



# UA Local Union 345

Landscape/Irrigation, Sewer & Storm Underground Industrial Piping Industry

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Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm • Closed from: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

**Special Interest:**

- **General Membership Meeting**  
May 9, 2012



**MEETING LOCATION**

UA LOCAL UNION 345  
1430 Huntington Drive  
Duarte, CA 91010

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Wednesday,  
May 9, 2012  
7:00 pm

**EXECUTIVE BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING**  
6:00 pm

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
5:30 pm

*Please make an effort to attend Union Meetings!*

- **Mother's Day**  
Sunday, May 13, 2012



- **Memorial Day**  
UA Holiday Observed  
Monday, May 28, 2012

*Office Closed*



by *Vincent G. Diaz*  
Business Manager/Financial Secretary-Treasurer

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

CHANGE can be a lot of things to those it affects. It can be disconcerting, exciting, invigorating or even maddening.

Winston Churchill put it best when he said **"To improve is to change."** Those leaders, Locals and members who embrace it are in a better position to ultimately affect those changing events in a positive way.

The United Association has notified us of its positioning for change; Creating a new Department of energy in the last few years and most recently a new office of Executive Vice President, a new Business Development Department, and initiatives like starting a task force of strategic planning with our contractor associations who employ our members. The United Association has also put new emphasis on building and maintaining tripartite initiatives with our contractors and end users.

Our Training Department is reinventing itself, with a new director, Chris Haslinger, and his leadership, ideas and new programs that are designed to enhance every sector of the piping industry. All of these efforts, as well as those will be developing in the coming months and years, are going to make our organization a true force for positive change, not only in our own union, but throughout the building trades.

I understand that everything we do is an impact that ripples through the industry, and we intend to be a full partner in this process as it moves forward, now I invite all of you to do your part individually toward this new focus, that will guarantee our contractors will never look anywhere else but to this local for the underground pipe installer.

The following classes are offered by **Apprentice & Journeymen Training Trust Fund of the Southern California Plumbing & Piping Industry**; these classes are free and your employer would like for you to take them, to sign up for any of the classes listed below, please contact our office. Highly recommended are: **Pipeline Safety, Industrial Rigging, Crane Signaling, Backflow and UA Foreman.**

**Computer Classes**

- Basic Computers
- Basic Computers/CAD
- Computer Aided Design I (CAD I)
- Computer Aided Design II (CAD II)

- Lead Safety Training
- Mine Safety Health & Administration
- OSHA 30
- Pipeline Safety

**Drawing Classes**

- Drawing I
- Drawing II

**UA Rigging Classes**

- Industrial Rigging Techniques
- Crane Signal Person
- UA Industrial Rigging
- UA Industrial Rigging Refresher Course

**Instrumentation Classes**

- Basic Instrumentation
- Advanced Instrumentation
- E.P.R.I.

**All Other Classes**

- Backflow Prevention
- Clean Room/Orbital Welding
- Fitter P.I.P.E. Certification
- L.A. Structural Steel
- Medical Gas Installer/Brazing
- Plumber P.I.P.E. Certification
- Service & Repair
- UA Foreman Certification
- UA Green Systems Awareness
- Valve Technician Certification

**Pipe Fitting Classes**

- Torch Basics for Oxy/Acetylene
- 100% X-Ray Fit Up
- Oxy/Acetylene\_

**Safety Classes**

- Cal/OSHA 30
- Competent Person
- Confined Space Training
- First Aid/CPR (Coyne)
- Lead/Asbestos Training

These courses have been developed for you the Journeyman of Local Union 345, we need you!

**REGISTER AND VOTE:**

From now until first of June and then November, you're going to hear lots of talk, both from us and from others, about the importance of making your voice heard. The only way we can ensure that working people have a voice in determining the policies and programs instituted in the country is to vote. But before you can vote, you must be registered.

If you have changed your name or your address since the last election, or if you haven't voted for several elections, you probably need to re-register. If you have any doubts about your registration, call the local for a registration card, the important date to remember is May the 21<sup>st</sup> 2012, the last day to register for California's June 5, 2012 election. A registration form must be postmarked by May the 21<sup>st</sup> for you to be eligible to vote in June.

Remember, if you vote regularly, if you receive your voter handbook and sample ballot at your current address, or if you vote by Mail and receive your election materials at your current address, you do not need to register again. But if you have moved, or if you are not receiving election materials at your home, or if you are a new voter, **REGISTER.**

## SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

### District Council 16 Landscape & Irrigation Master Labor Agreement Wage and Fringe Benefit Allocation July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

During the regular membership meeting in June 2012, there will be a special order of business to discuss and vote on the recommendations from the Executive Board Committee regarding District Council 16 Landscape & Irrigation Master Labor Agreement Wage and Fringe Benefit Allocations for contractual increases effective July 1, 2012, **members who are in good standing will be eligible to VOTE**. Normal order will be postponed.

#### VOTE

**When:** Regular Membership Meeting, Wednesday, June 11, 2012 at 7:00 pm  
**Where:** UA Local Union 345, 1430 Huntington Drive, Duarte, CA 91010

***(Please bring your dues receipt)***

## BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE



by *Ricardo Perez*  
Business Representative/Organizer/Instructor

Dear Members:

Congratulations to all our 5<sup>th</sup> level apprentices who have graduated from our Apprenticeship program, I am confident that the five years of apprenticeship have prepared you for the challenges that are ahead for you. Throughout the five years of apprenticeship, our students are exposed to many facets of our trade from working on Public Works projects including parks, schools, Port districts, Mass transit districts, Cal Trans projects, and many other projects including private work including golf parks, residential, utilities and many others; therefore, it is very necessary that the apprentices progress according to their level of apprenticeship. As I mentioned in our last month's letter and also the main topic in the UA journal, it is very important to reelect President Obama, let's make sure we are all registered to vote and that we also influence our friends and family to do the same.

Thank you,

Ricardo Perez

## MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT

### EDUCATION (Scholarships Available)



#### UNITED ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Applications must be postmarked by **June 15, 2012**. Please be sure to include proper postage.  
You can download the application to this scholarship here: [www.ua.org](http://www.ua.org)

### VACATION / HOLIDAY CHECKS



**Apprentice and Journeyman:** The Vacation/Holiday checks were mailed out on **April 6, 2012 & April 9, 2012**.  
If you didn't receive your check, please call the SCPTAC Trust Fund office at (800) 595-7473 ext. 237.

### PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES ON THE FOLLOWING

- Address, Phone/Cell Number, Email Address
- Beneficiaries
- Change of Employer or unemployed
- New Skills (please submit copy of certificate)
- Unable to work due to an Injury or Illness? If you are currently on Disability, please make sure to provide a copy of the doctor's note to our office.

## APPRENTICESHIP DEPARTMENT

Much gratitude and appreciation needs to go out to our Apprentices for all their efforts and sacrifices with regards to their attendance to class and a commitment to the homework assignments. Believe me you will not regret all your efforts.

To those stragglers who still do not understand the system I say this, "We are intending to breed self-sufficient, problem solvers, called Journeyman. Not individuals who must rely on someone else to make their phone calls and remind them to go to class".

#### Spring 2012 Make-Up Class:

**Compton Training Center**  
May 5, 2012  
7:00am—3:30pm

**San Diego Training Center**  
May 1 & 3, 2012  
5—9 pm