

# NEWSLETTER



## PIN AWARDS 2022



**Arthur Berg  
60 Years of  
Continuous  
Membership.**

*A Night to  
Remember*



## SASKATCHEWAN OUTSTANDING NEW JOURNEYPERSON

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the Business  
Manager Report  
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## Who we are:

United Association of Journeyperson and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada or "UA" as it is commonly known is a multi-craft union whose members are engaged in the fabrication, installation and servicing of piping systems. There are approximately 326,000 highly-skilled United Association members who belong to over 300 individual local unions across North America.

The United Association has been training qualified pipe tradespeople longer than anyone else in the industry. The UA boasts the premier training programs available in the industry today, including four-year apprenticeship programs, extensive journeyperson training, organized instructor training, and certification programs.

Founded in 1906, UA Local 179 is the local representing those union members working in the pipe trades in Saskatchewan. Our members include journeyperson and apprentice: plumbers, pipefitters, steamfitters, welders, refrigeration mechanics, sprinkler fitters, instrumentation techs and quality control.

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Hello Brothers and Sisters:

I want to start off by thanking the membership. Everyone worked very hard this year and "it showed". The hall received praise from both clients and contractors and our contractors are being awarded more work because of it. I also want to thank the members who took the time to help us certify new union contractors for Local 179.

Recently the membership was asked by the trustees for an hourly increase to the health and welfare. This increase will come off the future increases in the industrial agreement. The vote to increase contributions passed by 95%. This will go a long way to ensuring the viability of our health and welfare plan and to provide improvements for our members.

I attended and golfed in our UA tournament in August and I know what your thinking, a Business manager golfing is not abig deal, but it was at least 30 years since I had golfed last. Most people know I would rather go fishing. The day was a great success thanks to Mitch and the girls, plenty of prizes and a great supper wrapped up the night. Who knows, I may golf again next year. I didn't suck that bad. Thanks to Tom Thompson for sharing his clubs with me.



**Michael McLean**  
Business Manager

Local 179 has made some good improvements for our members:



e-transfer for union dues has helped members working out of town keep up on their dues without worrying about the hours the hall is open.



Our new Local 179 training App and redesigned Local 179 website are up and running.



Anticipating a labour shortage coming for both our commercial and industrial sector, we have started an advertising campaign using electronic billboards, bus benches at schools and of course social media to bring in new apprentices and journeypersons.

I would like to congratulate Brad Funk and Sask Piping. They have acquired the technical training for the sprinklerfitter trade from Sask Apprenticeship. This is great news for our training side and may open the door to start training all of our apprentices.

We held our Pin Awards September 24th at the Delta Hotel in Regina. Some old friends, good food and entertainment made for a great evening. Every three years Local 179 celebrates the years of service of its membership and this year we had 25 years right up to 70 year members who received pins.



On November 4th, I along with our training director, Brad Funk, attended the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship awards banquet.

The SATCC advised us that one of our new journeypersons had received the highest mark on the journeyperson exam for their trade and was to receive the SATCC outstanding new journeyperson scholarship.

The name of the outstanding new journeyperson is Nathan McLean.

Congratulations Son!



The UA has just announced a maternity disability benefit effective November 1st, 2022, This benefit will provide short term disability payment to UA members in good standing, the benefit will be \$500 per week up to 6 weeks, please check the UA's website to apply.

I am sad to say some of our larger contractors have abandoned us! Call it union busting, double breasting fall out from Bill 80, but we are seeing the Graham's and PCL using their non union side, and they have been calling our members to come work for them. I have received plenty of calls from members asking to go work for them, the most recent being Great Plains Power station in Moose Jaw that PCL is trying to do non union and from all accounts failing. I appreciate the members who call to ask permission, but the answer is No, unless you are part of an organizing drive with the hall, we cannot help them finish their projects or train their people. If you are caught working non union, you will be held accountable.

I know there may be some rumours floating around about wrong doings that happened in the hall but rest assured when the authorities allow, I will fill the membership in but I want to assure the membership that the hall is in good hands and any issues are being dealt with legally and there will be and has been full transparency from your newly elected officers.

I want to apologize to the membership, I haven't been able to do as many job site visits as I would have liked, but to be honest, I haven't had to, there has been very few issues, not that that is the only reason for a visit, but now that the hall is running like a well oiled machine, expect to see more of myself and Brandon next year.

This year flew by, next week we will be shopping for the children's Christmas presents and wrapping. From myself and the staff of Local 179, I want to thank you for a great year and to wish you and your families a Happy Holiday Season and all the best in 2023.

