



UA LOCAL 396 JOURNAL

From the Desk of the Business Manager...

The strength of our membership has always been in mastering adversity, and when given an opportunity, working together to achieve great rewards. Now we have the opportunity to rebuild the Mahoning Valley, through industrial, commercial and residential work. V&M Star, even though it has been delayed, is starting to move forward. GM is holding the last tripartite meeting to open the discussion regarding the demo of the existing phosphate/expo lines and moving the new e-coat phosphate to the front of the paint shop. Also, many discussions have taken place with the president of the Steelworkers over the outside contracting project at Severstal Steel.

The PIPE Program is doing its job and is involved with future work at the Tech Belt Energy Innovation Center in Warren, Ohio. The company that is involved with this project is Nortech Energy Enterprise from Cleveland, Ohio. We have had the first meeting with this company and are planning to partner with Eastern Gateway Community College and Nortech Green Energy Center. We are also working on the Federal Building in Youngstown for the redevelopment of the area.

Columbiana and Mahoning Counties are in the

beginning of a gas rush with the Marcellus Shale, The Chesapeake, and Dominion Energy Company bringing over 200 property/lease agreements to claim the oil and gas rights in our jurisdiction. Many discussions took place at the last OSA meeting with Int. Rep. TL Ranson and Business Manager Jeff Beresford from LU 83, Wheeling, WV over the involvement of the work with these drilling companies. LU 83 has been very successful in turning projects union, and our goal is to use the UA to help us on Marcellus Shale when it starts.

Because of the high demand for welders and the work we will have in 2011, we need to improve our welding program. Using the welding shop during the day along with applying for grants for an accelerated welders training program should help members get certified in welding, creating great opportunities for lasting employment. The UA is looking to have a road local union for welders only, like Local Union 669 Sprinklerfitters. If we cannot provide the welders, the UA will. We need to be proactive.

Finally, to all our members and their families and friends: Please exercise your right to vote, and vote for the endorsed candidates that will benefit our membership!

Fraternally,
Butch Taylor
Business Manager



A Word from the Business Agent

Another summer has come and gone and we wonder, where did the time go? Unfortunately, work at home this past quarter was very slow. Work at Mittal Coke, Patriot

Steel, and GM Lordstown are on-going with minimal work crews. Many members however have been able to take advantage of job opportunities on the road. Combination welders have been in high demand all summer and calls are now available for UA 21 welders and fitters. Our members have accepted jobs in Lima, Charleston West Virginia, Western Pennsylvania, Morgantown West Virginia, Pittsburgh, and Detroit.

Work at home should improve with the start of V&M Star's civil package this quarter. Michigan contractor De-Cal Mechanical has the piping work. They plan to hire soon, and work through spring installing sleeves and underground H.D.P.E. fused pipe.

Our local contractors have also been awarded work that should begin this fall.

We continue to work the PIPE Program, monitor prevailing wage, and check plumbing and heating permits throughout the jurisdiction. We are also working with our community leaders and state officials. I encourage all of you to go to the polls early, or on November 2nd, and cast your vote for labor-friendly candidates.

Fraternally,

Tim Callion, B.A.

VOTE NOVEMBER 2ND!!

The following candidates have been endorsed by the WRBT, the AFL-CIO, or have proven themselves to be friends of working families and organized labor: (You may want to take this to the polls with you):

Gov/Lt Governor: Strickland/Brown

Sec. of State: Mary Ellen O'Shaughnessy

Auditor of State: David Pepper

State Treasurer: Kevin Boyce

State Attorney General: Richard Cordray

Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice:

Eric Brown

Ohio Supreme Court Justice: Mary Jane Trapp

US Senate-State of OH: Lee Fisher

US House 6th District: Charlie Wilson

US House 14th District: Bill O'Neill

US House 17th District: Tim Ryan

Ohio Senate 33rd District: Joe Schiavoni

Ohio State Rep 1st District: Linda Bolen

Ohio State Rep 59th District: Ron Gerberry

Ohio State Rep 60th District: Bob Hagan

Ohio State Rep 61st District: Mark Okey

Ohio State Rep 64th District: Tom Letson

Ohio State Rep 65th District: Sean O'Brien

Ohio State Rep 99th District: Deborah Newcomb

Court of Appeals 7th District: Gene Donofrio

Columbiana County-

Common Pleas Court: Melissa Byers-Emmerling

Mahoning County-

Commissioner: Carol Rimedio-Righetti

Common Pleas Court: James Evans

Auditor: Michael Sciortino

Trumbull County-

Commissioner: Frank Fuda

Common Pleas Court: W. Wyatt McKay

Auditor: Adrian Biviano



**Local 396 Business Agent
Tim Callion**

The Importance of Safety on the Job

In light of recent tragedies in fellow Locals, the role of safety at the workplace has taken top spot. We here at Local 396 have been fortunate to have not suffered any recent tragedies on the job-site, yet should all be reminded how important it is to remain vigilant about safety.

