

Annual Apprentice Alumni Banquet

DATE: Saturday, October 29, 2011

LOCATION: Hollywood Casino, Grantville, PA

PROGRAM:

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Registration/social hour with open bar and hors d'oeuvres
 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Dinner
 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Awards/Speaker

COST:

Journeyman - \$45 each or \$90 per couple
 Apprentices - \$35 each or \$70 per couple

R.S.V.P. By Monday, October 17, 2011
 Make check payable to Local 520 A.A.A

MAIL TO:

Donald Eldridge, Alumni President
 327 Douglas Road
 Hummelstown, PA 17036

Apprentice Alumni Banquet – October 29, 2011

 Name

 Address

 Phone

_____ Journeyman (\$45 each or \$90 per couple)

_____ Apprentice (\$35 each or \$70 per couple)

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please return this form with your check made payable to "Local 520 AAA" by October 17, 2011 to:
 Don Eldridge, Alumni President
 Local 520 JATC
 7193 Jonestown Road
 Harrisburg, PA 17112

United Association of Journeymen & Apprentices of the Plumbing & Pipefitting Industry of the United States & Canada
 7193 Jonestown Road
 Harrisburg, PA 17112
 717-652-3135

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[j.a.t.c. news]

The JATC recently completed a signalperson certification program and a notification of the dates of the next class has been distributed. The cost of the certification is \$75 for each member and will be refunded upon successful completion of the class. Anyone failing the written or practical exam will have to repeat just the section they failed; that cost will be the responsibility of the student and it is not refundable. Certification cards will be issued by the United Association. Instructors for this course are David Flowers, James Rapp, and Donald Eldridge.

It looks like our next offering will be industrial rigging certification. This certification program requires 60 to 80 hours of training and a minimum of 35% will be hands-on practical exercises. Ty Christman will be the instructor and the first class will be held on Friday, July 8 at 6:00 p.m. The first class will be an orientation meeting and is the same night as the July union meeting. We want to get your input on the class schedule. Do you want to do a few classes during the summer or start in the fall? The training office will be contacting interested members with the dates and time. Members will be responsible for the cost of books.

The next 30-hour OSHA will be conducted on the following dates: September 10, September 24, October 8, October 22, November 5, and November 19, from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm. The 10-hour OSHA course will be conducted Saturday July 9 and Saturday July 16 from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The instructors for the OSHA courses are Gary Shimmel and Ronald Goodrich.

In April, Local 354 sponsored the 5th Pennsylvania Apprentice contest and Local 520 was represented well. Brad Redmond placed in the pipefitter's division and Jordan Rhen took 1st place in the plumber's division. Jordan will be going to the regional contest in Charleston, West Virginia District #2, competing with apprentices from Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Virginia, Maryland, and Kentucky. Congratulations and good luck.

Enjoy the summer and please keep up with your weld and braze continuities. ▶

Local Union Representatives

Jerry Gilbert
 Patrick French
 Brian Bathavic

MCA Representatives

Ed Grimm
 Jerry Wills
 Mike DeSanto

Save the Date
 PA Pipe Trades Softball Tournament
 September 10, 2011
 Cruise-In for Kidney Health Car Show
 October 2, 2011
 Retirees Luncheon
 October 11, 2011

RETIREES LUNCHEON
Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Local 520 invites all retired members, spouses and widows to attend our Retirees Luncheon on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 12:00 Noon at the Union Hall. Please fill out the registration form below and return it to:
 Local 520 Retirees Luncheon
 7193 Jonestown Road
 Harrisburg, PA 17112.

Retiree's Name: _____

Number attending: _____

PIPE TRADESMAN

United Association of Journeymen & Apprentices of the
Plumbing & Pipefitting Industry of the United States and Canada

www.local520.com

SUMMER 2011



[business manager's message]

It is hard to believe how time flies. The cold winter months are finally past and hopefully this unusually wet spring will soon be behind us as well. We are doing fairly well, but work is going to be a bit light in the coming weeks with a slow summer facing us.

