



UA LOCAL 396 JOURNAL

From the Desk of the Business Manager...

Unions and our backgrounds have profound influence on Politicians, therefore we need to be active in this General Election of 2012.

This maybe the most important election of our lifetime for the future of our trade unions and Local Union 396. Extra monies have been coming into Ohio from anti-union organizations and for anti-worker laws. The right to work legislation will hurt working families.

We need to get out and vote. **Please bring your family and friends to vote on November 6, 2012.**



If it was not for \$20 million dollars of stimulus money for the land preparation and the relocation of the railways, V&M Star would not have been able to build the \$1 billion dollar plant in the Mahoning Valley. This and all of the new businesses that have followed came through the support of President Obama, Senator Sherrod Brown, and Congressman Tim Ryan.

The following are endorsed candidates that have supported the needs of the Building Trades and Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 396:

Federal Candidates

President/Vice-President:
Barack Obama/Joe Biden
Senator: **Sherrod Brown**
Congressman: **Tim Ryan**

Candidates: Columbiana County

State Representative, District 1: **Nick Barborak** (union member)
Columbiana County Commissioner: **John Payne** (large involvement in the Oil & Gas project in Wellsville, Ohio)
Columbiana County Commissioner: **Joe Conker** (United Association member of Local 219)
Columbiana County Sheriff: **John Soldano**
County Recorder: **Brenda Dickey Myers**
County Treasurer: **Linda Bolen**

Candidates: Mahoning County

State Representative 59th District: **Ron Gerberry**
County Commissioners: **Dave Ditzler**
Anthony Trafficanti
County Sheriff: **Jerry Greene**
County Treasurer: **Daniel Yemma**
Prosecuting Attorney: **Paul Gains**
County Engineer: **Patrick Ginnett**

Candidates: Trumbull County

State Senator: **Capri Cafaro**
State Representative 64th District: **Tom Letson**
State Representative 63rd District: **Sean O'Brien**
County Sheriff: **Thomas Altiere**
Prosecutor: **Dennis Watkins**
County Engineer: **Randy Smith**

Judges

Ohio Supreme Court:
Yvette McGee Brown
Mike Skindell

Court of Appeals:

Mary DeGenaro
Mary Jane Trapp



Now more than ever your vote counts! Some people believe that their one vote will not make a difference. History proves one vote can change an election. In the 1960 Presidential election John F. Kennedy became President by one vote per precinct. It can happen in every race, from school house to White House. This is why I am urging you and your family to vote on November 6, 2012.

Fraternally,
Butch Taylor

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 26, 2012:
WRBT Fish Fry at Operating Engineers Hall from 7:00PM-10:00PM
40 tickets still available at the hall

October 28, 2012:
Family Day/Energy Open House
(see enclosed flyer)

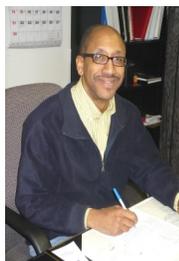
November 1, 2012: Union Meeting
(appropriation of \$1.50 raise)

December 6, 2012: Union Meeting
(honoring members with certain years of service as well as 2012 retirees)

December 15, 2012:
Christmas Party at the Union Hall from 1:00PM-4:00PM. (Please see George's Report for more information).

A Word From the Business Agent

Greetings Brothers and Sisters! Autumn is upon us, and football, hunting, and the election seem to be the talk of the town. Well, not necessarily in that order! I hope your team is winning, what-



ever you're hunting for is in abundance, and our candidates win their elections. Now doesn't

that sound politically correct?

Work is steady, and our calls for manpower have slowed over the past month. Some contractors are busier than others but that is normal. However, the forecast for the area is positive.

-Ground has been broken for the new St. Elizabeth Tower in Boardman.

-General Motors Lordstown has made an investment to upgrade its facility, with new equipment, machinery, and tooling for the next generation Cruze.

-Salem Community Hospital has also broken ground for a new patient Tower on the east side of its main campus. Completion is scheduled for early 2014.

