

From Joe Savia, Sr., Business Manager

Election Results

Your new officers, effective July 1, 2009 are:

President: John P Sullivan

Vice President: Timmy Blackwell

Recording Secretary: Sean T Straser

Business Manager/
Financial Secretary Treasurer: Joe Savia, Sr.

Inside Guard: Leroy Watson

Assistant Business Manager: Dan Loveless

Business Representative/
Organizer: Bill Durkin

Business Agent: Kevin Sullivan

Executive Board: Timmy Christian
Jerry Stack
Gary Murdock
Joe Durkin

Examining Board: Chris Madello
Greg Hurley
Jimmy Sword
Greg Davis
Justin Bateman

Finance Board: Brett Davis
Mike "Tut" Tozzolo
Paul Webster

Medical Trustee: Bernie Thornberg

Pension Trustee: Bernie Thornberg (Six Year Term)
Dan Loveless (Three Year Term)

Retirement Savings Plan Trustee: Dan Loveless

Please join me in congratulating all of the officers and wishing them success in their terms.

I would like to thank all of those who came out and voted, we had 809 voters, which was a better turnout than in the past. Remember your vote counts.

On behalf of all of the officers I would like to send a special thanks out to Jim Fleshman, for coordinating the volunteers to work the polls and to: Brian Bell, Charlie Bucklin, Walter Burnett, Dan Carey, Al Dintino, Dave Ferguson, John Kripas, Bill Lohr, Dick Loveless, Bob Merkle, Mike Myer, Phil Myer, Walt Myer and Ron Orndorf for all volunteering of their time to work the polls, without these members the election would not have run as smoothly as it did.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Any contractors who may be doing oil gas conversions, or digging up tanks, we are in desperate need of the waste for Heat's On, Water's Off. Yearly we provide oil to those less fortunate in Prince George's County, and we have none. If you can be of any help, please call the Hall (301) 333-2356 x 7 and let Sandy know.

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. Please call ahead, sometimes the schedule changes due to holidays. 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

WHAT'S NEW IN TRAINING, From Ron O'Bier Training Director

On Friday June 12, 2009, 92 Steamfitter apprentices graduated from our apprenticeship training program. The top honors for the class went to Robert Hale, Valedictorian with a GPA of 97.19 and Charles Isemann, Salutatorian with a GPA of 97.09. Robert is employed by Paramount Services and Charles is employed with W.F. Collins, Inc. The Outstanding Steamfitter Award went to Aaron Parks. Aaron is employed by the Limbach Group. The Outstanding Welder Award went to Gerald Oliver and Darrell Williams. Gerald is certified in the following procedures, 1MCS-1A 6010, 2MCS-1A 7018, 4TMCS-1A and 1D1.1 SMAW. Darrell is certified in the following procedures, 1MCS-1A 6010, 2MCS-1A 7018, 4TMCS-1A-1A and 1D1.1 SMAW. Gerald is employed by American Combustion Industries and Darrell is employed by John J Kirlin Mechanical Services. The Outstanding Service Award went to Erick Wilson, Erick is employed by Pro-Air. The Humanitarian Award was presented to Carl Maus. Carl is employed by MECCO Inc. Carl was one of the Chairman for the Local 602's 1st Annual Bull and Oyster Roast and one of the key players in the "Charity Begins at Home" Fundraiser. Carl has also participated in many Local 602 sponsored events such as, Heat's On, Water's Off and has attended all of the Local 602 picnics. Carl was a true humanitarian to his classmates in every sense of the word. Andrew Mattingly was the high scorer of the UA Star HVACR exam with a score of 95.48 and Ryan Stebbing was the high scorer on the UA Star Steamfitter exam with a score of 95.00. Andrew is employed by S & W Controls and Ryan is employed by Dominion Mechanical.

Perfect Attendance Awards went to Keenan Gilliam, Cheung Lam, Paul Lyles Jr., Clifton Tupaj and Jacob Waite.

