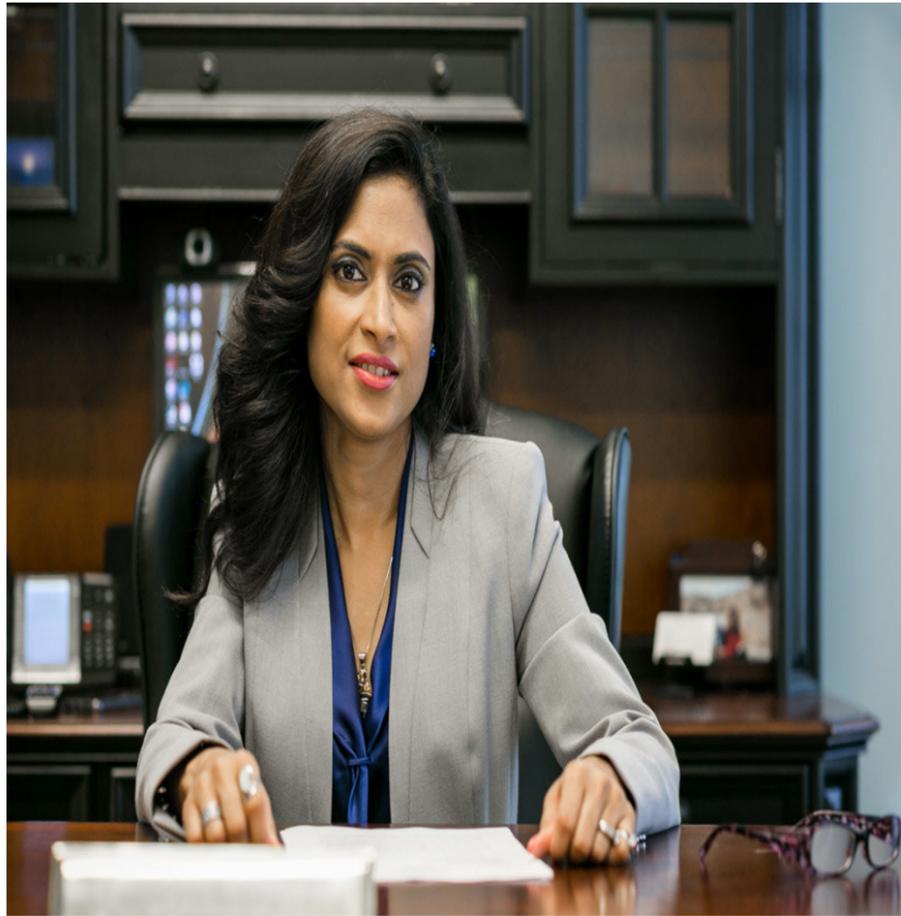


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## PER CAPITA INCREASE JANUARY 1, 2018

Local 582 members will see a \$ 2.00 increase in their monthly union dues, effective January 1, 2018, as a result of a corresponding \$ 2.00 increase in the United Association's per capita.

The per capita increase was enacted at the 39th United Association Convention, held in San Diego in 2016. The convention delegates voted for a \$ 2.00 increase effective January 1, 2018, with no subsequent per capita increases before the next UA Convention in 2022.

# LOOKING FORWARD

**BY ANTHONY NOVELLO**

Business Manager,  
Financial Secretary

Greetings Brothers & Sisters,

The last few months have been busy filled with meetings with new contractors, trustee training, and a visit from our International Representative, Bob Lamb. The UA put out an assessment for best practices and it was a good opportunity to self-assess our business practices and financials. We will continue to improve and utilize the best technology on the market for best results and superior service for our members.

There were some noteworthy events that took place over the past few months namely, "Women Build Nations" Conference which two of our members attended: Casey Wise and Rachel Cornejo. I had the opportunity to attend the International Foundation conference which

is an educational program for trustees. It is mandatory that each trustee who serves on a pension plan, defined contribution, health care plan or any Taft-Hartley fund refresh themselves on their duties and always strive for transparency.

