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LOOKING FORWARD

BY ANTHONY NOVELLO

Business Manager,
Financial Secretary Treasurer



Greetings Brothers & Sisters,

July 1, 2017 was officially one year into my first term of office as elected Business Manager. My team and I are working very hard during this busy time to fill calls and bring in new members. I cannot thank our membership enough for this opportunity and I will not let anyone down. A special thank you to those who worked so hard by my side to get me here.

Our current membership total today as I write this letter is 955. We are growing and expanding our market share of the work here in Orange County. The team and I have made great strides to meet contractors large and small, both signatory and

non-signatory to put our members to work. We will continue to work with politicians on both sides of the aisle that are friendly to labor and encourage project labor agreements.

Local 582 along with the Building Trades, had some success lately regarding project labor agreements in Orange County.

I recently signed 3 agreements within the past month. One with the Anaheim Union High School District, one with the City of Santa Ana for Public Works Projects, and one for Santa Ana Unified School District. This edge will significantly improve

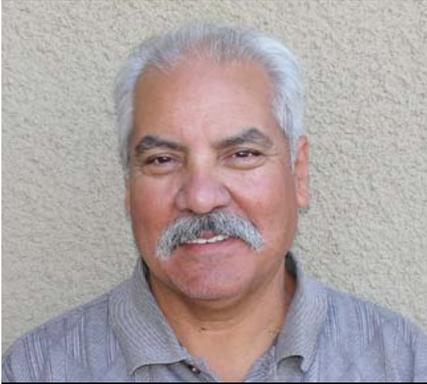
our contractors' chances of being awarded these projects, and Orange County will see more of them. The next one on our plate is the Anaheim Elementary School District. We have the votes and the willingness to add the Community Benefits Agreement onto the agenda. The hotels coming up are: Anabella, late this year, the first one amongst the Hotel PLA's, the New Disney Hotel, and 1700 S. Harbor Blvd. will be starting later next year. The J.W. Marriott was not under a PLA and has multiple signatory contractors bidding the job. All these mentioned hotels will be prevailing wage projects due to the city subsidy attached to it.

In recent events, we participated in a few golf fundraisers within the past months namely Local 709 Sprinklerfitters, and the DC 16 Mesothelioma. There was a very good contractor and union turnout. DC 16 Locals and Contractors raised a significant amount of money to continue the cancer research and strive to develop medicines that attack the cancer cells to give our UA Brothers a chance at survival. Local 582 and the rest of District Council 16 are committed to this organization and will continue to collaborate with Dr. Gil and Jerry Neil Paul.



Swearing in of new members.

BUSINESS AGENTS' REPORTS



RAY ANGON
Business Agent

The latest news for North Orange County is the Rancho Santiago Community College District, Community & Student Workforce Project Agreement (CSWPA).

This will allow for:

1. Local hire: 50% of the project for each contractor

will be filled by DISTRICT RESIDENTS, located in an area by zip codes.

- A. Employees must reside within the zip codes within the jurisdictional boundary of the district.
 - B. Veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces.
 - C. Participating in one of the Joint Labor Management Apprenticeship Committee training programs sponsored by the District or are graduates of said programs. Additionally, the CSWPA calls for 66% of the positions for the project work to be filled by individuals who are either District Residents or Orange County Residents.
2. Union Enrollment: CSWPA Requires that all contractors and subcontractors performing work on the project must enroll with

the relevant union signatory with the CSWPA for the project.

3. Fringe benefits: Each contractor shall pay fringe benefit contributions to the established union trust funds for all employees working on the project.

We could not gain these types of agreements without the help of union members and Politicians working together. We need your help to gain other city, county, and school agreements to put Union Members to work. When called to help, remember what is at stake...your future!

Thank you brothers and sisters.

Ray Angon
Business Agent
North Orange County



ROBERT JAMES
Business Agent

Hello Brothers & Sisters,

For this newsletter, I would like to talk about some of the videos the U.A. has on You Tube. Yes, the U.A. has a You

Tube channel that talks about a lot of different aspects of our trade. From reasons to join the U.A., to member's safety, and opportunity's that are available to us as members. I don't know about you but for myself I hardly watch any television anymore most of what I like can be found on You Tube and social media. If you look around, you can find a lot of scary stuff related to safety. What may seem to be a funny video should make us stop and think.

How many times have we seen crazy stuff at work? Somehow, someone got away without being injured. I once saw two carpenters a father and son team, holding a chop saw on its side to

cut off a piece of angle iron used to hold a safety cable, not smart to say the least. So please be safe and look out for your coworkers. We all need to go home in one piece! If you should get hurt, please report the injury, as soon as possible, to your supervisor.

We have had a few issues with this lately and in most cases, we can't do much to help you after the fact.

So, stay safe, pay your dues on time, and keep your certs. up to date.

