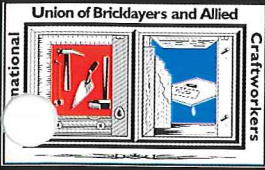


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BENEFITS

Check the Zenith Administrators Web site,
www.zenithtpa.com
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Bemidji Regional Events Center to Increase Use of Masonry

One of the few beacons of light in an otherwise dreary upcoming construction season will be the Bemidji Regional Events Center, an \$80+ million project perched on the shore of Lake Bemidji in Minnesota's resort country.



Architectural rendering of the Bemidji Regional Events Center. It will be the hub of social, cultural and recreational events in north-central MN.

The center is designed to host hockey players from Bemidji State University along with concerts, meetings and other events. It boasts a total of 185,000 square feet of meeting and trade show

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Collective Bargaining Agreement

Over the past years, the staff of BAC Local 1 Minnesota/North Dakota has heard of some wavering from the negotiated Collective Bargaining Agreement. Just recently, some members have come forward and alleged the abuse and job threats that they have endured throughout several years.

A Collective Bargaining Agreement is not any good if the contractors and members do not live up to the terms of that agreement. Some members have felt that in order to keep their job, they must comply with the contractors' wishes.

I am asking all members who have received any overtime pay as per diem or mileage to please come forward before we review the final audit of those companies' records. The complete audit will reveal all monies paid out over the last several years. The following are items that the auditors will be looking for:

- 1099's
- banking of overtime hours
- mileage reimbursements
- hotel/motel expenses

Any member who does not come forward with information may be subject to charges under our constitution.

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Mpls Convention Center

No cost to attend
See page 2 for more details.

LaborCare Health & Benefits Fair, *Continued from Page 1*

Minnesota/North Dakota Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Health Fund and Medica are sponsoring the LaborCare Health & Benefits Fair on Saturday, April 4, 2009. Come and learn about and embrace lifestyle choices that will help you live a healthier and more satisfying life!

This day long event for union members and their families will include activities, information and support designed to engage men, women and children in living healthier. From health screenings to healthy eating options, this event will create a distinctive experience for all, giving you the kind of practical information you can act on immediately to live, eat, work and play in more healthy ways. The atmosphere will be

fun, educational and motivational. Participate in Health Screening and speak directly with a Health Care Professional. Learn your height, weight, body mass index, blood pressure, glucose, cholesterol and more. Meet Mark Kruger, The Biggest Loser winner for season five, and 2008 Olympic silver medalist Lindsey Berg of the USA volleyball team. Members of Fox Sports Network are also scheduled to appear. You and your family will be eligible for more than \$50,000 in prizes, including cruises, sports and hunting packages, golf outings, spa packages and sports memorabilia.

MEDICA

For more information and pre-registration log onto www.LaborCareHealthFair.com

WAGE ADDENDUMS FOR 2009

The new wage addendums showing the breakdown of fringe benefits and the total wage package for 2009 are available on our Web site at bac1mn-nd.org

Many areas under the jurisdiction of BAC Local 1 have already allocated their 2009 increases at Special Call meetings. These addendums are available now on the Web site. Some areas have not yet had their allocation meeting or their contracts are due to be negotiated this year. In either event, the addendums for these areas will be posted when they are complete.

Help Us Document History

In Search of BAC Union Mementos and Stories

Do you have any BAC Union memorabilia or stories you'd like to share? No need to donate your cherished treasures, but we would like to hear from you if you do. Let us know what you have and the history behind it. Or you can share a favorite memory or story that helps us greater appreciate the history of the bricklayers and allied craftworkers and their union. Contact Patricia Johnson at 952-891-3276 or email her at info@johnsonwriting.com.

Union Sportsmen's Alliance Membership Dinner April 30

The Union Sportsmen's Alliance is holding its first ever USA membership appreciation dinner and recruiting event April 30 at the IUOE "49ers" hall in Minneapolis. The evening dinner will feature guest speaker Ron Schara, avid outdoorsman, journalist and host of "Minnesota Bound," seen on KARE 11. Beverages, door prizes and raffles will also be included. Current Minnesota members will receive invitations. Come celebrate the rapid growth of the USA. For further information contact Jim Klatt at USA/TRCP, 312 Central Avenue, #588, Minneapolis, MN, 55414, or call 612-331-0270.



