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A Message from Secretary-Treasurer Jerry Lozupone

2007 Maryland General Assembly Wrap-up

Labor looked forward to a productive legislative session with a new administration for the 2007 Maryland General Assembly. The anticipated budget crunch entered into the discussion of every bill put forward. We were able to make gains in Highway Safety (SB-699), Unemployment Insurance (HB-1088), and Living Wage (HB-430) bills, to name a few. The Highway Safety bill helps to ensure a safe workplace for persons working on our highways. The Unemployment Insurance bill raises the maximum allowable benefit to reflect the rise in Maryland's average wage. The Living Wage bill is the first in the country to establish a base wage for state contracts with private contractors.

We were able to defeat a number of bad bills. A bill to exempt Carroll County from our state's prevailing wage laws on school construction was defeated. A bill to circumvent prevailing wage by privatizing the construction of public works projects at transportation facilities was also defeated.

And a bill that would provide for an agency fee for organized public employees did not receive a hearing in the State Senate despite intense pressure by labor to do so.

We would like to thank the many building trades' persons that routinely participated this past session in Annapolis. Your presence on Monday Nights was recognized by the legislators and appreciated by all of our Brothers and Sisters in the labor movement.

We will hold our annual Golf Outing, June 1st at Twin Shields Golf Course and we will participate with Iron Workers Local 5, Poker Run on June 16th both, for the benefit of DAD's Day (Dollars Against Diabetes). For more information on both of these events, visit our website at www.dcbuildingtrades.com or contact Vance Ayres at the Council Office (301) 899-8134.



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Rodman Local 201

Due to some jobs slowing down we have a number of our members off work, but we are expecting some new work to get ready to start.

It saddens us to report we had three deaths in March of this year.

Brother Phillip Pickett died on March 19, 2007, at the age of 61. Phil became a member of Rodman Local 201 in 1969 and was a 38 year member. Some Brother will remember that Phil had a stroke back in 1989 and has always been a dedicated Union member for the rest of his life. We will all miss him.

Brother Tommy Gilmer died on March 27, 2007, at the age of 77. Tommy became a member of Rodman Local 201 in 1948 and was a 60 year member. Brother Gilmer was elected as our Business Manager in 1978 and stayed involved. Tommy could always keep us smiling and it saddens us to lose this Brother.

Brother Donald (Dusty) Stecker died on March 29, 2007, at the age of 84. Dusty became a member of Rodman Local 201 in 1952 and was a 55 year member. Brother Stecker was our President in 1975 and was the Chairman of Local 201 Retirees committee. He will be missed by all that knew him.

Brothers remember that Monday May 28 is Memorial Day and it is a Holiday for ALL JOBS. Brothers this is a day to remember all of our brothers who we have lost.

Brother as of the writing of this news-

letter we did not have our 90th anniversary banquet, but we will report in our next newsletter on this event and hope to have some pictures to share.

Brothers as of April 1, all members, travelers, A-Rodman and Probation members must have been tested or you will be put on the ineligible to work list. Mobile Medical and your employers will be checking on you status. 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.

Brother as of the writing of this newsletter we did not have our April's meeting, but we will report in our next newsletter on what the members decided to do with the \$1.35 from our second year of our contract. Brothers it was the members who came to this meeting and voted that decided how we will use this raise.

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. The drawing is now at \$100.00 for May's meeting.

Due to the date this article was written the following members could have gone suspended as of April 30, 2007 for being six months behind in their dues: Efen C. Cruz, Jorge C. Aparicio, Frederico A. Gutierrez, Douglass M. Hancock Jr., Allan D. Martin, Dennis Rhodes, Carlos Alberto Robles, Oscar E. Sanchez, Juan Santos, and Darren J. Spragley.

Schedule of Meetings & Events

- Wednesday, May 2, 3:00 p.m.**
J.A.T.C. Meeting
- Wednesday, May 9, 12:30 p.m.**
Retirees Meeting
- Wednesday, May 9, 2:00 p.m.**
Stewards Meeting
- Wednesday, May 9, 5:00 p.m.**
Executive Board Meeting
- Friday, May 18, 7:00 p.m.**
Local 201 Membership Meeting
- Wednesday, May 23**
Ashcraft & Gerel Bilingual Presentation for Apprentices
- Monday, May 28**
Memorial Day (ALL JOBS)

Boletín de Noticias

Debido al tiempo, algunos trabajos retrasaron y tenemos un número de nuestros miembros sin trabajo. Estamos esperando trabajos nuevos listos a comenzar.

