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A Message from Secretary-Treasurer Vance Ayres

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

The elections in Virginia came out fairly grey in 2009, as we lost the top 3 elections and the number of Democrats in the House of Representatives. The Governor's race, run by the Creigh Deeds campaign and the coordinated campaign of the democrats, had many problems this year even to the point where it hindered labor helping in the elections as a whole. I want to personally thank every one of you that volunteered or help any of the campaigns in any way.

I have to make a personal plea for Creigh Deeds, as I know him personally and he is a great friend and supporter of working families. The guy you all saw in the commercials wasn't the real Creigh. He had a host of advisors and campaign folks telling him to try and appeal to the business folks in Virginia and his first focus was and is the people that live in Virginia. He was greatly misled and his mistake was taking some of their advice. He won the primary in Virginia being who he is and that is a moderate and humble person that cares about us the people of Virginia. I think that is why his ads weren't effective because they weren't representative of what he has always been. I think Steve Shannon ran a great race, but the fact is when the Governor's race is run subpar, it is going to have a negative effect on the rest of the races within the same party. Jody seemed like she also worked hard and was affected by the top race.

On a positive note, we did elect a couple of new folks to the House of Representatives that were vacated. We also lost a couple of good seats that supported labor. The reality in the whole situation is, we are now going to play all defense, as labor in the Virginia General Assembly, by concentrating on the Senate. We need to win a couple of special elections to expand our lead in the Senate. Also, we are going to have to concentrate on playing defense, as we will have redistricting for legislative districts which the Senate will have to fight the republicans wishes.

In Maryland, we are starting to work on promoting our legislation and our issues throughout the state of Maryland. We are building many relationships that will help us move forward and put more of our folks back to work and help create careers for new folks.

My challenge still stands to buy products made in the U.S.A.!

In Solidarity,
Vance Ayres
Executive Secretary- Treasurer



Rodman Local Union 201

from Kevin McVeigh, Business Manager

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Brothers, work continues to be slow and 2010 should be a better year with some new projects starting. We hope everybody had a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving and Veterans Day holiday.

Brothers, remember we have two holidays this month:

CHRISTMAS DAY: Friday, Dec. 25

NEW YEARS DAY: Friday, Jan. 1

Brothers, remember at this month's union meeting we will have our annual Christmas party. Please bring canned goods or donations for some of our members in need. As in the past, the Giant and Safeway gift cards are the best donations we can give.

ANNUAL DRUG TESTING WILL START AT THE UNION HALL AS OF JANUARY, 2010.

We will have testing at the UNION HALL on the following Union Meeting nights.
Friday, Jan. 15, 2010, 2:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 19, 2010, 2:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Friday, March 19, 2010, 2:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
YOU WILL RECEIVE A LETTER FROM MOBILE MEDICAL, BUT DO NOT WAIT, CALL THE HALL OR MOBILE MED. FOR YOUR ANNUAL TEST DATE.

A REMINDER: you only have **72 hours** from receipt of the notice to take your test. If you fail to respond to this notice, you will be put on the inactive list. **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT IF YOU CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS YOU MUST CONTACT THE LOCAL AND MOBILE MEDICAL (1-888-662-8356).** If you miss the test in 72 hours the only ways to fix this is if you were out of town working (with pay stubs) or you have moved (prove change of address) or on vacation (prove with receipts: hotel, air fare etc.).

We have a membership drawing held at every regular membership meeting night (third Friday of every month) the names of all members in good standings are in the drawing and **YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.** If there is not a winner \$25.00 will

be added each month until someone wins. Due to the date this article was written, if there was not a winner at the November's meeting, than December's meeting will be \$75.00.