*Michael McLean*



## INDUSTRIAL BUSINESS AGENT REPORT

Hello Brothers and Sisters:

I hope you've all had a great summer. It ended abruptly (Like the Riders playoff hopes). It's been a very busy shut down year for us and all of you members have done a first-class job. Our members did great work at the Co-op shut down in the spring for Altex and Worley. That shutdown was followed up by the Yara and PRPS shutdown for BFI, Clearwater and JLG. Then we had Members out at Nutrient Cory for BFI and Icon Followed by Nurient Lanigan and Rocanville with Ramm steel, Fusion, SEC and DMS. Mosaic and K+S had shutdowns as well with Balzers and SEC. We are currently finishing up at Boundary Dam and Nutrient Allan.

There is shut down work coming up at Nutrient Vanscoy in November to finish up the shut down season. There has also been a lot of other work in the fab shops at Balzers, DMS, BFI and Black and McDonald Western Potash has been using Balzers for some work out on that site. PCL has been picking up work at K+S and the Co-op.

The Uranium mines have kept our members busy as well. So, with all those jobs that I listed, I personally Thank all of you for being there accepting the calls and proving why Local 179 is the best choice in the piping business. Our membership got these jobs done on time and in a safe manner.



**Brandon Faul**  
Industrial Business Agent



I will encourage our membership to keep an eye on your safety tickets during the slower times. If your tickets are close to expiring it's much easier to renew them when you have time, not the day before the job starts. There are also many other tickets that will be good to have i.e.. Fiberglass and HDPE.

There is a lot more work on the horizon, we will have a bit of a lull between the winter months. Next year the Coop will have there annual shut down at the same time as last year. K+S is planning a larger shut down. Hopefully these new construction projects kickoff in good time.

For new jobs starting there is a larger job in Chaplin that will be starting in late spring of 2023. Our eyes are on BHP and Cargil canola crusher in Regina. As you all know BHP could be a great job, but as it stands now with the PLA in place there is nothing that can be signed. BHP must realize that a roll back in wages is unacceptable. Cargill will be watched closely in the hopes that Graham realizes our members have the abilities to bring a job in on time and under budget.

The Co-op has work planned as well but it sounds like that won't start until 2024 for the Bio Diesel and possible Carbon Capture projects. Viterra also has plans for a Canola Crusher as well in the Regina area. There will also be work in the Uranium mines up North, Potash mines will keep doing the work that they need to be done too. Our eyes are also on Prince Albert for the Pulp Mill hopefully that will be a go in 2023 as well. If you would like to travel those opportunities will be an option as well. It's shaping up to be a good year.

There has been a lot of improvements at the hall lately. The Local 179 website has been updated and upgraded. The new App has been launched and works great. We have these 2 beautiful facilities, if you're not working take some time and sign up to improve a skill set. Come on down and take advantage of the facilities and safety courses we offer. We are here for you to improve your skills. We say we are the best, let's back it up.

With all that being said, Thank you again for all your hard work and dedication to Local 179. I look forward to hearing about another busy year and safe year for our membership. As always, if you have any questions at all please call me or email me and I will be happy to help out any way I can. I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

Fraternally yours

*Brandon Faul*

# COMMERCIAL BUSINESS AGENT REPORT

Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

This year definitely has presented its challenges; "Covid" forced so many restrictions in our province and across Canada. As we progressed through the year, Ministry of Health has finally started to ease up on most mandatory regulations. With that being said, this worked hand in hand with lots of work starting up on new projects that have been holding off, to move forward. Most of the trade-related industries were back to full force and in turn provided much needed employment for most of our membership.

Some major projects in the province in the commercial sector have been tendered and awarded this year to some of our unionized contractors, but there are still a few fairly large jobs that haven't finalized specific start dates or whom will be awarded the mechanical contracts as of yet. Weyburn and P.A. Hospitals are two to speak of. We have high hopes that both of these two major projects go to one of our unionized contractors. As we receive any updates on these, we will keep the members informed at the monthly membership meetings.



**Mitchell Grenier**

Commercial Business Agent

Plumbing, Refrigeration, Sprinkler Fitting

All three of our Commercial sectors picked up mid-May this year in both the North and South in Saskatchewan. When June hit, Local 179 started seeing a manpower shortage. Industrial had major shutdowns happening back-to-back for 4-6 months consecutively and drained the manpower supply from the Commercial Plumbing and Sprinkler Fitters out of work lists. We proactively started seeking out tradespeople to help me fill any and all calls I had in the office. After lots of advertising locally, we did acquire some new workers to help out with the growing workloads our Contractors have been awarded. Some of these new Journeypersons and Apprentices joined with Local 179, and some did not. To that I can say there were some definite struggles to put good and skilled qualified people to work. If next summer gets as busy as we expect it to be, we will definitely feel some pressure to find the tradespeople that will be required to help on some of these major projects. The Regina office has taken the lead to promote Local 179 with a major marketing campaign in the Province of Saskatchewan. If I am correct; it started mid-September and will go through into the New Year. Let's see who we can acquire for new tradespersons in the Local for our very busy foreseeable future.

To date, from start of the New Year, Local 179 has grown by 92 members. Please review the initiation chart below:

This table includes reinitiated members and also newly initiated members.

