Congratulations Are In Order

A lot has happened since our last newsletter. The summer has come and gone and it is time to say Happy Holidays. Wow, that was fast. We are in exciting times and we hope to see them continue.

The Local 520 softball team has won the State Championship title. I would like to thank all the players and congratulate Jason Mart on being the tournament’s most valuable player.

Also, the 8th Annual Kidney Health weekend fundraiser for the Central Pennsylvania Kidney Foundation was a success with over $4,000.00 raised. On October 6th, the SK Run was held at your union hall. We had twenty runners and our usual sponsors to make this a success. Brett Emerich was the top Local 520 union hall. We had twenty runners and our usual sponsors to make this a success.

The business cycle we are currently in seems to be strong and the construction market appears to be good for the next few years. My concern is the erratic price of oil and the financial markets which are out of our control. They will have a direct bearing on the future of construction. Remember to position yourself financially as a construction worker. We never know what will happen next.

Upcoming projects consist of hospital projects up and down the river valley and power and pharmaceutical projects. Recently we signed McCarron Company to our Local 520 Agreement for it is the intention of McCarron to be a full participant in our jurisdiction for industrial work. Binsky & Snyder has also moved into the Marietta GSK project and they are also examining the possibility of bidding some hospital and institutional work within our jurisdiction. These two companies will help us raise our market share within the territory. We welcome these contractors and are looking for others to give us a try.

On another note, there will be housekeeping changes to our referral system starting January 1st. As you are aware, we are running a daily dispatch call out from the union office. Every day there is a dispatch agent and a duty agent in our office. The duty agent is to answer incoming phone calls and the dispatcher runs calls for manpower as needed. The changes to go into effect are on page two; be sure to read them.

The new web site is under development and we expect to have it up to full capacity by the 1st of 2008. We hope to integrate the daily activities of our local into our site.

On behalf of the Officers and myself we would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally yours,

Fraternally yours,

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**Nu-Weld, Inc.**

Local #520 recently signed a fabrication shop named Nu-Weld Inc. of Trout Run, Pennsylvania. This is a small fabricator who is becoming involved with the upcoming resurgence of nuclear power in the United States.

The current affairs of energy generation in America are at a crossroad. The security of our nation is dependent upon a reliable and domestically produced supply of electricity. With the recent concerns and reality of global warming, uranium is becoming the fuel of choice. It is our hope to be involved with fabrication of the next generation of power production in America.

The United States Government and the industry have set goals of moving from a 20% nuclear to a 40% nuclear power production in the next 15 years. This is a very aggressive goal and our intention is to ride this wave with many thousands of man-hours of fabrication. A shop like Nu-Weld in our jurisdiction could help us with this goal.

The first project for Nu-Weld, Inc. is fuel canisters (see photo) for Areva Company of France. The purpose is to transport fresh fuel from the producer to the reactors of America. Also Nu-Weld has some pipe fabrication contracted from Bechtel Corporation for use in the Hanford Fuel Reprocessing Facility in Hanford, Washington State. We look forward to a bright future with Nuweld Inc.
Checks & Balances

I would like to take this opportunity to wish each member and their families a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Our Union can be thankful for its many generations that collectively give it strength and diversity.

It's been exciting around the union hall as we, the new officers, settle in and tackle our new positions and the work load we have. There are many changes taking shape as we have our new computer system installed, web site redesigned, and agent/ dispatch room completed.

These improvements will allow us to better serve our members as we do the business of the local and move into the future.

This year has been very strong for our members and the forecast for 2008 is positive. As a union member, I have often wondered where our members are working and what businesses should we support in our territory. I hope to list a few projects our members have completed in every newsletter. As you shop please consider these businesses or products: Unilever-Lipton, food products, Harrisburg; Nestle Purina, pet products, Mechanicsburg; Kellogg's, food products, Lancaster and Muncy; Wegmans, food market, State College, Williamsport, Mechanicsburg; Boscov's, department store, Hanover Penn Cinema, movie theater, Lititz. I would love to hear from you with possible job site names or articles for future newsletter.

Fraternally,

Frank M. Kelly

[news & info from your trustees]

For Your Benefit

Your trustees would like to provide the following information to help members with their benefit questions. Please take the time to read Highmark’s Health Matters publication. It has some great information on health and wellness programs. You receive this mailing quarterly, and it also can be viewed on line at www.highmark.com.

- **Annuity Fund Questions:**
  - Investment Management services are provided through The Standard (formerly Investmart).
  - For information relative to self-directing your investments, checking your allocations, changing your investment selections, etc. please contact The Standard.
  - Customer Service Center: 1-800-370-9601
  - For online registration/information: www.investmart.com

For all other Annuity Fund questions regarding hours reported/contributions received, reciprocal hours, to request an application for either a withdrawal or rollover, beneficiary designation forms, etc. please contact your Contract Administrator:

D. H. Evans Associates, Inc.: 717-671-8551 or 1-800-636-7632 (Toll Free)

- **Health & Welfare Benefits Questions:**
  - Medical Benefits (provided through Highmark Blue Shield)
    - With the exception of basic eligibility concerns (including student verifications) all questions should be directed to Highmark Blue Shield

For the following services, please call:

  - Member Service/Benefit Questions: 1-800-345-3806
  - Hospital or Facility Admissions: 1-800-345-3806
  - Mental Health or Substance Abuse Admissions: 1-800-233-7139
  - Blues on Call (24-hour Nurse help line): 1-888-BLUE-428

  For online registration/information: www.highmarkblueshield.com

- **Prescription Drug Benefits** (provided through Express Scripts, Inc.)
  - Customer Service Center: 1-800-467-2006
  - Mail Order Customer Service Center: 1-800-233-7139
  - Prior Authorization: 1-800-417-8164 (Physician Hotline)
  - Prior Authorization: 1-800-657-9577 (Physician Fax line)

  For online registration/information: www.express-scripts.com

- **Dental Benefits** (provided through Delta Dental of PA)
  - With the exception of basic eligibility concerns (including student verifications) all questions should be directed to Delta Dental of PA.

