

LOCAL 30 NEWS

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ELECTION 2009

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UPCOMING EVENTS

LABOUR DAY



September 7, 2009 - Mark your calendar and be ready to participate!

Please see the notice enclosed with this newsletter for information about this year's parade and uniform.

As everyone knows, the members of Local 30 vote every three years to elect the officers that represent them. Since 2009 is an election year, ballots were cast for candidates in late June at

separate locations across the GTA and beyond. The newsletter committee extends its congratulations to those that stood for election. See page 6 for full election results.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S MESSAGE

As I begin another term in office as Local 30's Business Manager and Financial Secretary-Treasurer, I want to extend my thanks to those who participated in the recent Local 30 election. Those who stood for election are a credit to our local union.

It is too often said that elections don't really matter. Nothing could be further from the truth. An election is one of the truest expressions of the democratic impulse, and it is the way that we hold those who hold office to account. Being an officer of this local union is a privilege, and those who will be installed as officers following the election will have a responsibility to represent the membership to the best of their abilities. I have every confidence that it is a responsibility that our new officers will take seriously.

It goes without saying that an officer who represents this local union must always act with honesty and integrity in the performance of his or her duties. They must also put the interests of the membership ahead of their own. The pledge that officers take when they are installed requires them to "give due consideration to the rights of all members without prejudice and without exception." This pledge should not be treated as a mere formality, but as a solemn vow.

The practical meaning of this pledge is that officers are required to respond to the needs of the union's members both as a group and individually. This requires not only an understanding of the rules, but the exercise of sound judgment. All members are entitled to have their

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Business Manager

voices heard and their concerns addressed. And if we fail in our duty as officers, we will want to hear about it so we can learn from our mistakes and do better next time.

My own pledge to the membership is that I will continue to strive to respond to your concerns to the best of my ability. My door is always open. I wish you and your families a safe and enjoyable summer.

SAFETY CORNER WITH JASON ADDISON



As you may be aware, Local 30 and the Toronto Sheet Metal Contractors' Association are introducing a new "Safety Passport" for sheet metal workers to carry. The passport is a slim, wallet-sized carrying case that is intended to contain all training certificates and licenses that a sheet metal worker holds. The passport will make it more convenient to provide proof of training when a representative of the Ministry of Labour visits a

site or shop. We are hoping it becomes one of the more important tools of the trade.

If you have not already provided the Union office with your training records, please do so in one of the following ways so that you can receive your Safety Passport:

1. Visit the Union office with your training records. The office will photocopy your records while you wait and return the originals to you with

your Safety Passport; or

2. Mail to the Union office photocopies of your training records. Your Safety Passport will be mailed to you upon receipt of your records.

Make arrangements to get your Safety Passport as soon as possible. Show the industry that Local 30 members are the best trained sheet metal workers in the GTA.

MESOTHELIOMA RESEARCH PROGRAM



The following article, which was submitted by International representative Larry O'Neill, relates to the Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation Mesothelioma Research Program, Early Detection Project, which is available to members free of charge.

What is Mesothelioma?

Mesothelioma is a disease normally associated with exposure to asbestos. It is a cancer of the mesothelial cells. These cells form a lining that covers the outer surface of most of our internal body organs.

Who should enter the study?

The purpose of the study is to screen people who have certain risk factors or chest x-ray evidence of asbestos expo-

sure. Any member who has been exposed to asbestos 20 years ago or more should consider entering the program. To qualify you must be in general good health and have no prior cancers (except non-melanotic skin cancer).

Benefits of enrolling are:

- Early detection of a number of diseases;
- Enhancing research on asbestos related disease;
- Advancing treatment modalities;
- Development of more stringent exposure regulations;
- Helps members establish WSIB entitlement.

What does it involve?

Each person enrolled in the study undergoes an interview

questionnaire focusing on asbestos exposure and other possible contributing factors. A small sample of blood is then taken for use in associated studies aimed at early detection. Each participant undergoes a Low Dose Computer Tomography (CT) scan of the chest.

A chest radiologist reads the scan and a report is generated that is sent to your family doctor. Depending on what is found in the scan, you may be asked to return for further scans at regular intervals.

For more information, please contact: Brenda O'Sullivan, Research Coordinator, Mesothelioma Research Program, 416-340-5686 or brenda.o'sullivan@uhn.on.ca

SOCIAL EVENTS

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The annual Local 30 Golf Tournament was once again a huge success! Well over a hundred members and their guests attended the event held on Saturday, June 6, 2009, at Glen Eagle Golf Club in Bolton.

