Honor Your Fellow Retired Members

This past year we had eleven retired members celebrate over 60 years of membership with the Brotherhood. They are as follows:

60 years—Local 1243: Robert Smith; Local 1281: Hubert Carlson, Rudy Flegel, and Bruno Johnson; Local 2247: Raymond Roberts

62 years—Local 1281: Harry Vinson

65 years—Local 1243: Alva Ditch; Local 1281: Earl Jones; Local 2247: Ray Paddock

66 years—Local 1243: James Dutcher

72 years—Local 1243: Lawrence Christie

Along with our above mentioned members, we have a total of 87 members statewide celebrating over 50 years of membership. Fifty years is a long time to serve the Brotherhood without any break in service and the Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters would like to recognize and thank these members for their devotion to the Carpenters Union. Because of these members, the Carpenters Union is still going strong. If you happen to know or meet a retired Carpenter, Piledriver, Millwright, or Diver, be sure to thank them for their service and dedication because we wouldn’t be here today without them.

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Spring is finally arriving after a long cold spell for most of the state and record snowfall in Juneau. However, it should be well worth it as there should be lots of job opportunities. Do not forget future training opportunities. There are many outstanding classes available and more are added every year. Raising your skills increases your employability.

**BIG JOBS PROVIDE BIG WORK**

It looks to be another good year across the state for work this season. Large projects are making up a major portion of this season’s work. There is also more private money projects than in the past. Ideally we like to have a mix of large and small projects and both private money and governmental projects. A real positive note is the increased amount of work we are getting on the Slope. We have traditionally been locked out of that type of work. However, our skilled guys coupled with the specialized safety training like OSHA 10 and North Slope Safety Certification makes all of us more in demand. Alaska Construction Spending for 2007 is forecasted to be up 15% over last year with Oil & Gas making up the largest increases (30%) while commercial is forecasted to be up 8%. Rural work is forecasted to be down 60%.

**WAGE AND BENEFIT INCREASES THIS YEAR**

Alaska Regional Council members will be enjoying raises on jobs bid later this summer.
- Carpenters, Southern ..............$1.85 per hour increase
- Carpenters, Northern ..............$1.43 per hour increase
- Pile Drivers, Statewide ...........$1.85 per hour increase
- Millwrights, Statewide ............$1.00 per hour increase

The raise amount is for the total package with the membership deciding where the raises go. $.60 per hour is needed to maintain the current level of health benefits if the raise to healthcare is recognized July 1, 2007 for all jobs. For jobs locked in at a lower rate, the difference would be reallocated from the Defined Contribution. $1.00 an hour is needed for health and welfare if the raise to healthcare is only recognized on new projects with the new wage rate.

These raises are the largest since the heydays of the Pipeline in the 1970’s.

**ARCC JUNE DELEGATE MEETING IN FAIRBANKS**

Fairbanks will be hosting the next ARCC Delegate meeting on June 22nd and the ARCC E-Board meeting on June 21st. The annual Local 1243 Summer Picnic will be on June 23rd and many of the Delegates will be attending. The following ARCC Delegate and E-Board meeting will be in Anchorage on October 25th and 26th.

**DEFINED BENEFIT UPDATE**

Things are continually looking better for the Southern Alaska Defined Benefit Fund. A year ago a member of Local 1281 or 2247 working 1,000 hours raised their monthly full retirement about $58 per month. Now that number is about $78 per month. This increase is due to some Plan improvements, including accruing contributions that previously did not count in the calculations and increased contributions to the fund. The Defined Benefit suffered under the extraordinary conditions of the United States market from 2000 to 2003 coupled with restrictive Federal regulations. However, it has rallied to a much healthier status.

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**A Special Family Night With “Bob The Builder”**

In the fall of 2006, Bob Schenker, Carpenters Local 2247 member, volunteered his time to show Juneau children how to build a home. Along with building a castle made out of cardboard and colorful duct tape, brother Schenker read the book “How a House is Built” by Gail Gibbons to the children that attended the KTOO Family Night event.

The KTOO Family Night with “Bob The Builder” was one of an on-going series to help build a strong relationship between children and reading. More than 50 people came to the event, which incorporated watching television (PBS kids program “Bob the Builder”), an activity, listening and reading, as well as dinner from the Silverbow and a free book.

