

FROM JOSEPH C SAVIA SR., BUSINESS MANAGER

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the members receiving an award at the Dinner Dance on May 20, 2006. All of you have made a difference. Thank you and congratulations.

65 Year Awards

H W Morris

60 Year Awards

F C Brooks
Robert J Hastings

Jerre N Ness
Henry J Ward

55 Year Awards

Davis F Coffey

Robert E Farley

50 Year Awards

Louis R Basil
Rembert P Brooks Jr
James B Duffy
Donald H Brown
James L Campbell
Albert W. Courtney
John M Dupree

Carroll Edwards
William L Franklin
William J Fredrick
Eugene A Hall
Dexter L Hash
Paul C Kemp
Robert T Kunowsky

Richard L.Line
Stanley McCardell
Willis C. Nanson
Cleo W Stack
Alfred Thomas
Johnny R Thomas
Carl T Wilson

45 Year Awards

Robert E Altman Jr.
Stephen Bensarsky
James W Blockston Jr
Andrew L Bonner
John R Booher
Kenneth W Colburn
Alfred M Dintino
John P Dugan

William A Gottleid Jr
Ronald E Kane
Micheal E Kopper
Roger E Leonard
John W Morley
Edward J Murdock
Roland H Pearson
John P Rahn

Joseph C Savia
Bruce A Sigman
Scott C SnellingsJr.
Earl F Stack
Charles M Webb
John R Willett
David M Young

40 Year Awards

Joseph P Bailey
William R Bonner
Samuel R Brown
John M Clark
Arthur J Colea
Michael D Dawes
Raydene Deao
Richard Farro
George W Golden
Alvey F Green
Ronald E Holmes
John M Hudson
Charles L Jewell
Ernest D Keen
James C Kennedy
Joseph E Knott Jr.
Jerry R Ledford

Manuel K Lee
Donald R Leigh
Bernard B Leizear Jr
Kenneth W Lockett
John A Macmillan
Charles E Manning
Edward J Martin Sr.
Walter L. Myer
Stephen D Nolan
Charles F Norris
Lawrence Norwood
Howard L Oakes
Donald R Porter
James W Rawlings
Earl I Reed Jr
Ronald D Rees
John W Rusk Jr.

Gerald F Seidenkranz, Sr
Theodore J Seman
Harry C Sewell
Charles B Smith
Kenneth H Smith
Allen C Sorensen
Carl F Stack
Lonnie R Stansbury
Nick D Stevenson
William G Straser
Lundy S Taylor Jr.
Robert C Taylor
Ralph H Tayman
Stanley O Wagner
Thomas D Whitley
Thalbert H Wilde
Ronald L. Wright

35 Year Awards

John W Abbott
Harold L Adams
Roger D Aheron
Leonard A Ascosi
Laurence D Aument
Paul G Ballenger
George O Blackwell
Daniel L. Bostick
Dudley R Bowling
Laurence W Brown
James D Buckles
Stanley M Burkholder
Ronnie Byrd
Roland Craig
William J Durkin Jr.
Joseph P Eckenrode
Daniel F Eddinger
George A Edwards
Howard M Ellis
Gary M Garland
Leo R Getgen Jr.
Carroll E Goode
Herrington Griffin Jr.
Russell L Hall

Donald R Hansher
Thomas L Hayes
James J Holmes Jr.
Peter G Hughes
Darrell G Hunter
Robert S Hurt
Samuel R Jennings
John M Jett
Ronald L Kelly
Mark T Knudsen
James F Kulp
David R Lambert
Edward Lukenich
Lloyd A Marlowe
Maurice F Mattingly
Bradley K McFarlin
Rodney G McKinney
Jimmy D Menefee Jr.
Andrew J Miller
Raymond Mills
Michael L Moran
Robert B Mumford
James B Muncy
Jeffery T Nicholson

Marvin Pence
Noah A Pisano
Ronald D Pool
Carl E Poore III
Anthony W Saia
James R Schaub
Robert C Schultz
Ronald L Scott
Mark D Shea
Gordon R Shipley
Thorndike L Spalding Jr
Charles F Stokes
James M Sword
Basil M Thompson Jr.
C B Thrift
Charles B Triggs
Bradford B Wade
Steven J Waller
Leroy E Watson
Donald W Wilkes
David A Williams
Richard N Williams
Charles D Wingfield
Richard W Wolfe

30 YEAR AWARDS

John S Adams
John E Altman
Dennis W Austin
Joshua M Baldwin III
Charles H Beardsley Jr.
Ronald J Binsted
James A Blackwell
Ernest S Brady Jr
Bruce L Brooks
William L Brown
Ralford Campbell
Dale C Collis
Richard A Darsa
Mark Deshayes
Enrique C Doyle
Frederick J Duckworth
Ronald J Friedrich

