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A Message from Secretary-Treasurer Jerry Lozupone

Important update about the 2007 Virginia elections

It seems like every year is an election year. Well, it is in Virginia. This year, all 140 seats that control the General Assembly's House of Delegates and State Senate are up for election.

The Virginia AFL-CIO has decided not to send out questionnaires or interview legislators that voted against confirming Danny LeBlanc, former Virginia AFL-CIO President and Governor Kane's nominee, as the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Whether you believe in unions or not, Danny is known as a person of the highest integrity by friend and foe alike. Those legislators made it very clear with their vote and comments on the House floor that they would not vote for a UNION member. Apparently they feel anyone who stands for working people's rights and issues is not worthy of an appointment. The AFL-CIO feels they are not worthy of consideration either. That's the first time in the history of Virginia that any Governor's Cabinet nominee has been turned down by the General Assembly's House of Delegates.

Please understand, when Labor endorses a candidate, we don't look for their party affiliation, we look for candidates who support working people and our issues.

Once again we need volunteers to defeat those candidates who don't care about working people. You answered the call last year and we were able to elect Jim Webb, a worker-friendly Senator, exceeding everyone's expectations. We can do it again with your help. Please answer the call from your local union. If you are not registered in Virginia, please contact either your local union or call the Building Trades office at (301) 899-8134 and ask for Vance Ayres, your lobbyist in Virginia.

As the elections get closer, look for updates and requests from your local union and the Building Trades as to how you can help. Our Web site is www.dcbuildingtrades.com.



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Rodman Local 201

Due to the weather and some jobs slowing down we have a few of our members not working, but some new jobs are getting ready to gear back up.

90th Year Awards Banquet

Third and Final Notice: We will be holding our 90th Year Awards Banquet on April 14, 2007 at the Washington Court Hotel in Washington, D.C. The address is 525 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001. Ninety years only comes once, so we plan to have a big gala and room will be limited. Tickets will be \$30.00 per person, so get your tickets early. We will also be blocking rooms at the Washington Court for those who are traveling in or just want to stay the night. Please let the Washington Court Hotel know that you're staying under Ironworkers Local 201 block of rooms. The prices are \$219.00 per night. Brothers, remember to get your tickets as soon as possible so we can make sure if you are to receive a membership service awards pin, we will have it for the banquet.

Brothers, there was some good news from last month on our pensions and you should have received a letter from our administrators. Your Board of Trustees has increased our pension amount to \$75.00 and our retirees should have received a 13th check. If you have any questions, please contact our administrator or this office.

Brothers, at our second drug testing at the Union hall on February 24, we had another good turn out. Our third and final drug test was held at our regular March 16 union meeting, and as of this newsletter, everybody should have been tested. Brothers, as of April 1, all members, travelers and permit men must have been tested or you will be put on the ineligible to work list. If you have not been tested by this date, you will need to come to the hall and pick up a test package to go to our nearest test facility.

This is the final notice that at our April meeting we will decide what to do with the \$1.30 from our second year of our contract. Brothers, it is the members who come to this meeting and vote who will decide how we use this raise.

Local 201 had license plate holders made with our logo on them. They are \$4.00 each and all proceeds go to our special events fund.

Schedule of Classes

LAST NOTICE FOR THE POST TENSIONING CERTIFICATION CLASS—Two full days April 28 and May 5 at 8:00 a.m.

CALL BOB AT THE HALL TO SIGN UP FOR THESE CLASSES AS SPACE IS LIMITED.

We have a membership drawing at every regular membership meeting night (the third Friday of every month). The names of all members in good standing 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. The drawing is now at \$75.00 for the April meeting.

Due to the date this article was written, the following members could have gone suspended as of March 31, 2007 for being six months behind in their dues: Phillip L. Bowie, Allen Bryant, Efren C. Cruz, Oliver W. Hardy, Abraham H. Hernandez, Moises I. Hernandez, Allan D. Martin, Julio A. Melgar, Walter R. Pacheco and Adam M. Simpson.

Schedule of Meetings and Events

Wednesday, April 4, 3:00 p.m.
J.A.T.C. Meeting

Wednesday, April 11, 12:30 p.m.
Retirees Meeting

Wednesday, April 11, 2:00 p.m.
Stewards Meeting

Wednesday, April 11, 5:00 p.m.
Executive Board Meeting

Friday, April 20, 7:00 p.m.
Local 201 Membership Meeting



Debido al tiempo, algunos trabajos retrasaron y tenemos algunos de nuestros miembros que no están trabajando pero algunos trabajos nuevos estarán empezando pronto.

