

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Steward School 2018 has come to an end, and I believe a good time was had by all. Thank you to each and every member and their families that were able to come to Tulsa and participate. UA Executive Vice President Jim Moss, UA Director of Pipeline & Gas Distribution Dave Barnett, and UA Special Representative-Pipeline & Gas Distribution Mike Mikich were all in attendance. It's always good to thoroughly go through the National Pipeline Agreement because this is the document that we work under every day on the job. Ellen Boardman gave a presentation on the new drug testing requirements, and Mike Shelton put together a presentation on what to do if you are injured on a job. Both presentations were very informative.

The George Lambert/Harry Faucett Memorial Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament was a success, and fortunately, the weather did cooperate. Over \$36,000 was raised, which all goes toward scholarship opportunities for Local 798 members' families. Thanks to everyone that participated by playing and thank you to our many sponsors. It's nice to have so many sponsors supporting a cause that we all believe in. Special thanks to all the volunteers that help with the tournament, and especially Cathy Blackmore. Cathy does a fantastic job of putting this all together, and I want to thank her for a job well done.

We had around 130 participants in the Steward Reporting Class. This class is vitally important, and it was good to see so many in attendance. Amber Vreeland did a great job presenting, and thanks to Charles Yates, Jr., Chad Gilbert, David Butterworth, and Ed Coker for being on hand to answer questions as they came up. I also want to thank Wade Pilgreen. Wade put this class together several years back, and it has proven to be very beneficial to Job Stewards. If you are a Job Steward and were not able to attend the class, I would advise you to look to our website for the tutorial videos on the steward's reports. Amber Vreeland put the videos together, and they are very well done.

The PIBF session was very informative and included presentations from the Trust Company of Oklahoma, Arkansas Best Federal Credit Union, and Vanguard. Bob Kime, director of PIBF, was recognized for having worked at PIBF for 48 years. Bob will be retiring June 1 of this year, and I would like to thank Bob for the job he has done and wish him well in retirement.

Jay Vincent gave a presentation on the Local 798 Action Network. I know we say this often, but if you aren't participating in the Action Network, you are letting down your Brothers and Sisters. This has become so important, and it is yielding results. As Local 798 members, we are the experts on the subject of pipeline construction, not the protesters who have never stepped foot on a pipeline right-of-way. So let's not allow their voices to be louder than ours. Please, take action when asked, and invite your friends and family to sign up, also.

The Ladies of 798 raised over \$138,000 at their annual charity basket auction. This money was distributed among several different charity organizations at the Ladies' meeting on Friday night. These ladies work very hard, and every penny goes directly to worthy charitable causes. Great job, ladies!

The highlight of my week was the retiree banquet. Members with 50 or more years of membership were recognized and honored. These men blazed the trail that we are all on now, and we definitely owe them a debt of gratitude.

Thanks to all the people behind the scenes that made this Steward School a success. Josalyn Johnson, Local 798 office manager, and the entire Local 798 office staff worked tirelessly to pull this event off. Farron Hollabaugh and the Training Center staff worked very hard hosting all the events at the Training Center. Thank you to Inside Guard Chad Williams, and to all that served as Inside Guards this past week. Thank you to all the sponsors that donate their time, money, and merchandise for Steward School. If you couldn't make it this year, try to make plans for next April.

If there's anything I can ever help you with, please don't hesitate to call. As always, I am proud to have the opportunity to serve the membership of Pipeliners Local Union 798.

Fraternally,

Justin Wallace