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A Message from Secretary-Treasurer Jerry Lozupone

As of the deadline for this article we are happy to provide you with a list of the Building Trades endorsed candidates in Maryland and the District of Columbia. Many of your members and our affiliates participated in many hours of interviews with hundreds of candidates to find the most labor and worker friendly candidates possible.

While no one is telling you how to vote, you can see we have gone to great lengths to find those candidates who can best represent us. Virginia is expected to complete its endorsements by the next newsletter and we will publish that list then. Let your voice and vote be counted and heard, and if you're not registered to vote please do so and VOTE.

District of Columbia Endorsements

Delegate to House (At Large):
Eleanor Holmes Norton
Mayor: Linda Cropp
Council (At Large): Phil Mendelson
Council 1: Jim Graham
Council 3: Paul Strauss
Council 5: Harry Thomas Jr.
Council 6: Tommy Wells
Shadow Senator (At Large): Phillip Pannell

MD Local Office Endorsements

Montgomery County

Council 1: Howie Denis
Council 2: Mike Knapp
Council 3: Bob Dorsey

Council 5: Valerie Ervin
Council At Large: Mike Subin
Council At Large: George Leventhal
Council At Large: Duchy Trachtenburg
Council At Large: Marc Elrich
State Atty (At Large): John McCarthy
Sheriff (At Large): Ray Kight
Clerk of Court (At Large): Caryn Hines
School Board (At Large): Shirley Brandman
School Board 5: Nancy Navarro

Prince George's County

Council 1: Tom Dernoga
Council 2: Will Campos
Council 3: Eric Olson
Council 4: Ingrid Turner
Council 5: David Harrington
Council 6: Sam Dean

Council 7: Camille Exum
Council 8: Tony Knotts
Council 9: Fred Harley
State Atty. (At Large): Glenn Ivey
Sheriff (At Large): Michael Jackson
Clerk of Court (At Large): Flora Fortune
Register of Wills (At Large): Ceretta Lee
School Board 1: Rosalind Johnson
School Board 2: Heather Iliff
School Board 3: Judy Mickens-Murray
School Board 3: Patricia Fletcher
School Board 4: Steve Morris
School Board 5: Owen Johnson
School Board (At Large): Howard Stone
School Board (At Large): Nate Thomas
School Board (At Large): Jeana Jacobs
School Board (At Large): Sherry Strother



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Endorsements

Charles County

President (At Large): Wayne Cooper
Commissioner 1: Kathy Kazimer
Commissioner 2: Edith Patterson
Commissioner (D) 3: Reuben Collins
Sheriff: Rex Coffey

Calvert County

Commissioner (At Large): Dixie Miller
Commissioner (At Large): Becky Tice
Commissioner (At Large): Wilson Parran
State's Attorney: Gregory Wells
Sheriff: Don Brenneman (D);
John Rodney Bartlett [R]

St. Mary's County

Commissioner 1: Elfreda Talbert Mathis
Sheriff: David Zylak

Recommendations for Action by the Maryland/DC State AFL-CIO

Montgomery County, MD

District 14

Delegate: Herman Taylor
Delegate: Anne Kaiser
Delegate: Karen Montgomery

District 15

Senate: Rob Garagiola
Delegate: Kathleen Dumais
Delegate: Brian Feldman
Delegate: Jean Cryor

District 16

Senate: Brian Frosh
Delegate: Bill Bronrott
Delegate: Susan Lee
Delegate: Marrlyn Goldwater

District 17

Senate: Jennie Forehand
Delegate: Kumar Barve
Delegate: Lou Simmons
Delegate: Elbridge James

District 18

Senate: Rich Madaleno
Delegate: Ana Sol Guitierrez
Delegate: Jane Lawton

District 19

Senate: Adrienne Mandel
Delegate: Hank Heller
Delegate: Roger Manno
Delegate: Tom DeGonia

District 20

Senate: Ida Ruben
Delegate: Sheila Hixon
Delegate: Gareth Murray
Delegate: Tom Hucker