The building committee has been working hard alongside our real-estate broker as we signed two new lease agreements. We are working on the last available suite to be filled by the years end. These lease agreements will keep Local 582 financially stable and help pay for events like the upcoming apprenticeship graduation in March 2018, as well as, our annual picnic. Over the next two years, we will see over \$110,000 in additional revenue. The building committee has been hard at work updating Suite 203



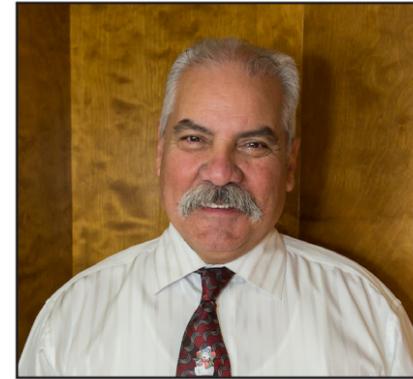
& 205 for the new lease agreements set to start on December 1, 2017. They are really coming a long way.

The Anabella Hotel has broken ground and the demolition of the existing hotel is underway. We are still anxiously awaiting the awarding of the plumbing and HVAC contract for the building. We are actively pursuing our signatory contractors to bid all the upcoming and ongoing Project Labor Agreements in place. Orange County will see even more growth in 2018!

Happy holidays to you and your families!



Thanks to the hard work of union members. We will be able to enjoy an amazing new sports venue. Oscar Morataya, Foreman, Robert Balos, Steward, Fasil Asfeha, John Aguirre, Dylanger Tomlinson, Alexis Dominguez, Jacob Jorgenson, & Nicolas Wingert



**RAY ANGON**  
Business Agent

### Happy Holidays Brothers and Sisters!

Closing out 2017...I would like to thank you for all your support throughout this pass year by helping the local,

when called upon for support in gaining PLA's for the school work, and other projects in Orange County. We still have a long way to go, but we are making progress and will continue with your support. Thanks again.

It is our job as journey men and women, to train and act as mentors to all registered apprentices on the job sites. Adopt an apprentice on your job and train them as your sibling. Remember what we all had to go through growing-up in the trade. We must pass our knowledge on and help the new apprentice in our trade. They may show us something new as well. This will make us stronger

in number of qualified workers in our trade.

Journeymen Training Incentive Program runs from January 1 through December 31, of each year. You can receive up to \$550 per year, for special certifications. As the year changes you start over again and you are eligible for another \$550 in the new year. Check with the Local for certifications eligible for reimbursement or log onto [ajtraining.org](http://ajtraining.org).

Thanks again for your help. We are looking forward to 2018 and work for everyone.

**Ray Angon**  
North Orange County



**ROBERT JAMES**  
Business Agent

### Hello Brothers & Sisters,

As we close out 2017 and approach another year as journeymen, women and apprentices we need to keep in mind how we treat our brothers and sisters

in the trade. This is a competitive business. We all know that. We have to train our apprentices, and if need be, help out our fellow journeymen and women. If someone is lagging or not getting the job done, we need to bring them up and not run around pointing fingers. Go help them. This will be better for the contractor, the union hall, and that member. You will feel good about helping a brother or sister get ahead.

I would also like to talk about tools. We all know what's on the tool list. Yes, most of us bring more and that's fine to a point. However, when someone brings power tools, it's not good for any of us, including the guy bringing the power

tool. If that tool breaks who is going to fix it, the contractor? My guess would be no. The guy who owns the tool will fix it or buy a new one.

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone for working hard and being safe.

### Happy Holidays and have a great New Year!

**Robert James**  
South Orange County



**GREAT PARK ICE & SPORTS COMPLEX, IRVINE, CA.  
WITH ACCO ENG. & ALL AREA PLUMBING**

Great Park Ice Rink is underway for us after the ground breaking in February this year. We are proud to have several members working on this exciting project for ACCO Eng. & All Area Plumbing. They are building one of the largest sports facilities in the Unites States. It will house 3 NHL ice rinks and one Olympic Ice Rink. The facility is projected to be completed Summer 2018. Our union members are doing the plumbing and fitting. We can't wait to see the finished complex. Keep up the great job.



Our second and always exciting project is **DISNEY'S FRONTIERLAND EXPANSION.** This is one of our largest projects with Disney to date. Southland Industries has both the plumbing and fitting for this project with approximately 40 UA members on the jobsite. While all of their projects are confidential, the news has shared that the Downtown Disney area will be making way for the new 4 Diamond Disneyland Hotel under a project labor agreement.



