



Drips From The Faucet

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Business Manager Gary L. Cook

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The days are getting longer and warmer and the kids will soon be out of school on spring break. Work is starting to pick up a little bit and it looks like there will be more work available then in the last two years.

As some of you may know, Don Brandel Plumbing bought C&R Plumbing about a year ago and since have been picking up quite a bit of work. Muir-Chase Plumbing, Murray, Pan-Pacific, and Zeen have also been picking up quite a bit of a backlog of projects as well.

Requirements for Class Reimbursement

We are now able to offer reimbursement for classes taken after January 1, 2013 to all UA journeymen and apprentices who are members in good standing of a local that is part of District Council 16. This program is a result of our placing a nickel an hour in the certification fund two years when we made the changes in our contract.

Reimbursement is solely for training taken outside the apprenticeship training curriculum. All classes must be taken at an A&J Training Center. Forms for reimbursement will be distributed in class or may also be obtained online at www.ajtraining.org.

Reimbursements will be distributed on a quarterly basis, January 1st, April 1st, July 1st, and October 1st. Members must submit the reimbursement request

form to the A&J office. Any forms received after the close of business and ten (10) days prior to the disbursement date will be carried over to the next quarter. There is a maximum of \$550.00 reimbursement per calendar year for each member.

Certifications Eligible for Reimbursement:

- **The following certifications are valued at \$150.00 each:** UA 51, UA 1, UA 2
- **The following certifications are valued at \$200.00 each:** UA/EPRI Valve Repair Technician, NITC Journeymen Pipefitter or Plumber, OSHA 30
- **The following certifications are valued at \$250.00 each:** UA 22 SE Backflow Prevention Certification, UA Foreman Certification
- **The following certification is valued at \$300.00:** UA Crane Signal Person
- **The following certification is valued at \$350.00:** UA 21
- **The following certification is valued at \$400.00:** UA 41
- **The following certification is valued at \$450.00:** UA/EPRI Industrial Rigger
- **The following certification is valued at \$500.00:** UA/EPRI Instrumentation Technician Level I
- **The following certifications are valued at \$550.00 each:** UA/EPRI Instrumentation Technician Level II, NITC Medical Gas Installer (6010) & Medical Gas Brazing Certification, A18-A Orbital Welding Certification





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Classes can be scheduled online at www.ajtraining.org or visit Local 78's website at www.uaplumber78.com and select the link to the A&J's site.

Upcoming Elections:

Below you will find the list of endorsements of friends that have supported Local Union 78, other unions and working families.

Los Angeles City Mayor: **Wendy Greuel**
Los Angeles City Controller: **Dennis Zine**
Los Angeles City Attorney: **Mike Feuer**
Los Angeles City Council – District 1: **Gilbert Cedillo**
Los Angeles City Council – District 3: **Bob**

Blumenfield

Los Angeles City Council – District 5: **Paul Koretz**
Los Angeles City Council – District 6: **Nury Martinez**
Los Angeles City Council – District 7: **Felipe Fuentes**
Los Angeles City Council – District 9: **Curren Price**
Los Angeles City Council – District 11: **Mike Bonin**
Los Angeles City Council – District 13: **John Choi**
Los Angeles Community College District – Seat #2:

Mike Eng

Los Angeles Community College District – Seat #6:

David Vela

LAUSD Board of Education – District 2: **Monica Garcia**
LAUSD Board of Education – District 4: **Steve Zimmer**
LAUSD Board of Education – District 6: **Antonio**

Sanchez

City of Los Angeles, Proposition A : **YES**

New website:

Local Union 78 has been working on a new and improved website which will include a monthly e-newsletter. This new site will include links to the Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building Trades News, State Building Trades and to the UA to help to keep our membership better informed of the important issues affecting them. We will be able to contact more members in a shorter period of time.

Fraternally,
Gary L. Cook

Business Agent Douglas Marian

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

We have high hopes for this spring and summer. There are cranes being erected downtown and holes being dug. High rise condos and apartments are still being built in the downtown area, plus a couple hotels including the Wilshire Grand, a courthouse and museum. On the outskirts we have high rise apartments in Century City, hotels and a theme park expansion at NBC Universal Studios, the port of Los Angeles including Ports O' Call and much more.

