

From Joseph Savia, Sr. Business Manager

Congratulations

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our members who will be receiving their pins at the May 16, 2009 Awards and Dinner Dance, they are:

65 Year Awards

L. E. Fasnacht

60 Year Awards

Billy L Harpe
Harry B Kemp Jr.

John S Morhiser Jr.
Harold D Scoggins

55 Year Awards

Joseph Dove
William C Gifford
William J Hartmeyer Jr.

Robert McCormick
Anthony B Meyer

James E Wheatley Jr.
C B Williams

50 Year Awards

George W. Astlin Jr.
John S. Blanch

Donald E Braun
Robert N Shaffer

Joseph L. Taylor
William W Woycik, Sr.

45 Year Awards

Gary T Baugh
Brian A Bell
Lawrence W Burton Jr.
Harold Cenedella
Robert E Cook Jr.
William M. Copenhaver
James P Curles
Dennis N Davis
John DiSilvestri
Clarence Richmond Gough Jr.
Hugh M Hawkins
Robert T Hayden
John W Hoffman
Howard W Janoske

Jerome L Johnson
David R Kilby
Charles J Lemke
Jack D McDaniel
Charles R Pennifill
Edgar T Peters Jr.
Gerald T Poch
John Quisenberry
Claude M Revis
Samuel R Shackelford
Michael B Southcomb
Herbert R Steadman
Bruce D Stennett

William J. Stiles
Roger W Stovall
Robert M Taber
Henry A Tavenner
James W Tayman
Robert H Terrant
Corbin B Thompson
William A Thrall
Earl W Todd
Louis S Vaughan
Joseph R Walker, 2nd
Robert E Wilson
David C. Wood

40 Year Awards

Charles L Beasley
Roger S Bonner
Kenneth H Bradford Jr.
William A Brent
Lilbourn L Campbell
Philip Chiera
Timothy E Christian

Rudi Grad
James A Grimes
George E Harbaugh
Michael S Hayden
Harold G Hayes
James W Horning
Russell F Joines

Edward L Meeks
Williams G Mellott
Edward F Mooney
Charles G O'Quinn
Eric W Portch
Charles E Presley
Thomas O Rock Jr.

David H Cornell
Roger L Cullers
Robert L Davis
Robert M Dement
William M Dumbroski
Frederick T Elliott Jr.
David W Ferguson
William I Fields
Jerry F Goldsmith
Donald R Gooding

William T Joines
Thomas E. Kennedy
John P Kilby
Gary L Kimberlin
Glenn J Lawrence
Robert J Link
John W Mauck
Roy F McIntosh
Ronald A McKinnon

Charles O Sechler
Ronald L Sieben
Walker F Smith
Thomas C Tanner, Jr.
Wilbur W Thacker III
James R Thomas
John E Welch
Charles W. Wicks
William R Wright

35 Year Awards

John R Ahlquist
W L Batte
William Burke
Sven B Carlson
C A Cisna
Robert P Correll
Robert F Cronin
Daniel P Davis
Albert Dodson
William T Dupree
Martin Durkin
Charles M Edwards Jr.
Gary B Edwards
William B Everett Jr.
Lawrence I Flammia
R Marlin Gibson

George Giddings
Steven Gifford
Michael Gilmartin
Harry H Greathouse
Raymond E Groht Jr.
John A Hickey
Michael M Holmes
Alfred W Jarvis Jr
C Steve Lare
Claude H Leer
Fred A Leonard
William G Lishear
Daniel W Loveless
Steven L McDaniel
Stanley J Menefee
James A Merical

Oscar Merida
Clifford J Nolan
Ernest H Oakes
Richard J O'Palko
Robert L Perry
Alan L Rector
Walter C Slocombe
Morris W Suit II
Kevin F Sullivan
Alvin E Thomas
Martin L Tiller
Jesse D Webb III
Thomas A White
Gordon C Wilson
Lewis W Wingfield Jr.