Nos entristece reportar que tuvimos tres muertes en el mes de Marzo de este año.

El hermano Phillip Pickett murió el 19 de marzo de 2007, a la edad de 61 años. Phil se hizo miembro del Local 201 en el año 1969 y fue un miembro por 38 años. Algunos hermanos se recuerdan que Phil sufrió un stroke en 1989. Phil era un miembro del local 201 dedicado por toda su vida. Todos lo extrañaremos.

El hermano Tommy Gilmer murió el 27 de marzo de 2007, a la edad de 77 años. Tommy se hizo miembro del Local 201 en el año 1948 y fue un miembro de 60 años. Tommy fue elegido





gerente de negocios en 1978. Tommy siempre nos hizo sonreír y nos entristece perder a este hermano.

El hermano Donald Stecker (Dusty) murió el 29 de marzo de 2007, a la edad de 84 años. Dusty se hizo un miembro del Local 201 en el año 1952 y fue un miembro de 55 años. El hermano Stecker fue nuestro presidente en 1975 y fue presidente del comité de los jubilados del Local 201. Todos quién lo conocieron, lo extrañaremos.

Hermanos, recuerden que el lunes 28 de mayo es un día de fiesta para TODOS LOS TRABAJADORES. Es un día para recordar a todos nuestros hermanos a que hemos perdido.

Hermanos, a la fecha de este boletín de noticias no hemos tenido nuestro banquete del aniversario de 90 años, reportaremos sobre el banquete en el próximo boletín y esperamos tener fotos para compartir.

Hermanos, el día 1 de abril, todos los miembros, viajeros, A-Rodman, y miembros condicionales deben haber sido probados para las drogas o serán inelegibles para trabajar. Mobile Medical y su empleador comprobarán su estado. Si usted no ha probado por esta fecha, necesitará venir a la oficina y recoger un paquete de la prueba para ir a una facilidad más cercana y hacerse la prueba.

Hermanos, a la fecha de este boletín de noticias no hemos tenido nuestra reunión de abril, sino que reportaremos en el próximo boletín de noticias lo que los miembros decidieron hacer con el \$1.30 a partir de nuestro segundo año de nuestro contrato. Hermanos, son los miembros que vienen a esa reunión

y votan que deciden cómo utilizaremos este aumento.

Tenemos un dibujo de miembros sostenido cada noche de nuestra reunión de miembros (el tercer viernes de cada mes). Los nombres de todos los miembros en buenas situaciones están en el dibujo y TIENEN QUE ESTAR PRESENTE PARA GANAR. Si no hay un ganador agregamos \$25.00 por cada mes hasta que alguien gane. El dibujo ahora está en \$100.00 para la reunión de mayo.

Debido a la fecha que este artículo fue escrito los siguientes miembros habrían podido ir suspendido a partir el día 30 de abril de 2007 por estar seis meses atrasados en sus cuotas: Efrén C. Cruz, Jorge C. Aparicio, Frederico A. Gutiérrez, Jr. de Douglass M. Hancock, Allan D. Martin, Dennis Rhodes, Carlos Alberto Robles, Oscar E. Sanchez, Juan Santos, y Darren J. Spragley.

Horario de Reuniones y de Acontecimientos

Miércoles 2 de mayo 3:00 p.m.
Reunión de J.A.T.C.

Miércoles 9 de mayo 12:30 p.m.