New Email Addresses

New email addresses for the staff based out of the Minneapolis office are now in effect.

Jim Lundquist: jlundquist@bac1mn-nd.org

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Training Update

The following is a list of Journeyman Upgrade Courses that will be available during the months of March through May 2009.

Date	Time	Subject	Trade
Wed. 3/4	4-8 p.m.	Mapei Products	Tile
Fri. 3/6	7-3:30 p.m.	OSHA 10	All
Mon. 3/9	7-3:30 p.m.	OSHA 10	All
Fri. 3/13	7-3:30 p.m.	Flashing/Grout Certification	Brick/PCC
Sat. 3/28	7-4 p.m.	First Aid/CPR/AED	All
Mon. 3/30	4-8 p.m.	Federal Mediator	All
Tues. 3/31	4-8 p.m.	Federal Mediator	All
Wed. 4/1	4-8 p.m.	Noble/Wedi Barwalt/Blanke	Tile
Fri. 4/3	7-3:30 p.m.	ICF	Brick
Fri. 4/10	7-3:30 p.m.	OSHA 10	All
Mon. 4/13	7-3:30 p.m.	OSHA 10	All
Tues. 4/28	8-Noon	Masonry Day New Products Demo	All

All classes are held at the Apprenticeship Training Center in the Metro area.

If there are any questions about the above listed offerings or if you wish to reserve a spot, please contact the Training Facility at 651-487-5500.

NOTE: BAC members may attend any training made available, but stipend reimbursement will apply only to participants actively registered to perform work in a specific trade area. For example: A tilelayer will not be reimbursed for taking a Flashing Upgrade course. And likewise, a bricklayer would not be reimbursed for taking a Shower Pan Installation Upgrade course.

All Red Cross courses require a minimum class enrollment of eight participants. If the minimum enrollment is not met, training will be cancelled and participants will be notified by phone no later than three days before the scheduled date.

- First Aid 3-year certification
- CPR 1-year certification
- AED 1-year certification

If an individual is certified in First Aid/CPR in 2008 she/he would only need to take CPR/AED training this training year.

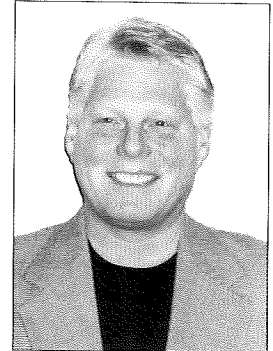
CPR/First Aid/AED training will be held at the following location:

CPR/First Aid/AED	Apprenticeship Training Center	3/28/09	7-4 p.m.
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Union Construction Worker's Compensation Program

Good or bad, your input is needed.

Through negotiations in 2004, BAC Local 1 Minnesota/North Dakota entered into the Union Construction Worker's Compensation Program. The Worker's Compensation Program would be a cost savings for union contractors.



Jim Lundquist
President/
Secretary-Treasurer

Although this program would save union contractors a considerable amount of money each year, we feel some of our members are not getting the service that they deserve.

After several complaints from members over the past four years, I have contacted Kevin Gregerson, director of the worker's compensation program, for a list of all BAC members that have been injured since 2004. Mr. Gregerson said that they do not keep track of compensation cases by specific locals so he was unable to provide me with any information. The reason for obtaining the list of compensation cases was to survey all injured workers.

I am asking all members who have had a worker's compensation claim through the Union Compensation Program at Wilson-McShane Corporation to contact either Mike Cook or myself at our office at 612-379-2966.

BAC Local 1 MN/ND will not compromise service to its members' health or future benefits they deserve after any injury.

Feel free to bring this subject up at your next chapter meeting.

If this program has value for our membership, we will continue to participate.

The New Twins Ballpark Takes Shape

Thanks in Part to BAC Union Members

The new Minnesota Twins Ballpark is set to open in April 2010. Quarterly Update talks with BAC union member companies for an update on their progress and their contribution to history in the making.