  - Member Service/Benefit Questions: 717-766-8500 (Harrisburg area)
  - Member Service/Benefit Questions (Toll free): 1-800-932-0783

- **Vision Benefits**
  - There are two levels of vision benefits.
  - **National Vision Administrators (NVA) - Opti-Vision Discount Program** which provides a discount off charges at the time of the visit/purchase.
    - For Participating Provider Questions: 1-800-672-7723
    - For Participating Provider On-line inquiry: www.e-nva.com
    - (Be sure to select the Opti-Vision Discount Program)

  For all other vision benefit questions contact D. H. Evans Associates, Inc.

- **Vision Care benefits through the Plumbers & Pipefitters Local No. 520 Health & Welfare Fund are processed by D. H. Evans Associates, Inc.**
  - Participant Eligibility/Benefit Questions: 717-671-8551 (Harrisburg area)
  - Participant Eligibility/Benefit Questions (Toll Free): 1-800-636-7632

  For all other Health and Welfare Fund eligibility questions including hours reported, initial or reinstatement effective dates, enrollment forms, dollar bank balances, reciprocal hours, etc. please contact your Contract Administrator:

  D. H. Evans Associates, Inc.: 717-671-8551 or 1-800-636-7632 (Toll Free)

- **Pension Fund Questions:**
  - For Pension Fund questions regarding hours reported, vesting status, reciprocal hours, pension payments, applying for pension benefits, etc. please contact your Contract Administrator.

  D. H. Evans Associates, Inc.: 717-671-8551 or 1-800-636-7632 (Toll Free)

James “Bud” Eveland, Frank M. Kelly, K. B. Yerg
### Plumbing License Renewals Due

Every member who has a Harrisburg plumbing license should have received an application to renew his or her license. The cost of the journeyman-plumbing license is $100.00 and the Master’s license is $125.00. The application must be signed and returned to: Bur. of Codes Admin. 10 North Second St. Harrisburg, Pa. 17101 by 12/01/07. Applications received after December 31, will be assessed $30.00. Please do not remove the license from the application. The code office will validate your new license and send it to you after payment is received.

Please take time to contact the training office to find out if your continuity for welding, or Medical gas brazing and installation is current – especially if you are seeking employment in another Local Union jurisdiction. The UA Welding and Brazing program works according to ASME code Section IX, and states that continuity must be documented every six months. If the contractor does not send in documentation supporting your welding activity, your certifications will expire and you will be required to test again to renew all previous certifications.

Please check off any classes you are interested in attending and return this form to:

**Local 520 JATC**
7193 Jonestown Road
Harrisburg, PA 17112

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### MEDICAL GAS CONTINUITY

**MEDICAL GAS CONTINUITY (must be on a contractor letterhead)**

We wish to use provision Q8-322 (a) of the ASME Section IX Boiler Vessel Code. Renewal of Qualification: Renewal of qualification of the performance qualification is required: when a brazed operator has not used the specific brazing process for a period of six months or more; or, there is a specific reason to question his/her ability to make brazes that meet the specification.

- **Brazed’s Name:**
- **Address:**
- **Social Security No.:**

This individual has successfully brazed using the procedure set forth by National ITC Corporation, BPS 98-101, and has not exceeded a period of six (6) months without making a braze to this procedure.

- **Original Certification Date/ or Last Continuity Date:**
- **Date of Most Recent Brazement:**

**Sincerely,**

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**UNITED ASSOCIATION OF PLUMBERS & PIPEFITTERS**

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I certify that the statements made in this record are correct.

**Signature**

**Date**

**Title**

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**520 MAILBOX**

**Message from George Thoman – ArcelorMittal Steelton’s Boiler Repair**

McClure Company’s Quick Response Team does it again! Thanks to Alden Hoffman, Tony Pacillo, Troy Johnson, John Krout, Jeff Sanger, Ted Seebold, Jay Wills, Matt Grove, Rodney Sweger, Phil Bellows, Perry Thoman, Cory Shirley, Craig Heintzleman, Mike Kenitz and Craig Kenitz our main process boiler project was a complete success. All your hard work, working over the holiday and 15-hour days is what made this project a complete success.

Congratulations to those that completed the apprentice program in August, and welcome to those apprentices that are just starting.

Have a happy and safe holiday season.

Sam Gingrich
Chip Brown
Patrick French
Ed Grimm
Jerry Gilbert
Glenn Sponaugle

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**PIPE TRADESMAN**

Fall 2007
Pennsylvania Sportsmen

Brother Jim Enders recently took a hunting trip to Colorado. While on his trip, he shot a mule deer and an elk. They were both shot with a .280 Remington on public grounds near Paonia. The mule deer is a 4X2 and the Elk a 3X2. Awesome job Jim.

Opening day of Trout Season spring of 2007 the Local 520 fishing team was active at the Middle-town Resevoir. We all received fishing lessons from the sportsman Donnie Johns and had a great time.

In picture back row Terry E. Peck, Tony Cicero, Joe Taylor, Mike Diemler, Ron Eberts and Donnie Johns. Front row is Galyan Carl, Terry Peck, Neal Muro, and Joe Hachigian. Send us your photos to local520@local520.com.

[news from your credit union]