New Contractor American Fabricator Signs Agreement with Local 441

Business Manager Richard Taylor and Frontenac Area Business Rep Mike Wolownik congratulate John Parsons, newly-signed contractor and owner of American Fabricator.

Retiree Christmas Dinner Dec. 12

The Retirees' Christmas Dinner will be held Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the Olive Garden at 2641 N. Maize Road. Call Jim Wilbert at (316) 722-6859 for reservations. There will not be a retiree's breakfast in December, but they will resume in January at Spear's Restaurant.

Business Manager's Report

I want to first take this opportunity to say thank you to all the Members that were able to attend any of our activities that have taken place over the last several weeks. Many of you showed support for your Local Union and demonstrated to your community the pride you have in being Union by attending the various Labor Day events around the state. Being Union in the state of Kansas is something you do by choice and Labor Day is a day to let the public know that.

The Local 441 area picnics were very successful and demonstrated the brotherhood that is growing throughout our Local Union. With all the regular day to day business that goes on, I must also take this opportunity to say a special thank you to the Picnic Committees, Office Staff, and the Paid Officers for all the extra time and effort, above and beyond, that they put into these events to make them a success.

I also had the pleasure of attending the recent Apprentice graduations and was given the honor of addressing the graduates and welcoming them into the ranks of Journeymen. Of all the duties associated with the office of Business Manager, this is the one that gives me the most pride. Thank you and congratulations to all the new graduates.

Our Local's jurisdiction continues to be blessed with an abundance of job opportunities for our Membership. From reading the Business Representative's reports, it is obvious that our current employment situation is in very good shape. There are also several major projects in the planning stages that will positively impact upcoming plumbing and piping jobs in our jurisdiction. As current projects are completed and new projects start to ramp up there may be some spotty unemployment, but it should be short lived. There appears to be plenty of work, both industrial and commercial alike, to provide employment for our Membership for quite some time. And the list covers all types of projects from hospitals to manufacturing facilities, arenas, ethanol plants, powerhouses, airport terminals, jail facilities, shutdowns, fabrication opportunities... and Brothers and Sisters, most of this work is yet to get started. This is in addition to all the work we are presently involved in.

Many of these projects will continue to require manpower needs beyond Local 441's resources. Assistance from our sister locals primarily in the area of certified welders and licensed plumbers will continue to be sought, but that source is becoming less and less abundant. I know it has been mentioned many times, but I would like to continue to add my voice urging any Member who doesn't have a plumbing license, medical gas certification, or welding certification to take advantage of our free training for those that want to upgrade their skills. Call the Training Department for details.

For Local 441 to maintain and grow market share, these projects must have qualified manpower and supervision. Our challenge is to continue to meet the needs of our contractors, owners, and end users that depend on quality UA Craftsman to get their jobs done and get them done right. We have been steadily taking in bigger numbers into our apprenticeship program, and that no doubt is a long-term fix. For the short term, the need is more immediate. Your Officers have been successfully recruiting unorganized craftsman over the last several months to join the ranks of the organized. Some have had the training and credentials to qualify as journeyman. Many have needed additional training and have been slotted into the apprenticeship program. Some current Members have helped by supplying information that has led to successful contact with many of these new recruits. This has proven to be a reliable source in identifying qualified
KU MSI Project

Michael Hamm and Norm Strawder

Chris Wittman, Foreman Steve Stenger and Business Rep Denis Wittman

Wesley Hospital

Foreman Jerry Short and Project Manager Mike Postiglione

LU441 members working for The Fagan Co. on the Wesley Hospital project:

Chamber Meeting with Boyda


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Three Generations Participate in Plumbing Company

Plumbing by Carlson Inc. celebrates 50 years of doing business in Topeka

Bob Carlson purchased a 1941 Chevy panel truck for a fishing trip in 1953. When he started his business in 1957, he converted the truck into a work vehicle.

The father and son team of Neil and Kris Carlson are celebrating Plumbing by Carlson Inc. marking 50 years.

PLUMBING BY CARLSON INC.
Address: 1820 S.W. Van Buren
Phone: (785) 232-0515

His son, Neil Carlson, said he had the body refinished this year and had the engine rebuilt several years ago. The Carlsons keep the vehicle at the business at 1820 S.W. Van Buren, but they don’t take it on jobs any more.

“It’s a parade truck now,” Neil Carlson said.