“Everything is going well,” says, Mark Bergstrom, foreman for Seal Treat, Inc. Currently the company has approximately three workers on site and will add another three to five as it gears up to stay on project. Bergstrom says caulking precast and window systems is a highly technical job and most of his crew has from 10 - 20 years or more of experience. The company is also washing the precast and caulking the glass following window installation. “There are 17 miles of caulking throughout the exterior precast and 1,200 gallons of silicone sealant all mixed in a custom color,” says Tom Mosher, co-owner and president of Seal Treat, Inc. Bergstrom is also impressed with how well organized Mortenson Construction operates. “The company stresses safety and is very helpful. We all work well together,” he says. The job is a big deal to all of them and they’re all excited about working on this project, says Mosher. Seal Treat will remain on the job site until October.

The 17-member crew from B&D Associates, Inc., is responsible for the handset stone, partition walls and bearing walls plus the gray and burnished block. Once with upward of 36 workers on site the company has slimmed down to its current crew. “The guys are doing a great job out here,” says Joe Vanek, foreman. “Throughout the cold winter days, we’ve always had a crew on site.” The crew anticipates being finished by mid summer.

Jerry Jenkins, foreman, Hanson Structural Precast Midwest, reports that they’re currently running a day and evening shift. The 24 crew members consist of crane operators, laborers, seven precast masons and four foremen. “You build a lot of buildings, but not one as well

known as this one will be,” he says.

“The job is going well, no issues,” says Chad Grazzini, supervisor at Carciofini Company. It’s fire and masonry caulking crew will be on site until approximately early 2010.

“The project is going well,” says Betsy Durant. She and her husband, Jack, own Durant Mobile Wash. The company’s six-person team has washed and sealed about 80 percent of the burnished block, thus far. This is the biggest project to date for the 2.5-year-old company and they’re very excited to be working with Mortenson Construction. “Everyone has been extremely cooperative,” she says. And to further add to the excitement, Durant says her employees happened to be on site when some of the Twins players came to visit early on in the project. To view additional photos, see page 7.



Dirt, mud, machinery, scaffolding, and portable toilets may have taken up temporary residence in the playing field of the new Twins Ballpark, but home plate will permanently remain. In about one year the Minnesota Twins will move in to their new location and begin the 2010 baseball season. Photo by Richard Kentzelman.

Fare for All

Save up to 50 percent on Your Monthly Groceries

Fare For All, Emergency Foodshelf Network’s largest supplemental food program, offers big savings every month on fresh, high quality, nutritious groceries. The program serves the Twin Cities, surrounding community and greater Minnesota area and currently has approximately 87 distribution sites throughout the state for food package pick up.



Five food packages are offered with a selection of frozen meats, fresh fruits and vegetables, canned goods, dry food items and staples, such as flour, sugar and vegetable oil. Special packages are also available for holidays and seasonal items.

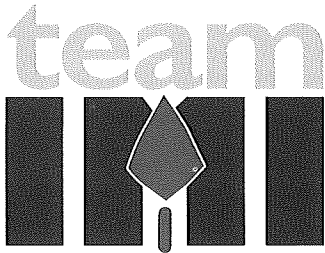
Anyone who is interested in reducing his or her monthly food expenses qualifies for this program - seniors, working families, individuals who are either employed or unemployed, and individuals on fixed incomes. In 2007, more than 97,000 participants purchased 29,891 food packages through the Fare For All program.

For additional information log on to www.fareforall.org or call 763-450-3880. Outside the metro area call 1-800-582-4291. North Dakota residents log on to www.lssnd.org/GreatPlainsFoodBank or call 701-232-6219.

Wisconsin residents log on to www.sharewi.org or call 1-800-548-2124. Iowa residents call 563-783-7794 or contact your local county offices.

BAC and IMI Provide Upgrade Training

A number of opportunities are now available for members of BAC Local 1 MN/ND to take advantage of the journey-level upgrade and certification programs offered jointly by IMI and BAC's apprenticeship and training program. (See training calendar on page 3 for upcoming dates.)



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Internet.

A highlight of this joint effort to provide "lifelong learning" opportunities for members was a series of sessions held in Grand Rapids in February. Both IMI's journey-level upgrade class in Flashing and Moisture Control, and its Grout Placement Certification program were held for members wishing to upgrade their skills in these areas. The Grand Rapids location was selected because of its roughly equal distance between Bemidji and Duluth, sites having considerable masonry construction activity in the next two years. It's the goal of BAC and IMI to provide this training for all members of BAC Local 1 MN/ND as quickly as possible, as designers are beginning to require this type of continuing education to help assure project quality.

