

From Joe Savia, Sr., Business Manager, Financial Secretary Treasurer **Happy Holidays**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a Happy Healthy Holiday Season and Best Wishes for the New Year.

UA Journal

Congratulations to Justin Bateman for appearing on the cover of the Holiday Issue of the UA Journal. Thanks should not go to me but to Justin Bateman, Larry Tyrell and Kenny Woodzelle for designing and making the UA emblem. You guys did a great job. We will display this in the new Welding Shop due to be up and running around September, 2007.

Medical Fund News

Please note that Alliance PPO has changed their name to One Net PPO.

Another important change to note is that Quest Diagnostics will no longer participate as a preferred provider. The lab of choice is now Lab Corp. Please advise your providers of the change.

Substance Abuse Issues

In the last few years we have lost quite a few of our younger members as a result of some effect of substance abuse, whether directly or indirectly. In an attempt to curb this outbreak, the Local Union in conjunction with the Medical and Training Funds are putting together a weekly group therapy session (to run for twelve consecutive weeks), to all members or dependents interested. The only criteria is the desire to stop abusing alcohol and/or drugs whether legal or illegal. This will be provided at NO cost and will be on a voluntary basis with a licensed addictions counselor, your participation will be anonymous with no information being shared with the Local Union, Training Fund or Medical Fund. If you have an interest in the program or need any additional information you can contact our office (301) 333-2356 x 9, you will not be asked for any personal information.

This program will start on February 1, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. at the Union Hall and continue on Thursday's for twelve weeks. Based on the response we will re-evaluate the continued needs of the membership.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the M. Eddie Moore Scholarship winners, Kelli Lago, Benjamin Woycik and Lauren Poole they will each receive a check for \$5,000.00.

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.

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.

Washington Capitals Tickets/"Tickets to Troops"

The Washington Capitals and the Washington DC Building Trades Council proudly present the: Tickets to the Troops Campaign. For every four (4) tickets purchased through the BCTC Tickets to Troops Campaign, the Washington Capitals and the BCTC will donate one ticket to the designated military service organization of choice. Those soldiers will attend the April 3, 2007 game. To purchase the tickets please go to www.capstickets.com/bctc.html. If you have any questions contact Pete Sekulow at 202-266-2342.

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.

From Kevin Sullivan, Business Agent

In the next week or so, about 100 million Americans will venture down a well traveled path paved with bold and sometimes hastily conceived New Year's resolutions. New Year's Eve has always been a time for looking back to the past, and more importantly, forward to the coming year. It's a time to reflect on the changes we want (or need) to make and resolve to follow through on them.

Whether it be: spend more time with family and friends, to start exercising, lose some weight, quit smoking, quit drinking, get out of debt, learn something new, get organized, or help others; a plan must be put into action to guarantee success. Surveys have shown that fewer than 10% of people who make New Year's resolutions actually achieve them.

Sticking to resolutions are hard. They are often changes that you would like to see yourself make, but hard to go through with, and harder as we get older. This does not mean that resolutions are impossible to achieve.

As mechanics we are taught the 6 P's. Proper Planning Prevents Piss Poor Performance. This works in the field why not apply it to our dreams and aspirations.

Visualize the change that you would like to accomplish or the dream that you would like to attain. You got it now-OK well now make a plan. The designer of a building will show the developer a finished model but attaining that goal takes well thought out mechanical and structural plans. Your plan (resolution) is no different.

Write it down-stick it on the fridge, on your mirror in the bathroom; wherever you will see it, to be a constant reminder of your resolve.

Don't overload yourself-don't take on too many or too much at one time; concentrate on the most pressing issues at hand. Trying to do everything simultaneously practically guarantees failure across the board.

Tell people-let your friend in on what you are trying to accomplish. With them knowing they are more likely to prod you if you fall off.

If you are one to make resolutions, maybe these tips will help you. The mechanics working in the field will encounter change orders. As the architect of your plan it is unreasonable to think that it will go without a glitch. Just as the construction of the building went on after encountering many obstacles so too does the resolutions until the original plan becomes a reality. May I be blessed enough in 2007 to report back to you on how my resolution went!

Happy Holidays Brothers and Sisters!

THIS 'N THAT

BIG WINNERS

Ric Taylor was the winner of the 50/50 raffle held at the December Union meeting and donated his winning to COPE. Gary Murdock and Ric Taylor were also the winners of the Maryland Game Tickets.

