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A Message from Secretary-Treasurer Vance Ayres

Hello Brothers, Sisters and Friends,

I hope you are enjoying the cooler, Fall-like weather as much as I am and I know you are especially enjoying this weather while working out on the job.

I am writing this article with a pretty good feeling after we, the Building Trades and our Local Unions, came together to volunteer our time and support with our PAC funds. A number of incumbents and challengers won elections in DC and Maryland. Some of the folks we supported and/or endorsed, that I have the results from so far, who won their primaries with the help of all you members and the Building Trades as a whole. In no particular order:

DC Mayor- Vincent Gray

DC Council Member- Phil Mendelson

DC US Congresswoman- Eleanor Holmes Norton

MD Senator- Roger Manno

MD Delegate- Aisha Braveboy

MD Delegate- Jeff Waldstreicher

MD US Congress House Leader- Steny Hoyer

PG County Executive- Rushern Baker

PG County Council- Andrea Harrison

DC Council Member- Harry Thomas Jr.

DC Council Member- Tommy Wells

MD Delegate- Chairman Dereck Davis

MD Delegate- Tom Hucker

MD Delegate- Craig Zucker

MD US Congresswoman- Donna Edwards

PG County Council- Karen Toles

Montgomery County Council- Roger Berliner

***Cliff Savoy- SMW 100- One of our own members won two elections. He was elected to the Calvert County School Board and to the Democratic Central Committee.

These are the results I have so far and I'm sure there are more that I will hear of after I write this article. I want to congratulate and thank all the candidates and all the volunteers for the time and effort they put in and will continue to put in to help make the lives of building trades members and their families better.

You better wake up and make sure you are completely clear on the positive effects we have experienced under President Obama and the Democrats. We will take a beating if the Republicans take control of the US Congress. So I ask you to read and be an informed voter and not to believe the negative projections of the majority of the Republican Party.

In Maryland, the primaries are over and the efforts now can be directed to Governor O'Malley for his re-election because there is no question we need to re-elect Governor O'Malley.

In Virginia, we need to volunteer and work hard to re-elect Gerry Connelly. He has a republican challenger and the republicans are targeting him because of his support for the unions.

Please slow down, practice all the safety you know and enjoy your family and friends because you never know what could happen next!

I have a truly great quote for you all that I believe completely in: *"I believe in the dignity of labor, whether with head or hand; that the world owes no man a living but that it owes every man an opportunity to make a living."* (John D. Rockefeller)

I'm still challenging all of you to buy products made in the U.S.A. as much as you can even it is does cost a little more to help keep and bring jobs back into the U.S.A.

Solidarity forever,
Vance Ayres
Executive Secretary- Treasurer



Rodman Local Union 201

from Kevin McVeigh, Business Manager

Brothers, we have sent some members back to work and we have jobs starting which will require a back round check, so please check with the Union Hall. We hope everybody had a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend.

Due to the Local officers being out of town on business in November, **we will not have our regular Union meeting in November.**

Congratulations to Local 201's Apprentice of the year.

Apprentices are required to be at class at 3:00 p.m. For more information contact Bob Migliaccio at the Hall.

As reported in our September's newsletter, our family picnic was a great event. We would like to thank all of our members and their families who volunteered their time to make this event a great success, because without them this would not be possible. Photos will be in next month's newsletter.

Volunteers at our 2010 Picnic: Bob Migliaccio, Carl T. Stallings, Carl S. Stallings, George Hindle, Mauricio Blanco, JC Recinos, Allen Dehart, Mike Helmick, Billy Frome, Paula Frome, Jackie Swann, Alison Mandley, Kevin McVeigh, Kay McVeigh, Sammy Reynolds and Zach Williams.

Brothers this is to notify all members that if you change your address, **YOU** must notify the Local, the Trust Funds (Gem Group), Annuity Fund and Mobile Medical in order for all offices to have your current address. **Local 201: (202) 529-6226, Rodman Local 201 Trust Funds: 1-800-424-2707, Local 201 Annuity Fund: 1-800-552-6972, Mobile Medical: 1-888-662-8356**

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 Septembers' meeting, than October's meeting will be \$175.00.

