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BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Sisters and Brothers,

As we focus on the work this season I want to remind everyone to keep safety as your highest priority. All too often complacency begins to rule and injuries or worse can be the result. Look out for each other and help to make the 2018 season safe and prosperous.

Work this year is looking up, with projects beginning at Clear AFS, Eielson AFB, the North Pole Water project and several local highways coming under construction. We anticipate a better year for all and will be looking to fill calls soon. Soon, weight restrictions will be lifted so all this work can begin.

I am excited to announce we have been making some innovations around the Union Hall to enhance our service to you and help make your experience at the hall more integrated and involved. A few of the enhancements include; new web module to pay dues online, upgraded video equipment to make information more accessible and easier to interpret, freshly painted walls and updated artwork which includes photos from and of members on our projects.

Looking forward as your leaders, I am committed to reinforcing our position politically in the state. I am also committed to reenergizing the members to become more involved and active during political, social and Union activities. I invite you all to call and ask how you can become more involved. You are the Union! Let's take pride in the privilege of belonging to the greatest Union in North America!

Relay for Life // Jonna's Crusaders

Relay for Life Fairbanks will take place at the West Valley High School track Friday, June 8th through Saturday, June 9th.

Ways you can participate:

- 1) Find Jonna's Crusaders on Relay for Life's website. Here you can donate to the cause or purchase a luminaria to light up the track for the 24-hour walk.
- 2) Call or message the Hall to sign up for a one hour time slot to walk during the Relay event. You can walk alone, or bring family and friends along. This event is 24 hours in length and each team is asked to have a member on the track at all times to signify that cancer never sleeps.

Pay Dues Online

Access to your account has never been easier. Pay your dues, see what number you are on the out-of-work list, view your certifications and their expiration dates by visiting:

<http://bit.ly/942dues>

Coalition Health Center

Effective April 1, 2018, US Health Works in Fairbanks will no longer be a Wellness and Minor Care Program provider. If you receive services at US Health Works (Urgent Care) in Fairbanks the services will be subject to deductible and coinsurance.

In Fairbanks, you may continue to use the Coalition Health Center for Wellness & Minor Care services, as well as treatment of chronic conditions for \$0 copay.



FRATERNALLY YOURS,
SCOTT C. EICKHOLT
BUSINESS MANAGER/SECRETARY-TREASURER

REPRESENTING THE MEMBERS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT **BRYAN IMUS**

For me, the month of May has always felt like the natural beginning of the year; the dog mushing & snowmachining season has come to an end, the willows are starting to bud, rivers are beginning to flow, and the construction season is close at hand. It's a time of renewal and reflection – BRING ON SUMMER!

It's no secret to anyone that the winter season in Prudhoe Bay wasn't great, and with little exception, our membership was left feeling disappointed in the availability of the much sought-after dispatch; however, the 2018 summer season looks to be better than 2017 due to the Military Construction (MILCON) work ramping up, and several State DOT Highway projects both in and out of town. It will be as important as ever for each of us to be mindful of the ups and down of our industry; remember that what goes up most often seems to come down even faster. Outside of the MILCON spending, the overall outlook for the Alaskan economy is not one of excessive optimism. There are a few projects on the horizon that could help to change this outlook: The Natural Gas Pipeline Project, an 800 mile 42" line that is projected to employ over 2,000 Laborers at peak, ANWR

Exploration and development, and the continued exploration by the Independent's to include Armstrong's Nanushuk project.

Here at the hall, we remain cautiously optimistic about the possibility of one or more of these large developments becoming a reality, but we also know that there are forces beyond our control that come into play. Governor Walker and his team have done an excellent job in bringing the construction of the Gas Line closer to reality than ever before by not only securing a customer base in Asia, but also a solid source of partial funding from three different financial institutions in China. It seems that the one major roadblock that remains is the lack of political will. This much-needed and important infrastructure project would be a real game changer for Alaska and this Local Union.

I'll close with a friendly reminder about having your training cards and drivers license in-hand when coming to the window to take a call. We know you take pride in your skills and your training, so please keep your certifications up do date and have the necessary documentation ready to go. That's all from me; have a great summer and be safe, both on the job and off.



