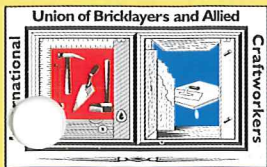


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Check the Zenith Administrators Web site,
www.zenithadmin.com

or phone either
651-256-1801 or
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Palmer Township Park Pavilion to Celebrate First Anniversary



The Palmer Township park pavilion located about 50 miles northwest of Minneapolis in Clear Lake, MN., will celebrate its first anniversary on July 19 thanks to the local BAC apprentices and journeymen who donated their time in its construction last year. Left to right: Brent Schmidt, Vice President Mike Ganz, Dan Trepanier, Jeff Chmielewski, Mitch VanVleet, Steve Posch, Beau Brendmoen, Loren Tvrdik, Dick Kentzelman.

LaborCare Health Fair a Huge Success

Planning for Next Year Underway

By Patricia Johnson

More than 4,000 people attended the LaborCare Health Fair on April 4th at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

The event was a collaborative effort of Minnesota/North Dakota Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Health Fund along with eight other Taft-Hartley Health & Welfare funds in coordination with Medica Health Plans. Union members and their families had a variety of fun, educational and motivational activities to choose from, all designed to engage them in healthier lifestyles.

“Overall it was a tremendous success,” says Dr. Ted Loftness, vice president, regional health service for Medica. “I received calls on how much fun people had; not only the families, but the vendors and volunteers as well. Our goal was to have every individual to engage in one change activity that would improve their health.”

About 750 participants completed biometric blood testing and health screening, 175 had their blood sugar checked with a number of these individuals referred off to their medical provider. Still many of the 150 participants of the lung function screening proceeded to the smoking cessation booth.

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Funding the BAC Benefits

Union membership means different things to all of us, but we all have something in common – benefits –and where would we be without them.



Jim Lundquist
President/
Secretary-Treasurer

Good benefits don't come cheap. We need to properly fund all of our BAC benefit programs to protect the future for you and your family.

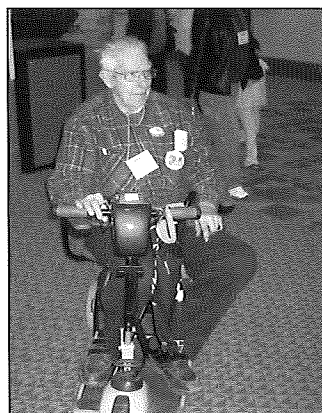
As you may remember, the BAC Local Union 1 MN/ND Defined Benefit Pension Fund required an additional \$.85 contribution on May 1, 2009 to cover the losses that we suffered in the 2008 market. Although the market has been slowly gaining in 2009, we may need additional funding for 2010 depending on how much of the losses we are able to regain by the end of 2009. During these difficult times, we all know the need to keep food on our table and a roof over our heads. But we can't forget our future and what it means to keep these wonderful pension plans that the Local 1 BAC MN/ND membership has created and kept fully funded over the years.

By now all members should have received several communications from the International Pension Fund. If you are somewhat confused, you are not alone. I have received many calls from members and I have made many calls to the IU Pension Department regarding this issue. All Collective Bargaining Agreements throughout Minnesota and North Dakota have contributions into the International Pension Fund. Most of the Agreements are at the \$1.50 per hour rate. Like most defined Benefit Pensions, the market was also unkind to the International Pension Fund. In order to remain in compliance with the Pension Protection Act that was signed by President Bush in 2006, we must maintain a certain funding level or reduce future benefits.

I am not the only primary officer across the country who feels that the International Pension Fund communication and implementation deadlines were poorly timed. All of our wage allocation meetings had been completed before we received the communication from the IU Pension Fund. The communication indicated a need for a 15 percent increase just for the Pension Protection Act funding. With the additional 15 percent funding the accrual rate would be cut by one-

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Retiree Henry Johnson let nothing stop him from attending the LaborCare Health Fair in Minneapolis on April 4th. "A little bit of everything and enlightening. The second opinion (concerning his health issues) was helpful, too," he says.

The Minnesota State Patrol gave demonstrations and discussed seat belt safety and the hazards of drinking and driving. Ron Schara, television and radio personality, held a captive audience as well as Mark Kruger, NBC's "The Biggest Loser - Season 5". More than 30 other presentations and demonstrations were also available to the participants ranging from heart health to health food strategies for children and senior exercise programs.

