

SPRINKLER FITTERS AND APPRENTICES

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Dear Brother/Sister:

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and a healthy, safe and prosperous 2008.

We are expecting a very busy year here at the Union Hall and right away, we are expecting some changes. As I reported at the January Union Meeting, we received a UA Organizing Grant, this grant will help to pay wages and benefits for an additional Organizer for the Local. This couldn't have come at a better time, as the economy starts to slow, an extra Organizer out in the field working on making sure that Union Contractors are getting the work and that Non-Union Contractors have to compete on a level playing field, and will help to generate more work for us.

The new Organizer will concentrate his efforts mainly in Marin and Sonoma Counties, where not only is there a large non-union work force, but also a tremendous amount of growth going on. It has really been a long time coming that the Local has needed and designated a field person in this area and with the help of this UA Grant we will finally have one.

At the February 27, 2008 Membership Meeting, I will ask the Membership to approve the additional financing for the Organizer. We will not have to raise our dues in any way to provide this new position and it is something that the Local can afford. This decision has been unanimously supported by the Executive Board and I would ask that the Membership do the same. In the upcoming weeks, I will be talking to several members who have expressed interest in this position.

As many of you know, the UA has come out in support of Senator Barack Obama for President. Senator Obama is the only candidate from any party that reached out to, and personally met with the UA to discuss the issues that affect the UA and how they effect work for the membership.

Finally, we will be bringing in a new class of Apprentices in early February. Please work with these new members in teaching them the most efficient and safest work practices. Remember, no member is to provide personal tools on a jobsite and the tools provided by the contractor are all that these new members should need.

Fraternally,

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