

SPRINKLER FITTERS AND APPRENTICES

LOCAL 483

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Dear Brothers/Sisters:

At the Regular Membership Meeting of February 27, 2008, I announced the appointment of Michael Murphy a new Organizer for Local 483. Michael will be working mainly in the counties of Marin and Sonoma. I believe that with a full-time Organizer in these two (2) Counties we will be able to increase our market share and provide more opportunities for our membership.

Michael has been a member of Local 483 since 1997 and has served on the Finance Committee as well as on the Executive Board. Michael was also elected to serve on the Negotiating Committee for the upcoming contract.

I look forward to working closely with Michael and as all member to do whatever you can in assisting him in his duties. I have no doubt that he will be a positive influence in the area and in our Local for years to come.

With Michael's appointment to a full time position, I have asked Jeff Dixon to take Michael's place on the Negotiating Committee. Jeff ran for one (1) of three (3) positions last June and missed by a very narrow margin. I expect Jeff to be a positive and productive member of the committee.

Your Negotiating Committee will be meeting soon to start discussions and to review a survey to distribute to the membership for you input. I request that you please take the time to review and fill out the survey and return it to us, so we can be sure to take all of your input into consideration.

Work remains busy at this time and the majority of our members are staying gainfully employed. In early February we took in a new Class of Apprentices, please take the time to teach these new members the right and safe way to work. Please remember, that no member of Local 483 is allowed to provide tools for the job. All tools are to be provided by the contractor.

We will hold a meeting to discuss issues for our Residential Agreement prior to the March 26th, Union Meeting. This meeting will start at 4:00 pm, with the Regular Meeting starting at the normal starting time of 5:30 pm. Also, at the March Meeting, we will "Pass the Hat" for Brother Ben Murphy. His son has been diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis and requires constant care, medicine and doctor visits.

I would like to wish Dave Copeletti a speedy and full recovery from his recent illness. I would also like to offer our deepest sympathies to the Bender Family on the passing of Retired Member Victor, and to the Santana's; Tony, Gerry and Alex on the recent passing of their mother.

Work Safe, Keep the Faith

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