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AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

Building on our Strengths

Phil McNally, Jr., business manager

Tragic loss reminds us of jobsite vulnerabilities

In a recent issue of the *UA Journal*, an article reminded us of the very real dangers that exist in the construction industry. While purging a natural gas line at a power plant project in the Northeast, a violent explosion erupted, injuring numerous craftspeople and ultimately claiming the lives of four UA members from Local 777 in Connecticut. I point this tragedy out as a grim reminder of what could and, unfortunately, still does happen at our jobsites.

Through our comprehensive training and daily reinforcement on the job, Local 469 members have a level of safety sophistication that is unmatched in our history. However, we cannot let our collective guard down when it comes to jobsite safety.

Let us take this opportunity to mourn the passing of our UA brothers and reaffirm our own commitment to the personal safety of each individual and the safety of our coworkers as well.

At the May 2010 membership meeting, members passed a motion to donate \$5,000 to the fund established for the families of the lost members. I would like to thank the members for this kind gesture and you can be sure it goes a long way in helping those families.

Special events mark Local 469's centennial

As we all know, we are in our 100th consecutive year of existence. We can all be proud of this milestone in our local's history and our annual picnic, held in February was indeed a special

event (see photos on pages 8 and 9). Thanks to all who participated in this great family-oriented celebration.

In March, we held our annual service awards banquet at the Renaissance Hotel at Westgate in Glendale. This ceremony was on a larger scale than years past because of our 100-year history (photos featured on pages 2 and 3). We were honored to have numerous UA and elected officials in attendance and again, I would like to thank all who assisted and participated in an unforgettable evening of recognition and remembrance.

In keeping with the 100-year celebration theme, we will once again host 469/PIPE Labor Day at Chase Field. This will be our third annual event and we anticipate 3,000 attendees. A mailer will be sent out soon with all of the details. So make plans to come on out, show your 469 pride and cheer on your hometown D'Backs – they sure could use it this year!

APACC continues to gain momentum

I am happy to report that APACC (Arizona Plumbing and Cooling Contractors) – our 24/7 residential plumbing and A/C service program – is making its name in the market and in a big way. Among other things, APACC is a proud sponsor of the Arizona Diamondbacks and the Arizona Cardinals. We have a presence in the following advertising and marketing venues: Chase Field, University of Phoenix Stadium, KTAR Sports 620 and KTAR 92.3, 98.7 The Peak, and Fox Sports Arizona during the broad-



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cast of D'Backs Sunday games and My 45 KUTP during the Suns games.

There are numerous other marketing endeavors happening and we are seeing the benefits of this outreach. The call volume for our service contractors is rising steadily and numerous interested service contractors who are not currently with the local recently have approached us.

Just remember, when you have a service problem at your house that you need help with, please visit us at ArizonaPACC.org, KeepArizonaCool.org or at PlumbingArizona.org. Or you can simply call at 1-877-58-APACC. Our tagline is "Keeping your cold air blowing and your plumbing flowing."

469 maintains focus on potential, large projects

We continue to keep an optimistic tone with regard to the \$2 billion **Hualapai Valley Solar Project** near Kingman. An unprecedented amount of effort has been expended by 469 on this campaign and there is reason to remain hopeful of securing a contract. A sizeable amount of strategic work needs to be done before the contractor is selected. No real timeline for construction is available.

Our dialogue is progressing with the **Rosemont Mine** project, the **AZ**

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A Century Of Excellence

Annual Pin Ceremony recognizes Local 469's 100-Year Legacy

Service pin recipients and life members, UA locals across the nation and Canada, as well as families, friends and UA International leadership, joined together this spring to honor our service pin recipients in our centennial year.

Photography by Angelina Rose Photography



Pin recipients and their families enjoyed reuniting, sharing memories, and making new ones!