Banquete de Noventa Años

Tercer y final aviso: Llevaremos a cabo nuestro banquete de Noventa años el 14 de abril de 2007 en el Washington Court Hotel en Washington, D.C. La dirección es 525 New Jersey Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20001. Noventa años viene solamente una vez así que planeamos tener una gala grande, y asientos serán limitados. Los boletos cuestan \$30.00 por persona así que conseguir sus boletos temprano. También bloquearemos cuartos en el Washington Court Hotel para los que desean pasar la noche. Si usted quiere un cuarto, avísele que usted permanece bajo el bloque del Local 201 y los cuartos cuestan \$219.00 por cada noche. Hermanos, recuerden conseguir sus boletos lo más antes posible para asegurar que tendríamos su broche de servicio de calidad de miembro.

Hermanos, tuvimos buenas noticias a partir del mes pasado sobre nuestras pensiones. Usted debe de haber recibido una letra de nuestros administradores. Su tablero del administrador ha aumentado nuestra cantidad de la pensión a \$75.00 y nuestros jubilados deben haber recibido un décimotercero cheque. Si usted tiene cualesquiera preguntas, entrar en contacto con nuestro administrador o esta oficina.

Hermanos, en nuestra segunda prueba de las drogas que tuvimos en el pasillo de la unión el 24 de febrero, teníamos otra buena producción. Nuestra tercera y final prueba de las drogas fue llevada a cabo en nuestra reunión de la unión el 16 de marzo. En fecha de este boletín de noticias todos deben de haber sido probados. Hermanos, el día 1 de abril, todos los miembros, viajeros y hombres del permiso deben haber sido probados o le pondremos su nombre en la lista de inelegible para trabajo. Si no han probado por esta fecha, necesitará venir al pasillo y recoger un paquete de la prueba para ir a una facilidad más cercana y hacerse la prueba.

Éste es el aviso final que en nuestra reunión de abril, nosotros decidiremos qué hacer con los \$1.30 a partir de nuestro segundo año de nuestro contrato. Hermanos, son los miembros que vienen a esta reunión y votan que decidirán cómo utilizamos este aumento.

El Local 201 ha ordenado etiquetas para las placas de auto con nuestra insignia. Cuestan \$4.00 por cada una y todos los ingresos van a nuestro fondo de eventos especial.

Horario de Clases

ULTIMO AVISO PARA LA CLASE DE CERTIFICACION DE "POST TENSIONING"—El 28 de abril y 5 de mayo a las 8:00 a.m.

LLAME Y HABLE CON BOBBY PARA FIRMARSE PARA ESTA CLASE. EL ESPACIO ES LIMITADO.

Tenemos un dibujo de miembros sostenido cada noche de la reunión regular (tercer viernes de cada mes). Los nombres de todos los miembros en buenas situaciones son incluidos en el dibujo y usted **TIENE QUE ESTAR PRESENTE PARA GANAR.** Si no hay un ganador agregamos \$25.00 cada mes hasta que alguien gana. El dibujo ahora está en \$75.00 dólares.

Para la reunión de abril debido a la fecha que este artículo fue escrito, los siguientes miembros habrían podido ir suspendidos el día 31 de marzo de 2007 por estar seis meses atrasados en sus cuotas: Phillip L. Bowie, Allen Bryant, Efren C. Cruz, Oliver W. Hardy, Abraham H. Hernandez, Moises I. Hernandez, Allan D. Martin, Julio A. Melgar, Walter R. Pacheco y Adam M. Simpson.

Horario de Reuniones y de Acontecimientos

Miércoles, 4 de abril, 3:00 p.m.
Reunión de J.A.T.C.

Miércoles, 11 de abril, 12:30 p.m.
Reunión de los Retirados

Miércoles, 11 de abril, 2:00 p.m.
Reunión de "Stewards"

Miércoles, 11 de abril: 5:00 p.m.
Reunión de la conjunta ejecutiva

Viernes, 20 de abril: 7:00 p.m.
Reunión de miembros del Local 201.