Joseph M Haddox Sr
William A Hanns Jr
Phillip W Hanrahan
Douglas B Hardison
Upton L Hilderbrand
Charles G Hood III
Robert S Huntington
Robert T Hurley
Aubery E Joines
Stephen Julien
Jack N Kite
Robert L Lowery
Henry L Maier Sr
David W Mattingly
Agostine S Mavilia
Avery W Mays
Timothy C McDonough

Benjamin W. Moore Jr
James M. Myer
Jeffrey L Price
Joseph W Ramsey
Donald E Rayle
Francis W. Soper Jr.
Paul A Stasch
Robert C. Tarter, Jr.
Albert Viands
James L Wamaling
Robert L Waugh
Charles D Welch
Klaus A Wicht
Temple T Williams
Donald E. Windsor
Bernard C Young

25 YEAR AWARDS

Jones H Austen III
George R Austin
Craig Bauroth
Glenn H Bliss
Richard M Brandani
Don M Butler
Richard M Cherba
Michael A Dent
Larry F Fowler

Stephen F Frazier
Wade T Hale
Rodney Harris
Fred J Lozon
Francis M Martin III
Kevin A Moody
Richard F Moreland
John R Muglia
John E Murrill

Steven R Nagi
Scott A Newton
Mark S Parker
Timothy L Pepper
Domingo A Rodriguez Jr.
Andrew G Susa Jr.
Raquel S Trout
Thomas P Twigg
Timothy Walker

COPE Contributions

In the next few weeks you will be receiving a request for a COPE Contribution. This year we finalized the Project Labor Agreement for the Nationals Stadium with the Mayor of DC, we also participated in the Virginia Election.

Please remember the next two years are critical campaigns. In Maryland this year we have the Governor's race in DC we have the Mayor's race, and next year is the all important Presidential election.

If you have already contributed I thank you, if not please consider a Contribution. Remember, this is not a democrat or republican backing, but rather a Labor friendly backing of candidates.

UA News

The UA has recently announced the inception of the United Association Scholarship Trust Fund, which will benefit the children of UA members, beginning with the spring semester of the 2006-2007 academic year.

Eligibility for scholarships will be limited to graduating high school seniors and college undergraduates. All children of United Association members in good standing with the Union are eligible. The student's academic and personal accomplishments as well as community involvement will be the most important considerations. The financial need of the students may be considered, particularly in situations where a "tie breaker" is needed.

The application can be obtained from the UA Website, www.ua.org or our office.

Convention News - Update

Local 602 has qualified for 33 Delegates at the UA's 37th Convention, therefore, Chuck Jewell will be attending and 1st alternate will be Jerry "Tiny" Marx and 2nd alternate will be Joe Parker.

Recognition

At the UA's 37th Convention the UA General Officers are planning a tribute to all the UA Brothers and Sisters that have served, are currently serving or have been killed in the line of duty while serving in Iraq. Please forward the

member's name and if possible a photo of any of your Local Union brothers and sisters you know that have served.

MEMBERS GET DISCOUNTED DC UNITED TICKETS

CAUSE will once again be an official sponsor of the DC United. As part of the 2006 sponsorship package, MCAMW members can purchase DC United home game tickets at a discounted rate via the following website link:

https://secure.mlsnet.com/MLS/dcu/tickets/2006/group/uam_all/. CAUSE will have a Spanish message field board ad and Hispanic radio ads, all part of CAUSE's Hispanic outreach program.

M. EDDIE MOORE SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the year 2006 will be accepted through June 30, 2006. You must be eligible for medical coverage, in our Fund, to apply. For applications please call (301) 333-2356 or fax (301) 333-1730.

THIS 'N THAT

Mike Gilbert and his wife, Tina, daughter of Jerry Stack, proudly announce the birth of their son, Ashton Gabriel, born March 22, 2006m weighing 5lbs. 2oz. This is the 5th grandchild for Jerry.

BIG WINNER

Bob "Red Dog" Mumford won the 50/50 raffle at the May, Union Meeting and donated his winning to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. He also won tickets to a DC United Game.

LATEST RETIREES

Joshua Baldwin III	January 1, 2006
Ralford Campbell	May 1, 2006
Martin Margolis	February 1, 2006
Louis H Maier Jr.	January 1, 2006
Donald Gooding	January 1, 2006
Edward Mooney	March 1, 2006
Leonard Parks	March 1, 2006
George Rizzuto	April 1, 2006
Mark D. Shea	April 1, 2006

Daniel Telesford
Larry M Weakley
Joseph Williams Jr.