ARCC would like to recognize Brother Schenker for a taking the time to encourage reading for the children in his community.
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RAISE IN UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE IS AN ALASKA REGIONAL COUNCIL PRIORITY

The last time there was an increase to Unemployment Benefits was in 1997. Since its inception, Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters has made raising Unemployment Benefits a political priority. In past years we were successful in helping have an Unemployment Bill pass the State House only to have it killed in the Senate.

The coalition in the Alaska Senate with a majority made up of both Republicans and Democrats offers the best chance to have a favorable Unemployment Bill pass this session. At this point we are testifying at committee hearings and pulling votes from all corners to finally get a significant raise to workers to during layoff periods.

Alaska’s $248 per week is last among the fifty states in percent of replacement wages. Senate Bill 120 sponsored by Senator Johnny Ellis would raise the maximum amount to $370 a week with an escalating clause for future adjustments.

We encourage you to ask your State Representative and Senator to support SB 120 with no changes.

Representatives Crawford and Guttenberg and Senators Ellis, Davis, Thomas, and French have been leading the charge and are owed a big thanks for their efforts on behalf of the working people of Alaska.

![Graph showing the increase in Alaska's maximum weekly benefit amount from 1966 to 2006.](image)
Alaskan Extreme Makeover A Success!

As you might know, the ABC Show “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition” visited Fairbanks, Alaska last summer to build a home for Betsy Rogers who is a single mother of a thirteen-member family. The large Rogers family is well known in the community and a great number of people in the Fairbanks area called (and wrote) in to ABC to get the family a new home. It has also been said many times over how much she and her family deserved this. The Rogers family had recently fallen on hard times. The family, including Betsy’s brother (who was diagnosed with kidney failure and needed dialysis treatment) and his three children, were crammed into a small two bedroom house.

“Extreme Makeover: Home Edition” selected the Rogers family to receive a new house. Extreme Makeover is an Emmy Award winning reality program that remodels or rebuilds homes for families that they select. Being in Fairbanks the Extreme Makeover crew would need many volunteers from the community.

Members of Carpenters Local 1243 quickly volunteered. Utilizing the skills and dedication of these Carpenters, the Rogers family’s new home was built in seven days. They did a fantastic job rallying together, giving up their free time, and working long hours.

Following is a list of our union brothers and sisters that volunteered in the effort:


The ARCC is very proud of our members that volunteered their time and would like to thank each and every one of them for their generosity.

DANGEROUS BUSINESS: FACING THE PERILS OF ALASKAN DIVING

Tim Wood, Steve Stuart, and Owen Boyle all work at American Marine Corporation and are proud members of Pile Drivers and Divers Local 2520. Each one has faced razor thin margins of errors working in the one of the most dangerous occupations in the world, diving into the silt laden and unpredictable waters of Cook Inlet.

The Alaska Journal Of Commerce in their December 2006 edition wrote about the risky work of Brothers Wood, Stuart, and Boyle. Each dove in a different generation of diving technology yet the dangers of their job bind them like family. The article relates a few of their harrowing experiences and their backgrounds.

Kevin Hanley, Training Coordinator for the Pile Drivers and Divers, stated, “There is stiff competition for these high paying and extreme hazardous diving jobs. Only the best succeed.”

To view the article online go to www.alaskajournal.com/stories/120306_hom_20061203002.shtml.
At the Local 1281 Christmas party and Pinning ceremony, while giving out 10 year pins, a member was overlooked, Robert James. Brother James was not given the credit he is due for his commitment to the Carpenters Union. He joined Local 247 in Portland, Oregon on September 12, 1996 and transferred to Local 1281 on September 22, 1999. Since coming to Local 1281, he has been employed by only two contractors, Northrim Siding for a short time and for years with Neeser Construction in their cabinet shop. Brother James is a great asset to Local 1281 and is very much appreciated. Local 1281 apologizes for the mistake.

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Some Friendly Reminders From The Alaska Carpenters Trust Funds:

- Remember that the new Administrator for the Alaska Carpenters Trust Funds has created a website to allow you to view important data. The website contains general information about your benefits and specific information about your health & welfare eligibility, retirement benefits and more. All of the information about your personal benefits is password protected and you must request a password to access this portion of the website. To request a password, you can go to www.akcarpenterstrusts.com print off the form and mail it in. To print this form, go to the Trust home page and click on pin request form in the third paragraph. You can also call the Trust Administration Office and ask that a PIN request form be mailed to you. The phone number for the Administration Office is (800) 732-1121, Extension 3304.

