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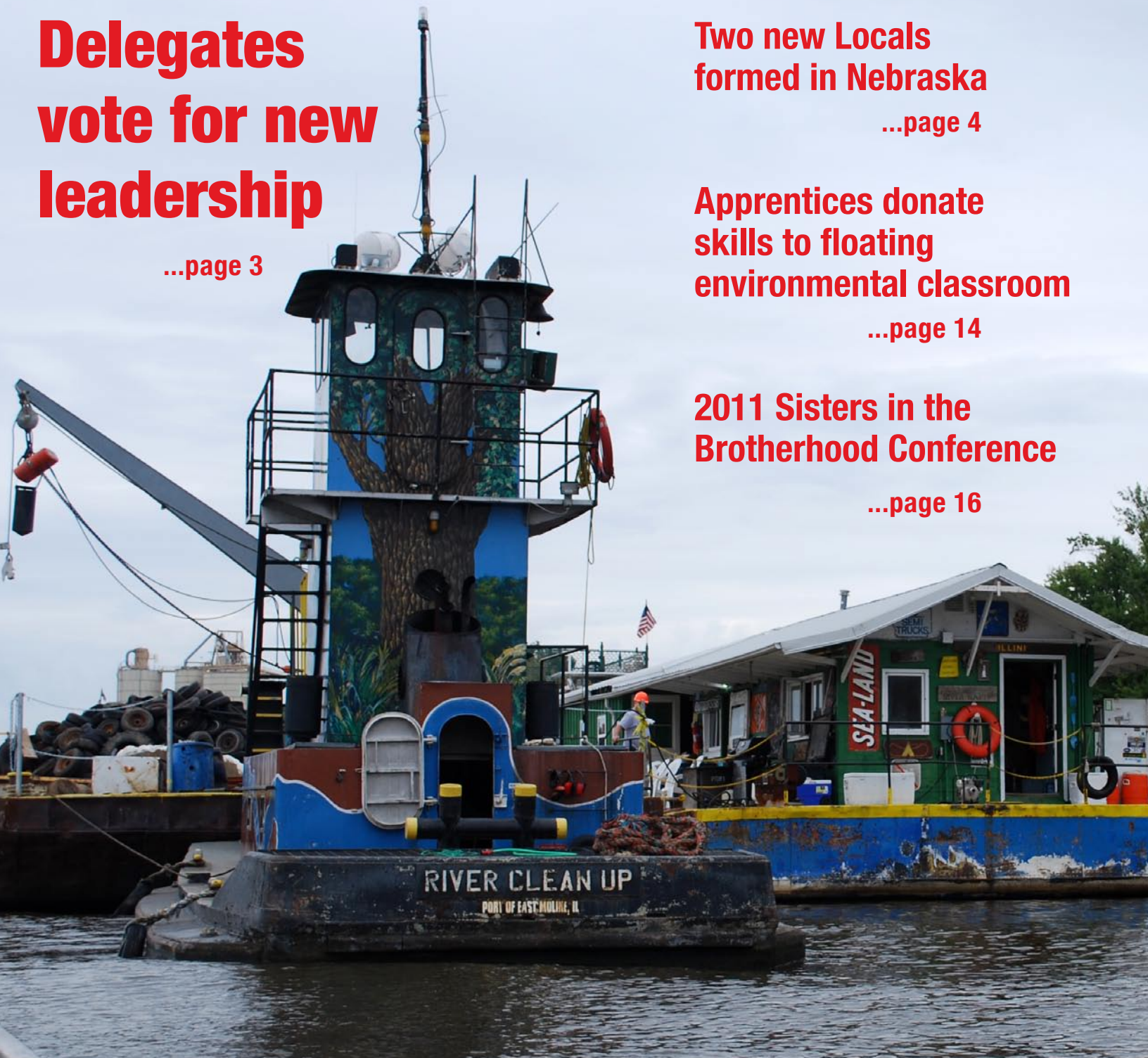
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At right, employees of Ralph N. Smith, Inc., a commercial floor covering company in Des Moines, Ia., have been updating the third floor corridor at Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines. The flooring installation needed to be both fun and creative for the young patients. All materials are Teknoflor "Rainscapes" with heat-welded seams. The project involved relocation of patients, setting up enclosures, running air scrubbers, removing carpet and adhesive, floor preparation, and installing the new flooring and vinyl base.

According to Project Manager Rick Harper, Local 106, "A project of this scope in an area like this requires a great deal of coordination, and working to accommodate the needs of staff, patients and their families."

Future projects will include the fourth floor corridor and patient rooms on the third and fourth floors.

At left, recent flooring projects by Ralph N. Smith, Inc., at Iowa Methodist Hospital (top) and Iowa Lutheran Hospital (bottom) in Des Moines.



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## Benefiting members through fiscal responsibility

When I became EST of our Regional Council, one of my goals was to be transparent about how decisions are made and how money is spent. It is important that members know who is doing what and why, and more importantly, how it benefits you.

More recently, I realized that many of our members don't even know how the dues they pay each month are spent. As you know, there are two sets of dues: window dues and working dues. Window dues are the dues you pay each month to your Local. For most carpenter Locals, dues are \$22/month (there is some fluctuation, depending on your Local. For instance, some Millwrights pay \$26/month and most Pile Drivers pay \$25/month).

A large percentage of these dues go toward paying for your membership in the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America (UBC). The remaining monies go toward salaries for your Local's executive board and administrative staff, rent, office supplies, mailings, events such as summer picnics or pinning ceremonies, and other general operating expenses of the Local.

Working dues are a small percentage of your taxable gross wages that are paid based on hours worked. Your employer may pay your working dues directly, or you may be paying for them separately. Working dues are paid to the Council and go toward paying various expenses incurred, from salaries to building maintenance, delegate meetings and legislative conferences, contract negotiations, Area Standards, political action, member communications and more.

At the March delegate meeting, we were able to present members with an itemized budget for the first time in Council history. It laid out the Council's projected income and expenses for July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013.

The Council generates the bulk of its income from working dues. Smaller amounts of income are generated from Area Standards, rental fees (i.e. training centers, Local offices, etc.) and window dues fees.

The largest expenses to the Council — as with almost every company — are salaries and benefits, including pensions and health insurance. Other outgoing expenses include Social Security and unemployment taxes, insurance, building expenses and repairs, property taxes, equipment and office supplies, staff and delegate training, mailings, travel, etc. These expenses are accrued across six states, three Council offices, 29 Locals and 14 training centers.

Currently, 3 percent of member wages go toward working dues. Anticipated income for the 2012-2013 fiscal year is \$18.7 million. Anticipated expenditures are \$21.5 million. That means the Council will potentially operate at a nearly \$2.8 million deficit in 2012-2013, or go without accomplishing some of the goals it has set for the coming year. Conversely, if a 1 percent increase of member wages go toward working dues, the Council will operate at an anticipated surplus.

Staffing levels at the Council have been reduced consistently over the last several years, with fewer employees taking on more work in an effort to grow market share and service membership. The Council will be able to work more effectively on your behalf if it is able to pay for the appropriate number of staff and give them adequate training.



**John Raines**  
*Executive  
Secretary-Treasurer*

At the quarterly meeting in June, delegate members will have the opportunity to vote on what percentage of member wages will go toward working dues. The Council is recommending a 1 percent increase of taxable gross wages, which will amount to approximately an extra 15-32 cents per hour from your wages, depending on your hourly rate (which are established by contracts according to your craft, location and classification). Please note that dues for market recovery contracts will remain unchanged at 2 percent.

It is important that you know your union is working hard to continue providing you the wages and benefits you deserve. This is especially important when we are seeing movements across the country to curtail the ability of unions to protect their members by instituting Right to Work (RTW) and anti-prevailing wage laws, among other tactics designed to harm the middle class.

As your newly elected EST I was very impressed with the Council delegates' support for change and their ability to ask the hard questions that need to be asked. We have a fight on our hands to keep Right to Work out of Minnesota and Wisconsin. As you know, four of six states in our Council are RTW, and the reduced membership, wages and benefits in those states are reflective of that fact. The delegates were given the information to make decisions on what is best for our members, and agreed with the trustees' recommendation to raise the dues 1 percent to continue supporting Area Standards, keep our buildings in good repair and represent our membership with authority.

In Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Raines".



*Pictured, from left: Trustee Pat Rodriguez, Trustee Gary Hawley, Director of Field Agents in MN/ND/SD Joel Laskey, Director of Field Agents in IA/NE Pat Nilsen, Executive Secretary-Treasurer John Raines, Assistant to the EST/Executive Director Mert Summers, Council President Steve Banys, Trustee Clayton Wrazidlo, Council Vice President Matt Campanario, Director of Area Standards Phil Askvig, General Counsel Burt Johnson.*

## Delegates vote for new Council leadership; John Raines elected EST, Banys is Council President

Elections for Executive Secretary-Treasurer and other executive positions were held during the August 26, 2011, meeting of delegates of the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters. Delegates voted in favor of new leadership with John Raines, a business representative and President of Millwrights Local 548, winning the election for EST.

