



UA LOCAL 396 JOURNAL

From the Desk of the Business Manager...

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Union Meetings:**
April 1, 2010, May 6, 2010, June 3rd, 2010 (first Thursday of every month at the Operating Engineers Hall, 291 McClurg Rd). Please attend!
- **July 30th & 31st:**
OSA Golf Outing
- **October 9, 2010:** LU 396 Golf Outing, Bedford Trails Country Club

As we dig ourselves out of 8 years of President Bush's economy and a very deep recession, we are starting to see improvements in the Mahoning Valley. We were excited to see the growth of our industrial base through projects such as V&M Star, General Motors, Mittal Coke Plant, and Delpi. New projects such as Patriot Steel in North Jackson, Reinforcement Solutions in Warren and Mahoning Renewable Energy in Smith Township are all moving forward and should make for a busy summer.

Partnerships on the commercial end of business have been under Project Labor Agreements (PLAs), including YSU's Williamson Business College and WATTS Training Center, and future work at Wick Pollock Housing. From YMCA projects in Youngstown to future work at the Eastern Gateway Community College campus in Warren, we are working together with elected officials and businesses to get our members working on all of these sites.

With Green Energy projects being stressed by the Obama administration, Local 396 and the Youngs-

town Metropolitan Housing Authority (YMHA) have established PLAs for the Brier Hill Renovation and future work at the Westgate Terrace Project. These projects total 30 million dollars that would have gone non-union. Because of these PLAs and memorandum of understandings, we have formed tripartite meetings to ensure these projects go union. We will put forth the same efforts for the Trumbull Metropolitan Housing Authority as well.

I would like to thank the Executive Board and the membership at the last union meeting for their support of the PIPE program (Piping Industrial Progress and Education). This program will take on the non-union issues to ensure that prevailing wage laws are enforced, which Business Agent Tim Callion has been working diligently on with our state officials. PIPE will emphasize training, marketing of our union contractors, and the development of PLAs by building strong relationships with our political leaders, business community, and education/health care institutes.

Training Coordinator Marty Loney and myself are working hard with Congressman Charlie Wilson's office to receive a 2 million dollar



LU 396 Business Manager Butch Taylor

grant that will train technical welders for the upcoming Marcellus Shale project. This grant will also train for the installation of solar hot water tanks and geothermal heating. We will partner with Eastern Gateway Community College so that when an apprentice receives his/her union card, he/she will also acquire an associate degree in Advanced Energy.

The future of this Local looks bright. We will have the opportunity to all succeed together.

Fraternally,
Butch Taylor
Business Manager

A Word from the Business Agent

To my fellow Brothers & Sisters: I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Business Agent of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 396. I look forward to working with you and to the opportunities and challenges that lie



Local 396 Business Agent Tim Callion

ahead. Fortunately the work forecast for the valley is good. Work at Patriot Steel has begun, with our members at the North Jackson site and the Western Reserve Mechanical Fab Shop. Alcon Mechanical is on site at Mittal Coke Battery, where workforce hiring has begun. John Green began press work at the G.M. Fabrication Plant the week of February 22nd. Other projects slated to begin this spring include: The Youngstown State University WATTS Training Center, Severstal Steel Maintenance work, and The V&M Star 650 million dollar Expansion project.

Our members are preparing themselves for the upcoming jobs by adding additional certifications and licenses to their resumes. Some members are also completing the paperwork for job opportunities in Canada. If you are interested and need more information please feel free to contact me.

Yours in solidarity,
Tim Callion.

2010 Golf League

When: Beginning Monday, April 19, 2010 and running every Monday thru summer.

Where: Mahoning Country Club

Tee Times: 4:30—5:10 PM

Informational Team Meeting to be held April 12, 2010 at 5:00 PM before golfing.

Contact Golf League President Denny Jones with any questions,

330-758-4596

SUPPORT THE AUSTINTOWN SCHOOLS BOND ISSUE

On February 8, 2010, the Austintown Board of Education, which LU 396 member **Lou Chine** sits on as Vice Chair, passed a resolution to place a 2.9 mil bond issue on the May 4th ballot for the construction of 2 new elementary schools, replacing 5 deteriorating school buildings, with the State of Ohio paying for 47% of the construction costs. This bond will create 55 million dollars worth of construction for our unions.