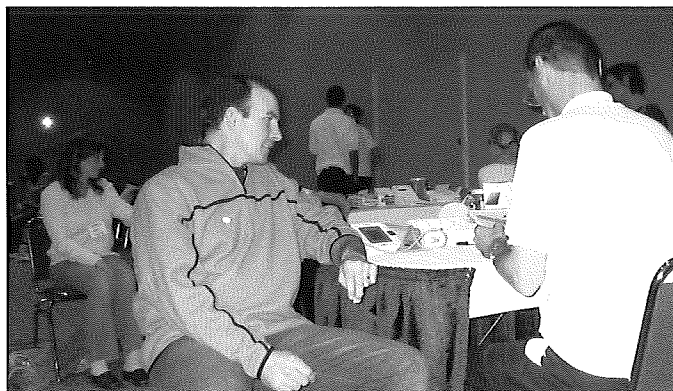
"We had a number of people stop at our Doc-In-A-Box," says Loftness. "It was a less intimidating environment so consequently they were very open to talk to the doctor and ask questions." Many others took advantage of the Pharmacist-In-A-Box, too, asking about prescription

drugs and other related issues.

Loftness says that he and his team plan to improve upon this year's success and make it even better for next year. The event will be held in a bigger venue - Hall A - and many of the presentation topics will be expanded and other related topics will be considered; changes resulting from the many positive comments they've received. It's really about health and wellness, giving people the information and education and trying to control healthcare costs, he says. "This year it was just a great, great event, and we couldn't have been more pleased. We're so excited about next year."

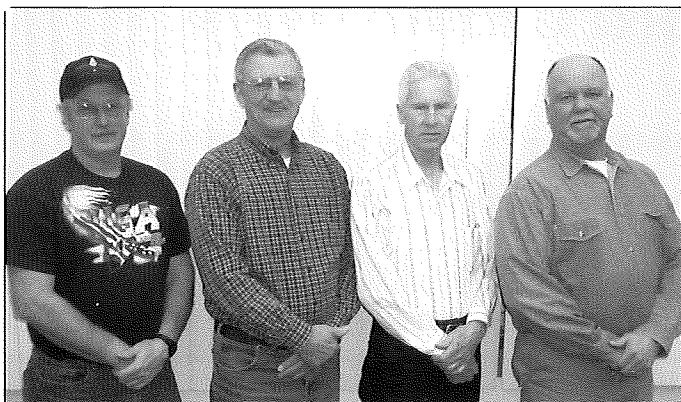
Save the Date

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April 10, 2010
LaborCare Health Fair

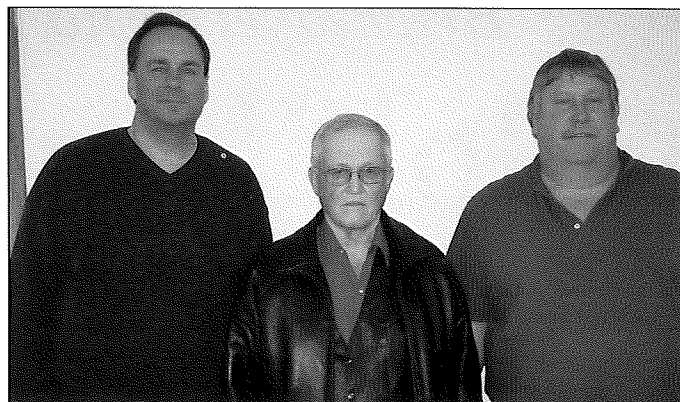


Mike Lesch along with his wife Debbie of Inver Grove Heights, MN, takes advantage of the health screening. Lesch, a 19-year FabCon employee, was pleased with the variety of information that was available and found it of interest to both he and his wife.

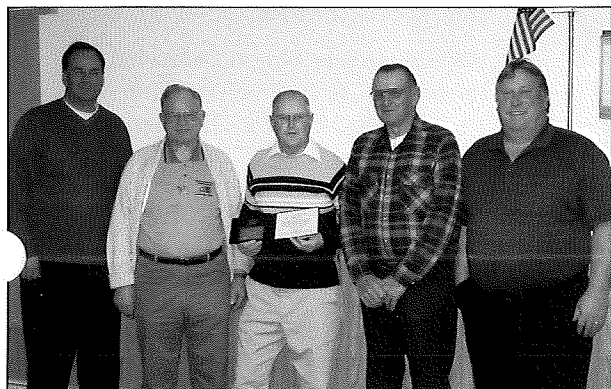
MEMBER AWARDS



Hibbing, MN: Gold Card Party on Oct. 11, 2008
 Left to right: 25-year member John Smith, 50-year Gold Card members Dennis McClellan and Vincent Russ and Business Representative Jim Stebe.



