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June 2015



A message from the Business Manager...

God saw you were getting tired, And a cure was not to be,  
So he put his arms around you, And whispered, "Come to Me."  
With tearful eyes we watched you, And saw you pass away.  
Although we loved you dearly, We could not make you stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating, Hard working hands at rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.

-Anonymous

Tuesday April 21, 2015 was a sad day for Local 421 and the United Association. David DeLoach, the first Business Manager of Local 421 passed away. David had been a UA member for 48 years and Business Manager since 1976, first for the old Local 227 until the merge and then for Local 421. Personally, I lost my mentor, brother and a very close friend.

I became an apprentice in 1969, in 1970 I became David's apprentice and I have been his apprentice ever since. David not only taught me everything about the trade, he taught me how to be a man. I owe pretty much everything I am and everything I have to David DeLoach. He was a man's man and I only hope that when my time comes to meet my God, I can be remembered as half the man David DeLoach was. He will be truly missed, Love you David.

Skip Howard  
Local 421 Business Manager



LABOR HISTORY

Martin P. Durkin (1953-1953): Secretary of Labor/UA General President

Martin Durkin was secretary of labor under President Eisenhower from January 21, 1953, to October 8, 1953. In 1911, at the age of seventeen, Durkin became a steamfitter's apprentice; he would go on to fight as a private in the First World War.

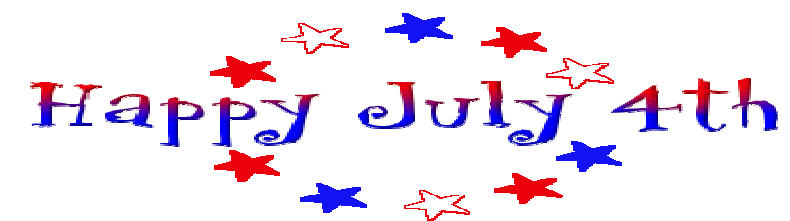
In 1921, he was elected business manager of Steamfitters Local 597, United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the U.S. and Canada, also known as UA, a post he held until 1933. Henry Horner, the Democratic governor of Illinois, recruited Durkin to be state director of labor (1933-1941). In this capacity, Durkin introduced a number of reforms, including a state unemployment benefit, a state labor mediation service, and minimum work safety legislation; he was also an advocate of minimum wage/maximum hour regulations.

Durkin would also serve as president of the International Association of Governmental Labor Officials, or IAGLO, from 1933 to 1955. In 1941, he resigned his state position to become secretary-treasurer (1941-43) and later president (1943) of the UA. During World War II, he was a member of the National War Labor Board, and in 1951, he became a member of Defense Mobilization Board and National Security Resources Board under President Harry S. Truman.

President-elect Eisenhower sought an inclusive cabinet with a trade unionist in charge of labor relations, yet his appointment of Durkin to the post of labor secretary was fraught with trouble. Once in office, Durkin tried to rescind portions of the Taft-Hartley Act requiring loyalty oaths from union officials and open shops.

He had initially convinced Eisenhower to abide by his plan, but during a delay caused by the death of Senator Robert Taft, Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks changed Eisenhower's mind. Durkin resigned after less than eight months on the job, denouncing Eisenhower for going back on his word. Durkin died after surgery for a brain tumor in 1955.

Submitted by: Bob Hughes



## Lead Burners

The Lead Burner Division of Local 421 is currently in contract negotiations. Our first meeting in Atlanta did not result in proposals we could send out for a vote by the membership. Contact me or any member of the negotiating committee for a current update.

Submitted by: Bill McNabb



**IS YOUR BENEFICIARY INFORMATION UP TO DATE? IF YOU ARE NOT SURE PLEASE GIVE US A CALL AND WE WILL CHECK IT FOR YOU 843-554-3655. WE CAN MAIL YOU A BENEFICIARY CARD IF YOU NEED/WANT TO MAKE ANY CHANGES.**

1 Pet 2:24: He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

## JATC

Make sure to always keep your certs current, ***IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!!***

**Check the website often** ([www.ualocal421.org](http://www.ualocal421.org)) for new and updated classes that are listed for any required continuing education. There will be more online courses in the months to come for UA members.

There will be weld testing during the week at the Concord Training Center, except Wednesdays, when there will be **no** weld testing. Any requested testing in Charleston or Laurens will have to be pre-scheduled.

The JATC is looking for Instructors for **ALL** the Training Centers. If you have the ambition to share your knowledge with others, please send your resume' to John at [john@ualocal421.org](mailto:john@ualocal421.org).

Are you recently retired? We are currently looking for part time Instructors for the Wendell Facility. Please email your resume' to John Sciadini.

Please contact Gay at 704-721-0517 if you would like to be put on the list for any specialized training.

**There will be an OSHA 30 class offered over the summer, anyone needing this class should call and sign up.**



**Effective July 1, 2014 If a member of Local Union 421 is required to take a drug screen and fails, There will be a fine of \$300.00 and you will be IMMEDIATELY removed from the out of work list until further review. If an apprentice fails they will remain off the out of work list until reviewed by JATC.**

# JATC

## Information for Apprentices:

- ◆ Be sure to begin checking the announcements page on the web site and check it throughout summer for updates.
- ◆ August 22nd is a mandatory date for ALL students attending classes in Concord, Wendell or Charleston. The orientation and registrations will be held at the Concord Facility.
- ◆ Reminder—if you have not already, you must pay your book deposit to the Concord office, attention Gay. Money Orders only, made payable to Local 421 JATC.
- ◆ Graduating Apprentices and those who have turned out in 2015, The 421 Recognition Banquet will be July 25th. Announcements to follow. Please mark this in your calendar.