After registration and cart assignment, the golfers stowed their clubs, tried on their golf shirts, and stopped to chat.

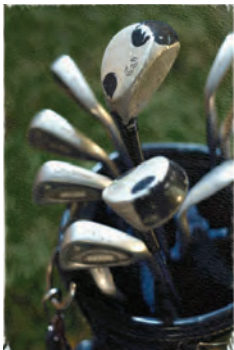
With all 66 carts lined up the starters delivered the four-

comes to their assigned holes in preparation for the 7:30 a.m. shotgun start.

After the round, golfers discussed their games and compared shots. Dinner was then served followed by the awards ceremony. Each golfer received a gift from the prize table.

Thanks go out to all the golfers and generous sponsors for making the tournament a success.

See more golf photos at www.smwia-L30.com




PICNIC



Mother nature did not cooperate this year for Local 30's annual Summer Picnic. Unseasonably cold and rainy weather forced the cancellation of the picnic.

Plan to attend next year when we will be back at our usual site at Petticoat Creek in Pickering.



Tickets are still available at the Hall or on-line: www.canadaswonderland.com
Choose ticket/corporate sponsors, the company ID code is STEELERS

There are no strangers at "Club 30"

Just friends we have yet to meet!

Members may drop into the Union Hall any Wednesday from 10 am to 4 pm.

For more information contact Bob Collie at 416-267-1907 or June Mahar at 416-757-1014

LOCAL 30 ON THE JOB

Employees of stainless steel manufacturer Hercules Food Equipment taking a break from their work day. Pictured at right: Marco Panni, Enzo Falcioni, Robert Pengelly, Sarpal Singh, Ian Chin, Michael Pengelly, and Marco Conte

Submitted by: Chris Paswisty



Employees of green roofing company Gardens in the Sky work on completing another environmentally friendly roof on the Eglinton West Subway Station, which can be seen while driving south on the Allen Expressway. Pictured at left: Tyler Mathies, Becky Murphy, Damon Dewsbury, Rod Undseth, Sean Dalton, Cavan Cottell, and Sue Illes

Submitted by: John Cordeiro and Glenn Jewer

MARGARET'S RETIREMENT



When members call the Union office, they expect to hear the familiar voice of Margaret Niven, Local 30's

cheerful receptionist.

After 27 years of dedicated service to Local 30 and its members, Margaret has decided to retire.

Margaret started her employment at Local 30 on May 15, 1982, working for then Business Manager Jack Donnelly, as a receptionist/ secretary. At that time, Local 30's office was at the OFL building at 15 Gervais Drive, in Don Mills. Local 30's office would

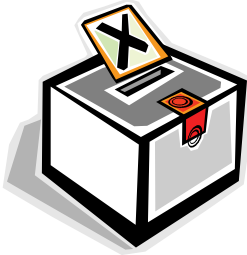
move to its current location in 1983, and since then Margaret has seen countless apprentices come through the hall and become journeymen.

Life at Local 30 will not be the same without Margaret, who always seemed to brighten our days with a smile.

All of us at Local 30 wish her well and hope she enjoys her well-earned retirement.



ELECTION RESULTS



The election for officers of Local 30 was held the week of June 22nd to 25th, 2009, at four polling stations spread across our jurisdiction. The ballots were counted at the Union hall on Friday June 26, 2009.

George May performed the judge's duties with other members acting as tellers. The election was held in strict accordance with the Constitution and Ritual.

Listed are the successful candidates in alphabetical order.

BUSINESS MANAGER/ FINANCIAL SECRETARY- TREASURER

James Jackson ~ **Acclaimed**

BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE - SHEET METAL

Jason Addison ~ Chris
Paswisty ~ Henry Vertolli ~ Art
White

BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE - ROOFER

John Cordeiro ~ **Acclaimed**
Jose Manso ~ **Acclaimed**

PRESIDENT

Audie Murphy ~ **Acclaimed**

VICE PRESIDENT

Ken Novalski ~ **Acclaimed**

RECORDING SECRETARY

Paul Allain ~ **Acclaimed**

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Mark Allain ~ Mike Bloom ~
Martin Roberts ~ Steve Wall
~ Paul White

UNION TRUSTEE

Tom Langlois ~ **Acclaimed**
Howard Porter ~ **Acclaimed**
Frank Scola ~ **Acclaimed**

WARDEN

Joe Kenny ~ **Acclaimed**

CONDUCTORS

Blair Gallant ~ **Acclaimed**
Joe Popadynetz ~ **Acclaimed**

MEMBER TO MEMBER

Mentoring? Just a thought....

