

JUNE 2009

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, JUNE 9th AT 6:30 PM
EXECUTIVE BOARD: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10th AT 6:30 PM
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: THURSDAY JUNE 11th AT 8:00 PM

There will be no meetings during the months of July and August, 2009

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS: #400, 401 & 402

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

Brother Steve Miller a Journeyman Steamfitter and a Member of 36 years, died March 17, 2009, at the age of 83.

Brother Calvin Murphy a Journeyman Welder and a Member of 41 years, died April 19, 2009, at the age of 73.

Brother Ken Sutton a Journeyman Plumber and a Member of 43 years, died May 15, 2009, at the age of 78.

GENERAL NEWS:

Our Pipeline Welding School was a real success this year with excellent attendance. I would like to thank Gordon McDonald and Richard Grasby for the help and instruction that they had provided on the course.

GENERAL NEWS – Cont'd:

I would also like to thank the members that donated their time in helping out some of our younger members in the course.

REFRIGERATION NEGOTIATIONS:

The negotiations are currently on-going and we hope to have them wrapped up shortly.

PIPELINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

I would like to thank our new Committee for their input at our first scheduled meeting. It was very useful and productive and I look forward to working with them again. Their experience and new ideas for the training of our members and their advice for pre-job requirements were very encouraging and refreshing.

MECHANICAL AGREEMENT:

At our General Membership meeting that will be held in September, 2009, we will be holding nominations for our Negotiating Committee. We are going to set up this Committee early so as to be able to thoroughly review the Agreement, come up with new ideas and be ready for negotiations early in the new year.

SPRINKLERFITTERS AGREEMENT:

There will be a Sprinklerfitters meeting in September at which time we will be looking for proposals for changes to our National Agreement. We would appreciate your input and hope to have a good turnout. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 21, 2009, so please mark your calendars.

WORK SITUATION:

Waschuk Pipelines should start their road bores on June 8, 2009, and the main-gang should kick off a week later for Spread #8, Enbridge, Alberta Clipper Project.

Banister Pipelines will be kicking off approximately mid June as well with Spread #12 on the Alberta Clipper Project. There is 140 km from Cromer to Glenboro. Spread #10 will also be done by Banister starting a week later. This Spread is 120 km from Gretna to Glenboro, weather pending.

WORK SITUATION – Cont'd:

Louisbourg/Banister is working on the Trans Canada Pipeline, changing over the Line 1 from Natural Gas to Oil. They also will be needing more manpower for dig-ups ongoing in Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

The Station Work is slowly starting on the Keystone Project (Trans Canada Pipeline). We have a few members on site now and should start manning up in the near future.

The Alberta Clipper Station work with AECON Sommerville will be starting around the same time as the Keystone Project. We also have a few men on site there as well.

The commercial sector is starting to pick-up once again and looks to be another busy year.

Saskatchewan has a call for over 40 Pipefitters and Welders for Rockenville and Yorkton alone.

In all, the members of Local 254 will have another good year full of employment.

We would like to wish everyone a nice and safe summer!

With best wishes, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

Heiko Wiechern
Business Manager and
Financial Secretary

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