

From Joe Savia, Business Manager

Election, 2008

I would like to thank those of you who got out to vote. Hopefully the next four years will be less painful than the last eight years have been for labor.

Charity Begins at Home

I would like to thank those that participated in the Charity Begins at Home Program, for our first year, this was a success. The apprentices chose 13 families of active members, with children, that have been disabled during the year and sent gift cards and turkeys. What a wonderful way to show our true brotherhood. It is not too late to still get involved. The apprentices are gearing up for Christmas.

Proposed By Law Change

The proposed By Law Change was voted down at the November, 2008 Meeting.

Congratulations to the M Eddie Moore Scholarship Fund Winners

Congratulations to the 2008 Scholarship Winners they are: Bryan Nicholas Evans, son of Howard J. Evans, Jr., and Andrew McCrumb son of Rick McCrumb.

Due to the balance in the account we were only able to award two scholarships this year. Please remember you can donate to the Fund at any time.

A Look in the Past

Washington, DC, July 16, 1913

A regular meeting of Local 602 was held on above date, Pres Boyce in chair.

Minutes of previous meeting approved. Communications received from Local 5 challenging Steamfitters to game of Ball at Marshall Hall, August 4, 1913. Accepted

Reports of Committees

Central Labor Union, accepted.

Pipe Trades Council, no report.

Sick committee reports – certificates received Alfred Boyce, 5 weeks. Charles Vesper, 12 weeks, Harry Bridgett, 5 weeks.

The Executive Board offers the following, that Shop Stewards be appoint in all of the shops and jobs in DC.

That \$1.30 be assessed on all members to be paid on or before August 6, 1913. Also, that a law and order committee be appointed of ten members and an member disturbing the meetings of the Local for the first offense he be fined \$1.00. Second Offense \$2.00. Third Offense to be put out of the Hall and if

he resists, the committee in the discharge of their duty he be fined \$20.00 and stand suspended until all fines are paid.

The application of A F Snyder was received and he was notified to come before the Examining Board, Sunday, July 13, 1913. It was reported that Mr. Colbert was notified by the Business Agent of the action of the Examining Board and if Mr. Colbert persists in working Snyder as a fitter, a Motion made and carried that the Business Agent be instructed to take our men out of Maurice J. Colbert's shop. Applications for membership: W.E. Mastin and Thomas McDonald, \$10.00 with each application.

Appropriation of Money

S.D. Zea for salary & expenses July 2 to July 16	48.75
C F Hickman, Salary, Secy July 16	5.00
J M Botts charter fee	2.00
Harry Fiddesop for failing to pass exam refunded	10.00
	65.75

The new officers were duly installed

President – Albert Biggs
Vice President – W Hurdle
Secty – W. Whyte
Fin Secy – J.M. Botts
Treasurer – H. Stecker

Motion made and carried that the Secretary secure printing postal cards and notify all members of the assessment \$1.30

Business Agents report approved and filed. In regards to work on the House Office Building the Business Agent was instructed to see about wages to be paid Fitters and Helpers.

Motion, made and carried that an Examining Board for Helper be appointed. The President appointed the following helpers.

Fiddesop
Hurdle
Colingsworth
Naw

Motion made and carried by Brother Freeman that at no time should there be ten more Helper than fitters in Local 602.

Receipts of Meeting \$112.40

William Whyte, Secretary

New Applicants

The following have applied for membership with Local 602:

James Hoyte	Fitter	
Kevin Deeds	Service	MECCO
Roy Earp	Service	Densel

95th Anniversary Items

We are carrying zip up windbreakers and some new shirts to celebrate our 95th year, all are available for purchase. Come in before the sizes run out.

Maryland License Plates

The new License Plates are out and traveling around town. If you are interested please contact the Hall for the application, checks or money orders for \$25.00 payable to the MVA must be returned to the Hall with the application. The hall will forward the application for you.

Motorcycle plates have been delayed, we currently need 23 more applications to be eligible for the motorcycle plates. If you are interested please file an application with the hall. We will notify you when we have 23 and are submitted the request.