Minot, ND: Gold Card Party on Feb. 12, 2009
 Left to right: Executive Vice President Mike Cook, 50-year Gold Card member Dale Carlson and Business Representative Randy Carlson.



Dickenson, ND: Gold Card Party on Feb. 13, 2009
 Left to right: Executive Vice President Mike Cook, 52-year Gold Card member Herbert Ritz, 50-year Gold Card member Albert Metz, 52-year Gold Card member Leo Kuntz and Business Representative Randy Carlson.



Bemidji, MN: Gold Card Party on Mar. 12, 2009
 Left to right, front row: Dan Trepanier, Rodney Sletten, William Betterman (50-year), Don Samuelson, Roger Rhen, Con Beaulieu, Rodney Rhen. Back row: President Jim Lundquist, Jay Carroll, Ron Jacobson, Doug Eiklenborg, Jack Williamson (25-year), Dave Arndt, Gordy Pierce, Jeff Beaulieu, Business Representative Randy Carlson and Vice President Mike Ganz.



Bemidji, MN: Gold Card Party on Mar. 12, 2009
 Left to right, front row: 25-year member Jack Williamson and 50-year Gold Card member William Betterman. Back row: President Jim Lundquist, Business Representative Randy Carlson and Vice President Mike Ganz.



Mankato, MN: Gold Card Party on Apr. 24, 2009
 Left to right, front row: 40-year member Dave Fields, 50-year Gold Card member Ted Kenne and Executive Vice President Mike Cook. Back row: Business Representative Mark Caron, Chapter Chairman Brian Strate, Recording Secretary Mike Mages and Sergeant-At-Arms Dale Yokiel.

*Attention Golfers – Don't Miss the
Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers*

Golf Tournament

Saturday, July 25, 2009, at Pheasant Acres Golf Club, Rogers, MN

Sponsored by the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers, Local Union 1 Minnesota/North Dakota

Tee Off Time: 7 a.m.; Shotgun Start – Be There to Sign In by 6:30 a.m.

SCRAMBLE TOURNAMENT – A "Scramble" is a competition among foursomes, not individuals. Everyone in the foursome tees off. The best drive is selected, and everyone hits his/her second shot from this location. This procedure is repeated on every shot, including putting, until you putt out. The foursome will have only one score on each hole.

COST IS \$80 PER PERSON – This includes green fees, golf cart, dinner, drink tickets and prizes. Deadline for reservations is July 15. Entrants will be limited to the first 144 golfers. You may make up your own foursome, or we will place you in one.

Retired members will pay \$65 for golf.

Any questions concerning the tournament can be directed to Jim Lundquist or Mike Cook at 612-379-2966; Dick Kentzelman, 612-889-1435, or Roger Buirge, 651-777-6460.

Because each person must be on a cart, the deadline for golf reservations is July 15. No exceptions! The golf tournament is open to all members of BAC Local Union 1 Minnesota/North Dakota.

PAYMENT MUST BE WITH RESERVATION – Make your check payable to BAC Golf Day. Send to BAC Local Union 1 MN/ND, 312 Central Ave., Room 328, Minneapolis, MN 55414.



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FOR MN & ND BRICKLAYERS & ALLIED CRAFTWORKERS LOCAL 1 MUTUAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION

This is a summary of the annual report for the MN & ND Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Local 1 Mutual Relief Association, (Employer Identification No. 41-0164670, Plan No. 501) for the period January 1, 2008, to December 31, 2008. The annual report has been filed with the Employee Benefits Security Administration, as required under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Basic Financial Statement

The value of plan assets, after subtracting liabilities of the plan, was \$473,581 as of December 31, 2008, compared to \$439,143 as of January 1, 2008. During the plan year, the plan experienced an increase in its net assets of \$34,438. This increase includes unrealized appreciation or depreciation in the value of plan assets; that is, the difference between the value of the plan's assets at the end of the year and the value of the assets at the beginning of the year, or the cost of assets acquired during the year. During the plan year, the plan had total income of \$94,212. This income included employer contributions of \$79,640, realized gains of \$770 from the sale of assets and earnings from investments of \$13,802. Plan expenses were \$59,774. These expenses included \$15,694 in administrative expenses and \$44,080 in benefits paid to participants and beneficiaries.

Your Rights To Additional Information

You have the right to receive a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, on request. The items listed below are included in that report:

1. An accountant's report;
2. Financial information and information on payments to service providers;
3. Assets held for investment;
4. Transactions in excess of 5 percent of the plan assets.

To obtain a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, write or call the office of the Plan Sponsor: International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 1 MN/ND Plan Sponsor, 312 Central Ave., Room 328, United Labor Centre, Minneapolis, MN, 55414 41-0164670 (Employer Identification Number) (612) 379-2966.