Due to the date this article was written the following members could have gone suspended as of November 30, 2009 for being six months behind in their dues: Elio Abrego, Carlos Benitez, Phillip Bowie, Jose Contreras, Ben Cortes, Santos Medrano, Oscar Gomez, Luis Gutierrez, William Harkleroad, Hendrickson Hector, Manuel Hernandez, Andre Jackson, Terrell McLaughlin, Manuel Rivas, Paolo Rivera, Dureen Sadle, Adam Simpson, Danny Thomas, Daniel Torres.

Schedule of Meetings & Events

Wednesday, December 2, 3:00 p.m.

J.A.T.C. Meeting

Wednesday, December 9, 12:30 p.m.

Retirees Meeting

Wednesday, December 9, 2:00 p.m.

Stewards Meeting

Wednesday, December 9, 5:00 p.m.

Executive Board Meeting

Friday, December 18, 6:00 pm

Local 201 Membership Meeting

& Christmas party

Friday, December 25

Christmas Day

Friday, January 1, 2010

New Years Day

Boletín de Noticias

FELIZ NAVIDAD Y UN PROSPERO AÑO NUEVO

Hermanos, el trabajo continua despacio y el 2010 será mejor con algunos proyectos que están por comenzar.

Esperamos que todos hayan tenido un Día de Acción de Gracias agradable y seguro y el feriado del Día de Veteranos.

Hermanos, recuerden que tenemos dos días de vacaciones este mes:

DÍA DE NAVIDAD: Viernes, 25 de Diciembre

DÍA DEL AÑO NUEVO: Viernes, 1 de Enero

LAS PRUEBAS DE DROGAS ANUALES COMENZARÁN EN EL LOCAL DE LA UNION EN ENERO DE 2010.

Tendremos exámenes en el LOCAL DE LA UNIÓN en las siguientes reuniones de la Unión.

Viernes, 15 de Enero del 2010

a las 2:00 p.m. hasta las 5:30 p.m.

Viernes, 20 de Febrero del 2009

a las 2:00 p.m. hasta las 5:30 p.m.

Viernes, 20 de Marzo del 2009

a las 2:00 p.m. hasta las 5:30 p.m.

USTED RECIBIRÁ UNA CARTA DE MOBILE MEDICAL, PERO NO ESPERE, LLAME A LA OFICINA HO MOBILE MEDICAL PARA SU FECHA DE PRUEBA ANUAL.

UN RECORDATORIO: Usted solamente tiene **72 horas** del recibo del aviso para hacerse la prueba. Si usted no responde al aviso, su nombre será puesto en la lista de trabajadores inactivos. **ES IMPORTANTE QUE NOTIFIQUE AL LOCAL Y TAMBIEN A MOBIL MEDICAL (1-888-662-8356)** si usted se mueve o cambia su dirección. Si falta de hacerse la prueba al azar después de 72 horas, la única manera de corregirlo es si usted estaba fuera de la ciudad trabajando (con colillas de cheque), si usted se ha movido (con prueba del cambio de dirección) o si usted estaba de vacaciones (prueba de recibos: hotel, boletos de aire, etc.).

Tenemos una rifa para la membresía sostenido cada reunión de miembros (el tercer viernes de cada mes). Solamente los nombres de esos miembros que están bien con sus cuotas son incluidos en esta rifa. **USTED TIENE QUE ESTAR PRESENTE PARA PARTICIPAR.** Si no hay un ganador agregamos \$25 dólares cada mes hasta que alguien gane. Debido a la fecha que este artículo fue escrito, si no hubo un ganador en la reunión de noviembre, el premio será \$75 dólares para la reunión de diciembre.

Debido a la fecha que este artículo fue escrito los siguientes miembros podrían haber ido suspendidos desde el 30 de noviembre de 2009 por estar ser seis meses atrasados en sus cuotas: Elio Abrego, Carlos Benítez, Phillip Bowie, José Contreras, Ben Cortes, Santos Medrano, Oscar Gómez, Luis Gutierrez, William Harkleroad, Hendrickson Hector, Manuel Hernandez, Andre Jackson, Terrell McLaughlin, Manuel Rivas, Paolo Rivera, Dureen Sadle, Adam Simpson, Danny Thomas, Daniel Torres.