April 1, 2006
March 1, 2006
May 1, 2006

SYMPATHY

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Robert Kunowsky who lost his wife, Norma Faye, on April 14th. On March 17th they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of the following member:

Retiree, James R. Rulapaugh, died on April 15, 2006. Brother Rulapaugh was 67 years old and had been a member since January 7, 1975. Death #1225.

THE CURRENT DEATH IS NO. 1225. ANY MEMBER NOT PAID THROUGH DEATH NO. 1225 IS IN ARREARS.

From Kevin Sullivan Business Agent

The CAUSE directory, which is a compilation of contractors signatory to Local 602 and 5, is near completion. Similar to a phone book, this directory is given to users that are in need of union contractors for their projects. While working on updating the directory I realized that we had not always announced, in our newsletter, the signing of new contractors, most of which are members. The following contractors have signed with Local #602 in the past two years, we wish for their success.

Atlantic Engineering Systems/James Pumphrey
CDS Mechanical Services Inc/Kenneth Comba Jr.
Circle T Controls, Inc./Ronald Steadman
DECA
Garrett A/C, Heating & Ref./John Poole
Goddard Inc/James Goddard
Highlander Cont. Co. LLC
Kent Island Heating & A/C
Roctin Mechanical Inc/Rocco Mirabile
Spectrum Services, Inc/Randolph Smith
Talbert Mechanical Inc/Darnel Talbert

BL Air Quality Inc. / Brian Lester
C&G Mech.LLC/Robert Houghton
Dart Mechanical/Michael Mahoney
G&M Services LLC/Chris Gilliam
George S Hall Inc.
H&R Engineering Inc/H Richardson
KM Kelly Elec& Mech Contractors
Quality Mechanical Services
Silver Creek Mech Sv/Jim Merial
T&P Mech Spec Inc/Thomas Twigg
Total Facility Solutions Inc.

This year Local #602 will be sending 33 Delegates to the UA Convention, one for each 100 members. Five years ago we sent 26, meaning we have grown over 700 members in the past 5 years. Our Contractor base is growing along with the territory they are expanding out to. If our Contractors secure the work let us do what we are trained and capable of doing; this combined effort will contribute to a continued, successful Union.

Please welcome our newest members initiated at the May meeting

Joseph Lare IV Kevin Brown Scott Smith Thomas Yeager

Check Your Paystubs

By Bill Durkin, Business Rep/Organizer

A member came into the Hall the other day and told us he had checked his stubs against his quarterly status reports and found discrepancies for the past 12 months. He also advised us that his company was paying comp time in lieu of actual wages and benefits for hours worked. I explained to him that it was against the law to pressure people to accept comp time.

In the case mentioned above the overtime hours worked by our members was converted to comp time and was paid as holiday or vacation hours, with no benefits paid. The employees may or may not lose their Medical Coverage, they will most certainly lose credits to their Pension and Annuity money. This is theft; only you can stop it!

The majority of our contractors play by the rules and are honest people. Mistakes do happen. If you worked 160 hours and this was a typographical error, the report may read 16 hours credit. Only you can let the Fund Office or the Hall know. We do not check everyone's hours, nor do we know who actually worked what hours.

We take our Medical and Training Funds for granted, but any short falls have to be made up by the entire membership. This is money that could go into your paychecks. The good contractors also have to shoulder this burden, when they bid jobs against the unscrupulous ones.

We intend to go after these bad contractors and collect stolen monies. Unfortunately, when it gets to a large amount, the cost of going to court comes from the amounts collected, which is ultimately from you. We need your help. All members receive a quarterly status report from the Fund Office four times a year, this is for you to check the hours reported in your behalf against your paystubs. Please hold your paystubs until they are reviewed against the status reports. If you find a problem please contact one of your officers at the Union Hall. An audit will be scheduled and hopefully, the errors will stop before they get out of hand. The Collection Committee has authorized random audits but they can't do all contractors every year. It's likely that they will audit the good contractors and miss the bad.

We in the Union Hall and the Fund Office have no way of knowing what our member's actual hours are. The Fund Office receives payments from the contractors with the hours the contractors claims you worked. You are the only one who can confirm or repudiate these numbers. You must retain your pay stubs and compare them to your statement from the Fund Office.

When you are ready to retire it may be too late, the company may be out of business. We all need to be involved. This is your future. Protect it.

SOLIDARITY

President, John P. Sullivan

The Immigration Debate PART II

At the end of the Revolutionary War the western frontier was Ohio and all lands beyond. Our Founding Fathers understood that if we were to be more than a mere confederation of independent states and expand into the new territories we needed an expanded population. If we were to become an industrial nation able to compete with the European powers we needed a larger labor force. Additionally, they understood that our country would require skills and knowledge beyond, which could be home grown. From our humble beginning, America has always needed immigrants and has always provided a legal pathway for some immigrants to become naturalized citizens. We probably always will.