I'd like to use this quarter's newsletter column to fill you in on some of the activities your officers are engaged in outside of the day-to-day work of running our union. Local 520 is involved with several organizations that we feel forward our agenda of fair wages and benefits for workers. For example, we are charter members of the Alternative Fuels and Renewable Energies Council (AFREC). This group works toward the implementation of Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards, which require utilities to develop or purchase a percentage of generation from renewable energy sources. We work on many projects throughout the year for companies that are members of AFREC. Ethanol, biodiesel, and methane-to-energy generation facilities are just few types of projects these companies propose and build.

I have served on the board of the Pennsylvania Energy Alliance, which is an organization that promotes nuclear power in Pennsylvania and advocates for issues that are important to the industry. The Alliance is expanding and will soon include New Jersey's nuclear power players.

We have a close relationship with the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO and Local 520 participates in its meetings and other activities. Its mission is similar to the Building Trades Council's, but is involved with worker advocacy issues for workers in many industries in addition to construction. Local 520 is fortunate to have the AFL-CIO's president, Rick Bloomingdale, as a close friend and ally.

Local 520 has been involved with the Central Pennsylvania Building Trades and the Pennsylvania State Building Trades Councils for many years. The mission for these organizations is to work with state lawmakers and regulators to advocate for the best interests of the building and construction trades. Some of the issues the Councils are involved with include Davis Bacon prevailing wage, Pennsylvania prevailing wage, minimum wage, nuclear power standards, and pension rules and regulations. The building and construction trades have a vested interest in these areas in which laws and regulations can affect our business and our well-being.

Last but not certainly not least is the United Association, our national parent organization. We have been in good hands under the tenure of General President William P. Hite. He has provided steady leadership with a vision toward the future of our trade. Many of our accomplishments as a Local are directly or indirectly affected by the office of the General President, and we are fortunate to have the strength of the UA behind us. Local 520's officers and delegates will attend the 38th National Convention of the United Association in August and we are proud to endorse and support the Hite Alliance. We will report on the convention when we return and look forward the continued support of and participation in the UA's initiatives.

In other news, Local 520 is once again participating in the UA Accelerated Welding Program and we are proud to be offering it to participants for a third consecutive year. This has been a very successful program which is helping to address the shortage of qualified welders.

The UA has also instituted its Veterans in Piping (VIP) welding program which is being offered on military bases across the U.S. Too often, returning veterans have had difficulty finding good jobs after they leave the military. The UA has responded to this problem and developed a program to help veterans transition to civilian life and find careers with contractors throughout the country. VIP provides participants with valuable skills training which allows them to enter the UA's apprenticeship program upon their release from active duty. This summer, we are proud to be accepting our second Marine veteran into the apprentice program and local union. These men and women protect and serve our country and deserve the opportunity for good jobs upon their return to civilian life. The United Association has responded to a need and is giving back to those who have given so much to America. ▶

Derry C. Beck

[C.O.P.E. news]

Local 520 Implements Text Message System for Alerts on Political Action

We are living in difficult times and the future of middle class working families is being threatened like never before. We can't afford to sit on the sidelines and watch it happen.

As you've surely seen in the news, the right-wing conservative movement is doing all it can to do strip us of our union rights and eliminate the few protections that are still in place to help the working class earn a fair wage. We are under attack in more than 18 states where anti-union laws and regulations are being proposed and instituted. Pennsylvania is no exception, and our Republican governor has publicly stated that if a bill repealing prevailing wage laws comes to his desk he will sign it.

As a result of last year's Supreme Court ruling in the Citizens United vs. Federal Election Commission case, corporations can now spend unlimited amounts to influence elections in their favor. We must do everything we can to compete, not just with financial support through PAC contributions but also with personal involvement in the political process.

We have recently implemented a text message alert system that allows us to send broadcast texts to our members about timely political issues. This is a quick, efficient and very cost-effective way to communicate with you when we need your support in responding to pressing political issues. When we ask you to attend a rally or call or write to your district's legislators to make our positions known before they vote on important bills, please do your part and get involved. If you haven't been receiving these text alerts please call the hall to give us your cell phone number so we can add you to the text message distribution list. We need full participation from our Local 520 brothers and sisters for our efforts to succeed. If we all pitch in and join together, we can be a force to turn the tide of the current anti-union political movement.

