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Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry
of the United States and Canada
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Dear brothers and sisters,

Hope all is well with you and yours...

New Information is in Yellow.

Text messages will be cut down from weekly to every other week.

Please be on the look out for our new tool box size CBA and By-Laws that will be mailed out to all early next week.

If you are aware of anyone that is not getting our text information, please tell them to call Alana to update their contact information. Thank you.

PLEASE CALL THE HALL IF YOU ARE OUT OF WORK! We have 10 members traveling. All those who are willing to go to work are working. Retirees are filling calls we cannot fill. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WE HAVE TO MAN OUR JURISDICTION! Thank you to those who filled the calls we had at SUNY Alfred and Canisteo.

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO MAKE SURE YOUR DUES ARE PAID. YOU CAN CALL ALANA AT 585-338-2360 TO CHECK IN ON WHERE YOU STAND W/YOUR DUES. THANK YOU!

August Union meeting is cancelled. We will have a meeting for all officers and the conference board on Tuesday August 25th starting at 4pm. We will have a Union meeting on Tuesday September 22nd starting at 5pm. Social distancing guidelines will be followed, and those guidelines will be text to all asap. At our September 22nd Union meeting we will have nominations for five (5) Building Corp. Trustees and one (1) Annuity Trustee. The election will be held at our October 27th meeting between the hours of 3pm – 6pm. At our October 27th meeting we will have nominations for one (1) Pension Trustee and the election

will be held at our November 24th Union meeting between the hours of 3pm – 6pm.

The UA will hold its 40th Convention in San Diego, California from August 22nd through August 27, 2021. Nominations will be held at our February 2021 Union meeting and the election will be held at our March 2021 union meeting. We are allowed one (1) delegate for each 100 members in the local union. We will have the final numbers on how many we will be allowed to attend at our January 2021 union meeting.

There are many jobs that are on the books to be bid and in the design stages. Time will tell as we move through this pandemic, and how Local, State and Federal funding will be used to fund these projects. The UR \$83 million Orthopedics Center and Ambulatory Surgery Center at the Market Place Mall Sears Store is undergoing asbestos removal and master planning is moving forward. Construction start date is yet to be determined. They are looking at a 2023 completion date. RIT is in the Master Planning of a \$25 million renovation project of the Arts and Science Centers, Musical Center, and the Athletic Stadium. SUNY Geneseo is in the design and planning stages for a \$35 million renovation of their on-campus library and downtown Rochester is in the design-bid-build stage for a \$15 million Performing Arts Center. T-Mobile call center will be on the books soon with an April of 2021 start. The call center will be built at City Gate. T-Mobile has promised to work w/the Bldg. Trades.

The U of R and Strong hospital expansion and renovations are on hold for now. These projects will move forward. I do not have a solid date on when those projects will be in the bid/build stages.

The PLA for the Van-Lare Sewage Treatment Plant upgrade is at the County for final approval and will be out for bid soon with a spring of 2021 start date.

The upcoming late fall and winter months could be slow for work opportunities. But as I said earlier there is a lot on the books. Stay positive and motivated. We will get through this upcoming down time.

PLEASE STAY AWARE! WE CANNOT LET OUR GUARD DOWN. COVID-19 WILL BE WITH US UNTIL THERE IS A VACCINE. WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE PROTOCOLS IN PLACE. WHERE A MASK! PROTECT YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY,

AND YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS. PLEASE REVIEW THE ATTACHED REPEATED INFORMATION THAT GOES THROUGH THE GUIDELINES OF JOB SITE PROTOCOLS AND REMIND YOURSELF OF THOSE PROTOCOLS EACH AND EVERYDAY! STAY SAFE AND STAY HEALTHY!

Thank you! Jamie Arena and Jim Caternolo for the recent signing of a new service contractor. Daikin has signed with us and they bring many opportunities for our Service Technicians. Review the attached info. – about Daikin.

Not a lot has changed in the past week. We are continuing to monitor the NY State protocols and as we move forward those protocols will be the deciding factor on having union meetings and how we will be moving forward with apprentice and journeyman training classes. Next week text to all I will decide on having a union meeting in August. The decision will be well thought out with the deciding factor coming from talking w/our UA Rep John Murphy. I have a conference call w/him early next week. If we do push out the meeting until September, I would like to hold an officers meeting along with the conference board on August 25th starting at 4pm. Please look for that info in next week's text. Thank you.