Reunión de los retirados

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

Miércoles 9 de mayo 5:00 p.m.
Reunión de la conjunta ejecutiva

Viernes 18 de mayo 7:00 p.m.
Reunión de miembros del Local 201

Miércoles 23 de mayo
Presentación bilingüe con los abogados Ashcraft & Gerel

Lunes 28 de mayo
Día de fiesta (Memorial Day) para TODOS LOS TRABAJOS

Plumbers Local 5

by C. William Garity,
Assistant Business Manager

Where are we headed as a Unionized Workforce? These last few years I have seen signs of behavior among both our members and our employers' supervisors that absolutely astonish me. This behavior would make our forefathers roll over in their graves. My father-in-law was initiated into the Ironworkers Local No. 5 back in the 1930's and his father before him. "Lefty", (my father-in-law) as he was called, would share stories with me about how as a child his father, and other union members, would meet at each other's homes, sit down at the kitchen table and discuss the future of their emerging union. Benevolence and well being for their fellow Union Brothers was always their primary focus. This moral approach to organize labor is what made organized labor the foundation of the American workforce. Their success has given the American Workers the 40 hour week, Social Security Benefits, Health Care and Retirement Benefits and other worker friendly Labor Laws. We as organized labor, have drifted away from Brotherhood and caring for one another. Vulgar, cruel language on the job is unnecessary and counter productive, but runs ramped on the job. Why must we act like bullies and thugs? It makes me ashamed to wear the Union Badge and embarrassed to say I'm glad my son chose a different career path. There exists on the jobsite a "Pig Headed" power trip with those in employer supervisory roll that tolerate and/or are guilty of behavior that you would attribute to the open shop sector of our industry. I suspect



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that the reason those "Power Trippers" act bullish on the job is probably due to the fact that at home they do as their told. This sounds like I'm bashing our contractors' field supervision, I am. Supervisors are supposed to be in control, not out of control. I have also worked with my fair share of "Power Trippers"; however, I did not allow myself to become a "Power Tripper".

Now let's talk about our working members on those jobs. We entered this trade of our own free will. We work in all the elements, hot, cold, rain, sun, snow, etc. . . We start jobs at 6:00 a.m., which means we must leave our homes at "o'darkthirty; again, our own free will. We chose where we live, not our employers. It is our responsibility to be at our designated work area at the prescribed time and ready to work. Not putting on our boots, not drinking our sodas, not reading our papers but **READY TO WORK !!!** If you want a job close to home and one with flexible work hours, work at McDonald's. Be advised your pay will be \$5.15 per hour with no benefits. It gives me no pleasure to write these remarks, however, if no one does, then our partners in the industry will think we condone this complete disregard for our professionalism and pride. I care and others need to care in order for us to survive. As I was once told by a retired member: work everyday you can, manage your resources and don't demand from others which you are not willing to do yourself. We need to break the chain of poor behavior.

We would like to acknowledge the following members who will celebrate their 35 years of membership in Plumbers Local 5 in 2007: Richard Bjork, William Cannon, Jr., Charles Gran, Jr., Raymond

Hoover, Charles M. Hotchkiss, Landon Morgan, Joseph Proctor, Jr., James W. Smith, and Linwood Tudor, Jr.

We would also like to congratulate the following members for successfully completing the U.A. Star Certification: Arthur Adams, John W. Brown, Steve Parreco, Dave Sargent, James L. Spencer, John Stokes, Kurt Walter, and Dan Wheeler. Again, we have succeeded the rate of the U. A. average by having 100% of these candidates passing their exam. Good job and thanks for your dedication to our industry.

Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to the families of the following Brothers who recently passed away: William Booze, born June 8, 1913, initiated July 7, 1942, passed away February 24, 2007; Knorly Smith, born April 14, 1948, initiated March 14, 1973, passed away on March 3, 2007; Edwin Walter, born June 21, 1924, initiated May 14, 1952, passed away March 7, 2007. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of these deceased Brothers.

Our heartfelt sympathies are also extended to Brother Bryan Ross, Sr. on the death of his son, William Ross on March 17, 2007. William was in our helper program.

We our heartfelt sympathies are extended to Brother William Stemerick on the recent passing of his father. His dad was also a retired U. A. member. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Stemerick family.

Our new website is up and running. Logon and visit our new site for news and upcoming events. We will be having updates on our upcoming "Walk for Diabetes" and our Local Union Picnic.

Our address is:

www.Local5Plumbers.org

Mark your calendar now!

Saturday, August 25th

Plumbers Local #5 Family Picnic!!!

Reminder! Reminder! Reminder!

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.

The two-month look ahead:

May 8, 1945- V-E Day

Wednesday, May 9th-

Monthly Union Meeting

at 5:30 p.m. at the U.A.