Of 162 delegate votes, 159 ballots were cast and one ballot was voided. Candidates for EST were incumbent Jim Moore, Local 1146, and John Raines, Local 548. Raines won with 118 votes.

“I appreciate the support of our delegates and members in electing me to lead our Council,” said Raines. “We have tough work ahead of us, but I’m confident that with strong membership involvement and responsive leadership, we can overcome our challenges together. It’s a real honor to work on behalf of our members.”

Candidates for President were Steve Banys, Local 948, and Tim Stender, Local 68. Winning was Banys

with 108 votes. Banys is a 30-year member, a business representative, and an apprenticeship instructor for 10 years.

Candidates for Vice President were James Stevens, Local 1146, and Matt Campanario, Local 361. Winning was Campanario with 92 votes. During his campaign speech, Campanario talked about the importance of members being united and the necessity of open lines of communication.

Candidates for Warden were Jeff Alsip, Local 314, Keith Kessler, Local 1091, and Bob Disney, Local 106. Winning with 57 votes was Kessler, a business representative and president of his Local.

Running unopposed for Conductor was incumbent Paul Forslund, Local 1056, who won with 153 votes.

Candidates for Trustees were Tom Madson, Local 955; Clayton Wrazidlo, Local 361; Pat Rodriguez, Local 1143; Sean Brown, Local 322; Gary Hawley, Local 804; and Nick Vevea, Local 322. Winning were incumbent trustees Rodriguez (108 votes) and Hawley (89 votes), as well

as Wrazidlo (82 votes).

All elected members will serve four-year terms.

Since taking office as EST, Raines has named Mert Summers Jr., Local 955, as Assistant to the EST/Executive Director. Mark Kramer, Local 310, is Director of Field Agents for Wisconsin; Pat Nilsen, Local 1055, is Director of Field Agents in Iowa and Nebraska; and Joel Laskey, Local 587, Director of Field Agents in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. Phil Askvig, Local 322, is Director of Area Standards.

Delegates from all six states in the Council are elected to represent members from their Locals. They participate in committee meetings and share information to help move the Council in a positive direction. Delegates meet quarterly in Saint Paul.

Meeting dates for the remainder of this year are May 31-June 1, August 23-24, and October 25-26.

## Interior Systems Local 1306 and Carpenters Local 427 formed in Nebraska

On March 20, the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters welcomed two new Locals into its ranks. Local 1306 was formed of members with Interior Systems backgrounds and Local 427 was formed of members with general construction backgrounds.

Both Locals consist of members from the Omaha and Lincoln, Neb., areas who were in the former Locals 444 and 1055, which are now dissolved. Locals 1306 and 427 will collect dues and hold meetings at the former Local 444 office, located at 5051 F Street in Omaha.

Members from Carpenters Local 948 in Sioux City, Ia., and Carpenters Local 106 in Des Moines, Ia., who

were working as millwrights were transferred into Millwrights Local 1463 in Omaha on March 20. Local 1463 will collect dues and hold meetings at the 5051 F Street address in Omaha as well.

“The reorganization should provide members and contractors with better service, training and representation along industry lines,” according to Executive Secretary-Treasurer John Raines. “Reorganizing along industry lines provides opportunity for growing market share in the areas of general construction, interior systems and millwright work.”

There are currently 377 members in Local 427, 386 members in Local 1306, and 282 members in Local 1463.

## HSM offers assistance and patient advocacy to members

The Carpenters and Joiners Welfare Fund, which services members in the Twin Cities, southern Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska who are covered by the Wilson-McShane medical fund, has retained the services of Health Systems Management, Inc. (HSM), a patient advocacy and member assistance program. Effective April 1, HSM replaced T.E.A.M., Inc., to serve as an integrated family assistance program.

The goal of HSM is to empower members with necessary information and to work with you to identify and access needed resources.

Professional medical, behavioral health and substance abuse staff are available to help 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They include physicians and nurses, social workers and psychologists.

Members of the Carpenters and Joiners Welfare Fund and their

families may call the numbers listed below as many times as needed at no charge to you or the fund. HSM provides accurate, comprehensive and confidential information to meet the needs of you and your family.

HSM staff can help identify and schedule appointments with expert professionals; provide information about various doctors and hospitals; provide information about medically related transportation and lodging; assist in obtaining second opinions; financial assistance; help find assisted living resources; offer information about hospice programs; and many other types of support.

For assistance with Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse, call toll-free 1-877-961-1121. For Medical Patient Advocacy, call 1-877-961-1126. Visit their website at [www.hsminc.net](http://www.hsminc.net).

## Applications sought for Business Representative

If you are interested in becoming a Business Representative for the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters, job applications are available at the Council's Saint Paul, Minn., Omaha, Neb., and Kaukauna, Wis., offices.

Job duties include upholding area standards, jobsite visits, working with members, contract enforcement, meeting with signatory and non-signatory contractors, and community involvement, among others. Experience in marketing and communication preferred. Travel required; you must have a good driving record. Hours may include nights and weekends.

Application, resume and references are due Wednesday, May 16, 2012, by 4:30 p.m. CST (no exceptions) to:

NCSRCC  
Attn: Maureen Sultan  
700 Olive Street  
Saint Paul, MN 55130

Please note that, after a review of all submissions, not all applicants will be interviewed.

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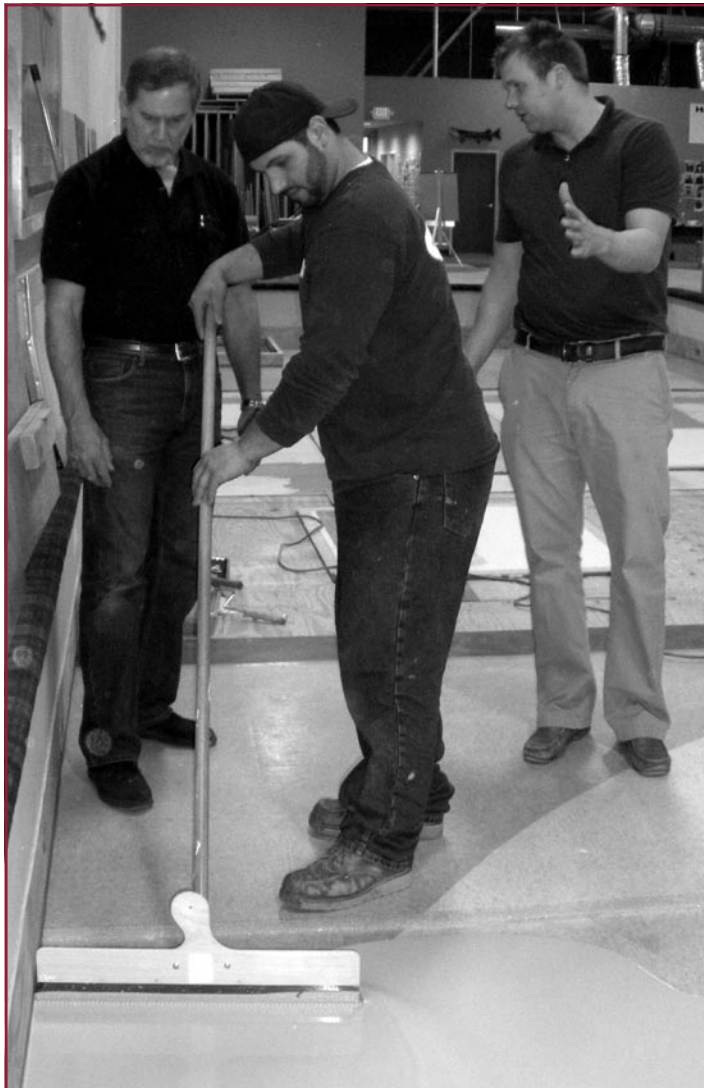
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## Wisconsin looks to focus on trades

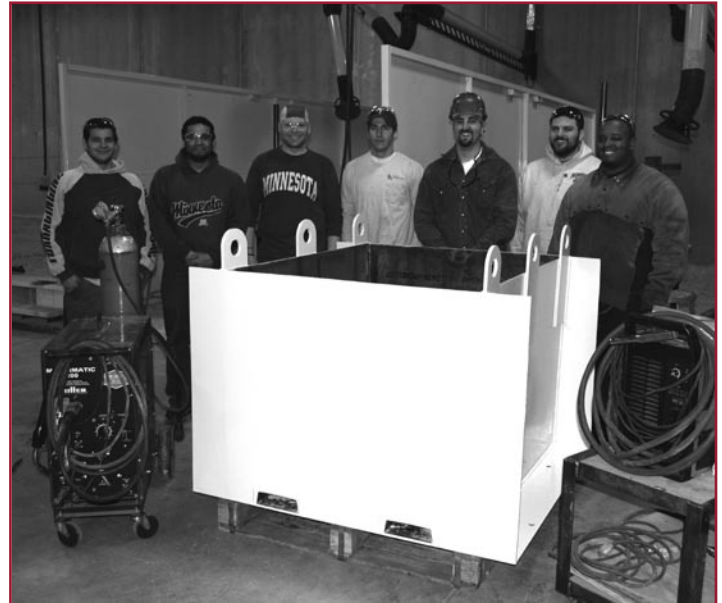
In November, Wisconsin State Superintendent of Education Tony Evers visited the Eastern Training Center in Kaukauna, Wis. Evers, who is concerned with the training gap between workers and trade jobs in his state, spoke with millwright and carpenter apprentices as he toured the training center. He learned about the work apprentices do in the classroom and on the job, and that rather than having to take out loans to get an education, they are earning as they learn.