30 YEAR AWARDS

Eric V Allison
Clifford D Angel
Selwyn Ayers
Michael S Beaton
Eric J Bowers
William H Chandler
John B Darling
Gary W Davis
William Davis
Jeffrey S Drennan
Stephen D Earwicker
Frederick Farrell
Daniel A Glover
Paul M Gyskewicz
Joseph S Hawkins
Karl R Helmold

Harold W Holmes
Brian T Honey
Gregory S Hurley
Varel G Jackson
James L Kite
Kevin B Knighton
Stuart Knudsen
Ferdinand E Lago
John V Mastripolito
Calvin L McCrimmon
Richard A Morgan Jr.
Patrick F Munnely
Ernest E Norfolk Jr.
Terry L O'Quinn
Hugh R Ottey
George S Owen

Preston L Parker
Dale P Parrish
James M. Pumphrey
Gerald A Rawlings
John M Reagan
Bruce C Reynolds
Gerald Rodriguez
Robert L Severin
Bryan C. Smith
James L Sonnefeld Jr.
John G Sullivan
David C Suon
F Daryl Tyree
Ernest R Weisman
Ralph L Wigton
K V Woodzelle III

25 YEAR AWARDS

Linda K Arseneault
Lawrence A Awad
Albert L Bonner
Tim D Caffey
James A Carnes
Anthony W Cash
Christopher Colburn
Richard Dubinski
Patrick L Fortney
Jonathan Howard
John T Huston
Russell G Jarboe

Steve D Johnson
Harry S Jordan
Frederick C Lohr Jr.
Daniel E Moore
Raymond G Mori
John P Murphy
Stephen J O'Brien
Thomas Ottney
Donald Parker
Stephen H Petro
Michael P Porter

Charles N Riccio
Dorothea J Rodda
Raymond E Romig
John H Sanford III
James W Shegogue
Victor O Smith
Mark A Smoot
Thomas J Sneden Jr.
Ronald E Taber
Robert A Thurman
Mark C Widmayer

NOMINATION AND ELECTION NOTICE

NOMINATION NOTICE

Nominations will be accepted at the "Special Called Meeting" to be held before the regular, May 5, 2009, meeting at the U.A. Mechanical Trades School, located at 8509 Ardwick-Ardmore Road, Landover Maryland. Nominations will be accepted for President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Business Manager/Financial Secretary Treasurer, Assistant Business Manager, Business Agent, Business Representative /Organizer, Inside Guard, Executive Board (4 members) Examining Board (5 members), Finance Committee (3 members) all for 3 year terms. Nominations will also be accepted for Medical Fund Trustee (1 member), Pension Fund Trustee (1 member) and Retirement Savings Fund Trustee (1 member), all terms will be six years, there will also be a Pension Trustee (1 member) to serve a three year term.

Eligibility for Office in Local Union –

Sec 121, page 76 from the Constitution of the United Association

No member shall be eligible to be nominated for office in any Local Union unless he/she shall be a journeyman member of the United Association and the Local Union in good standing for at least a period of two (2) years immediately prior to the election. Any journeyman member who owes or has paid a reinstatement fee within a period of two (2) years immediately prior to the date of the election shall not be eligible to be nominated for office in any Local Union.

Sec 161(c), page 98 from the Constitution of the United Association

No member who holds a financial interest in any business directly connected with the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry may run for or hold a Union Office.

- All nominations for local office must be in writing, giving the full name of the nominee to the Recording Secretary when the President has recognized the member presenting the nomination.
- Please note a member may be nominated for only one of the offices; as set forth in Section 100 of the UA Constitution.
- A nominating member can nominate one, and only one, candidate for each open office.
- candidates must accept the nomination at the time made, either in person or, if absent, in writing.
- An officer holding an office that is not up for election is not eligible for nomination to some other Local Union Office unless he/she first resigns the Office held. Such resignation must be in writing and filed with the Local Union prior to the mailing of nomination notices.

ELECTION NOTICE

A secret ballot election to fill the Offices referenced above will be held on Monday, June 1, 2009, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:30 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 79 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.

All results will be announced at the regular Tuesday, June 2, 2009, 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, June 6, 2009 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 July, 2009 Meeting.