Carlson’s son, Kris, is manager and vice president and runs the company.

Carlson Plumbing was the business’s original name. It was incorporated under the name Plumbing by Carlson.

The company has 16 employees, but the workforce has been as high as 60 employees. Neil said 60 employees was too many because it was difficult to keep track of all of the projects. The business runs better with a leaner crew of 15 to 25 employees, he said.

Pipes were typically made of copper or steel when Carlson Plumbing was founded, but copper prices have quadrupled in recent years and plastic pipe is now most common. The Carlsons keep some steel and copper pipe around to take care of old systems.

The business’ biggest job was the plumbing for Summit Woods Apartments, west of Sam’s Club. The $1.4 million job involved plumbing for 318 apartments and 528 bathrooms, Kris Carlson said.

The plumbers said they hear all kinds of crazy stories from customers. On Friday, a customer called to ask whether there would be a problem with flushing a watch down the toilet, Kris Carlson said. He said he told the person there wouldn’t be a problem if the person didn’t mind losing the watch.

One time, Neil Carlson said, he retrieved a woman’s false teeth from her toilet.

The Carlsons buy their products from local suppliers. They are considering adding on for more storage space.

The Carlsons said they are fortunate to have a loyal staff. Employee Harold Richey was a neighbor kid who came to work at the company and stayed for 38 years.

Company workers have a combined 277 years of experience.

Though the market for new housing has slowed in the past year, Neil Carlson said the company has done a lot of work for local builders.

Carlson Plumbing staff members belong to Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union No. 441.

Michael Hooper can be reached at (785)295-1293 or michael.hooper@cjonline.com.
Dear Brother and Sisters:

Summer is over and fall is here. The summer of 2007 was very busy and fall 2007 looks just as promising.

As we enter the last quarter of the year, American Fabricator, which is starting up in Columbus, KS, has just landed a larger project for 2008. Currently we have 5 hands on this job and hope to have many more as time progresses.

In the Coffeyville area, Logan & Company is acquiring some good work in the Fab Shop. Also, they are branching out in the Chanute area to work on some compressor stations with a small crew. Since the rain has ceased, the Chanute Hospital along with Alexander Mechanical has been able to hire more men; hopefully the general contractor will stay on schedule and will man up soon.

Kruse Corporation is now hiring more men for the Neodesha Hospital project. Kruse is still in the process of completing the construction at Frontenac High School.

Overall, the Southeast Kansas area is busy with three hospitals bidding projects and as always, we are looking at future projects with Pittsburg State University. The Casino project in Southeast Kansas is moving forward and hopefully we will obtain some of the work.

Our future looks bright; the apprentice school this year has 10 very energetic students. With the increased interest in our program, we felt the need to employ 3 teachers this year.

Brothers and Sisters, as of June 2007, the members of LU 441 took a vote at Zone 1B on joining the LU 441 Local Pension with an increase of $2.00. In June 2007 Members of LU 441 voted in Zone 1A to increase to $2.10. On Nov 15, 2007, we will have an informational meeting and a VOTE to increase it $0.10 more to $2.10.

In closing, I promise to keep you informed of upcoming work in Southeast Kansas. As we continue to organize companies and communicate with contractors, and end users projects will become available. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please contact me at (620) 231-4280.

HAVE A VERY SAFE FALL!

Fraternally Yours,

Mike Wolownik
(602) 231-4280
Frontenac Business Representative – Zone 1B
103 Mendicki Dr. Frontenac, KS 66763
Congratulations to Graduates of Apprentice Program
By Kerry Stine, Director, PPATKS

Recently the completion banquets were held for the Zone 1 and Zone 2 areas. The efforts of those who worked hard and endured time away from family and friends were honored and celebrated. Those who completed the five-year program are:

Blake Anderson    Timothy Hoover
Tracey Bell       Craig Lange
Steven Bowers     Jerry Lindsey
Darrell Briggs    Donovan Miller
Paul Crumm       Danny Peterson
William Davis     Jonathan Robello
Gavin Gilliland   Michael Sherman
Michael Googe     Jason Wayne

Local 441 Business Manager Richard Taylor welcomed the new journeymen at both banquets while Richard Drinnen, American Mechanical Inc., welcomed them for the contractors at the Zone 1 banquet and Smitty Belcher, P1 Group, welcomed the new journeymen for the contractors at the Zone 2 banquet.

