



# The Union Voice

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As Spring arises and work begins to blossom it is imperative we as members of the International Union of Painter's & Allied Trades and District Council 58 must bear in mind the recent happenings not only within the AFL-CIO and Building and Construction Trade (BCT), but also the ramifications of those actions. Precisely the Laborers Union, as they choose to join the Carpenters, Teamsters, Operators and other trades by pulling out of the BCT and hampering the Labor movement. The agenda for both the Laborers and Carpenters is to provide General Contractors with the ability to do wall to wall agreements, more specifically, leaving out of the picture all other trades throughout the process, yes these two Unions want to do our work, often times at lesser rate of pay. Although our past history within DC 58 jurisdiction has not experienced any such encroachment from the Carpenters, the Laborers in Southern and Eastern Illinois have attempted and obtained such agreements. It is important we are aware of these actions and must stand together with the other respectable trades and fight these obscenities. I personally can state that to this point and time District Council 58's relationship with the Carpenters has been positive and they continue to respect our jurisdiction, unlike the Laborers. If anyone observes another trade performing our work please contact your Business Representative immediately. The week of April 30, 2006 I will be attending the National Building and Construction Trades Conference, hopefully, problems written to the National BCT can be addressed openly and issues can be resolved in an effort for all International Unions to show solidarity and pull together to fight the Union fight together. - Gregg Smith

**Don't Forget to  
Vote on  
June 24, 2006!**

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In order to be eligible to vote in the Upcoming Election being held on June 24, 2006, your dues must be paid through the month of June 2006.

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**Good of the Union...**



The Texas Hold'em Benefit for Alivia Miller, daughter of Jason Miller, member of Local Union 471 held November 19, 2005 raised a total of \$7,200.00. Twenty month old Alivia Lauren Miller has leukemia, we are happy to report that she is in good spirits and is doing well . We wish her and her family the best of luck!

The Benefit for Jim Thompson, member of Local Union 90 held February 11, 2006 raised over \$7,000.00. Mr. Thompson was injured in a fall on August 18, 2005, when he fell from a JLG lift while working on the job. He has sustained severe head trauma and has been hospitalized for more than six weeks. All proceeds raised went to Jim and his family.



The Texas Hold'em Tournament to benefit Patch held on February 25, 2006 raised a total of \$1,900.00. All proceeds went to the Family of James Belfield, a member of DC #2 in St. Louis MO. On February 17, 2006 while preparing to paint the JB Bridge a cable collapsed, releasing his harness to help others he fell into the Mississippi.

**We are happy to report that she is in good spirits and is doing well. We wish her and her family the best of luck!**

**Good of the Union Cont'**



"P.A.T.C.H." Cook Books have been printed and are available to purchase and sell. The cost of each book is \$10.00. You may pick one up at District Council 58 or contact your local Business Agent.



An array of items have been placed on display in lighted display cases at District Council 58. These items are on loan from Drew Bain, Local 849. Anyone who wishes to display their items should contact District Council 58

**Attention Members of Local Union 124...** Your local union meeting time has changed from 7:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Be sure to mark your calendars...!

**Reminder...**Update your Beneficiary Card if your marital status changes.

**Accidents...**

Mike Higginson, member of Local Union 90 has injured his shoulder and is awaiting the prognosis.

Dave Ohlsson, member of Local Union 1168 will be undergoing shoulder surgery in the near future.

**Sickness...**

Jim Helfrich was in the hospital with multiple health problems. He will be on dialysis for three days a week; three hours a day... Plans are being made for Jim to start taking his dialysis at home in the evenings.

**Deaths...**

- Local 32 - Gale Yarbrough
- Local 90 - Carl Lenbecker
- Local 120 - Charles Dine
- Local 1299 - Gary Capecchi
- Local 2007 - Kathy Turner

## Apprenticeship



The International Union of Painters & Allied Trades has changed its name from the JATF (Joint Apprenticeship & Training Fund) to FTI (Finishing Trades Institute). The Finishing Trades Institute was established to provide ongoing education and training for all union members. The mission is to continue to set the standard for excellence in the trades that are represented by our members, with

this goal in mind, FTI curriculum and training centers constantly evolve to remain at the cutting edge of our trades.



**Reminder:** In order for you to receive your pay increase, you must have a total of 500 work hours and 72 hours of class time in compliance with the Standards established with the U.S. Department of Labor.



## Up-coming Apprentice Graduation Fun Day!

A Graduation fun day is scheduled to be held on Saturday, June 10, 2006 at District Council 58 to honor our Apprentice Graduates. All members and their families are invited to attend. There will be plenty of fun, food, and refreshments. Hope you can join in on the fun and festivities.

## Journeyman Upgrade Training



A new Safety Training Station has been established at District Council 58. OSHA 10 is the only class that is currently available. You must call ahead of time to schedule an appointment in order to use the facility.

**Why is OSHA important?** Most General Contractors are requiring that you have OSHA training before you are allowed onto the job site. In addition, you also need OSHA in order to work in most Refineries and

Auto Plants, primarily to ensure your general safety and health for your overall well being. You can check out more information about OSHA on their website at the following web address: [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov)

**The mission is to continue to set the standard for excellence in the trades that are represented by our members...**

## 401 (k) Plan Notice - Joe Camaioni InterSecurities Inc.

The new internet web address for Nationwide is: [www.nationwide.com](http://www.nationwide.com) Once you go to the site be sure to look on the right side of the home page for 'Access My Account', and select 401 (k) from the drop down. That will take you to the sign on page, and then into your specific account information.

The layout is different, but I think you will find it much easier to navigate. If you have any problems or questions navigating the new site layout please feel free to contact me at (888) 867-5175, option #1. Also, Painters District Council 58 401 (k) Guide Books are also available

to you, they provide a great opportunity to learn about and join your retirement plan, a valuable benefit provided by your employer. Your retirement plan offers you one of the best ways to invest for your future. So what are you waiting for? After all it is *your* future, why not be prepared?

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