Remember, we are all a part of the working class that is currently under political attack from our federal and state lawmakers. We must protect our rights and our union way of life and we need your help in doing so. America is at a critical crossroads with the future organized labor at stake and it is up to all of us to do our part to fight this political battle. We cannot afford to be complacent and expect others to take responsibility for our future. The responsibility is ours and the time to act is now. ▶

MARK YOUR CALENDAR MEETINGS RESCHEDULED

The August Union Meeting has been rescheduled due to the Officers' and Delegates' attendance at the United Association 38th Convention. The meeting will be held on Friday, August 19, 2011. The November Union Meeting has been rescheduled due to Veteran's Day falling on the second Friday of November this year. The meeting will be held on Friday, November 18, 2011.

The summer newsletter always seems to highlight and remind us of the many events that are happening here at Local 520. Please check this issue for the registration form for the Apprentice Alumni Association golf tournament. You will also find information and forms for our annual picnic at Knoebel's in September and the retiree luncheon in October. Please come out and enjoy these events, take the opportunity to catch up with friends, and have some fun and fellowship with other Local 520 members.

I would like to take a moment to remind you to consider our Credit Union when you're making your banking decisions. Local 520's Federal Credit Union has competitive loan rates and offers all types of banking services. Please give the Credit Union the opportunity to serve your banking needs.

The officers of Local 520 work hard to keep you informed of what is going on with your union. The newsletter and web site are good ways to keep up with the Local's activities and developments, so be sure to read the newsletters and check the web site periodically. And as always, please make sure you keep us informed of address changes or other significant events in your life that may affect your benefits.

Please make a note that due to the United Association 38th General Convention, the August union meeting has been rescheduled for Friday, August 19, 2011. I hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer and I look forward to seeing you at one of our many upcoming events. ▶

Fraternally,
Frank M. Kelly

[news & info from your trustees]

CHANGES TO THE ANNUITY FUND INVESTMENT OPTIONS

The Annuity Fund allows participants to determine how their accounts are invested using any of 14 different mutual funds and/or the General Investment Account. The General Investment Account has also been the "default fund" where a participant's account is invested if the participant does not make an investment election. The General Investment Account is a managed account comprised of 12 mutual funds.

As you are aware, from time to time investment selections have changed. If a mutual fund is replaced, it is replaced with a similar fund – another mutual fund with the same objectives and style. Reasons for replacement of a mutual fund include poor relative performance, changes to the management of the mutual fund or the expense ratio (cost) of the mutual fund. The Annuity Fund's investment advisor recently made some recommendations that have been adopted by the Trustees which will change the investment menu. Some of the changes are due to poor relative performance of a current investment choice. Simply put, a similar mutual fund is a better choice. Some of the changes are also being made to lower the expense ratio (cost) of a particular investment choice. The Trustees approved the changes to meet these two goals:

1. To control (minimize) the cost of investing for participants
2. To provide participants with superior investment choices by investment category

The accompanying chart tells you what the current investment choices are and what the replacement choices will be.

Current Fund	Replacement Fund	Ticker
American Funds Growth Fnd A	Franklin Growth Advisor	FCGAX
United Association S&P 500 Ind	Vanguard 500 Index Signal	VIFSX
American Beacon Large Cap Value	American Beacon Large Cap Value Instl	AADEX
Columbia Acorn Z	Columbia Acorn Z	ACRNZ
Columbia Mid Cap Val Opp R4	Ridgeworth Mid Cap Value Institutional	SMVTX
Alger Sm Cap Growth Instl	Vanguard Small Cap Growth Index Inv	VISGX
Royce Pennsylvania Mutual Inv	Vanguard Small Cap Index Signal	VSISX
DFA US Targeted Value I	Heartland Value Plus Institutional	HNVIK
American Funds Income Fnd A	Vanguard Wellington Admiral	VWENX
American Funds New Perspective A	American Funds New Perspective R6	RNPGX
American Funds EuroPacific A	American Funds EuroPacific R6	RERGX
PIMCO Total Return A	PIMCO Total Return Institutional	PTTRX
Vanguard Short Term Invest Grade	Vanguard Short Term Invest Grade Adm	VFSUX
Federated Capital Preservation	Federated Capital Preservation Instl	N/A