TRADE	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	TOTAL	REINITIATED
BTJ-PLB	1	1	3	3					1	1	10	5
BTJ-WELD				1	1						2	1
BTJ-SPRFT									1	1	2	2
BTJ-PF					1		1		1	2	5	3
BTJ-REFT						1			2	1	4	1
BTJ-RAD		2	5	2	3	5	1	4	9	4	35	3
AP-PLB		4	1	4	3				4	1	17	
AP-WELD												
AP-SPRFT		2	1		1				3	1	8	1
AP-PF										1	1	
AP-REFT				2	2				2		6	
MTRT P3 JCI				1					1		2	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>16</b>



# COMMERCIAL BUSINESS AGENT REPORT

## Organizing

To date this year, we have added 4 new contractors to our affiliation:

JLG Industries	Berg Refrigeration	S. T. Plumbing Heating and AC Limited	Fusion Industrial Ltd.
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We have also added 1 “One Man Shop Agreement”, Songco Welding Ltd.

Currently we have two more Certifications that have been filed but are in the process of soon attending hearings at the LRB for each one.

Application for Bargaining Rights on ICT Industrial Ltd. was filed on August 30, 2022, hearing dates are in Regina for first couple of weeks of November.

Application for Bargaining Rights on Impact Mechanical Services Ltd. was filed September 8, 2022, hearing dates are in Saskatoon for the last two weeks of November.

We will try to keep the membership informed as soon as we get updates with either of these two active cases.

One piece of information about Impact is they laid off our members saying the contract was cancelled and then 1 month later it was televised that Paper Excellence was just awarded October 21, 2022 - 1.4 million dollars to local contractors for upcoming demolition and site work. They also pointed out “clearly” that Impact Mechanical received a very large portion of that work.

Now I don’t want to sound smart but laying off our member right before this big piece of news wasn’t the brightest thing, I’ve seen a non-union company do. We are actively seeking re-employment for our brothers and also pursuing an unfair labour practice for interim relief. Again, as time moves on, we will try to keep all the members up to speed on this.

I will be working with Cody Summers this year on growing our Commercial Industry within our Plumbing, Refrigeration and Sprinkler Fitter sectors. There are a few companies that I will be looking at to add to the rest of our unionized contractor base. We will be reaching out to Boss Mechanical and Absolute Fire Protection, Gateway, Marquart, All Rite, Interwest, Town and Country, Walton Mechanical, Bronco Plumbing, Westside Refrigeration, Resolve Premium Fire, Tempest Fire Protection, HVAC Services, Suer and Pollen.



# COMMERCIAL BUSINESS AGENT REPORT

## Current Work

- Three – 6 story walk up condos in Aspen Ridge plus the 4-story underground parkade
- Tisdale Pump House reno for SaskPower
- Renovation at Queen Elizabeth Power Station
- P.A. Warehouse project just started
- Carrot River School ongoing
- River Landing still finishing to do for Tenant spaces “Nutrien Tower”
- Two huge warehouses in Saskatoon brand new install
- P.A. Aquatic Center start summer to fall next year. Two-to-three-year project
- Main Street Condos Broadway Saskatoon - one more year of work there
- 25th and 5th – two 25 story apartment buildings for Bedo Developments plus the four-story underground parkade – 3 years of work ongoing, Vipond
- SaskPower project Moose Jaw one year of work
- Green Millers Yorkton
- Pipe Replacement Canada Life building, Regina – one year of work left
- PCS Allan, Lanigan, Rocanville
- K1, K2, K3 and Belle Plaine Service testing and maintenance contracts
- Shand Power Station and Boundary Dam Estevan – testing maintenance
- Yara Belle Plaine testing maintenance
- SaskPower sites, Yellow Head, Meadow Lake
- Cameco sites, Key Lake, Cigar Lake, McLean Lake, Rabbit Lake, McArthur Lake, testing and maintenance
- Cenovus Energy Sites
- Loblaws Warehouse
- Lloydminster Upgrader “Husky Upgrader” and Ethanol Plant
- Health care building “115 buildings” in the province
- University buildings “72 buildings” in the province
- New joint use school North Regina – P-3 – 11,000 sq. ft.
- Sask Polytech in Moose Jaw
- Assiniboia Civic Centre
- Regina – SaskPower office reno
- Saskatoon – Montage Condo Complex
- Regina – Dark Hall
- Regina – Globe Theatre – 2 yr reno
- Moose Jaw - EXL beef reno into a pork processing plant
- Big River School
- Saskatoon SRC labs – university
- Saskatoon Vido bio lab – University – finishing work
- Regina RUH & General Hospital reno
- Regina Wascana Pool
- Regina RCMP Barracks
- Nipawin Water Treatment Plant

