

To the members of Local 290 from Business Manager Lou Christian

**Update on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Impact**, September 27/2020

**COVID-19 Update:** This is the 25th update letter, the news this week has not been good with 457 new cases reported on Friday. Wearing face coverings, washing hands frequently, social distancing and not gathering in large groups all help stop the spread of the virus. With the fires over the past several weeks social distancing has made a difficult situation worse for those affected by the fires.

**Fires:** We have been able to contact impacted members that we have been made aware of and to date, four members have had a total loss of their residences with one additional member that will have to have very substantial smoke damage restoration. The members with a total loss have accounts set up at the credit union that members can, and have been contributing to. With a call to the credit union anyone can have money put into any or all of these members accounts to help with the financial losses they have experienced. The following members were the hardest hit with the loss of their residences, Jeff Brandal in the Holiday Farm fire, Mark Moyle and Denise Moyle in the Beechie Creek fire and Geoff Cavanaugh in the Riverside fire. These members really appreciate the help they have been receiving from their UA Brothers and Sisters. The feeling of Brother and Sisterhood we have in the UA and our Local is incredible. Your support is immensely appreciated by these members! We have had over 60 members that had to evacuate the fires in Washington, Oregon and California. The membership assistance program has made food cards available to these members if they want assistance. If you or a member you know was forced to evacuate let us know so we can offer this assistance. Thank you to Dave Stahly for all your hard work getting members assistance when there is a need.

**Building Trades Test:** The tests were conducted this weekend with the exam board using the old paint warehouse to conduct the practical portions of the test in the large space with opened roll up doors. This made social distancing a non-issue and we had plenty of airflow. The written portion of the test was done in the Union Hall and went well. COVID-19 protocols were used in both areas. The results of the tests will be available by contacting the office at 503-691-5700 by late afternoon Monday well before the 72 hours required in the Herring hall. Congratulations to those who passed! Thank you to the Exam Board for your hard work!

**Nominations:** These are now coming into the Election Committee. The Committee asks that you completely fill out the nomination form [see form link](#). At the October 16<sup>th</sup> Information Meeting to be held on Zoom the Election Committee will report on all nominations they have received and for what office. They will also report on the UA convention Delegate election nominations. These Delegates will be representing Local 290 at the 2021 August Convention. You must pre-register for this Information Meeting you can do this here [October 16th Information meeting registration link](#)

**Retiree Meeting:** This was held on Zoom and 95 attended. We had great feedback on this meeting see the link for the schedule of upcoming classes [click here](#).

**September 17th information meeting:** At this meeting held on Zoom a week ago Friday, 107 preregistered and 67 attended at the peak. You can pre-register for the October 16<sup>th</sup> Information Meeting now at this [October 16th Information meeting registration link](#). The PAC Committee continues to conduct candidate interviews for the upcoming election. Our Pack Chair Randall Friesen reported on the latest endorsements and contributions. This will be found on our website soon. We are planning to mail out recommendations prior to the ballots arriving. The minutes of the Information Meeting along with the financials presented to the Executive Board and approved will be emailed upon request to you by Katelynn if you call her at 503-691-9557 or email her [kblack@ua290.org](mailto:kblack@ua290.org) and request the minutes and finance reports.

**Trades Women Build the Nation:** NABTU is sponsoring the Trades Women Build the Nation event this year virtually. *For information on NABTU's TWBN Conference and to register for their event, please go to:* <https://nabtu.org/twbn>.

All UA Members, UA and Local Union Staff, UA Contractors, and UA Tradeswomen Supporters are encouraged to attend!

The UA's Women's Caucus will be held **virtually on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 - 5:30 pm EST** following the TWBN Live Event. To participate you need to register in advance at: <https://uawomenvirtualcaucus.eventbrite.com>

In solidarity,

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