- The Administration Office has asked that you be reminded to complete a Reciprocal Transfer Form whenever you travel to work in other jurisdictions outside of Alaska. Completing this form in a timely fashion ensures that all of your benefit contributions will be transferred to your home trust and not left in the visited trust where they cannot be applied to your health or retirement benefits. Please remember to complete the Reciprocal Transfer Form before you travel. The Reciprocal Transfer Forms can be obtained at your Local Union, the Regional Council, or at www.akcarpenterstrusts.com.
Carpenters Local 1281 Update

2007—Year of the BIG Projects in the Local 1281 Area

The headline says it all! There are at least 11 projects [so far] over $20 million, six of those over $50 million with one over $100 million. That is the good news. The bad news is there aren’t as many $1 to $5 million jobs as we would like to see. The other good news is that these big jobs are spread out amongst our larger contractors and that makes it better for our membership as a whole. The bulk of the work is in Anchorage, however there are some projects in the Mat-Su Valley that are encouraging; including a new Target store, Knik Goose Bay Elementary, Sportsmans Warehouse, Palmer Haz-Mat collection facility, and a few others we are tracking.

The Kenai Peninsula has had a lot of good news in the last year with both hospitals in Homer and Soldotna going at the same time, Tesoro plant upgrade, Kenai River Bridge, and Safeway remodels. Those jobs will carry into this year with the exception of the Soldotna Hospital Second Phase that went non-union and a Lowes store being cancelled due to cost. There is still going to be more work in Kenai than we normally see. We are blessed in picking up some very good craftsmen into our Union from all the work we have had in the last year that reside on the Kenai Peninsula.

The Kodiak area has been a challenge for us when Brechan was not selected to be the contractor for the MATOC work on the Coast Guard base. It scared us about the future. However, I believe it might work out better than we expect as we have been in contact with the two contractors that were selected and an agreement with them is in the works which will give our Kodiak members a choice on who they want to work with. I will update you brothers in Kodiak as this unfolds.

There are also some bush jobs on the books already with Unit Company getting the New Stuyahok School for about $25 million and Alcan General getting the Glenallen School for about $10 million. The Glenallen School will be a joint effort between Local 1243 and Local 1281.

The work on Ft. Richardson and Elmendorf Air Force base is also continuing at a blistering pace with three new hangers, a medical facility, barracks, and housing projects going on. The big challenge has been getting the money even after it has been appropriated for the project.

We are very excited about this year and I believe the next one will also be good. But as I have done often in the past I am going to give some free advice: [1] pay-off all credit cards [2] Save at least 10% of your check each week [3] think safety—your spouse and kids need you to come home. Have a safe and prosperous 2007.

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Piledrivers & Divers Local 2520 Update

2006 was a very good year for Piledrivers and Divers. Nearly all of our contractors had a banner year with our membership working a total of 297,708.45 hours in 2006. Our top ten contractors are as follows: Swalling Construction 60,843.6 hours, Wilder 49,608 hours, West Construction 42,843.35 hours, AIC 40,726 hours, American Marine 35,521 hours, ACC Hurlen 18,350.5 hours, Offshore Divers 17,019 hours, Sandstrom 12,380 hours, Nanuq 4,498.5 hours and Kelly-Ryan at 4,279.5 hours.

2007 is looking like another stellar year for both our members and our contractors. Like most years it looks like all our work will hit at the same time. That being said, let me remind everyone to make sure all your certifications are up to date. This includes, but not limited to, welding, N.S.T.C., and first aid/CPR. Contact Kevin Hanley or myself if you need more information on dates and times for any certifications.

Congratulations to all the apprentices who became journeyman this year and welcome to all our new apprentices.

Let’s all work to make 2007 an accident free and prosperous year.

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Carpenters Local 1243 Update

The 2006 construction season in the Interior was slightly less active than the two or three years prior. It was the first year since I have become Senior Business Representative that our Local experienced a drop in membership levels. The slight downturn can probably be attributed to a couple factors. One, the need for military housing in our area ate up most of the appropriation for base spending for 2006. Two, some of the commercial work slated for last year ended up getting postponed until this year or suspended indefinitely. All of this adds up to this year being a phenomenal season for work.