With the meetings that I have been having with the Rochester Building Trades (RBT), State Building Trades and the BM's around NY State and our International Rep John Murphy have been going well. With RBT we continue to push for infrastructure work in our area. Funding will be an issue until the State can get caught up with lost \$ due to the Covid-19 pandemic, discussions on the upcoming November election and our upcoming political interviews where we will be deciding on who to endorse. We are having ongoing negotiations regarding a new T-Mobile call center who is promising all union bidders, AFL-CIO Local 2419 – working on a PLA for their new union hall which is being built on a vacant lot just east of our hall and we are finalizing the Van-Lare PLA. The State Building Trades is pushing our Governor and Assembly in Albany to make sure we keep Construction, Infrastructure, and Manufacturing funded which is the essential part of getting NY State back with a thriving economy. The New York State Pipe Trades meetings have been ongoing with discussion on the Covid-19 pandemic, our political endorsements and how we will be communicating who are endorsements are to our brothers and sisters and what these candidates will

do for labor and why it is so important to get out and vote. I will keep you informed as these discussions progress.

- ✚ PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK IN WITH US IF YOU ARE OUT OF WORK SO WE CAN FIND WORK FOR YOU. PLEASE CALL IF YOU SOLICIT YOUR OWN JOB SO WE KNOW YOU ARE BACK TO WORK. THANK YOU.
- ✚ Health Care \$ to your Annuity Fund – For those of you who qualify, you will receive a letter in the mail in the next day or two that will explain the process for diverting \$ from your health care \$ to annuity. If you have any? please call Steve Ostrander at 585-354-6158. Thank you.

The Covid-19 pandemic has started to hit our hours coming in. We are at full employment now and I expect to see our hours come back. I will keep you posted as we move through the summer. May 1, - May 31, 2019 we worked 119,894 hrs. May 1 – May 31, 2020 we worked 86, 379. A difference of 33,460 hrs. compared to last year. January 1 – May 31, 2019 we worked 546,658 hrs. January 1 – May 31, 2020 we worked 522,046 a difference of 24,612 hrs. compared to last year. At this time, we have averaged 104,400 hrs. per month. With the way employment is at this time our average should stay steady through the year. If we continue at the 104,000-hour average per month, on a good note we will end up with approximately 1,250,000-man hours for the year. Our funds look at 1,100,000 hrs. per year needed.

My concern is 2021. Time will tell... the monies from NY State set aside for construction projects may be on hold because of the money the State has lost through the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. I will keep you posted as we move through 2020 on the projects that may be pushed well into 2022.

With the zoom meetings I have been having with the Rochester Building Trades and the NY State Pipe Trades we are pushing Congress to come through and pass \$4 Trillion to fund the public works projects of our Nation, including clean water, transportation, manufacturing, and power generation. This could generate upwards of twenty-five million high paying skilled union jobs. Only this kind of bold initiative can reserve the decades of neglect infrastructure in our country. We strongly urge you to endorse the H.R. 6422 to put America back to

work. Please review the attached ENR Engineering News-Record and the H.R. 6422 National Infrastructure Bank Act of 2020.

On a good note our sister locals Local 267 Syracuse and Local 112 Binghamton will have work for travelers through 2021. If you are interested, please contact Jim Caternolo.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT SEXUAL HARRASMENT TRAINING MUST BE UPDATED ANNUALLY. REVIEW PAST TEXTED ATTACHMENTS FOR DETAILS ON WHERE TO GO TO UPDATE YOUR TRAINING.

OUR CBA AND BY-LAWS WILL BE MAILED OUT TO ALL ACTIVE MEMBERS BY THE MIDDLE OF JULY.

Please review attached regarding a new app called Union Strong. This APP is all set for you to sign on with no fees. The union Strong App enables us to connect with you immediately on your smart phones. You will see the latest news from us, NY State Pipe Trades, and the NY State AFL-CIO.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR COOPERATION, UNDERSTANDING AND HARD WORK.

Phase #4 for our region began on June 26th. (Please review attached) We are getting closer in getting back to some normalcy. But nothing will be back to normal until a vaccine is provided. I have weekly conference calls with our International Rep. John Murphy who advises all the BM's across the State regarding Union meetings and we are still not to a point where we can have a Union meeting. We will look at it again in 2 weeks and as soon as we can set up a normal union meeting date, we will send out all that information. When we can meet the union hall will have to be set up with chairs 6' apart, we must practice social distancing, all must wear masks and no food will be allowed. Thank you for following the social distancing guidelines in protecting yourself, your families and your brothers and sisters on the job site.

The Executive Board, Finance Board, and Building Corp. have been meeting at the hall at their regular time and date.

as we navigate through another difficult week of uncertainty, we want you to know we are here for you during these trying times. If there is anything that we

can assist you with, please do not hesitate to call me at the office 585-338-2360 Ext. 114, my cell phone is 585-766-1199, and my email is billk@ualocal13.org.