District 39

Senate: Patrick J. Hogan
Delegate: Nancy King
Delegate: Charley Barkley
Delegate: Joan Stern

Prince George's County, MD

District 21

Senate: John Gianetti
Delegate: Barbara Frush
Delegate: Brian Moe
Delegate: Ben Barnes

District 22

Senate: Paul Pinsky
Delegate: Tawanna Gaines
Delegate: Justin Ross
Delegate: Anne Healey

District 23

Senate: Douglas Peters

District 23A

Delegate: Mary Conroy
Delegate: James Hubbard

District 23B

Delegate: Marvin Holmes

District 24

Senate: Nathaniel Exum
Delegate: Carolyn Howard
Delegate: Michael Vaughn
Delegate: Joanne Benson

District 25

Senate: Ulysses Currie
Delegate: Shirley Thompson
Delegate: Dereck Davis
Delegate: Melony Griffith

District 26

Senate: Obie Patterson
Delegate: Veronica Turner
Delegate: Darryl Kelley
Delegate: Kris Valderrama

District 27

Senate: Thomas V. "Mike" Miller Jr.

District 27A

Delegate: Joe Vallario
Delegate: James Proctor

District 27B

Delegate: Sue Kullen

District 29A

Delegate: Clare Calvert Whitback

District 47

Senate: Gwendolyn Britt
Delegate: Doyle Nieman
Delegate: Victor Ramirez
Delegate: Rosetta Parker

Tri-County

District 28

Senate: Thomas "Mac" Middleton
Delegate: Peter Murphy

District 29

Senate: Roy Dyson

District 29B

Delegate: John Bohanan

Union Leaders Running for Central Committee

22 Prince George's:

Kurt Walter, Plumbers 5 Officer

24 Prince George's:

James W. Allen, ATU 689 Retired President

26 Prince George's:

Otis Ducker, AFM 161-710 Int. Exec. Board

At-Large Charles:

Bill Groom, IUOE 77 Retired

At-Large Calvert:

Ron Milligan, IUOE 10 Vice President

At-Large Calvert:

Steve Zimmerman, IBEW 26 Business Agent

At-Large St. Mary's:

Walt Powell, IUOE 77 Guard/Organizer

At-Large St. Mary's:

Joseph Knoefel, Laborers 657 Organizer

At-Large St. Mary's:

Ruth Lowery, wife of IUOE #10 BA
Jim Lowery



Our work continues to look good and everybody is back to work. Brother, this hot weather we have had the last couple of weeks is hard on everyone, so remember to drink plenty of water and if you start to feel dizzy let someone know on the job!!!

Brothers, due to our International Convention in August, we are moving our regular meeting night from Friday, August 18, to **Friday, August 25, 2006.**

Monday, September 4 is Labor Day and all of our jobs are **OFF.** This is our holiday to celebrate and to remember all of the brothers and sisters who fought and struggled to give us the 40-hour work week, safety on the job and the right to have representation for workers.

Brothers, at our August meeting we will have representatives from IMPACT about the upcoming drug testing. **THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING.**

Our new building plans are starting to take shape and we hope to have it out to bid in the near future and to be under construction.

To all of our Maryland members, please check to make sure you are registered to vote in this year's elections (Governor, Lt. Governor, etc.). We must make a change in Maryland!!!! If you need to register, contact the Union Hall and we will send you the registration forms.

Apprentice classes will be starting back for the following class years:

1st year Apprentices:

Monday, August 28, 3:00 p.m. (English)
Wednesday, September 6, 3:00 p.m. (Spanish)

2nd & 3rd year Apprentices:

Tuesday, September 5, 3:00 p.m. (English)
Thursday, September 7, 3:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Letters will be sent out to all Apprentices as a reminder.

The D.C. Summer Youth Program developed from the D.C. Stadium project went well. Our thanks to apprentice Reynold Nelson for his help and time spent working with our Apprentice Coordinator, Bob Migliaccio, on this program.