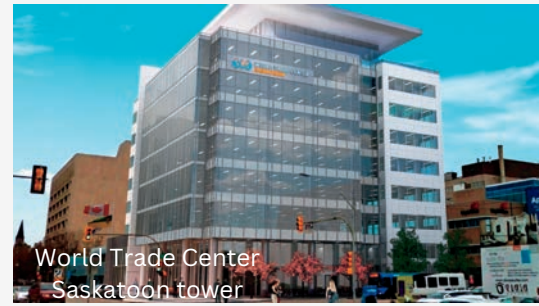




# COMMERCIAL BUSINESS AGENT REPORT

## New Projects Coming Up

- Weyburn Hospital design building currently being tendered – 40 million or more, not released yet who is getting mechanical on this
- P.A. Hospital starts tendering in October 2022. 60 million or more
- Yorkton – MH facility; 40 million or more
- 15 story World Trade Centre, downtown Saskatoon – 40-60 million
- P.A. Red Leaf Pulp Mill – wheat straw to make pulp – 700 million job starting soon
- Regina canola crushing plant – 300 million plus job
- Buffalo Pound water treatment plant – 200 million plus job
- OSB Plant in P.A. – 250-350 million, looking at starting soon
- Regina Bio Diesel – 1 billion job



## Schools

- Yorkton Regional – 13 million up and coming
- Regina, Argyle St. – 23 million up and coming
- Blaine Lake – 7.3 million up and coming
- Lanigan – 15.2 million up and coming
- John Paul – North Battleford – 7.5 million up and coming
- C.D.E.F. Regina – 10.6 million up and coming
- South Hill, Moose Jaw – 70 million up and coming
- Hague, Sask. – 1.4 million up and coming
- Moose Jaw Joint Use School – 50 million up and coming

## Career Fairs and Try-A-Trades

I have participated at a lot of career fairs over the years of being in the office, and I have never seen as many kids or been as busy talking to these students, as I have at the last three career fairs I have attended. With the help of Cody Summers for Swift Current and Assiniboine career fairs and also Cody Summers and Chris Henriksen for the P.A. career fair, all three together, we probably spoke to 3000 students ranging from grade 9 – 12. The total number of students attending for all three was probably around 7,500.

We had been asked in Swift Current and Assiniboine to do an in-class session with the students about what Local 179 has to offer. I had assistance from Vanessa Miller and Cody Summers with both of these sessions and they were extremely successful.

Brad Funk should be seeing a huge number of applicants come year end of this school term; students who are very excited to start an Apprenticeship in many of our given trades.

### Recently Attended Career Fairs

- "Opening Doors to Tomorrow" – held Oct. 26, 2022, at Sask Polytech in P.A.
- "Assiniboine High School" – held Oct. 13, 2022, in Assiniboine, Sask.
- "Chinook School Division Career Expo" – held Oct. 12, 2022, at Swift Current High School
- "Opportunity's Edge" – held Oct. 5, 2022, at St. Peter's College in Humboldt
- "RDIEC Balgonie Career Fair" – held May 15-19, 2022

### Up and Coming Career Fairs and Try-A-Trades

- Saskatoon - Nov. 7, 2022
- North Battleford Try-A-Trade – Nov. 30, 2022

## COMMERCIAL BUSINESS AGENT REPORT

# 8TH UA LOCAL 179 GOLF CLASSIC AUGUST 13, 2022 HOLIDAY PARK GOLF COURSE. SASKATOON

**Congratulation to the Winners:**

- KENNETH GORKOFF
- JOSHUA P PAULS
- JONATHAN RIPPLINGER
- BRADLEY J JONES



## U.A. Local 179 8th Annual Golf Tournament

I hosted our 8th annual Local 179 Golf Tournament this year after a 2-year hiatus due to Covid. We had a great turn out and the day was amazing, it was almost too hot, some people said. We held this year's tournament at Holiday Park Golf Course in Saskatoon, and they were amazing like always. So a special thanks to them and all their staff.

Local 179 had amazing prizes to give out again, thanks to an extremely long list of sponsors. Local 179 would also like to thank each and every one of them for their in-kind donations and support.

It was a very tight tournament as we had two teams that tied for first place, but as per regulation, the winning team was Ken Gorkoff, Josh Pauls, Jon Ripplinger, Brad Jones. Congratulations Gentlemen! I look forward to seeing what next year brings and we definitely want to see lots of brothers and sisters signing up to participate next year in Regina.

## Kids Christmas Party Saskatoon

We tried to get this year's event back at the same venue as we had 2 years ago but unfortunately, they no longer rent out their facility to large groups for Christmas Parties. Stokes was definitely the coolest place we have ever hosted at before. I'm a little disappointed, but what can you do. We have secured a date and time at Lawson Heights Civic Centre in Saskatoon for December 10th from 6:30 – 9:30 pm in the evening. We apologize for how late in the day this is in advance, but that is the earliest time they would let us have to host a private function just for Local 179 kids and families.