UA Local #13 and our membership and staff, in the strongest words possible, strongly condemn any prejudice comments or racial slurs. This is NOT who we are. We always stand strongly with those seeking civil rights and always will – no matter the race, gender, religion or who you choose as your partner. We will continue to speak out on job sites and the street for ALL human beings to be treated equally, fairly, and justly.

Peaceful demonstrations are an American Institution, and one the Labor movement believes into its core. We do not support any violence, destruction and looting we have unfortunately seen in cities around the country.

The members of the UA will continue to join citizens around the country in seeking change and standing up against injustice. Please join us to reflect and be a positive force for your family, your community, your union, and your country.

It must start with all of us.

In memory of George Floyd.

As you can see, we are moving in the right direction getting our brothers and sisters back to work. Our late spring and summer months look outstanding for full employment. Please remember that if you choose not to take a back to work call a contractor may deny your unemployment.

ESSENTIAL. BUT NOTHING IS MORE ESSENTIAL THEN THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

Cancellations:

- **2020 Picnic – cancelled.**
- **2020 Apr. Graduation and pin dinner/ceremony cancelled.**
- **2020 Clam Bake cancelled.**
- **2020 Labor Day Parade.**

- **Union meetings cancelled until further notice – all will be informed as soon as we can meet again as a group.**
- **I look forward to when we can meet again for our regular union meetings.**

Board meetings starting back: (Masks will be worn, and all social distancing guidelines shall be followed.) Masks will be provided along with a wash station just inside the front glass door.)

- **Finance board – 1st Thursday of every month. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday July 9th starting at 4pm.**
- **Building Corp 2nd Tuesday of every month.**
- **JATC – 3rd Tuesday of every month.**
- **Executive board – 4th Tuesday of every month except for the month of August.**

Upcoming jobs being bid: (all these jobs listed below may be pushed into 2022.)

- **T-Mobile call center.**
 - **Orthopedic Surgery and Rehab Center Market Place Mall.**
 - **Downtown Performing Arts Center.**
 - **RIT renovations.**
 - **SUNY Geneseo.**
 - **Van-Lare Sewage Treatment Plant.**
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- **Rochester General hospital - \$25 million- addition Bldg. B, Medical Office Bldg., Data enter, Parking Garage, Emergency Dept expansion.**
 - **Webster Schools \$25 million Pal-Mac Schools - \$10 million.**
 - **Victor Schools - \$30 million.**
 - **Greece Schools - \$16 million.**
 - **Geneva Public Library - \$3 million.**
 - **Wayne county Jail – \$3.2 million.**
 - **Greece Transportation Support Services - \$23 million.**

- Keuka College – over \$45 million being bid – dorm renovations, Health/Science Facility and Library renovation.
- Goodman Street Section – New Fire and Police Station - \$14 million.
- Wegman Medical Office Building (Long Pond Road) - \$14 million.
- Photonics Expansion Clay Road Henrietta - \$10 million.
- Blue Cross Arena upgrades - \$7 million.
- Pal-Mac School – Plumbing and HVAC value = \$2 million.
- Sturges and Frazier Hall Geneseo College - \$42 million.
- Monroe County Jail – Visitation center - \$4 million.
- Irondequoit Community Center at Skyview on the Ridge Ph. #2 - \$6 million.
- Renovations at Brockway Hall – Brockport college - \$14 million.
- Holmes Hall – Brockport college - \$21 million.
- FLCC in Canandaigua – Master Plan – athletic Facility, Dormitory, Animal/Plant/Fish facility - \$19 million.
- Seneca Army Depot Reuse Master Report – \$400 million power plant, Galvanizing Plant, Dairy Manufacturing Plant - \$20 million. (This job is on the Dodge Report as in the design stages.)

New attached information this week colored yellow:

- No new attached information for this week. Please review past text messages.
- Guidelines to protect workers.
- What should you do if you are on a job with a confirmed case of Covid-19.
- UA Guidelines to protect your health.
- NY State Dept of Health – construction guidelines.
- OSHA Guidelines.
- Reopening NY.
- About Daiki
- ENR News.
- H.R. 6422 bill.
- Union Strong app sign on information.
- Information Resource for Sexual Harassment training. Remember this must be done annually.

