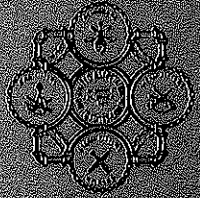




LOCAL 628
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Brothers and Sisters,

It's almost officially summer although the weather to date is not showing us that. Hopefully we will get some heat soon so we can get out and enjoy ourselves. Our annual golf tournament will be held on Saturday August 27th at Centennial golf course. The cost will be \$50.00 per person and the sign-up sheet will be available at the Union hall. Payment will be due upon sign-up.

The work situation is improving and looking very positive for the next few years. We will have numerous projects in all sectors. The pulp and paper mills are all doing some work, mining and hydro-electric have ongoing projects and we have the coal plant conversions coming. We are awaiting energy board approval for a distribution pipeline to Red Lake. The plumbing sector is very strong with senior citizen housing, hotel and condo projects, OPP stations throughout the north, sewage plant in Dryden and many other projects pending. Full details will be put forth at our regular monthly meeting on Monday June 27th at the Union hall.

Please make every effort to attend the June 27th meeting as our International Rep. for Ontario will be in attendance. Steve Morrison is making the effort to visit the Northern locals and address any of your concerns. Steve is the former Business Manager of Kitchener Local 527. He is a very personable guy and is looking forward to coming up here to answer your questions.

We have our UA convention in Las Vegas in August. The convention is held every 5 years. Congratulations to our elected delegates. Al Vanderploeg, Dave Andrusyk, Kelly Mintenko and Mel Prairic will be accompanying me to represent Local 628. They will do us all proud and will have some good information to share afterwards.

I do not often get into political rants in my letters but I feel that with the provincial election coming this fall we must keep you all informed when we know that our livelihood is at stake. Tim Hudak and the Conservatives are not friends of Labour. Tim Hudak has told the Ontario Pipe Trades directly that if he is elected he will do away with C of Q inspections on jobsites. He said he will "scrap" the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal, calling it a "kangaroo court" and a waste of taxpayer's money. He wishes to make it harder to receive worker's compensation payments and he wants to take away our organizing rights as Unions. If the Conservatives are elected they will make it easier for non-union and CLAC to invade our area and steal our work. I know they will be promising the world as politicians do, but as Unionized trades people we will suffer under a Conservative government. If you want to discuss this further, please come to the June 27th meeting, this is very serious. See you there.

Fraternally yours,

Terry Webb, Business Manager

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June 9, 2011

Brothers and Sisters,

We are having our final meeting before breaking for the summer, on Monday June 27th. We are expecting a guest from head office, Steve Morrison, the International Representative for Ontario. Please make every effort to attend, a good turnout would certainly be welcomed. We are planning to have a few more Apprentices initiated that night also.

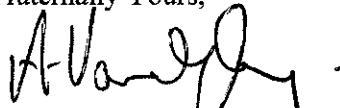
We have been asked by some of our Contractors to provide Safety Training Documentation so they can forward it to their Clients as required. I know that all of the members carry the Documentation with them on the job in case they are required to show proof of Training. But, we would like to get copies of all Documentation for our members for our files in case we need to forward something to a Contractor. Please stop by the office and bring in copies of Safety Training, WHMIS, C of Q's etc., and we will make copies for our files. This will help us out in the future in order to fulfill this requirement from our Contractors. We will be updating these files over the next little while, so we may be contacting you for some information.

Over the summer we are looking at doing a 0-8 Ton Mobile Crane training course, and if we have the demand, we may do another one in the Fall, or more if required. The training is done through IHSA, and will be a 40 hour approved course with Certification. Space is limited to 8 per course, and we have a few spots filled already for a Tentative Start date of July 11th. Also we will be having Platform lift and Forklift training as required, please contact me if interested and I will schedule courses as needed.

We have been dispatching some members to The Lower Mattagami Dam Project North of Kapuskasing, and they require an OPG security clearance be done for access to the site. If you have not done it, please stop by and you can get the paperwork for the application. The clearance is good for 2 years, and will need a full application for renewal. So if you think you are required to renew, please check with us. We will also be checking over all documentation as previously mentioned, and may be asking that you renew the OPG clearance also.

At this time I would like to wish you all a safe and healthy summer, and hopefully the weather will cooperate and make the outdoors a little more enjoyable than it has been lately.

Fraternally Yours,



Alan Vanderploeg, Business Agent