Benefit Expo

The Board of Trustees of the Benefit Funds are sponsoring a Benefits Expo which will be held in the Trade School's auditorium on Monday May 11, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The professionals serving the Benefit Plans will review the details of each of the Benefit Programs offered to the members and families of Steamfitters Local 602. Please mark your calendar so you can participate to learn more about your benefits. If you are married, please bring your spouse.

Congratulations

Our congratulations go out to Donnie Braun, Jr., Donnie has recently been appointed as a "Special Representative" to the UA.

Also, to Roger Merica and Sean Straser, they have been invited to teach at the UA 2009 Instructor Training Program in August, held in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Our congratulations go out to these members for jobs well done.

M.EDDIE MOORE SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the year 2008 will be accepted through June 30, 2009. In order to be considered the dependent must be eligible for medical coverage, in our Fund, to apply. For applications please call (301) 333-2356, ext 0.

Dues Check Off Update

Please remember **if you change employers, YOU need to notify the Hall.** Without our members having 100% participation we still must notify the employers of those members who have elected check off.

I also urge you to pay attention to and keep your paystubs. If a dispute arises the paystubs are the only piece of information showing that the dues were deducted. Please also remember that dues' deductions do not cover your Death Assessments.

Shirts, Jackets, Etc...

We now have some new stock of shirts and jackets, all are available for purchase. Come in before the sizes run out.

Maryland License Plates

The new License Plates are out and traveling around town. If you are interested please contact the Hall for the application, checks or money orders for \$25.00 payable to the MVA must be returned to the Hall with the application. The hall will forward the application for you.

Motorcycle plates have been delayed, we currently need 23 more applications to be eligible for the motorcycle plates. If you are interested please file an application with the hall. We will notify you when we have 23 and are submitted the request.

Substance Abuse Issues

We are still holding our Substance Abuse sessions on Thursday's in the hall at 4:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Please note the opinions in these newsletters are those of that individual officer and not necessarily that of all of the officers

THIS 'N THAT

BIG WINNER

George Harbaugh was the winner of the 50/50 raffle held at the April Union Meeting and donated his proceeds to COPE.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations go out to our newest Retirees:

Raymond Bowers	03/01/2009
Gerardo Castaldo Jr.	03/01/2009
Robert A Hope	03/01/2009
David R Lambert Sr	03/01/2009
Chester A Lanehart III	02/01/2009

Benjamin Moore, Jr.

04/01/2009

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Kotoy Edwards who lost his father on March 19, 2009 and to the family of Kenneth Money, who lost his wife in March, 2009.

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

Retiree Harold Scoggin died on March 21, 2009. Brother Scoggin was 84 years old and had been a member since February 21, 1949. Death #1320

Retiree David Necessary died April 2, 2009. Brother Necessary was 62 years old and had been a member since November 6, 2001. Death #1321

Retiree Basil M Thompson died April 4, 2009. Brother Thompson was 81 years old and had been a member since July 7, 1970. Death # 1322

**THE CURRENT DEATH IS NO. 1322. ANY MEMBER
NOT PAID THROUGH DEATH NO 1322 IS IN ARREARS.**

From Kevin Sullivan, Business Agent

With Local 602's unemployment rate reaching 7% a few months ago it became more apparent of the simple question we should ask, around our job, to help aid a brother in securing work. Isn't there a member on the bench that can replace this traveler? I know our company is plumbing or sheet metal orientated but, that work is ours, so we should have a fitter on it instead. If these concerns are not brought to management and the hall comes out to look into it, as a supervisor, don't take it personal and please don't seek retribution.

It is all too often that someone will want to know who called the hall. Brother, please remember you are the hall. By now you are probably saying "yeah right" but it's true. From that first year apprentice through journeyman, foreman, superintendent, owner and retiree you all have your part. So if one of those four guys at the "hall" come looking into such situations as mentioned above they are doing it for the sake of you and the other 3700 members of our Union.

