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From your Business Manager

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings from the Business Office! The next UA Local 342 Membership Meeting will be Thursday, September 14, 2017. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm in the auditorium. Remember to bring your membership card.

I would like to update you on our continued growth as we complete the third quarter of 2017.

The Northern California Pipe Trades Trust Funds office has officially moved into their new onsite space. Their new address is: 935 Detroit Ave, Suite 242A; Concord, CA 94518.

If you have Trust Fund business that requires a visit, please contact their office at (925) 356-8921 to schedule an appointment. Their lobby hours remain the same: Monday through Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.

The Training Center expansion building at 2450 Whitman Road is continuing as planned. The building is completely gutted and layout for new windows and roll-up doors, as well as saw cutting, is currently taking shape. New steel supports and beams are being installed and we are on track for a successful project. So far, I am pleased with the schedule and the contractor. I will continue to update you in future Blueprint articles.

Negotiations for the 959 Detroit Avenue property are still ongoing and there will be more to report at the next union meeting.

With the expansion of our Training Center and growth in our membership ranks, I would like to announce that we have hired Local 342 Steamfitter Journeyman/Instructor, **Daryl Bartzi**. He will be coming on as a full-time day shift instructor and will be assisting us in putting together a solid plan for day school apprenticeship. Daryl brings to the table 27 years of UA membership with Local 342 and 20 years as an instructor for Local 342. Hiring him and implementing day school will ease our expansion issues and accommodate the many hundreds of new apprentices we will be taking in for our SB-54 contractors. If you would like to learn more about this please attend the September 2017 membership meeting to hear my report.

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Business Representative George Kikes and I have met with eight contractors who are looking to sign with Local 342. All eight contractors and their core employees will come with jobs and market share we did not already have. This top-down organizing campaign is like no other we've ever seen. Please stay tuned for more updates.

I am pleased to announce we have signed **Schultz Mechanical** headed up by **Steve Klaus**-Vice President of Construction and son of Local 342 retiree **John Klaus**. Schultz Mechanical had been in negotiations to become signatory with Local 342 for over a year and are set to take on refinery work in new construction and maintenance. While it has been a slow start for them, they are now picking up some work in our area and will be looking to dispatch Local 342 members to their projects soon. Welcome aboard **Schultz Mechanical**!

We have also signed two new Refrigeration contractors, **Cold Air Refrigeration Inc.** and **Omni Mechanical Solutions**. I'd like to give a big shout out to Refrigeration Business Representative Mat Hattich and Organizer Marc Lopez for their pursuit and increase of union refrigeration market share.

Hoping to see you at the next union meeting, I remain

Fraternally Yours,

Derrick Kualapai

Business Manager & Financial Secretary

Congratulations to the Newly Retired Members of Local 342!

Peter Andreas, Retired Steamfitter Refrigeration effective August 1, 2017, with 16 Years of Service.

Keith Blevins, Retired Steamfitter effective August 1, 2017, with 37 Years of Service.

Steven Dornan, Retired Steamfitter effective August 1, 2017, with 37 Years of Service.

Kurt Meilink, Retired Plumber effective July 1, 2017, with 36 Years of Service.

Jeff Demello, Retired Steamfitter Welder effective June 1, 2017, with 26 Years of Service.

Donald Borges, Retired Steamfitter effective May 1, 2017, with 22 Years of Service.

Mark Chroust, Retired Steamfitter effective April 1, 2017, with 22 Years of Service.

Larry Long, Retired Steamfitter Welder effective November 1, 2012, with 36 Years of Service.

QR CODE SCANNING APP: For Membership Cards

We are excited to announce that the smart phone application (App) for accessing your dues information and certifications is available to be downloaded to your phone! Visit the App Store on your iPhone or Google Play for Android Phones to download the App. Search for the App name **ISAQR** and download as normal.

Once downloaded, you will be brought to a screen where you can select "Scan QR". Select this option and a QR Scanner will activate so you can scan the QR Code on the back of your membership card to access your record. Please note you can only view your dues record and cannot make dues payments with the App. You can also view your Certification record.

NEW DOWNLOAD REQUIRED

Since the last time we reported on this smart phone App, updates have been made that require a new download. If you previously downloaded the App, in order to continue use, you will need to download it again by following the same instructions.



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We Have Moved!

To better serve our Participants, we are pleased to announce that on August 21, 2017, the Trust Fund Office relocated to Suite 242A on the 2nd floor of the UA Local 342 Union building in Concord.

Our email address (tfo@ncpttf.com), phone number (925/356-8921), fax number (925/356-8938), and Bank Lockbox Depository address (PO Box 55606, Hayward CA 94545-0606) have remained the same.

NCPTTF Website – ISSI System (“ISITE”)

We encourage Plan Participants to visit our website at www.ncpttf.com for information on Plan benefits. On our website you can:

- Download frequently used forms, including the Plan’s Enrollment / Change Forms, Beneficiary Designation Form, Health Reimbursement Account Claim Form, and Retirement Application.
- View Plan Information including current Notices.
- E-mail the Trust Fund Office.
- Access useful website links, including those for Kaiser, Blue Shield, Delta Dental, Vision Service Plan (VSP), Kaufmann & Goble (K&G), and ISITE.

To access ISITE, click on the “**Log in to your ISITE account**” link which is located in the upper right hand area of our website. In ISITE, you can view your:

- Eligibility.
- Work history.
- Contributions history, including Pension, Health Reimbursement Account (HRA), Supplemental 401(a)/401(k), Credit Union (CU) and Dues Check-off.

