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*****NEW*** IRONWORKERS LOCAL 752 WEBSITE...CHECK IT OUT!!**

www.ironworkerslocal752.com



RETIREMENT

In December we extended our Farewell and Best Wishes to our past Business Manager, Roddie MacLennan.

Roddie has served this Local for approximately 20 years. Your hard work and dedication has sincerely been appreciated!!!

Announcing...

With deepest sympathy from your brothers...

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of Brothers Joesph J. Landry and Jerome Keough.

Dues Reminder...

****If you don't work the first week of the month, your employer does not deduct dues for that month. If your standing is in arrears 6 months, you become suspended from the Union****

****NEW****

4 Month Advisory Notice

A notice is being forwarded with any dues receipt which is 4 months in arrears so that payment arrangements can be made.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME!

We are pleased to announce the following new appointments and their positions!

John Wilson, Business Manager & Financial Secretary Treasurer

Arthur Fougere, Business Agent, President and Apprentice Training Coordinator

Neil Horne, Vice-President

Notes from the desk...

Please remember to forward any changes of addresses. This is important so that you may continue to receive your dues receipts, taxation receipts and correspondence.

WEBSITE NEWS

We now have a new website host who will be maintaining our site. Please check the site from time to time for updates.

****NEW****

BENEFIT DRUG PLAN CHANGE

We have recently become members of the Atlantic Canada Health Care Coalition Program which is a combination of a large group of unions who work together on members' behalf to get the best possible cost of benefits. John Wilson, Business Manager & FS-T has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Coalition.

Information has been recently forwarded to you from Managed Health Care Services Inc. outlining key points/advantages of this program.

It is expected that the Cooperators Insurance Company will be in contact with you to outline further benefits that may save you money in your home and auto coverages.



COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS

Collective Agreements (Halifax and Cape Breton) have been signed.

Copies of the Halifax Agreements are available through links on our website and at our office.

The Cape Breton Agreements can be found on our website.

WE NEED YOU!!!

We need your input, your support and your concerns..

Please join us at our Regular Scheduled Meetings...

IN THE NEWS.....

The following projects were in progress, beginning in future or are now in process:

WINDFARMS:

Dalhousie Mountain – Completed last December.
Erector – KR Wind
Rebar Contractor – Rendan Fabricators

Maryvale, Antigonish County – Small amount of windmills. Completed last December.
Erector – KR Wind
Rebar Contractor – Harris Rebar

Nutby Mountain – In progress.
Erector – Enercon (German Contractor, manufacturer and fabricator)
Rebar Contractor- Rendan

Initially Enercon contracted the work in Port Hawksbury to a non-union company. We were able to persuade Enercon to award this contract to a Unionized Contractor. That led them to using us for Nutby Mountain and the Glendhu Project.

Digby Neck – In progress. Approximately 20 Windmills.
Erector – Signal Wind Energy LLC (US Contractor)
Rebar Contractor - Rendan.

Glendhu, Antigonish & Pictou County.
Erector – Enercon (through Black & MacDonald)
Rebar Contractor – Rendan (15)
Greenfield Construction (12)

Wind Farms construction throughout Canada has been increasingly done by non-union companies. We have to continue working hard to keep Wind Farms Unionized in Nova Scotia!

Other Upcoming Projects!!

~Bio-Fuel Project at Stora
~Syncro-lift, Navy Dockyard, Halifax (Cherubini)
~RCMP Building – Burnside (RKO)

MESSAGES FROM THE TRAINING OFFICE

It has been a very busy year as always with training. The following is a summary of what has taken place:

- ~6 welding tests
- ~First Air Training Sessions – approximately 50 members
- ~Fall Protection courses – approximately 50 members
- ~Manlift course – approximately 103 members
- ~On-line WHMIS & Safety Orientation (5 members)
- ~Confined Space (25 members)
- ~Leadership for Safety Excellence (1 member)
- ~Rigging – approximately 25 members

We would also like to acknowledge the successful completion of the Better SuperVision course by the following members:

Kyle Jeffrey
Alfred White

It has been a full year for the Apprentices too! The following group of first year students have completed on July 9, 2010:

Damien Boudreau, Cass Boudreau, Derrick Denny, Derrick Jesty, Joseph Real Maloney, Brent Martell, Jim McKeever, Dwayne McKenna, Grant McKinnon, Chris McMullin, Francis Nevin, Ruben Paul, Kevin Seager, Jamie Stewart, Darren Werenka and Kurt Wilson.

The following Level 2 students successfully completed their block of school in March:

Joey Anderson, Darren Banks, Kyle Bisonette, Justin Brown, Jaeson Fredericks, Ben Jollimore, Josh Murray, Jonathon Nickerson, Scott Pearce, Matt Perrott and Brad Webster.

We would like to extend congratulations to the following Level 3 apprentices who completed and successfully wrote their Red Seal:

Quentin Asseff, Paul Gorai, Andrew Nickel, Joel Redden, Geoff White, Shane Pettipas, Dale Dugas, Matthew Byrne, Sean Nickerson.

Congratulations as well to Ronald and Leon Withrow who have successfully wrote and obtained their Red Seal.

All welding tests and scheduled demand training will be posted on our website www.ironworkerslocal752.com. Please check regularly and leave your comments, suggestions and e-mail addresses.