



**Local 15 extends our deepest sympathies to the families of:**

Lowell Moser age 88  
Richard Spetz age 85  
James Bjerken age 92  
Norman Sederstrom age 83  
Williams Sederstrom age 75

**CREDIT UNION DEDUCTION**

On August 1<sup>st</sup>, \$40.00 will be deducted from your Credit Union account to cover deaths #5-9

**Pipe Trades Services of Minnesota:**

www.ptsmn.org  
(651)645-4540

**Wellness Centers:**

(651)348-8851 Metro  
(507)218-3095 Rochester

**AARP**

**(THE Active Attractive Retired Plumbers)**

**Retired Brothers & Sisters,**

Dear Retired Brothers and Sisters,

Summer is here, enjoy everyday of it, all day long!!!

Our monthly meetings this quarter are:

July 17-Aug 21-Sept 18  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month)

**12:00 NOON!**

All meetings are at Elsie's  
(729 Marshall St. NE)

Congratulations to our newly elected officers, and best of luck to our outgoing Business Manager Rick Eilers.

Some MILESTONE birthdays being celebrated this quarter:

**July:**

22<sup>nd</sup> – Jeff Barnes - 70

**August:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Carl Crimmins – 70

3<sup>rd</sup> Ake Olsson – 80

5<sup>th</sup> Mike Holmgren – 65

9<sup>th</sup> Dave Arvola – 70

29<sup>th</sup> Wes Thurman - 60

**September**

4<sup>th</sup> Barry Davidson – 65

12<sup>th</sup> Doug Johnson – 75

13<sup>th</sup> Mick Hansmeier – 65

16<sup>th</sup> Tom Deschane – 80

17<sup>th</sup> – Curt Vreeman - 70

22<sup>nd</sup> Tim McGuire – 75

29<sup>th</sup> George Tollefson - 75

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL celebrating a birthday this quarter!

**July August September 2018**

Union meetings are the 1st Thursday of the month

5:00 p.m. Executive Board Meeting

7:00 p.m. General Membership Meeting

Annual picnic-Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Wabun Park @ Noon

**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

I want to thank all the members of Local 15 for electing me as a fulltime officer for the past 9 years. I have always been proud of being a member of Plumbers Local 15. I know the group of officers that you have elected will do a great job and are extremely dedicated to doing the best job they can for all our members. I have gotten to know Scott Gale very well and I know he will do a great job as Business Manager.

I'm going to leave you with one more rant on politics. Work is still very good but understand that Unions and our way of life is under attack by those that don't want to see us succeed. Unions are what built the middle class and they believe that by creating class warfare they can turn working people against each other. When you vote make sure you're not voting for someone that wants to take away your ability to collectively bargain for fair wages and benefits. Everyone has their reason to vote the way they do but top on my list is will this politician try to take away my ability to provide for my family.

Have a great summer and we will see you at the Local 15 picnic in August.

**Sincerely,**

**Rick Eilers, Business Manager**

**Dear Brothers and Sisters**

I want to thank you all for your support through the years, and your confidence as we head into the future together. Local 15 has done a lot of work rebuilding since the recession years, and although the National Bureau of Economic Research determined its official end was June of 2009, our members have felt its lasting effects on our industry well into 2012. As the economy has improved bringing a new life to construction in our area, I want to thank Rick Eilers for his leadership as Business Manager and for making the tough decisions, and also for doing the right things for Local 15 to help position us well as work improved. I also want to personally thank Rick for his guidance and mentorship during his six years as our Business Manager. We wish Rick all the best in his future endeavors, and I know he will bring determination and success along with him. I would also like to congratulate Ann Martin on her retirement and wish her a long and happy one. Thank you, Ann, for all the years of devoted service you have provided the members of Local 15, the Instructors, staff, and Apprenticeship and Training Committee.

The busy season has arrived and the work outlook is still strong for Minneapolis. We experienced a little slow down through winter and early spring but are now at a point of nearly full employment with calls remaining unfilled.

date in St Cloud. This number is lower than last year because we did vary having from 10-20 Apprentices off throughout this past winter, and fewer requests for new apprentices in the spring. We are trying to not over saturate the market making it difficult to keep the apprentices working and getting their required minimum hours within the 5 years of their training. We have had quite a number of Plumber Helper applicants come in over the course of the past few months that will also help fill some of the demand.

The Plumbers Picnic will be at Wabun Park once again this year on Sunday August 26th, from noon until 3:00 pm (or until the drawings are completed). The Entertainment Committee will be looking for volunteers to help supervise the kids' activities and races, so if you can take as little as 30 minutes to relieve another volunteer from their shift it would be greatly appreciated.

I would like to congratulate all of the incumbent and newly elected officers of Local 15. I look forward to working with each of you. I also want to express to all of our members that we value everyone's thoughts and ideas. Even though we all have our own individual opinions, collectively we will continue to move the ball down the field by doing the right things and focusing our energy on those things that best serve the interests of Local 15's membership as a whole.

I wish you all a happy and safe Independence Day. Have a great summer, and I hope to see you at the picnic!

**Fraternally yours,**

**Scott Gale, Business Agent**

**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

I would like to start out with a "Thank You" to several people. First, I would like to thank outgoing Business Manager Rick Eilers for all he has done for Local 15 as Vice President, Business Agent and Business Manager. Second, I would like to thank Scott Gale for his years as a Business Agent and I look forward to serving him in his new role as Business Manager. Next, I want to thank Ann Martin for all her work at the Apprenticeship Office and good luck to you in your retirement. And last, I want to thank the membership of Local 15 for your continued support. I will continue to serve all of you in the best of my abilities and my door is always open to anything you wish to discuss, in fact, I encourage it. I want to stay as clear and open to the membership as possible, so please feel free to speak with me.