At the Zone 1 banquet, State of Kansas House Minority Leader Dennis McKinney delivered the keynote speech. Representative McKinney while being from a rural district has come to understand the benefits of Union labor, not only for us as union members, but also for the state of Kansas. He is also experiencing first hand the generosity of Union Labor through the efforts of the building trades to build a new community center in tornado-ravaged Greensburg, his hometown.

The keynote speaker for the Zone 2 banquet was Mark Yates, Westar Project Manager. Mark is currently overseeing over $300 million worth of upgrades to the Jefferies Power Plant north of Marysville. In Mark’s remarks he commented on the need for skilled mechanics that can handle the work that lies ahead and how the apprenticeships are helping to fill that need. There will be plenty of power plant work in the future and he expects union labor to be associated with a large part of that work.

The theme of the banquet remarks could best be summed up in agent Kirk Miller’s remarks as he introduced Mark Yates at the Zone 2 banquet. Kirk said that for a stool to be able to stand, it has to have 3 legs. If any of those legs are missing the stool will fall over. We have to realize that we are one of those legs, the contractors are one of the legs and the customer is one of the legs. If any leg is missing, we as a union will suffer.

It is important for us as labor to maintain good relations with our contractors and their customers. That is achieved through striving to be excellent in the work we do. That really is what we have to offer: Excellent work, making for fair wages, making for profitable contractors, making for happy customers, providing future jobs.

If you run into one of our new Journeymen on the job, congratulate him on a job well done.

Frank L. Arnold, 81, died September 21, 2007. Most recently of Rose Hill, Ks. Brother in good standing for 51 years.
Jack L. Norris, 82, died August 12, 2007. Most recently of Wichita, Ks. Brother in good standing for 52 years.
Glen M. Rose, 86, died July 24, 2007. Most recently of Topeka, Ks. Brother in good standing for 61 years.
Vernon B. Stevens, 84, died July 14, 2007. Most recently of Topeka, Ks. Brother in good standing for 54 years.
Carl R. Swanson, 88, died September 20, 2007. Most recently of Topeka, Ks. Brother in good standing for 54 years.

Notices of brothers and sisters who have passed on are posted on our website as received: www.ua441.org. Click on “Member Information” and “In Memoriam.” Everyone is encouraged to notify the hall as soon as you are aware of a passing. Please share this information with our brothers and sisters.
Friends!

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Food!

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Area Picnics

Family!

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craftsmen that have the potential of becoming Union Members. Please continue to let us know of unorganized tradespersons that you feel have the skills, ability, and attitude to be an asset to Local 441. Your help is needed and greatly appreciated.

Your Local Union Funds continue to improve. The General Fund, Target Fund, Building Fund, and Death Benefit Fund have all experienced generous gains over 2007. We have purchased CDs and established money market accounts to take advantage of even faster gains. Rest assured that all monies are in secured accounts and no risky investments are made with any of the Memberships Local Union Funds.

Local Pension Plans and the Health and Welfare Plan are also doing quite well. The Trustees of the various plans will be conducting meetings to review this year’s activities. During these meetings the Trustees will also receive information from the Plans Actuator and Financial Advisors to determine if any adjustments need to be made in the Plans investment portfolio. They will also provide information that will allow the Trustees to determine whether or not the Plans can provide additional benefits to the Membership. As your Business Manager and a Trustee and Fiduciary of these plans, it is my goal, along with the rest of the Trustees, to make sure these Plans remain secure and provide the best benefits possible to the Membership.

In closing I would like to touch on some upcoming events. We have been looking into the use of video equipment in an attempt to broadcast the regular Union meetings held in Wichita to the outlying offices. We are planning to do a test with this equipment during the November 12th Union meeting by broadcasting to the Lawrence office. We will be contacting the Membership in that area to please attend and determine if this is something that will benefit the Local and help to provide better access for Membership involvement. If successful, we can also include the Frontenac area and this will help to close the geographical boundaries that hinder us across our jurisdiction.

Also, Saturday November 3rd has been secured with United Association Head of Organizing, Kurt Smith, to provide Steward, Supervisory, and Standard For Excellence training for our Membership. This training will be held in Emporia. All current Stewards and Supervisors will be notified and asked to attend this important informational meeting. Space is limited, but if you are not serving in one of these positions and feel you could benefit from this training, please contact the office and you will be put on the list if space is available.