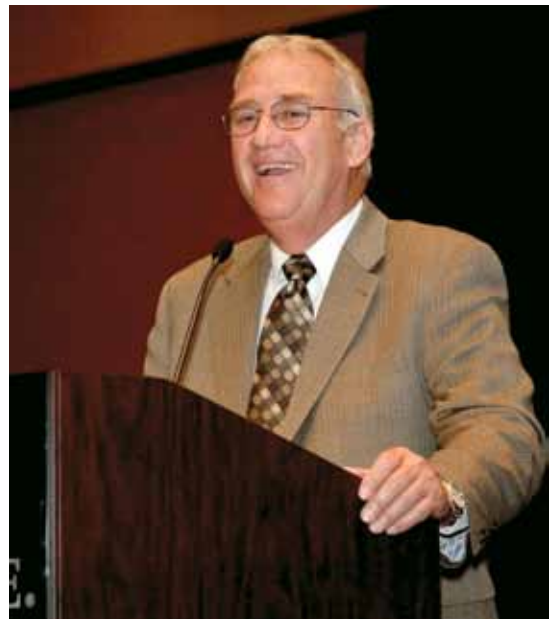
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Life members Mel Butler, Scotty Cummins, Henry Olea and Ray Brooks, as well as the family of Lester "Bud" Martin, received special recognition for their commitment to the union and their craft, as well as their many years of voluntary service to the members of Local 469.



Business Manager Phil McNally accepts a commemorative 100th Anniversary award from the United Association. (Left to right: Local 469 Business Manager Phil McNally, UA General Pres. Bill Hite, UA General Secretary-Treasurer Pat Perno, and International Representative Mark Butler)



Local 469 was honored to have UA General President Bill Hite give the keynote speech at the pin ceremony dinner.

You're invited.... to the 1st 469 Night at the Races!

Members and guests are invited to enjoy a night of camaraderie and fun at USA Raceway in Tucson on the evening of Saturday, Aug. 28. Join us to cheer on one of 469's sponsored race car drivers, Cody Alvarez (dirt track racing), and come meet member and 469-sponsored Modlite driver Troy Korkosz.

Space is Limited – Sign Up Today!

When: 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28

Where: USA Raceway, 4300 E. Los Reales Tucson, Arizona (south of Tucson off of I-10)

Details: Hosted dinner and tickets to the races; access to skybox for premium race viewing; commemorative

t-shirt.

Reservations or questions: Call Torres Consulting at 602.626.8805 or send e-mail to Marie@theTorresFirm.com. First come, first served!



Best car number around! Member Troy Korkosz races number "469" in the Modlite category.



Cody Alvarez with one of 469's youngest racing fans!

469 PAC Maintains a Rigorous Schedule in '10

Israel G. Torres, political consultant



2010 is shaping up to be a watershed year for the 469 Political Action Committee (PAC)! As you know, the purpose of the 469 PAC is to influence legislation by cultivating relationships and educating elected officials about the needs of the UA 469 members and their families. This is accomplished by being visible at the Arizona State Capitol and active in elections.

Why is visibility important? Visibility demonstrates to our elected officials that 469's members are active and engaged in the political process, and that we look to them to consider our needs when setting the course for our state. Becoming engaged in an election – and we have important ones this year – early on in the season allows the PAC to develop relationships with candidates before they are in office that carry over into their elected terms.

Already this year, the PAC has held two successful events at the Capitol and has begun to actively support pro-469 candidates.

Visibility at the Arizona State Capitol

The PAC has already been very busy this year – the **Second Lunch on the Capitol Lawn** was a huge success with more than 400 attendees. The BBQ lunch brought together members of 469 and legislators from across the state.

Less than a month later, a group of members received a behind-the-scenes tour of the State House, hosted by Rep. Steve Farley of Tucson. Those who attended the **469 Legislative Field Trip** were able to visit areas of the Capitol normally “off limits” to the general public. They also had the chance to talk with Rep. Farley about the issues most important to them and the Arizona Pipe Trades.

Campaign time!

Last month, the PAC kicked off the **2010 election season** with a BBQ and petition signature drive for Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick in downtown Flagstaff. The BBQ was a resounding success, collecting nearly 150 signatures in less than an hour! This event has set the tone for this election cycle – the PAC hopes to organize and deploy more volunteer work-hours than any previous year. This means more signs pounded, more phone calls made, more neighborhoods walked and more pro-469 candidates elected!