Superintendent Evers suggested that Wisconsin needs to do more to foster an interest in trades, perhaps starting as young as middle school students.

“We have tended to send a message that if you don’t go to a four-year degree school, you’re not doing what you need to do,” said Evers. “We need to have the message that there are all sorts of good trade jobs that are available.”



*In March, Brandon Hagen of Schonox conducted a training seminar for High Performance Subfloors at the Floor Coverers Training Center in Saint Paul, Minn.*



*The UBC will offer a new rigging program in May, and a lifting box was needed for use in the class. Pile driver apprentices at L.J. Shosten Union Training Center in Saint Paul, Minn., built the new prop using skills such as layout, blueprint reading, and semi-automatic welding processes such as FCAW, GMAW, oxy/acetylene cutting and plasma cutting. “The class did a great job in the fabrication of this new rigging prop,” said instructor Steve Stocker.*

## Council adds contracts department

Under the direction of Executive Secretary-Treasurer John Raines, the Regional Council has recently added a contracts department under the auspices of General Counsel Burt Johnson. The department will be the central location for the Council’s more than 60 collective bargaining agreements, and will preserve a record of all documents that define the relationship between the Council and its members with contractors, fringe benefit funds and others. In addition, the department is developing a contractor database, which will contain vital information on all contractors doing business with the Council.

## Open House for member benefits

The Regional Council sponsored an Open House in Saint Paul, Minn., in March for members of the Carpenters and Joiners Welfare Fund to have an opportunity to learn more about their membership benefits. Vendors on hand to answer questions included Wilson-McShane, Securian, American Income Life, Carpenters Federal Credit Union and Health Systems Management, Inc.

More than 40 members and their families took advantage of the opportunity to learn more about their pension and health benefits. Similar open houses may be offered in the future.

## Training Centers awarded grant funding

In January, the Des Moines Training Center received a \$74,000 grant from the State of Iowa. The money is earmarked for training and instruction, with the goal of developing an Iowa Jobs Training Program in conjunction with Des Moines Area Community College.

In February, the State of Wisconsin awarded the Council's three training centers in Wisconsin with a \$78,000 grant from Sector Alliance for the Green Economy (SAGE). The purpose of the grant is to purchase environmentally friendly equipment for use in training floor coverers, millwrights and carpenters at the Eastern, Southern and Central Training Centers.

"Everything we do for training is supported by member contributions," said Director of Education Al Atkinson. "We don't receive any taxpayer dollars. It's a nice bonus to our membership when we get some extra help through grants like these."



Bonnie, a representative with American Income Life, presented Council EST John Raines with a check for \$1,000 in support of the Regional Council scholarship fund. American Income Life provides accidental death and dismemberment benefits to our members.



## St. Cloud Hospital earns top safety award

In December, St. Cloud Hospital was named a MNSHARP safe work site. MNSHARP Construction is a Minnesota Occupational Safety and Health Administration program that recognizes major construction companies with managers and employees who work together to develop safety and health programs that go beyond basic compliance with all applicable OSHA standards to prevent job-related injuries and illness.

Primary contractor on the multi-phase, \$225 million project is McGough Construction. The renovation, which began in 2007, is expected to be completed by July 2013. As of April 1, the project had 1,232 days of no lost time from accident or injury. This amounts to 1,020,000 work hours.

Only construction projects at least 18 months in duration are eligible for participation in MNSHARP Construction. According to the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, St. Cloud Hospital is one of just three MNSHARP Construction work sites statewide.

"This recognition is the direct result of a comprehensive commitment to safety," said Tim McGough, executive vice president of McGough Construction. "St. Cloud Hospital has, from our very first meeting, been unwavering in their requirement that safety be the highest priority. We are proud of our partnership with the hospital and wish to thank everyone at CentraCare, all workers involved in the project, and everyone at Minnesota OSHA for their intense commitment to a safe workplace."

## Join us June 2 for the Shotgun Tune-Up

The Regional Council is hosting a Shotgun Tune-Up event Saturday, June 2, at the Minnesota Horse and Hunt Club in Prior Lake, Minn. All are invited to participate.

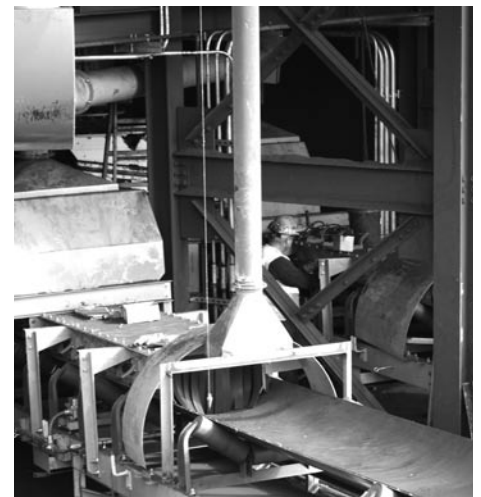
Registration begins at 8 a.m. with a 9:30 shotgun start. A buffet lunch and auction will start at 12:30 p.m.

There is a maximum of six people per team. Cost is \$65/person or \$390/team. All funds raised will go to support the Council's scholarship fund.

For more information or to sign up, contact Nick Veavea at 651-379-0237 or email [info@ncsrcc.org](mailto:info@ncsrcc.org).



# Mesabi Nugget



From left, Local 1348 millwrights Ryan Troumbly, KC Hawkinson, Gabe Hill and Jeff Lapinski doing construction work at Mesabi Nugget.

Top: Jason Wagner, Local 1348, and Brady Fox, Local 1348, of Northern Industrial Erectors of Grand Rapids, Minn., fabricate parts to upgrade conveyors.

Middle: Conveyor Belt Service employees string new belt for the conveyors at Mesabi Nugget.

Bottom: Part of the processing plant at Mesabi Nugget.

HOYT LAKES, MN - Mesabi Nugget is an iron nugget producing plant on the Iron Range in Northern Minnesota. Production at the plant

began in January 2010. Conveyor systems and processing systems are being upgraded to keep up with production and technology.

## Riverwood Healthcare Center



*Top left, Dan Cory, Local 68  
Top right, Aaron Maki, Local 361  
Bottom left, Don Carlier, Local 68  
Bottom right, Trent Halvorson, Local 68  
All are employees of Custom Drywall.*

AITKIN, MN — Riverwood Healthcare Center is undergoing a 24,365-square-foot renovation and 48,820-square-foot addition. General contractor on the \$21 million project is Kraus Anderson Construction Co. Also on site are subcontractors Twin City Acoustics, Inc., and Custom Drywall, Inc.

The three-phase project began in April 2011 and has an estimated completion date of December 2013. The project adds 14 patient rooms and converts 25 to single-patient rooms. At no time has there been a disruption in services for patients.

The patient-centered improvements at the integrated hospital and clinic include an in-patient area with a larger intensive care unit and more private labor and delivery suites, a renovated rehabilitation/physical therapy department, relocated respiratory therapy and cardiac rehabilitation department, and a new addition for chemotherapy and other infusion therapies.



## Princeton, Minnesota



Rice Lake Construction Group is the general contractor on a \$16.6 million project at the Princeton Wastewater Treatment Plant. The project, which began in June 2011, is slated for a September 2012 completion.



Left, Pat Schoonover and foreman Dick Brumberg, Local 1934. Top, Larry Olson, Local 322. All are employed by Rice Lake Construction.



Jaeger Construction is the general contractor for a \$6 million distillery warehouse for United States Distilled Products in Princeton. Subcontractors include Gresser Companies pouring concrete and Olympic Companies, Inc., and Finished Metals, Inc., performing wall systems work.

Work on the 200,000-square-foot warehouse began in September 2011 and will be completed by May 2012.

