MISSION STATEMENT: TO BE PIPING INDUSTRY'S FIRST CHOICE BY FOSTERING AND PROMOTING PROFESSIONALISM THROUGH EXCELLENCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY.

November & December 2019

Dear Brothers & Sisters:

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, November 12 AT 4:00 PM** **TUESDAY, December 10 AT 4:00 PM**
EXECUTIVE BOARD:	**WEDNESDAY, November 13 AT 4:00 PM** **WEDNESDAY, December 11 AT 4:00 PM**
****SPECIAL CALLED MEETING:***	***THURSDAY November 14 AT 7:30 PM****

This special called meeting is a ballot vote for Local 254 Vice President seat.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:	**THURSDAY, November 14 AT 8:00 PM** **THURSDAY, December 12 AT 8:00 PM**

PLEASE NOTE EARLIER MEETING DATES BELOW

REFRIGERATION MEETING:	**TUESDAY, November 19 AT 5:30 PM**
SPRINKLER MEETING:	**WEDNESDAY, November 20 AT 5:30PM**
BRANDON MEETING: **Canad Inns Destination Centre** **1125 – 18th Street** **Brandon, Manitoba**	**THURSDAY, November 21 at 7:00PM**

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The name form for the Children's Christmas Party, is available at the front counter as well as online at ualocal254.ca **Please return or submit your form to our office by the October 31st deadline, to ensure your child receives a gift.** The party is for all members children between the ages of newborn to 10, sorry grandchildren are not eligible

This year's party will be held on Sunday December 8th at 11:30am.

Confirmation of your child's attendance will be mailed to you the first week of November. There is no need to call the office.

DEATH BENEFIT

All members have been charged the Death Benefit for 2020, this is a self-paid amount of $30 that is not deducted off union dues. This benefit was instituted to help beneficiaries of our brother and sister members of Local 254, receive a $5000.00 immediate payout to help with funeral expenses. Please make sure your payment is made before December 31st, 2019. If your beneficiary information has changed please contact the office to get a new card mailed out.

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS #517, #518

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

Brother Zane Kosowan - A Journeyperson Steamfitter and Life Member, passed away on September 19, 2019 at the age of 73.

Brother Taras Romaniuk – A Journeyperson Steamfitter and 33 year member, passed away on October 20, 2019 at the age of 73.

WORK SITUATION

Local 254 is currently very busy, ongoing work at Simplot in Portage La Prairie, Portage and Selkirk water treatment plants, Bungee, fab shop work, and Keeyask. Commercial plumbing work is slowly picking up and we are anticipating a busy winter.

GENERAL NEWS

Local 254 is currently facing a shortage of F5/F6 welders, as well as "A" Gas/HVAC techs. If you know of someone who is qualified and interested in knowing more, please have them call Tim Furlong at the Union office.

Kashtin Wesley is the Youth Evolve Committee Leader for 254 members 35 years and younger. He will be hosting a meeting at the Hall on October 28th, 2019 at 5:30pm. Please come and show your support as a young member of Local 254.

MEMBERSHIP

We would like to welcome Berg Chilling Systems Inc., Vandale Mechanical, and Craft Mechanical as new signatory contractors with local 254. Welcome aboard!

Income tax season is quickly approaching, it is important we have your current address, phone number and email. Please contact the office to update or fill out the form at the back of the newsletter

Coughlin has a Pre-Authorized Deposit (PAD) form that can be found on their website, using the portal login area and selecting Member Portal. Visit www.coughlin.ca for details.

- **Did you know our website is capable of taking On-line Payments? Follow these simple steps to pay monthly dues and/or your death benefit:**

1. Open Google Chrome as your search engine tool.
2. Log on to www.ualocal254.ca
3. Click Payments Portal (top right corner)
4. Your username is your 9 digit membership card number. If you do not have 9 digits, add 2 zeros at the beginning.
5. Your initial password is your birthday MMDDYYYY
6. Once logged in, you will be able to select outstanding payments you wish to pay.

GOOD AND WELFARE

We would like to thank our members, family and friends for coming out to our Annual Local 254 Charity Golf Tournament in September. The tournament was a great success and our largest turn out to date. The amounts of $2500.00 were donated to Candlelighter's Childhood Cancer and Autism Society respectively. A special thanks to the golf committee, volunteers, contractors, various affiliates, clients and suppliers for their time, sponsorship and donations.

This year's Seniors Christmas party will be held on Friday, December 13th. invitations will be sent out mid-November.

With Best Wishes, I Remain,

Fraternally yours,

Kyle Kalcsics

Kyle Kalcsics
Business Manager and
Financial Secretary

MEMBER INFORMATION UPDATE

MEMBER NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

CELL: _____ **HOME:** _____

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PIPING INDUSTRY TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF MANITOBA

Online Courses

- Pipeline Safety Course
- SCOT (Saskatchewan)
- Rights & Responsibilities (Saskatchewan)
- Aerial Work Platform (Scissor Lift)
- Fall Protection (Harness)
- WHMIS 2015
- Confined Space Awareness
- CSTS/09 (Alberta and DMS)
- Arc Flash Awareness
- Asbestos Awareness
- Fire Extinguisher Safety
- Ground Disturbance
- Hand Tool Safety
- Hoist and Rigging Safety Basics
- Ladder Safety
- Lifting Loads Safely
- Transportation of Dangerous Goods
- Lift Truck Refresher (Forklift)
- Lockout
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Propane Safety Program
- Safe Operations of Tele Handlers (Refresher)
- Scaffold Safety
- Slips, Trips and falls
- Working Safely with Compressed Gases

Ongoing Courses

- CPR/AED Level C is ongoing offering, run on an as needed basis, call to get on list
- AWWA Backflow Testers Certification and Re-Certification is an ongoing offering, run as needed. call to get on list
- Confined Space Entry is an ongoing offering, run as needed, call to get on list

Upcoming Courses

- McElroy Pipe Fusion Certification
- AWWA Backflow full and recertification class please call to register
- Advanced Electrical for Service Workers
- Fire Extinguisher: Installation Requirements and Testing Procedures (Sprinkler Fitters)
- Water Based Foam Systems: Installation, Testing & Maintenance (Sprinkler Fitters)

Future Courses in Development

- Viega Pro-Press
- Trimble and Leica (Site Layout)

** Apprentices, please remember to sign the OUT OF WORK list when going to school. **

Please contact PITC to register for any classes 204-956-7365