This summer is shaping up to be another busy season with schools and apartments leading the way. When it is busy, there seems to be more of a trend of not doing all the work of our collective bargaining agreements. Core drilling, demo, under mount sinks, fire caulking, gas piping and backing, grab bars and accessories have been some of the things that I've continued to be persistent on. Just because it's busy doesn't mean we should give ground on any of our jurisdiction. If it is lost, it'll be gone



**Reminder: Jim Hynes  
from our H&W office will  
be at our  
July 17<sup>th</sup>, meeting**

**FRATERNALLY, LOCAL  
#15 RETIRED  
OFFICERS:**

Tom Culshaw,  
Ken Friendshuh,  
Tom Daugherty  
& Tom Woodfill



We have an ACE!!!  
Roger Peterson  
Shot a Hole in one  
on hole #15 at the Injured  
Apprentice Tourney  
Way to go Roger!!!

For 2018 we have taken in 40 new 1st year Apprentices in the metro area, and 3 to

would want all the hours we could get for our members. If you have questions, please call. We don't always win, but if we don't know about it, we can't try.

Please try to make it out to the Plumber Picnic this year. It is always nice to have lots of members and their families out for food and prizes. With that, please be safe in your summer outings on the lake and campgrounds.

**With Best Regards,  
Joe Lane, Business Agent**

**Hello Brothers and Sisters,**

The busy part of the construction season is here! Many schools are doing upgrades or additions. Apartments, condominiums, and hotel projects are still booming. I would like to point out a few reminders: When you are hired by a contractor, it is your responsibility to contact the hall for a referral. That also applies if you leave one contractor and go to work for another, you must get a referral.

All travelers from other locals must check in with Local 15. It is not the contractor's responsibility to contact us. If you have a traveler on your jobsite, please remind them to contact our hall so we can get them checked in. When a traveler leaves our locals jurisdiction, they must call Plumbers local 15 and let us know that they have left our area.

Gas distribution is also very busy this year with replacements and also new lines being installed. I will be out and about visiting as many of these sites as I can. All welders and welders' helpers will be members of Plumbers Local 15 and the UA. Plastic fusers should also be members of Plumbers Local 15. If you have any questions about work jurisdiction, please call the hall.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for the continued support in the last election. Congratulations to our new Business Manager Scott Gale, and to our new business agent Tom Pahkala. I wish nothing but the best for Rick Eilers in his career change. It was a pleasure to work with Rick and also to learn from him. Thank you, Rick, for your leadership and dedication to this great union. I very much appreciate all that you have done for Plumbers Local 15 and its members.

Everyone have a great summer, and as always, be safe out there!

**Respectfully Yours,  
Scott Lichliter, Business Agent**

Remember to also check us out at:  
[www.plumberslocal15.com](http://www.plumberslocal15.com)

 [facebook.com/Plumbers15](https://facebook.com/Plumbers15)

 [twitter.com/Plumbers15](https://twitter.com/Plumbers15)

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**News from The Apprenticeship Office:**

**Continuing Ed:** Classes are suspended for the summer until 8/16/18. A list of classes being offered is on our calendar at [www.training15.com](http://www.training15.com) through the end of the year. Register for classes online or by phone. The Minneapolis Plumbers JAC is offering the following classes:

**St Cloud Continuing Ed:** Med Gas continuing ed. class on Monday, 9/10/18, along with 2 code classes, October 15 & 22, 2018. All classes will be held at Rasmussen College from 3:45 – 7:45 pm.

**Minneapolis Continuing Ed Classes:** are every Thursday from 5 – 9 pm except for the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month which is 2 – 6 pm. Check the online calendar for class listings. There will be 2 classes added on a different day of the week later this fall.

**Saturday Classes:** 10/13/18, 8:00 am – 12:00 noon & 1:00 – 5:00 pm.

**Med Gas Certification:** This is a 10-night class, T & TH starting 9/27/18. You must attend all classes & pass the exam to become certified. NITC is charging \$190.00 that must be paid no later than 9/17/18.

**Med Gas Recertification:** This is a 1-night class, 9/20/18, with the recertification test on 9/27/18. NITC charges \$125.00 for the installer exam that must be received by 8/15/18.

**\*\*\*\*Med Gas Brazing, New Hours &**

**Location:** Brazing is from 3:30 – 5:00 pm, effective 5/18 & will now be done at the Plumbing Technology building instead of the hall effective 7/5/18 on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month.

**ASSE Backflow Certification:** This is a 15-night class, T & TH starting 8/2/18. You must attend all classes & pass the exams to become certified. ASSE charges \$235.00 that must be paid by 7/20/18.

**ASSE Recertification:** This is a 3-night class, 8/20, 8/22, & 8/27 or 9/25, 9/27 & 10/2/18. You must attend all nights & pass the exam to renew your certification. ASSE charges \$75.00 that must be paid 2 weeks prior to class starting.

**Journeyman Flyer:** Be sure to use the Journeyman Flyer each August so we know what classes you are interested in for the upcoming year. Some classes will be starting early September.

**Apprentices: Don't forget tuition is due by August 30<sup>th</sup>.**

Stay connected, don't forget to get our app, Local 15 Training, for easy access on the go!

**We wish you and your family  
A Happy and Safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday**