Right, Gresser Companies foreman Scott Nemetz, Local 322  
Above, Tom Simon, Local 322, Gresser Companies



## Lafayette Bridge



*Mike Fetzer, Local 322, and Joe Lahr, Local 1847, stack 42-inch heavy wall piling.*



*Paul Langer, Local 1382, removing the center strut in the coffer dam so structural columns for the northbound bridge can be poured.*

SAINT PAUL, MN — Pile drivers have been working hard on a Minnesota Department of Transportation project replacing the Highway 52 Lafayette Bridge where it crosses the Mississippi River east of downtown Saint Paul. Construction began in January 2011 and will ultimately include new northbound and southbound Highway 52 bridges and interchanges. Redecking the Plato Boulevard and Eaton Street bridges and resurfacing the Concord Street bridge are also part of this project, as well as modification of the bridges over Interstate 94 and realignment of adjoining roadways.

Construction on the new northbound Highway 52 Lafayette Bridge will be completed in 2013, with all traffic being moved to that structure while the old bridge is demolished. The new southbound Highway 52 Lafayette Bridge will then be constructed in 2014-2015. Once complete, the northbound and southbound bridges will each provide two through-lanes and an auxiliary lane in each direction for exiting and entering traffic. A pedestrian and bicycle crossing over the river on the northbound bridge is also part of the plans.



*Laura Hampton, Local 548, performs carpentry work on land pier 10. Pictured behind her is pier 9.*

## Lowry Avenue Bridge

MINNEAPOLIS, MN — The original Lowry Avenue Bridge was closed in 2008 due to known structural issues and demolished in June 2009. Replacing the bridge over the Mississippi River began in January 2010 and will be completed in Summer 2012.

Lunda Construction is the general contractor on the project, which includes falsework, pre-cast and river pier foundation piling installation. Eighteen transverse beams create the framework for the bridge deck. Each pile is 32 inches in diameter and driven 100 feet below the river's surface.

Phase I of the project was the bridge over the Mississippi. Phase II of the project is construction over the Canadian Pacific Railroad.

In February, the steel arches of the bridge were installed. The arches are comprised of 22 segments, each weighing between 70,000 and 130,000 pounds.

For more information about this project, go online to [www.lowryavenuebridge.com](http://www.lowryavenuebridge.com).





*John Stull, Local 68, NPD, Inc.*



*Efrain Huerta, Local 68, NPD, Inc.*



*NPD, Inc., foreman Al Kroll, Local 68*



## Camp Ripley

LITTLE FALLS, MN — Camp Ripley is a 53,000-acre regional training facility used by military, federal, state, local and civilian communities. Its facilities have been used for pre-mobilization training for numerous military units and as a training location for the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

A recent project at the Camp included a nearly \$5 million Contemporary Operating Environment (COE) training facility that began in August 2010 and completed a year later. Union subcontractors on site included Williams Construction Services, Inc. (ceilings and wall panels), Kiffmeyer, Inc. (footings and masonry), NPD, Inc. (framing and sheetrock), and Acoustics Associates, Inc. (wall panels).

Donlar Construction Co. is the general contractor on a \$3.4 million project currently under way on an 11,500-square-foot unmanned aircraft facility at the Camp. The project began in March 2012 and will finish in November.

Donlar was awarded four contracts in Fall 2011 at Camp Ripley totaling more than \$11 million. In addition to the unmanned aircraft facility, work includes exterior upgrades such as roofing replacement, windows and doors, among others. The company is also working on an emergency vehicle operator course.

“After much work by the State of Minnesota in enforcing the legal prevailing wage requirements, our Union contractors have been able to secure more work at Camp Ripley,” said Business Agent Bob Monette.

## Dale Street Reservoir



*Mark Rash, Local 322, left, with Jim Frasier*

ROSEVILLE, MN - Preload Inc., a typically non-union prestressed concrete tank company, signed a Labor Agreement to use union carpenters for the Dale Street Reservoir in Reservoir Woods Park, Roseville, Minn.

Concrete work on the \$5.5 million project began in August 2011. The project is expected to finish by July 2012. The tank will hold 10 million gallons of water.

Sixty pre-cast panels will be put in place and the wood falsework will support the poured in place vaulted ceiling structure.

Once complete, all of the wood used in the project will be removed and recycled, some of which will be used at the Council's area Training Centers. According to Project Superintendent Ross Bell, enough Southern yellow pine was used on just one side of the project to build five houses.



*Mike Livingston, Local 322*



# Apprentices donate time and skills to help realize one man's labor of love

While many of our members may have ended up in unusual places on a jobsite, not many have had to take a boat just to get to that site. That was the case with Twin Cities apprentices who donated their skills and labor to the not-for-profit organization Living Lands and Waters (LLW) this past fall.

LLW was founded in 1998 by Chad Pregracke, a self-styled environmentalist who began working to clean up the Mississippi River on his own. Over time he garnered corporate sponsorship and was able to expand his reach to other big rivers of the Midwest. His operation offers barges and workboats for volunteers and river cleanups, and now — thanks to volunteer union labor — also for education.

In the past, Living Lands and Waters offered free educational workshops to teachers on one of its barges. Educators expressed a wish for students to come aboard the barges to learn as well, but LLW didn't have an appropriately safe space in which to teach young people. It decided to build a floating classroom on a barge, complete with its own staff and towboat.

“By experiencing our natural resources firsthand, participants will be connected to the river through a memorable, personal encounter that will, ideally, inspire future leadership,” said Pregracke.

Because the classroom is mobile, LLW will be able to share its mission with teachers and students living in areas that might not otherwise be able to take part in the program.

“We'll be able to help make them aware of how their actions impact the river, and how the health of the river impacts our lives,” said Pregracke.

Prior to the start of building on the actual barge, apprentice volunteers from the Carpenters' District Council of Greater St. Louis and Vicinity pre-fabricated 39 interior and exterior walls to be used on the boat. Trade unions from St. Louis and the Quad Cities of Iowa/Illinois donated hundreds of hours to building the 3,300-square-foot, handicap accessible barge, which includes two classrooms, galley, and sleeping quarters for an eight-person crew.

The frame of the barge was built from a steel structure that was salvaged in Davenport, Ia., following a flood in 1993. Walls of the building



*LLW founder Chad Pregracke, left, talks with Dale Roth, business representative with the Carpenters' District Council of Greater St. Louis, and John Raines, EST for the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters.*

were sided with reclaimed lumber from Hurricane Katrina and fitted on two sides with glass garage doors to create an open-air learning environment on nice days. Window awnings, railings and more were built out of recycled materials and industrial scrap iron. The boat has solar panels and a wind turbine to help provide power and conserve fuel.

In September, carpenter and floor covering apprentices and their instructors in Saint Paul spent four days working on the barge, installing carpeting and 2,000-plus square feet of solid bamboo flooring, panelling, insulating, trimming and more.

“It's not too often you get to do a project on a barge like that,” said apprentice Greg Boehmer, Local 68. “It was for a great cause and the materials we got to work with were neat. I had never installed bamboo before, and it was a good learning experience.”

The barge, 150 feet long by 35 feet wide, was completed in just 56 working days. In total, Union volunteers donated more than \$100,000 of labor to the project.



*Floor covering apprentices install solid bamboo flooring in the barge classrooms.*





*Carpenter and floor covering apprentices in Saint Paul traveled to work via boat last fall to volunteer their time on a barge for the Living Lands and Waters organization.*

“Working on the barge was a great experience,” said apprentice Andrew Bell, Local 322. “We got to use our skills and knowledge to provide living and working quarters for a crew that cleans up the waters and shorelines of our mighty Mississippi River.”

Each classroom can host up to 60 students at a time. Teachers and their students will be invited to travel on the big rivers of the Midwest to learn about our natural resources and preserving the environment. Classes may be offered in science, economics, social science, language arts and fine arts. Activities onboard the barge might include fishing, water quality testing, river cleanup,

identifying plants and trees, creating art from debris found in the river, bird watching and more.

Since 1998, LLW has removed more than six million pounds of debris in various rivers in the Midwest that have been impairing fish, bird and wildlife habitat and polluting our waters with the help of more than 60,000 volunteers. It specializes in river cleanups, forest restoration and educational workshops.

For more information about Pregracke and his inspiring efforts, go online to [www.livinglandsandwaters.org](http://www.livinglandsandwaters.org) or read *From the Bottom Up: One Man's Crusade to Clean America's Rivers*.



#### **The mission of Living Lands and Waters is:**

- *To aid in the protection, preservation and restoration of the natural environment of the nation's major rivers and their watersheds*
- *To expand awareness of environmental issues and responsibility encompassing the river*
- *To create a desire and an opportunity for stewardship and responsibility for a cleaner river environment*



Members from across the Council attended the first-ever Sisters in the Brotherhood Women's Conference in Saint Paul this fall.

## *Sisters in the Brotherhood* **2011 Women's Conference**

The Regional Council's Sisters in the Brotherhood chapter held its first-ever Women's Conference September 30 and October 1, 2011, in Saint Paul, Minn. Forty sisters attended from throughout our six-state Council.