We look forward to seeing many of you there. Please make sure to register your children. Info will be found in this newsletter.

I lastly wanted to say that my door is always open, and my phone is always on. Don't hesitate to visit or reach out to me for any questions or concerns.

My family and I would like to wish all of you a safe and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year this holiday season.

*Mitchell Grenier*





MERRY  
*Christmas*



U A L O C A L 179

*Children Parties*

Regina Skypark  
December 1st at 5 pm.

Saskatoon Lawson Civic Centre  
December 10th at 6:30 pm

Register by calling 306 569 0624  
before Nov 18, 2022

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP  
MEETINGS 2023**



JANUARY 21  
FEBRUARY 25  
MARCH 18  
APRIL 15  
MAY 20  
JUNE 17  
SEPTEMBER 16  
OCTOBER 21  
NOVEMBER 18  
DECEMBER 9



SEPTEMBER 24, 2022

# PIN AWARDS 2022



Dear Brothers, your contributions are nothing less than a mark of passion, perseverance, and dedication. We are very proud to have such loyal and committed people representing our union and we value your hard work, extensive knowledge and invaluable experience. You are all important members of our brotherhood, and your abilities and contributions are of paramount importance for our continued success.

They say that the knowledge that one has is a strength and that more knowledge means more strength. The collective knowledge from all that you have acquired over the years makes the United Association a highly strong and stable organization.

## 60 Years of Membership.

As we honour your membership milestone, we hope that this serves as inspiration to your union brothers and sisters and those who will join UA Local 179.

May I request that you place that invaluable expertise and experience into mentoring up-and-coming members so that they can one day make a similar contribution to UA Local 179. We salute you for being loyal members. Congratulations again on this career milestone and I look forward to meeting you again at our next Pin Award Ceremony 3 years from now.



Arthur Berg



# Pin Awards Ceremony 2022

## 55 Years of Continuous Membership



Back: Brandon Faul, Dennis Langford, Charles T Leachman, Bill Penner, Ken W Peebles & Michael Mclean  
Front: Edward A Garry, Dennis Pellerin, John Mudd, Hugo Tenezaca, Boyd L Bell, Ivan Lazar



# Pin Awards Ceremony 2022

## 50 Years of Continuous Membership



Brandon Faul, Larry G Balaski, Bruno E Nerenberg, William F Renton, Allan Pozniak, Michael Mclean





# Pin Awards Ceremony 2022

## 45 Years of Continuous Membership



Brandon Faul, Wayne Messner, Kenneth G Busch, Irvin D Krushelnicki, Terry H McLean & Michael McLean  
Michael J Fitzsimmons, Bob (Willy) Prentice, Douglas McPherson & Joe Nagy



# Pin Awards Ceremony 2022

## 40 Years of Continuous Membership



Brandon Faul, Ron Kish, Donald Crites, Conrad D Rogers, Ron Hagel, Ken Boychuk, Michael Mclean





# Pin Awards Ceremony 2022

## 35 Years of Continuous Membership



Brandon Faul, Steve Vancryenest, Edward G Bacik, Ernest Solomon, Albert Fandrick, Randy Holzer, Len G Pittroff & Michael Mclean  
Lawrence Prill, Eduardo C Batalha, Dave Chikowski & Dave McKechnie



# Pin Awards Ceremony 2022

## 30 Years of Continuous Membership



Brandon Faul, Leonard A Kaczmariski, Thomas A Thompson, Terry Phillips, Larry E Gerein, Larry Hall, Michael Mclean  
Harry S Salt, Daniel W Engen, Dieter Legien, Dave F Fluter





# Pin Awards Ceremony 2022

25 Years of Continuous Membership

Brandon Faul, Lawrie J Peebles, Kirby Freitag & Michael Mclean  
Jeffery Forster, Quinn Nerenberg, Jeff B Blair & Gary Granberg



UA LOCAL 179 REGINA



BRANDON, NATALLIA, LORI, CLAUDIA, LIANNE, ANITA & MIKE



# A Night to Remember

A collage of 15 photographs from a social event titled "A Night to Remember". The photos show various groups of people, mostly older adults, posing for pictures. Many are wearing costumes or props like hats, glasses, and signs. Some signs read "DO I LOOK STUPID?", "Welcome to the SHIT SHOW", "Sexy Gigolo", and "Do the F\*cking Chicken". There are also photos of people holding large emoji cutouts and a man playing guitar on a stage in the background.



Special thanks to the family members of our awardees, for their support, encouragement and understanding. Also, to their partners, who have stood by them, during the years and are still doing so.