Classes are being offered at the Fairbanks Carpenters Training Center that will help you get that needed certification or expand your skills base. I would encourage all Local 1243 members to take advantage of those classes. Below is a listing of some of the 2007 projects and the general contractors performing them.

If you bear in mind that this is only a partial list, you can see that we have a daunting task supplying the quality labor for these jobs. If you know of good carpenters that are not members, please have them get in touch with me at the Hall at 452-3862 or cell number 322-1243.

I would also like to offer that if you are still experiencing difficulty with any of your fringe benefits, EST Palmatier has assigned me as the point of contact within the Council to help get those difficulties resolved. Please call me at 907-452-3862 or toll free outside Fairbanks at 866-452-1243.

The tentative date for this year’s Carpenters Summer Picnic is Saturday, June 23rd. Look for a notice in the mail.

I’d like to welcome our newest signatory general contractor, Johnson River Enterprises, LLC. Johnson River does a lot of work at the Fairbanks Memorial Hospital. They are currently working on the Emergency Room Renovation. We thank them and look forward to working with Sonny and R.T. Lindner, Carl Jahoula and all the fine hands at JRE.

I’ll close by putting in a plug for a couple businesses here in Fairbanks. When it came time to build a new facility, Dr. Phyllis Pendergrast did so in a very responsible manner. Dr. Pendergrast hired GHEMM, Co. to construct her new dental clinic. The other business I’d like to mention is Overhead Door Company of Fairbanks.  Thanks to Grace and Mark Rudy and all the folks at Overhead, we have a Collective Bargaining Agreement that covers all of their Installers. I STRONGLY recommend that our members use the services of community-minded folks like Dr. Pendergrast and Overhead Door to let them know how much we appreciate them putting our members to work.

Carpenters Local 2247 Update

Spring is on its way or so we would hope; the amount of snow that has fallen in Juneau has postponed the start date for several projects. Fortunately for the members we have had projects such as Home Depot (Roger Hickel, KC Corp), Wal-mart (Ken Brady, BEK) and Fred Meyer’s (Alaska Stone, Structured Systems and Harlen’s Drywall). North Pacific Steel Erectors has also kept several members working on their numerous projects around Juneau and the surrounding area.

The outlook for work in the area is like that of the rest of the state, good. On the horizon we have contractors working on the Greens Creek and Kensington mines, and more on the NOAA site at Lena point. Coogan Construction will continue on the Valley High School and Bartlett Hospital, both in Juneau. Kiewit will be working on the Gravina access road in Ketchikan and will have some of our members on that project.

There are times when a Business Manager is unavailable due to union scheduled travel. I apologize for any inconvenience. My cell number is 907-321-0047, I may not answer when you call but I will do my best to return your call in a timely manner. I hope that everyone has a safe productive season this year.
Millwrights Local 1501 Update

“It Is the Continuing Obligation of Every Local Union to Organize Workers.” Section25A, UBCJA Constitution, 39th Convention

It’s been a busy winter with the MainTech employees, which is our newest organized bargaining unit of millwrights. I’d like to ask you, the Brotherhood in Alaska, to welcome them warmly. These new members perform building and conveyor systems maintenance as subcontractors for FedEx at 6050 Rockwell in Anchorage.

They demanded recognition from their employer back in September of last year, underwent a NLRB election with what started out as a fairly hostile employer. The election was protested and objected to, later certified unanimously, and we are now putting into effect their first negotiated collective bargaining agreement. With a good work ethic, ongoing skill upgrades, customized training to meet FedEx’s needs, and a “can do” attitude we have managed to form a partnership with MainTech and FedEx that can work together for the benefit of all parties.

It’s been a long roller coaster ride and these members have stuck together and stood up for union principles that all of us subscribe to believe. I’d like to thank them for their dedication and commitment to this Brotherhood. It hasn’t been easy and they serve as an invigorating example of our primary ongoing mission as trade unionists...ORGANIZING!

As you read this, think about how you can effect a change. Participate — Get Involved! Is there something about your union you would like to change, fix, or improve? Or is it time to give a little back to the community and step up to the plate and help others? These members did that. They helped themselves and their co-workers. What can you do to make a difference?