The event included general networking as well as caucus groups by trade and location. Three workshops were

offered, including one on moving well and avoiding injury on the jobsite, one on financial planning, and another on how get more involved with the Union and in your Local, as well as how to start Sisters chapters in other areas of the Council.

"The conference was very well organized and I got the opportunity

to really get to know some of the gals in the other trades," said Sue Erkill, Local 361.

Erkill works in the Duluth area, which has fewer women working in the trades than in the Twin Cities. "Being a female in the trades, it was most important to me to talk with other females," she said. "It's almost



therapeutic to talk about the job with others who have similar experiences to yours.”

Donna Mae Lawson, Local 1382, agreed, noting she has been to a Women’s Conference offered by the UBC, but that it was nice to network with women closer to home.

The best workshop, according to both women, was the one on moving well and avoiding injury at work. “I try to take a little bit of that training and apply it every time I am doing something at work,” Erkilla said.

“The things we learned in that seminar are good for all carpenters to know,” added Lawson. “That information is what I shared with my Local after the conference.”

Spearheading the event were Barb Pecks, Local 322, Joyce Stone, Local 322, Mary Ann Meyer, Local 322, and Council staff Alissa Cole. Special guests included JoAnn Williams, representing the UBC, and Bobbi



*At age 85, Lorraine Sullivan, a 55-year member in good standing, took time to attend the conference. She had worked as a floor coverer before becoming an honorary member.*



*JoAnn Williams of the Carpenters’ District Council of Greater St. Louis and Vicinity attended the conference as a representative of the UBC.*

Whitmore of the Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters.

The event was offered free of charge by the Council and many Locals paid the travel expenses of their attending members. A second conference is tentatively planned for 2013. However, a successful event will mean involvement from women members throughout the Council to get their ideas for meaningful speakers and workshops, said Pecks.

“It might be nice to invite hiring personnel of the various contractors out there next time,” said Lawson. “It’s important for them to know there are women out here in the trades, that we are trained and ready to get out on jobsites and go to work.”

The Sisters in the Brotherhood Committee meets the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Council’s Saint Paul office. If you wish to participate but can’t attend the meetings, you may join via conference call at 760-569-9000. Follow the prompt and input 738343#. You may also keep up to date by going online to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and searching for “SIB NCSRCC”.



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## Meet Kevin Hilton, Political Director for Iowa and Nebraska

Kevin Hilton, new Political Director for Iowa and Nebraska, started with the Council in January. He is based out of Des Moines, Iowa.



Kevin Hilton

Hilton first began in politics as a steward for United Food and Commercial Workers Local 7 in Denver, Colo., where he volunteered on the organizing and political action committees. He quickly realized politics play a pivotal role in building power for workers and in growing unions. “We incorporated political strategies in our campaigns to increase the voice of our members, industry standards and the right to organize.”

Hilton became an organizer with Local 7, the Denver Newspaper Guild, and later became the Organizing Director for Communication Workers of America Local 7777 in Denver. In 2006 he was hired as the Political Director for the Mountain West Regional Council of Carpenters, and oversaw the political program for the Kansas City and Vicinity Council of Carpenters in Colorado and Wyoming.

“In my time with the Carpenters I have had the opportunity to advocate standards of safety, just pay/benefits and the integrity of our industry,” he said. “It is important in every step of political action to mobilize our membership to build relationships with elected leaders and build influence and connections with their neighbors and community.”

Hilton and his wife, Felicia, have three children in college. He is also an ordained minister with a focus on social and economic justice.



*In January, Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton presented his hopes for a bonding bill this Legislative session. Speaking on behalf of construction workers at the news conference was Local 68 President Tim Stender (at podium).*



*Wisconsin members rallied at the State Capitol in Madison in favor of mining legislation that would bring millwright and carpenter jobs to northern Wisconsin. Although the mining bill was defeated, Wisconsin Political Director Mark Reihl said it had been a good Legislative session overall, due to a bipartisan approach in working with Senate and Assembly leadership.*

To receive timely political updates, subscribe to our monthly e-newsletter by emailing [tmadden@ncsrcc.org](mailto:tmadden@ncsrcc.org).

## Council sends 22 to delegate training in Las Vegas

The Regional Council sent 22 members to delegate training at the UBC International Training Center in Las Vegas, Nev., February 4-9. Each year, the Council sends new delegates who have not yet received the training to learn about their responsibility as delegates.

Attendees included Kenneth Haug, Local 68; Correy Clouse, Eric Leanos and Travis Richtsmeier, Local 106; Josh Klimeck and Mike Zei, Local 314; Robert Busch, Doug Hegner, David Kotchen, Dan McFarland, Jeff Peterson, John Swanson, Pete Weber and Dave Wolner, Local 322; Cody Carroll, Aaron Meyers and Donald Renne, Local 361; Carl Haanen and Lon Moraine, Local 548; Gary Hawley, Local 804; David Parker, Local 948; and CJ Sivesind, Local 1091.

“As a delegate you are more than just a member, you are representing other members,” said Executive-Secretary John Raines. “At the training you learn about your role in the UBC, in the Council and in your Local.”

On the first night, delegates met with UBC General President Douglas J. McCarron, who talked about the future of the UBC.

“That was a highlight of the whole experience,” said Swanson. “President McCarron is a very motivating speaker.”

The rest of the time consisted of intensive training from 7:30 a.m. to

5:30 p.m. each day. Topics discussed included history of the UBC, market share goals, the role of members, communication skills, educating and motivating, mobilizing others, Area Standards, being an advocate and planning on the Local level.

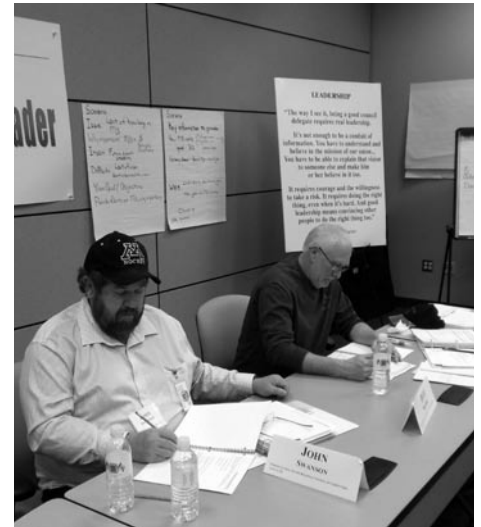
“I think everyone who attended came back very impressed and motivated about the Union and its philosophies,” said Swanson.

“I liked that the things we talked about not only apply to Union life, but are also applicable to everyday life,” said Klimeck. “We talked about being focused and making sure people understand what you are saying. Those are good life skills to have in general.”

Classes often broke into smaller groups, where members participated in role playing scenarios or one-on-one presentations around the ideas of networking, recruiting, leadership, mentoring and more.

“It was a supportive environment,” said Klimeck. “We talked a lot about how to deal with various situations and there was never a wrong answer, it was more ‘How can we improve upon that?’ They tried to make you think outside the box on issues.”

In addition to broader topics like improving communication skills, delegates also learned more detailed aspects of delegate life from taking minutes to giving reports at Local meetings. The opportunity to interact with other members from throughout



John Swanson, Local 322, (left) participated in mock scenarios to further his leadership and communication skills.



Mike Zei and Josh Klimeck, Local 314, listen intently to UBC General President Douglas J. McCarron.



From left, John Swanson, Robert Busch, Doug Hegner, Dan McFarland, CJ Sivesind, David Parker, Pete Weber, David Kotchen, Dave Wolner, Jeff Peterson.

the UBC was equally valuable.

“It was fun to get to know other members from our Council, and to get new ideas and new points of view of UBC members from across the U.S.,” said Klimeck.

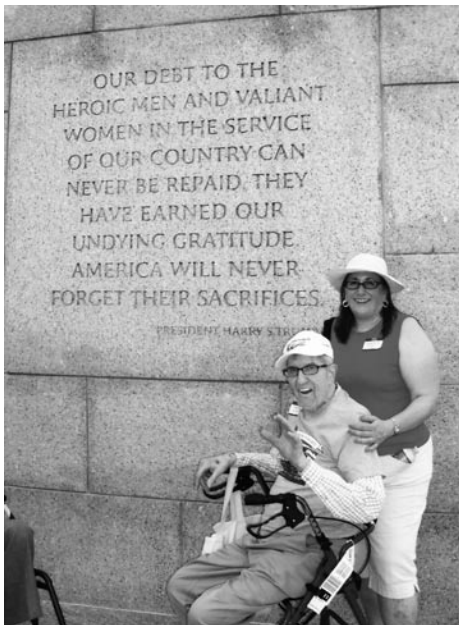
“I enjoyed networking with Brothers and Sisters from around the UBC who all have the same goals,” said Swanson. “I think everybody came back feeling as if we were all united as members of the UBC, working together as a team.”