Third Notice for our Annual Local 201 Family Picnic

The picnic will take place on Saturday, September 16, 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. at the Three Rivers Sportsman Club in Harwood, Maryland. The menu will include steamed

crabs and shrimp, bar-b-que chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, crab soup and all the trimmings and ice cream for dessert. There will be a Moonbounce, pony rides, a clown and games for the kids. The tickets are **\$30.00 per family**, which includes your wife or girlfriend and your children. An individual ticket is **\$25.00.** We don't encourage guests because of limited space but if you insist, guests are **\$25.00** per person. You will need to get your tickets by September 10 so that we know how many to prepare for. We are having a raffle to help fund the picnic and prizes. Make your plans early to spend the day with us.

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. Drawing is now at \$300.00 for August's meeting.

The following members will go suspended as of August 31, 2006 for being six months in arrears on paying dues: Efen Cruz, Hendrickson Hector, Wesley Mohn, Rodrigo Lacayo and James Richardson.

Schedule of Meetings and Events

Wednesday, August 9, 12:30 p.m.
Retirees Meeting

Wednesday, August 9, 2:00 p.m.
Stewards Meeting

Wednesday, August 9, 5:00 p.m.
Executive Board Meeting

Friday, August 25, 7:00 p.m.
Local 201 Membership Meeting

Monday, September 4
Holiday (All Jobs)

Nuestro trabajo continúa pareciendo bueno y todos estan trabajando. Hermanos, hace dos semanas el clima empezó a calentar y sabemos que es difícil para cada uno de ustedes, recuerden que tienen que tomar mucha agua y si usted se siente desmayar por mucho calor asegúrese avisarle a su compañero en el área del trabajo.

Hermanos, debido a la Convención en nuestra Internacional en agosto, nosotros hemos movido nuestra reunión regular del Viernes, 18 de agosto al **Viernes, 25 de agosto** del 2006.

El lunes, 4 de septiembre es el Dia del Trabajador y en todos nuestros proyectos no se trabaja. Este día es nuestro feriado para celebrar en memoria de nuestros hermanos y hermanas quienes pelearon para darnos 40 horas de trabajo por semana, seguridad en el area de trabajo y tener representación para todos los trabajadores.

Los planos de nuestro nuevo edificio ya casi los terminamos y esperamos en un futuro muy cercano lo pondremos en subasta y empezar a construirlo.

Para todos nuestros miembros de Maryland , por favor asegúrese haberse registrado para las elecciones de este año (Gobernador, Gobernador de Teniente, etc.). Necesitamos hacer un cambio en Maryland!!!! Si usted necesita registrarse, comínquese a la oficina de la unión y le enviaremos una forma para registrarse.

Clases para aprendices empezaran de nuevo para los siguientes años:

1ro. año de aprendices:

Lunes, 28 de agosto, 3:00 p.m. (Inglés)
Miércoles, 6 de septiembre, 3:00 p.m. (Español)

2do. & 3ro. año de aprendices:

Martes, 5 de septiembre, 3:00 p.m. (Inglés)
Jueves, 7 de septiembre, 3:00 p.m. (Español)

Se les emiará cartas por correo para recordarles.

El programa de verano que hemos implementado en Washington, D.C.. por medio del proyecto del estadio está funcionando muy bien. Queremos darle las gracias a nuestro aprendiz, Reynold Nelson, por su ayuda y tiempo que puso trabajando con nuestro coordinador de aprendizaje, Bob Migliaccio, en este programa.

Tercera noticia de nuestro picnic familiar anual del 201: Tuvimos algunos cambios en los precios de los boletos por los miembros de la Junta Directiva. Se llevará a cavo el Sábado, 16 de septiembre al mediodía hasta las 6:00 de la tarde en Tree Rivers Club Sportsman en Harwood, Maryland. El menú incluirá cangrejos, camarónes, pollo a la barbacoa, hamburguesas, perros calientes, sopa de cangrejo y toda clase de helados para el postre. Habrá caballitos par que monten los niños, un payaso y muchos

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This publication serves as Sheet Metal Workers' Local 100's official mode of communication for notices to the membership of dues increases, special meetings, and other information concerning Local 100.