Apprenticeship: The apprentice contest is in the planning stages. Our Local 78 contest is being held at the John C Hall School in Compton on **Saturday, March 16, 2013**. The winner of that contest will represent Local 78 at the State Contest in Burlingame on May 1st and 2nd. If you are interested in competing please call the Local and RSVP.

*** ATTENTION*** Brothers and Sisters, our annual apprenticeship fundraisers are quickly approaching. We are hosting a golf tournament on June 8, 2013 at San Dimas Canyon Golf Course and a summer poker run on July 27, 2013. These events are great fun we look forward to seeing you out there. Fliers and sponsorship forms are available from the union hall, please sign up early.

LAUSD, District employees (Unit E): The District has hired some more plumbers back as positions open, and people retire. Unfortunately, with what's happening in Washington, we are not sure what affect this will have on the District. We should be looking at a wage opener this year coming soon.

LA City employees under MOU 2 & MOU 13: The City has been somewhat quiet. They have released a RFP for an operator of the Convention Center. We still oppose this but it seems to be moving forward. The Zoo is currently off the table. They are also in the market for new medical providers as a RFP was just released for medical insurance providers. Measure "A" is on the ballot, if it fails, plan to see the CAO come after us again.





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we have been able to save the positions that were scheduled to be cut. Unfortunately the cuts will be in the form of furloughs, one a month. On Friday, March 8 there will be a vote on the furloughs. This is old news because everyone should have received notification as the Authority is releasing everyone early to vote. We are also heading into negotiations soon and with the cuts in Washington it is still uncertain as to the funding.

Reminders:

- ❖ **Golf Tournament Apprenticeship Fundraiser: June 8, 2013**
- ❖ **Annual Poker Run Apprenticeship Fundraiser: July 27, 2013**
- ❖ **Local 78 Bi-Annual Family Picnic: September 14, 2013**

Fraternally,
Doug Marian

Business Agent Jeremiah Ashmore

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

I would like to thank all of the Brothers and Sisters for their support in my newly elected position as Business Agent for Local 78. I will be overseeing the County, Studios, Race Track and LACCD. I look forward to working for you.

As far as work goes, there are several new projects in the beginning stages of construction including the 8th and Hope project, LA Live Marriot and Kaiser Harbor City to name a few. Last month I attended a ground breaking ceremony for the Wetherly project which is an all-union 12 story luxury condominium. I have also attended several pre-job meetings for projects that should be starting this summer.

There is a \$2 billion mixed use redevelopment project for the Wyvernwood Apartment complex in Boyle Heights. The Los Angeles/Orange County Building Trades have signed an all-union Project Labor Agreement, which will create more than 10,000 construction jobs. I don't have a start date yet, but I will keep you posted.

February 12, 2013 the Lynwood School District unanimously approved a Project Labor Agreement with the Los Angeles/Orange County Building Trades for work to be completed under a \$93 million Bond. With a 30% local hire requirement, this will help the members of Local 78 get back to work.

As for the County, we have started the pre-negotiation process for MOU 411 & 412. I have received some feedback from you, and I have gone over it with the Building Trades and other Trades. We expect to present our proposal to the County sometime in April. I will keep you updated as things progress.

Fraternally,
Jeremiah Ashmore

In Memoriam

Please take a moment to pray and remember the following Brothers and Sisters who have passed away since the last Drips.

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| Jay Bell | Rudolph Chavez |
| Clarence Fellhoelter | James Heath |
| William Mariette | Lester Masterman |
| Pierce Mullaly | Preston Smith |

Local 78 Members Retired since the last Drips

No new retirees

The Membership Meetings will be held on:

- Date: April 11, 2013
 May 9, 2013
 June 13, 2013
 Time: 5:00 PM
 Place: Los Angeles/Orange County Building and Construction Trades Council
 1626 Beverly Blvd
 Los Angeles, CA 90026