The one asset that will distinguish this class from all of the other classes is that this class had 69 of the 92 Graduates complete the five year program with a GPA of 90% or above. We had 41 Graduates pass the UA Star HVACR examination and 46 Graduates pass the UA Star Steamfitter examination. That is a school record. Eight seven of the 92 Graduates will graduate UA Star Certified. Also, our welding class produced 23 certified welders. That group produced a total of 108 combined certifications. That is also a new school record. Way to go Welders

All of this year's graduates have something to be extremely proud of!!!!

Honor Roll Listings:

- 1) Robert Hale 97.19

2) Charles Isemann	97.09
3) Andrew Mattingly	97.00
4) Todd Stockslager	96.84
5) Clifton Tupaj	96.50
6) Alan Boswell	95.89
7) Brian Bell	95.84
8) John Merlo	95.73
9) Michael Bruce	95.58
10) Micheil Munro	95.53
11) Carl Funchion	95.37
12) Jason Woltz	95.36
13) Andrew Bartz	95.17
14) Kevin Bartz	95.11
15) Michael Jarrett	95.02
16) Erick Wilson	94.97
17) Jonathan Sale	94.86
18) Gerald Oliver	94.73
19) Troy Wells	94.44
20) Jacob Waite	94.32
21) Anthony Thompson	94.25
22) Darren Enyon	94.17
23) Clifford Bell	94.14
24) Jun Zhang	93.91
25) Gregory Kauffman	93.90
26) David Montes	93.80
27) Sylvester Green	93.73
28) Jorge Melendez	93.63
29) Saleem Lewis	93.59
30) Nathan Best	93.52
31) Fred Perna III	93.50
32) Robert Hughes	93.42
33) Justin Hope	93.38
34) Garth Salmon	93.36
35) Ryan Stebbing	93.30
36) Andrew Sapp	93.28
37) Darrell Williams	93.23
38) Luis Chavez, Jr.	93.22
39) Michael Heamstead	92.99
40) Korey Salmon	92.88
41) William Farias IV	92.82
42) Anthony Mori	92.82
43) Jasvinder Singh	92.59
44) Richard Bailey	92.45
45) James Beall	92.20
46) Anthony Perez	92.20
47) Maurice Myles Jr.	92.19
48) Thomas Sword	92.19
49) Jonathan LaMade	92.15

50) Randal Lee	92.13
51) Rigoberto Lopez	92.03
52) Cheung Lam	92.02
53) Scott Ledman Jr.	92.02
54) Jesse Tippet	91.84
55) Wesley Vanderplas	91.79
56) Andrew MacSorley	91.77
57) Michael Long Jr.	91.68
58) Michael Holley	91.61
59) Zachary Doyle	91.45
60) Jackson Aeo	91.29
61) Brittany Updike	91.28
62) Michael Stovall	90.94
63) James Pirchio	90.78
64) Carl Maus	90.72
65) Jamie Chavez	90.60
66) David Chappell	90.42
67) Luke Pearson	90.30
68) Melvin Tinner Jr.	90.27
69) James Miller II	90.25

The remaining class of 2009:

1) Daniel Sheftell	89.83
2) John Tyer	89.79
3) Dwayne Douglas	89.57
4) Joshua Sams	89.30
5) Keenen Gilliam	89.28
6) Aaron Parks	89.26
7) John Darling II	89.13
8) Ryan Larkin	89.12
9) James Walburn	89.06
10) Shadeed Ali	88.93
11) Thomas Ellis	88.87
12) Justin Boquel	88.84
13) Joseph Brown Jr.	88.70
14) Matthew Harrington	88.59
15) Jason Claiborne	88.56
16) Raymond Roberts	88.51
17) William Elliott	88.32
18) Timothy Hazel Jr.	88.08
19) Jeffrey Walker	88.08
20) Michael Moore Jr	87.90
21) Paul Lyles Jr.	87.71
22) Alphonso Barber Jr.	87.50
23) Alex Flores	86.19

