

From Joe Savia, Sr., Business Manager

Reading your Official Dues Receipt

Just a reminder on reading your Receipt:

A) John Doe

1234 Main Street

Anywhere, US 56789

B) Check#: 0123

C) Receipt # 456789

D) Date: 01/01/2006

E) Paid Thru

F) Description

G) Amt Paid

H) Now Owe

02/28/2006

Dues

57.00

-57.00

1200

Death Asses

3.00

3.00

I) Total Amount \$

60.00

John Doe

J) lu K) BJ L) C

123-45-6789

M) Current Death # 1201

This is how the top of your receipt looks when issued from the Hall.

A) Name and Address

B) Check # - Received

C) Receipt # - Issued from our Computer

D) Date – Date processed in our office

E) Column of Paid Thru – indicates the month of dues credited and Death Number this payment covers.

F) Description – Description of categories on your Ledger Card

G) Amt. Paid – distribution based on the amounts received

H) Now Owed – this is the amount now owed, if the amount owed shows a negative you are paid ahead.

I) Total Amount – Indicates the total amount of your payment.

J) Lu – means Local Union

K) Job Classification with the UA for example BJ is building trades Journeyman

L) Type of Payment received, this states check

M) Current Death # - is the death number on the books as of the first of the month

As always, please check your receipt for the valid information such as total payment as well as amounts owed. If you have any questions or need any additional information please contact the Hall.

UA Membership Cards

Some of you may have noticed that the UA Membership Card is due to expire, please note the new cards will be mailed when the January, 2007 dues are paid. We cannot mail cards if you are in arrears.

We also will not be able to order Duplicate Cards after October 1, 2006.

Martin E. Durkin Award

Congratulations to Bernie Thornberg. On Friday, August 18, 2006 at the Instructor Training Program in Ann Arbor Michigan, Bernie was awarded with the Martin E. Durkin Award, this is the highest award in training and is based on the dedication and service provided in Training on a Local Union level as well as on an International Level. If you see Bernie please join me in congratulating him on an award well deserved.

UA Convention

During the recent UA Convention it was determined that each member would be assessed an additional \$1.00 per month, in per capita dues assessed beginning January 1, 2007.

The breakdown of the distribution is as follows:

- 15 cent to the United Association General Fund.
- 50 cents to the Organizing Fund
- 15 cents to the Burial Expense Benefit Fund
- 20 cents to the Convention Fund
- A decrease in the political action fund from 10 cents to zero

UA Members who reached age 65 prior to January 1, 2002 will continue to pay the current per capita.

Windbreakers

We have received requests to order the pull over v-neck wind breakers. Because of the cost we are only doing on an as order basis. The cost is \$35.00. If you wish to order, please mail your name, address, telephone number and size. These can only be ordered in groups of 30. Once we have a total of 30 requests we will place the first order. You will be notified when we receive the order.

COPE Contributions

I would like to thank all of those members who recently contributed to the COPE Campaign, we had a great turn out and I thank each and every one of you. .

Lee C. Ashcraft Memorial Union Scholarship - 2006

The law firm of ASHCRAFT & GEREL, LLP offers this scholarship to members of metropolitan area unions and their families to help with the high cost of education. Each year they award a one-time grant of \$5,000.00 to an eligible student for education expenses.

If you, your spouse or child, plan to pursue education or training *full time*, you can apply now. Applicants must be enrolled for their post-high school education or training by Fall of 2006 to be eligible for this year's award.

A committee of union volunteers screen the applications and a finalist is chosen by an independent party. No one at ASHCRAFT & GEREL, LLP participates in the selection process. This is an equal opportunity program, conducted without regard to race, gender, religion, age or disability.

To obtain your scholarship application, call (703) 931-5500. The deadline to submit your application is **November 17, 2006.**

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.

THIS 'N THAT

SICK BAY

Ted Basar was scheduled to have surgery on September 7th after doctors found a spot on his lung.

Jack Buckles was in Frederick Memorial Hospital, Frederick Maryland, recuperating from pneumonia.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy to the family of Sean Tucker on the recent loss of their father, to the family of Greg Thomas who recently lost their mother and to the family of Gilbert Tippett on the recent loss of their mother.

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

Retiree, James F. Kulp, died on July 31, 2006. Brother Kulp was 65 years old and had been a member since May 11, 1971. Death #1233.

Retiree, Donald R. Porter, died on August 3, 2006. Brother Porter was 74 years old and had been a member since July 6, 1965. Death #1234.