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

LOCAL 1501 MEMBERSHIP

There will be a Special Called meeting of Alaska Millwrights Local 1501 at the May 15, 2007 regularly scheduled general membership meeting at 7:00 PM in the Anchorage and Fairbanks Union Halls and in Soldotna at the Alaska Millwrights Training Center for Local Union By-Laws change recommendation/vote. Also we will be discussing and ratifying our new MEA-ARCC Master Collective Bargaining Agreement which becomes effective in July of 2007.
The Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters Organizing Department has adopted the United Brotherhood of Carpenters goals for organizing market share. In August 2006, the ARCC, took a proactive approach similar to other Councils throughout the United States, and has hired a Director of Organizing to implements these goals.

The ARCC has recognized the Valley as predominately non-union and decided to open an office in the Mat-Su Valley. The Organizing Department created a non-union contractor database and has identified potential members from the non-union field for stripping. We have received help and praise from the International, as well as other councils. The Council has hired an additional Organizer, Arylis Scates, to help facilitate this concerted effort.

We continue in our efforts to reach out to the various resource development corporations and related industries educating them on how our skills can be beneficial for their companies, as well as our communities.

**NSTC & OSHA classes and Regaining Market Share**

Organizing and Training go hand in hand. By providing OSHA and NSTC classes we are currently putting Millwrights, Carpenters, Piledrivers and Divers to work on the North Slope. We are now offering contractor specific classes in order to help our members get this training in a timely fashion.

**VOC**

Volunteer Organizing Committee meeting dates to be announced both in the Valley and in Anchorage. This is the opportunity to get involved with your Union. We encourage all Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters members to get involved in helping our Union grow. In the words of Peter McGuire, one of the founders of the Brotherhood, "We are all Organizers".

The ARCC Organizing department believes in this philosophy. We also realize that this is our Union and we will get out of it what we put into it. Hopefully we will lead by example, inspiring our members in making this Council an organization we are all proud to be a part of.

As Carpenters, Millwrights, Piledrivers, and Divers each one of us have the right to work in a healthy, safe environment. To achieve this goal, the Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters is committed to providing union member’s safety training. Some of the classes offered are OSHA 10, Millwright 16, North Slope Safety Training (NSTC), and First Aid/ CPR Training.

As union members we all have the opportunity and the incentive to learn as much as possible about safety. Every member is encouraged to become certified under OSHA safety training guidelines. The Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters will bring the highest quality of training to the table in order to help insure that everyone will go home safe at the end of the day.

Regaining market share on the North Slope with qualified NSTC instructors is just one example of how our safety training has provided benefits. Another case of this instruction paying off is demonstrated by Mike Luther and Marty Saucier. Each was called upon to use skills that they learned in CPR/First Aid class for real life situations. As a result, a life was saved.

These are some of results of instilling a "safety culture" throughout the ARCC. Remember, each and every one of us can do our part and ensure we are as safe as we can be.
Time moves on as we just had another graduation ceremony and we are getting ready for another
first year class to start. This year we combined the graduation ceremony with the Piledrivers. This is a first that I am aware of. There were 15 Piledriver apprentices and 25 Carpenter apprentices receiving certificates of achievement.

The Pilerivers are as follows: Johnny Bennis, Andy Degner, Orlando Diamond, Boyde Holliday, Mike Hooper, Brett Lacey, Neil Madros, Debbie Mosher, Eric Osterback, Morgan Provost, Chris Rasmussen, Morgan Rooney, Andrew Sensabaugh, Danny Willard, and Vernon Wilson Jr..

The Carpenters are as follows: Elmer Bekoalok, Gabriel Cannon, Scott Carson, Kyle Casady, Bobby Coopchik, Joseph Coppa, Dean Crouch, Owen Cruise, Dustin Darden, Joseph Foster, Matthew Hall, Martin Hamilton, Johnathan Hoback, Gary Jones, Joseph Mastrocola, Larry Morley Jr., Ned Plat, Jesse Schenk, Isaac Shepherd, Jacob Sims, Andrew Starr, Daosouriya Thongdinalai, Neil Tuominen, Walter Walton, and Michael Young.

Congratulations to all and may your future be bright and prosperous.

I would like to thank all the instructors that have helped train our apprentices and journeymen over the years.

The training season in Fairbanks has been in full swing since November 20th of 2006. So far, we’ve had the fourth year apprentices who attended classes from November 20th until December 29th, the third year started January 2nd and ran until February 8th. The second year class completed classes on April 12th.