The following is an excerpt of a testimonial given before Congress by Jodi Thomas, whose husband, Ron Crabb, was killed in the Kleen Energy explosion on February 7, 2010. He was 42 years old and a member of Local 777. "Ron was a man who lived and loved life every day. He loved his family with his whole heart. He inspired a loyalty in friends that I have seldom seen in my lifetime. He brought joy and laughter to so many people, even strangers. He also gave his time to the community, the union and the people of the State of Con-

necticut.

Ron was very proud of his trade and believed strongly in the principles of unionism. He was a talented, skilled tradesman who worked hard and conducted himself ethically and with integrity. He believed that everyone should have a voice and believed in focusing on unity and common ground. Ron had been working 40 hours per week at the Kleen Energy plant since September 2009, when he was hired by IST to perform the instrumentation and control work at the plant. This is a specific area within the trade for which Ron had obtained specialty certification. About 4 or 5 months after starting at Kleen Energy, in late January 2010, IST asked Ron to be the General Foreman for instrumentation and he was given authority to hire a crew. He then began working seven 12-hour days and had been doing so for only

about a week or two before the explosion. Ron and I talked about his job at Kleen Energy at least a little bit every night. I know that he felt challenged by the work and wanted to do a good job, not just because of his work ethic, but also to help his trade possibly secure more work in this specialty. I hope to be able to give a sense of how has this devastating tragedy has affected our lives. Ron left behind two sons: my step-son, Tyler, age 18, and our our six-year-old little boy, Dylan. By everyone's account, he was an extraordinary father. Every one of my son's friends (and their parents) thought he was the greatest dad in the world - and he was. Dylan is too young to grasp the full magnitude of this devastating loss and how it will impact him in the future. But what he does know is that his daddy went to work one day and never came home. The most heartbreaking

thing, though, is that this beautiful little boy will be deprived of father's love, guidance and companionship for the rest of his life. As for me, this loss, and my grief, are so big that I can hardly find the words to express them. I can best describe it as profound heartache. Ron, to me, was an angel here on earth. My angel and my soul mate. The manner and cause of Ron's death have only compounded our family's grief. This tragedy should never, ever have happened. It was preventable. This is why I urge you, please, do not allow Ron's death to be in vain. Real change, real protection for hard-working Americans, must come out of this. It is the only way to truly honor him and the other men who lost their lives, whose families are forever broken." *(The Local 396 membership made a donation to support the UA families of LU 777 who have lost loved ones).*

President's Report

From George Popovich,
President of Local 396:

Western Reserve Building Trades will be hosting a FISH FRY on Friday, October 22nd. Doors open at 7:00 PM. The fish fry will be held at the Operating Engineers Hall at 291 McClurg Road in Boardman. Admission is \$15.00.

Attention all Youngstown State Football fans: Local 396 still has tickets available for several games. If you are interested, please contact the union hall.

The Local 396 Annual Christmas Dinner Dance will be held Saturday, December 4th at the Mahoning Country Club. A flyer for this event is enclosed. Please RSVP by Monday, November 22nd.

WHEELCHAIR RAMP

The Mahoning and Trumbull County Union Counselors have just finished a wheelchair ramp on Idaho Road in Austintown. This wheelchair ramp was one of the most expensive and time consuming ramps ever built by the Union Counselors. The ramp benefited a young lady who has Cerebral Palsy. A big thank you goes out to Paul Demeretz of Carpenters Local 171 and the rest of the Union Counselors that made this a success. This project was funded by the United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley.



DAY OF CARING PROJECTS

The Western Reserve Building and Construction Trades took on a project at Family Service Agency, at a home on Marmion Ave., for the United Way Day of Caring on September 10th. This project was headed up by the Laborers of Youngstown Local 125. Under their direction the rest of the trades helped to clean up and clear out items that were no longer of use. The furnace which was not working was dismantled along with the old hot water tank and sanitary sink. The various trades then looked over the house, the Plumbers Local 396 will redo the plumbing, the Painters Local 476 will paint the inside of the home, the Carpenters Local 171 will replace windows, and the Sheet Metal Workers Local 33 will install a new furnace. The trades will use many of their apprentices to help accomplish this work. The Western Reserve Building and Construction Trades are committed to giving back to the community. A total of 400 volunteers from 37 local businesses and organizations completed projects at 30 local non-profit agencies as part of our United Way's Annual Day of Caring.

