

## SHEET METAL WORKERS' LOCAL #162

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**FROM THE DESK OF DENNIS CANEVARI, BUSINESS MANAGER/PRESIDENT** - By the time you read this, the results from our State Primary Election will be in the books. Hopefully, we will be talking about the February 5<sup>th</sup> election results and what happens next. We need to continue educating friends and families about our June Statewide Primary and the November Presidential Elections. Both events are important to our Nation, State and this Union's well being. Make sure you are ready to be heard by registering to vote and keeping an eye on this column for further information.

At January's Monthly Membership Meeting the Executive Board and the members in attendance voted to have a Sheet Metal Workers Local 162 "*Artistic Design Contest*". The art work would be judged by the Executive Board at the July 2008 meeting and be used for the design on advertising and in the production of clothing that Local 162 sells. Those eligible for the grand prize of \$250.00 or the \$100.00 runner-up prize would have to be a Sheet Metal Workers Local 162 member or their immediate family. Entries are to be mailed to the Sacramento Business Office, located at 2840 El Centro Road, Suite 110, Sacramento, CA 95833, "Attention Artistic Design Contest Committee". Rules are as follows;

1. Local 162 Member or immediate family
2. Limit 3 entries per household
3. Sheet Metal Industry related
4. Submitted on an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper
5. Entry deadline is June 30, 2008

Remember to stick with the sheet metal workers as the theme of your art project, that this local is over 100 years old and finally that the design can be easily transferred to a digital format for reproduction.

**Crab Feed News;** Plans are currently underway for our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Crab Feed. This years Crab Feed is scheduled to be held on March 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Machinists Hall in Rancho Cordova. In order to make this a successful event we will need volunteers. Please contact Randy Young at 916-922-1133, Extension 14 if you can assist in volunteering.

**MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS** - The next regular membership meeting will be **Wednesday, March, 12, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.** This meeting will be held in Fresno at the Meeting Hall located at 4585 E. Floradora Avenue, Fresno, CA. All members must have a current dues receipt to attend the meeting.

**MONTHLY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING** - The Executive Board will be meeting on **Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.** in Fresno. **If you have issues or wish to address the Executive Board, you need to have a written request to the Business Manager by 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the Executive Board meeting, so that the issue can be placed on the agenda. No Exceptions Please.**

**DISABILITY FUND MONTHLY MEETING** - The Disability Fund meets the third Wednesday of each month at the Sacramento Business office. If you have a medical claim or a reimbursement of a self-payment, please have the necessary papers in the Sacramento Business Office the Friday before the meeting. The Disability Fund covers only those individuals who work under the Sacramento Area contract and meet all the requirements of that fund.

**Note: There is a six-month time limit to file for benefits from this fund.**

**SACRAMENTO TRAINING CENTER NEWS:**

**REGION XI APPRENTICE CONTEST**

Congratulations to the **Sacramento** Area apprentices who earned first place in their categories: Architectural: Timothy Slape employed by DKM Heating & Air Conditioning and in Service: Joseph Lestanguet, employed by Airco Mechanical. These two men will be representing Sacramento at the International Contest next month in Las Vegas, Nevada. Congratulations guys-let's show them how Sacramento does it!

We want every apprentice who competed to know that showing up and participating is a feat to be proud of. This competition is a way to practice your "skills under pressure" which is definitely a component of every contest.

Congratulations to the **Northern San Joaquin** Area apprentices all employed by Comfort Air, Inc. who competed this year: HVAC: Matt Ennis, Industrial: Elizabeth Sutton and Architectural: Nicholas Clayton.

The **Sacramento** apprentices who also placed in the contest are: HVAC: Shephard Mechanical's Scott Peruch was first runner up, Industrial: Marelich Mechanical's Pano Skondras was first runner up, and TAB: Air Systems' Michael Baggerman was second runner up. Overall, Local 162 apprentices took firsts in three of the five categories. Way to go, guys! Once again, Local 162 talent up and down the valley has given us a lot to be proud of!