We had selections for this year’s apprentices on February 28th. With 18 new students chosen, we are confident that they will do well and make a fine addition to the brotherhood in the future. Their training will conclude at the end of May in time for the upcoming construction season. The well being and future of our union depends on our apprentices and we should all take the time and effort to give them the training and guidance on the job that is necessary for them to help lead us into the new millennium.

Journeyman classes are held in the evenings and on Saturdays. We have had five different classes to date with more coming up. For more information on these classes contact the Fairbanks Carpenter Training Center at 907-452-4626.

In addition to the upgrade classes offered we have been scheduling NSTC (North Slope Training Co-Operative) and MSHA (Mine Safety and Health Administration) classes. NSTC classes are necessary in order to work on the North Slope and in the Petrochemical plants. MSHA classes are required by the Federal government to work in or around the mining industry. There are more and more of these calls coming into the Locals all the time and we encourage anyone who does not have one of these cards to check the schedules and get this training before the calls come in. If you wait until there is a call to get these cards it will be too late.

From the staff here at the Training Center we hope that everyone has a healthy and prosperous summer.

Laird Grantham, Terry Reily, and Dawn Holt
Piledrivers and Divers Training Center

We had our apprentice graduation ceremony in conjunction with Carpenter Local’s 1281 and 2247 on April 6, 2007. Congratulations to all the apprentices that completed the requirements of their apprenticeship. Some of you may someday become the leaders of our unions, possibly representing our Locals as job stewards, foremen, officers, delegates, and business agents. The best of luck to all of you in your future endeavors.

Applications for the 2007 apprenticeship program were accepted until March 1, 2007. Class for first year apprentices started on April 2, 2007 with training to include rigging, piledriving and equipment, first aid/CPR, OSHA 10, NSTC, forklift, and aerial lift. If one of these first year apprentices works on a job with you, please take the time to show them how to work safely and productively.

The Piledrivers JATC is in negotiations with Don Lockman to purchase some of the welding equipment from the Testing Institute of Alaska. Don is retiring after 30 years of service to the welding community and has tested almost every welder in Alaska, including most of the Piledrivers. We are also in negotiations with Mike Swalling to rent, lease, or purchase the building. Acquiring this building and equipment would allow us to weld with and certify welders in the SMAW, FCAW, GMAW, and GTAW welding processes. Some of the equipment includes various welding machines, welding booths, torches, plasma cutters, track burners, pipe bevel machines, LN25 wire feed machines, grinders, and rod ovens. Any equipment not sold will be auctioned off on May 5, 2007.

The UBC International is allowing Journeyman welders to attend the American Welding Society seminar and test to become a Certified Welding Inspector at the training center in Las Vegas. The registration deadline is August 1, 2007. Contact me if you are interested.

FYI: Our training calendar is now available on our website at www.local2520.org

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FCTC Alaska Millwrights Training Center

Hello again from the Kenai Peninsula Banana Belt. We have been so busy this year with training, curriculum upgrades, certifications, and training in Las Vegas for Train the Trainer as well as membership craft specific training that it is hard to know where to start.

To begin with, I would like to commend the membership for really getting involved with the classes this year. The number of students has increased this year substantially. We are offering 21 separate craft specific courses, three of which are Vegas classes and six that are safety orientated. So far this year we have had a grand total of 182 members attend our local classes as well as having filled over 35 slots in the classes being offered in Las Vegas.

Thanks to grants from the UBC International Training Fund and the STEP program we have not only upgraded our precision tooling capability, we now have a Gantry portable crane and an actual pump training simulator. This is not a training prop like most of the millwright training centers have, but the real thing. This system has an acrylic volute, suction, and discharge assemblies that allows the student to actually see and understand the process and trouble shoot the system verses the old days of parts changing and walking away.

I had a chance to visit the Minneapolis/St. Paul Millwright Training Center during my trip outside for a funeral and I was received like a long lost friend and was given a tour of their facility. I must say that I was apprehensive of their program because they were so much larger than our facility and the fact that their program had been established so much longer than ours. I was soon surprised that they did not offer the journeyman upgrade classes that we offer and at how much more technical craft specific subjects we have to offer as compared to a well established training program such as theirs. To get to the point, it didn’t take long for me to become comfortably proud of our little “Podunk” Alaska training center. We may be small in size but our curriculum and technology definitely dwarfed theirs.