Bemidji Regional Events Center *Continued from front page*

space and a hockey arena with seating for 4,000 spectators, with space expandable to 6,000 seats for concerts.

While under construction, the facility will provide construction jobs for an estimated 200 local workers over two years, and up to 200 permanent full- and part-time jobs after that. Those badly needed jobs have been the focus of attention for the mayor and city council who are committed to maximizing the number of local positions that can be created by its construction and operation. Additionally, it's estimated the facility and its events will pump up to \$13 million annually into the local economy.

In support of the effort to create as many local jobs as possible, a team from the construction industry, including

representatives from IMI, BAC Local 1 MN/ND, Laborers' Locals 563 and 132, along with area contractors and material suppliers met with city officials, the construction manager and project architects on December 11 to work toward increasing the amount of masonry on the project, thereby creating more jobs for Local 1 MN/ND members.

The result is a project with considerably more masonry than originally planned. The center was already designed with extensive masonry construction on the interior, but much of the exterior was intended to be an alternate system. At the meeting, participants agreed that most of the exterior walls would be converted to block backup with brick veneer, substantially increasing the number of hours for bricklayers and laborers from the community.



Architectural rendering of the proposed Bemidji Regional Events Center.

40-YEAR SERVICE AWARD



New Ulm, MN

Left to right: Business Representative Mark Caron, John Rewitzer, Cement Mason and Vice President Terry Wong. John received his 40-year pin at the November 5, 2008 Chapter meeting at the American Legion in New Ulm.



Gun winner at the Dec. 8, 2009 meeting

Jerome Holmstrom, winner of the Union Sportsman's Alliance Gun Raffle. Pictured left to right: Jim Klatt with Union Sportman's Alliance, Jerome Holmstrom and President Jim Lundquist.



Three generations of tile layers.
Pictured left to right: Raffle winner Jerome Holmstrom, Robert Holmstrom Jr and Robert Holmstrom.

BAC LOCAL 1 MN/ND APPRENTICES



Minneapolis, MN

Apprentices sworn in at Dec. 8, 2008 meeting

Back row left to right: Rod Schmidt (Tile Instructor), Mark Wickstrom (Apprenticeship Coordinator), Jerid Brown, Nate Wagner, Ryan Torkelson, Nick Jeandron, Nick Jasper, Rebekah Lord, Rick Martagon (Apprenticeship Coordinator).
 Front row left to right: Justin Hammer, Joe Reno, Darren Williams, Shawn Greene, Jason Cannon.

TWINS BALLPARK, *Continued from Page 4*



When finished, the crew from Seal Treat, Inc. will have completed approximately 17 miles of caulking throughout the entire precast of the new Twins Ballpark. Photo by Richard Kentzelman.



Masonry caulkers Dan Dahedl, Renee Ritter, Matt Tix, and John Salmon of Carciofini Company take a break from the cold, brutal temperatures of December while working at the new Twins Ballpark. Photo by Richard Kentzelman.

Scholarships/grants available to union members and their families

Scholarships are available from many sources. Here are some to consider, listed by application deadline:

April 15 – North Dakota Labor Leaders

Scholarship Fund: Four scholarships are awarded each year to dependants of a ND AFL-CIO affiliated union member and is attending any ND university, college, technical or trade school. For further information log on to www.ndaflcio.org or call 701-223-0784.

April 30 - High School Seniors: The Minnesota AFL-CIO offers five \$1,000 scholarships for union members (or dependents of union members) whose union is affiliated with the Minnesota AFL-CIO. The applicant must be a current high school senior planning to attend post secondary school in the state of Minnesota.

April 30 - Martin Duffy Scholarship: The Martin Duffy Adult Learner Scholarship is a \$500 tuition scholarship awarded to union members in good standing of a Minnesota AFL-CIO local union. This also includes AFL-CIO members in good standing who are retired, disabled or laid-off.

Labor Leadership Grants: The Tobey Lapakko Labor Leadership Grant is available to women who are union members in good standing; the Charles McKenna Leadership Grant is available to men who are union members in good standing. Grants are available for members to develop their abilities and skills as union leaders.