SOUTHEAST REPORT **TRENTON ENGLISH**

Brothers and Sisters,

My name is Trenton English and I am the new Laborers Business Rep for Southeast Alaska. I am a life-long Alaskan, live in Juneau, and am raising my four children here. I have been a member of Laborers' Local 942 since 2001. For the last 17 years, the Union has provided me with steady work, great health care benefits, and a retirement program for my later years. In that time, I've met many great men and women on the job and I am very excited to have been given the opportunity to represent my Alaskan Brothers and Sisters.

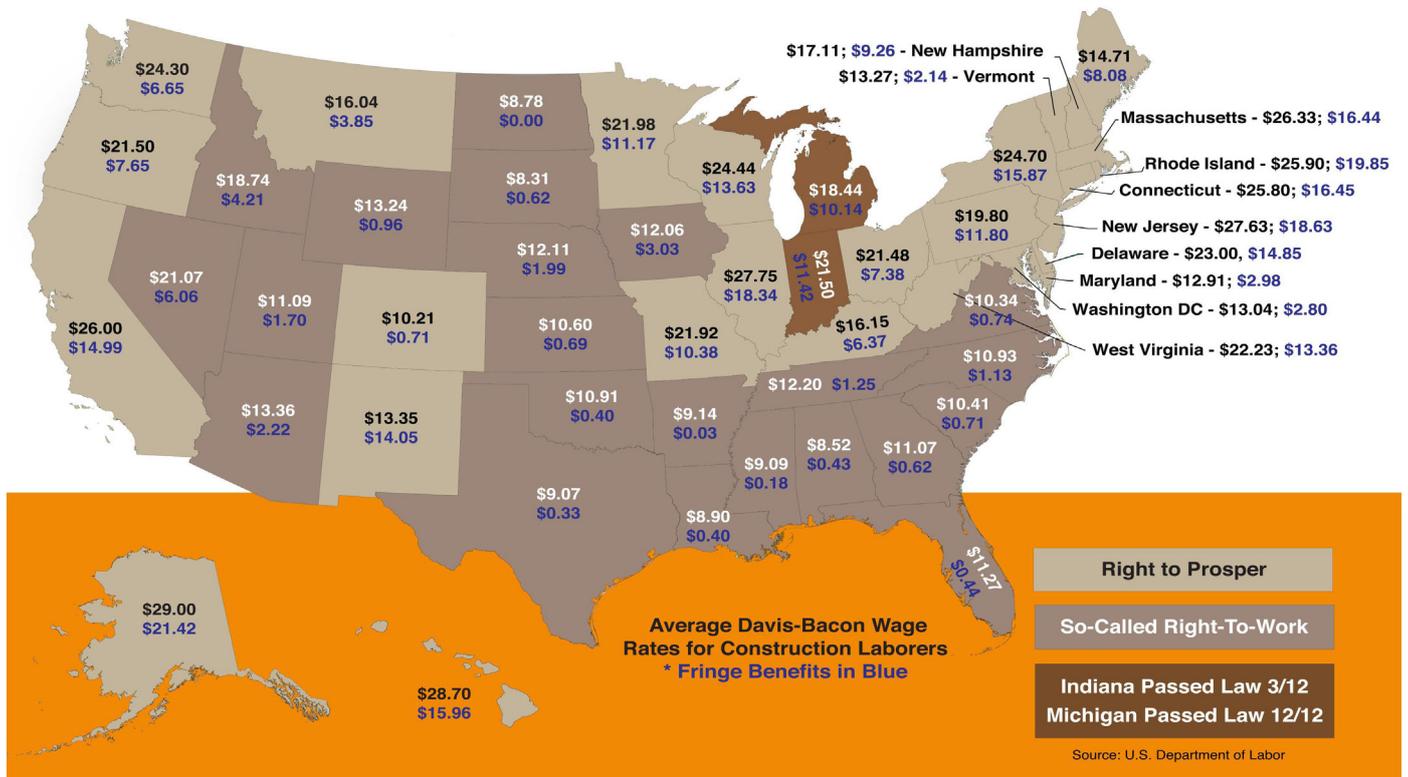
Ketchikan kicked off our season with a steady stream of job calls in January. With spring finally in full swing here in Southeast, the job calls have started to steadily come in. With three large DOT projects and a handful of city work, our Ketchikan members are looking at having a long, busy summer. The rest of Southeast is looking at a moderate rate of work opportunities, by way of city projects, which are funded

in a large part by our thriving tourism industry. I mention tourism for our members who find themselves losing their minds (I'll admit I've been that guy) trying to navigate a downtown street in summer through the mass of tourists! Remember these people are pumping millions into our towns, our restaurants, our shops, and that money is allowing us to not feel the full weight of Alaska's fiscal downturn.