I want to personally thank all the people who supported us through the program development and be assured, we are just getting started! If any of the brethren are ever in the area down here, please drop in say hello and we’ll give you the grand tour.
MEET ARCC’S NEWEST STAFF MEMBERS!

SCOTT HANSEN NEW BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE FOR LOCAL 1281

Twelve year Carpenters Local 1281 member Scott Hansen was hired as a Business Representative for Carpenters Local 1281. Scott completed the Southern Alaska Carpenters Apprenticeship program in 1999, graduating first in his class. Brother Hansen was employed as a Superintendent for Cornerstone Construction for whom he had been working since 1997. He has also worked for Excel Construction, Pacific Partition Systems, BEK, Fike Brothers, American Mechanical, and Gibson Door Company.

Scott is married to Susan and they have six children ranging from ten to twenty two years old. Prior to joining the Carpenters Union in 1995 Scott owned and operated his own Lawn and Landscaping business.

“I look forward to the challenges. There is a lot to learn and members to meet,” Scott commented and added, “Royce left some big shoes to fill. I am excited about helping the members.”

There were many good candidates that applied for the Local 1281 Business Representation position. Candidates submitted applications, successfully completed the United Brotherhood of Carpenters Three Day Evaluation, and were interviewed by a hiring committee. The hiring committee was made up of current 1281 President Ace Dube, former 1281 President Bill Scoville, longtime 1281 officer Kathleen Bugbee, 1281 member Don King, ARCC EST and 1281 member John Palmatier, and Dave Robinson, Director of Organizing and President of the ARCC.

“It was difficult deciding among the fine candidates,” William Scoville reported, “We are confident Scott will do a great job.”

ARYLIS SCATES NEW ORGANIZER FOR ARCC

“I am loving my new job,” reports Arylis Scates, new Organizer for the Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters, “The rewarding part is when you see the positive changes you can make.”

Brother Scates is a life long Mat-Su Valley resident. He became interested in construction as a very young child. Working as a carpenter from an early age, he eventually formed his own business which he ran for several years until he returned to the field. Arylis discovered the Union a couple years ago and joined Carpenters Local 1281 where he got a job with Neeser Construction.

The position Arylis holds is statewide although he is based out of the Organizer’s office in the Valley. He has also spent a considerable amount of time working on the Kenai Peninsula.

Arylis enjoys the outdoors and has been active in hockey. His son plays in a couple hockey leagues and his two daughters are avid dancers.

“Arylis has been great for the union,” comments Director of Organizing Dave Robinson, “He is young, enthusiastic, and is a definite asset for chartering a positive direction for the Council.”
THE ARCC SALUTES BROTHER GEORGE PEARSON...

The Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters salutes Brother George Pearson for the work he has been doing for “Habitat for Humanity”.

Upon graduating from Palmer High School in 1956, George went to Seattle, Washington and began working in a cabinet shop. He promptly joined the local Union Apprenticeship and finished their program in 2 ½ years. Afterwards, George transferred his book to Alaska, where he worked summers in construction. He returned to Washington each fall in order to attend college for four years, working on a double major in Business Economics and Political Science. Although he made A’s in accounting, George decided that a desk job wasn’t for him.

He returned to Alaska and worked out of Carpenters Local 1281 while fishing in Bristol Bay, until he retired. George served as the 1281 Business Manager for approximately 1500 members from 1974-1979; during that time he filed and won 23 grievances. During the 60’s and the 70’s, George also helped out with the Salvation Army and did “hands on” volunteer projects for various churches.

In 2005, George was working for Davis Constructors when his doctor told him he needed to retire because of his heart. A few days later, he saw a “Habitat for Humanity” ad in the newspaper. That summer, he oversaw the construction of a duplex in Mountain View. As a result, he was asked to supervise the construction of 12 units (two duplexes and two fourplexes) in the Spenard area. With the help of many other volunteers, including two Journeyman carpenters and three carpenter apprentices, George hopes to have the project completed a year ahead of schedule this fall. If you are interested in helping out on this project, please contact the ARCC office.

George received his 45 year membership pin last year. He has been married to Shirley since 1984 and they have 13 grandchildren.

