Bill Durkin, Organizer/Business Rep

We belong to an organization that offers many opportunities. We have welders, pipefitters, clean room, orbital welders, A/C Service, Low Temp Service, Controls, Balancing, Drawing, Detailing and much more. We have full paid tuition available to ALL members, mechanics and application members.

I started as an apprentice in 1970 and after graduation worked as a pipefitter. This was the time when the contractors wanted Fitter/Welders. I was able to pick up welding and I eventually certified with no cost to me, at our Training School.

In the late 70's work slowed down and I saw that the Service Industry was not plagued by unemployment like the construction side of our trade. I was employed in construction by a company that was predominantly service, which offered me the opportunity to assist service mechanics. This gave me a chance to learn more about the service side of our industry. My supervisor, at the time, gave me a Carrier Book on Refrigeration Systems, I took an electricity class with our apprentices and a Refrigeration Class on Saturday's in Mechanic's Training Class.

Due to the shortage of Service Mechanics at the time, if you had any knowledge of service, you were thrown into the mix and assigned service calls. I was very fortunate to have good Union Brothers, willing to help if I found myself in a bind. Little by little I learned.

As I look back, I am still amazed at what I was able to achieve in my own career at no cost to me, the Union picked up the tab.

I am amazed that still today, we have jobs that our members cannot take advantage of because they don't have the knowledge. I see a steady stream of traveler's coming into our jurisdiction and taking on the jobs we cannot man, not because of skills but because our member's don't take advantage of the opportunities offered to become further qualified. When I speak to out of work members and ask if they have certain qualifications and the answer is no, you just scratch your head and ask yourself, "what am I missing"?

We have a Training Facility, equal to none. As an organizer I hear from the nonunion about training available to them and it doesn't compare, it also comes with a price tag to the workers.

Our trade is in a constant state of change. Sch 40 Steel Pipe is being replaced with plastics, press fit, Victallic and other products. Welding is being done more and more by machines. We are losing some of the work that has traditionally been ours, but we are also seeing new fields that we must master, or someone else will.

We are in a very competitive area, not only with the non union and other union crafts that will do our work, but also with our fellow members. The mechanic with the most skills will be employed all of the time.

We are called skilled craftsmen, it is our duty as Union Members to support each other, we are not all equal, but we all must do our best. Anything less than best means you are not supporting your Union. Being a good Union Brother or Sister is not rhetoric, but action, eight for eight and a knowledge of your trade. We demand the best wages and benefits, however, we must deliver the best workmanship.

So I encourage all members, keep your certifications current. If new techniques or procedures are needed, learn them. Get back in class, acquire new skills. An old man once told me” Don’t let your tools get rusty”.

From Wayne’s World

“Foreman”

The Foreman is the key person on any job. No single individual has greater impact on the everyday operation, production, motivation, leadership and profit of the job. It’s ALL in the foreman’s hands. Everything and everyone on the job are influenced by their foreman. They are the ones who can take a bad job and turn it around, take a weak crew and get great work out of them. A crew will only work as hard as the foreman does. Some foremen think their only job is to tell people what to do. Their real job is to lead by example and demonstrate how to do things the right way. This is the way to get respect from workers. Like a good coach, they have to be able to read people, find out what motivates people and find out what skills they are good at. A foreman also has to deal with their crews’ personal problems, using their head and sometimes their heart. A foreman should develop a worker’s loyalty and respect, it can be powerful! A good foreman should be organized with the paperwork, which is one of the hardest parts of being a foreman. A foreman can’t raise a worker up by calling them down. A good leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way! A foreman has to be a professional, not a pal. If you have friends working for you, the friends should not expect or get preferred treatment. The minute a foreman starts playing favorites, he’s in trouble.

An effective foreman should:

- Make sure the work and material are laid out so the job keeps moving.
- Be responsible for everyone’s safety.
- Treat your crew well and offer praise. Remember, loyalty is earned from Trust and Respect.
- Don’t talk negatively about anyone in front of other workers.
- Don’t ask the crew to do anything you wouldn’t do yourself.

It takes the foreman and the crew working as a TEAM to make Local 602 and our contractor’s successful on EVERY JOB.

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 or mail in the changed information.

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