

NEWSLETTER –June 5, 2009

“Prosperity is just around the corner.”

At the Special Called Meeting regarding the increase to the hourly contribution rate for the Pension Plan, it was voted by the body that the \$1 come from vacation. Thank you to those that voted for any of the proposals. All contractors will be notified of the upcoming changes. Remember, this change will only be in effect for two months, July and August, as we will be getting our raise on Sept. 1st. I would like to thank Special Representative Bob Lamb for attending our meeting and installing the officers before the start of the meeting. Bob is a very good friend of Local 709.

Next month we will have two Special Called Meetings, the first one on Monday, July 6th, 2009 to discuss where the wage increase of \$2.55 will be distributed amongst wages, SIS, and/or vacation, and the second one on Monday July 27th, 2009 to vote on where the raise will go. Please be in attendance at these very important meetings to help determine where our raise will go.

Special Called Meetings at the Local 709 James J. Duffy III Meeting Hall at 12140 Rivera Road, Whittier, CA 90606 at 5:30pm:

Monday, July 6th, 2009 - To Discuss Where the September 1st Wage Increase should be distributed amongst wages, SIS and vacation.

Monday, July 27th, 2009 – To Vote on Where the September 1st Wage Increase should be distributed.

The Union Picnic is upon us, Saturday, June 20th, 2009 @ 11a. The picnic will be held at Gemmrig Park in Long Beach. We will need lots of volunteers to help with all aspects of set-up, clean-up, and the running of the many events. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Maribel, Judy, or myself with your name, contact information and what you would like to help with. I thank you in advance.

Attention all ex-Guardian Fire Protection employees. If you worked for the company during the time period of March 2008 through June 2008, you should have received all back payments to your SIS Fund Pension by now. If not, please contact me at the hall.

Reminder for those that have Automatic Payment of Monthly Base Dues through Union Yes Federal Credit Union. Please be advised that your account must have a minimum balance, at the beginning of each month, equal to that of \$25 plus the amount which you have requested to be paid to Local 709. If not, no payment will be sent to Local 709 and that month's dues will not be paid. Your authorization of payment is for a set amount only each month. You will not receive a notice either from the Credit Union nor Local 709 regarding there being no dues payment. Please contact Maribel or Judy to check on your current charges due.

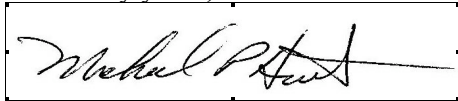
Another Reminder to always keep your contact information current. If we do not have your correct and current contact information, then we will be unable to contact you should there be a need. This means either through mailings or phone calls. Just because you put a new phone number in the out-of-work book, this does not mean that the computers have been updated. You must notify Maribel or Judy of all changes immediately.

Reminder that Saturday, July 4th, 2009 is a Union Holiday, however it shall be observed on Friday, July 3rd. Any work performed on that Friday, Saturday, or Sunday will be at the Double-Time rate.

Irwindale Speedway vouchers are available. Vouchers are very limited and are on a first come, first served basis with a limit of only two (2) per member. Please see Maribel or Judy at the hall. The Speedway will also be hosting Pipe Trades Night on Saturday, June 13th, 2009.

Anglers interested in a day of Sport fishing, should contact Local 709 Brother Robin Hillis at (562) 531-8636 or (562) 818-4628.

Fraternally yours,



Michael P. Huerta
Business Manager/Financial Secretary

Dates to Remember:

- June 13, 2009 – Pipe Trades Night @ Irwindale Speedway***
- June 16, 2009 – Retiree Meeting @ Union Hall***
- June 20, 2009 – Union Picnic @ Gemmrig Park***
- July 3, 2009 – Fourth of July Holiday Observed (Double-time rate)***
- July 4, 2009 – Fourth of July Holiday (Double-time rate)***
- July 6, 2009 – Special Called Meeting (see above)***
- July 14, 2009 – Retiree Fishing Trip***
- July 21, 2009 - Retiree Meeting @ Union Hall***
- July 27, 2009 – Special Called Meeting (see above)***

Reminder Check payable to: LOCAL 709

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Journeyman \$26; Apprentice \$26; Residential \$24; Retired (65 B4 12/31/01) \$15; Retired (65 B4 12/31/06) \$19; Retired (All Other) \$20 Mail to: 12140 Rivera Road., Whittier, CA 90606	
Amount \$	
Month(s) Paying:	
Initiation Due:	
Death Assessment:	\$21 for 2008
Reinstatement Fee:	

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