Horario de Reuniones y de Acontecimientos

El miércoles, 2 de diciembre, a las 3:00 pm

Reunión de J.A.T.C.

El miércoles, 9 de diciembre, a las 12:30 pm

Reunión de los Retirados

El miércoles, 9 de diciembre, a las 2:00 pm

Reunión de los Shop Stewards

El miércoles, 9 de diciembre, a las 5:00 pm

Reunión de la Junta Directiva

El viernes, 18 de diciembre, a las 6:00 pm

Reunión de miembros del Local 201

y Fiesta de Navidad

El viernes, 25 de Diciembre

Día de Navidad

El viernes, 1 de Enero 2010

Día del Año Nuevo

Plumbers Local Union 5

from Jim Stacho, Assistant Business Manager



Once again the holiday season is here and that is the time to spend with our families. We also need to say a prayer and give our thanks to all the military service men and women that serve our country, and may not be able to spend the holidays with their families during the holiday season.

All of the Officers and Staff at
Plumbers Local No. 5

Wish All of You a
Safe, and Happy Holiday Season
And a Happy New Year!!!



John, Jim S., Jim K.,
Debbie, Willa and Brenda

ATTENTION!!! ATTENTION!!!

Special Notice for the Election of Officers: The election for President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Inside Guard, Executive Board (4) members, Finance Committee (3) members, Examining Board (3) members, Assistant Business Manager, and Business Representative/Organizer will be held on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 from 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m. at the U. A. Mechanical Trade School, located at 8509 Ardwick-Ardmore Road, Landover, Maryland.

In the event of a tie vote for any of these offices, a run-off election will be held between those candidates on Saturday, December 12, 2009 at the U. A. Mechanical Trade School located at 8509 Ardwick-Ardmore Road, Landover, Maryland, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

Section 18 (E) states, "No journeyman member can be nominated, elected or appointed to office who has not been a

member of the Local two (2) years immediately prior to the date of election, or who owes or has paid a reinstatement within this period of time. Nor shall a member vote at any election of any description unless he/she has been a member for a period of one (1) year immediately prior to the date of election or who owes or has paid a reinstatement within this period of time."

Please visit our new website, www.wdcspc.org. This website promotes our new residential service program, *Washington, DC Service Plumbing Contractors*. We are hoping to put more plumbers to work!

Journeyman training classes for 2009-2010 are now being formed. If you are interested in attending any class or classes please call (301) 322-8810 to register. Dates are subject to change. All classes are subject to cancellation based on poor participation, so don't wait until the last minute to sign up. Training is offered *free of charge* to members in good standing, however, some classes require third-party testing for certification. Any testing fees listed are the amounts paid by the Apprentice School for the mandatory third-party testing. **ALL CLASSES begin promptly at 5:00 p.m.**

Classes include: Journeyman Welding, Maryland State Plumbing Code, Backflow: Full Certification, Backflow: Recertification (two classes), International Code (DC & VA), CAD: A Building, Medical Gas Class, U.A. STAR CLAS, OSHA Safety Certification, Foreman Training, Virginia Continuing Education Code Class Plumbing/Gasfitter, Plumber's Math. Please check the Local 5 website, www.local5plumbers.org, for further information.

Did you see United Association General President William P. Hite on *NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams*? If not, the video is available at: www.msnbc.com/id/3032619/vp/32364943.

REMINDERS

- Due to high unemployment, per Section 20 of our Bylaws, you are reminded that you can request an advanced stamp for your dues if you are out of work for three months or more.

- The Medical Fund requires coordination of benefits with Medicare eligible retirees and eligible dependents. It is important that you and/or your dependents enroll for Medicare at age 65, or if disabled prior to age 65, when you are eligible for Medicare coverage. Be sure to enroll in both "Part A" and "Part B" of Medicare. Failure to do so will result in lower medical protection and greater out-of-pocket expense. Refer to "Coordination with Medicare" in the medical plan's Summary Plan Description.