Kudos to member George Pearson for all his hard work and for his generous and kind heart. He is a perfect example of how our members are able to do good with their knowledge and skills for the community.

ATTENTION! SISTERS IN CONSTRUCTION!

Please visit www.SisterintheBuilding Trades.org. Based out of Washington, fellow sisters are joining together in an effort to not only provide support to existing women in the trades but also to help increase the numbers. It’s a great source of support and information for women in the trades.

HELP US HELP YOU...

Please provide your Local and the Trust office with a good phone number and address. That next great job you’ve been waiting for may be dependent on whether or not your Local can reach you!

HAVE YOU BEEN CALLED BACK TO ACTIVE DUTY?

If so, there may be several benefits available to you that you might not be aware of. Be sure to contact your Local Union office as well as your Trust office if you are currently on “Active Duty”, or will be in the future.

Also, if you know a fellow brother or sister who is in this situation and is unable to acknowledge this notification, please bring this to your Local Union office’s attention.
**LUCKY LOCAL 1281 MEMBER WINS TRIP TO HAWAII**

Janice Swiderski, wife of Local 1281 member Tom Swiderski, won two round trip tickets to Hawaii at a drawing held at the Carpenters, Pile Drivers, Divers, and Millwrights Christmas Party in Anchorage.

Tom and Janice went to Hawaii staying in Kauai, also known as the Garden Island. They explored the remote beaches, did some snorkeling and even got in some golf. “It was a great trip,” Tom reminisced, “and I would encourage members to go to the fairly remote island of Kauai.”

“We would like to thank Royce for organizing the Christmas party and we appreciate Ace and John for the tickets,” Tom added.

The trip was made possible from a donation from Ace Dube and John Palmatier. Brothers Dube and Palmatier each won two tickets to Hawaii at the Carpenters Local 1281 meeting. They donated one set to be drawn at the Christmas party and one was donated back to Local 1281. The tickets were part of a program sponsored by Carpenters Local 1281 to increase membership attendance at their general membership meeting.

**In Remembrance**

LOCAL 1243
William Mosher-1/14/07

LOCAL 1281
Antone Anvil-11/14/06

LOCAL 1501
No Deaths to Report

LOCAL 2247
No Deaths to Report

LOCAL 2520
No Deaths to Report

The Alaska Regional Council extends our sincere condolences to the friends and families of these members.

**Need to Register to Vote? Change your Affiliation? Need an Absentee ballot?**

You can download the forms you need to do all this at: http://ltgov.state.ak.us/elections/ You will need the Adobe program. Voter Registration forms and Change of Affiliation forms need to be sent to the Election office at least 30 days before the election; absentee forms at least 7 days before the elections.

**Items For Sale at Piledrivers & Divers Local 2520**

- Long sleeved shirts-$15.00
- Sweatshirts-$30.00
- Carhart jackets-$125.00
- Hats-$10.00

**Items For Sale at Carpenters Local 2247**

- T-shirts-$15.00
- Plumb bob reel & magnet-$25.00
- Chamfer cutters-$40.00
- Master pro-$35.00 (calculator)
- Master pro (non-member)-$80.00
- Project calculator plus-$20.00
- Vararguchi bars-$35.00
- Grabber Utility Knives-$8.00
- Magnetic tape measures-$10.00

**Items For Sale at Carpenters Local 1281**

- Suspenders-$35.00
- Pea shooters-$25.00
- Plumb bob reel & magnet-$25.00
- Magnetic tape measure-$10.00
- Local 1281 hats-$10.00
- Frozen chosen t-shirts-$15.00
- T-shirts-$10.00
- Membership pin-$2.00
- Master pro trig-$60.00

**Items For Sale at Millwrights Local 1501**

- T-shirts-$15.00
- Hats-$10.00

**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!!**

The Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters (ARCC) is always interested in member feedback. If you have a comment, suggestion, a story you would like included in the newsletter, a letter to the Editor, or anything else, we encourage you to contact our office at 907-274-2722 or via email at arcc4059@alaska.net.
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Local Union Meetings
Carpenters Local 1243 - 4th Tuesday of the month
Carpenters Local 1281 - 1st Tuesday of the month
Carpenters Local 2247 - 1st Tuesday of the month
Millwrights Local 1501-2nd Tuesday of the month
Piledrivers Local 2520 - 3rd Tuesday of the month

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