“I learned it was important to come back and get as involved as I can,” Klimeck added. “I’m trying to make a career for me and for my family, so I want to learn everything I can.”

## LOCAL CONNECTIONS

### Local 310 - Rothschild, WI

With donations from Local 310, Frank Ruppe and daughter Cathy Shield were able to take an Honor Flight trip for World War II veterans to Washington, D.C., June 18, 2011. Frank passed away October 5, 2011, at age 87. "He was a true friend to the Carpenters' Union, a past Local officer, Council delegate and super volunteer for every project. He had well over 50 years of service and will be missed by all," according to his Local.



Member Frank Ruppe and daughter Cathy



Ernie Pozorski and son Curtis

In September, Curtis Pozorski accepted a 65-year Carpenter pin on behalf of his father, Ernie Pozorski. Ernie Pozorski retired from Wergin Construction Company in 1980 as a finishing carpenter and was very proud to receive his pin. He turned 94 years old in January.

### Local 314 - Madison, WI

Mark your calendar now for Project

Home's Hammer with a Heart event slated for Saturday, May 5. Local 314 has been a partner with Project Home for the past 10 years, providing skilled labor for critical home repairs for low income families in Dane County. Crew leader Laurel Randall is looking for volunteers. To participate, contact Representatives Kris Benish or Scott Watson at 608-240-0314.

Members may be experiencing more calls going to voicemail or temporary office closures. Please be assured the office is open and ready to respond to your needs; your Representatives are simply working out in the field. Please leave a message or make an appointment. All calls will be returned within 24 hours.

Local 314 thanks its retirees for their donation to Restoring Hope Transplant House. Their generosity helps Restoring Hope move closer to its goal of offering traveling transplant patients and their families



Sixteen members of the Janesville Volunteer Organizing Committee pitched in to build a handicap ramp this past fall for retired member Mike Mannheimer. Mannheimer's wife, Patricia, has multiple sclerosis and was having difficulty getting in and out of their house. "Mike has always stepped up for his Union and Brothers over the years, helping set up and tear down for Labor Fest, picketing, handbilling, parades and more," said Representative Ron Hanko. "It was easy to find volunteers because Mike is not only a great guy, but he has helped many other members over the years." Coordinating and planning the project was Bill Blank. Some 130 hours were spent completing the ramp.

a comfortable place to recover. For more information on Restoring Hope Transplant House, go online to [www.restoringhope.org](http://www.restoringhope.org).

Recent activities of the Local include Labor Fest in September, efforts by members to recall Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker and a pin ceremony in November, among others.

### Local 322 - Saint Paul, MN

Our monthly meeting date has changed. Our meetings are now held the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at 710 Olive Street in Saint Paul. We also have a new website, which can be found online at [www.local322.net](http://www.local322.net). Window dues can be paid securely online. Secretary for our Local is Alissa Cole.

Mark your calendar now for our annual summer picnic, set for Saturday, July 28, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Phalen Park Pavilion at Lake Phalen in Saint Paul. More details to follow as the date gets closer.



*William Stenger, 66-year member, started with the Union as an 18-year-old. He is pictured with his wife, Rose.*

## 50 years of Union membership

**Local 314**  
Charles Kittel

**Local 322**  
James Boucher  
Jeffrey Haney  
Allan Syverson

Local 322 held its own Big Buck deer contest this winter. Winning first place for biggest buck was Mike Krizanac; second place was Mike Bomstad. Tied for first place for largest doe were Brandon Austin and Jason Klous.



*Mike Krizanac*



*Mike Bomstad*

### Locals 427/1306 - Omaha, NE

Locals 427 and 1306 are hoping to raise \$7,000 for materials to be donated, along with volunteer labor, for a shelter at the C.O.P.E. area at Camp Cedars for Boy Scouts in Nebraska. The shelter will be called the Union Labor Pavilion. Currently just \$1,600 has been raised. If you are interested in donating, contact Steve Mulcahy at [smulcahy@ncsrcc.org](mailto:smulcahy@ncsrcc.org).

These Locals have also been working with local politicians to establish an after-school shop program to help disadvantaged students.



*Local 444's Union flag was flown in Afghanistan by a Special Forces unit after the Local sent a care package to the troop, which includes a man who is the son of a retiree and the brother of an active member.*

### Twin Cities Retiree Committee

Robert Schultz, Local 322, is President of the Twin Cities area retiree committee. The group meets the last Thursday of every month

(except November and December) at 10 a.m. at 710 Olive Street in Saint Paul, Minn. Meetings start with coffee, include a short program and end with lunch.

## LOCAL CONNECTIONS

### Local 464 - Mankato, MN

Reminder: Members need to call in by the fifth business day of each month to stay on the out-of-work lists.



At our holiday party and pin ceremony, the following members received pins: Teddy Ferguson, Paul Mueller, Greg Sunderman, 10 years; Bob Devens, 15 years; Tom Domeier, Keith Furst, 25 years; Duane Karels, 35 years; Edward Ward, 65 years. Pictured are Craig Jaskulke, Edward Ward and Jon Nowak.

### Local 548 - Saint Paul, MN

Save the date for the annual 2012 summer picnic, slated for Saturday, August 4, at Phalen Park in Saint Paul.

Local 548's Secret Santa Committee raised \$3,793.76 to help six families with a total of 11 children during the Christmas holidays. Of this, \$2,535 was raised from a raffle held by member Doug Hoopman, who donated firearms and sold raffle tickets at Sherco earlier in the year. An average of \$150 was spent per child.

There is more than \$2,000 left in the Secret Santa fund, which is being held in savings and will be used to assist families in the 2012 holiday season. Thank you to everyone who donated time or money to help create a happy Christmas for these families.

### Local 731 - Sheboygan, WI

This year's pin ceremony took place April 5 during the Local's quarterly meeting. Members reaching five-year anniversaries received pins. Receiving the Outstanding Volunteer of the

## Nimps uses safety skills to save a life

In May 2011, Local 464 member Arnie Nimps took a journey-level upgrade class in First Aid/Adult CPR/AED. In November, he was working as job superintendent for general contractor R. W. Carlstrom for a renovation and addition at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Mankato, Minn. The church remained in use during construction and one day one of the sewing circles invited Nimps and other site workers to lunch.

Shortly after sitting down, Nimps heard a commotion. The church's 83-year-old priest was choking and Nimps knew he had to do something about it. He attempted to use the Heimlich maneuver three times before he stopped, realized he was not doing the steps correctly and started over. He asked someone to call 911, and tried the maneuver a couple of more times.

"I did it just exactly how I was trained," said Nimps. "It was like the steps were being narrated in my mind as I was doing them."

Luckily, Nimps' efforts were successful and the pastor coughed up the food he was choking on, allowing him to breathe again.



Arnie Nimps

Although Nimps said he remained "surprisingly calm" during the incident, the enormity of what happened hit him once he went to wash his hands in the bathroom afterward. "I did

this," Nimps said he thought to himself. "I can't believe I did that!"

Nimps credits his training with preparing him how to act in such a situation, noting "A lot of people just sat there and didn't know how to react.

"It was a humbling experience," he added. "It's good for people to know that you can do it when you really need to."

In addition to saving the life of a priest, the experience has given Nimps some street cred as well. "One guy said he wanted to have lunch with me every day from now on, because he knows I could help him out if he ever needed it," Nimps grinned.

Year award was member Don Whitty. Whitty has accumulated more than 300 hours annually for the last several years by volunteering with Habitat for Humanity in Fon du Lac, Wis. The award, given once every three years, includes the gift of a gold carpenter ring to the recipient in appreciation of their community service.

This year's Rebuilding Together project day is April 28. Rebuilding Together is a nonprofit organization we partner with annually to help improve the homes of elderly, low income or disabled persons. There are eight projects in Sheboygan County and four in Manitowoc County. Please contact the Local if you are able to help.

Local 731 held its annual Volunteer Year-End Celebration this winter. Local 731 started documenting volunteer hours in 1995. At the conclusion of 2011, Local 731 had accumulated 38,146 volunteer hours. Our biggest annual community service event is Rebuilding Together Manitowoc and Sheboygan counties. Throughout the year several non-profit organizations also benefit from our volunteer efforts.

Our next meeting is Thursday, May 3, at 6:30 p.m. at the Local. Retiree meetings/lunchtime potlucks are the second Wednesday of each month. The annual retiree trip to see a Milwaukee Brewers baseball game



is June 20. The cost is \$50 per person. For more information, contact the Local at 920-452-9424.

### Local 955 - Appleton, WI

Volunteers from Local 955 will participate in Rebuilding Together Fox Valley Saturday, May 5. Rebuilding Together is a nonprofit organization we partner with annually to help improve the homes of elderly, low income or disabled persons.

### Local 1146 - Green Bay, WI

Member volunteers recently pitched in to build a wheelchair ramp for member Mark Kutska.