If you have questions regarding grants or the two scholarship programs listed above, contact Candace Lund, organizing director, at 651-227-7647 or toll-free at 1-800-652-9004 or log on to www.mnaflcio.org

May 1 - Nellie Stone Johnson Scholarship: The

Nellie Stone Johnson Scholarship is available to minority students from union families attending or planning to attend a college or university in the Minnesota State Colleges and University's system. For additional information visit www.nelliestone.org or call 651-738-1404, toll free 1-866-738-5238.

May 15 – Associated General Contractors of Minnesota: Applications will be accepted for the '09-10 academic school year. To qualify, the student must have an academic concentration in construction or construction-related courses. For further information contact Jane Sanem at 651-796-2187 or at jsanem@agcmn.org.

June 15 – Minnesota Buildings Trades Federal Credit Union: The MBTCU awards 10 \$1,000 scholarships to members. For an application log on to www.mbtfcu.com/applicat.htm or call Kim Schroeder at 763-315-3888.

More scholarship and education planning information can be found at <http://unionplus.educationplanner.com>.

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During 2009, many BAC Local #1 members will be celebrating significant anniversaries of having joined the union. Marking milestones will be these valued longtime members, who are listed under their original locals:



**#1 MN-St. Paul
25 Years**

Ronald Cardinal
Eliud Cenicerros
Duane Felling
David Helmen
Norman Pederson
Allen Sorenson
Mark Wickstrom

40 Years

Richard Burt
Michael Demoe
Howard Doehling
William Dukowitz
Dennis Esperum
Richard Gruber
Alan Gruett
Wayne Mathwig
Jerome Perron
Charles Peterson
Stuart Sutton
Larry Burnside

50 Years

Earl Bixby
William Boyd
Gordon Erlandson
Patrick Gilbert
Tunney Lepinski
Leroy Olsen
Charles Schirmer
William Theisen
Robert Young

#2 MN-Minneapolis

25 Years

David Anderson
James Cody
Douglas Kensy
Kevin Kepple
Michael Kytola
Michael Neuville
Hardy Onasch
Richard Pearson
Curtis Rietveld
Todd Stellick
Jeffrey Swenson

40 Years

Alan Barbknecht
Michael Bodine
Roderick Borg

Dennis Burns
Daniel Chmielewski
William Coleman
Vernon Dahl
Raymond Davis
James Fortwengler
Arthur Freiermuth
Leon Halling
Michael Herbert
Larry Hlavka
Roger Johnson
Donald Kassa
Richard Kolosky
Donald Kubal
Herbert Kunze
David Laabs
Andrew Lang
Ronald Lund
Carroll Nelson
John Schmitz
Charles Seifert
Lester Tessness
Arvin Welle

50 Years

Gordon Amundson
John Anderson
Ronald Baertsch
Peter Eisenzimmer
Donald Gnerer
Roy Jaszczak
Eddy Kepple
Branth Leander
Leo Martin
Neil Mattson
David May
Robert Nelson
Gary Odean
Stephen Pawlyshyn
John Robinson
Donald Schade
Earlyn Sickmann
Brian Wilcox