Message from Business Manager/ Financial Secretary Rob Walter

Contract negotiations have concluded and the contracts have been ratified by the membership in Washington, D.C., Baltimore and Cumberland.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the membership in these Areas for their cooperation and also to recognize the negotiating committees for their tireless efforts in seeing these negotiations to a successful end: Cumberland Area Business Agent Mike Adams, Baltimore Area Business Agent Mike Cirillo and Executive Board Member Ed Blakeney, Washington, D.C. Area Business Agent Bill Phares and Washington, D.C. Area Business Agent Joe Miller. Negotiations are never easy and my team worked very hard.

Another issue comes to mind and that is manning our work. We are having difficulty manning certain work because members will not take jobs when offered. We recently lost a few projects to the ironworkers because the men who were called to take these jobs did not show up. When a business agent calls you for work and you tell him you will accept the position, live up to your commitment. We are losing work because members are not reporting or are refusing to take a job when it is offered. Once jobs are lost, you cannot get them back. When our employment in the local begins to decline, you will wish you had that job. When a business agent calls you for work, take the job, don't be picky and when you commit, go to work.

We have had a good run of work in our Local in the past several years, so please don't get complacent. We need to man our work, work all hours available, give 8 for 8, and do the best quality work possible. Take pride in your work, your union and yourself. Be the best in our industry.

Remember our work is dangerous, so please work safely. Support our troops and God Bless America.

General Meeting, Area Meetings, Retired Club Meetings & Upcoming Events

Please read this information carefully so that you will be aware of all upcoming important business meetings to be held and plan on attending these meetings.

General Meetings & Washington, D.C. Area Meetings

General Meetings & Washington, D.C. Area meetings: A motion was made at a union meeting to form a committee to explore moving the general meeting and Washington, D.C. Area meeting. This committee has recommended that for the summer months July, August and September we try holding the general meeting and Washington, D.C. Area meeting on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Here is the schedule for the general meeting and Washington, D.C. Area meeting through September 2006:

August Meeting

Tuesday, August 15, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

September Meeting

Tuesday, September 26, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.
Meetings will be held at the Union Hall, 4725 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, Maryland.

Baltimore Area

The next meeting for the Baltimore Area will be Wednesday, August 9, 2006, beginning at 8:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 7910 Harford Road. Please make every effort to attend. The September meeting will be Wednesday, September 13, 2006.

Cumberland Area

The next Cumberland Area meeting will be held on Friday, August 11, 2006, at the Cumberland Eagle's Club, 40 N. Mechanic Street, Cumberland, Maryland at 7:30 p.m. The September meeting will be Friday, September 8, 2006.

Norfolk Area

A special order of business will be held at the September 2006 Norfolk Area meeting to discuss and vote on a one-cent check-off for the scholarship fund. The purpose of the Sheet Metal Workers' Local 100 Scholarship Fund is to provide scholarships for the dependents of the membership. If the Norfolk, Virginia Area votes to accept the check-off, there shall be a one cent (\$0.01) per hour check-off on journeymen,

apprentices and classified/specialty workers for all hours worked. This check-off will be paid in conjunction with the organizing assessment and apprentice organizing assessment. This meeting will be held on Monday, September 11, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at 1500 E. Littlecreek Road, Room 308.

Richmond Area

A special order of business will be held at the September 2006 Richmond Area meeting to discuss and vote on a one-cent check-off for the scholarship fund. The purpose of the Sheet Metal Workers' Local 100 Scholarship Fund is to provide scholarships for the dependents of the membership. If the Richmond, Virginia Area votes to accept the check-off, there shall be a one cent (\$0.01) per hour check-off on journeymen, apprentices and classified/specialty workers for all hours worked. This check-off will be paid in conjunction with the organizing assessment and apprentice organizing assessment. This meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. at 3204 Cutshaw Avenue.