**YOUR
SUPPORT IS
GREATLY
NEEDED.
PLEASE
VOTE IN
FAVOR OF**

**THE AUSTINTOWN
SCHOOLS BOND ISSUE ON
MAY 4TH.**

“Tell Us Your Story”

In upcoming newsletters we would like to begin featuring a hometown story from the lives of our membership. This edition's story comes to us in the form of a peanut...“Mr. Peanut,” that is. Mr. Peanut is a local curiosity that refers to a small, metal silhouette sculpture in the shape of the Planter's Peanuts fame. It is welded atop the Spring Common Bridge in Youngstown and is viewable by travelers moving thru the downtown area. Its origin is credited to LU 396 Mem-

bers **Jim Mansky** and **Dick Tranick**, who were part of a crew of plumbers and steamfitters that were laying pipeline across the Mahoning River in the summer and fall of 1986. The “work of art” was meant to be a comical tribute to **John Cashbaugh**, a member of the crew, who was known for his “nutty” solutions to worksite problems, leading to the metal-work now known as Mr. Peanut.

Brother **Joe Mansky**, who was piping foreman on the job, retains that the message then and now is still “John Cashbaugh, this nut's for you.”

If you would like to have your own story told, please contact our office with details.

Bottom left: Late LU 396 member Jim Mansky, with his brother Joe Mansky.



President's Report

From George Popovich, President of Local 396, working with Gary “Rabb” Marinelli, Labor Liaison for United Way of Mahoning Valley...

The AFL-CIO Labor Council will start conducting **Union Counselor Training** as part of the Community Services Programs. The training for 2010 will start with 5 weeks of classes held every Tuesday from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM, April 13th thru May 11th. The location for these classes will be the Girard Multi-Generational Center.

The cost of this training is \$35.00/person. The union will cover this cost for all Local 396 members.

Union Council/
United Way 2010
Calendar of Events:

April 24th: Youth Day of Caring

May 23rd: Spaghetti Dinner, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Mt. Carmel Hall

June 4th: Bass Pre-Event

June 5th: Bass Classic Event, Pine Lake

June: Champions Among Us- dinner/golf outing (exact date TBA)

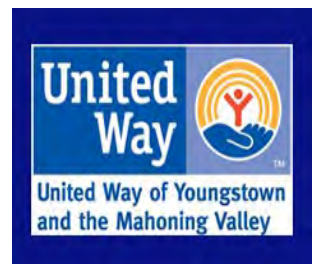
August: Stuff the Bus: collection of school supplies for needy children.

September 10th: Day of Caring

United Way
Help for Prescription Coverage:

For individuals and families who do not have health insurance or need medications not covered by their insurance plan, the United Way of Mahoning Valley is distributing **prescription drug discount cards** thru the “familywize” program.

These cards will, on average, lower the cost of medication by 30% or more. We have these cards at the Local 396 union hall; for more information or with any questions, please call the United Way Youngstown Office at 330-746-8494.



SEND US YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS

It's a new world out there, and we at Local 396 are working to become part of the electronic age. For years we have communicated with our members through regular mail; we will continue to do so when it comes to announcing a meeting or informing members about special issues. Letters will still always be sent to all members. In some cases, however, it is quicker, easier and far less expensive to be able to send an e-mail to the membership on non-formative events, political action information, AFL-CIO news, events in the Mahoning Valley, etc. If you have an e-mail address, please provide it to us so it can be entered into our system. Fill out the form below and return it to Local 396 at 493 Bev Rd., Bldg. 3, Boardman, Ohio 44512, or you can either call the hall to give this information to Pat or Rachel, or e-mail it to localunion396@zoominternet.net.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

UA Card No. _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____



Above: Local 396 Brother Chris Hanna is shown here after successfully passing the American Welding Society Senior Certified Welding Inspector Examination.

On the Training Front

From Marty Loney, Local 396 Training Coordinator...Please note the following:

Congratulations are extended to the fifth year apprentices who will be graduating at the end of May.

The 2010 Ohio State Apprenticeship Contest will be held in Canton April 19th thru April 23rd.

Good luck to our competing apprentices.

The apprenticeship

program will be accepting a **new first year class**, with applications being accepted the last two weeks of March with testing/ interviews to follow in April and May.

Local 396 has applied for a \$2 million dollar grant to help prepare for the future with **Green Energy Jobs**. We will be partnering with Eastern Gateway Community College for both welding and job energy programs as we progress through with this grant.

All **Welding Continuities** must be turned in ON TIME to the Local 396 union hall. Several of the certifications are from NITC, not our Local certification, so once the expiration date has past there is not much that can be done!

The following **classes** are available and will be scheduled as members sign-up: Backflow, Backflow Recertification, Medical Gas, PUMPS, First Aid/CPR, and OSHA. Classes will be scheduled as

members sign up.

The Journeyman Plumbing Class will finish at the end of April, running 6-8 weeks. If more are interested in signing up for the next class please call the hall.

Journeyman welding is held every Thursday in the weld shop from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Members In Action



Above: Former Local 396 Business Manager Gary "Rabb" Marinelli (middle) receives an honorary plaque from International Rep T.L. Ranson (right) and Ken Broadbent (left), Vice President of UA General Executive Board.