#3 MN-Duluth

25 Years

Steven Kuhlman
Wade Plaisted

40 Years

Timothy Fleury
Thomas Ludolph
Thomas Ouellette

50 Years

Robert Gersetich
Dennis Klatke

#4 MN-St. Cloud

25 Years

Paul Otto
Todd Pfannenstain
Richard Rierson

40 Years

Gary Eggerth
Alfred Kelzenberg
Clement Kremers
Thomas Steinmetz

50 Years

George Burnard
Neil Eggen
Marvin Lommel
Alvie Norr
Douglas Tangwall

#8 MN-Rochester

50 Years

Kenneth Dondlinger
Ernest Meyer, Jr
Ross Noble
Donald Rush

#10 MN-Faribault

25 Years

Allen Seykora

40 Years

Charles Tanner

50 Years

William Gallagher
James Murphy

#11 MN-Mankato

40 Years

David Fields
Peter Straub

50 Years

Tedford Kenne
Gerald Palmquist

#13 MN-Little Falls

50 Years

Carlyn Steen

#15 MN-Brainerd

25 Years

Larry Clark
Frank Hoag
Jack Williamson

40 Years

Tony Fredrickson

50 Years

William Betterman

#16 MN-Hibbing

25 Years

Roger Kivela

40 Years

William Fromel
Earl Thompson

#17 MN-Red Wing

40 Years

Richard Arendt

#18 MN-Tilelayers-Metro

25 Years

Cornelius Dohmen
David Nelson
Dale Organ

40 Years

Samuel Glirbas
James Iskierka
Kenneth Schumacher
Richard Theis

50 Years

Earl Lee

#23 MN-Duluth Tile

50 Years

Max Hedin



#2 ND-Minot

50 Years

Dale Carlson

#3 ND- Grand Forks

50 Years

John Dencker

#4 MN-Bismarck

50 Years

Albert Metz

MINNESOTA

#1 MN—St. Paul

Keith Britton
Richard Brockman
Dennis Esperum
Bradley Gilbertson
Thomas Kadrlik
Ronald Miklya
Burton Ponsler
Brian Seiler

#2 MN—Minneapolis

Gale Anderson
Ronald Blesi
David Chadwick
David Claussen
Thomas Clemens
James Cody
Larry Donovan
Joseph Downing
Steven Duske, Sr
Charles Eliason
Robert Keller
Oaklon Martin

RETIRED MEMBERS

**Congratulations to the members who retired during 2008.
We wish them a long and happy retirement.**

Gerald Remus
Dale Sader
Terrance Schmitz
Jeffrey Thompson

#3 MN—Duluth
Randy Alleman
Donald Bucheger
Duane Colby
Robert Hogfeldt

#4 MN—St. Cloud
James Benusa
David Curtis
Roger Majeski
LeRoy Peterick

#8 MN—Rochester
James Afseth
John Beth
Steven Richardson

#10 MN—Faribault
James Dean

#12 MN—Crookston
Dean Kaushagen

#15 MN—Brainerd
Larry Clark
Ronald Evenson Jr.
Gary Plumley

#16 MN—Hibbing
Richard Gould

#17 MN—Red Wing
Richard Arendt

#18 MN—Metro Tile Layers & Helpers
Frank Bergstrom
Wayne Lindgren
Richard Soltis

NORTH DAKOTA

#1 ND—Fargo
David Haug
Charles Willits
Gary Zachariason

#3 ND—Grand Forks
John Dencker
Terry Litchy
Steve Nordbye

#4 ND—Bismarck
Timothy Perius



DECEASED MEMBERS

We are sorry to report the deaths of these members who are listed under their pre-merger locals.

#1 MN—St. Paul

Donald Baker
Fred Deutsch
Donald Hofmeister
Harold Langseth
Henry Kooren

Hilding Mortenson
John Ricker
Christopher Sellers
Earl Schmaus

#4 MN—St. Cloud-Brainerd
Patrick Burns

#2 MN—Minneapolis

James Kapaun
Donald Kerner

#18 MN—Tilelayers-Metro
John Anderson

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome these new members.

Robert Bannister
Nathan Benson
William Billington
Seth Black
Peter Burnside
Leslie Cable
Adam Carlson
Douglas Commerford
Daniel Diemert
Nicholas Dills
Nicholas Dubord
Brian Hable

John Hable
Scott Hasse
Joseph Langner
Jasen Lazerte
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2009 CHECK YOUR CALENDAR FOR IMPORTANT DATES

Please clip the calendar and post it in a convenient spot so it's handy when you want to check meetings and events.

Chapter 1-Minneapolis-St. Paul

312 Central Ave., Minneapolis:
4:30 p.m. March 9, May 11, June 8,
Aug. 10, Sept. 14, Nov. 9
Prom Center, 484 Inwood Ave.,
Oakdale: All Metro members
Dec. 14

Chapter 3-Duluth-Hibbing

Duluth, Duluth Labor Center:
7 p.m. March 11, June 10,
Sept. 9, Dec. 9
Hibbing, Electricians Hall:
7 p.m. May 13, Aug. 12, Nov. 11

Chapter 4-St. Cloud-Brainerd

St. Cloud Labor Home, 1903 4th St.
N.: 7 p.m. March 4, June 3, Sept. 2,
Nov. 4, Dec. 2
Brainerd, American Legion:
7 p.m. May 6, Aug. 5



Chapter 8-Rochester-Faribault

Rochester, Rochester
Labor Hall:
7 p.m. March 2, Sept. 14, Dec. 7
Faribault, VFW: 7 p.m. May 4,
Aug. 3, Nov. 2