Roanoke Area

A special order of business will be held at the September 2006 Roanoke Area meeting to discuss and vote on a one-cent check-off for the scholarship fund. The September 2006 Roanoke Area meeting has been re-scheduled and will now be held on Friday, September 22, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. at the Union Hall, 2101 Dale Avenue, S.E. The purpose of the Sheet Metal Workers' Local 100 Scholarship Fund is to provide scholarships for the dependents of the membership. If the Roanoke, Virginia Area votes to accept the check-off, there shall be a one cent (\$0.01) per hour check-off on journeymen, apprentices and classified/specialty workers for all hours worked. This check-off will be paid in conjunction with the organizing assessment and apprentice organizing assessment.

Retired Club News

Baltimore Retiree Meeting: The next retirees meeting will take place on September 21, 2006. These meetings start promptly at noon on the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 7910 Harford Road. Join the club, share some food, drink, laughter and fellowship with your good brothers. Club dues are \$10.00 per year.

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Plumbers Five

by C. William Garity, Assistant Business Manager

Where has the time gone? Soon we will be "back to school" shopping for our children and grandchildren.

By the time you receive this newsletter, we, the Officers, and those you elected as Delegates will or have selected the leadership of the United Association for the next five years at the 37th U. A. Convention. The Department of Labor and our Constitution require such a convention. Also, the Delegates will approve changes to our U. A. Constitution. These proposed changes generally come from four sources: recommendations from legal council, financial advisors, the incoming elected state and local Unions and Councils throughout the United Association. It is in these changes that it will show the rank and file whether it's going to be a new day for the future of the United Association, or business as usual. Over the past few weeks the delegates have received mailings from known candidates for the position of the General President. Sadly, both contain a lot of work, but no real specifics for the action and direction of our International on which the delegates can compare.

I am truly concerned about the future of organized labor. We see full-page ads in our newspapers about the greed and lavish life styles of labor organizations and individuals, and how union dues monies are squandered away. Yet, no one responds. Organized labor has done so much good over the years for all workers, yet we sit idly by and let our critics turn worker sentiments. Organized labor is directly responsible for the forty-hour work week; organized labor was the driving force behind the Social Security program; organized labor was the driving force behind family health care; organized labor is the driving force behind apprentice training and the list goes on and on. It's time we blow our own horn.

Another concern I have for organized labor is ATTITUDE. We are rapidly losing our Depression Era fears of frugality. My grandfather went to work every day and worked every hour because he knew there was somebody outside the gate to replace him. He also knew that you work today and save as much as possible in case you don't work tomorrow. I see the "hurray for me" generation taking over. I think our new General President (whoever he may be) needs to put our house of labor in order, and take the best advantage and worth for the dues given by the hard working men and women of the United Association. Only time will tell.

Journeyman Training Classes: Sign Up Early

Listed are the upcoming classes and the start dates of these classes:

- Backflow (re-certification): August 22 and August 24, 2006
- CAD (Intermediate): September 26, 2006
- UA STAR class: October 10, 2006 (\$125 fee)
- Journeyman Welding: October 20, 2006
- Backflow (full certification): December 14, 2006
- Foreman Training Class: January 4, 2007
- Medical Gas Class: January 12, 2007 (test fee \$105)
- International Code (DC & VA): fall dates pending, winter class starts March 16, 2007

Also, individual plumbing code practice is available in the computer lab provided space permits. Call the school at 301-322-8810 for additional information registration dates. All classes are subject to cancellation based on poor participation.

The two-month look ahead

- September 1, 1939 – World War II began
- Monday, September 4 – Labor Day, Paid Holiday per C.B.A.
- Sunday, September 10 – Grandparents' Day
- Monday September 11 – Patriot Day
- Wednesday, September 13 – Monthly Union Meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the U. A. Mechanical Trade School
- Sunday, September 17 – Citizenship Day
- Friday, September 22 – Fall begins, Autumnal Equinox
- Saturday, September 23 – Rosh Hashanah
- Wednesday, September 27 – Executive Board Meeting at 5:00 p.m. at the Local Union Business Office
- Monday, October 2 – Yom Kippur
- Monday, October 9 – Columbus Day
- Monday, October 9 – Fire Prevention Day
- Monday, October 9 – Leif Erikson Day
- Monday, October 9 – Canadian Thanksgiving
- Wednesday, October 11 – Monthly Union Meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the U. A. Mechanical Trade School
- October 19, 1781 – Revolutionary War ended
- Wednesday, October 25 – Executive Board Meeting at 5:00 p.m. at the Local Union Business Office
- Sunday, October 29 – Daylight Savings Time ends
- Tuesday, October 31 – Halloween