Certified Welders from the class of 2009

- 1) Shadeed Ali 1-MCS-1A, 2-MCS-1A, 1-D1.1 SMAW
- 2) Andrew Bartz 1-MCS-1A, 2-MCS-1A, 1-D1.1 SMAW
- 3) Kevin Bartz 1-MCS-1A, 2-MCS-1A, 1-D1.1 SMAW, UA-22, 63, 21, 23
- 4) David Chappell 5-ATSS-1A
- 5) Luis Chavez, Jr. 1-MCS-1A, 2-MCS-1A, 4-TMCS-1A, 1-D1.1 SMAW, 12-GCS-1.0, D,C,, UA-22
- 6) Jason Claiborne 1-D1.1 SMAW
- 7) Carl Funchion 1-MCS-1A, 2-MCS-1A, 1-D1.1 SMAW
- 8) Timothy Hazel Jr 1-MCS-1A
- 9) Michael Holley 1-MCS-1A, 2-MCS-1A
- 10) Ryan Larkin 1-MCS-1A
- 11) Jorge Melendez 5-ATSS-1A
- 12) James Miller 1-MCS-1A
- 13) Anthony Mori 1-MCS-1A, 2-MCS-1A, 4-TMCS-1A, 1-D1.1 SMAW, UA-63, 41,21, UA-23,60
- 14) Gerald Oliver 1-MCS-1A, 2-MCS-1A, 4-TMCS-1A, 1-D1.1 SMAW, UA -43,22,41, UA 42, 61,23,21
- 15) Jonathan Sale 1-MCS-1A, 2-MCS-1A, 4-TMCS-1A, 1-D1.1 SMAW, UA-22, 63, 21, UA-60, 23
- 16) Andrew Sapp 1-MCS-1A, 2-MCS-1A, T-TMCS-1A, 1-D1.1 SMAW, UA-22, 41, 42, UA-63, 43, 21, 23, 60, 1
- 17) Daniel Sheftell 1-MCS-1A
- 18) Ryan Stebbing 1-MCS-A1, 2-MCS-1A
- 19) Michael Stovell 1-MCS-1A, 2-MCS-1A, 4-TMCS-1A, 1-D1.1 SMAW, UA-41, 42, 22, UA-43, 63,23
- 20) Thomas Sword 1-MCS-1A, 2-MCS-1A, 4-TMCS-1A, 1-D1.1 SMAW, UA-21, 23
- 21) Jesse Tippett 1-MCS-1A, 2-MCS-1A, 1-D1.1 SMAW
- 22) Clifton Tupaj 1-MCS-1A, 2-MCS-1A, 1-D1.1 SMAW
- 23) Darrell Williams 1-MCS-A1, 2-MCS-1A, 4-TMCS-1A, 1-D1.1 SMAW, UA-22, 63, 21, UA-23

UA Star Certified HVAC 2009

- 1) Jackson Aeo
- 2) Nathan Best
- 3) Justin Boquel
- 4) Joseph Brown Jr.
- 5) Dwayne Douglas
- 6) Darren Eynon
- 7) William Farias
- 8) Robert Hale
- 9) Michael Heamstead
- 10) Justin Hope
- 11) Charles Isemann
- 12) Michael Jarrett
- 13) Gregory Kauffman
- 14) Cheung Lam
- 15) Scott Ledman
- 16) Randal Lee
- 17) Michael Long
- 18) Rigoberto Lopez
- 19) Paul Lyles
- 20) Andrew MacSorley