SICK BAY

Enrique Doyle was in the hospital.

Paul Kapusta is home recuperating with a broken shoulder after falling 25 feet off his house.

SYMPATHY

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

Retiree, David J Smith died November 11, 2006. Brother Smith was 66 years old and had been a member since June 4, 1963. Death #1240.

Retiree, Howard P Hale died November 14, 2006. Brother Hale was 76 years old and had been a member since January 5, 1982. Death #1241.

Retiree, Joseph D. Menoche died December 1, 2006. Brother Menoche has just finished taking a cruise to the Bahamas and passed away in his sleep when the ship pulled into port. Brother Menoche's son, J. Ronald Menoche and nephew, William Menoche are also members of Local 602. Brother Menoche was 67 years old and had been a member since June 4, 1963. Death #1242

Retiree, Alonzo G Jennings died December 2, 2006. Brother Jennings was 90 years old and had been a member since March 2, 1965. Death #1243.

Retiree, Clyde E. Bowman died November 29, 2006. Brother Bowman was 82 years old and had been a member since August 21, 1952. Death #1244.

**THE CURRENT DEATH IS NO. 1244. ANY MEMBER
NOT PAID THROUGH DEATH NO. 1244 IS IN ARREARS.**

SOLIDARITY

President, John P. Sullivan

Two resolutions worth considering for the New Year

Attend your monthly union meetings

By my rough math, 3.5 % of our working journeymen show up, on average, at the monthly meetings. It is your union, your work, and your affairs that are discussed at the meeting. We have no absentee ballots in this business. You have to show up in order to vote. You may not be able to attend all of the meetings in 2007 but most of our members could do better than they did in 2006.

Participate in union activities

There are a lot of ways to get more involved with your union but here are my top four suggestions.

Awards Dinner Those that go, know. It is more than a memorable night. In our busy and separated lives, it is a "once a year" chance to catch up with old friends and acquaintances. Join us in 2007.

Blood Bank Our members have given thousands of pints of blood over the years. Our dependents have received thousands of pints of blood in return. We have two blood banks scheduled each year. Remember that you can give at any Red Cross blood bank and credit your local union by stating that you group ID is 4909. The vast number of pints come from the apprentices. We need more journeymen and retirees to return and give once again. If you are unable to donate a pint, think about a contribution to the American Red Cross. Again, use the group ID#4909. And please, keep me on track with this resolution. I slacked off in 2006 but I will reach the 5-gallon mark in 2007.

Heats On Waters Off As a UA social model, our local union along with the plumbers dedicate their services one day, each year, to help give back to the community. There are many less fortunate than ourselves and among other things, their heating systems and hot water systems are about to fail, and their oil tanks are nearly dry. We have committed to help take care of that. A special commendation goes to Brothers Updike and Mumford. Wayne has spearheaded this effort and deserves your thanks and your continued support. Brother Bob keeps topping off our reputation, donating thousands of gallons of fuel oil and deserves our praise. Be resolved, you will join Wayne and Bob next November.

Juvenile Diabetes We can not be more pleased with ourselves than we can with our contributions to this charity. Primarily supported by the efforts of the apprentices, we remained as the champion fundraisers once again in 2006. Our little old local has defeated all challengers, including regional, multi-state, and international unions. The only way to continue to be a champion is to increase your effort everytime you step on to the field. Every apprentice should resolve to commit to this effort. Be there, be sponsored, and walk with unequalled pride. Journeyman, should resolve to weigh them down along the way with dollars and dignity. Shop steward should resolve to help in this regard. We would like to see every construction site and every service shop involved. Come on Brothers and Sisters, contribute and then join the march along side of the apprentices in 2007.

From Bill Durkin, Business Rep/Organizer

Employees Free Choice Act –

Friday, December 8th, I attended a rally on Capital Hill. The Fire Fighters, Teachers, Seamen, Teamsters, Building Trades and many other Union members were in attendance. The Rally was called by the AFL-CIO, to show support for the "Employees Free Choice Act". This is a bill that would allow the workers to choose whether to be represented by a Union or not, without the strong arm tactics companies' use to defeat a Union organizations attempt.

Local 602 just went through this process with a contractor, we had a **clear majority** of the DDC Control Techs sign “Union Authorization Cards” only to lose the election months later after the company had brought in a team of attorney’s and consultants to scare the employees. They held mandatory closed door meeting during work hours at their company offices. No Union member of Johnson, unless they spoke against the Union was allowed to attend.