Robert James
Business Agent
South Orange County



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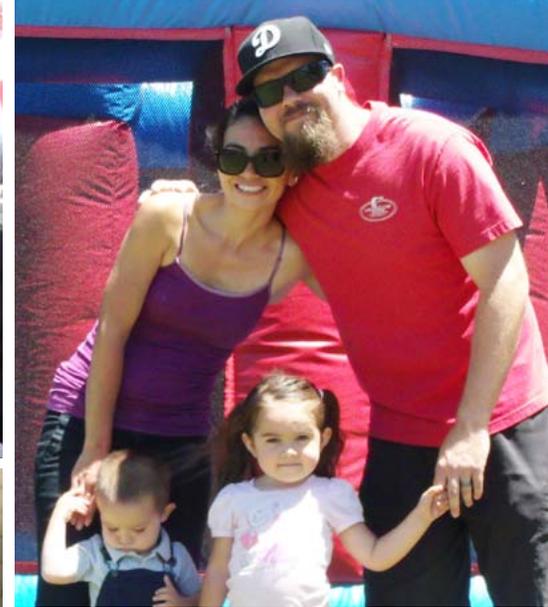
THIS PAST MAY.

Fun was had by all with union families, new and long-time friends, fabulous food, fun and games!

The pictures speak for themselves.
We hope to see more members next year!







A very special "Thank you" to Murray Company, Pan Pacific and Straightline Mechanical for their donations that made this day extra special!





ORGANIZER'S REPORT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Need a Plumber? Call SoCal Plumbers 911! 877-PLUMBER



LARRY KIRKCONNELL
Organizer

We have signed 2 new contractor's to the Master Agreement. A & D Plumbing and All Tech Plumbing signed on as SoCal Plumbers 911 contractors and we look forward to doing business with them. At this time, I am communicating with 3 other contractors who have shown interest in the SoCal Plumbers 911 and becoming signatory. I think as

time goes on the 911 program will grow into something special and SoCal 911 will become a household name. Brothers and Sisters, let's show our support for union service plumbers by supporting this program. **Call 877-PLUMBER when you have a plumbing issue.**

I have also signed S&A Plumbing & Mechanical to a single project agreement for the Karma Automotive Plant Project in Irvine. The owner was pretty happy with the workers sent to him. As you can see, contractors are showing an interest in what we have to offer, like highly skilled craftsmen and excellent training. Trained & skilled workers are getting hard to find and when these contractors want a skilled workforce they know they can find that with union workers.

As far as non-union workers we have taken in quite a few lately

as they are seeing the benefits of being in the union along with good wages, benefits and a pension. With work picking up we are starting to see non-union wages going up a little but it is still not enough to live off of. Most of our apprentices make more than non-union journeymen. We now have a math test and journeyman test to help place them accordingly. Brothers & Sisters, if you see a good non-union worker let them know the benefits of being in the union and give them my number. We can evaluate them. If they are good enough, we will make them members. There is going to be a shortage of good qualified workers and we need to be able to fill that void.

Sincerely,
Larry Kirkconnell

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST 25
District Council

SEPTEMBER 4
Labor Day

SEPTEMBER 7
JATC Meeting

SEPTEMBER 20
Union Meeting
5:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 23
Trust Fund Informational
Meeting at our Union Hall

SEPTEMBER 24-28
IAPMO Conference

OCTOBER 9
Columbus Day
(Not a UA Holiday)

OCTOBER 18
Union Meeting
5:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2
JATC Meeting

NOVEMBER 5
Day Light Savings Ends
Turn clocks back 1 hr.

NOVEMBER 11
Veteran's Day Observed:
Thank a vet for their
service!

NOVEMBER 15
Union Meeting
5:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 23 & 24
Thanksgiving Holiday Observed

We will host an informational meeting with a representative from the Trust Fund September 23, 2017.

This will be a great opportunity for you and your spouse to come and get important details about your Medical Insurance and benefits.

Time: **8-10 a.m.**
Location: **Local 582 Union Hall**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



PHIL FILLERS
UA Local 582 President

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

It was great to see all the members who joined us for the long-missed Local's picnic. We had approximately 450 members and family join in on food, fun, games and raffle. I want to give thanks to our Picnic Committee members Adam Elliott, Kirk Halonen and Larry Kirkconnell for putting on a

great event and a special thanks to those members who helped at the registration table.

Please join us at our monthly meetings, we have changed it up some and gone back to initiating all the new members at the meetings. Come down and welcome our new Brothers and introduce yourself. We will be dark for the August meeting due to Brother Novello attending part 2 of the UA's new Business Managers training in Ann Arbor during the annual Instructor Training Program week.

Mid Term testing for Apprentice's is fast approaching, please study and review!

I hope you had a great summer!