Plumbers Five

by C. William Garity
Assistant Business Manager

Those of you who have been attending the union meetings are aware that the United Association, in partnership with the National Mechanical Contractors Association and its affiliates, has been studying the deterioration of quality and performance in the unionized sector of our industry. Together, both the United Association and the Mechanical Contractors Association have published the following UA Standard for Excellence:

To ensure the UA Standard for Excellence platform meets and maintains its goals, the Local Union Business Manager, in partnership with his implementation team, including shop stewards and the local membership, shall ensure all members:

- Meet their responsibilities to the employer and their fellow workers by arriving on the job ready to work, every day on time (Absenteeism and tardiness will not be tolerated.)
- Adhere to the contractual starting and quitting times, including lunch and break periods (Personal cell phones will not be used during the workday with the exception of lunch and break periods.)
- Meet their responsibility as highly skilled craftworkers by providing the required tools as stipulated under the local Collective Bargaining Agreement while respecting those tools and equipment supplied by the employer.

- Use and promote the local union and international training and certification systems to the membership so they may continue on the road of lifelong learning, thus ensuring UA craftworkers are the most highly trained and sought after workers.
- Meet their responsibility to be fit for duty, ensuring a zero tolerance policy for substance abuse is strictly met.
- Be productive and keep inactive time to a minimum.
- Meet their contractual responsibility to eliminate disruptions on the job and safely work towards the on-time completion of the project in an auspicious manner.
- Respect the customers' property (Waste and property destruction, such as graffiti, will not be tolerated.)
- Respect the UA, the customer, client and contractor by dressing in a manner appropriate for our highly skilled and professional craft (offensive words and symbols on clothing and buttons are not acceptable.)
- Respect and obey employer and customer rules and policies.
- Follow safe, reasonable and legitimate management directives.

For this to be successful, we as UA members, **MUST NOT STAND** for behavior which is dragging down our industry.

Don't forget to apply for your medical reimbursement allowance. Per our Medical Fund, eligible members and/or dependents are allowed a \$300.00 per year reimbursement for out-of-pocket medical expenses incurred during the 2006 calendar year. These submissions must be submitted by March 31, 2007. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!** If you procrastinate and wait until the last minute and file incomplete documentation, your claim will be denied. Follow up on your submission. Remember, there are NO EXCEPTIONS to the March 31, 2007 deadline.

Reminder! Reminder! Reminder!

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 experience. Refer to "Coordination with Medicare" in the plan's Summary Plan description.**



We would like to acknowledge the following members who will celebrate their 30 years of membership in Plumbers Local 5 in 2007: Patrick Boyle, Jr., Anthony Chirichella, Leo Cohen, Daniel Gragan, James M. Haller, John Hobson, Linwood Lyles, Donald Murray, David Sargent, Joseph Schwab, Ralph Seek, Jr., Stephen G. Smith and James Stacho.

Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to the family of Brother Charles F. King, Jr. Brother King was born on October 15, 1930, initiated into Local 5 on April 8, 1968 and passed away on January 28, 2007. Our thoughts and prayers are with the King family.

Our heartfelt sympathies are also extended to the family of Brother Paul Runyon. Brother Runyon was born May 3, 1959, initiated into Local 5 on March 8, 2000 and passed away on February 4, 2007. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Runyon family.

Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to Life Member Patrick Boyle on this passing of his wife, Mary Rose Boyle on February 14, 2007. Mary Rose Boyle was the mother of Brother Joseph Boyle, Jr. and Grandmother of Patrick Boyle, III. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Boyle family.

Our new Web site is up and running. Log on and visit our new site for news and upcoming events. Our address is: www.Local5Plumbers.org

The two-month look ahead:

Sunday, April 1

April Fool's Day

April 4, 1968

Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sunday, April 8

Easter

Wednesday, April 11

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

April 13, 1743

Birth of Thomas Jefferson
3rd President of the U.S.

April 14, 1865

Assassination of Abraham Lincoln

April 14, 1912

Titanic sinking

Sunday, April 15

Holocaust Remembrance Day

April 18, 1775

Paul Revere's Ride

Wednesday, April 28

Executive Board Meeting at 5:00 p.m. at the Local Union Business Office

April 27, 1822

Birth of Ulysses S. Grant
18th President of the U.S.

April 28, 1758

Birth of James Monroe
5th President of the U.S.

May 8, 1945

V-E Day

Wednesday, May 9

Monthly Union Meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the U. A. Mechanical Trade school

Sunday, May 13

Mothers' Day

Saturday, May 19

Armed Forces Day

May 21, 1881

American Red Cross founded

Wednesday, May 23

Executive Board Meeting at 5:00 p.m. at the Local Union Business Office

Monday, May 28

Memorial Day. Paid Holiday per the current C.B.A.

May 29, 1917

Birth of John F. Kennedy
35th President of the U.S.