You also have the right to receive from the plan administrator, on request and at no charge, a statement of the assets and liabilities of the plan and accompanying notes, or a statement of income and expenses of the plan and accompanying notes, or both. If you request a copy of the full annual report from the plan administrator, these two statements and accompanying notes will be included as part of that report. These portions of the report are furnished without charge.

You also have the legally protected right to examine the annual report at the main office of the plan: International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 1, 312 Central Ave., Room 328, United Labor Centre, Minneapolis, MN, 55414 and at the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, D.C., or to obtain a copy from the U.S. Department of Labor upon payment of copying costs. Requests to the Department should be addressed to: Public Disclosure Room, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Suite N-1513, Washington, D.C. 20210.

Sincerely,

Board of Trustees

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CLASS OF '09 BAC Local 1 MN/ND Apprentice Completions



Bricklayer Completions

Left to right, front row: Dave Mensing-Instructor, Roy Entze II, Gavin Olson, Andrew Johnson, Michael Ollie, Nathan Jones. Back row: Mike Durant, Zachary Engelking, Dallas Root, Thomas Kreuser, Kendall Steele, Mark Wickstrom-Apprenticeship Coordinator.



Terrazzo Completions

Left to right: Rick Martagon-Apprenticeship Coordinator, Dan Soltis-Instructor, Craig Brisson, Steven LuJan, Chris Leebens, Mark Wickstrom-Apprenticeship Coordinator

COMPLETION CEREMONIES

THE CLASS OF 2009 – Apprentice and Training Program, BAC Local 1 Minnesota/North Dakota – participated in the annual completion ceremony on April 23 at Jax Café in Minneapolis. Family, friends, union officials, instructors and mentors also attended to express their support for these members as they finish their apprenticeship. The ceremonial dinner and celebration was one of the largest ever for this event – 42 total – including five from the St. Paul Police Department BAC Youth Development Program.

Congratulations to all for a job well done! We wish you all the best! — BAC Local 1 MN/ND



Tile Finisher Completions

Left to right, bottom row: Lou Tong Saephanh, Paul Kirschbaum, Shawn Greene, Michael Drazenovich, Andre Haynes, Steve Montantes. Back row: Rick Martagon-Apprenticeship Coordinator, Jeffrey Summers, Brandon Peterson, Bryan Hoppenrath, Rod Schmidt-Instructor



Tile Layer Completions

Left to right, bottom row: Rick Martagon-Apprenticeship Coordinator, Christopher Randazzo, Andrew Gunter, Nafid Karic-Instructor, Lisa Moll, Lynn Nierenhausen. Back row: David Martinson, Keelan Conley, Ron Jolly (behind), Jasmin Hurtic, Robert Green (behind), Safet Rahic', Adam Schwitalla (behind), Rodney Baldwin Jr, Kent Holthaus, Sean Mulvaney

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POLITICS – Our Issues

By Ray Waldron,
President of the
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Eyes on the Prize

The Obama Administration has brought new hope and progress to working people throughout our state and our nation. **WE** supported the President's campaign and he is returning that by working hard on the issues most important to working people: jobs, affordable health care for all, and passage of the employee free choice act.

The efforts to get these issues through Congress would be eased if Minnesota could give the President the support of another worker friendly US Senator, Al Franken. Unfortunately, six months after the 2008 elections, Franken is not yet seated.

Since the election, Minnesota's exhaustive recount process has given both Norm Coleman and Al Franken a fair chance to be heard. Every vote has been examined, every argument has been heard by the courts, and polls show a significant majority of Minnesotans are satisfied with the fairness, impartiality and accuracy of the process.



Minnesota has done itself proud with its high turnout on Election Day and its careful and diligent recount process. Now it is time for our governor to uphold the law. It's time for us to be fully represented in the U.S. Senate.

When the state Supreme Court decides on the pending appeal, Gov. Pawlenty will have the power to certify the election allowing the winner to be seated. According to recent polls, 64 percent of voters think he should sign the election certificate and allow Minnesota to have full representation in the Senate.

Please join me in urging Gov. Pawlenty to certify the election and give Minnesota its full Senate

representation as soon as the Supreme Court rules on the recount. Just go to www.seatoursenator.org to sign a petition urging the Governor to certify the election. Stay tuned for action alerts from your union following the court ruling.

Thank You and Farewell

I plan to retire in August and this is my last column as Minnesota AFL-CIO President. Thank you for including my column in your newsletter—and thank you for your continuing support. I am proud of all that we have accomplished together.

—Ray Waldron