### **APPRENTICE REMINDERS**

- We have been experiencing a high absence rate over the past few months. Don't forget, you **MUST** call in to the Training Center office, if you are not going attend class. A doctor's note will probably make your absence considered "Excused" and then it will not affect your grade as much as an "Unexcused" absence. You **MUST** complete the absence form in order to return to your next class.
- All apprentices' **annual reports are due by WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30<sup>th</sup>**. This is a requirement to pass your class--late reports **will delay** your advancement.
- If you did not advance on February 1st, get your OJT in ASAP, you probably needed more hours.

### **JOURNEYMEN: CONTINUING EDUCATION**

The Sacramento Valley Training Center will be offering a beginner level CAD Duct course in the upcoming months. A prerequisite is to have basic experience with Auto CAD. There is limited space for this course and it is recommended that you register for this class as soon as possible. Call us here at the Training Center today to reserve your spot in the class.

**SACRAMENTO AREA RETIREE'S CLUB - Jack Bliss:** The next Retirees Luncheon Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 11, 2008** at 11:00 a.m. at the Espanol Restaurant located at 5723 Folsom Blvd. All retirees and their spouses are welcome, membership is not required, so mark your calendars and join us. It is always fun to renew old friendships with those of you we have not seen in a long time. The luncheons are held on the second Tuesday of each month, except for July and August, any questions please call Mrs. Lois Pitt at (916) 428-3899.

**STOCKTON AREA RETIREE'S CLUB – Jack Wilkinson, Secretary:** The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 11, 2008** at 10:00 AM at the Stockton business office located at 2707 E. Fremont Street, #2. All members of the Stockton Area Retirees Club should be aware that the Retirees' Club meets at 10:00 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month, September through May. For more information call Jack Wilkinson at (209) 464-6789.

**A NOTE FROM RANDY YOUNG, SACRAMENTO AREA:** Winter has finally reached the valley and some projects are slow taking off, but should go once things dry out a bit. There are currently 35 members on the out of work list and moving. If you have moved and or had a new phone number, please contact the Union hall to update your contact information, especially if you are currently on the out of work list. If you are a

production worker and are out of work, please notify us. If you are laid off for more than one month, you may qualify for reduced dues. If you are unsure, do not hesitate to call me directly.

As the presidential election grows near, please make every effort to get yourself registered to vote. We will also be in need of some motivated members who would like to help during the campaign season. We will need phone bankers and precinct walkers, if you would like to assist please call Randy Young.

The Locals annual Crab Feed is fast approaching reserve the date March 15, 2008 at the Machinist hall on Citrus Road. We are in need of volunteers for the Crab Feed. For the Crab Feed we will need the following;

1. Servers (10-12)
2. Set up and tear down. Set up Mar 14, 2008. (5-10)
3. Bar Tenders (2)

If any of these jobs sounds like something you would like to do, Contact Randy Young. Volunteers will receive A Free T shirt

**A NOTE FROM FRANK FLORES, FRESNO AREA:** **Work Outlook for B T:** The work in the Fresno area has not changed much work is still slow. It still looks like work may break sometime in March or April of this year and that depends on how much rain we get that could delay projects that our signatory contractors have. Any Fresno member that is out of work can call the Fresno office to ask where there may be other opportunities to go to work.

**Apprenticeship:** I would like to congratulate all the apprentices of Local 162 that competed in the 41<sup>st</sup> 2008 Regional Contest in Reno, NV in January. Here are the results for the apprentices that competed from Fresno. Joe Hernandez placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the Service Competition, Jeff Brown placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the Architectural Competition, Daniel Cole placed 7<sup>th</sup> in the Industrial Competition, and Daniel Harris placed 1<sup>st</sup> in HVAC Competition. Daniel Harris will be competing in the National Apprenticeship contest in Las Vegas, NV on March 30<sup>th</sup> through April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008, representing the Fresno JATC and Local 162.

**Retirees:** A reminder to all Fresno retirees and their spouses, monthly breakfast meeting are held at 9:00 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at Country Waffle in Clovis.

**OUR SYMPATHY:** And now in closing, it is with deep regret that I must notify you of the passing of the following members: Brothers Arnold L. Collins, who passed away on January 13, 2008 and Roy E. Allman, who passed away January 26, 2008. A moment of silence was held in their honor at the February 2007 meeting. We extend our sincere condolences to the family and friends of our departed Brothers. Our Charter will be draped for 30 days in their honor.