Above: (left to right) Mark Turnbull, Lou Chine, Captain Bly (Laborers Local), Andy Sinchak, Rabb Marinelli, Dan Bullen, Tim Callion, and Brad Turnbull working the spaghetti dinner benefiting the Lena, Mason, and Christian Fund.

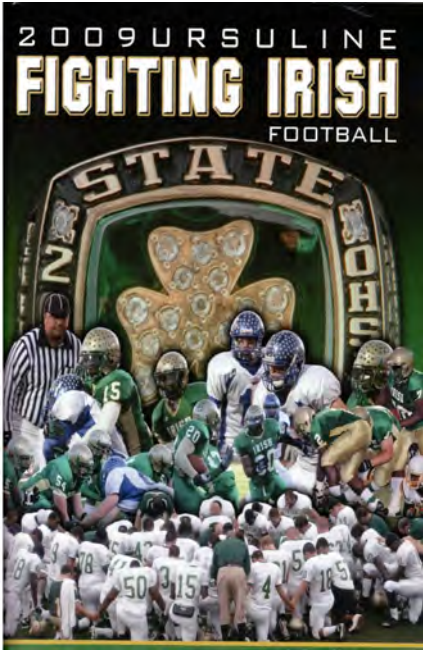


It's time to restore confidence in Mahoning County government.

Elect CAROL RIMEDIO-RIGHETTI for COMMISSIONER Democrat

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Carol Rimedia-Righetti, Frank J. Righetti, Treasurer, 1360 Leyton Dr, Youngstown, OH 44509

Left: Carol Rimedia-Righetti, wife of longtime LU 396 member Frank Righetti, is running for Mahoning County Commissioner. To all members and members' families who reside in Mahoning County, please support Carol in her campaign for Commissioner, as she is a huge supporter of labor issues.



Far Right: Congratulations to Brother Brad Turnbull, coach for the Back-to-Back State Football Champs Ursuline High School (2008-2009).

HONORING OUR RETIREES, FROM 1998 TO PRESENT

1998:

Nick LaRocca
Thomas Martin
Robert Davison
Anthony Nolfi, Sr.
Warren Cook
Homer Marty
Loomis Conti
Moon Barrett
Merle Welling

1999:

Gerald Everett Sr.
Gene White
Roland Taylor, Sr.
Charles Zimmer
Robert Meszaros
David Sweely
Gerald Popson
Don Vaughn
John Walters
Tony Kavalesky
Jim Fortnat
Dick Barry
Gerald Lewis

2000:

James Masters
Eugene Buser
Martin Dellinger
Dave Hoffman
Dave Macklin
Bob O'Connell
George Teutsch
Gary Thompson
Ron Wratny
Al Lawhorn Jr.
Pat Battagline
Bert Paulk
Larry Weingart
Jim Richardson
Paul Cramer
Ed Grinnell
Fred Nolfi Jr.
Frank Righetti
Dick Cebak
Tom Loney
Le Wilson

Frank Cika
Frank Kislingbury
Ralph Williams
Gerald Waterbeck
Joe Cuhran

2001:

Dave Mackey
Harold Bianco
Wayne Cozadd
Dugald Campbell
Robert Watson
Ron Boggs
Ralph Hawkins
Tom Cassidy
Ed Kreitzburg
Gary Mizner
Anthony Gaudio
George Poschner
Jack Schwarten
Rich Mauerman
David Q. Sullivan
James Cahill
Larry DeJane

2002:

John Sorvillo
Franklyn Wagner
Mike Studer
Alex Burns
Willard Baldwin
George Norris
John Stephens
Norm Wilson

2003:

Jack Nelson
Jack Sohayda
Joe Cocuzzi
Robert Craig
James Damelio
Walt Goclano
Dale Mook
James Myers
Martin Poschner
Gary Walker
Werner Frenzel

Marty Eberth III
Robert McCarty
Paul Paschke

2004:

Kirt Colkitt
Jim Schwarten
Charlie Bero
Chuck Gilmartin
Ron Neff
Dave Beaver
Terry Jones
Ed Crogan
John Cashbaugh
Robert Hlaudy
Chuck Kreitzburg
Joe Mansky
Bill Galla
Ralph T. Fagert

2005:

Gil McKimmy
Rita Flynn
Bill Kane
Dick Butz
Don Erwin
Terry Stern
Fred Schaffer Sr.
Roger Bowman
Jody Arkwright
Bob Popio
Joe Poptic II

2006:

Ed Costello
Bill Gleghorn
Denny Jones
John Lesch
Jim Lucas
Ernie Morse
Del Myers
Bob Zelinka
Joe Stefanec

2007:

Gerald Wiant
Howard Jones
Andrew Marek
Dave Shears
Ken Ambrose
Shedrick Fisher
Paul O'Neil
Ron Burrows
OJ Morrison
Dave Rucker
Gary Sargent
Lou Chine

2008:

Gary Primavera
Mike Boda
Harold Norris
Mike Terzak
Dick Tranick
Denny Grubbs

2009:

Dave Arbogast
Bernard Gnat
Yolanda Marshall
Roger Weikart
Ed King
Don Davenport
Mike Frisina
Mike Davis
Brian McCully
Lamont Stevens
Jim Ambrose
Ralph Masters

2010:

Gary Marinelli
Tom Cardinal
Michael Schuler
Brenda McKnight

To All Retirees, Mark Your Calendars for Monday, April 26th! Local 396 will be hosting the Retirees Breakfast at the Local 396 union hall at 9:30 AM. We will be showcasing our training center and will also have spokespersons from the federal and state governments to discuss your benefits, medicare, etc. Please RSVP to local 396 by April 15th if you are planning on attending - (330) 758-4596.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR DECEASED MEMBERS, FROM 1998 TO PRESENT

1998:

Howard DeVore
Gottfried Planina
J.D. Clayton
James Mansky
William Hancox
James Satterfield
Joseph Limber
John Kislingbury
Nicholas Savino
Larry Scacchetti
Henry Lewis
Bernard Gnat
Rolland Kannal

1999:

James Farmer
Clarence Potts
Edward Baldwin
Chauncey Wysenski
George Runtas
George Sisco
Stanley Hall
Ralph Smith
Walter Kane
Howard Heeter
Robert Feher
Alex Vasko
Clarence McClain Jr.
Michael Tomchik Sr.
Warren Cleghorn
Ray Inghram

2000:

Robert Ishman
Arthur Murray
Caleb Jones
Felder Ladd
Gene Buser
Charles Costello
Urho Mackey

John Haynie
Jay Cope
Harry Soverns
Daniel Carano
Dick Barry
Stephen Zek
Paul Trupe
Joseph Mordocco
John Matthews

2001:

Joseph Habosky
David Hoffman
Glen Johnston
Herb Goglin
Martin Dellinger
Lou Treftz
Sam Simon
Kirt Schlosske
Adam Rutushin
Joseph Kornbau
Andrew Cika
Richard Clunen
Don E. Lough
Mivan Sweely
Jon Lopac
Louis Fornataro
Gary Mizner
Robert Palette

2002:

LaVerne Clark
Keith Harmon
Roy Lockney
John Nisbett
Robert Slipkovich
Warren Cook
Frank Reebel
Vernon Dean
Ernest Jones
Chuck McKee Sr.

James Turner
Frank Harris
George Norris
John Klaus

2003:

George Moore
Harry Hickman
John Knepp
Harry Sesky
Robert Faison
Joe Tranick
Frank Kislingbury
Joseph Felix
Stanley Siudak
John Gavalec
John Sorvillo
John Stowe
Earl Biggs
Lou Filaccio
Ralph Williams
Richard Armstrong
James Cahill
Fred Everett

2004:

Homer Marty
Robert Ward
Hale Miller
Philip Lyman
Edwin Hawkins
Julius Kitchin
Dave Mackey
Aaron Rollyson
Arthur Berquist
Robert Meszaros
Robert Anderson
Lee Booth

2005:

Charles Stadwick

Edward Wason
Matthew O'Brad
Jalmer Niemi
Roy Bennett
James Collins
Donald Strickland
Robert McCarty
LaMar Kale
Mark Busick
Peter Kohler

2006:

Frank Bungard
Dale Fisher
Dave Krupsa
Almon Ferguson
George Meszaros
Edward Wick
Frank Cika
Donald Mook
Michael Maffei
Robert Goodyear
John Walters
Lew Baldwin
Steve Boruch

2007:

Merle Welling
Lou Chine Sr.
Donald Davis
Charles Moore
J.E. Massacci
Shirley Nelson
John Kalinka
Earl Schlabaugh
Charles Gilmartin
Robert Davenport
Everett Woods
Robert Hinton
John Keith
Ralph Hawkins

Frank LaRubbio
John Palette

2008:

William Conner
James Irwin
Ray Strom
Peter Wilson
William Coraccio
Ray O'Brien
Robert Tatum
John Sternagel Sr.
Doug Shively
Henry Marek
Chester LaVogue
John Stephens
Billy C. Davis
Ellett Jarvis
Pearl Howard
Steve Manente
Gary Sargent

2009:

Ralph Brubaker
David Benyak
James Grantz
Herman Goodhart
Joseph Davila
William Siersdorfer
Andrew Dutko
Nick Timko
Peter Radakovich
Gene Sullivan

2010:

Donald Walsh
Edward May