# United Association Local 179 Pin Award Recipients

## **70 Years**

Jack Zulkoskey

## **65 YEARS**

Konrad Fischer

## **60 Years**

Arthur Berg

William Harder

Ferdinand Janke

Heinz Lamla

Eric Lang

Klaus Monar

## **55 Years**

Boyd L. Bell

James L. Brown

Frank Fochesato

Edward A. Garry

Orest Gulka

Adolph Hein

Jozef Horvath

Dennis Langford

Charles Leachman

John Mudd

Ken W. Peebles

Denis Pellerin

Bill Penner

Hugo Tenezaca

Alain H Vankriken

Harry B. Yaremko

## **50 Years**

Larry G. Balaski

Allan Pozniak

Reg Aupperle

Harvey Babcock

Lawrence Bareham

Gary Blanchette

Donald G Erz

William Flemming

Vaughn Grohs

Bruce Hunt

Ivan Lazar

Glenn Matechuk

Bruno Nerenberg

William F Renton

Raymond Siurko

Sidney Stephen

Syhlonyk Peter

Dieter Thiemann

Richard Vellenoweth

Robert W Wilson

Gary P Zimmer

## **45 Years**

Timothy Bayless

Cary Bergman

Eugene Boensch

Renato Brudehl

Kenneth Busch

Edward Cwynar

John Deck

Jeff Downer

Michael Fitzsimmons

Dale F. Huber

Dennis M. Irvine

Danny Jamieson

Joe Keller

Irvin Krushelnicki

Arthur D. Magee

Rejean Manuel

Glen Martin

Robert J. Martin

Leslie Matthews

Terry H. Mclean

Douglas Mcpherson

Rodney Merkosky

Wayne Messner

Donald P. Mills

Gregory A. Moore

Joe Nagy

Rodney Nernberg

Rodney N. Perry

Bob Prentice

Robert B. Riddell

Raymond A. Riel

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Dave Shropshire

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John Twardzik

Dennis C. Vanghel

Jim Wiest

Dennis Wolff

Arthur Wytrykush

Paul Young

## **40 Years**

Rob Amyotte

Gordon Banda

Greg Bergman

Barry A. Berner

Gary J. Bien

Brian A. Bitz

Ken Boychuk

William L. Carter

Dan Catling

Paul Caverly

James W. Cheyne

Leroy A. Clark

Jerel Corpe

James Crawford

Donald Crites

Brian Diederich

Barry Diederich

Perry A. Gross

Ron Hagel

Wayne Handfield

Manfred Hauser

Glen Hill

Michael Johnston

Kerry D. Jordan

Kim C. Keen

Ron Kish

Rod Kowula

Paul M. Mccahon

Rodney Mckinnon

Brian Mckinnon

Gerald Ninowski

Don Nordal

John Pawlowski

Doug Power

Kenneth Reiland

Todd J. Reiter

Andre Richard

John Richard

Neil F. Riess

Conrad D. Rogers

Daryl Shaw

Ronald G. Sparkes

Ian Stephen

Jack Stretch

Garry Tyminski

Ken Walker

Allan D. Weir

Kevin Weisshaar

## **35 Years**

Curtis Amyotte

Edward Bacik

Andy T. Banks

Donald Bartok

Eduardo Batalha

Brian Blackwood

Dave Chikowski

Robert Christensen

Albert Fandrick

Ronald J. Fyffe

Gerard Gaulton

Richard Gessner

Roger Gordon

Michael Grass

Norman E. Greer

Kurt Guenther

Vern Gunn

Peter Heathcote

Greg Henderson

Randy Holzer

Kenneth Lytle

Kellen Mack

Dave McKechnie

John McLennan

Thomas A. Murray

Maurice Pellerin

Randy Peters

Len G. Pittroff

Walter Pogorzelski

Gary Postnikoff

Lawrence Prill

Joseph W. Sander

Ernest Solomon

Michael Stabick

Eugene Sweet

Gerald Tardif

Stephen

Vancryenest

John Wiercinski

Wilfred Windecker

Gerald Wood

## **30 Years**

Attila Abram

Jim Balzer

Albert Banga

Brian K. Bartle

Robert Begin

Garth W. Berg

Martin Boudreau

Perry S. Carswell

Paul L. Coueslan

Tony O. Cuch

Troy L. Downer

Ivan R. Durant

Daniel W. Engen

Joe P. Fahlman

Dave F. Fluter

Carl From

Jason J. Gawel

Calvin R. George

Larry E. Gerein

Darryl Grevna

Ryan R. Grisdale

Randy Gustafson

Larry Hall

Albert Harelkin

David W. Hlatky

Randy A. Hogg

Brendan Humphreys

# United Association Local 179 Pin Award Recipients

## 30 Years

Rhondo L. Hygard  
Leonard Kaczmariski  
Lawrence Kinshella  
Larry Krett  
Dieter Legien  
Lewis B. Lerat  
Shane Lynch  
Marcel Marcotte  
Billy R. Maruschak  
Donald McDonald  
Jack McNulty  
John D. Mihial  
Frank Morrisette