We would like to acknowledge the following members who will celebrate their 50 years of membership in Local No. 5 in 2006. They are: Edward F. Collins, James Connors, Thomas C. Hayden, Raymond Klotz, Jr., Thomas Long, Ralph C. Seek, Howard Stokes, Frederick Stuart, Jr.

Special Order of Business: We will vote on the Finance Committee Report at the September 2006 Union Meeting.

Current Assessments Due: Death #1043 and Michael A. Collins Assessment.

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juegos mas para los niños. Los boletos son **\$30.00 por familia**, que incluye su esposa o novia y sus niños. Un boleto individual cuesta **\$25.00**. Nosotros no aconsejamos que invite amigos debido al espacio limitado pero si usted insiste el costo del ticket por amigo es **\$25.00** por persona. Usted necesitará obtener sus boletos antes del 10 de septiembre, así sabremos cuántos para preparar. Tendremos unas rifas para ayudar el fondo de eventos. Haga sus planes temprano para que pases un buen día con nosotros.

Tenemos una rifa para la membresia cada reunión regular (cada tercer viernes del mes) para los nombres de todos los miembros que están bien con sus dues. **USTED DEBE ESTAR PRESENTE PARA GANAR.** Si no hay un ganador \$25.00 serán agregados cada mes hasta que alguien se lo gane. Hay \$300.00 para la reunión de agosto.

Los siguientes miembros serán suspendidos a partir de el 31 de agosto del 2006 por estar atrasados seis meses en sus dues: Efen Cruz, Hendrickson Hector, Wesley Mohn, Rodrigo Locayo y James Richardson.

Calendarios de Reuniones y Eventos

Miércoles, 9 de agosto, 12:30 p.m.
Reunión de los Jubilados

Miércoles, 9 de agosto, 2:00 p.m.
Reunión de los Shop Stewards

Miércoles, 9 de agosto, 5:00 p.m.
Reunión de la Junta Ejecutiva

Viernes, 26 de agosto, 7:00 p.m.
Local 201 Reunión de los Miembros

Lunes, 4 de septiembre
es el Dia del Trabajador - Feriado en todos los proyectos



Elevator Constructors Local 10

From the Business Office

Article XXI (A) reads: When and if the Company requires the use of metric tools by an employee in the course of his employment, the Company agrees, upon receipt from the employee, to reimburse the employee for all tools required or to provide such tools, at the Company's option.

Celebrating the Working People of Southern Maryland

★ 1st Annual Labor Day Parade ★

Monday, September 4th, 2006

Parade begins at 10:00 a.m.

We are looking for anyone with unique or antique cars or motorcycles.

We are also looking anyone with a band, club or organization that would like to march in the Labor Day parade.

We are also looking for anyone or any organization that might be looking to sell or put their item on display.

Please contact AnnMarie Caparrotta at 301-934-6118 or amcaparrotta@yahoo.com

Lee C. Ashcraft Memorial Union Scholarship 2006

Lee C. Ashcraft valued his connection with the trade union movement and was particularly supportive of the firm's Union Scholarship Program that was established by the firm approximately 15 years ago. We are pleased to honor his memory by naming our scholarship after him.

The law firm of Ashcraft & Gerel, LLP offers a scholarship to members of metropolitan area unions and their families to help with the high cost of education. Each year we award a one-time grant of \$5,000.00 to an eligible student for education expenses.

If you, your spouse or child, plan to pursue education or training full-time, you can apply now. **Applicants must be enrolled for post-high school education or training by fall 2006 to be eligible for this year's award.**

A committee of union volunteers screen the applications and a finalist is chosen by an independent party. No one at Ashcraft & Gerel, LLP participates in the selections process. This is an equal opportunity program, conducted without regard to race, gender, religion, or age or disability.