- Members, please take a few moments to review and update your beneficiary information for the Local and U.A. Burial Fund, Retirement Savings Fund, Medical Fund and National Pension Fund. Many don't realize each fund has its own, unique, beneficiary designation and I can't stress to you how important it is that each one of the four funds has its own beneficiary designation. Please make sure your beneficiaries are not minor children, ex-spouses or ex-significant others. Please don't leave it to us to figure it out after you're gone.

- If you file for unemployment, please do not list Local 5 as an employer. List the company your payroll check was drawn on. If you list Local 5 as your employer, your benefits could possibly be delayed while it is sorted out.

- Check out our website at www.local5plumbers.org. Some of the information you can find there includes: information about obtaining DC, MD, VA and WSSC licenses; current contractors list; medical forms; links to the United Association, National Pension Fund, Helmets to Hardhats, OneNet, PPO, Caremark, VSP and Carday; the

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list of Primary Care Dentists; lists of recently retired, recently deceased, and life members; the separation form; information regarding classes offered at the U.A. Mechanical Trade School; current wage rates; scheduled meetings; information about our excellent Apprenticeship Program and detailed application information; the current Apprenticeship flyer; and photos of Local 5 activities.

Our get well wishes are extended to Tommy Hadden, was involved in a motorcycle accident, and to Jason McIntire who suffered a heart attack.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of James "Jake" Patrick Dolan. Brother Jake was born May 7, 1943, initiated January 14, 1981, and passed on October 22, 2009. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Diana; with his daughter, Jennifer Lynn Dolan-Gonzalez and her husband Victor; with his son, James Patrick Dolan, Jr.; with his grandchildren, Elizabeth, Kevin, Delaney, Griffin and Madeline; with his brother Charles Dolan Jr. of Salem, NH; and with his sister, Eleanor Borrum and her husband John of Gouverneur, NY.

Our deepest sympathy is also ex-

tended to the family of John L. "Johnny" Mann, Life Member. Brother Mann was born July 27, 1927, initiated October 14, 1942, became a Life Member on October 14, 1992, and passed on October 23, 2009. Our thoughts and prayers with his son, Jack Mann and his wife Ellen; with his daughter Nora and her husband Brother David Barnes; with his daughter Elsie Dodd; with his daughter Kit Mann; and with his son Charlie Mann and his wife Celie. He is also missed by 10 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Johnny was predeceased by his beloved wife of 60 years, Kitty, and one son, Joe Mann.

The Special Order of Business at our Wednesday, December 9, 2009 Union Meeting will be to:

1. Vote on the Finance Committee's Report.

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Current Assessments Due: Death 1104, Revolving 187 and Michael A. Collins Assessment (2009).

The two-month look ahead:

Friday, December 7th

Pearl Harbor Day

Wednesday, December 9th

Election of Officers from 12 noon - 5 p.m. at the U. A. Mechanical Trades School.

Wednesday, December 9th

Monthly Union Meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the U. A. Mechanical Trades School

Saturday, December 12th

Run-Off Election (if necessary) at the U. A. Mechanical Trades School from 9 a.m. until 12 noon

Saturday, December 12th

Chanukah

Wednesday, December 23rd

Executive Board Meeting at 4:00 p.m. at the Union Hall

Friday, December 25th

Christmas Day (Paid Holiday per C.B.A.)

Friday, January 1, 2010

New Year's Day (Paid Holiday per C.B.A.)

Wednesday, January 13th

Monthly Union Meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the U. A. Mechanical Trades School

Monday, January 18th

Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance (Paid Holiday per C.B.A.)

Wednesday, January 20th

Executive Board Meeting at 4:00 p.m. at the Union Hall