## 25 Years

Ken Acton  
Barry W. Ahl  
Jeff B. Blair  
Myles Cale  
Terry Cameron  
Quinn K. Cameron  
Dennis Day  
John Engelbrecht  
Leonard Eyahpaize  
James Ferchuk  
Jeffery Forster  
Kirby Freitag  
Robert L. Gervais  
Lance Glasser

Gary Granberg  
Lionel A. Greedus  
Daniel C. Gruell  
Michael W. Heard  
Don O. Hoffman  
Jeffrey J. Horsfall  
Philip J. Johner  
Lonny W. Kemp  
Larry A. Keyowski  
Troy Knipple  
Brad W. Konanz  
Dennis J. Meyers  
Keith D. Mokry  
Quinn Nerenberg  
Danny A. Nickel

Lawrie J. Peebles  
Paul F. Perrault  
Terry Rempel  
Patrick Ruhr  
Greg Senger  
Terry S. Shawaga  
Robert C. Shillingford  
Elaine S. Siniawski  
Mitchell N. Solomon  
William L. Steeves  
Ronald Stickel  
William Symons  
Parish L. Thibeault  
Brett A. Usher  
Kevin Zlukosky

## IN MEMORIAM

## 70 Years

John Dutchak  
Leslie Fairbrother

## 55 Years

Andrew Banilevic  
Sheldon Engele  
Harvey Fleming  
Bert Middleton

## 50 Years

Frank Phillips

## 40 Years

James Allen  
Arthur Deets  
John Mayoh  
Don Voll

## 45 Years

Don Mckinnon  
Orrin Smith

## 35 Years

Claude Deault  
Garry Humenny  
Gary Schnell

# PIN AWARDS CEREMONY 2022





# TRAINING REPORT

Hello Brother and Sisters

Saskatchewan Piping has been busy with a number of training programs going on and a several initiatives that are in their final sequence to bring to the membership.

In September, we were awarded as the training provider for Saskatchewan Apprenticeship Trade Commission and Certification for Sprinkler Fitter Levels 1-3.

This is a huge win for us as we will be able to show SATCC and the industry what Local 179 brings to the table for Apprenticeship Training in the Province for the pipe trades.

With that being said, we will be hiring a full time Sprinkler Fitter Instructor in the new year. This position will be held at the Regina Facility and the job posting will be posted to the Locals website mid-November with a closing date of January 2, 2023.

Now with updates on other initiatives we have been working towards. AWWA Cross Connection program: We have had our Regina facility lab inspected and approved as an accredited AWWA Cross Connection Certification Facility. With that completes the initiatives for this program with both facilities being accredited are complete.



**BRAD FUNK**  
DIRECTOR OF TRAINING

The cross-connection program has been in full swing since Regina Facility held a certification and recertification on October 15, 16, 22, 23. Saskatoon will hold a full certification and recertification on November 19, 20, 26, 27. Saskatoon will host another session January 21, 22, 28, 29. This program will now resolve the problem of long wait lists and cancelled classes at third party providers associated with maintaining this certification in the past.

With shutdown work going on this fall in the Potash mines, they have required a lot of our members to have fiber glass certification for butt and wrap. Most of our members that have held this certification have retired so we have been trying to work with FRP Solutions to get a train the trainer for some of our instructors to be able to deliver this certification. We have finally ironed out some dates to send instructors to their facility in the new year to receive this training. We do have to set up some things internally with ventilation and temporary hoardings to be able to deliver this type of training. We are planning on to have this ready to deliver in the spring next year.

Our ongoing safety program has been running well with a lot of our members receiving certification for Fall Protection, Aerial Work Platform and Confined Space. This program runs every two weeks to be able to assist the membership with this certification. So far, since January 2022, we have 652 certifications in these three programs, which is good to see that a majority of the membership is receiving this certification.

Now to touch base on some apprenticeship competitions that went on in the spring with the United Association Western Regional Competition at 516 in Surrey BC.

We had one competitor that gave interest to the competition this year. 4th year Steamfitter, **Preston Almightyvoice**, represented Saskatchewan he won first place in the Western Competition which gave him entry to National Competition at 853 in Richmond, ON. In Richmond, Preston was also successful and brought home first place which entered him into the International Competition in Ann Arbor Michigan that took place in August. Preston was challenged at many levels during these competitions and represented Local 179 in a first-class way! If you see him out on sight give him a pat on the back for a job well done.

Congrats Preston.





# TRAINING REPORT



In the new year, we want to have all trades represented at the Western Competition that takes place in Vancouver in May 2023.

We will be holding a Regional Competition in April to pick the finalists to represent Saskatchewan at Local 170 in May. We would like to have our apprentices engaged in this.

To our Journeypersons out in their in the field, if you see an apprentice that you think is doing some great things lets encourage them to get into these competitions it is a great experience for them to challenge their skills.