To obtain your scholarship application, call 703-931-5500. The deadline to submit your application is **November 17, 2006.**

Website

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

Northern Virginia Central Labor Council

The Council meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at 4536 B John Marr Drive, Annandale, VA 20003. If you are interested in attending, please call Jimmy Demmel at the Business Office.

Retirees

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

Condolences

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to:

Hank Frangioni and his family on the death of his father.

Dave (Gabby) & Ray Stevens and their family on the death of their father.

David W. Morgan, III and his family on the death of his wife, mother of Tommy Morgan.

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If you have not already done so, please join us in 2006. Mail club dues to: SMW Local 100 Retirees Club, c/o 1422 Decatur Street, Baltimore, MD 21230. Attention—In cases of inclement weather on meeting dates: If a meeting is scheduled and Baltimore County Schools close due to a weather problem, that means there will be no club meeting on that day either. Remember the success of any club depends on the participation of its members; help us make 2006 a huge success for the Baltimore Retirees Club!

Richmond Retired Club: Richmond Area Retired Club meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Retired Club meetings begin at 10:30 a.m. at 3204 Cutshaw Avenue.

Washington, D.C. Retirees' Club: The next Washington, D.C. Area Retirees Club will be held on Monday, August 14, 2006 at 12 noon at the Union Hall, 4725 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, Maryland.

The bus trip to Herrington will be leaving the Union Hall at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 22, 2006. Please contact Bob Phares at 703-451-3770 if you want to go on the trip. Don't wait to call because the bus fills up quickly.

Anyone interested in going to a crab feast at Pope's Creek on Monday, September 11, 2006, should contact Bob Phares.

In Memoriam

It is with profound sadness that we inform you of the passing of:

Brother Gregory S. Connor (journeyman)
Brother John W. Grimes (journeyman)
Brother Timothy J. Martin, Jr. (retired)
Brother Artis R. Thomas (retired)

Our deepest sympathies are extended to the family and friends of these departed Brothers.

Through this article Local 100 attempts to notify the membership of deaths of members in a timely manner. If we have overlooked anyone that you know is deceased, please contact the local's office.

Freedom from Smoking Class!

If you are interested in attending the next Freedom from Smoking Class, please contact the business office at 301-568-8655, ext. 4 or 800-492-8004, ext. 4 and speak with a business agent or staff member. This course is led by an instructor from Washington Adventist Hospital. Nicotine replacement patches are provided free to participants.

Service Pins

Congratulations to the following members who have recently received service pins:

40 Year Service Pins: Brother Earl Whitley

50 Year Service Pins: Brothers Marshall Bledsoe, Richard Drake, Donald Phares, Sr., and Jerry Whetzel.

Thank you to all these good brothers for the many, many years of service to our trade.

Contact Wanda in the dues office to request a service pin, or for information on service pins call 301-568-8655, ext. 114 or 800-492-8004, ext. 114.

D.C. Area Health Fund News

If you need to contact the Health Fund office regarding claims, eligibility, maintenance of data cards or general customer service, call 800-228-9997 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

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Last Day to Pay Dues

The last day that dues can be paid in August 2006 will be by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 31, 2006. If your July 2006 dues are not paid by 5:00 p.m. on August 31, 2006, you will be recorded suspended and you will be required to pay a reinstatement fee and one month's dues to reinstate your membership (in accordance with the SMWIA Constitution and Ritual). Remember that dues can now be paid by credit card or debit card.

Relief Fund

Members who are unemployed and need assistance paying their dues should contact the business office at 301-568-8655, ext. 4 or 800-492-8004, ext. 4. The deadline is the last day of each month. You must be laid off during the previous month, call in and apply before the last day of the current month and have your dues paid for the current month, and if you meet the eligibility requirements the relief fund will pay your next month's dues.