- 21) Andrew Mattingly
- 22) Carl Maus
- 23) Anthony Merlo
- 24) David Montes
- 25) Michael Moore
- 26) Micheil Munro
- 27) Luke Pearson
- 28) James Pirchio
- 29) Joshua Sams
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- 31) Todd Stockslager
- 32) Anthony Thompson
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- 34) Wesley Vanderplas
- 35) Jacob Waite
- 36) James Walburn
- 37) Jeffrey Walker
- 38) Troy Wells
- 39) Erick Wilson
- 40) Jason Woltz
- 41) Jun Zhang

UA Star Certified Steamfitter 2009

- 1) Shadeed Ali
- 2) Richard Bailey
- 3) Alphonso Barber
- 4) Andrew Bartz
- 5) Kevin Bartz
- 6) James Beall
- 7) Brian Bell
- 8) Clifford Bell
- 9) Alan Boswell
- 10) Michael Bruce
- 11) David Chappell
- 12) Jaime Chavez
- 13) Luis Chavez
- 14) Jason Claiborne
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Congratulations to all of the Graduates

A Note From the Building Trades, From Vance Ayers

Creigh Deeds won the Democratic Primary in Virginia, he was the “Washington DC Building Trades Senate Legislator of the Year” last year and is a great advocate for working people. With my experience in elections and working in Virginia he had the best chance to win the whole state coming into the gubernatorial race this year and the overwhelming majority primary win showed that. I was happy to see the supportive statements made by both Brian Moran and Terry McAuliffe in their speech to their supporters saying that they both will now support Creigh 100% to be the next Governor of Virginia.

We will be getting requests and bumper stickers, signage and so on and Creigh will need all the support he can get to beat Republican, Bob McDonnell as he already has over \$5 million for his campaign. We, as the building trades, need to continue to come together to put Creigh Deeds in the Governor’s Mansion with volunteers and contributions, so please start getting ready to make a full commitment.

We need to take at least 7 seats in the House of Delegates and need to increase our majority in the Senate so Creigh, as Governor will be able to do what needs to be done to bring dignity back to working families and our members that work and/or live in Virginia.

We also need to continue to give strong support to Steve Shannon for Attorney General as he was our “Washington DC Building Trades House of Delegates Legislator of the Year” last year and we will have great friends and working people advocates holding two of the highest offices in the State of Virginia for the first time in history.

I want to take this opportunity to all of those who gave support and helped put these key people in these positions to keep moving our Building Trades Members and their families in the right direction, please keep on doing what you do.

From Kevin Sullivan, Business Agent

I would like to applaud those members that ran for office and also those that showed up to vote. There were 47 people running for 24 openings. We had 809 members who voted. Those that run should be commended along with the many faces that you knew, came along way to vote. Thanks for taking the time and the effort in your commitment in our Local. I would also like to thank those that came out to give me their vote of confidence. For all, I look forward to continue working for you along with my work with the other Officers, Board and Committee Members.

We had less people, this election, that were unable to vote because of being on reinstatement. This shows me that Dues Check Off is helping some, in that regard, but we still have a long way to go. Most problems stem from lack of communication between the employer, employee and the Union Hall. If you change employers let us (Lisa or Sandy) know that we can aid you in notifying your employer regarding Dues Check Off. We will be asking the employers to do the same. If there is any time off between employers figure in that you would owe the \$15.75 per week. I know it takes diligence on your part, but it helps us to administer the Union more efficiently.

The election did point out that we are not being forwarded changes in e-mail addresses; many were no good.

Phone numbers are a problem too, I was looking into a firing the other night and the three people I needed to talk to had bad numbers

Certifications and Licenses: It helps the dispatcher when he has your qualifications in front of him on the computer.

So when your personal information changes, let us know.

THIS 'N THAT

BIG WINNER

Chuck Wills was the winner of the 50/50 raffle held at the June Union Meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS

To our newest Retirees:

William Clark	6/1/2009
Robert Cronin Sr.	7/1/2009
Michael Devall	5/1/2009
William Faulk	5/1/2009
Clifton Fraser	7/1/2009
Robert Hurley	6/1/2009
Joel Julien	5/1/2009
John G Sullivan	9/1/2009

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy to the family of Gregory Moore who's mother, Kathleen DuVall, passed away on May 31, 2009.