Substance Abuse Issues

We are still holding our Substance Abuse sessions on Thursday's in the hall at 4:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Dues Check Off

With the start of Dues Check Off some clarifications need to be made. If the company withholds from your January paycheck that covers the February Dues. Any amounts due prior to February are your responsibility. All deaths and any initiations are also your responsibility. However, if deaths are not paid, according to the UA Constitution they can be credited prior to your dues. Make sure your deaths and dues are caught up.

If a month has a fifth week, the company is withholding the extra week, that will go to pay any shortage of dues or deaths, whichever is needed.

If you have any questions regarding Dues Check Off or you would like to sign up for Dues Check Off, please contact the Union Hall.

Please remember the Union Hall does not always know where you are working, please contact us regarding changes in employment so the new employer may be notified. Without 100% participation we still have to notify the employer.

Retirees' Club December Meeting

The next meeting of the Local #602 Retirees' will be held on Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at 11:30 a.m. at the Union Hall. It is requested that members provide a side dish and/or dessert. The Retirees'

Club will provide the meats, roasted potatoes, rolls, butter and beverages. Please call Connie at (410) 867-0784, or Norma at (301) 855-6249 and advise what side dish you will be bringing so that we will not have many duplicates. It is requested you contact us by November 19th. Also, we will accept door prizes, if you wish to donate. All Retirees' are welcome.

From Kevin Sullivan, Business Agent

Brothers, we are under attack from those that want to steal our livelihood. No, I'm not talking about the non-union work force at Chalk Point and Morgantown. As a matter of fact we are making great strides in turning this around by inviting in a National Contractor, Bowen Engineering, to bid on this work. What I'm referring to is the other trades doing our work: and we have those out there that are allowing it. Are we that well off that we turn our backs on this? If it is not the tin knockers setting air handlers or fan coil units, it's the plumbers doing HVAC, refrigeration and lab gases because it's copper pipe.

We need to become a lot more proactive in protecting our work. This is killing us in many ways. Do you know that we have 75 to 100 men out of work plus 20 some apprentices? What if it was you sitting on the outside looking in as you watched the Sheet Metal set air handlers by themselves. When the other trades do our work it also means less money is going into the Medical and Pension Funds. How many man hours does it add up to I do not know. What I do know is it is a gradual erosion of the duties of a steamfitter.

There are a lot of brothers who do call the hall. We are involved in a legal situation with another trade right now only because of guys stepping up and calling the hall. A call came in the other day (same shop) where a foreman told us that his boss was giving up the O2 and vacuum lines to the plumbers. The phone calls to the hall are a good sign. On the other hand it shows me there are members, in supervision, that are OK with giving the work away. Is it because we have become company rather than union employees? Are we going to get along? When you work for Fierce Associates or ACME Corporation, and you allow the other trades to do our work, your actions are affecting our whole Local. Brothers, please stand up for your work. If you are unsure on whose work it is call us. If you don't want to fight it call the hall and let us sort it out; but do something. And please rest assure that I will not come out to your job and say "Jack called me"Your call will be confidential.

Many years ago our fathers deemed it necessary to stand up for their work. In 1956 (Sheet Metal) and 1914 (Plumbers) trade line agreements were struck between the unions, to get us where we are today. Stand up for your work today so that our sons will have the work tomorrow. As I have said many times before "what we do today will pave the road of our future".

THIS 'N THAT

BIG WINNER

John Davis was the winner of the 50/50 raffle held at the November Union Meeting, John donated his winnings to the Charity Begins at Home program.

SICK BAY

Elton Watson is recuperating in Michigan with relatives after undergoing knee surgery.

Charlie Niles is home recuperating after suffering a heart attack on October 23, 2008

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy to the family of Ronald Watkins who lost his father on October 3, 2008.

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

Retiree Earl (Butch) F. Stack died on October 19, 2008. Brother Stack was 67 years old and had been a member since April 4, 1961. Death #1303.