## 2015 LOCAL UNION 421 MEETING SCHEDULE

ALL MEETINGS BEGIN AT 10:00AM

JULY 11TH— 285 LITAKER LN. CONCORD, NC 28025

SEPTEMBER 12TH— LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED.

NOVEMBER 14TH— LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED.

**\*YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF ANY CHANGES\***

## NEWS FROM DISPATCH...

Work continues to be very slow in the Carolina's. I hope to have better news and more updates in the next newsletter. Please do not forget to keep your certifications updated. Hope to see you all at our next regular union meeting on July 11th.

Thanks,  
Ron May

## Website Instructions

Website Address:  
[www.ualocal421.org](http://www.ualocal421.org)

Username: Card Number/  
member number

Password: Date of Birth in  
mmddyyyy NO Dashes or Slash  
Marks.



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**IF YOU HAVE NOT TURNED IN THE 2015 STANDARD FOR EXCELLENCE AND WERE OUT OF WORK YOU HAVE BEEN AUTOMATICALLY REMOVED FROM THE OUT OF WORK LIST. THE CUT OFF DATE FOR RETURNS WAS JANUARY 31, 2015. YOU WILL BE PLACED ON THE OUT OF WORK LIST IN THE ORDER IN WHICH WE RECEIVE THEM. (YOU MUST RETURN THE SFE EVEN IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY WORKING)**

DIRECTORY  
CHARLESTON  
BUSINESS OFFICE  
2556 OSCAR JOHNSON DRIVE  
N. CHARLESTON, SC 29405  
843-554-3655  
843-529-1226 FAX

CONCORD OFFICE  
285 LITAKER LANE  
CONCORD, NC 28025  
704-721-0517  
704-721-0518 FAX

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1476 FLEMING ST. EXT.  
LAURENS, SC 29360  
864-984-9702  
864-984-1951 FAX

WENDELL OFFICE  
350 EAST 4TH STREET  
WENDELL, NC 27591  
919-231-8005  
919-231-8054 FAX

\*PLEASE SEND ALL MAIL INCLUDING  
PAYMENTS TO THE CHARLESTON  
OFFICE.\*

**EMAIL ADDRESSES**

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\*PLEASE PUT 421 MEMBER. ON  
SUBJECT LINE.\*

**WEBSITES**

[WWW.UALOCAL421.ORG](http://WWW.UALOCAL421.ORG)  
[WWW.UA.ORG](http://WWW.UA.ORG)

**Health /Welfare, Pension, Annuity  
and Vacation Checks call NEBA at 1-  
800-842-5899**

**(only speak with Melinda or Toni)**

Please notify us at either the Charleston or  
Concord office if you have a change of address  
or phone number. It is very important for us to  
have current information for mail outs and  
automated phone calls.

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:**

**IF YOU ARE THREE MONTHS BEHIND ON YOUR  
DUES, YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY A MINIMUM  
OF 2 MONTHS. ESPECIALLY IF YOU ARE  
CURRENTLY EMPLOYED.**

*It is with our deepest regret that we  
must inform you of the passing of  
the following Brothers and/or  
Sisters:*

**January 2015**

*Edsel R. Wright(329)  
Howard B. Stanley (640)*

**February 2015**

*William McCracken(421)  
Sammy V. Arnold (227)*

**March 2015**

*Luther Beasley (329)*

**April 2015**

*Stewart R. Edwards (421)  
David DeLoach (227)*

*In  
Loving  
Memory*

*Plumbers & Pipefitters  
Local Union 421  
2556 Oscar Johnson Dr.  
North Charleston, SC  
29405*

**Or Current Resident**

**Items for Sale**

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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | <b>T-Shirts: Black, Gray, Hunter Green, Dewter Blue</b>                               |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |
|  | <b>L-XL: \$14.00</b>  | <b>Fats: Tan and Green</b>  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
|  | <b>XXL: \$15.00</b>   | <b>\$10.00</b>  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
|  | <b>XXXL: \$16.00</b>  | <b>Safety T-Shirts</b>  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
|  | <b>Long Sleeve: Red and Navy Blue</b>   | <b>L-4X: \$16.00</b>  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
|  | <b>L-XL: \$15.00</b>  | <b>Coolers: \$22.00</b>   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
|  | <b>XXL: \$16.00</b>   | <b>Sunglasses: \$35.00</b>  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
|  | <b>XXXL: \$17.00</b>  | <b>LE New Items for sale:</b>   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
|  | <b>Sweatshirts: Black</b>   | <b>Fats (Tan) \$14.00</b>   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
|  | <b>Medium-XL: \$30.00</b>   | <b>T-Shirts (Ash Gray)</b>  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
|  | <b>XXL-XXXL: \$35.00</b>  | <b>L-XL \$14.00</b>   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
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