-V&M II is still busy with work at the Rolling Mill, Finishmill and smaller pulp buildings. We are also providing fabrication support for the Finishmill.

-Talks for the Vam Coupling Facility are ongoing.

-We are also continuing to

meet with companies involved with the Oil and Gas industry in preparation for the opportunities that lie ahead.

-Work out of town is looking good too, and the demand for welders remains high. Locals 47, 449, and 495 are getting busy with short-term work..

I had the opportunity to represent our local at the State AFL-CIO convention in September. Speakers who headlined the event were Columbus Mayor Michael Coleman, AFL State President Tim Burga, US Senator Sherrod Brown, National President of AFL Richard Trumka, former Governor Ted Strickland, and an impromptu appearance by President Obama. The message from all of them was loud and clear:

the future of the middle class, and working class is at risk. The attack on labor and unions is real. We most support those candidates who support us, our future depends on it. The difference is agendas of the two major political parties is night and day, and our choice could not be any clearer. Brothers and Sisters, I urge all of you to take advantage of early voting at your Board of Elections or by Absentee Ballot. If this was not a key component in the election, there would not be opposition to it! Let's keep our voice and our unions strong!

Yours in solidarity,

On the Training Front...

"The cornerstones of the middle class security all bear the Union Label."

-President Obama

Welding continues to be the driving focus from all areas. The need for flux core & downhill welders will continue for the foreseeable future. Local 396 has 2 new positioners in the weld shop and will be getting 5 new welding machines around the first of November. The weld shop is open to all on Mondays and

Thursdays.

UA Weld Tests will be held on the following Saturdays: October 20th, December 15th, and February 16th.

A Medical Gas recertification form will be mailed to those installers who are set to expire by the end of the year. After the first of January 2013 a recertification class and UA proctored test will have to be given.

OSHA 10/30 classes will begin in October. The class schedule is October 23, 24, and 30th for the 10-Hour class and October 23, 24 and 30th and November 6,7,13,14 and 20th for the OSHA 30.

All classes must be attended to secure the OSHA Certification. Please remember, classes are on a "signed-up first" basis and class size is limited.

Lastly, please remember to support the candidates who support labor on

November 6th, and make a point to get out and vote!!

Fraternally,
Marty Loney
Training Coordinator

President's Report

Brothers & Sisters,

The Local's 15-Year Anniversary will be celebrated in the Spring of 2013, with a formal Dinner-Dance in the works for early March. We are in the process of putting together a committee to help organize this event. If you are interested in helping out please call the union hall.

In light of this Anniversary, and per discussions at the September Executive Board meeting and approval at the October Union meeting, this year's Christmas Party will be slightly different than past years.

The December Christmas party will be a less formal, "kid-friendly" affair. We will be holding it at the Union Hall on **Saturday, December 15th from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.** Food and drinks will be provided, and there will be a special visit from "Santa" with gifts in tow for the children.

Please fill out the RSVP slip and return it to the Union Hall by **Monday, December 3rd.** This is sure to be a fun affair for adults and kids alike!

Fraternally,
George Popovich

2012 CHRISTMAS PARTY



DATE: Saturday, December 15th

TIME: 1:00 PM–4:00 PM

LOCATION: LU 396 Union Hall, 493 Bev Rd. Boardman, Ohio

PLEASE RSVP!!



2012 CHRISTMAS PARTY RSVP

MEMBER NAME _____

Please Print

NUMBER OF ADULTS ATTENDING _____

NUMBER OF KIDS ATTENDING _____

(Members & their Families only, please)

Vote YES ON ISSUE 2

Every 10 years, Ohio goes through a process known as "redistricting," in which the boundary lines for Statehouse and Congressional districts are re-drawn. Instead of a fair system—one in which citizens have input and the lines are drawn so that all candidates have a fair shot to compete for your vote—the politicians and special interest lobbyists created a system that puts them first, and voters last.



ISSUE 2 = A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

We need common sense reform that makes how we draw district lines more accountable, transparent, and balanced—so that neither party can unfairly draw lines to their own advantage.

VOTE YES ON ISSUE 2!

