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

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.
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.

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

Important Message

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.

JATC

Make sure to always keep your certs current, it is your responsibility!

Check the website often (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.

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.
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.

JATC

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
Username: Card Number/member number
Password: Date of Birth in mmdyyyy NO Dashes or Slash Marks.

PLUMBERS AND PIPEFITTERS LOCAL 391 PENSION FUND
ZENITH AMERICAN SOLUTIONS
1-800-959-3053 OR 678-221-5014
CONTACT PERSON IS SUSAN SINGER

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)
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)

Or Current Resident

Items for Sale

T-Shirts: Black, Gray, Hunter Green, Pewter Blue
L-XL: $14.00  XXL: $15.00  XXXL: $16.00

Long Sleeve: Red and Navy Blue
L-XL: $15.00  XXL: $16.00

Sweatshirts: Black
Medium-XL: $30.00  XXL-XXXL: $35.00

Hats: Tan and Green
$10.00

Safety T-Shirts
L-XL: $14.00

Coolers
$22.00

Sunglasses
$35.00

LB New Items for sale:
Hats (Tan) $14.00
T-Shirts (Ash Gray) L-XL $14.00  XXL $14.00