

DECEMBER 2011 & JANUARY 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:	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6 <sup>th</sup> AT 6:30 PM MONDAY, JANUARY 9 <sup>th</sup> AT 6:30 PM
EXECUTIVE BOARD: PM	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7 <sup>th</sup> AT 6:30 PM
	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11 <sup>th</sup> AT 6:30 PM
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 <sup>th</sup> AT 8:00 PM THURSDAY, JANUARY 12 <sup>th</sup> AT 8:00 PM
SPRINKLER MEETING: 5:30 PM	MONDAY, JANUARY 16 <sup>th</sup> AT 5:30 PM
REFRIGERATION MEETING: 5:30 PM	TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 <sup>th</sup> AT 5:30 PM
BRANDON MEETING: 7:30 PM (at the Canad Inns Destination Centre 1125 – 18 <sup>th</sup> Street, Brandon)	THURSDAY, JANUARY 19 <sup>th</sup> AT 7:30 PM

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS: #432 &433

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

**Brother Cyril Daly** a Journeyman Plumber and a Life Member of 55 years, died October 29, 2011, at the age of 82.

**Brother Peter Wiechern** a Journeyman Plumber and a Member of 42 years, died November 6, 2011, at the age of 70.

### **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:**

At the 38<sup>th</sup> Convention in Las Vegas a resolution was passed to increase the monthly Union dues by \$2.00 per month. This will go into effect January 1, 2012. This increase will change the amount to \$40.00 per month from the current \$38.00 for regular monthly dues. Further to this increase, a \$1.00 per month Union dues increase will go into effect in each of January 1, 2013, 2014 and 2015. These increases will not affect members 65 years of age or older as of January 1, 2012.

Also a friendly reminder to our members out on Travel Cards in other provinces, please stay in touch and remember to keep your Union dues in good standing here in Local 254. We currently have approximately 120 members on Travel Card in Saskatchewan.

A new revised By-law book will be mailed to every member as soon as we receive them back from the printer. We completed all the changes at our Special Called Meeting in October, 2011.

Enclosed is a Statement of response from UA General President, William Hite, regarding the delay of the Keystone XL Pipeline Project.

Many members are phoning the **Call Out Line** and leaving messages. We are unable to retrieve them. This line is for listening purposes only. Please do not leave messages on this line.

### **JOB OPPORTUNITY:**

We are considering hiring an Organizer for this office to begin some time in the New Year.

If you are interested in this position, please forward your updated resume and covering letter stating your views on how and what you would do to organize non-union companies and people.

We will be accepting Applications until the end of the year.

### **WORK SITUATION:**

Summit Pipelines was awarded 57 dig ups/sleeving. This will take 16 welders, 16 helpers and 4 pipefitters.

Many of our members go out on **Short Term Jobs**. Even though this is clearly marked on their referral, at times these short term jobs end up being of long term duration. In order that this office is aware that you have completed your short term job, please either sign the out of work book or call this office. Your name will remain in its original position, even though you sign the book, provided that it is within the short term time frame. If you do not sign the book or call in we will have no way of knowing if the short term has ended and your name could then be removed from the list after the short term period of seven (7) days has ended.

### **CHILDREN'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY and SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCH:**

**CHILDREN'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY:** This year's party will be held on **Sunday, December 11, 2011, at 12:00 noon.**

The party is for all Union members' children between the ages of newborn through to ten years of age. All children registered would have received an invitation from Santa by now. If your child/children have not received the letter, please call the office.

**SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCH:** The luncheon for our senior members will be held on **Thursday, December 15, 2011, at 12:00 noon.** This event is by invitation only. Please RSVP your invitation by December 2, 2011.

On a personal note, I want to thank everybody who called, sent condolences and came to the funeral of my Father, Peter, who was a proud UA member. Your gestures are very much appreciated.

**CHRISTMAS CHEER:**

On behalf of Del, Audra, and myself from the Local 254 Office, and Steve and Fern from PITC – we wish each and every one of you and yours a...

***Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous  
New Year!***

With best wishes, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

Heiko Wiechern  
Business Manager and  
Financial Secretary

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