I would also like to congratulate **Nathan McLean** on a job well done. Nathan received an award from Saskatchewan Apprenticeship November 4 for outstanding new journeyperson. This award is presented to new journeypersons who achieved the highest mark on the journeyperson exam. Good job Nathan

In closing I would like to thank the Saskatchewan Piping Staff, Local 179 staff, and our membership for their support and help to making this training where it is today. I would also like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas.

*Brad Funk*



**SASKATCHEWAN PIPING INDUSTRY  
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Remembrance Day was first observed in 1919 by the British Commonwealth. It was originally called "Armistice Day" to commemorate armistice agreement that ended the First World War on Monday, November 11, 1918, at 11 a.m.

On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

Every year on November 11, Canadians pause in a moment of silence to honour and remember the men and women who have served, and continue to serve Canada during times of war, conflict and peace.

We remember the more than 2,300,000 Canadians who have served throughout our nation's history and the more than 118,000 who made the ultimate sacrifice.



# IN MEMORIAM

ALLEN, JAMES R  
BELLEGARDE, MIKE  
DEAULT, CLAUDE  
DUTCHAK, JOHN  
ERZ, DONALD G  
MARTIN, ROBERT J  
MCVICAR, ANDREW  
NICKEL, DAN A  
SMITH, ORRIN  
TRUBA, JAMES  
VOLL, DON  
WALLACE, MARK D.

July 4, 2022  
April 20, 2022  
July 24, 2022  
April 11, 2022  
10/17/2022  
10/06/2022  
May 25, 2022  
August 14, 2022  
September 14, 2022  
October 28, 2022  
August 2, 2022  
May 18, 2022





Retired Member  
Darrell Holowach and  
Retriever Ozzy Took  
First Place In  
Saskatoon Retriever  
Club's Licensed Field  
Trial



With Retrievers being one of the most popular breeds in Canada, it's a safe bet that thousands upon thousands of hours are spent playing fetch each year. While you might think it's just a form of play (and a fun party trick!), it's actually much more: It's a Retriever embracing his natural ability to respond to direction, and is the perfect foundation to participate in a Retriever Field Trial ("competition").

Retriever Field Trials at the Saskatoon Retriever Club measured how well Ozzy can retrieve in the field at longer distances, Ozzy was judged in comparison to other dogs entered rather than pass/fail. Judges looked at Ozzy's natural abilities such as marking a fall, memory, intelligence, attention, style, courage, and perseverance. They also examined Ozzy's proficiency in learned abilities like steadiness, control, response to direction, and delivery of bird. Darrell Holowach and Ozzy excellent performance exceed the judges' expectations winning the first place. Congratulations Darrell more than just having fun with Ozzy you are carrying on a tradition rich with history and excitement.





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## WHY THERAPY DOGS?

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St. John Ambulance's Therapy Dog Program takes a volunteer and their dog into hospitals, seniors' residences or nursing homes on a weekly basis. Through petting, affection, and regular visitation, many people benefit both physically and emotionally from the unconditional love of a dog, while also providing the volunteer with a unique and rewarding volunteer experience.

Therapy dog services are provided in a wide range of community settings such as:

- Hospitals
- Seniors residences and care facilities
- Schools, universities and colleges
- Community centers and libraries

The Therapy Dog program provides opportunities for individuals to:

- Talk with the volunteer and the dog
- Feel, touch, pet and cuddle the dog
- Receive unconditional love from the dog
- Carry-out or practice an activity in the presence of the dog



## PROGRAM BENEFITS

The program offers many benefits, improving quality of lives. Some of the reported benefits include:

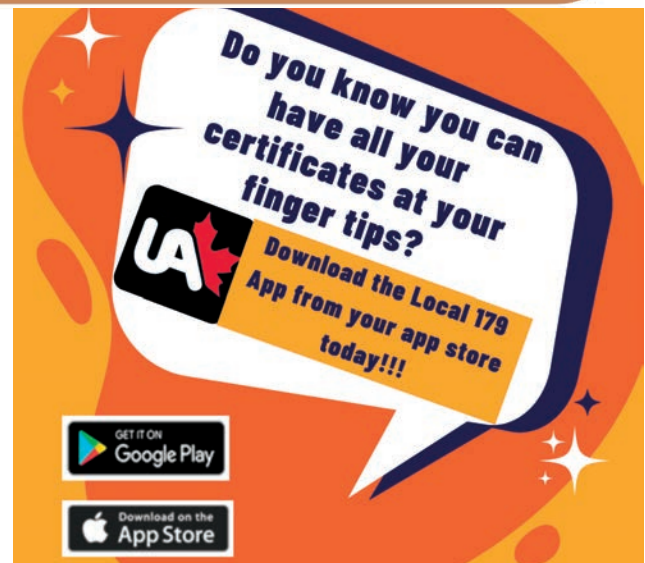
- Greater social engagement with individuals/residents talking more, participating more in activities, and smiling more
- Stress relief and distraction from pain
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