In Memoriam

The following LU 396 members have recently passed: Roger Slosser, initiated into the union June 20, 1958, died October 5th, 2010, and Michael Schuler, initiated January 19, 2004, died October 10, 2010.

"O God, Who has called hence the soul of our Brother/Sister who has departed this life. You who alone Knowest the secrets of each heart, with all its trials, sorrows and temptations; we beseech Thee to have mercy upon him/her, and also upon all those, our brothers and sisters, who have gone previously; pardon each sin that they have committed and give them rest, light and peace in Thy everlasting Kingdom; all of this we beg through you our God and Savior."

UPCOMING RETIREE BREAKFAST

We are pleased to host another Informational Retirees Breakfast on Monday, October 25, 2010, 9:00 AM, at the LU 396 HVAC SHOP. We will have guest speakers including Bruce Kirkland from the state, Congressman Charlie Wilson, and Commissioner Carol Rimedia-Righetti. If you have not already done so, please RSVP. Please attend also to support the upcoming November 2nd elections.

New York Life—Investment Seminar

Representatives from Morgan Stanley will be on-hand at 6:30 PM, an hour before the December 2nd union meeting at the Operating Engineers Hall on McClurg Road. This seminar is **open to all members**; if you plan on attending this presentation, please notify the union hall at 330-758-4596.

On the Training Front

From Marty Loney, Local 396 Training Coordinator...

The apprenticeship program for the Building Trades Apprentices has gotten off to a fast start this year. We began school on September 7th with 1st through 4th year apprentice classes. A total of 34 building trades apprentices are currently in the program. They have also been active in community service by doing another Habit for Humanity House on October 9th.

Journeyman Weld Classes are underway on Thursday evenings from 6 PM to 9 PM. We are seeing a lot of calls for combo welders, so please come in and practice. The next weld test session will be on Saturday, November 20th. We have had good

turnouts on Thursdays, especially from apprentices, so please keep up the good work.

Some upcoming classes for journeymen are: Backflow Recert, Foreman Training and Green Awareness.

Please be sure to keep up all continuities as some of the certifications are third party issued; once the dates lapse, the whole process must be started over.



2011—2012 MEMBERSHIP CARDS

The United Association will soon be mailing new membership cards to the hall. You will not receive your membership card until all dues and death benefits have been paid to the end of 2010. If you still owe payment, please remit as soon as possible.

ACCELERATED WELDER TRAINING PROGRAM

Plans are moving forward to open a day welding class, Monday through Friday, to help members work towards obtaining their weld certifications. Any retired member who would like to assist this program during the week would be appreciated.

We have applied for grants from the UA for 18-week training programs. Classes are administered by UA Instructors and are held daily, Monday through Friday. Hopefully this program will help LU 396 journeymen and apprentices obtain welding certifications, as there is a shortage of welders in the nation.

TO ALL RESIDENTIAL MEMBERS:

We will be setting up a meeting in the month of November to discuss training programs and future options. Notices will be mailed for this meeting, and we ask for all residential members to attend.

Members In Action



Above: Congressman Tim Ryan joins Local 396 members at a fundraiser in September at McMenemy's. *Left to right:* Tim Ryan, Tim Callion, Chuck Lehnerd, Butch Taylor, Commissioner Anthony Traficanti, Terry Stanton, Pastor Simon, and John LuBonovic.

Above: (McMenemy's fundraiser, left to right) Charlie Harris, Marty Loney, Congressman Ryan, Tim Callion, Chuck Lehnerd, Butch Taylor.



Right: Governor Ted Strickland joins Senator Sherrod Brown, Congressman Tim Ryan and others at the V&M Star Groundbreaking in June.

Left: Several LU 396 members hard at work during Thursday night welding.

Below: ATR Don Jessop overseeing the welders.



Top: LU 396 coordinator Marty Loney, filming a political commercial for the Democratic party last month.

Right: Agent Tim Callion making his acting debut in same commercial.



Right: Vice-President Joe Biden and Congressman Ryan at a recent fundraiser in the Valley, hosted by Bruce Zoldan.

Upper right: BM Butch Taylor had the opportunity to attend, posing with (left to right:) Bruce Zoldan, Governor Ted Strickland, an unnamed union worker, and Larry Fauver.