Retiree, Winford Taylor died August 10, 2006. Brother Taylor was 86 years old and had been a member since September 11, 1952.

THE CURRENT DEATH IS NO. 1235. ANY MEMBER

NOT PAID THROUGH DEATH NO. 1235 IS IN ARREARS.

Local #602 Retirees' Meeting

The next meeting of Local #602 Retirees' will be held on October 4, at 11:30 a.m. We will meet at the Golden Corral in Waldorf for lunch. There will be a Blood Bank held at the Apprentice School on September 23. The Red Cross is in dire need of "A Positive" blood. All Retirees' are welcome to attend both events. Any questions, contact Phil Myer at 410-867-0784.

From Kevin Sullivan, Business Agent

The following is a letter which was sent to UA International Representative, TL Ranson; Local 602 and ten other UA Locals regarding the recent outage at Chalk Point.

Dear Sir and Brothers,

I would like to take this time from a rather busy schedule and reflect some of my thoughts about the Spring, Chalk Point Outage. In the 38 years in the UA I have never witnessed such a diverse group of UA Officers, Journeyman, Apprentices and Helpers that worked any harder to bring in a job on schedule and under budget than the Spring Outage at Chalk Point, Maryland. I would like to thank Local 602 for the hard work and great effort that was taken to man this job on both the day and night shift.

Gentlemen, this project was no easy task to deliver. The extreme heat, the tight schedule to get the unit back on line, the obstacles in the way of the pipe routing and the lack of information furnished to Williams by our client, made for a difficult project. Compounding these problems was another craft thinking that the work should belong to them. The welds on the job were in locations that were as hard to get to as any welds I have ever seen outside or even inside of the boiler.

The supervision that was sent to me and all the UA Pipefitters and Welders from several different Local Unions should be commended for the unity, professionalism and determination to see this project through.

At some point in one's career there is bound to be times that a man questions whether he made the right choice to become a UA Craftsman. When I see brothers working hand in hand as I have seen on this project, there is without a doubt or reservation, why I chose to be a UA Pipefitter. The writer of this letter is extremely proud to be able to call all of you brothers.

Regards,
Garry (Gapper) Ranson
Project Manager
Williams Plant Services, LLC

Everyone at the Hall would like to take the time to thank and congratulate the following members for their hard work and dedication.

Mike Goode (Dayshift GF)	Henry Shepherd (Nightshift GF)
Rick Wise (Dayshift Steward)	Kenny Bradford (Nightshift Foreman)
Larry Burton	Maurice Herzberg (Nightshift Foreman)
Scott Bellofatto	Allen Smith (Dayshift Foreman)
Rusty Conner (Nightshift Steward)	Dale Conner
Clayton Moore	Glenwood Brooks
John Darling (Dayshift Foreman)	Bill Everett
Alfonzo Outlaw	Ron Baldwin
Tom Delagarza	Bruce Gray
John Carter, III	Charles Ahlquist

Thanks also to the callers who alerted us to the Boilermakers doing our work and to the efforts of Joe Savia and Wayne Updike for going after and getting the work awarded to Local 602.

LABOR DAY, What's it all about?, Bill Durkin, Business Representative, Organizer

We have just seen another Labor Day pass with picnics and sales at the retail stores. I joined in a Labor Day parade orchestrated by various labor Unions in Baltimore. The Musicians Union provided a brass band that performed on the back of a flat bead supplied by members of the Operating Engineers. Various other Union marched and carried their banners. We all where followed by the multitude of local politicians running for Local Office. I am afraid that sometimes we forget where it all began, or how it all got started.

Labor Day: How it Came About; What it Means

“Labor Day differs in every essential way from the other holidays of the year in any country, “ said Samuel Gompers, founder and longtime president of the American federation of Labor. “All other holidays are in a more or less degree connected with conflicts and battles of man’s prowess over man, of strife and discord for greed and power, of glories achieved by one nation over another. Labor Day...is devoted to no man, living or dead, to no sect, race or nation.”

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

Founder of Labor Day

More than 100 years after the first Labor Day observance, there is still some doubt as to who first proposed the holiday for workers.

Some records show that Peter J McGuire, General Secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and the cofounder of the American Federation of Labor, was first in suggesting a day to honor those “who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold.”

But Peter McGuire’s place in Labor Day history has not gone unchallenged. Many believe that Matthew Maguire, a machinist, not Peter McGuire, founded the holiday. Recent research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, NJ, proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York. What is clear is that the Central Labor Union adopted a Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee to plan a demonstration and picnic.