Again, thank you to the Membership for your hard work and support of your Local Union. Continue to work smart, work safe, and God bless you and your families.

Richard L. Taylor, Business Manager

American Fabricator

Ernie Norris and Business Rep Mike Wolownik

Huck Parsons and Ernie Norris

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Topeka Area

Brothers,

I know there are different beliefs on global warming, greenhouse effects, and water shortages. I too carry my own belief.

Regardless, the Green in general will be good for the trade. Windmills storing compressed air underground to turn full-time turbines, biodigesting lagoons, grasses for methane, ethanol, bio-diesel, hydrogen (retrieved from abandoned oil fields) fueled boilers, clean air systems, algae oils and so on.

We look for the trade to grow in leaps and bounds from the retiring baby-boomers alone and adding this to it will create quite a demand. Before we chase the rainbow, we need to remember our local contractors and the work they have, by ignoring them as we have during good times of the past, they are unable to continue to count on us when they need us.

Then what happens in turn as the good jobs dry up, so does our local contractor pool. We need the steady contractors around when the rush isn’t.

Fraternally yours,

Kirk W. Miller, Sr. (785) 354-8539

Topeka Business Representative

3906 NW 16th St. • Topeka, KS 66618

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Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry Retirement Plan of Kansas

The new Local 441 Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Frontenac, Lawrence, Topeka and Wichita Zones contains language which increases the number of options you have for making deferred compensation contributions (employee contributions) to the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry Retirement Plan of Kansas. Participants may now contribute up to $3.00 per hour when working in our jurisdiction.

Your options for employee contributions are now $.40, $.80, $1.20, $2.00 or $3.00 per hour. First Year Apprentices cannot make employee contributions and are not entitled to employer contributions if working in the Lawrence or Topeka Zones.

All changes to the amount you contribute must be made on an Elective Contribution Changes Form and must be submitted by January 15 of each year. Any change will be effective for your employer’s first payroll period in February. There is one exception to this rule, you can reduce your deferral amount to $0.00 at any time. To do so, please contact me at (620) 235-1744 or contact Local 441 and we will send you the necessary Form. The Form must be returned to the Local or to C&J Benefit Solutions, DO NOT GIVE THE FORM TO YOUR EMPLOYER.

Sincerely yours,

Joe Pucci, Plan Administrator (620) 235-1744

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Employment Dispatch

Hello Brothers and Sisters:

HAVE YOU EVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT?

Nationwide, we are just scratching the surface of the biggest construction boom that I have seen in the last 30 years and Local 441 of Kansas is no exception to the boom. Our work has been excellent this year and I believe we are starting to gain market share. Our membership is growing and the nonunion is depleting because of the hard work that the Agents and all of you are doing on the organizing end.

As the ethanol plant in Liberal starts winding down, I would like to congratulate every UA member and Waldinger Corp. for a job well done. That project peaked with 125 UA members this summer. Waldinger has expanded in Wichita by opening a fab shop to fabricate for ethanol plants outside the state.

Piping & Equipment has also started a new ethanol plant in Lyons Kansas that will peak with approximately 30 UA pipeliners and welders and is scheduled for six months.

ICM alone has 6 more ethanol plants scheduled for Kansas. Although most will not be the size of Liberal, they will still need at least 30 to 45 pipeliners each. Our contractors are working hard to secure these projects.

P1 Group was awarded the Viega plastics plant in McPherson and will need 20 to 25. Another huge project awarded was the downtown arena in Wichita. MSI was successful on that project and will start gearing up in early spring.

Day & Zimmerman currently has fall outages at Lawrence Energy, Jeffreys, and Tecumseh for approximately 40.

We are doing a majority of the hospital work spread across the state with several contractors.

Logan and Co. is steady in Coffeyville.

I recently attended the MINK Pipe Trades conference in Missouri and every state reported full employment or work on the books that will start. The biggest shortage will be welders with UA certs. If you are interested in getting UA weld certs. You can contact Kerry Stine at the Hall for a schedule.

In my last report I stated that if we are all on the same path we will be unstoppable. Well, Brothers and Sisters, that is now reality. All in all, it’s great to give a report like this and be a member of Local 441.