CHANGES TO THE GENERAL INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

The General Investment Account will be dissolved in favor of using Target Date Funds. The reason for this decision is that while the General Investment Account has performed well over time, it is a "one size fits all" answer as it doesn't take into account the varying ages of the participants. Target Date Funds are age specific. The logic behind these funds is that the older you are (the closer to retirement) the less risk you should take. Target Date Funds gradually decrease exposure to stocks (not entirely) as a participant closes in on retirement. These accounts will be managed by Manning & Napier. If you are invested in the General Investment Account you will be moved into the appropriate Target Date fund as shown in the chart below:

Retirement Target Fund	Age Range
Manning & Napier Retirement Target Income Fund	Born before 1/1/1954
Manning & Napier Retirement Target 2020 Fund	Born between 1/1/1954-12/31/1963
Manning & Napier Retirement Target 2030 Fund	Born between 1/1/1964-12/31/1973
Manning & Napier Retirement Target 2040 Fund	Born between 1/1/1974-12/31/1983
Manning & Napier Retirement Target 2050 Fund	Born after 12/31/1983

The above changes will be made during the week of June 13, 2011 with no required action on your part.

If you need information on the new funds or any of the funds offered within your plan (including fund fact sheets or prospectuses), please log onto the participant website and click on any of the fund names. Follow the instructions to link to mutual fund performance, fact sheets & prospectuses.

Investment questions should be directed to John Hopkins of ABG Advisors at (717) 761-4589 or by email at john.hopkins@abgemail.com. All other questions can be directed to the Fund's Contract Administrator, D. H. Evans Associates, Inc., 2207 Forest Hills Drive, Suite 14, P. O. Box 6480, Harrisburg, PA, 17112; Phone: (717) 671-8551, Toll Free: 1-800-636-7632. ▶

Local 520 Apprentice Alumni Association Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, August 27, 2011
7:30 a.m. Registration
8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

Manada Golf Club, 609 Golf Lane,
Grantville

Format: 4-man scramble

\$55 per person (\$220 foursome)
Includes greens fee, cart, beverages,
prizes and steak dinner following the
tournament.

Deadline: August 13, 2011

Captain's Name

Phone Number

Player #2

Player #3

Player #4

Please return this form with your check
made payable to "Local 520 AAA" by
August 13, 2011 to:

Don Eldridge
327 Douglas Road
Hummelstown, PA 17036

For questions or more information, contact
Don Eldridge at 717-512-4441 or Chuck
Fry at 717-571-9157.

LOCAL 520 ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC Saturday, September 3, 2011 Knoebel's Grove

Registration – 10 am • Park Rides – 11 am • Bingo – 1 pm

Cost: \$15 per family member/\$30 per guest

(a guest is anyone not covered under the member's health and welfare benefits)

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Pasta, Baked Beans, Ice Cream and

Beverages will be available from 11 am until 5 pm

We are located in Pavilion F.

Please fill out the form below and return it to Local 520, together
with your check made payable to Local 520. Please do not send
cash. The deadline for registration is August 17, 2011.

Directions to Knoebel's Grove: Route 81 North to Exit 116 (old Exit 35)
– Minersville. Take a left turn onto Route 901 West. Stay on Route 901
West until you come to a traffic light; there should be a sign for Knoebel's
at the light. Make a left turn and stay on this road until the next traffic
light. At that light, you'll be on Route 54 West. Take a right onto Route
487 West. You will see signs for the entrance to the Park.

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**Registration – Local 520 Picnic
Knoebel's Grove • Saturday, September 3, 2011**

Member's Name

Number Attending, Including Member

Of those attending, how many are included on the Member's Health
& Welfare, including the Member: _____ @ \$15 per person.

Of those attending, how many are not included on the Member's
Health & Welfare: _____ @ \$30 per person.

