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Experience and Wisdom

Each month you will hear from Journeymen plumbers and pipefitters about what advice they feel is important to apprentices or someone new to the trade. Here are this month's contributions from journeymen with decades of experience under their belts.

One thing I would tell an apprentice is that the 4 or 5 years of apprenticeship passes really quickly. When you journey out, the world is your oyster. As you go through the apprenticeship you have to put the bad days or bad weeks behind you and think about your future. Something that was beaten into me which I think is true is that if you are ten minutes early you are five minutes late. Just to be making it under the wire every day is not what contractors are looking for. And safety is number one now because the cost of insurance is high if the company is not safe.

Mike O'Brien - Journeyman Pipefitter – 35 Years

I get a lot of apprentices and they just show up so you have to be focused and aggressive and be ready to learn something new every day. There is always something new to learn in this trade and that's what keeps you coming back. You can learn quite a bit from the older guys and now I'm trying to pass it on as much as I can. I pride myself on knowing and learning every tool out there – from chain falls to come alongs. I love using a cutting torch because to me it's an art. You strive for excellence – close enough is not good enough for me. You have to have an intensity and focus not just coming in for a pay check.

David Sample – Journeyman Pipefitter – 35 Years
Our condolences to the family and friends of the following members who have passed away:

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New Congress

Local 582 Pushes for Local Spending on Infrastructure from new Congress.

Whether Democrat or Republican, the new Congress that will be sworn into office in early January, 2019 should be focused on creating jobs by rebuilding our crumbling infrastructure. Rebuilding our roads, bridges and our piping infrastructure is imperative if we want to keep our communities safe and remain a modern nation. According to the U.S. News and World Report, California ranks 38th out of the 50 states on quality of infrastructure. Our roads, bridges, ports and refineries need to be upgraded and rebuilt. According to the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) as a nation we would need to invest trillions of dollars to make up for the lack of infrastructure spending over the past decade. Orange County Democratic Congressman Lou Correa told the Local 582 newsletter that “Our nations infrastructure is badly in need of repair. One of our primary goals with the new Congress should be to make funding available for necessary projects in our local area that will put plumbers and steamfitters and other trades to work.” Congressman Correa added that it makes sense economically for our communities and that “Democrats and Republicans should work on this together.” North America’s Building Trades Unions have initiated a Build America campaign by asking every member of congress to pledge to support $1 trillion dollars and for the wealthy, to invest in middle class union jobs in every state. Mike Levin, the newly elected Democratic congressman from southern Orange County has signed the infrastructure pledge, which means that he supports putting Local 582 members to work. While President Trump has proposed a $1 trillion infrastructure plan of his own, he has been unclear where the money would come from, pointing to the private sector and local governments as being the source for most of the money. The new Democratic majority in congress will propose direct government spending for bridges, highways, airports and water repairs and upgrading. Be assured that Local 582 and the rest of the union trades will be making sure that Orange County obtains its fair share of funding and jobs. We will never be overlooked again.
Elected Officials Thank Local 582

Part of the job of Local 582 is to engage in politics in a way that is beneficial to the interests of our members.

That means that when candidates approach us for help—and they do so all the time—we want to make sure that we support people that once they are in office, they vote to create good union jobs, support union construction projects and understand that our members thrive only when we are fully employed. We are active at every level from school boards, city councils to state Assembly and Senate races and the United States Congress. They all have control over budgets that put Local 582 members to work. When a local school board votes to construct its buildings through a Project Labor Agreement, that means that you go to work. This November, a number of candidates that Local 582 supported were elected. Harley Rouda, who was elected to Congress in a very close election in the 48th Congressional District recognized that “Local 582 was one of the first building trades locals to support my candidacy and I won’t forget that.” Rouda said that when he is sworn in as a Member of Congress in January, he would push forward on an infrastructure bill that will help rebuild our roads and bridges and pipelines.

“Let’s put America to work,” Rouda said. In the 34th State Senate seat, which includes Garden Grove, Anaheim, Orange and Huntington Beach, Tom Umberg thanked Local 582 for their support. “Local 582 has created a dynamic local that fights for jobs and good union careers,” Umberg said. Umberg said he wanted to take that same fighting spirit to Sacramento so that “men and women can have careers in the construction trades and not just jobs.” And in Anaheim, Local 582 helped elect Jordan Brandman to the City Council. Brandman thanked Business Manager Anthony Novello and the members of local 582, saying that they were “instrumental in my city council victory.” “Now it's time to move Anaheim forward by creating good union construction jobs that will benefit the city in so many ways,” Brandman adds. “P-L-A spells partnership in my book,” he said. We couldn’t agree more. Local 582 will continue to hold our politicians’ feet to the fire and we will no longer give out our endorsement or make contributions to candidates who do not follow up their words with actions. We will watch and see if they vote in the interest of our members and respond accordingly.
A testament to the ongoing commitment to Orange County's renaissance, 14 Plumbers and Pipefitters total worked with Swinerton Builders on this important county project. UA Local 582 Business Manager Anthony Novello stated, “Our guys are so efficient that you don't need too many of them to get the job done.” The County of Orange is focused on improving accessibility and efficiency with the launch of a comprehensive 20-year Civic Center Facilities Master Plan. Building 16 is the first phase of the overall Civic Center Facilities Strategic Plan Implementation, unifying departments and teams into functional ‘neighborhoods’ to better serve the public. UA Local 582 is proud to have been part of this landmark project.
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