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

Retiree, Raymond DeVaughn died May 25, 2009. Brother DeVaughn was 88 years old and had been a member since December 4, 1962. Death #1326.

Brother James T Brewster died May 29, 2009. Brother Brewster was 51 years old and had been a member since March 5, 1985. Death #1327.

Retiree Rodney F Carlson died May 29, 2009. Brother Carlson was 62 years old and had been a member since November 7, 1977. Death #1328.

Retiree Timothy D Norton died June 3, 2009. Brother Norton was 60 years old and had been a member since November 20, 1996. Death #1329.

**THE CURRENT DEATH IS NO. 1329. ANY MEMBER
NOT PAID THROUGH DEATH NO. 1329 IS IN ARREARS.**

SOLIDARITY

President, John P. Sullivan

A House Divided?

Steamfitters Local Union 602 was chartered by the United Association as a combination Building Trade and Metal Trades Union in 1913. There was both a historical and a political basis for our special designation. Our primary charter mandates that we represent all pipefitters, both public and civil service workers, working within the Federal City of the District of Columbia and throughout our designated jurisdiction.

Our building trade's roots extend to the late 1880's. Before we associated with the United Association we were Local Union 10 of the National Association of Steam & Hot Water Fitters. We may have had an even earlier name but that was only whispered from one member to another.

From our earliest times, we constructed and retrofitted steam and hot water system in both private and government buildings throughout District and the surrounding counties in Maryland and Virginia. In addition to constructing private buildings throughout DC, we helped to construct the central steam lines in and around the Mall. We built the steam systems at the Government Printing Office. We also constructed the ongoing steam and hot water project at the Washington Navy Yard. Once we finished building these projects we turned over the maintenance of these systems to government workers.

The Washington Navy Yard today is a good case in point to help explain the nature of our status as a "Combination Local". The Navy Yard today is a shadow of its former presence but it will forever loom large in our history. It is likely the first Federal installation that employed steamfitters and pipefitters to not only build but also to maintain and service the steam, hot water, and chill water systems that were necessary for its needs.

The Washington Navy Yard was dedicated in 1799 as an actual ship building yard. As ships evolved from sail to steam power, the yard was retrofitted to utilize the earliest steam engines and steam power in the country. After it abandoned shipbuilding, the Navy Yard shifted to manufacturing anchors, chains, and the steam engines for all of our warships in the US Navy Fleet.

In 1886, the Washington Navy Yard was designated as the manufacturing center for all US Naval ordinances (mines, torpedoes, depthcharges, artillery, etc.). "By World War II, the yard was the largest naval ordnance plant in the world. The weapons designed and built there were used in every war in which the United States fought until the 1960s. At its peak, the yard consisted of 188 buildings on 126 acres (0.5 km²) of land and employed nearly 25,000 people."

We helped build the ongoing projects at the Washington Navy Yard with our building and construction journeymen and apprentices. We then maintained them with our "in-house" metal trades journeymen and apprentices and later by our "outside" private service journeymen and apprentices.

Who are Metal Tradesmen? My simplest explanation is that they are steamfitters and pipefitters who are government workers and private individuals who work in allied trades within our

jurisdiction. From the earliest of times they government workers were restricted under Civil Service rules in their involvement with unions. Primarily, they were forbidden to strike and could not get involved in public political campaigns. For contract purposes they had to be handled separately from our members that are covered by the construction and service agreements.

The Metal Trades Workers were originally organized primarily through the efforts of the International Association of Machinists. The Metal Trades were accepted in the American Federation of Labor (AFL) in 1908 as a branch of the AFL equal to that of the Building Trades. The AFL wisely assigned the members of the Metal Trades to their appropriate local Building Trades unions. It was truly the best and only fit possible.