The First Labor Day

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

In 1884, the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, as originally proposed, and the Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and celebrate a “workingmen’s holiday” on that date. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country.

Labor Day Legislation

Through the years the nation gave increasing emphasis to Labor Day. The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed during 1885 and 1886. From them developed the movement to secure state legislation. The first state bill was introduced into the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. During the year, four more states – Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York – created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 other states had adopted the holiday in honor of workers, and on June 28 of that year, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

A Nationwide Holiday

The form that the observance and celebration of Labor Day should take were outlined in the first proposal of the holiday – a street parade to exhibit to the public “the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations” of the community, followed by a

festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families. This became the pattern for the celebrations of Labor Day. Speeches by prominent men and women were introduced later, as more emphasis was placed upon the economic and civic significance of the holiday. Still later, by a resolution of the American Federation of Labor convention of 1909, the Sunday preceding Labor Day was adopted as Labor Sunday and dedicated to the spiritual and educational aspects of the labor movement.

The character of the Labor Day celebration has undergone a change in recent years, especially in large industrial centers where mass displays and huge parades have proved a problem. This change, however, is more a shift in emphasis and medium of expression. Labor Day addresses by leading Union Officials, industrialists, educators, clerics and government officials are given wide coverage in newspapers, radio and television.

The vital force of labor added materially to the highest standard of living and the greatest production the world has ever known and has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy. It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pay tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership – the American Worker.



HEAT'S ON -WATER'S OFF



ATTENTION: CONTRACTORS, JOURNEYMEN, APPRENTICES, RETIREES, WE NEED YOUR HELP! The Mechanical Contractors Association of Metropolitan Washington, Service Bureau, in conjunction with Plumbers Local Union #5 & the Steamfitters Local Union #602, is participating in a valuable and important community assistance program on Saturday, October 28, 2006 from 6:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. This program, "Heat's On- Water's Off", organized nationally by the Mechanical Service Contractors of America (MSCA) consists of more than 750 companies nationwide, involved in service & maintenance work in the HVAC and Plumbing Industry. This is one way of giving back to the community. This program involves the joint volunteer efforts of the Steamfitters , Plumbers & Service Contractors Bureau with the cooperation of the PG County's Dept of Family Services, the PG County Fire Department and local supply houses. The purpose of this program is to service & repair heating and plumbing equipment of the elderly & handicapped, who could not otherwise afford such a service and who may be running inefficient, faulty or hazardous equipment. The PG County Fire Department, visits the same homes to check smoke detectors & provide carbon monoxide testers.

All Volunteers are Welcome and All Service Trucks are needed, to join us in participating in this event. Your participation is a valuable and necessary part of this program.

We anticipate teaming one plumber and one steamfitter per truck. Our target number of volunteers is 30 contractors, 40 plumbers & 40 steamfitters. Our goal is to visit 40 homes with each truck visiting at least one home on Saturday, October, 28, 2006, from 6:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**MEET AT: THE UA MECHANICAL TRADES SCHOOL
8509 ARDWICK ARDMORE ROAD
LANDOVER, MARYLAND**

6:30 A.M. – 7:00 A.M. Arrival
7:00 A.M. – 8:00 A.M. Breakfast, Speakers, distribution of homes to be services, Photo Session
8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Service Homes
12:00 P.M. Turn in the pre-printed paperwork on the homes, Lunch at the school.

Please join us in this worthy cause.

SOLIDARITY
President, John P. Sullivan

2006 ELECTION

This is essentially a Federal election for Virginia. Eleven Congressional seats and one Senate seats will be decided on November 7th. We urge all of our Virginian brothers and sisters to register, become informed on the issues, and then vote on Election Day. The following candidates were endorsed at the Va. AFL-CIO Convention.

U.S. Senate Jim Webb

U.S. House of Representatives

1st District: Shawn O'Donnell

3rd District: Robert Scott

5th District: Al Weed

7th District: James Nachman

9th District: Rick Boucher

11th District: No Endorsement

2nd District: Phillip Kellam

4th District: No Endorsement

6th District: No Endorsement

8th District: Jim Moran

10th District: Judy Feder

The endorsement process begins on the local central labor council (CLC) level. All candidates, regardless of party or past record, are sent an invitation to meet with the CLC for a recommendation. Recommendations from the local CLC are forwarded to the state federation for further consideration. The final endorsements are made after debate and vote by the delegates attending the Va. State AFL-CIO Convention. The process is not perfect but it is democracy in action.

