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CONCRETE FACTS

All of us at Local No. 633 would like to extend to you our good wishes for a Happy Holiday Season and a prosperous upcoming year!

We would like to invite **ALL** our members to our Annual Holiday Party at the regular Union meeting: **Tuesday, December 3rd, at 6:00 PM, at our Training Center**, **2180 Old Highway 8, New Brighton.** Following the meeting, our annual Holiday Dinner will be served and we will also have some great door prizes to give away.

For our Duluth/NW WI members, a Union meeting will be held at the Duluth Labor Hall B on **Thursday, December 5th,** at 5:00 PM. Following the meeting, our annual Holiday Dinner will be served upstairs at the Reef Bar.

For our Iron Range members, a Union meeting will be held at Fortune Bay Resort Casino in Tower, MN on **Friday, December 6th** at 6:00 PM. Following the meeting, our annual Holiday Dinner will be served in the Sumac room.

For our Southern MN members, a Union meeting will be held at the Eagles Club, in Rochester, MN, on **Thursday, December 12th** at 6:00 PM**.** Following the meeting, our annual Holiday Dinner will be served.

For our North Dakota/Northwest Minnesota members, a Union meeting will be held at Stump's Bar & Grill in Bejou, MN, on **Friday, December 13th** at 7:00 PM. Following the meeting, our annual Holiday Dinner will be served.

“YEARS OF SERVICE” AWARDS

Also, during our December Union meetings, we will be presenting the Service Awards from the International. Please make every effort to join us for this special occasion.

Congratulations to the following members who qualified for Service Awards during 2019!

THESE AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE UNION MEETINGS

60 YEARS

GERALD KOWARSCH
JAMES J. PEDERSON
ROGER W. WALKER

50 YEARS

DEWAYNE BAUER
HARRY DANIELSON
HERBERT GALL
JOHN PROW
DONALD RACHNER
RICHARD WEEKS

40 YEARS

GREG A. JOHNSON
FREDERICK LENZ
THOMAS MAGAARD
DENNIS MARTIN
DONALD NEECK
GREGORY NELSON
EDWARD PERISH
JAMES REISNER
TERRY SCHARFFBILLING
STEPHEN STEINMETZ
DARRELL TOBER
CRAIG WILSON

30 YEARS

VAN BAUTCH JR
MICHA D. BENTLER
BILL BIGGINS JR
MICHAEL J. BOIE
LEWIE FRITZE
PATRICK GILL
MICHAEL G. HOLTE
DUWAYNE NELSON
RUSS PATTERSON
STEPHEN PAVLAK
MARSHALL PETERS
EDWARD POMASL
STEVE J. RUTT
WILLIAM STROUTS JR
WILLIAM TUREK
GENE WENTZLAFF
JULIUS WHITE
JOE D. WRAZIDLO
FRANCISCO ZAMORA

25 YEARS

SCOTT R. GOPLEN
KEVIN J. HECKER
HAROLD F. JOHNSON
KENNETH J. KRONE
ANTHONY LINN
TIMOTHY MURPHY
STACY PAULSON
TIMOTHY W. PEARSON
LAM PHOMMASAK
ALLAN G. REESE
DAVID S. SCHUTTA
RICHARD A. SMEKOFSKE
THOMAS WINKELMAN

We value our veteran Union members, because you have a lot of knowledge to pass on to the new members. It is because of your dedicated service that Local 633 is strong and united.

BUCKET CHAT" from our Union President: Jarrod Asleson

Season's Greetings

I hope you all had a great summer and fall, at least enjoyed the three or four days of fall. The holidays are approaching fast once again as they always do. As this year comes to a close, we had another busy year.

I would like to wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. Hopefully I'll see many of you at our area Christmas party in December.

In solidarity,
Jarrod Asleson

From Metro Business Agent: Brian Gullickson

Hello Brother and Sisters,

We are having another Fantastic year; hours are up 55,000 as of August. We need the weather to cooperate this fall so contractors can get the site work done. Next year St Paul Public Schools has 3 projects of 30 Million each along with many other school districts with Multi-million dollar projects. I hope everyone has a safe Holiday Season hope to see you all at the Christmas party on December 3rd.

Fraternally,
Brian

From Metro Business Agent: Chad Morris

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

The winter season will be upon us soon. It has been a busy year, and we expect it to continue. Our year to date work hours has increased, albeit rain showers seem to occur every other day. Thank you for being the safest, most productive workforce on the jobsite. I look forward to seeing you on the jobsite and the Christmas party.

There are many work opportunities available going into this fall/winter. Please call the Union Hall to be placed on the "out of work" list if you are laid off. FYI, the MN Department of Labor requires you to do so in order to receive unemployment benefits.

Be thankful, be merry and be jolly this holiday season.

Fraternally,
Chad Morris

From Metro Business Agent: Tim Sturdivant

Season's Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

This has been an amazing year for work. If you're like me the hardest part has been staying ahead of all the traffic changes. Still with the frustrations of commuting, who of us can complain with all the work going on.

Project wise 35W/94 Downtown to Crosstown is still going strong along with the Minnesota River Bridge project. The River Bridge project has diverted traffic to the N. bound lanes and has begun demolition of the S. bound bridge. The SWLRT is having a slower start than imagined but I think by spring things should be in full swing. Work is steady and there's a lot on the books for next year. Right now our biggest focus is organizing to increase manpower.