- ✚ [Phase #4 guidelines that begins tomorrow 6/26.](#)
- ✚ [NY Monroe County Primary election results.](#)
- ✚ [Guidance for Construction Activities.](#)
- ✚ [Primary election recap from across NY State.](#)
- ✚ [Union Strong App info on how to set this up will be rolling out asap.](#)
- ✚ [American Red Cross – Help Us Test Donated Blood for Covid-19 Antibodies.](#)
- ✚ [Phase #3 reopening rules.](#)
- ✚ [NY State Pipe trades Primary endorsements.](#)
- ✚ [Opioid Poker Run.](#)
- ✚ [Sexual Harassment Training web site info.](#)
- ✚ [Unicon Construction News Reel. UA Local 13 in the Spotlight.](#)
- ✚ [Reopening New York – Food Service Guidelines and Personal Care Guidelines.](#)
- ✚ [Returning to Work After the Pause:](#)
- ✚ [United Association letter from Pres. McManus regarding the murder of George Floyd.](#)
- ✚ [Quote from Sean McGarvey Pres. of the National Building Trades regarding the murder of George Floyd.](#)
- ✚ [Overview of Phase #2 Covid-19.](#)
- ✚ [Guidance on Phase #2.](#)
- ✚ [Nat. Bldg. Trades guidance Covid-19 Standards for US Construction Sites.](#)
- ✚ [Guidance for dining out.](#)

Highly important repeated information:

- ✚ [Construction Mandatory Safety guidelines for employers and employees.](#)
- ✚ [Safety Plan Template.](#)
- ✚ [Guidance for Construction Activities.](#)
- ✚ [Overview: Reopening in Phases.](#)
- ✚ [Covid-19 Keeping your family safe.](#)
- ✚ [How to file for unemployment.](#)
- ✚ [Family first Covid-19 Response Act.](#)

- Guidelines on PPE.**
- Covid-19 Construction Guidance for the Construction Workforce.**
- Get tested.**
- Gov. Cuomo announcements.**
- How Plumbers Can Stay Safe During Covid-19.**
- NY State voter registration form. Deadline to register is May 29th.**
- Primary election will be held on Tuesday June 23rd.**
- BA report.**
- Fund office report.**
- JATC report.**
- New 1st year apprentices**
- Sworn in members- 2nd year apprentices who have made it through their probationary period.**
- Voting information and the NY State Pipe Trades political endorsements.**
- Covid-19 resource center.**
- May and June union mtg. report (BM, BA, JATC Cord., Fund Manager and Organizer reports.)**
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- Covid-19 resource center.**
- Assemblyman 138th district Harry Bronson needs our support.**
- Employee Rights.**
- NY Forward – A guide to Reopening NY and building Back Better.**

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our annual picnic at Seabreeze and our annual apprentice graduation and years of service pins banquet. We will be sending letters out to all those who have graduated into full rate journeyman, all the scholarship \$ recipients and all those receiving years of service pins congratulating them on their outstanding accomplishment. We will plan on doubling up and honor all those who missed out this year at next year's picnic and banquet.

Union meetings are cancelled through July. I am very hopeful that if we can relax some of the social distancing protocol and we will be able to have a meeting in August. Although, until they come up with a vaccine our meetings will have a different look with chairs six feet apart, masks will have to be worn and unfortunately, we will not be able to have any food brought in. If we can hold a regular union meeting in August, we will send out notification in July.

Please keep checking your text messages for important information from Local 13. I will keep you updated weekly through those texts until we can have our monthly union meetings. If you have any questions on our finances, our market recovery funds and the good and welfare of Local 13 please call me and I will be more than happy to pass on that information.

Thank you! for your cooperation and please call me, text me or email me if you need anything. I appreciate all your efforts and understanding as we move through these ever-changing times.

To our retirees, please stay safe and healthy. We are here for you and your pension checks will be coming as usual without delay. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns and I am always available for your calls as well. I know a lot of you look forward to our annual Clam Bake. Unfortunately, we had to cancel this year's Clam Bake. Hopefully 2021 will bring all our annual events back as scheduled. We appreciate you and your presence at all the events. Thank you. Please give me a call if you need anything and again please stay safe and healthy. We look forward when we all can meet again.

There are plenty of things we cannot do right now but let us focus on what we can do. We can adapt. We can adjust. We can make better decisions right now for the betterment of our future. We are selflessly and courageously doing our jobs for the health and safety of the nation. Let us keep stringing good days together, and we will get through this better, stronger, and more united than ever before.

In closing, we are facing a difficult opponent. It will take solidarity, teamwork, discipline, and commitment to do the right things all the time.

Have a Safe and Healthy weekend.

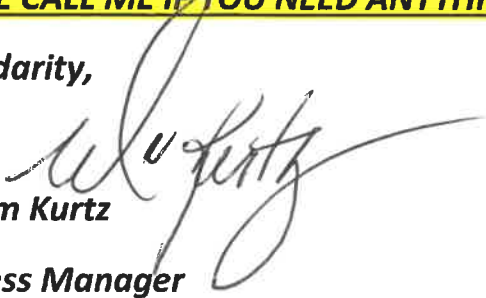
STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY!

PLEASE CALL ME IF YOU NEED ANYTHING...

In solidarity,

William Kurtz

Business Manager

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William Kurtz', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.