Fraternally,
Bill Urton (316) 265-4291
Business Representative/Dispatcher

Lawrence Area

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Elections will be coming in 2008. One candidate I urge you to support is Nancy Boyd. Remember to get behind your labor-friendly candidates and vote to ensure they get elected.

I recently attended a Kansas Renewable energy and energy efficiency conference in Topeka on September 25th & 26th. The conference brought together local, state, regional and national leaders in the renewable energy and efficiency industries. This conference emphasized the progress Kansas has made in each of these areas. The conference featured noted speakers, highlighted the community and state support for current and future wind, bio-fuel and efficiency projects and informed us about the potential Kansas holds for renewable energy development.

Hope everyone enjoyed the picnic and retiree dinners held in his or her area.

Work in area is good. Chaney, P1 group, PMI, Powerhouse and Taylor Forge all keeping busy.

Had a banquet for members who had completed their apprenticeship training. Tim Hoover and Donnie Miller from Zone 2 are now journeymen. Tim Hoover was recognized for having perfect attendance during his five years. Congratulations for a great job.

Fraternally yours,
Brother Denis Wittman (785) 843-3151
Lawrence Business Representative
930 E. 28th Street Lawrence, KS 66046

Nov. 12 Union Meeting Will Test Video Conference Capabilities

Smile! You’re on camera!

During the November 12 union meeting, LU 441 will conduct a video conference test between Wichita and Lawrence.

The results will determine if this kind of technology can be used as an option to help eliminate the geographical distances of our jurisdiction by telecasting our monthly union meetings and allowing members from remote areas to actively participate in them without traveling to Wichita.

Wichita Area Zone 1A

Brothers and Sisters,

Let me first say “thank you” for all of your hard work and dedication to the local union and our signatory contractors. We have embarked upon an era of growth and prosperity not seen in Kansas in recent history. Your dedication has enabled us to secure healthy wage increases and attain a standard of living only fitting to the most skilled craftsmen of our great state. The spring of the year began with several large commercial and industrial projects. We have successfully manned and sent a clear message to our customer base that Local #441 is without question the finest craft union in terms of skill, safety, and profitability. Once again THANK YOU.

Work in the area continues to be favorable to our membership. I hesitate to begin naming a list of projects in lieu of just stating our workload is equal to or exceeding our manpower supply.

Our contractors continue to bid and secure jobs. It is our duty carry forward with quality craftsmanship and diligence in order for everyone involved to be gainful and prosperous.

I would like to close in two parts. First, I hope everyone took the opportunity to participate in one or all of the area picnics.

These functions give us the chance to share our brotherhood with our family members. Local #441 cannot provide a better opportunity.

Second, I would like to provide a quote from “Your Heritage and Future in the Pipe Trades:”

“Good skills, attitudes, and habits make superior journeymen — and superior journeymen have more job security and opportunities for success.”

It is my pleasure to serve as your representative.
John H. Shepherd Jr. (316) 265-4291
Plumbers & Pipefitters of Kansas Local #441
Wichita Area Business Representative Zone 1A

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OFFICE NOTES!!!

2007 COURTESY TAX INFORMATION
Local #441 office staff will be mailing you information about 2007 dues, work assessment, etc. paid by you to Local #441 for tax purposes. This is a courtesy provided by your Local Union and is NOT A LEGAL DOCUMENT. December 2007 remittance reports must be received from all contractors prior to these documents being prepared. Remittance reports are not due by contractors until mid-January. Office staff will endeavor to process these remittance reports as quickly as received in order to provide this information for 441 members.

EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PPI RETIREMENT FUND
If you wish to begin self-contributing to the PPI Retirement Fund of Kansas, contact either the Plan Administrator or the Union Office and we will send you an Elective Contribution Changes Form. The Election period is from January 1 through Jan. 15. The change will be effective as of your employer’s first payroll period in February. DO NOT GIVE YOUR ELECTION FORM TO YOUR EMPLOYER. Changes will not be effective until your Election Form is received in the Plan Administrator’s office, or at the Union office. Elections postmarked after January 15 will not meet this deadline and will be rejected.

You may, at any time, reduce your elective contribution rate to zero by again completing a new Elective Contribution Changes Form. Should any of the foregoing conflict with the actual documents that govern the Plan, the Plan Documents will prevail.