### Local 1382 - Rochester, MN

Local 1382's new administrative assistant is Jenniffer Groski. Find us online at [www.carpenterslocal1382.com](http://www.carpenterslocal1382.com) or on Facebook under "Carpenters Local 1382".

## Big Buck Contest winners

Winners of this year's Regional Council Big Buck contest were Jerry Boylan, Local 955, first place gun-WI, \$150; Mark Todd Campbell, Local 314, second place gun-WI, \$125; William LaPointe, Local 1056, third place gun-WI, \$100; Dan Roberts, Local 731, first place bow-WI, \$150; Terry Miller, Local 1091, first place gun-ND, \$150.

Prizes were available for first through fifth place in all six states in gun and bow categories. Due to low participation this year, just five prizes were awarded.

## FOOD BANKS

- **Saint Paul, Minnesota**  
Every Thursday  
10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
710 Olive Street, Saint Paul
- **Local 314**  
First Thursday each month  
11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
5202 Monument Lane,  
Madison



*Top photo, back row from left, Kaukauna apprentices Charlie Krone, Eric Krone (hidden), Eric Stalker, Alex Bernard, Andrew Jurczykowski. Front, Brandon Griswold, Instructor Glenn Knoeck, Tyler Vandenlangenberg, Steve Deicher.*

*Bottom photo, back row from left, Madison apprentices Dustin Jindra, Santiago Teniete, Aaron Seaman, Ramiro Lopez, Marco Flores, Instructor Glenn Knoeck. Front, Richard Maly, Daniel Ryan.*

## Wisconsin floor covering apprentices donate time and skills to Women's Community Center

Seven apprentices from Madison, Wis., spent their 40 hours of day school training at the Women's Community Center in Wausau, Wis., January 23-27. The Women's Community Center is a two-story building of approximately 16,000-square-feet and the apprentices installed approximately 8,000-square-feet of flooring during their week of class. Eight apprentices from Kaukauna, Wis., also spent their 40 hours of day school training at

the Women's Community Center February 13-17 to complete the project.

Apprentices received training in floor preparation, pattern carpet, vinyl plank, luxury tile, sheet vinyl, seam welding, and vinyl base. The training project/donation saved the Women's Community Center \$24,000 in labor costs.

Thank you to Locals 310, 314, 804 and 1146 for providing meals for the apprentices.

## Charlie Steed, marathon canoeist

While adventure races such as the Warrior Dash and the Tough Mudder are becoming more and more common in our country, Charlie Steed has been involved in his own extreme sport for the last 45 years — marathon canoeing.

“Anyone can do a 5k walk,” said Steed. “This adds a canoe and a skill, as well as water, whitewater and rocks.”

Steed grew up racing canoes on the Wolf River in Wisconsin, where his family had a lodge with rafts, canoes and kayaks from 1971-1985. His family had one of the first schools in the nation that taught whitewater canoeing.

“We would go to race with a full car of boats and participate in kayak, one-person canoe, two-person canoe, mixed class and team events. Our motto was ‘any race, any place,’” Steed said. “Now people are more specialized and focus on just one thing.”

Whitewater canoes are made to go both upstream and downstream, and are made of lightweight carbon fiber and wood. Marathon paddles weigh just 7 ounces, and good paddlers may take as many as 70-90 strokes per minute.

Steed participates in up to a dozen races each season. He might race in North Carolina or West Virginia in the spring, Wisconsin in the summer and Taylor’s Falls, Minn., in the fall. If he has time, he might make it to Colorado for a race or two.

“In Wisconsin and Minnesota, we are fortunate to have good town

associations that will sponsor these races,” said Steed. Local races run everything from “run what you bring” to elite classes, he said.

Currently living in Antigo, Wis., Steed is very near Wausau, which has supported a whitewater racecourse on the Wisconsin River since the 1970s. In fact, Steed was the first person to ever run the course. The 312-meter course, located in the downtown area, resembles a natural river that you traverse with upstream, downstream and reverse moves.

The course has hosted numerous World Cup and other national and international events throughout the years. In July, Wausau will host the 2012 International Canoe Federation Junior and Under-23 Canoe Slalom World Championships, which is expected to draw competitors from 30-plus countries from around the world.

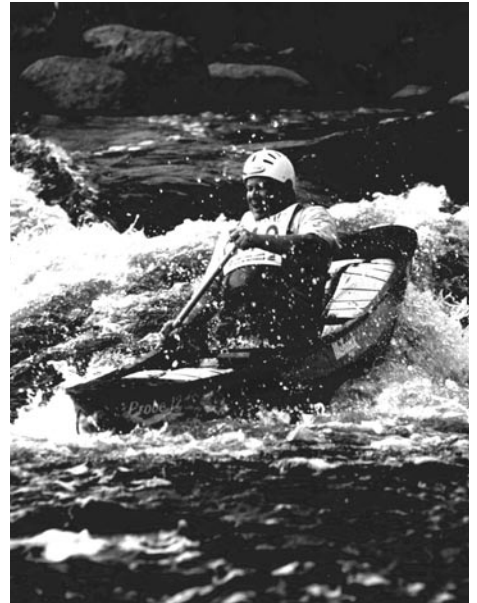
“Whitewater racing was primarily a club sport early on,” said Steed. “Now it’s wide open. People go as far as New Zealand to compete. There were even whitewater canoe races at the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia.”

Steed is no stranger to high-level competition, winning many championship titles in slalom, whitewater and downriver races over the years. “The titles are great, but it’s really about being able to compete year after year,” he said.

In a whitewater race, you travel from Point A to Point B with the fastest time winning. There are gates that must be run in numerical order and in the correct direction. You compete in heats and are scored based on time. If you miss a gate or negotiate in the wrong direction, then time is added, negatively affecting your score.

“You want the most efficient, lightest, stiffest boat you can get,” explained Steed. “You can have the best paddle and the best canoe, but then it’s really up to the individual.”

To compete in a canoe marathon, you have to have a canoe and paddle, personal flotation device and a whistle



for flatwater racing. For whitewater racing, you need all of that plus a helmet, lifejacket and flotation bag.

In addition to racing, the canoes can be used for recreational paddling or even fishing.

“You can do it by yourself or with friends,” said Steed. “I’ve always been fortunate to meet interesting people in this sport. It’s really about a lifestyle.”

Steed is a millwright with Local 1056, a Council delegate and an OSHA instructor. His races for this year are being sponsored by his Local.



## In Loving Memory

(From January 1- March 22, 2012)

### Local 68 – St. Paul, MN

Richard Johnston

### Local 106 – Des Moines, IA

David Kenworthy

Gregory Krueger

Merrill Seehorn

### Local 310 – Wausau, WI

Ernest Pozorski

Frank Ruppe

Dale White

### Local 314 – Madison, WI

Fred Cone

Vernon Falkman

Harry Foltz

Allen Godding Sr.

Donald Putz

James Tetzlaff

Robert Young

### Local 322 – St. Paul, MN

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Larry Fleck

Ken Framsted Jr.

Leander Gresser

Henry Haas

Richard King

Kenneth Klemetsrud

James Logelin

Harry Melander Sr.

Ronald Meyer

Raymond Niemi

Henry Ostendorf

Jon Peters

David Wagner

William Weber

Donald Wuollet

### Local 361 – Duluth, MN

Fred Marble

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### Local 548 – St. Paul, MN

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Quentin Kraft

### Local 606 - Virginia, MN

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Ronald Hietala

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### Local 731 - Sheboygan, WI

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Dale Barck

### Local 1143 – La Crosse, WI

Paul Nelson

Michael Tischer

### Local 1146 – Green Bay, WI

Richard Huben

Kenneth Krause

### Local 1348 – Virginia, MN

Timothy Hughs

Robert Jones

Raymond Leiviska

Jeffrey Rouleau

### Local 1382 – Rochester, MN

Roy Krohn

### Local 1463 – Omaha, NE

Jamie A. Anderson

Ryan Mauch

### Local 1847 – St. Paul, MN

Craig Comer

### Local 1934 – Bemidji, MN

Marion Aldrich

Leonard Bright

Carpenter instructor Harvey Bieber of the Bismarck-Mandan Training Center in Center, N.D., passed away July 27, 2011.

## Support our Union soldiers deployed on active duty

**Local 68** - Eric Du'Monceaux,

Aron Svoboda

**Local 106** - Zachary Kauffman, Wyatt

Williams, Jacob Ferrell

**Local 310** - James Bradley

**Local 314** - Jared Write

**Local 322** - Paul Caswell, Brian

Budzynski, William Dodd,

William Eccles Jr., Daniel Lanoux,

Christopher Burns, Mark Swedeen,

Scott Swanson, Espen Hansen,

Jeffrey Holmstrom, Bryan Kuschke,

Theodore Nizzi

**Local 361** - Steven Gerard,

Michael Sirois

**Local 548** - Patrick Cotter

**Local 731** - Anthony VanderGrinten

**Local 948** - James Montagne

**Local 955** - Jesse Fenske

**Local 1146** - Christopher Witkowski,

Robert Jack Jr.