Lee Ashcraft Memorial Union Scholarship

Lee C. Ashcraft valued his connection with the trade union movement. He was particularly supportive of the Union Scholarship Program that was established by the firm approximately 15 years ago. We are pleased to honor his memory by naming our scholarship after him. The law firm of Ashcraft & Gerel, LLP offers this scholarship to members of metropolitan area unions and their families to help with the high cost of education. Each year we award a one-time grant of \$5,000 to an eligible student for education expenses.

If you, your spouse or child plan to pursue education or training full-time you can apply now. Applicants must be enrolled for their post-high school education or training by fall 2006 to be eligible for this year's award.

A committee of union volunteers screens the applications and a finalist is chosen by an independent party. No one at Ashcraft & Gerel participates in the selection process. This is an equal opportunity program, conducted without regard to race, gender, religion, age or disability.

To obtain your scholarship application, call 703-931-5500. The deadline to get your completed application in is November 17, 2006.

Washington, D.C. Area News

The Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee is currently accepting applications for the apprenticeship program Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Applicants must be 18 years of age, physically fit to perform the work of the sheet metal trade, pass a drug test and have reliable transportation. For further information and test dates contact the Training Center at 301-568-8655, ext. 3 or 800-492-8004, ext. 3.

Attention Journeymen: You need to come in before your certification expires or you'll have to retest. It is the welder's responsibility to keep their certification updated. If you weld, you may call and ask for the Welder Certification Maintenance Form (BC2103) and have your foreman complete it and fax it back to the Training Center. If you are a member of the American Welders Society (AWS), you can send in a check to Milo Chaffee in the amount of \$10, payable to AWS along with your update card. Updates need to be in place before your certification expires.

Improve your skills by signing up for the following classes. Contact the Training Center at 301-568-8655, ext 3.

Auto CAD I | April 2007 (14 weeks) (prerequisite Sketching Class)

Auto CAD II | July 2007 (20 weeks)

GMAW MIG | July 2007 (10 weeks)

GTAW TIG | September 2006 (10 weeks)

Service Class | January 2007 (20 weeks) (\$25 Test Fee)

Sketching Class | January 2007 (10 weeks)

Stick Welding | January 2007 (20 weeks)

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Welding Test & Updates | September 7, 2006, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Air Conditioning (CFC Certification Test) | December 7, 2006, 4:00 p.m. (\$25 Test Fee)

Journeymen wanting to retest for the CFC Certification should contact the Training Center by November 1, 2006 to get their names on the list.

The Training Center is still in need of air conditioning units for the Service Class. Anyone who wants to donate an AC unit or knows where AC units can be acquired, please contact the Training Center.

Reminder Apprentices: If you need to apply for an apprentice license contact Patricia McCray

at the Maryland Department of Labor Licensing and Regulation at 410-230-6159 to receive an application or contact the Training Center.

Credit Union News

The Audio Response System number is 1-800-724-7573

Credit Union hours:

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. through 3:30 p.m.

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Baltimore Area News

Ashcraft & Gerel Scholarships: Ashcraft & Gerel is sponsoring two scholarships, one for undergraduate students and another for post-graduate students. Each scholarship is in the amount of \$2,500. All applicants must be members in good standing of a Baltimore Area AFL-CIO affiliated union or someone in the immediate family of a member of the participating union. Applications must be received by August 25, 2006, and winners will be selected on or about Friday, October 20, 2006. Call Ashcraft & Gerel at 410-539-1122 for an application kit.

Remember to use your mail order prescription plan when applicable and save yourself some \$\$\$\$. Call the Health Fund office or the Baltimore Area office for details.

Visit the National Pension Fund website at www.smwnpf.org to access your pension history. Click "about you" then enter your SMWIA number (6 digits) and your social security number. If you do not have internet capabilities, you may call 800-231-4622 with any pension questions.

HVAC License: Members are reminded to keep their HVAC License current as required by state law. If you have a problem with your renewal it's your responsibility to contact the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulations at 410-230-6160.

Important Phone Numbers:

Baltimore Union Hall: 410-732-1849
or 800-307-2124

Benefit Administration Corp.
(Baltimore Health Fund): 443-573-3635

National Pension Fund: 800-231-4622

SMW+: 800-831-4914



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