Special Order of Business

We will vote on the Finance Committee Report at our April 2007 Union Meeting.

Current Assessments Due: Death #1053 and Michael A. Collins Assessment.



Elevator Constructors Local 10 From the business office

Brothers and Sisters, please remember if your Supervisor tells you that you are going up temporary, Article X Paragraph 4 of the International Constitution & By-Laws clearly states that an Apprentice may work as a Temporary Mechanic upon an agreement between the Employer and Union Representative, as well as Article XV Section 10 of the Local 10 Constitution and By-Laws which clearly states: "A helper may not be raised to the class of Temporary Mechanic without the direct permission of the Business Manager or Representatives. He/She must also notify the Business Manager or Business Representative when he/she is reduced back to helper."

So be sure to check with the hall if you are asked to go up and check back out when you go down.

Remember that all material is hoisted up the hoistway except as indicated in Article 4 of the National Agreement. We do not use a lull to hoist or lower material, but can use a lull as a forklift.

Also remember we thread and groove all pipe used for oil lines.

Always carry your current quarterly working card and show or check the cards of those you are working with. You are the eyes and ears of the Local. The Business Office is only a phone call away. We have four lines and voicemail for the Manager, Agents and Elaine. If you don't get through, leave a message and we will call you back. We understand that voicemail is inconvenient, but bear in mind we receive well over 2500 calls a month.

Remember, always **work safe** and report all job accidents to the Business Office. Call in to the hall all new jobs, unloading and manning.

Blood Drive

We will have a blood drive again this year and it will be on Thursday, May 17, 2007 from noon until 6:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be located in the school.

Dues Notice — 2nd Quarter 2007

Dues	\$215.00
Death	\$20.00
Building Fund	\$10.00
Sick and Accident	\$10.00
Per Capita	\$89.00
TOTAL DUES	\$344.00

(DEATHS: Active member Mike Thompson, Honorary members Dave Sholett, Howard Ewald and James Lane)

Dues breakdown for members in good standing who are off due to sickness, lay off or workers' compensation:

IF OFF 1 MONTH	\$312.00
IF OFF 2 MONTHS	\$280.00
IF OFF 3 MONTHS	\$248.00

Please include your Social Security number or your International number on your check or money order.

Checks/money orders should be made payable to **IUEC Local #10**.

All dues should be mailed/dropped off or put in the mail slot **prior to March 31, 2007**, along with a self-addressed stamped envelope. You are considered late if your payment is received on April 1 or thereafter and will be assessed a late fee. Mail payments to:

Ronnie Thorne
Financial Secretary
IUEC Local #10
9600 Martin Luther King Hwy
Lanham, MD 20706

We will no longer return dues cards that do not have a self addressed stamped envelope. If we receive your dues without a self-addressed stamped envelope, we will assume you will come by the Business Office to pick up your card.



Seeking Qualified Teachers

Local 10's JATC is seeking qualified people available to instruct our Education Program.

Our intention is to have a viable list for hiring instructors. When an Instructing job becomes available we can draw from this list and hire the most qualified person to fill an open slot. This is an open announcement to ALL UNION members.

Please submit a résumé listing your qualifications to:

Local 10 JATC
9600 Martin Luther King Hwy
Lanham, MD 20706

Fraternally,
Ralph Wellens
JATC Chairman

Web site

Please check our Web site for all current and up-to-the minute information at www.iuec10.com.

Retirees

Retirees meet the second Thursday of each month at Tuckers Restaurant off of Pennsylvania Avenue for a 10:00 a.m. breakfast. All retired brothers are welcome to attend.

Christmas in April

Christmas in April will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2007 in St. Mary's County. We are looking for volunteers. All volunteers must be at least 14 years of age or older. If you bring your child, please check with their individual school to see if they will get credit for participating in this program and if they get credit and need a letter, please let me know. We will be doing home improvements for those less fortunate and will let you know the location when you get signed up to volunteer.

If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please contact Chris Clark by e-mail at upclaven51@comcast.net (preferred way of contact) or by phone at (240) 417-4550.

Condolences

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to General President Dana Brigham and Wolf Stronzik and their family on the death of their mother-in-law.

Correction

In the February newsletter, the office hours and contact information for the IBEW Credit Union were incorrectly listed as the hours and contact information for the Local #10 Business Office. The correct information for the Local #10 Business Office is:

Office hours

Monday – Friday, 6:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Phone number: (301) 702-1010

Web site: www.iuec10.com



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