Due to the date this article was written the following members could have gone suspended as of September 30, 2010 for being six months behind in their dues: G. Morales, E. Belteton, A. Contreras, N. Estrada, J. Garcia, J. Ramirez, J. Lemus, M. Lopez, B. Mclaughlin, T. Nelson, I. Martinez, W. Pacheco, F. Petsko, J. Steward, R. Turcios.

Schedule of Meetings & Events

Wednesday, October 6, 3:00 p.m.

J.A.T.C. Meeting

Wednesday, October 13, 12:30 p.m.

Retirees Meeting

Wednesday, October 13, 2:00 p.m.

Stewards Meeting

Wednesday, October 13, 5:00 p.m.

Executive Board Meeting

Friday, October 13, 6:00 p.m.

Local 201 Membership Meeting

Boletín de Noticias

Hermanos, hemos estado enviando algunos de nuestros miembros a trabajar y tenemos proyectos que han comenzado el cual requerirá chequearle sus antecedentes, así que por favor consulte con la Oficina de la Unión. Esperamos que todos hayan tenido un fin de semana seguro y agradable día del trabajador.

Debido a que oficiales del local 201 estarán afuera de la ciudad por asuntos de negocios en Noviembre, No tendremos reunión en el mes de Noviembre.

Felicidades al Aprendiz del Año del local 201.

Clases para Aprendices es requerido que estén en clase a las 3:00 pm. Para más información contactar a Bob Migliaccio al local.

Como fue reportado en nuestro Boletín de noticias en el mes de Septiembre nuestro picnic familiar fue un gran evento. Nos gustaría darles las gracias a todos nuestros y sus familias quienes voluntaria mente donaron sus tiempos para hacer de esto un gran evento. Porque sin el apoyo de ellos este evento no hubiera sido posible

Hermanos esto para notificarle a todos los miembros que si usted cambio de dirección **USTED** tiene que notificar al local, A la Oficina de Los Fondos (Gem Group) al Fondo de la A anualidad y a Mobile Medical en orden de que podamos tener su dirección actual. Local 201: (202) 529-6226, Rodman Local 201 Trust Funds: 1-800-424-2707, Local 201 Annuity Fund: 1-800-552-6972, Mobile Medical: 1-888-662-8356

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 de drogas 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 Aéreos, 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 hay ganador en la reunión de Septiembre entonces en la reunión del mes de Octubre serán \$175.00.

Debido a la fecha que este artículo fue escrito los siguientes miembros podrían haber sido suspendidos desde el 30 de Septiembre 2010 por estar seis meses atrasados en sus cuotas: G. Morales, E. Belteton, A. Contreras, N. Estrada, J. Garcia, J. Ramirez, J. Lemus, M. Lopez, B. Mclaughlin, T. Nelson, I. Martinez, W. Pacheco, F. Petsko, J. Steward, R. Turcios.

Horario de Reuniones y de Acontecimientos

Miércoles, Octubre 6, a las 3:30 pm

Reunión de J.A.T.C.

Miércoles, Octubre 13, a las 12:30 pm

Reunión de los Retirados

Miércoles, Octubre 13, a las 2:00 pm

Reunión de los Shop Stewards

Miércoles, Octubre 13, a las 5:00 pm

Reunión de la Junta Ejecutiva

Plumbers Local Union 5

from the Business Office



Many, many thanks to all the people who helped us with our picnic: Joe, Jack, Jamie Angel, Tabitha, Jerry, Matt and Jeff Taylor; Joe, Paul and Nolan Sollers; Gary Printz, Jr.; Bill Garity and Jim Killeen. A very special thank you to Jimmy Spencer, who helped do everything except cook the food! We couldn't have done it without you all!

I'd like to thank the following members for volunteering their time to help out with Tri-County COPE: Frank Kirby, Jr., Jeff Guido and Austin Rainey, who helped bag the literature on August 17, 2010; Keuwn Williams, Kenny Reantouquio, Lloyd Lee, Mike Wehausen, Eddie Flowers and Jeff Guido, who helped deliver the bagged literature on August 17, 2010; and Larry Graves, Joe Short and Jeff Guido who helped deliver the bagged literature on August 28, 2010. Many hands make work light and everyone's efforts are greatly appreciated.

We are now accepting credit card payments for dues, assessments and merchandise. We will accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover. A 2% transaction fee will be charged.

ATTENTION MEMBERS: Per the IRS, please be advised that your Burial Fund Beneficiary will receive a Form 1099-MISC and will be expected to pay taxes on your Burial Benefits.

