

**FEBRUARY & MARCH 2012**

Dear Sir & Brother:

The meetings listed below will be the only scheduled meetings for the period indicated. All United Association members must present their UNION CARD to attend the General Meetings listed below. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.

MEETINGS TO BE HELD AT 34 HIGGINS AVENUE

- FINANCE COMMITTEE:** MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6<sup>th</sup> AT 6:30 PM  
MONDAY, MARCH 12<sup>th</sup> AT 6:30 PM
- EXECUTIVE BOARD:** WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8<sup>th</sup> AT 4:30 PM  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14<sup>th</sup> AT 4:30 PM
- GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:** THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9<sup>th</sup> AT 8:00 PM  
THURSDAY, MARCH 15<sup>th</sup> AT 8:00 PM
- SPRINKLER MEETING:** MONDAY, MARCH 26<sup>th</sup> AT 5:30 PM
- REFRIGERATION MEETING:** TUESDAY, MARCH 27<sup>th</sup> AT 5:30 PM
- BRANDON MEETING:** THURSDAY, MARCH 29<sup>th</sup> AT 7:30 PM  
(at the Victoria Inn 3550 Victoria Avenue, Brandon, MB)

**DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS: #434**

With deepest sympathy we must inform you of the passing away of the following UA Local 254 Member:

We have been recently informed by his family in Scotland that **Brother Andrew Brown** a Journeyman Steamfitter and a Member of 29 years, died November 26, 2008, in Scotland, at the age of 82.

## **DEATH BENEFIT:**

**REMINDER:** Death Assessments are due in **JANUARY**. Please forward your cheque for \$30.00, made payable to Local 254, at your earliest convenience to this office. This amount cannot be deducted from your pay cheques. Be mindful that Assessments are payable before dues.

## **GENERAL NEWS:**

I would like our membership to read what the Federal Government is trying to put into law in Ottawa, the Bill C-377. Please contact your local M.P. and tell them to vote this Bill down. What it does is take more power away from organized labour and yet allows government and management to not have to follow the same rules. Just remember what went on in Wisconsin last year; that can happen to us here if this Bill is passed.

An important reminder for our members who are working out of town on **Travel Card:** Upon returning home, ensure you have your Travel Card returned to our office so you are able to be dispatched out of our office to local jobs. Also, Travel Card dues must be paid to the Local your Travel Card is deposited whether you are working in that jurisdiction or not. Your regular monthly dues must be paid to this office even when you are working in another jurisdiction. We have made it more convenient for you as we can now accept dues payments by credit cards over the phone.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Local 254 is pleased to announce that Brother Kyle Kalcsics will be our new Organizer/Assistant Business Agent. He starts in this office on January 16, 2012. He is able to be reached at our general office number or at 781-5357, Jean Ducharme's old cell number.

I also want to thank all those who volunteered their time to assist those who organized the Senior's Lunch and Children's Christmas Party. Everyone had a great time.

## **WORK SITUATION:**

Summit Pipeline is slowly manning up for the sleeving work in Southwestern Manitoba. This job has started off a lot slower than anticipated.

**WORK SITUATION Cont'd:**

We have approximately 20 members working in Northern Alberta and British Columbia on various pipeline projects. I would like to thank Local 488 and Local 170 for allowing our members to work in their jurisdictions. We also have approximately 90 members working in Local 179's jurisdiction. A big "THANK YOU" to them as well.

Kiesk Hydro Project has got the go-ahead now and have started to build the road. This project is 3.8 billion dollars.

With best wishes, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

Heiko Wiechern  
Business Manager and  
Financial Secretary

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