1st Quarter: January - February - March 2018

## COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

The St. Paul Plumbers Local 34 Collective Bargaining Agreement will expire on April 30, 2018.

You will have your chance to vote on Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

Please watch your mail and our website for more information — www.plumberslocal34.org.



New Plumbing shop at St. Paul College!

## NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

We are starting a new year! 2017 provided many work opportunites for the Members of Plumbers Local 34. Total membership increased and Apprentice numbers are up. The remodel of the Plumbing shop at St. Paul College is complete. This is a testament to the hard work and commitment of the Members of Plumbers Local 34.

There are a lot of good things happening, but we cannot lose sight of the fact that we are under attack every day from our non-union competition and politicians who do not support our views. We need to put people in office that support prevailing wages, project labor agreements, strong licensing laws, and who do **not** support right-to-work legislation. We need to remember this in the upcoming Governors race.

Melvin Carter is the Mayor-Elect for St. Paul. We are looking forward to continuing the great working relationship the Local has had with the St. Paul Mayoral office. I would also like to thank Mayor Coleman for the great work he did for the City. His leadership provided countless jobs for the Members of Local 34. We offer thanks and wish him well in the future.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW RETIREES**

Leonard McCracken and Richard Smeed

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

LABOR HEALTH FAIR: April 21, 2018 at US Bank Stadium.

WATERS OFF: Saturday, April 7, 2018. Call now to volunteer!

**PIPE TRADES CONVENTION:** The Convention will be in St. Paul, **June 13-15**, **2018**, at the InterContinental Hotel. Nominations at the February Union Meeting, with the Election in March.

# **SYMPATHIES**

Local 34 extends its deepest sympathies to the families of: **Lee Bengtson**, **Robert Nelsen and Mike Schaible** 

## ADDITIONAL CLINIC LOCATION

New Pipe Trades Clinic location - located in Eagan at 930 Blue Gentian Rd.

## ATTENDANCE CHECKS

2017 Union Meeting attendance checks will be available at the February 13th, 2018 meeting.

## **MONTHLY DUES RATES FOR 2018**

Journeyman - \$170 Dues Relief - \$77 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Apprentice - \$85 Dues Relief - \$38 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Year Apprentice - \$128 Dues Relief - \$58

## INCOME TAX DEDUCTION ON HOURS WORKED

January – December 2017 \$3.17 Journeyman

Call for Apprentice rates

Check the Pipe Trades Services Minnesota website for your hours worked. Log in to your personal user account at <a href="https://www.ptsmn.org">www.ptsmn.org</a>. To set up a new account, use access code: Pipe135z.

## RETIREE LUNCHEON

**CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON:** The Retiree Club and Officers Gene Husnick, Howard Hanson, Bob Schwartzbauer, and incoming Treasurer Rick Klein, would like to thank the Membership of Local 34 for hosting the Retirees Christmas Luncheon at Mancini's Char House on December 5, 2017. Over 100 attended the luncheon despite the cold winds and icy roads

**SPRING LUNCHEON:** The Plumbers Retiree Club Spring Luncheon is hosted by the Retiree Club. Invitations will be sent to *paid* members. The spring luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, May 3, 2018 at Mancini's Char House. Dues are \$20 for 2018. If you would like to join, or have not yet paid, please mail your club dues to Rick Klein, 2754 Voyageur Drive, Woodbury, MN 55125.

## **TECHNOLOGY**

**CREDIT CARDS:** We are now able to accept credit cards to pay your dues. Please call or stop in.

**WEBSITE:** Our website is getting a facelift! Log on now to access even more information. www.plumberslocal34.org.

**APP:** Download the Plumbers and Gasfitters Local 34 app, and get timely reminders for union meetings and other member events.

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Always strive for excellence!



New Plumbing Shop at St. Paul College.

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