Retiree Alvey F Green died October 23, 2008. Brother Green was 87 years old and had been a member since January 4, 1966. Death #1304.

Retiree John R. Wood died October 25, 2008. Brother Wood was 70 years old and had been a member since April 2, 1957. Death #1305.

**THE CURRENT DEATH IS NO. 1305. ANY MEMBER
NOT PAID THROUGH DEATH NO. 1305 IS IN ARREARS.**

SOLIDARITY

President, John P. Sullivan

November 9, 2008

YES WE CAN?

In earlier columns I questioned the claim that voters were turning out in historic numbers during the presidential primaries. Those states that held caucuses were turning out 11 to 12% of their eligible voters. They ranged from 16% in Iowa to 2% in Wyoming. Those that held primaries averaged around 30%. Conventional wisdom is that only half of the potential voter pool registers and then only half of them ever make it to the polls in November. At the end of the primaries I remained unconvinced that any change was underway. I remained cynical about any CHANGE underway.

Let me now comment on the November 4th turnout in Virginia. It was extraordinary. Statewide, there were nearly 500,000 new voters registered in 2008. That represents an eleven per-cent increase. Of the registered voters, nearly three out of four turned out on Election Day. It was truly a historic day not only in Virginia but all across the nation.

Steamfitters Local Union 602 is a member of The Northern Virginia Central Labor Council. We have around six hundred members who live within our Virginia jurisdiction. Our dues are \$135 a month and a commitment to continue to register our members and then to turn them out on Election Day. By my count three out of four of our members are registered. I estimate that two out of three of our members voted in this election.

I have never been involved in a more effective union campaign in Virginia. All of organized labor joined together under a flag of truce. We buried the hatchet and whole-heartedly committed to elect a President, Vice President, Senator, and eleven Virginian members of Congress who would support our issues. It appears that we were successful in nine of the fourteen contests in which we endorsed a candidate.

The Northern Virginia Central Labor Council had, at times, over four hundred volunteers show up to do whatever it took to win this election. We had so many brothers and sisters that we had to open satellite sites in Loudon and Prince William or face the wrath of the fire marshal. We made over 35,000 phone calls and visited nearly 60,000 union households during the campaign. We made 25,000 home visits in the last five days alone.

I was told that we had won Virginia around noon. The midday projection was from Gov. Kaine's office and was based solely on the morning turnout in key precincts around the state. Still, I stood in near disbelief, a half-hour before midnight, when Virginia was finally projected.

John McCain conceded the election after Virginia's results came in. It was an inspiring and patriotic speech that I will never forget. He reminded us that we had to starkly face our national and international problems, which are now massive. Veteran, POW, Senator John McCain went on to commit his full support to the president-elect Barack Obama and asked each and every one of us to do the same.

YES WE CAN

FROM WAYNE'S WORLD SETTING GOALS

The 2008 Presidential Election is over; both candidates worked hard towards their goal to become President. In the Summer Olympics the athletes worked hard to get to the games and had one thing on their minds, to win the Gold. The candidates and athletes had someone they molded their careers after. Do you have that person on the job that you look to for answers? That has good work ethics and is always looking to excel at their job. Are you looking to excel at your job? Remember to be realistic. Make your goals specific, make certain they can be completed by the date you choose. Are you taking classes to better your skills or to learn new ones? Taking classes today provides you more work opportunities for tomorrow. Ask yourself this question, where is my career headed? Looking at the goals you set for yourself, one they are achieved, they become accomplishments. You have the choice to change direction with your career at anytime. Ask yourself, what is the difference between successful and unsuccessful people? Successful people chart their course in life and make that change. To be the best you can, you sometimes need to be a team player. Together you can accomplish more than you can alone. For the Past ten years Locals 602 and 5 get together in a project called "Heat's On Water's Off" to help needy families with their heating and plumbing problems, on that Saturday in October we do together what no one individual could do alone. Being a team player helps you reach goals. That's

how I got where I am today, with help from others. It will never let me forget where I came from! Set goals for yourself and be serious about completing them!