During these slow times, I encourage members to take classes at our training center. On my last trip to Fairbanks, I had the chance to walk through our school and interact with the Training Center staff. I have to say I was impressed. Take advantage of this asset because the more skills you obtain the more employable you become, and the more wages you can earn.

If I haven't met you yet, I look forward to meeting you when I am in your town. Let's have a safe summer out there!

Right-to-Work States vs. Right to Prosper States



BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE REPORT JACOB HOWDESHELL

Brothers and Sisters, spring is in the air and that means two things:

First, the completion of the pipeline season for 2018. This season saw pipelines at both Greater Moose's Tooth 1 for ConocoPhillips built by Houston Contracting and Moose Pad for Hilcorp built by Doyon Associated LLC. All of our members that worked on these lines should be commended for their work under extremely trying conditions and late starts, and neither project had an OSHA recordable or any other significant injury. The pride and professionalism on display is what keeps our Brothers and Sisters employed on these complex pipeline projects. I recently had the opportunity to speak to Lisa Bruner, Vice President of North Slope Operations and Maintenance for ConocoPhillips. Ms. Bruner couldn't say enough about how well all of the crafts, but specifically our craft, did on the project and for the second year in a row the insulation crew got a special mention by Ms. Bruner.

Second, is the awarding of contracts. Contractors, the state, and our members are gearing up for road, military, building, and civil construction. This season promises to be a busy one, with construction all over Alaska. From a Dalton Highway reroute by Great Northwest to the north, to the Long Range Discriminating Radar (LRDR) at Clear Air Force Station to the South, to a quarry project at Cape Lisburne to the West, there isn't a quiet corner of our jurisdiction. Fairbanks proper will be quite busy and getting from one side of town to the other might require some pre-planning. The intersection of University and Geist/Johansen will be closed for at least six weeks and Phillips Field Road will have construction as safety improvements are made.

2018 is the front end of a multi-year build out of defense spending that will include Eielson's F-35's, Clear AFS's continued work on the LRDR and associated support buildings, and an Unmanned Aerial Squadron (UAS) hangar at Fort Wainwright. While not all of these projects have been awarded to our signatory contractors, we have a large portion of the skilled subcontracted work. There have also been new additions to our list of signatory contractors including White Mountain Construction, STG Pacific, and Malcolm Drilling who have work on the Clear AFS LRDR and support facilities.

This article is by no means the comprehensive list of all the work that is going on this summer, so if it has piqued your curiosity please come in or call the hall and I will answer any questions that you might have about the upcoming workload. As always, please keep your certs up to date, make sure you're qualified for the job you take, and when you come to call please, please bring your certs with you! When there is down time between seasons, work on expanding your skill set. When a contractor calls looking for names, a class or two is usually the difference between working and waiting. Here's to a safe, busy, and productive 2018 construction season!!



GOVERNOR WALKER DISCUSSES THE LATEST UPDATES ON THE FUTURE OF THE GASLINE.

ORGANIZERS REPORT MINDY O'NEALL

“Get political, or Starve.” It was when I heard this phrase, that I knew was in the right place. Many may remember these words from retired 942 member, and former Alaska Commissioner of Labor, Ed Flanagan, as the rally cry for members to activate against or for an issue that affected working people. I’ve been involved in politics for most of my adult life, and although I didn’t come from digging ditches or working construction, I know what it feels like to be in the trenches. I have worked for State Senators and Representatives in the Alaska State Legislature, and I have fought alongside many of you on issues in Alaska since 2004 and in Fairbanks since 2010. I’ve licked more envelopes than I care to remember and have done a fair share of overnights to get a last minute ad or mailer off before a final election. I know the exhilaration and exhaustion of an election night, and I have been with many of you as we have celebrated wins and shared our disappointment in losses. But my general purpose of working to build community became so much more personal for me when I started working for you.

Although I am new within these walls, I have been in the field fighting on your behalf for over a decade.