Reminder! Reminder! Reminder!

- 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 benefit 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 experience. Refer to "Coordination with Medicare" in the 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 us to figure it out after you're gone.

• If you file for unemployment, please don't 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, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield, PPO, Caremark, VSP and Carday; the 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.

2010/2011 Journeymen training classes are now being formed. If you are interested in attending any class or classes please call (301) 322-8810 to register. Classes are open to Journeyperson members in good standing with Local Union 5. 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.

Certified Rigging Course: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 at 5 p.m.: Local 5 Members who have completed the U.A. Apprenticeship Training *and* complete the 3½-hour refresher course will receive a card recognized by the State of Maryland. All other members must take the 4-night, 14-hour rigging course through Journeyman Training at the Apprentice School. Please call the school if you are interested in the 14-hour course. Certifications are good for three years, at which time a 3½-hour refresher course will be given to keep the certification current. Please check the Local 5 website for all other class descriptions.

Please join us in congratulating the following members who will earn years of service awards in the the fourth quarter (October, November and December) of 2010:

☞ **60 Years** ☞
Earl R. Fogelgren

☞ **55 Years** ☞
George H. Bliss, III
James Dolan
Henry L. Rackey

☞ **45 Years** ☞
Charles M. Barkman
Howard B. Carroll, Jr.
Joseph W. Van Ryswick
James W. Wiser

☞ **40 Years** ☞
John Bowen

☞ **35 Years** ☞
James J. Ebel
Robert D. Fontenot

☞ **25 Years** ☞
Greg P. Bliss
John W. Canter
Frederick W. Clarke
Denny W. Clayton
Robert S. Dorwart
Robert E. Dunn
Edward F. Eckel
John E. Fitzgerald
James A. Fuller
Daniel J. Gallagher
Daniel L. Garrison
Lawrence A. Graves
Scott D. Graves
Anthony N. Hobbs

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from the Business Office



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Michael P. Rich
David R. Rollins
Thomas L. Russell, Jr.
David W. Sparacino
Chad F. Troescher
Benjamin L. Vermillion, III

We congratulate the following members who have retired: On August 1, 2010, the following members retired: Brother Stephen Arnold retired after forty-one years of service; Brother Richard Bjork retired after forty years of service; and Brother Kenneth Stotlemeyer retired after thirty-three years of service! We wish all three long and happy retirements!

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Brother Albert B. Bradford, Jr. Brother Albert was born January 3, 1970, initiated April 9, 2008 and passed away on August 16, 2010. Albert is survived by his wife, Felecia; parents Albert, Sr. and Ivory Bradford; six children, Kortnie, Albert III, Nico, Damon, Ayanna and Nicole; one grandchild, Jai'den; and a host of aunts, uncles, relatives and friends.

The Special Order of Business at our Wednesday, October 13th, 2010 Union Meeting will be to:
1. Vote on the Finance Committee's Report.

The Special Order of Business at our Wednesday, November 10th, 2010 Union Meeting will be to:
1. Vote on the Finance Committee's Report.

Current Assessments Due: Death 1122, Revolving 187 and Michael A. Collins Assessment (2010).

Calendar

Wednesday, October 13, 2010
*Monthly Union Meeting at 5:30 p.m.
at the U.A. Mechanical Trades School*

Wednesday, October 27, 2010
*Executive Board Meeting at 4:00 p.m.
at the Union Hall*

Wednesday, November 10, 2010
*Monthly Union Meeting at 5:30 p.m.
at the U. A. Mechanical Trades School*

Thursday, November 11, 2010
*Veteran's Day (Paid holiday per C.B.A.)
To Be Determined*

Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, November 25, 2010
Thanksgiving Day (Paid holiday per C.B.A.)

Friday, November 26, 2010
*Day after Thanksgiving Day
(Paid holiday per C.B.A.)*

Wednesday, December 8, 2010
*Monthly Union Meeting at 5:30 p.m.
at the U.A. Mechanical Trades School*

Wednesday, December 22, 2010
*Executive Board Meeting at 4:00 p.m.
at the Union Hall*

Friday, December 24, 2010
*Christmas Day Holiday Observed
(Paid holiday per C.B.A.)*

Friday, December 31, 2010
*New Year's Day Holiday Observed
(Paid holiday per C.B.A.)*

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