**Left to Right: Back Row: Asfaha Fasil, John Aguirre, Oscar Morataya (Foreman), Jacob Jorgenson, Robert Balos, & Alexis Dominguez  
Front Row: Jordan Kaliher, Martin Hinojo, Nicolas Wingert & Dylan Tomlinson**



## ORGANIZER'S REPORT



**LARRY KIRKCONNELL**  
Organizer

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I want to start off by thanking all of the members who have attended the various council and school board meetings. We all know some of these meetings can drag on and maybe be a little boring, but our presence makes a big difference. We now have several PLA's and more in the making which will in turn help our contractor's and put more members to work. We also

need to remember that voting the right politicians in office has helped us tremendously too. If it weren't for them, we wouldn't be getting any of these PLA's, bills or new laws passed.

Some other good news is that we have signed Spectrum Construction Group Inc. on to the master agreement. They are a general contractor and a self-perform contractor. They are pleased to be union. Spectrum knows when it comes to getting the job done right, union workers are the way to go. This contractor also does water treatment plants and the owner said he is going to use UA members to perform this work. This will help since we have other crafts invading this type of work. It's an ongoing battle with some of the other trades and with this contractor's help, we can hold on to what we have left and regain more work. We look forward to working with Spectrum Construction and helping them

to achieve their goals. I am also communicating with other potential contractors. I think as work picks up and with the shortage of qualified manpower more contractors will be looking to us to fulfill their needs.

I have seen some good things happening for some of the non-union workers lately. Some of them are getting paid more. These non-union contractors are realizing they are going to lose their workers to the union if they don't up their pay. It goes to show that the union benefits all workers, union and non-union. It's just too bad the unrepresented worker doesn't see that. It is up to us to educate them. If you're on a jobsite alongside non-union workers, let them know the reason they are getting paid good, is because of the union pay scale.

I want to wish all of you a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season! Remember those in need.

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

**NOVEMBER 11**  
Veteran's Day Observed

**NOVEMBER 17**  
New Apprentice Orientation at noon to enroll in the January Semester

**NOVEMBER 22**  
Union Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

**NOVEMBER 23 & 24**  
Thanksgiving Holiday Observed

**DECEMBER 1**  
Turn in Apprentice Work Hours Books

**DECEMBER 7**  
JATC Meeting & Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

**DECEMBER 15** (Approximately)  
Retirees Christmas Bonus

**& Member Holiday**

**Disbursement**  
(see scptac.org for details)

**DECEMBER 20**  
Union Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

**DECEMBER 25**  
Christmas Day

**JANUARY 1, 2018**  
New Year's Day

**JANUARY 20**  
Union Meeting 5:30 p.m.

# FEATURED MEMBER

## Richard Carrasco

Certified Journeyman Plumber...Welder  
Guinness Book World Record Holder



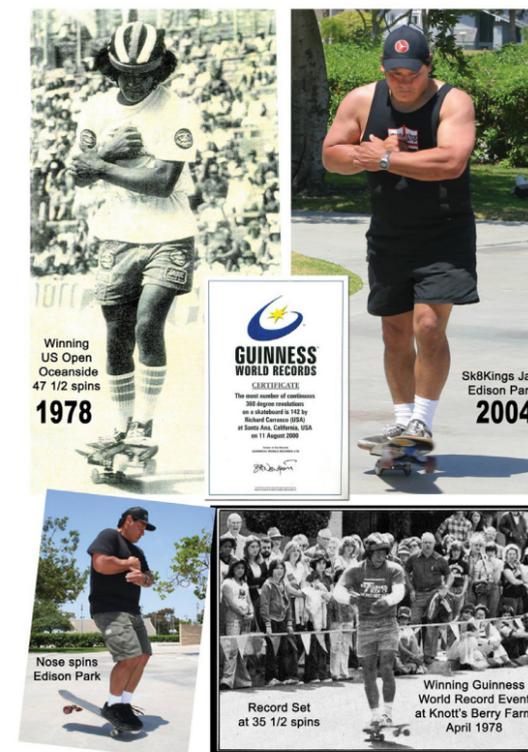
Brother Richard "Richy" Carrasco, like many members is multi-talented. However, few can say they are the skateboard spinning "360 King". Inspired at an early age, Richy began skating with his brothers known as the Flying Carrasco Brothers. In his teens Richy became a world champion and set a Guinness World Record for continuous 360-degree revolutions on a skateboard with 35 1/2 spins. In 2000 at age 38 - Richy smashed his own record and set a new Guinness record of 142 spins! With the sponsorship of Hobie, Pepsi and Powerflex he was able to accomplish some amazing dreams as a teen and was able to come back to it later in life to reach even more milestones in downhill slalom racing as well. Richy continues to travel the world for racing competition accompanied by his wife and business partner Maria along with their team of champion riders for their company Sk8Kings Skateboards - whose products are proudly made in USA. Some of his most memorable racing trips have been to the Czech Republic, France, Germany and

Latvia. Check out [www.sk8kings.com](http://www.sk8kings.com) for more info on that.