In order to access information in ISITE, you will need your User Name and password. If you did not receive or have misplaced the Notice containing your User Name and password, you may request that the information be sent to you by contacting our office either by phone, or by completing the Contact Us Form which is located under the “Contact Us” link on our website.

Since ISITE is updated nightly, Participants may regularly review their ISITE account to ensure that hours and contributions reported to the Trust Fund Office are accurate.

Northern California Pipe Trades Trust Funds for UA Local 342

2017 Supplemental 401(k) Retirement Plan Educational Workshop Schedule

Start time is 5:00 pm

Tuesday, September 19, 2017
Tuesday, November 14, 2017

We are pleased to announce that optional Supplemental 401(k) Retirement Educational Workshops have been scheduled to explain Plan information, retirement and investment ideas, historical Fund performance, and assist with any other questions you may have.

Participants and their spouses are encouraged to attend. You may wish to bring your most recent Quarterly Supplemental 401(k) Statement.

Workshops are held in the downstairs auditorium at UA Local 342 (935 Detroit Avenue / Concord, CA 94518-2501) and will last approximately one hour. 94518-2501 and will last approximately one hour.

2017 Pension Pre-Retirement Educational Workshop Schedule

Start time is 10:00 am

The Final Workshop for 2017 is: Saturday, October 14, 2017

We are pleased to announce that an optional Pension Pre-Retirement Educational Workshop has been scheduled to assist with questions about the Retirement process and benefits. **Participants and spouses are encouraged to attend.**

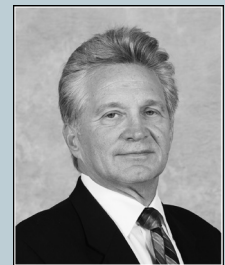
This workshop will be for informational purposes only in an effort to summarize the Northern California Pipe Trades Pension Plan and how benefits may apply to you. This workshop will be especially helpful for individuals planning to retire in the next five (5) to ten (10) years. You may wish to bring your most recent Annual Pension Statement.

The Workshop will be held in the downstairs auditorium at UA Local 342 (935 Detroit Avenue / Concord, CA 94518-2501) and will last approximately 90 minutes.

Industrial Report

Last week we met with Chevron's maintenance and turnaround managers about upcoming turnarounds in 2018. The following projects are expected to hire as follows:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Manpower</u>
Hydro Treater Unit	Feb. 2018	30 days	75 fitters (incl. 40 alloy welders)
Iso Max Unit	Jul. 2018	70 days	100 fitters (incl. 50 alloy welders)
TKN Cluster	Oct. 2018	60 days	225 fitters (incl. 125 alloy welders)



George Kikes
Business Representative

As of this week Derrick and I have met with 8 non-signatory contractors wanting to sign with UA Local 342. These contractors already have work in the refineries. I will keep you updated when I know more.

We also have a new contractor, **Construction Turnaround Services** from Tulsa, OK.

They will be hiring to do pre-shut down work at Chevron.

Finally, Harder continues to hire weekly at Chevron.

Fraternally, George Kikes

CONDOLENCES

UA Local 342 would like to extend their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the following members who recently passed away.

Frank B. Hernandez, Retired Plumber & Life member, passed away July 21, 2017, with 64 years of membership.

James B. Morton, Retired Steamfitter, passed away August 4, 2017, with 29 years of membership.

Training Center News

by Al Garcia, Training Director
(925) 686-0730

Medical Gas Installer Reminder: Please do not wait until the last minute to get your Med Gas Certification renewed. The Training Center has been sending out notices to individuals who qualify for the 6010 refresher class and test. It is very important to get pre-registered with us for these classes as early as possible. If you receive a notice please respond promptly to ensure you get a seat in the class. We are looking at scheduling the next class in October or November 2017.

Medical Gas Brazing: If you need to update your Brazing, please contact the Training Center for the next available Braze Session!

Application to become an Apprentice: We will be taking Apprentice applications again in February 2018. We will be posting the exact week in an upcoming Blueprint!

Thank you, UA Local 342 Training Center

Birth Announcement

We would like to congratulate
proud parents,
Daniel Loveless & Katie Esquivel,
on their newly born baby boy.

Barrett Allen Loveless
July 9, 2017

New 342 T-Shirts!

**We have 3 new t-shirt designs
available in various colors
at the front desk
for purchase in sizes
Large - 3XL.**

ANNUAL "DOG LEG" MOTORCYCLE RUN to the Silver Legacy Hotel and Casino, Reno, NV

September 23, 2017

Meet @ Denny's Restaurant
(I5-Hwy12 Junction)
1537 N. Thornton Rd. Lodi, CA
Departing 9:30 am Sharp!

For Reservations: Call the Silver Legacy 1-800-687-8733
Use Reservation Code: I Dog Leg
Room Rate: \$127/night

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GREETINGS FROM UACU!

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The Credit Union offers competitive rates with a free and easy application process!

HOME LOANS

The Credit Union is partnered with CU Lending Group to offer mortgage products to our members.

Now may be the best time to refinance, with interest rates at historical lows!

For information and assistance call: Gail Sasser (925) 437-3271.

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday – Thursday 9am to 4:30pm

Friday 9am to 3pm

Closed for lunch from - 12 to 1pm

For your convenience we are also open union meeting night from 6pm to 7pm.