The UA was signatory to the earliest agreements involving the Metal Trades. They understood the importance of organizing allied government service and maintenance workers. When we chartered with the UA in 1913, we were assigned the personal duty to represent the metal tradesmen already organized in the District of Columbia and those that would be organized in the future within our jurisdiction. Our personal, moral and legal responsibility, under our UA charter, continues to this day. We must organize Federal workers, especially those that work on the armed forces bases that lie within our jurisdiction. We must help them negotiate their separate contract negotiations and represent them whenever there is a grievance.

Brother Don Braun first organized the service workers at the Patuxent Naval Air Station. He helped to get our foot in the door. Brother Bill Durkin negotiated their next contract and bargained for increased wages and extended benefits. Both Donny and Billy understood our duty under our UA charter. They should be applauded for their efforts.

I feel obliged to add another note to our history. The UA chartered a separate, segregated local, Local Union 602A for those who serviced chill water and refrigeration systems. To our collective shame, wages and conditions were kept depressed below that of the members of Local 602 for decades. God bless our Canadian brothers and sisters for protesting this fact at an International Convention and forcing a consolidation of the two unions. We are recognized as one of the strongest unions in the UA today as a result of their efforts.

As we prepare to celebrate Independence Day, I wish that we take to heart the words of Abraham Lincoln when he faced a much more serious division in the ranks of our country. It is applicable to those who would condemn anyone who is "different" in our "UNION".

"A house divided against itself cannot stand. I believe this government cannot endure, permanently half *slave* and half *free*. I do not expect the Union to be *dissolved* -- I do not expect the house to *fall* -- but I *do* expect it will cease to be divided..."

Union not Division By Bill Durkin

At our last Union Meeting, the night after the elections, one of the candidates complained that 200 Metal Trades members came out and swung the election in favor of his opposition. He left the impression that these members should not be allowed to vote in our elections. They didn't pay the same dues and didn't work under the same contract. Now this seems to be circulating through the supply houses, where we have some Metal Trades members.

I would like to set the record straight. Local 602 has only 110 Metal Trades members. Less than 40 came out to vote and some were turned away because of dues issues.

These men and women paid their initiation and their dues, which the UA set for them. They may not attend regular meeting, but 90% of the Local's membership does not attend their meetings. You might not if you were attacked like these members were attacked on the floor. I spoke with a good Union man after the meeting who came in on application and he said he didn't speak up at meetings because of the attitude towards members that come in on application. This divisive attitude was very obvious during the campaign with quotes about "quality and not quantity" I have heard over and over service versus construction, welders versus fitters, who should be allowed in and who should be kept out.

One of our members whose father and grandfather were also members voiced a negative opinion about application members and I said, that like him, I was a third generation UA member but my Great Grandfather, like his Great Grandfather were both "Rats". He looked shocked for a moment until he saw my point, we all start somewhere. We turn away 800 or more apprentice applicants a year. Where do you think they will go? They have families to feed and this is the field they chose.

We must maintain a high standard for membership but always remember, the nonunion are doing our work. If we don't grow we die. The size of our Local will determine how well we can retire. How healthy our Funds are.

We must welcome any and all that come into our organization. Anyone who advocates a division is no Union man or woman.

We have the elections behind us and now we must let it go and all work together to better our Union. We can and should discuss any issue. We, as brothers and sisters, must endeavor to help each member to achieve higher standards, not criticize. Together we stand, divided we fall.

WAYNE'S WORLD

FINALE

I want to take this time to thank everyone who has helped me on my 44 year journey in Local 602; as an Apprentice, Journeyman and Elected Officer, it truly has been a great ride. I hope each and everyone of you is as fortunate as I have been. Make it a point to reach out with a Helping Hand to someone and help them in the same way that other have helped you.

I am looking forward to Retirement and will continue to remain active with Local 602 in any way I can. This truly has been a good life.