Local 602 has been in existence since 1913. Those that came before us hammered out jurisdictional trade line agreements to protect our work from other trades. Articles in our contract are in there to protect the union from contractors. The working rules and duties of the journeyman, apprentices, helpers along with the non exclusive hiring and layoff are all articles of our contract that are there for the protection of our members. Even though you are working for 1 of our 175 contractors what happens on your job affects the Union as a whole; protect your work, it's your livelihood.

I took a random survey of about 5% of our members. What I have found out was 11% of us are still working for the same contractor that we started with; based on at least 5 years of service. The other startling fact from this survey was this. One hundred percent of those surveyed were either working or retired members of Local 602. You're probably saying "no s--- Sherlock" but I think you know where I

am going with this. Give your employer your best, they deserve it, but always remain true to your union.

On a somewhat related subject, we have this. From talking to contractors it seem that in the past where maybe there were 3 or 4 other contractors bidding a job now has grown to 10. Bids have gotten that much tighter. With our contractors continuing to secure work the unemployment in our local is less than 3%; for that we are grateful. Let our gratitude speak by doing what we are paid to do; a good days work.

Good Things During Rough Times **Bill Durkin**

Are in an economic downturn but all things considered, we in Local 602, have some very positive things to contemplate. We have recently elected a President and Majority Congress that is pro worker. President Obama has ordered that any recovery money in construction will comply with prevailing wage. An article in the Washington Post in late January of this year reported that organized labor had recorded the first significant increase in Union Membership in 25 years.

Throughout the country people are facing high unemployment, but we, in Local 602, at the time of this article, have less than 50 members out of work. With our members at 3700, and 3000 working, we have less than 2% unemployment. If the projected work materializes, we will be looking for manpower instead of jobs. Some have questioned growth in our members –900 members in the last 6 years. Even with our current unemployment, we have 800 to 850 new jobs that the open shop does not have.

Although a large percentage of this growth has come from organizing, for the same time period we have enrolled 750 new apprentices. In addition, the Local, along with the contractors, have opened a training facility in Northern Virginia. And Joe Savia has informed us that the additional room at the Union Hall will be the home to the practical piping and rigging classes, along with the classes already being taught at the Hall. We have established a Freedom of Movement throughout Maryland, DC and Virginia. This allows our contractors to bid work in other jurisdictions, with greater control of their work force, with the desired end result of successful ventures that enable them to expand their markets.

We have received very good participation from our Contractors, Construction and Service, in gathering job information for various wage surveys. We are now awaiting results from a Federal Survey in Virginia. However, the Labor Department has indicated that we most likely will not see results until October.

These improvements have come through the active involvement of the officers and members of this Local. So now is not the time to give up. We all need to keep up the good work. It is critical to pass the "Employee Free Choice Act", so contact your representatives on Capitol Hill for their support on this legislation. If you are involved with reporting on prevailing wage, remember we still have work to do in Virginia.

SOLIDARITY

President, John P. Sullivan

I was recently employed on a job at St. Elizabeth's where there was a pipeline explosion. Fortunately, no one was killed but the explosion did result in an injury to one of our members. It could have been much worse. Thirty seconds prior to the explosion brothers were in a "confined" area where the most catastrophic damage occurred. They could have been ripped to shreds.

Exactly what occurred first or second may be debatable but what is not open to question is that the wrong plastic pipe glue was used and the wrong pressure testing procedure was implemented. From this, several lessons should be learned.

- 1. Read and follow the directions on the label. The glue used was limited to 6" diameter pipe.**
- 2. Do not test plastic pipe with compressed air. The residual fumes are flammable and explosive.**
- 3. Hydrostatically (water) test plastic pipe while observing manufacturers cautionary limits.**

Several days after the accident, the Plumbers and Steamfitters were given a safety handbook and then were asked to sign, but not date, a company policy. The UA brothers thought that this was an odd request and refused to sign. The following day, the combined crew was ordered to sign or face dismissal.