Richy credits his ability to work union as a plumber and welder for allowing him to pursue this dream of skateboarding throughout his adult life. His employers such as, Cout's Heating & Cooling, Xcel, Verne's, & Western Allied have enabled him to work in the trade which he loves and keep up with his career in skateboarding too. He worked for Swinerton at Disney, during his second wave of record setting days.

Like most members he comes from a union family. Richy is number 12 in the lineup of fifteen children and his father Raymond was a union plasterer and World War II Veteran who served under Patton at the Battle of the Bulge. He says, "It was Dad working for the union that provided for his large family growing up" and this example inspired him to pursue a career in the union construction trades.

**Thank you Richy for 31 years of membership.**



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



**PHIL FILLERS**

UA Local 582 President

Our last union meetings for the year will be December 20, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. in our hall. The membership has approved many raffle prize give-

aways for this meetings.

If you haven't attended one yet, now is the time! Member's must be in good standing to win.

Journeymen, please see the ajtraining.org website for reimbursement for training.

See you at the union meeting...

**PHIL FILLERS**

**A special thanks to all who serve our country!**



Congratulations to our newly retired members. We wish you a long and healthy retirement!

- Ian Hendry
- Rodney Larson
- Robert Malicki
- Than Hoang Nguyen

Our condolences go out to the family and friends of our members who have passed away:

- Brother Max Omohundro 7/20/2017
- Brother Robert Hatch 9/22/2017
- Brother William Boaz 10/1/2017
- Brother Ryan Knowles 10/23/2017

Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

## TOOLS REQUIRED...

- |                        |                             |                   |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Ruler, Tape Measure | 6. Phillips Screwdriver     | 11. Tin Snips     |
| 2. Level               | 7. 14" & 18" Pipe Wrenches  | 12. Pencil Reamer |
| 3. Channel Locks       | 8. Striker                  | 13. Hacksaw       |
| 4. Hammer              | 9. 8" & 12" Crescent Wrench | 14. Torque Wrench |
| 5. Blade Screwdriver   | 10. Tube Cutters            | 15. Nail Puller   |

## NO POWER TOOLS

## APPRENTICESHIP REPORT

**We are looking forward to reviewing records for apprentice advancements in February 2018!**

There are plans being made for a graduation ceremony in March 2018. This will be for graduates from August 2015 through February 2018. So, for those of you in your last semester of school, if you have 20 class credits, 7,500 work hours, required certifications, and meet requirements to graduate, you will be included. You have earned a celebration!

It is the season to be thankful.

Take a moment to appreciate the opportunities you have been given, the family, friends, and co-workers who you surround yourself with to make your life happy and successful.

Thank you for your hard work this past year on the job site and in the classroom. The time and effort you have given makes you a more successful individual.

Remember to turn in your Hourly Summary Reporting books (Blue/Orange) the first week of December!

We currently have 255 active apprentices in our local union!

I wish you and yours' a



joyful holiday season and a prosperous 2018!

**Michelle Griffith**  
**JATC Secretary**



## UNION OFFICE UPDATE....

Dear members,  
Wishing you and your families a safe and happy Holiday Season!

Please remember to notify the office when you are on disability. The trust fund has a small monetary compensation that may extend your health insurance. We have forms in our office.

You may reach the Trust

Fund at [scptac.org](http://scptac.org) or 800-595-7473 for questions regarding:

- Health & Welfare
- Vacation & Holiday
- Enrollment
- Claims
- 401K

**Johanna Vela,**  
**Office Manager**



## Members,

Please remember to contact the union hall for any address, email, or telephone number changes.

It is important that we have accurate contact information for you at all times.

Feel free to contact the union hall with any questions or concerns you may have.

I wish everyone a safe and Happy Holiday!

**Brandy Gutierrez,**  
**Office Secretary**





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