Congratulations to our members whom have retired recently:

Steve Allen
Steven Mundy
Jose Pintor
Carl Ritola

We have lost the following brothers:

Jesus Arrieta
Edward Daily
Leroy Deiter
Larry Jones
Francis Spatz
Marshall Sutherland
Justin Urias

Please keep their families and friends in your prayers. They will be missed.

CA STATE APPRENTICESHIP CONTEST



Brandon, Bryan & Servando with their awards and souvenirs! Great job!

We reported the State Apprenticeship Contest would be in May and the following represented Local 582 with pride:

Servando Hernandez-Lopez of Pan Pacific Mechanical was

our 5th Yr. Welder Apprentice Contestant. He worked very hard, but had some strong competition. He shared that, "this contest was a great experience. I would like to encourage all apprentices to try it. Test your knowledge against members from other Locals."

Brandon Sheibe from Murray Co., represented as our 4th Yr. Fitter Apprentice Contestant with vigor. Each contestant has a hands-on task, written exam, and a drawing task. Brother Sheibe shared this quote, "This contest was outstanding. It reminded me why I joined the union in the first place. After serving 9 years in the Marine Corps., I still long for brotherhood, the apprenticeship contest reminded me of that. No matter what local you were from or craft you were part of, we came together to showcase our learned skills and had a great time doing it in the process!"

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APPRENTICESHIP REPORT

Congratulations to the following graduates for August 1, 2017:

London Acevez	Matthew Long
Nicholas Baum	Anthony Nelson
Michael Cannon	Joshua Perez
Albert Celaya	Robert Todd
Antonio Hurtado	Robert Valencia
Terrell Jeffrey	Luis Yopez

In our last newsletter, we stated requirements for advancement in either February or August each year.

You may review your Rules & Regulations for these items. We had quite a bit of work to start the summer off, which brought new apprentices to begin school in June. The semester has had a great start with 1st Aid classes already scheduled in August. If you don't yet have your OSHA 30, you may sign up online at ajtraining.org.

At the California Apprenticeship Meeting in July many trades said

work would be good for a while for our State.

They reminded us that Refinery Safety (RSO) would be required by all who want to work at a refinery by January 2018. Although we may not have a refinery in O.C. We do have many contractors working on refineries in our surrounding areas, so if you travel out of O.C. for work, you may wish to log onto ajtraining.org or OSCA to obtain an RSO card. TWIC, Transportation Worker Identification Credential, as well, is often needed. Please submit receipt and copy of the cert. to our office.

Keep your fingers crossed, work hard, be safe and don't forget to sign the out of work book when work slows down or a job finishes!



Michelle Griffith
JATC Secretary

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Bryan Palmer, 3rd Yr. Plumber Apprentice Contestant, of Muir-Chase Plumbing, demonstrated his skills and expertise, in San Jose, California.

Thank you, gentlemen, for your time, energy, and dedication! It's amazing to see 10 or more apprentices competing against each other in their tasks. You are timed and tested for the best possible outcome. Next year, the contest will be in Los Angeles. Think about participating or come cheer on your co-workers! It starts now. Take an extra class on the A & J website, perfect your weld or braze technique and learn to draw a job site from a blank piece of paper. Those are just some of the many tasks that you master in your five (5) years of apprenticeship training. The winners of the State of California Contest advance to a Regional competition and then those winners compete in August with the best in our nation.

BENEFITS

Just a note to make all our members aware of the benefits that are available to them, and many are not taking advantage of such, simply because they don't know they have them.

- HRA - is a reimbursement account for out of pocket medical expenses, such as deductibles, prescriptions, etc., and can easily be claimed with a form downloaded from S.C.P.T. Admin Corp. or picked up at your local office.
- Weekly Disability Benefits- S.C.P.T. Admin Corp. also provides disability benefits of \$20 per week. You must

submit the form signed by your physician to Trust Fund office for processing. Forms are available at our office.

Hope you and your family had a safe summer,



Johanna Vela,
Office Manager

DEAR MEMBERS:

As of August 1, I returned to work full time. Our office is busy with dues, travel, dispatch and membership services. So, I look forward to hearing from you or seeing you when you come in for dispatch.

Our next membership meeting will be Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 5:30 P.M.



Brandy Gutierrez,
Office Secretary



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UA Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 582 is a combination local of Plumbers, Steamfitters & Welders with more than 900 members, including journeymen, apprentices & retirees. UA Local 582 was chartered on January 2, 1937.

Local 582 is a chapter of the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada (UA), which represents about 370,000 plumbers, pipefitters, sprinkler fitters, service technicians and welders in Local Unions across North America.

Established in 1889, the UA has been training qualified pipe tradesmen and women longer than anyone else in the industry. We provide premier training programs, including apprenticeships, extensive journeyman training, an instructor training program and numerous certification programs.

We help our signatory contractors grow their market share by identifying new opportunities, providing support, and connecting them to the safest, most skilled and most highly trained workforce in the industry.