Are the days gone where as a journeyman you were able to take the time to stop, listen and teach? Let's hope not. We all know how fast paced our world has become. The sheet metal industry has, like most businesses, become dollar driven and fast.

I recall myself how important it felt to have a journeyman stop and take the time to show me how to do it correctly. Many times the words were said "don't say you understand it unless you do".

You do not have to be around this business very long to realize that there are some very hard ways to do things, as well as some little tricks of the trade that can save a world of grief. The important thing is to pass these tricks along.

Whether it be on a notch, fold, cut, lift, support or any one of the many situations that we encounter everyday in our trade, there is great satisfaction in teaching the short cuts and knowing that a young apprentice was able to "get it." He or she will remember it

for a lifetime.

We need to encourage our apprentices to come to US and ask questions without the fear of reprisal. Remember, there are no stupid questions. Taking that moment and showing that you care will mean the world to a young person. Congratulate them on a job well done. Don't be too critical of mistakes. If it seems hard to be nice, give it some time. Work on it. It really doesn't cost anything to make a difference.

Submitted by: Steve Kilgar

"Member to Member" is a column reserved for submissions from members of Local 30. Members wishing to submit their opinions on an issue relevant to the local and its membership are invited to send their submissions to the Newsletter Committee. The Newsletter Committee reserves the right to edit any submissions chosen for publication. The views expressed in this column are those of the author only.

PROMOTING OUR LOCAL AT TRADE SHOWS

Surprisingly, many of the general public do not know what a sheet metal journeyman is or does. Many people think shingles are the only kind of roofing material.

Local 30 is looking to eliminate any misconceptions. We take every opportunity to educate, meet the public and talk about Local 30 and our quality work.

Going to trade shows and apprenticeship fairs allows us

to attract new members and promote our local union.

When at school shows, we speak to teachers, guidance counselors and maintenance staff about our trades. We stress how important it is to have qualified trades people doing the construction and renovation of schools. Of course, our message is that no trades people are as qualified as members of Local 30.



Pictured above: Organizers Joe Popadynetz and Steve Kilgar talk with students from Kipling Collegiate in Etobicoke.



North America's largest roofing exposition, **Roof Tech**, is held every two years. This year's event was held in Toronto. Representatives of Local 30 were active participants, along with members of the Canadian Standing Roofing Committee.

Pictured at left: Paul Graveling (Local 47 Ottawa), Vern Henderson (Local 280 BC), Jose Manso (Local 30), Glenn Jewer (Local 30), Cameron Gracie (Foreman for Brimac Roofing, Local 56 Nova Scotia) and Bob White (International Roofing Rep.)

Each year Local 30 joins together with the Toronto Sheet Metal Contractors' Association to participate in **Construct Canada**, a trade show geared towards promoting the construction industry as a whole. This year's show provided a great opportunity for us to showcase what we do as an industry. We enlisted the help of the two apprentices who competed at the

Ontario Sheet Metal Apprentice Competition to provide a hands-on demonstration of their craftsmanship. Even Maple Leaf legend Johnny Bower made a visit to our booth to admire their craftsmanship.

Pictured at right : Mike Best, Johnny Bower, Organizers Steve Kilgar and Joe Popadynetz



We are on the web

Www.smwia-L30.com

LOCAL 30 MEETING DATES

GENERAL MEETINGS

Wednesday Sept. 23, 2009
Wednesday Oct. 28, 2009
Wednesday Nov. 25, 2009

BARRIE MEETINGS

Tuesday Sept. 8, 2009
Tuesday Oct. 13, 2009
Tuesday Nov. 10, 2009

PETERBOROUGH MEETINGS

Wednesday Sept. 9, 2009
Wednesday Dec. 9, 2009
Wednesday March 10, 2010

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Local 30 was chartered as a local of the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association in 1896. The Roofers' section of Local 30 started in 1952.

Local 30 has approximately 4,000 active and retired members. Local 30 members work in the sheet metal, roofing and siding & decking sectors of the construction industry, as well as the production sector.

IN MEMORIAM

We regret to inform you of the deaths of the following brothers:

Rene Giroux

Stanley Knight

Harry Stowar

Robert Snow

Gunter Bartol

Donald Fairlie

Our sincere condolences go out to their families.