**Local 1176** - Duane Rubbelke

**Local 1306** - William Ehrich IV,

Christopher Hogan

**Local 1348** - Christopher Savage

**Local 1382** - Bryan Jantzen

**Local 1934** - Frank Chilson

### Did you know?

Members who deploy to active military status are required to send a copy of your deployment papers from your branch of service so we may change your status in the Council and UBC database. Your status will be changed and your monthly dues will be frozen. Once you are released from active duty you must send the Council a copy of your DD214 paperwork within three months, at which time you will be returned to active member status.

Do you know a union member not listed who is deployed on active duty in the military? The Twin Cities Retiree Committee sends monthly care packages to Regional Council soldiers via a program called Union Care. To have a package sent to your soldier, send their name, Local, military address, rank and APO to Bernie Schmidt at [bigbern@q.com](mailto:bigbern@q.com).

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## Monthly schedule of Local Union meetings

### MONDAY

#### WEEK 1

**Carpenters Local 587**  
6:30 p.m. Rapid City  
7:30 p.m. Sioux Falls  
*Quarterly:* March, June,  
September, December

#### WEEK 2

**Carpenters Local 1146**  
7:30 p.m. Green Bay

#### WEEK 3

**Interior Systems  
Local 68**  
6 p.m. Saint Paul

### TUESDAY

#### WEEK 1

**Carpenters Local 106**  
6 p.m., Des Moines

**Carpenters Local 955**  
7 p.m., Appleton

#### WEEK 2

**Carpenters Local 361**  
6:30 p.m., Hermantown

**Carpenters Local 606**  
7 p.m., Virginia

**Millwrights Local 1056**  
7:30 p.m., Waupaca  
*Quarterly:* March, June,  
September, December

**Millwrights Local 1463**  
8 p.m., Omaha

#### WEEK 3

**Carpenters Local 322**  
6 p.m., Saint Paul

**Carpenters Local 464**  
4:30 p.m., Mankato

**Carpenters Local 427**  
6 p.m., Omaha

**Carpenters Local 804**  
7:30 p.m., Junction  
City

#### WEEK 4

**Carpenters Local 1306**  
6 p.m., Omaha

### WEDNESDAY

#### WEEK 1

**Carpenters Local 310**  
6:30 p.m., Rothschild

**Carpenters and  
Millwrights Local 1176**  
7 p.m., Fargo  
*Quarterly:* March, June,  
September, December

#### WEEK 2

**Carpenters Local 314**  
6 p.m., Madison

#### WEEK 3

**Millwrights Local 548**  
6:30 p.m., Saint Paul

**Millwrights Local 1348**  
6 p.m., Virginia

**Carpenters Local 1143**  
7 p.m., La Crosse  
*Quarterly:* January,  
April, July, October

### THURSDAY

#### WEEK 1

**Carpenters Local 731**  
6:30 p.m., Sheboygan

**Carpenters Local 948**  
6:30 p.m., Sioux City

**Sisters Committee**  
5:30 p.m., Saint Paul

#### WEEK 2

**Carpenters Local 930**  
7:30 p.m., Saint Cloud

#### WEEK 3

**Carpenters Local 1382**  
5:30 p.m., Rochester

**Carpenters Local 1074**  
6 p.m., Eau Claire

#### WEEK 4

**Carpenters Local 1934**  
7:30 p.m., Bemidji

**LAST WEEK OF MONTH  
Pile Drivers Local 1847**  
7 p.m., Saint Paul

### FRIDAY

#### WEEK 1

**Carpenters and  
Millwrights Local 1091**  
8 p.m., Bismarck

#### WEEK 2

**Carpenters Local 646**  
6:30 p.m.  
*Rhineland:* February,  
June, October,  
December  
*Ashland:* April, August



*Third-year apprentices attended training in Las Vegas, Nev., in November. Back row, from left: Robert Veal, Instructor; Aaron Myers, Local 361; Thomas Maki Jr., Local 1348; Brian Lindsey, Local 106; Miguel Parroquin, Local 1306; Timothy Ostermann, Local 731; Greg Boehmer, Local 68; Jeremy Smith, Local 310; Nathan VanderZanden, Local 1056; Casey Rademacher, Local 1091; Mark Sandbo, Local 548; Miguel Cervantes, Instructor. Front row: Joshua Mumm, Local 1463; Lee Hoherz, Local 1176; Michael Doss, Local 322; Curtis Milner, Local 314; Jason Klous, Local 322 (Contractor, McGough Construction); Garrett Melahn, Local 314; Paul Ciesielski, Local 68; Derrick Herron, Local 1306.*

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## 2012 Minnesota Legislative Conference *Building Trades Day on the Hill*

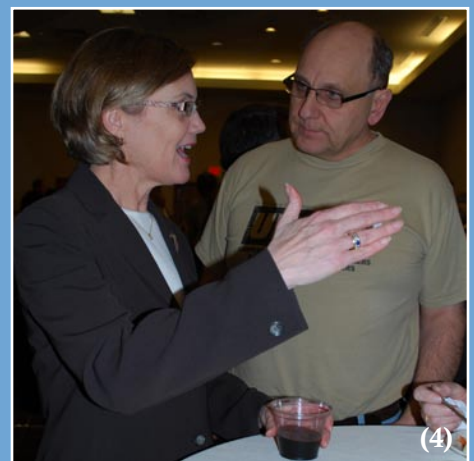
The 2012 Minnesota Legislative Conference was held March 5-6 in Saint Paul. Monday evening included a social hour with nearly 60 area legislators and some 150 members.

On Tuesday, members gathered to hear a variety of speakers, including UBC Political Director Tom Flynn; Katherine Blauvelt, spokesperson for U.S. Senator Al Franken; Lester Bagley of the Minnesota Vikings; Rep. Larry Howes; Kurt Hagen of the Mall of America; and Senate Minority Leader Tom Bakk.

In the afternoon members had the opportunity to visit the Minnesota

State Capitol for Building Trades Day on the Hill and meet with legislators from their areas. Also participating were electricians, operating engineers, laborers, teamsters and sheet metal workers.

At the end of the day, tradespeople gathered in the Capitol Rotunda to rally with their Union brothers and sisters and to hear from President of the Minnesota Building and Construction Trades Council Harry Melander, Rep. Paul Thissen and Tina Smith, spokesperson for Governor Mark Dayton.



(1) LeRoy Babolian, Local 1176, and Donnie MacMillan, Local 322

(2) David Lasserre, Local 548, and Rep. Rena Moran

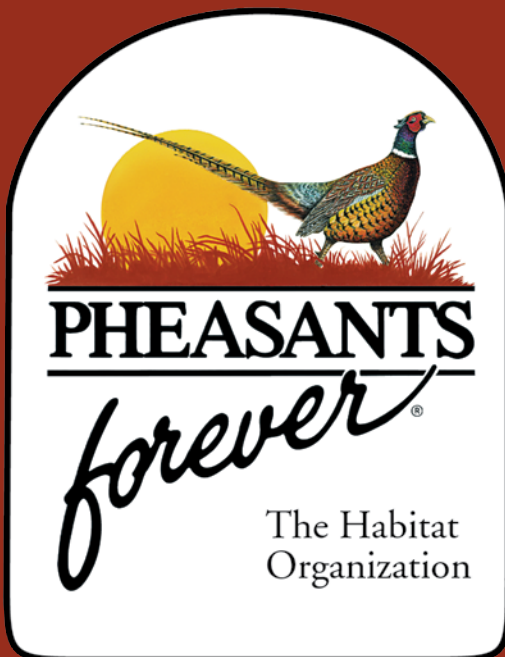
(3) Rep. Mary Murphy, Norbert Heimann, Local 322, and Claude Bovi, Local 322

(4) Rep. Kim Norton and Bob Voss, Local 1382

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# **Pheasants Forever Chapter 844 Carpenters for Conservation**

**is hosting a banquet Thursday, August 23,  
at 710 Olive Street in Saint Paul, MN**



**The event will include dinner, silent auction and more.**

**The Chapter is currently selling raffle tickets that will be drawn at the banquet. Up for raffle are three guns:**

- **a Stoeger 12-gauge over-and-under**
- **a Mossberg model 500 12-gauge combo with slug barrel**
- **a Ruger model 1022 22-caliber rifle**

**Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5.**

**Prizes provided by Joe's Sporting Goods.**

**Chapter 844 is the first-ever union-based chapter of Pheasants Forever. All members of the Regional Council are welcome to join Pheasants Forever Chapter 844. For more information contact Mike Krizanac at 612-325-0230 or Nick Vevea at 651-379-0237.**