

NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 5, 2009

“Leadership at one time meant muscles; but today it means getting along with people.”

I gave myself some advice about writing my last newsletter to you, “Keep it short and sweet.” First, I want to thank all of you that I have worked with during my 18 years in the field and 13 years in the local office. I have learned so much and made some great friendships. I hope some of you feel the same way about me. Second, I ask that you please give Mike Huerta your support as he takes the place as Business Manager and remember that everyone has their own personality and way of doing things. He is an intelligent young man and will do a great job if you give him the chance. Last, don’t be surprised if you see me around at the union meetings and events. You can’t get rid of me that easily. Local 709 will always be very important to me.

A Special Called Meeting for Election of Delegates to the 89th California State Pipe Trades Convention was held on Monday, February 2, 2009. The three (3) delegates elected are Ray Calderon, Chris Hannan, and Todd Golden with Kathy Reyes as alternate.

California State Pipe Trades Scholarship Contest applications are being accepted until March 31, 2009. This is an excellent opportunity for your son or daughter to be awarded \$2,500 for their four-year college education. Please contact Judy or Maribel at the hall for further information and applications or visit the www.calpipes.org website.

Welding Certification Classes are available for journeymen and apprentices who are on the out of work list. They are being offered through Local 250 and PIPE. If you are interested, please contact Robin Schledorn or John Holmes at Local 709 (562) 907-7622 and they will set it up for you.

TWIC (Transportation Workers Identification Card) will soon be required on many government jobs. For those members on the out of work list, Local 709 will subsidize your application fee if you meet the TWIC eligibility requirements. Please contact President Mike Huerta for more information.

2008 Base Dues Statements from Local 709 have been mailed out. Please call Judy at the hall if you do not receive your statement.

2008 Tax Statements are mailed directly from the Building Trades Federal Credit Union. If you do not receive your tax statement, please contact the Credit Union directly at (714) 704-2800.

Death Assessments for 2008 are \$21.00 (7 deaths @ \$3.00 each) and are **due now**. Please send in your payment immediately. According to the U.A Constitution and By-Laws, any payment received must first be applied to the death assessment before applying to your dues. Death assessments are not paid by retired members.

Anglers interested in a day of Sportfishing should contact Local 709 member Robin Hillis at (562) 531-8636 or (562) 818-4628.

Union Holiday: Presidents Day will be celebrated on Monday, February 16, 2009. All work done on that day will be at the double-time rate.

We are Saddened to Report the passing of lifetime member Brother Martin O'Donnell. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends during this time of loss. He will be missed.

"The final test of a leader is that he leaves behind in other men the conviction and the will to carry on."

Fraternally yours,



Sal A. Chiaravalloti
Business Manager/Financial Secretary

Dates to Remember:

- February 14, 2009 – Valentine's Day (Don't forget!)***
- February 16, 2009 – Presidents Day Holiday (Double-time rate)***
- March 1, 2009 – Dues are Due***
- March 2, 2009 – Union Meeting***
- March 31, 2009 – Deadline for California Pipe Trades Contest***
- April 1, 2009 – Dues are Due***
- April 6, 2009 – Union Meeting***

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