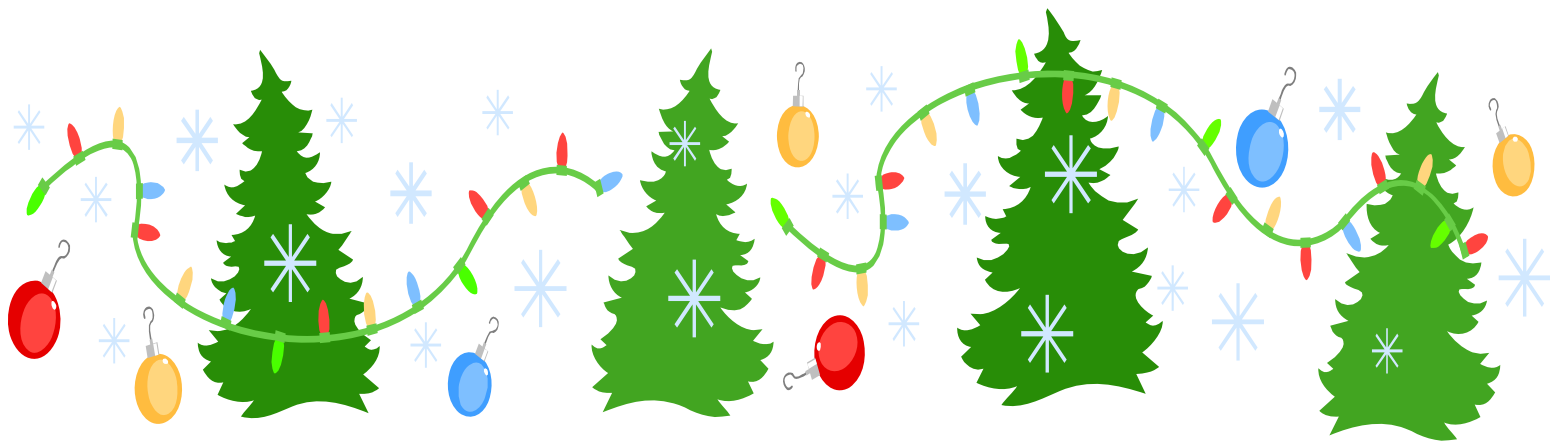
In our campaign to organize another contractor were able to get a majority of the cards signed and then win the election. We were still dragged back and forth to hearings in the company’s attempt to deny their employees the right to organize.

In the 1930’s our government enacted laws that protected workers rights. Ever since, the people opposed to Unions have been working to repeal or weaken these laws.

We now have an opportunity to fight back. The new 110th Congress was elected by working men and women, we need to make sure that they know that. We all need to contact our representatives and let them hear our unified voice. Support the Employee Free Choice Act.

Contact your Representatives on Capital Hill today, <http://www.house.gov/writerep>. Tell them to support the “Employees Free Choice Act”. Remember Unions are formed by the workers. We cannot rely on a few men and women to do it all, we all are the “UNION”.

I want to wish all a Happy New Year. Let’s make it a new year’s resolution that each and everyone of us will get involved.



From: WAYNE’S WORLD

Seasons Greeting And Best Wishes for the New Year

It is time to reflect on how good we really do have it! Sadly, we have some unemployment. If you know of a member who is struggling or has fallen on hard times, please let me know. I will do my best to try to find a job for them. Everybody deserves to be happy. On the other hand, nobody can make you feel happy if you don’t want to be. Not every day is going to be a good day, when you have an off day try to look at the bigger picture of your life and all the good things your job brings you. We have good wages, we have good medical for our families, we have a good Pension that we can look forward to. There are many families in our communities that can not say the

same, you probably know some. Being a 602 member is pretty damned awesome! It's a job and fringe package that will allow us to live a good life, you'll be able to give your kids a good education and they will know that it was your career that provided it. Everywhere you go around town you can see places you helped build with pride. Life will never be perfect. Happiness is like a game you play by working for what you need and enjoying what you have. Last but not least, I know that we are all glad the General Elections are over! THANK YOU to all our 602 Brothers and sisters who VOTED and worked hard for their candidates. The labor endorsed candidates did very well. Now that we are in control let's see what happens in the next two years?

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.

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