WATERS OFF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

HELP PEOPLE IN NEED! We need VOLUNTEERS and TRUCKS, SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2009. Contractors have agreed to donate the use of their trucks, and we need 100 Local 34 plumbers. Show up for breakfast at 7:00AM on Saturday the 21st @ the Continuing Education Center 1890 Buford Avenue on the U OF M ST. PAUL CAMPUS. Contact the office @ 651-224-3828 to sign up.

IMPORTANT! LABOR CARE HEALTH FAIR IMPORTANT!

Saturday, April 4, 2009 at the Minneapolis Convention Center more information can be obtained online @ www.laborcarehealthfair.com and to schedule appointments early. All members and families are recommended to attend. Free parking.

ST. PAUL PLUMBERS RAISE ALLOCATION

Vote at the April Union Meeting on the allocation of $2.40 increase May 1, 2009.

BYLAWS CHANGE

H. Dues Forgiveness:
   In conditions of extreme unemployment in Local 34 jurisdiction, the Local may offer its unemployed members dues forgiveness. The following criteria must be met;

   ❖ Dues Forgiveness will start effective January 1, 2009
   ❖ Eligibility may start when 25% of its membership, separated by zone 1 and zone 2, is unemployed on the first day of any given calendar month
   ❖ The member must be eligible and pay dues relief for three months, on the fourth month dues forgiveness will start
   ❖ Dues must be paid in full to the date the member is eligible for dues relief
   ❖ Dues forgiveness may be granted from when the members eligibility is met until the member returns to work and funds are available as determined by the E-Board and Finance Committee
   ❖ This may continue until the by-laws are revised, January 1, 2012 and. The By-Laws committee will make the recommendation to continue dues forgiveness or not. This will be voted on by the membership
   ❖ The member is not eligible for dues forgiveness if they are on dues relief and working for another UA Local
   ❖ The member may qualify for dues forgiveness if they are out on a disability and the prior criteria are met
   ❖ No Meeting refund will be paid to member that has received dues forgiveness

NEW RETIREES

David Dahl    Patrick Dwyer    Richard Hanley    James Holisky
Steve Malecka  Mark Pohl    Al Sarzoza    Mike Strub
The Plumbers Retiree Club Spring luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2009 @ Cherokee Steak House social hour begins @ 11:00AM, with luncheon served @ NOON. The dues for the Retiree Club are $15.00 for 2009. If you would like to join, or if you have not paid, you can mail the club dues to: John Dzik, 766 So. Lexington Parkway, St. Paul, MN. 55116

SYMPATHIES

Local 34 extend its deepest sympathies to the families of:

David Kaufmann          Kenneth Peterson

CONGRATULATIONS KARL DODGE!

CONGRATULATIONS to 5th year apprentice Karl Dodge! Karl represented Local 34 in the State Apprenticeship contest in February. Although he did not win the contest, he did a great job and held his own against some tough competition. Great job Karl!

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Applications for scholarships for post secondary education (College, Vocational/Technical, Trade School & Adult Union leadership classes from the AFL-CIO and MN Pipe Trades) are available on our website @ www.plumberslocal34.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

PIPE TRADES CONVENTION:
There will be nominations & elections at our May 12th Union Meeting, the convention will be held in Tower, Minnesota June 17 - 19, 2009.

BLDG. TRADES CONVENTION:
There will be nominations and elections at our June 9th Union Meeting for the convention July 29- 31, 2009 in Rochester.

THE ANNUAL PICNIC will be held @ BATTLE CREEK PARK, Saturday, August 22, 2009 beginning @ 12:00 NOON. Bring the family; there will FUN for all ages.

FARE FOR ALL

Save up to 50% on groceries @ Fare for All Express Network. Purchase food packages @ 411 Main on March 24, April 21, May 19 and June 23 from 11:00AM to 1:00PM. For further information www.fareforall.org or call 763-450-3880.

UNION SPORTSMAN’S ALLIANCE

Union Sportsman’s Alliance Banquet April 30, 2009 hosted by Ron Schara @ Minneapolis IOUE Local 49 Union Hall; tickets must be purchased in advance. $60 includes membership, dinner and door prize drawing. Questions, please call 612-331-0270.

Stan Theis          Thomas McCarthy          David Cormier
Business Manager   Business Representative   Field Representative

There is no substitute for a skilled Local 34 craftsman!
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