Lawrence Condos
Foreman Wayne Foster and Business Rep Denis Wittman

Chanute Hospital
Jeff Sisney and Corey Bailey

Business Rep/Dispatcher Bill Urton, Foreman Steve Hogard and Business Rep Mike Wolownik

Labor Day 2007 Events
Denis Wittman and Jim Cox at Labor Day event in Topeka

Business Rep Denis Wittman, Kansas State Secretary of Labor Jim Garner and Business Rep Kirk Miller


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UA Local #441
Plumbers & Pipefitters
Monthly Union Meetings

KANSAS LOCAL #441 UNION MEETINGS
Second Monday of every month, 7 p.m.
(316) 265-4291/1330 E. 1st Street, Wichita

Next Meeting Dates:
November 12, December 10, January 14

LOCAL #441 AREA MEETING DATES
Thursday, 7 p.m.,
following Wichita Monday Meeting

Next Meeting Dates:
November 15, December 13, January 17

Frontenac
(620) 231-4280 at 103 Mendicki Dr.

Lawrence
(785) 843-3151 at 930 E. 28th St.

Topeka
(785) 354-8539 at 3906 NW 16th St.

UA LOCAL #441 RETIREE MEETINGS
Frontenac Area Retirees
Meet each Tuesday morning at Home Café,
Cherokee, KS at 8 a.m.

Lawrence Area Retirees
No monthly meetings scheduled at this time.
We encourage a group to establish meetings and
let the Hall in Wichita know date, time, location.
You are also welcome to attend
other area retiree meetings.

Topeka Area Retirees
Meet every Wednesday morning at Hardee’s
at 21st and Wanamaker, at 8 a.m.

Wichita Area Retirees
Meeting at the Hall, 1330 E. 1st Street N.,
on the first Wednesday every month at 10 a.m.
Breakfast the second Wednesday of every month
(except December) at 9 a.m. at Spears Restaurant,
4323 W. Maple, Wichita, KS.

The Retiree’s Christmas Dinner will be
Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the Olive Garden
at 2641 N. Maize Road.

Call Jim Wilbert at (316) 722-6859
for reservations.

Note: All retirees and spouses and former
members’ widows are welcome to attend
any of the area meetings.

There is no “UNION” without “U.”

32 New Members Sworn in
at October 2007 Union Meeting

CONTRACTS

Wichita (316) 265-4291  Training (316) 267-8508
Topeka (785) 354-8539  Training (785) 234-2006
Lawrence (785) 843-3151
Frontenac (620) 231-4280  Training (620) 724-6115

Local Union 441 Website: www.ua441.org

The Health & Welfare Office handles your local pension information, 401k, and general questions
regarding your health insurance (such as your status in qualifying for insurance benefits.)
If you have specific questions regarding your insurance, such as a list of doctors,
please refer to the numbers listed below for Blue Cross and Delta Dental.

Health & Welfare Office
www.ppi-fund.org
(316) 264-2339 or (800) 423-6517

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas
www.BCBSKS.com
(800) 432-3990 or (785) 291-4180

Delta Dental of Kansas
www.DeltaDentalKS.com
(800) 234-3375 or (316) 264-4511

If you have a Pension through the United Association, the National Pension office is where you
would call for any questions related to your pension. If you are close to retirement and are ready
to start the paperwork, please request an application for a retirement packet from National.
If you have a local pension or Kansas Annuity benefit, you will also need to contact
the Health & Welfare office to request the retirement information for that benefit.

National Pension (800) 638-7442
Local Pension/KS Annuity
(316) 264-2339 or (800) 423-6517

United Association Website: www.ua.org

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Wright is Secretary of Local IAPMO

Bruce Pfeiffer, Senior Plumbing Inspector for the City of Topeka, is also on the national Board of Directors for the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) that publishes the Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) and the Uniform Mechanical Code (UMC). As a national officer he administered the oath of office to Lonny Wright as secretary of the new South Central Kansas Chapter of IAPMO.

LU 441 Business Rep John Shepherd helped obtain over 100 signatures for the petition to gain a Chapter Charter.

Wichita - Frontenac JAC Banquet

Rep. Dennis McKinney addresses apprentices during the program.

New Journeymen
Paul Crumm, Danny Peterson, Jerry Lindsey, John Robello, Mike Sherman, Craig Lange and Mike Googe.

LU 441 Staff Visit with Legislators in Southeast Kansas

Southeast Kansas Democratic Fundraiser was held in August in Scammon, Kansas.


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