Mechanical Trade School

Sunday, May 13th- Mother's Day

Saturday, May 19th-

Armed Forces Day

May 21, 1881-

American Red Cross founded

Wednesday, May 23rd-

Executive Board Meeting

at 5:00 p.m. at the

Local Union Business Office

Monday, May 28th-

Memorial Day (Paid Holiday

per the current C.B.A.)

May 29, 1917- Birth of John F. Kennedy, 35th President of the U. S.





June 6, 1944- D-Day in Normandy

Wednesday, June 13th-

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

Thursday, June 14th- Flag Day

Sunday, June 17th- Father's Day

Thursday, June 21st- First day of Summer (Summer Solstice)

Wednesday, June 27th-

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

SPECIAL NOTICE: Per the By-Laws of Plumbers Local Union No. 5, Section 18, "Nominations must be made and closed on the meeting night in May for the Business Manager/Financial Secretary-Treasurer." Therefore, nomination for Business Manager/Financial Secretary-Treasurer will be taken at the regularly scheduled May 9th Union Meeting to be held at the U.A. Mechanical Trade School, located at 8509 Ardwick-Ardmore Road, Landover, Maryland. The Union Meeting is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. The election for the Business Manager/Financial Secretary-Treasurer will be held on Wednesday, June 13th from 12 o'clock 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 this office, a run-off election will be held between those candidates on Saturday, June 16th at the U. A. Mechanical Trade School located at 8509 Ardwick-Ardmore Road, Landover, Maryland from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 o'clock Noon.

By-Law Section 18 (D) states, "Any journeyman member nominated for office must be present the night of nomination, or vouched for by the member

who nominated him/her that he/she will accept the position if elected." Also, 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."

Section 122, (D) of the U. A. Constitution states, "In an election of Local Union officers, an officer holding an office that is not up for election is not eligible for nomination to some other Local office set forth in Section 100 unless he first resigned the office he holds. His resignation must be written and filed with the Local Union prior to the mailing of nomination meeting notice", which will be no later than April 27, 2007.

Special Order of Business at the May, 2007 Union Meeting to vote on Section 40 of Plumbers Local Union By-Laws.

Special Order of Business at the June, 2007 Union Meeting to vote on Rule 41 of Plumbers Local Union By-Laws, which states: "it shall be an order of business in the month of June to act on Christmas donations for the members".

Special Order of Business: At our May 2007 Union Meeting will be to vote on the Finance Committee Report.

Current Assessments Due: Death #1056

Elevator Constructors Local 10

From the Business Office

"Spot is a dog not an Elevator." We do not spot elevators for hoistway access. Hoistway access is to be provided under direct supervision of an IUEC Mechanic. If an apprentice is asked to run a car you must call the hall and obtain permission and receive Mechanics rate. We need to know where cars are being operated for safety and to ensure proper compensation.

Hydraulic Elevators may be left for pit access under the following conditions:

- Car landed on pipe stands
- Oil line disconnect locked out/tag out
- Doors left open with proper barricades
- Pit access only, hoistway access requires operator.

Any and all questions call the hall. Remember we have a high volume of calls so please leave a message we will get back to you.

Virginia licensing is up and coming causing even more calls, so show a little patience with the voicemail.

You are the eyes and ears of the Business Office!! Together there is nothing out of our reach.

As always work safe and we look forward to seeing you at the meetings.

Seeking Qualified Teachers

Local 10's JATC is seeking qualified person's available to Instruct in our





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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 resume listing your qualifications to:

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

Fraternally,
Ralph Wellens,
JATC Chairman

Website

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

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:

Derek Beatty and his family on the death of his father-in-law.

IBEW 26 Federal Credit Union

On site ATM located in the Lanham facility now accepts deposits for IBEW 26 FCU accounts. Members of the credit union that want to deposit money into their IBEW 26 FCU account via the ATM will need an ATM/POS card to process the deposit. There are de-

posit envelopes located next to the ATM that you can put your deposit into then be sure to seal and mark the envelope. Insert ATM card and enter PIN then select deposit option and the deposit door will open so you can insert the deposit envelope. There will be a hold placed on all deposits until they are verified. All checks \$2,500 and over will have a hold placed on them until the credit union is able to verify the check has cleared the payees account. Cashier and certified checks must be verified with the issuing financial institution then hold will be released immediately. Any credit union members that would like to order an ATM/POS card can do so by filling out an application available at the Credit Union office or via the mail.