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution grants to Congress the sole power to regulate immigration and to establish the appropriate naturalization laws for our country. It is the duty of the President as head of the Executive Branch to insure that the laws are enacted and enforced. Congress has a further oversight duty to ensure that the President carries out the will of the people and the laws of the land.

Amendments have been made to our immigration laws in practically every decade. Initially, immigration laws had two basic requirements. One needed to be a resident in this country for five years and to swear allegiance to the U. S. prior to becoming a citizen. In 1798, the five years was increased to fourteen. In 1802, Congress returned to the residence period of five years. Little changed until after the Civil War.

In 1865, the U.S. Constitution was amended to include Article XIII which prohibited slavery and involuntary servitude. While Southern slavery was ended another sinister form flourished in the West. Reacting to the moral arguments of the abolitionists Congress, in 1875, banned the importation of slave labor in the form of Chinese "coolies". The employer, if indicted, was to be charged with a felony. When enforcement proved impractical Congress, in 1882, suspended the immigration of Chinese laborers, provided for the deportation of illegal Chinese immigrants and barred Chinese from naturalization.

In 1885, Congress made it unlawful to import aliens "under contract for the purpose of labor or services of any kind. Exceptions were made for aliens temporarily in the United States...and skilled aliens working in industries not yet established in the United States." In 1888, Congress resurrected aspects of the Aliens Act of 1798 and provided for the expulsion of aliens who "landed in violation of contract labor laws." In 1891, Congress directed the Executive Branch to deport any alien who entered the U. S. illegally.

Our immigration and naturalization laws have continued to evolve throughout the twentieth century. They were amended by Congress 118 times from 1901 through 1996. The laws were once changed to require knowledge of the English language before

naturalization. We also banned anarchists, assassins, bigamists, communicably diseased, feeble minded, illiterates, mental defects, those guilty of moral turpitude, women entering the U.S. for immoral purposes, and anyone that the President so chooses. Gerry Adams was banned from entry in the U.S. for a long while on one of the above issues.

Ronald Reagan and his Republican controlled Congress offered a one time amnesty in 1986. Illegal aliens were granted a path towards citizenship. Now, illegals claim periodic amnesty as their fundamental right. Excuse me, we allow for 800,000 or more a year, who could eventually become citizens, to enter this country legally. Without prejudice, and not guilty of racism or xenophobic behavior, I reject the illegal alien argument. In case law, illegal aliens do not have rights under the Constitution or even in the "world court".

FROM WAYNE'S WORLD

"A Threesome"

Hey, Hey don't get too excited about the title! I'm not talking about that kind of threesome. I'm talking about the three-way partnership that keeps your paychecks coming every month. It's the UNION CONTRACTOR + the UNION + the RANK AND FILE = money, security and an opportunity for our members. Each of these three players have a crucial roll in this partnership. The UNION CONTRACTOR – finds the work, takes the financial risk, buys the equipment and materials, signs the Union Agreements, deals with owners and developers, pays the bills and wages, and deals with most of the headaches. The UNION – recruits skilled members, invests in ongoing training to make our members the best of the best, represents the member's best interests and administers the benefits. The RANK AND FILE – provides the highest quality of work, maintains and improves the Union's reputation, makes the Union Contractor the most competitive and provides the best value for the dollar. If any of the three fail to hold up their end of the bargain the partnership will fall apart. Without a competitive Union Contractor, there is no work! Without the Union, there is no recruitment of skilled workers and no training. Without the best 602 has to offer the entire Union concept becomes meaningless and everything goes to the Open Shop. In the old days, labor and management were enemies. Not anymore. We have finally figured out that the best way to prosper is by working with each other, instead of being at each other's throats. A lot of our contractors were or are still 602 members and many have hired your brothers or sisters to work in their offices. They were the same as you and I, when they started, ambitious, hardworking, and willing to take a risk. Remember, they didn't win the LOTTO to get where they are today. We should work as a TEAM dedicated to the survival

of the fittest. The Union Contractor, the Union and our members working together is the only way that we will have a chance to succeed.

We are continuously updating our records. We now have over 3300 Members and close to 200 Contractors. Addresses, phone numbers and many other changes that we, at the Hall need to keep current. We have found that with upcoming events, and the speed that the world expects, we have found that we need to include email addresses in our database. If you have changed **ANY** of your vital information please let the union office know. You can email us at ua602@aol.com or mail in the changed information.

Name

Address

Email

Telephone

Cell #