A case in point is the "No Endorsement" in the 11th District. Republican Rep. Tom Davis following Senator Allen's lead, chose not to meet with the No. Va. CLC. Davis entered Congress in 1994, when Newt Gingrich helped seize the House. His first campaign was based on his support for NAFTA. He has, since then; voted for CAFTA and every "free trade", offshore transfer of American jobs and taxes that has come before him. He helped pass the 1996 Immigration Bill and then failed to secure the funding or oversight necessary to enforce the law. Tom Davis, voting with Bush nearly 90% of the time, has a 15% AFL-CIO voting record. He did not receive a recommendation.

Andy Hurst, his opponent, won the Democratic primary in June and immediately sought out labor's endorsement. He presented his union views and received our recommendation.

Our recommendation was overruled at the Va. AFL-CIO Convention with opposition offered primarily from the Firefighters and the American Federation of Gov't Employees. I understand the first as parochial and self-serving, but I am confused over the nature of the AFGE objection. Their International rates the representative also at 15%. Perhaps the fear of retribution ruled their momentary lapse of union conscience.

There is one special election in the 50th State Delegate (House) District. The district includes Manassas, Manassas Park, and four adjoining precincts located in Fairfax County. The No. Va. CLC recommended **Jeanette Rishell** and she was endorsed at the convention.

WHAT'S NEW IN TRAINING

Saturday Journeyman Training Classes are now forming and will start Saturday, November 4, 2006. Classes are open to all Local 602 members. The following classes are offered:

1. Welding (5P, 7018 and Hili Arc, Pipe Welding Certification: Instructors – Robert Perry, Justin Bateman, and Derrick Ferguson. 100 hours.
2. Advanced A/C Chillers: Instructor – George Barbeglou. 100 hours.
3. Advanced Refrigeration Reciprocating, 20 to 100 tons: Instructor – John Bean 100 hours.
4. Basic/Advanced Electricity: Instructor – Robert Johnson. 100 hours.
5. High Purity Piping: Instructor – Larry Tyrrell. 100 hours.
6. Special Seminars:
 - a. Variable Speed Drives: Instructor – Fred Lohr. 20 hours. This class will start on Saturday, January 6, 2007 at 7:00 a.m. and will run for (4) Saturdays.

Please call the school (301) 341-1555 for more information and to register for any of the Seminars. All other classes are on a walk in basis, provided there is space available, to all Members of Local 602.

WAYNE'S WORLD LABOR DAY THOUGHTS

I hope everyone had a safe and relaxing Labor Day Weekend. Sometimes I wonder, how many of us like our Jobs? Johnny Paycheck sang a song "Take this Job and Shove It". The other day on the way to work I saw a bumper sticker that said "I am in no hurry – I

am on the way to work". Talking to foreman from day to day I will ask about attendance and more often than not, I will hear them say not very good. Then I hear our members are not in their work place by start time or coffee breaks are too long. Like it or not, 40% of our life will be spent working and about 70% of us don't like the job we have. So here, on the Holiday weekend, dedicated to the American Worker, my question is why do we work? I would say the main reason is to provide for our families and to live up to the standards we have become accustomed to. Do you look at yourself as a hard worker or one who works just to get by? When do we make enough money? There are some of us who make more than they need and some who make what they need to make ends meet. Steamfitting is a good trade, but we don't make as much as some other professions. So while you are working for your families' needs, do you feel good about yourself, do you also feel good about the job you are doing in the workplace. Do you go to work and say it would not matter if I cut some corners to make my job easier? Would you want someone that you hired to do a partial job for you? No you would not, so it does matter, we need to do the best job we can.

Another way you can feel good about yourself is to help your brothers and sisters do their job well, that's what a brotherhood is about. Don't talk down to them or about them behind their backs. Help them on or off the job. Your job is not only about being a good steamfitter, it's about helping people too! Think about the job you do and how many people it will or does effect. Installing Medical Gas Systems, Control Systems, HVAC Systems, Service Work, only to mention a few, this work we do on a daily basis effects other people's lives. Steamfitting is very satisfying job. Your career is what you get paid for, but the way you do it is where you get your satisfaction. My goal in life is to become the best I can be and to try to find the path that will get me there. For whatever reasons you had for being a steamfitter, I would hope that you do the very best at your job, you can look out for your Brothers and Sisters.

HAPPY LABOR DAY!

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 #