Springfest is going to be held April 23-26, 2007 from 3-5 p.m. at the IBEW LU 26 facility in Lanham, MD. The credit union will have new and used cars to preview from Safford Lincoln Mercury. Staff members from the Credit Union will be on site to answer questions about financing and take loan applications.

I.U.E.C. Local #10 Russell G. Hansborough Memorial Golf Tournament

Renditions Golf Course
1380 W. Central Avenue
Davidsonville, MD
JUNE 8, 2007
8:00 Shotgun Start
SCRAMBLE
\$125.00 per person

Renditions Golf Club requires all players to wear appropriate golf attire. Shirts with collars must be worn at all

times, soft spikes only. This event fills up early, so don't delay in getting your payment in.

For more information contact:
Jimmy Demmel
301-459-0497

Get your foursomes together, singles or doubles will be paired up.

Make your check payable to:
the **RGH Golf**
and mail to:

I.U.E.C. Local #10 Golf
9600 Martin Luther King Hwy.
Lanham, MD 20706

Please include golfers names with your check.

Picnic Information

It is time to mark your calendars for another sensational picnic at Smokey Glen Farm, 16407 Riffleford Road, Gaithersburg, MD on September 22, 2007. Great entertainment, food, fun and fellowship is scheduled from 11:00 to 6 p.m. Order forms must be in by September 14, 2007.

Dogs are not permitted to be in the park, unless they are there for medical reasons. Medical documentation is required when you order your tickets.

Entertainment: Old Skool Band more to be determined and you will be notified as contracts get signed.

Food will be served until 5:00 p.m. Chicken, Spareribs, Roast beef, baked beans, tossed salad, potato chips, rolls with butter, potato salad, macaroni salad, chilled fruit salad, tastykake desserts, hot dogs, bratwurst, self serve soft drinks, lemonade, iced tea and coffee, Budweiser, Miller Lite, O'Douls (non-alcoholic beer) and blush wine (I.D required).





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Each person entering the park will need to have a ticket; there will be no exceptions. Please fill out the Picnic Ticket Order Form and enclose a business size self-addressed, stamped envelope to have your tickets returned. Please do not enclose anything else with the order form and your check.

There will be no tickets issued after September 14, 2007. The Picnic Committee will issue all tickets. The Business Office will not have tickets or issue tickets.

There will be no tickets issued or sold at the gate. If you do not have a ticket, you will not be admitted. Please make your check or money order payable to IUEC Local #10 Picnic.

PICNIC TICKET ORDER FORM September 22, 2007 Smokey Glen Farm Gaithersburg, MD

PLEASE PRINT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

MEMBERS NAME: _____ HOME PHONE#: _____

MEMBERS SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ACTIVE MEMBERS TICKETS:

Would you like to serve on the Picnic Committee
(Minimum of 2 Hours = 1 FREE TICKET: _____
ADULT (18 and up) TICKETS: _____ @ \$10.00 EACH = \$ _____
CHILD(REN) TICKETS (AGE 7-17): _____ NO CHARGE
CHILD(REN) TICKETS (AGE 6 - under): _____ NO CHARGE

NAMES OF CHILDREN: _____

RETIRED MEMBERS TICKETS:

ADULT TICKETS: _____ NO CHARGE
*Retired Members are entitled to ONE (1) FREE TICKET for your spouse/friend-
Anyone else is considered a guest.

GUEST TICKETS:

ADULT (18 AND OVER) TICKETS: _____ @ \$30.00 EACH = \$ _____
CHILD(REN) TICKET(S) (AGE 2 AND UNDER): _____ FREE
CHILD(REN) TICKET(S) (AGE 3-17): _____ @ \$20.00 EACH = \$ _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS REQUESTED: _____ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED FOR TICKETS: \$ _____

YES, I WOULD LIKE A MAP: _____

PLEASE ENCLOSE A
SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED
BUSINESS SIZE ENVELOPE TO HAVE
TICKETS RETURNED.

PLEASE SEND THIS REQUEST TO:
IUEC LOCAL #10, PICNIC TICKETS
9600 MARTIN LUTHER KING HIGHWAY
LANHAM, MD 20706

ALL REQUESTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY September 14, 2007.





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