The Women Build Nations Conference just wrapped up. It was a great experience to meet the Female Members from all over who did attend. Ladies definitely a must, if you did not get a chance to attend that movement is only getting stronger.

Turkey Day and Christmas around the corner so I can't help but think about all the Brothers and Sisters that are no longer with us. So I do urge us all to not worry about what you don't have and be appreciative for the things that you do.

Fraternally Your Brother,
Big Tim Sturdivant

"We cannot be separated in interest or divided in purpose. We stand together until the end."
– **Woodrow T. Wilson**

From Southern MN Business Agent: Mike Krahn

Hello from Southern Minnesota,

Where did the summer go? Work is still holding strong with an empty bench and the signing of many new members, a lot of apprentices with that being said, please all Journeyman take the time to help and teach these new members. Hopefully the future weather predictions of a snowy and colder than last year winter are wrong; we should have plenty of work. Changes to the Savings check are coming soon keep your eyes on your mail. Our Christmas meeting is set for December 12th at 6pm at the Eagles club please make every effort to attend, we will have food and drinks and other door prizes. P.S. If you get laid off, please call 507-250-0221. Work safe out there!

Thanks
Mike Krahn

From NW/ND Business Agent: Darrell Lende

Hello Brothers and Sisters.

Another busy year is rapidly coming to a close. I want to welcome all new Journeyman and Apprentices. I hope you all get a chance to come to one of the Christmas/Holiday Parties.

It has been another busy year with still more work to come throughout the Winter for the Plasterers and Cement Masons. Some of the larger projects in the area are the 18 story Block 9 project with McGough in Fargo that continues. Ames 20th Street Underpass in Moorhead and inlet structure for the Fargo diversion in the future. Minot Hospital project with Northland Concrete throughout the Summer and fall and 100,000 sq. feet of Plastering with Sig Olson & Sons Plastering through the winter. New 7 story Altru Hospital project in Grand Forks that began this Summer with Marcy Const. and will continue throughout the Winter. Grand Forks Water Treatment Plant in Grand Forks with Rice Lake Const. who also has the Detroit Lakes W.T.P. UND Memorial Union project getting underway with Northland Concrete & Masonry. There are also may other smaller projects for our Plasterers and Cement masons throughout the area.

Working with the Fair Contracting Foundation, other trades, and Evaristo Ocampo our International Organizer we continue to monitor prevailing wage projects for compliance and are also reaching out to School Districts and Cities throughout the area about the benefits of prevailing wage on their projects.

Don't forget to check out our Local and Training Center websites and Facebook pages. Our NW Minnesota and North Dakota Holiday will be held at Stumps Bar & Grill Friday December 13th at 7:00 P.M. hope to see you there. Until next time, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy prosperous New Year

Fraternally,
Darrell Lende

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To start your own IRA, 633 will direct you to IRALOGIX, on our website:
www.local633.org

Link will be "opcmialocal633ira"

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JOURNEYMAN UPGRADE SCHEDULE 2020

For course description, details and to RSVP please visit the member's page on our website or call the Training Center for assistance. *All courses are subject to change dependent on venders*

DATE	TIME	COURSE NAME
December 19 & 20, 2019	7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Concrete Polishing 101
January 2 & 3, 2020	7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Coatings 101
January 13-15, 2020	7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Steps-Theory/Set-up/Pour
January 16 & 17, 2020	7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Ardex Academy
January 20-24, 2020	7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	OSHA 30/Core4-PRO-10
January 27-31, 2020	7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Construction Math/Blueprint/PlanGrid
February 3-7, 2020	7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Construction Math/Blueprint/PlanGrid
February 12, 2020	7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	1st Aid/CPR/AED
February 17-19, 2020	7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Decorative Concrete
February 20 & 21, 2020	7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Countertops
February 24-28, 2020	7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Foreman's Awareness
March 2-6, 2020	7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	OSHA 30/Core4-PRO-10
April 30-May 3, 2020	7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	F-NUMBERS/RIDERS

COURSES TBD

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Cold Weather Concrete
Epoxy Systems
Mentorship Matters
Polishable Overlays
Total Station
Union Services

Don't see something you would like to see offered? Contact Us!

APPRENTICES

HAVE YOU RSVP'D FOR RELATED TRAINING? THOSE THAT LIVE 70+ MILES AWAY-HAVE YOU RESERVED YOUR HOTEL ROOM? ARE YOU UP TO DATE ON YOUR TIME CARDS? CHECK THE WEBSITE!

PLEASE BE RESPONSIBLE!

With an exciting training season underway, our focus should continue to be "our mentorship role". Asking ourselves what this looks like should be a constant question. Our stance at the training center will focus on mentorship and refining our apprentices to be the most equipped workforce ever created!

Thank you all for all you do to continue to raise the bar!

Apprenticeship Coordinator, Brian Farmer

A NEW MEMBERSHIP DATA BASE IS BEING DEVELOPED!!!

WE NEED ALL CURRENT INFORMATION REGARDING: ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER & EMAILS!!!

(PLEASE send your information to the Union Hall & Zenith ASAP)

"Vacation Savings" Fund

Changes are coming soon regarding your Vacation Savings! Going forward we will no longer be issuing an Annual Check. We will be going to a "Debit Card" system, so you can access your $$$ year-round, at your convenience. We are hoping for January 1st, 2020 rollout, so please watch your mail for details as they develop! Correspondence will come from:
Zenith American Solutions.
(Your Fund Administrator)

Visit our website for news and links at:

www.local633.org

Michael Boie (Ret)

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