

# SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2011

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, SEPTEMBER 5<sup>th</sup> AT 6:30 PM  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11<sup>th</sup> AT 6:30 PM

**EXECUTIVE BOARD:** WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> AT 6:30 PM  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>th</sup> AT 6:30 PM

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING** regarding the By-Laws will be held on Thursday, September 8, 2011, at 6:30 PM. The regular General Membership meeting will follow immediately after.

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:** THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> AT 6:30 PM  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>th</sup> AT 8:00 PM

**SPRINKLERFITTERS:** MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> AT 5:30 PM

**REFRIGERATION:** TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20<sup>th</sup> AT 5:30 PM

**BRANDON MEETING:** THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6<sup>th</sup> AT 7:30 PM  
Canad Inns Destination Centre  
1125 – 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Brandon

**DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS:** #429 & 430

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

**Brother Oscar Abendschoen** a Journeyman Plumber and a Life Member of 52 years, died May 2, 2011, at the age of 76.

**Brother Denis Prive** a Journeyman Welder and a Member of 16 years, died May 30, 2011, at the age of 81.

## **GENERAL NEWS:**

A Special Called Meeting for updating the By-Laws will be held on Thursday, September 8, 2011, at 6:30 p.m.

As well, a reminder to anyone that holds a PSTS certification (Pipeline Safety Course); there is an expiry date now of three years. If yours has expired, please contact Steve Ducharme, Training Co-ordinator in the PITC office to get a pin number or to arrange to come down to renew this certification. You require this course to work pipeline.

I would also like to let the membership know that I am currently working on a Mechanical Service Agreement with our contractors. I feel this contract will better suit the needs of our Service workers in Manitoba. A Special Called Meeting will be called for the membership to vote on accepting this new Agreement when it is completed.

There has been some misunderstanding with some of our members when they are working for our signatory Contractors in another jurisdiction, such as Saskatchewan. When you are being transferred from a project from Manitoba to, as an example, Saskatchewan, you **must** deposit your **Travel Card** and this is your responsibility.

As well, when you have completed employment in another Province, you must call the home **Local** of that Province and make sure that your Travel Card returns to Local 254. You will not be dispatched from Local 254 if your Travel Card is not in our office.

Hopefully this will clear up any questions or misunderstanding. Any questions regarding this process should be directed to this office.

The Canadian UA Office in conjunction with the TD Bank is offering members a home insurance plan with reduced group rates. We are again enclosing their brochure for your information.

If you received a letter and updating card regarding the Death Benefit in the mail, please respond as soon as possible so we can complete our records.

## **WORK SITUATION:**

The work situation is slowly picking up in Manitoba with some shut-down work this summer. We currently have work in Thompson, The Pas and Flin Flon. Coming up there will be upgrades to the Sewage Treatment Plants and the Riel Station should be going out for tender. We are still waiting on the Women's Hospital and the Power Plant at the Health Sciences Centre.

I want to thank UA Local 179 for accommodating over 120 of our members by putting them to work.

## **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY:**

Children's name cards for this year's Annual Christmas Party are enclosed. The Party is for all Members' children between the ages of newborn through to age 10.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY – Cont'd:**

It is for Members' children only – grandchildren are not eligible. If a card is not enclosed, please call the office and one will be sent to you.

***The party this year will be on Sunday, December 11 2011, at 12:00 p.m.***

To ensure your child gets a gift, **cards must be returned to this office before October 31, 2011.** No replies will be accepted after this date. Confirmation of your child's attendance will be mailed to you upon receipt of the returned card. There is no need to call the office to check unless you do not receive a *confirmation letter* sent to your child/children at a later date. Children must be in attendance to receive their gift.

With best wishes, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

Heiko Wiechern  
Business Manager and  
Financial Secretary

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