

FLOORLAYERS' NEWSLETTER



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Dear Member:

The Regular meeting of the Floorlayers Union will be held on Monday, August 18, 2008, at 7:30 pm at the Floorlayers Union Hall; #105-1628 Fosters Way, Delta, BC.

DISPATCH

It is important that any members out of work contact the Union Office. Mike Rhattigan may be able to place you with another employer.

RETIREMENT CLUB

We have now had two meetings of the Retirement Club. The next meeting will be on Friday, September 12, 2008 at 11:00 am at the Floorlayers Union Hall. The sole purpose of the Club will be to provide retirees with a place to enhance their social, recreational, physical, mental and intellectual health. Any retired member wishing to attend or for more information please contact Jeannea Miles.

E.I. & W.C.B.

Remember to submit E.I. or Workers' Compensation cheque stubs for disability credits. Members are awarded approximately 4 hours for each calendar day they are disabled, that count toward maintaining their coverage while unable to work.

NEW ADDRESS

If you are working with someone who has recently moved, please remind them to call the office and update their information. Many members lose benefits and their membership with the Union because we are unable to contact them.

APPRENTICE RECORD CARDS

A reminder to apprentices about their record cards; these cards must be sent in **MONTHLY**. Failure to send them in means you may be putting wage rate increases in jeopardy. The hours from these cards are the only ones used to determine wage rates! Should you turn in more than two cards at a time you will not jump up two rates, sorry you will only go up one rate at a time, no exceptions.

APPRENTICESHIP CERTIFICATES

The following members have apprenticeship completion/ red seal certificates to be picked up at the Floor Covering Joint Society offices:

Tom Butler	Juan Maza (Kwantlen)
Mark Bevacqua	James Morris
Jarrold Dick	Rob Ousey
Paul Edwards	Bradon Puffalt
Jason Hill	Justin Watters
Robert Kowalski	Will Welch
Ryan Matheson	

These certificates must be picked up because in the past some have been lost in the mail and it is very difficult to have them replaced once that happens. Please call Hamish @ 604 524-6900 or 604 817-3886 to make arrangements for pick up.

WORK PICTURE

Work is going to get busier as the summer season comes. If you know of any hardworking energetic in-

dividuals looking for rewarding work as a Floorcovering apprentice please have them contact Hamish Roper or Mike Rhattigan at the office so we can attempt to place them with an employer.

HOLIDAYS

Friday preceding Labour Day	August 29
Labour Day	September 1
Thanksgiving Day	October 13
Remembrance Day	November 11
Christmas Day	December 25
Boxing Day	December 26

Michael Autzen.....Business Representative

Michael Rhattigan.....Business Representative

Hamish Roper.....Apprenticeship Coordinator

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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17	18 <small>UNION MEETING 7:30 P.M.</small>	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 <small>HOLIDAY</small>	30
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Kudos to 1541 Floorlayers – job well done.



The new head office and training center for the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry has recently been completed. We had the pleasure of touring the facility as the work being done by our members at VHF Commercial Flooring was getting great reviews from the other trades on the project and the project owners. On site for the installation were Jeff Jensen, Ryan Remyey, Phil Grant and others. The picture on the left will give you an example of the fine craftsmanship Jeff and Ryan displayed on the project.

Jeff Jensen & Ryan Remyey

Floorlayers Training Center Open House



The open house on July 12 was designed to show the entire industry the type of training the Floorlayers Training Centre Provides.

Many installers and contractors had no idea there was Apprenticeship training available for Floorcovering and that upgrade training was available outside of manufacture training for no additional cost to members.

A hot topic during the open house was the upcoming Hardwood technical training. Industry is awaiting the hardwood apprenticeship to help lower failure rates in BC and contractors want the most skilled, knowledgeable installers in North America.

As a result of the open house there was huge interest in

unorganized shops joining our organization.

Contractors see a value in having trained installers up to date on today's materials and techniques and having their installers marketed to increase their market share.

MLA Chuck Puchmayr (NDP Labour Critic) and some of the install partners and training Centre supporters such as: Buckwolds/Armstrong, Mapei, Pacific Rim, Jonsonite and Erv Parent sent representatives here to show their support for the program and some had tables showing products and materials that the training center trains with.

Congratulations to the open house draw winners!

Gordon Pesklevits - Pro Knee Pads

Bob Rehlau, Jamie Morrow- BC Lion Tickets

John Loupelle - Forbo Shirt

Ristiev Constantin, Ian Rhattigan, Stan Anderson -Beaulieu Shirt



Hamish Roper & Gordon Pesklevitz
Gordon took home the Grand Prize of a new pair of Proknees.