At this point both union halls were contacted and agents were dispatched. Bro. Kevin Sullivan (LU 602) and Bro. Jim Killeen (LU 5) arrived within the hour and advised us to refrain from signing anything that had not been approved by the respective union halls. We were later told that the company policy did not conform to our respective collective bargaining agreements. Further, we were instructed that if we were later asked to conform that we were to respectfully sign, date, and note that we were only agreeing to the policies that had been agreed upon during the past negotiations.

We are now in the second year of a three-year contract and by now you should be familiar with the contents of this agreement. The terms of the current CBA are set. If the boss or his representative wants to institute a new policy or procedure it must be submitted to the union for negotiations prior to its being implemented. In other words, anything outside of the existing contract must be brought before the union and negotiated fairly.

That's right, you are not a member of the "Idea of the Month Club". You are a member of a union, and Steamfitters Local 602 has been certified as the sole representative to bargain for every right and privilege on your behalf.

Under Section 8(a)5 of the National Labor Relations Act it is **“an unfair labor practice for an employer to refuse to bargain collectively with the representatives of his employees, subject to the provisions of section 9(a) of this title”**. In other words, Federal Law dictates that the employer must agree to negotiate on any and all conditions of your job. Nothing can be assumed to be management rights and privileges. Everything is negotiable

Further, you can not be forced to sign anything that would help to establish any new policy. It is very important that every member understand this. You have no right to volunteer to sign or to help implement any plan or policy that has not been subject to negotiations with the local union. To do so would subject you to charges and possible fines or sanctions under the Bylaws of Local 602.

REMEMBER, IF IT IS NEW, IT MAY HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.

FROM WAYNE’S WORLD “ELECTIONS BRING CHANGE”

602 recently celebrated it’s 95th Anniversary. In those 95 years we have had 31 elections, #32 is two months away. What has changed over these years? Here are some of the things, our membership has grown to 3700 members, our apprenticeship has grown to 600+, we have added a Virginia based campus. Our benefits, because of our membership growth, have more than doubled. What this has done is given us one of the best pension programs in the country and a pay rate that allows our members to buy things they want, not just what they need. All of these improvements are because of the dedication of our election officials and committee members over the years. The political environment we are now in related to the recent change of leadership for our country, favors the working class. As members of 602 we are hopeful about our futures including work opportunities, legislation that will support Union Workers in America. Why did this happen, your vote that’s why! With that being said did you ever think your vote does not matter? Don’t ever believe that. Everyone’s participation is needed in order to continue the growth of this Local and to make it successful. For the past 25 years Locals 602 and 5 have partnered with the contractors through the CAUSE program. It is very important to recognize that this partnership has contributed to our growth and financial stability along with the contractors. The contractors provide our job, these jobs done in a professional way provide us the luxury of increased benefits and higher salaries. Did you know over 50% of the contractors and some of their office staff went through our apprenticeship program and became journeymen. They are very familiar with both sides of the fence. Many of them are still 602 members today. Knowing this sometimes it’s very hard to separate contractors and members. This helps them to remember where they came from. I have been a PROUD member of 602 for 43 years. I have witnessed many changes in my professional career over the years. From apprentice, to journeyman, to serviceman, to foreman, to project manager, and for the last 11 years as an elected officer. Starting July 1 my role will again change, to a retiree. Things have changed over the years as I have. Remember some changes are necessary. If you have not thought about your role in Local 602 and how you can support positive growth, now is the time to think about it. **BE ACTIVE, VOTE AND SUPPORT 602! WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!**

STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 602

proudly presents it's

2009 AWARDS DINNER AND DANCE

Saturday, May 16, 2009

7:00 p.m. till 1:00 a.m.

at

**Martins Crosswinds
Greenbelt, Maryland**

Sumptuous Dinner * Open Bar

Dancing to the Sounds of a THE CHAIN LINK BAND

A Very Special Night

Come and celebrate our Awards Dinner and Dance with your
Friends and Co-Workers

\$90.00 per Couple ***Non Refundable*** \$50.00 Single

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Limited to the First 600

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For Local 602 at the Greenbelt Holiday Inn
(301-982-7000) located next to Martins Crosswinds