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please return registration and check to:

Local 520 Picnic
7193 Jonestown Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112

LOCAL 520 CREDIT UNION NEWS

DIVIDEND RATES

Declared January 1, 2011

Regular Share Accounts	.25%	(.250%APY)
Christmas Club Accounts	.25%	(.250% APY)
Vacation Club Accounts	.25%	(.250%APY)

Share Certificates - \$ 500.00 Min - effective 12/16/10

Rate/yr	Rate/qtr	APY
3 months 0.648%	0.1625%	0.650%
6 months 0.897%	0.2250%	0.900%
9 months 0.897%	0.2250%	0.900%
12 months 1.095%	0.2750%	1.100%
15 months 1.095%	0.2750%	1.100%
24 months 1.492%	0.3750%	1.500%
36 months 1.837%	0.4625%	1.850%

Jumbo Certificates - \$50,000.00 Min. - effective 02/01/10

24 months 1.640%	0.4125%	1.650%
36 months 1.985%	0.5000%	2.000%

Rates fixed for term of certificate. Rates can change without notice - usually monthly. Dividends compounded and paid quarterly. Certificates are automatically renewable at rate at end of term. Not covered by life savings insurance.

Loan Rates

Home Equity Line of Credit: 5.00% APR (Prime rate +no adder, Floor of 5.00%). No application fee. Minimum initial advance is \$5,000 within 30 days of opening date. Subsequent advances are \$1,000 minimum.

Line of Credit: *8.00% APR

Term is determined by balance after advance. (Minimum advance is \$500.)

New Vehicle (Never titled) (100% financing)

4.49%APR - 73 to 84 months (over \$20,000.00)
3.99%APR - 61 to 72 months (over \$15,000.00)
3.49%APR - 49 to 60 months
2.99%APR - up to 48 months

Used Vehicle (Minimum retail value \$3,000.) (100% of retail value per NADA)

4.99%APR - 61 to 72 months (over \$15,000.00)
4.49%APR - 49 to 60 months
3.99%APR - up to 48 months

Share Secured: 2.49%APR - up to 60 months

Educational: 9.50%APR

VISA:* 8.90%APR

New (never titled) Recreational Vehicle/Boat: (90% of sales invoice)

8.90% - up to 84 months

Used (1 to 7 years) Recreational Vehicle/Boat: (80% of NADA retail value)

9.90% - up to 60 months

*11/12/2010

Please consider using your credit union for all of your financial needs. We offer competitive loan and VISA rates, and we offer no-fee checking accounts as well as debit cards. At the credit union you are not simply an account number, you are a person. We will work with you for all your financing needs. You cannot get this kind of service from a large bank.

We occasionally run various promotions. You can learn about these by reading your credit union newsletter or by visiting our website, www.local520fcu.org. We are currently offering a vacation loan of up to \$2,000 for 10 months at a rate of 6.00%.

Once you become a member of Local 520 U.A. Federal Credit Union, your family members are also eligible to become members. Why not share our great rates with your loved ones? ▶

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

Local 520 JATC

7193 Jonestown Road
Harrisburg, PA 17112

	Sat.	Sun. 1 or 2
1. Orbital Welding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. OSHA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Backflow	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. DDC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Valve Repair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Transit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Blueprint Reading	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Start Test & Bal.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Plastic Welding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Pneumatics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Pneumatics (on line)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Advanced Electric	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Welding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. CPR & 1st Aid	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Oil Burners	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. Advanced Oil Burners	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Basic Computers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. AutoCAD 2000	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. Codes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Built-Rite	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. Basic Elec. & Refrig.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Medical Gas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
23. Customer Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24. Advanced Refrig.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Which of the following Journeymen Class dates/times meets your schedule?

Course No.

- Evening Classes 6-7PM _____
- Evening Classes 7-10PM _____
- Saturday Classes 7AM-3PM _____
- Saturday Classes 8AM-4PM _____
- Classes from May-August _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

UNITED ASSOCIATION OF PLUMBERS & PIPEFITTERS WELDERS CONTINUITY REPORTING FORM

Local Union No. _____ Contractor/Owner AFT _____

Welder's Name _____ Phone _____

Card No. _____

Welder Continuity Information - Last date process used

GTAW _____ GMAW _____ SMAW _____ TB _____ Other _____
(Tig) (Mig) (Stick) (Torch Braze)

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

Signature _____

Date _____ Title _____

MEDICAL GAS CONTINUITY

(must be on a contractor letterhead)

We wish to use provision QB-322 (a) of the ASME Section IX Boiler Vessel Code. Renewal of Qualification: Renewal of qualification of the performance qualification is required: when a brazer 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.

Brazer's Name: _____

Address: _____

Card 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,
(Title)