Chapter 11-Mankato-New Ulm

Mankato, Mankato Eagles Club:
7 p.m. March 5, June 4, Sept. 3,
Dec. 3
New Ulm, American Legion:
7 p.m. May 7, Aug. 6, Nov. 5

Chapter 15-Bemidji & North Dakota

Bemidji, Elks Club: 7 p.m.
March 12, May 7, June 11, Aug. 6,
Sept. 10, Nov. 5, Dec. 10
Bismarck, AmVets: May 14, Aug. 12
Dickinson, St. Anthony Club:
8 p.m. Nov. 12



Fargo, FM Labor Temple:
7 p.m. March 10, June 9, Sept. 8,
Dec. 8
Grand Forks, N.D., E. Grand Forks
American Legion, 7 p.m. March 11,
June 10, Sept. 9, Dec. 9
Minot, VFW: 7 p.m. May 13,
Aug. 13, Nov. 11

GOLD CARD DINNERS

Letters will be mailed.

Metro Area Gold Card Luncheon

Prom Center, 484 Inwood Ave.,
Oakdale: 11 a.m. July 9

Chapter 3-Duluth-Iron Range

Duluth area: Downtown Radisson,
6 p.m. Oct. 9
Hibbing: Elks Club, 6 p.m. Oct. 10

Chapter 4-St. Cloud-Brainerd

Eagle's Club: 6 p.m. April 4

Chapter 8-Rochester-Faribault

Rochester Eagle's Club:
6 p.m. June 5

Chapter 11-Mankato-New Ulm

Mankato, Eagles Club:
6 p.m. April 24

Chapter 15-Bemidji & North Dakota

Bemidji Elks Club: 7 p.m. March 12
Dickinson St. Anthony Club: 7 p.m.
Feb. 12
Moorhead VFW: 7 p.m. Sept. 8
Grand Forks Am. Legion: 7 p.m.
Sept. 9

OTHER EVENTS

Retirees Club Breakfast meetings

Jax Cafe, Minneapolis
9 a.m. March 26, Sept. 24, Dec. 3

Duluth Area Retirees meetings

9:30 a.m., Miller Hill Mall food court,
Duluth
First Wednesday of each month

Executive Committee meeting

312 Central Ave., Minneapolis
9 a.m. April 3, Oct. 2

Semi-annual Meeting-All of Minnesota & North Dakota

312 Central Ave., Minneapolis
10 a.m. April 4, Oct. 3

Chapter 1 Apprenticeship

Banquet: Jax Café, Minneapolis
6 p.m. April 30

BAC Golf Tournament: Pheasant

Acres, 7 a.m. July 25

Chapter 3 Area: Grandview Golf

Links, Duluth
8 a.m. Sept. 12



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POLITICS - Our Issues

Rebuild Minnesota: Speak up at Legislative Town Hall Meetings

By Ray Waldron,
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Minnesota legislators are holding town meetings across the state. Their purpose: to hear what constituents think of the Governor's budget proposal. I think the Governor's budget is a bad deal for working people. Period.

The Governor's budget kicks struggling Minnesotans while they're down.

It panders to wealthy CEOs and out-of-state corporations and it does nothing to bring our state back from the edge of an economic collapse.

Points to Make When You Attend Town Hall Meetings

• Legislators and the Governor must work WITH us to rebuild our economy



and create good, family-supporting jobs.

• Legislators and the Governor need to balance the budget by raising revenue fairly, eliminating failed programs like JOBZ, and cutting expensive outsourcing and needless layers of management.

• Close to 84,000 adults, many with dependant children, must keep the health care coverage they would lose under the Governor's plan.

• More than 800,000 public school students will build their futures-and our state's-based on how well they're able to learn in our public schools. The state must live up to its responsibility to provide the funding for a quality

education.

• Plowed roads, libraries and police and fire protection make strong communities. Everyone has a right to those services at a fair price no matter where they live. That's why the state can't shrink from its commitment to local government aid.

• Roll back tax cuts for the wealthiest - when the top earners pay 9.3 percent of their income in taxes and the rest of us pay 12.6 percent - something is wrong.

We all deserve better. If you agree, tell your legislators. Attend the town meeting(s) in your legislative district. You can find a schedule at www.mnafcio.org