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Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of
the United States and Canada

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Subject: Business Manger's February, 2010 Newsletter

Letters should
be confined to
one subject

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Due to unforeseen medical circumstances, I had to go to the hospital and have surgery on Tuesday, February 9th, which was successful. I was released on Thursday, February 11th, to complete my recovery at home. I will return to the office within a few weeks.

Important Notice U.A. Supplemental Pension Plan

As of this date, you should have received a letter explaining changes to our Supplemental Pension Plan. Effective February 1st, 2010, following a proposal and thorough review, the Board has chosen Milliman, located in Seattle, to provide the record keeping of your Individual 401k account. For more detailed information, please visit www.ualocal32.com.

Out-of-Work List

At the present time, the Local Union's out-of-work list has continued to grow. As of Thursday, February 11th, 2010, (225) Plumbers and (92) Fitters, and (31) Refrigeration Mechanics are on the out-of-work list. With the limited work forecast for 2010 in our Jurisdiction and the State of Washington, the Agents, Steve Menne, Doug Price, and Dan Jensen have been contacting our Sister Local Unions within the U.A. Listed below is the information on the Edmonton, Alberta shutdown work.

Local #488 – Edmonton, Alberta Update

As of this date, the shutdown work has begun due to breakdowns at one of the refineries.

President Stu MacLeod of Local #488 informed me that they currently have 2,400 U.A. Members from the U.S. on their out-of-work list. At this time, Local #488 is dispatching all Canadians on their out-of-work list first. Brother MacLeod felt that in the first or second week of March, they would be into the U.S. list. He also stated that within two to three weeks, they would be contacting people on the U.S. list to set up the drug-screening test for all the classifications (Plumbers/Fitters/Refrigeration/Welders). In addition to the drug-screening test, the Welders will have pre-qualification testing for their Welder Certs. You will be contacted by Local #488 via e-mail. After that, the call-ups will start.

Brother MacLeod said that this round of shutdown work will consist of seven refineries. He also said that members would be re-dispatched as the work is being done. This could mean you may work on more than one project during the spring turnaround season.



Finally, Brother MacLeod told me that they should be done by late May or early June with these projects.

The good news is Brother MacLeod informed me that Local #488 sees a second round of shutdowns starting in late August of this year and will last until late October or early November.

Please check the U.A. #32 website for updates, or, contact Local #32's business office and ask for Dan Jensen.

SHIPYARD UP DATE – Marty Yellam, Marine Pipefitter Agent

As the economy seems to continually be declining and unemployment remains depressed, there is, however, a shining light in the marine unit of Local #32. We currently have 72 members working at Todd Pacific Shipyards.

Dan Jensen and I will be meeting with Todd's tomorrow at the Business Manager's request. We will be discussing future work at Todd's. At this time, manpower on the U.S.S. Lincoln is coming down, as well as manpower on the first 64-car ferry.

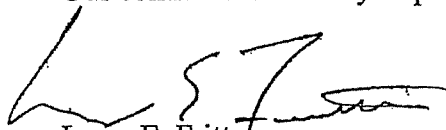
The good news is more work is on its way. Todd's will start construction on the second new 64-car ferry in late February or early March. On the repair side, the ferry ELWA is scheduled for mid-March, along with work on the Alaska Ocean and Alaska Trader.

The U.S.S. Stennis will be docking in Bremerton the end of April and appears to have plenty of pipe work throughout November. On the Seattle side of the pond, the Ice Breaker Polar Sea will need manning through the end of 2010.

In May, Todd's will be looking to Local #32 for potential manning requests that may create work opportunities for members who don't have marine experience. Members who are interested, please contact Dan Jensen or Marty Yellam.

We are currently working on developing a 40-hour class for members who don't have marine experience. If we have enough interest to support this class, we can open this class up to all Local #32 classifications. Todd's will review this training and decide to relax their 3-5 year minimum marine experience on their request for manpower.

I want to send out a thank you to all that have taken dispatches to the Metal Trades marine contractors. We are slowly getting market share back from the non-union side. Our contractors are very impressed with the quality of journey workmanship.



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