



# HEAT & FROST

## LOCAL #118

### NEWSLETTER

Business Manager: Wayne Laxton

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## 2006 in review with a look to the future

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

This year has seen our fortunes improve. We welcome Omineca Industries a division of Omineca Oilfield Services Ltd. This contractor operates in the Chetwynd area and we have nine members employed with them at this time.

It has been over twenty years since we have been actively working in this area with the prospect of having many more of our members working there next year.

On Vancouver Island, we welcome Peninsula Insulation who has put more of our members on the Island to work.

It was our pleasure, to again host the Retirees Christmas Luncheon with over sixty retirees and guests in attendance. The history that these brothers have regarding our Local is amazing. It is something else to listen to these gentleman talk about the "old days".

The office has brought on a new staff member, Mrs. Connie Gordon. Connie will be looking after our Apprenticeship Program for us and will be working closely with our instructors and apprentices. She will be assisting in other office duties as well. Welcome to Local 118 Connie!!

Your pension plan is in great shape with \$79 million in assets, no liability attached. Under the Pension Guidelines, we must set aside \$15 million for a solvency deficiency.

We have professionals lobbying Ottawa to have this amount reduced, because our Trustees feel that this amount is too high and if lowered they would be able to re-review the plan and possibly



## Holiday Season Hours



Wishing everyone a great holiday season.

### The office will be open:

Wednesday Dec. 20th  
Thursday Dec. 21st

Friday, Dec. 22nd until noon

### The office will be closed:

Monday, Dec. 25th  
Tuesday, Dec. 26th.

### The office will be open for dues:

9:00 am—4:30 pm  
Wednesday Dec. 27th  
Thursday Dec. 28th

9:00 am—12:30 pm  
Friday Dec., 29th

The office will be closed:  
Monday, Jan. 1, 2007



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## 2006 in review cont'd

be able to disperse pension bonuses. We will keep our membership apprised.

The Plan Trustees are pleased with the Investment Managers of Leith Wheeler and Greystone Investments, along with the Plan Administrators D.A. Townley and Associates and we thank them for their services.

The Trustees of the Health & Welfare Plan are pleased to announce an increase in plan benefits effective January 1, 2007 for the industrial plan. This includes maximum amount increases for various Practitioners as well as increasing the Weekly Wage Indemnity to \$423.00 per week from \$380.00. The Administrators are preparing a notice to be sent to all members. This Plan is also in good shape with the investment portion being looked after as well by Leith Wheeler and the Plan Administrators of D.A. Townley and Associates.

I am pleased to announce at this time that we have full employment going into 2007 and work has kept our local busy in the last half of the year. The outlook for work in our trade in the next few years will continue to keep us very busy.

*In closing, on behalf of the Officers and Staff of Local #118 I wish you and your family a very happy and safe Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2007.*

*Fraternally yours,*

  
Wayne Laxton  
Business Manager

### NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING - SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2007

Don't forget the first Membership Meeting of the new year will take place on **Saturday, January 20, 2007** at 9:00 am. at the Sheraton Guildford on 15269 104th Avenue, Surrey, the corner of 152nd Street and 104th Avenue.

### PROFESSIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT CLASS

We will be presenting another Professional Code of Conduct Class right after the membership meeting on **January 20, 2007**. The International office expected all locals to have this course completed by 2006. We still have many members that have not attended. Please make every effort to attend this class so you are not deducted a days wages by the International Office.

### DUES REMINDER

Please put your dues in the mail so they will reach the union office before **12:00 noon on Friday December 29, 2006.**

# "REMINDER"

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The May membership meeting has been changed due to the Victoria Day long weekend. The NEW DATE is:

Saturday, May 27, 2006

9:00 am

Sheraton Guildford Hotel  
15269-104<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Surrey

Each member is asked to bring a member!!

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## DUES REMINDER

Please remember that the courtesy calls for monthly dues have been discontinued. To avoid being fined, call the Union Office and verify your dues status.



# SCHOLARSHIP ENTRY REQUESTS

## *ED RUSSELL SCHOLARSHIP*

Saturday, April 22, 2006

## *ALYCE HODGKINS SCHOLARSHIP*

Saturday, April 22, 2006

## *FLORENCE BERNARD/ALTA MILLER SCHOLARSHIP*

Entries are now being accepted for the above scholarships.

Information relating to the entry forms is on the back page.

NOTE: The deadline for the Ed Russell and Alyce Hodgkins Scholarships is **April 21, 2006**. Mail the application to Local #118 at 233 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, BC V5T 2C4.

The deadline for the Florence Bernard/Alta Miller Scholarship is **May 31, 2006**. Mail the entry to the International Office directly at **9602 M L King Hwy, Lanham, MD 20706-1839, USA**. Entries for this scholarship draw are included in the Asbestos Journal. If you do not have the form, you can obtain one from the Union office or submit an entry on a 3"X5" card.

## Ed Russell and Alyce Hodgkins Scholarships

The draws for the Ed Russell Scholarship and the Alyce Hodgkins Scholarship will take place at the General Membership meeting on **Saturday, April 22, 2006**. Students enrolled in an accredited college, community college, university or recognized trade or technical school in 2006 are invited to enter the scholarship draw. Entries should be sent on a 3" x 5" index card. The following information must be included:

Student's name

- Address, telephone number, Social Insurance No
- Name of member, Registration No.
- Relationship to member
- Attending Academic Institution

Only one entry per person for both Scholarships will be eligible.

Entries must be received at the Union office before Friday, April 21, 2006

## Florence Bernard/Alta Miller Scholarship

This year's Florence Bernard/Alta Miller Scholarship Fund draws will be held in June, 2006 in conjunction with the 2006 Business Managers/Agents seminar to be announced. All members, their spouses and children (including step-children) who will be enrolled in an accredited college, community college, or recognized trade or technical school in 2006 are eligible to enter the draw.

Winners are selected randomly through lottery draw. Scholastic standing is not a factor in the draw. Twenty scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each will be awarded.

Once again, the Fund will provide for **special awards** in the form of \$1,000 grants to support **special education programs** for the handicapped and/or physically disabled. Members who have a child enrolled in a recognized special education program are invited to enter this special category. **Awards in this category are donated to the recipient's school in their honour.**

All entrants this year are **REQUIRED** to use the official entry form, found in the Asbestos Journal or a neatly completed 3"x5" card. In fairness to all entrants, **only one entry per student will be accepted**. Please indicate if it is for the Regular Draw or the Special Education Grant.

Include the following information:

- ❖ Student's name
- ❖ Birth date
- ❖ Name of member, Local, Registration No.
- ❖ Relationship to member
- ❖ Student's address, telephone number, Social Insurance No.
- ❖ Attending Academic Institution

Entries must be received in the International Office no later than **May 31, 2006**

Any questions, please call the Union office at 877-0909 or 1-800-663-2738.