My background is in political communication and my experience has been gained in non-profits, like the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce, to public jobs in government like the Alaska Legislature and local projects like the Interior Gas Utility. I have worked for a large corporation, ran statewide and municipal elections, and I volunteer in community organizations such as the Interior Democrats, FNSB Planning Commission, City of Fairbanks Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, and KUAC radio. My interest in Fairbanks or in Local 942 is not short-term.

I believe unions are facing some very troubling times. The JANUS v. AFSCME case threatens the strength of unions by dismantling the ability to collectively work together and build power to fight for our community needs: affordable health care, retirement security, education and good paying jobs. Big corporations and billionaires know that unions are effective at keeping earned wages in the pockets of workers and out of their profits. After Citizen’s United, money has overtaken politics and the messaging has been lost on the average American worker. A flush of flashy media in elections has driven apathy with voters and the inability of politicians to compromise for the greater good continues to disenfranchise the public at large. Are you one of them?

Although the system is rigged against the working people, I believe we can still win. Advances to grow leaders from our membership and an interest in public service helps us inch toward a more equal system. You already know that when you work together, you build great things. Our contractors rely on the skills of this workforce to build infrastructure, buildings, a pipeline carrying 90% of the state’s revenue system! You are already a powerful force, despite a growing influx of money and corporate greed working against your greater interests.

I’m going to ask that you give me the chance to build trust within this Hall. This year, we’re going to ask a lot out of you. We’re going to ask you to spend more time talking to your brothers and sisters about some big issues that affect the livelihood of your families and our future. We’re going to ask that when something doesn’t seem right to you, you take action. We’re going to ask you strengthen our brand: to volunteer, to attend functions, to wear union gear around town, to wave signs, lick envelopes and work alongside the members of this Hall to build a community we really want to live in. We are going to ask you to make the choice to “be political, or starve.”

Thank you to everyone who has welcomed me to this family. Thank you for sharing your stories with me about what it is like to work on the North Slope, and being patient with my questions that may seem a little naïve. Thank you for calling me “sister” without hesitation, and for the tips you’ve given me to ensure I can walk and talk, united with you. That is true brotherhood. I am so excited to work here, for you and alongside you, and I am excited for what’s to come. See you in the trenches.



SALEH SADIHOV RECEIVES HIS GRADUATION CERTIFICATE FROM APPENTICESHIP COORDINATOR, BEN VAN NORT AND BUSINESS MANAGER EICKHOLT.

RECENT CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT GRADUATE, LORETTA LOLNITZ, PRESENTS LOCAL 942 WITH A PLAQUE IN APPRECIATION OF THE SUPPORT THE UNION PROVIDED HER. CONGRATS, LORI!



A NOTE FROM CAROL

Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank the Local 942 staff for the wonderful retirement party! Thank you to all who took time to come and celebrate. That evening, I was reminded, in a huge way, what being a part of the Local 942 family means and so proud to be part of this amazing family!

When I first started working, I did not understand the phrase "working at the calling." What I now know is this was not just a job, it was a calling. A job that was and is about a commitment to organizing, representing, and defending working class people, collectively giving us all a voice so we can be heard. Working at the calling is about having a passion for the work you do and believing that what you do matters and trust me it does. Anyone can work a job and earn money and at the end of the day when you go home all you have is money. At the end of the day when I went home, I had a sense of accomplishment, a feeling of pride and satisfaction believing that I made a difference no matter how insignificant it may have seemed. Always trying to remember that one small ripple increases in size as it moves outward.

I cannot lie to you, retirement thus far has been amazing! I have been able to accomplish many things at home that have needed my attention for far too long. I do plan to stay active in the local and assist with various events. I cannot imagine my life without the union being part of it and without remaining active in whatever capacity may be needed. I look forward to seeing everyone from time to time.

Thank you all for giving me a home and allowing me to be part of your family. I would not be where I am today without this union or without all of you. You have all touched my life and I will be forever grateful for having been given the opportunity to serve you, I love each of you!

Fraternally,
Carol

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2018 YTD APPRENTICE GRADUATES!

Gunner Bilbrey, Saleh Sadihoz and Lonnie Guthrie.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SPRING 2018 ALPEC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

Jane Auld, Timothy Flanagan, Ethan Berkeland.

2018 HEALTH FAIR, SUNDAY, JULY 29TH MORE INFORMATION TO COME.

UNION MEETINGS 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 7:30PM



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