The PAC recently completed its **endorsement process**, interviewing candidates and reviewing their questionnaires. The goal of the endorsement process is to identify candidates running for strategically important positions who understand and are committed to the needs of Local 469's membership. When the candidates are chosen, the PAC will begin organizing events, walks and sign poundings to help get these candidates elected. Elections are a great opportunity to create more political power for 469, which is why it is important for the PAC to get involved in as many elections as possible.

How you can help – Get involved today!

With the election cycle kicking into high gear, volunteering for your local is more important than ever. The PAC will organize walks, phone banks and sign pounding from now until November. Your help is invaluable! If you would like to step up and help out, contact Jason McDonald at Torres Consulting at 602.626.8805 or Jason@TheTorresFirm.com with the following information:

- Name
- Address
- Phone Number
- E-mail Address

It only takes a few hours of volunteering each year to make a big difference. You can also sign up for events and see the latest 469 news on **Facebook** – just search for Arizona Pipe Trades 469 on Facebook.com. Another way to keep up with the PAC is by subscribing to the **PAC's email alert system** by visiting www.capwiz.com/thetorresfirm and signing up.

Join the PAC at Summer Events!

Election season plus summertime can only equal one thing – community barbecues with the Political Action Committee and its partners!

All 469 members and their families are invited to come out and meet our endorsed candidates at one of the community BBQ events this summer:

- Sunday, July 25, Noon – 2 p.m., Yavapai County Democratic Annual Picnic, Heritage Park, 1497 Heritage Park Rd., Prescott
- Saturday, August 28, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Pima County Democratic Party BBQ, Himmel Park, 1000 N. Tucson Blvd., Tucson

You can be involved in several ways – by attending, helping with set-up, serving and breakdown, or even participating in candidate volunteer efforts that day.

For more information, contact Jason McDonald, Torres Consulting, at 602.626.8805 or send e-mail to Jason@TheTorresFirm.com. See you this summer!

DISPATCH AND FACILITY NEWS

William Moody, financial treasurer/secretary



Phone system enhancements

As a reminder, when members call 602.956.9350 or 520.323.9476, the calls are routed to an auto attendant. By selecting "1" you will reach the job line, by selecting "2" you will reach the union hall, by selecting "3" you will reach Health & Welfare or funds office, by selecting "4" you will reach the apprenticeship, and by selecting "5" you will reach the retirees or special announcements line. The direct phone numbers for the job line is 602.956.9702 and the retiree's direct line is 602.956.6083.

continue to improve as the year progresses. It is crucial that each and every journeyman and apprentice keep their certifications and qualifications current, whether they are employed or unemployed. By keeping your qualifications up to date, it will help in your return to work.

Apprentices and journeyman can either be present at the hall in person, or call into the job line (602.956.9702) – press "1" and leave the information requested for dispatch. When you leave a phone number with us, it is critical to answer the phone when called by the dispatcher in order to be dis-

Semi Annual Re-sign

Twice a year the semi-annual re-sign takes place. This happens during the first 10 business days of January and July. Weekends and holidays are exempt from the ten days. All individuals that are registered on the Out-of-Work List prior to the months of January and July must re-sign to remain on the list. Local members in good standing, out on a travel card, do not need to re-sign to remain on the list.

Re-sign by fax, mail, e-mail to contact@ualocal469.org, telephone or in person at the hall at 3109 N 24th Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

602.956.9350 or 520.323.9476

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Dispatch

Dispatches have picked up since the first of the year and will con-

tinued. If you do not answer, the dispatcher will move on to the next individual in line for that work call.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

On The Business Front

Larry Abril, business representative



Project news

As we move into summer, work opportunities continue to increase from the same time last year. Our contractors, along with the utilization of the market recovery program, were awarded several projects recently. Our job now is to bring the projects in safely and productively as we have been trained to do.

I wish to thank our members who have worked for **Southwest**

Industrial Rigging out at Palo Verde. We completed our second shutdown with praise from the utility. SWIR has been signatory to Local 469 for almost a year now.

MWH Global is another new contractor to Local 469. Our first contact with MWH was almost two years ago, and in March of this year they

became signatory. Five members are currently working for MWH at **Pima County Ina Road Water Pollution Control Facility**.

Harder Mechanical continues to pursue work outside of the semiconductor world with several projects successfully completed and several upcoming. Harder currently is seeking to expand its operations in Arizona.

Davis Bacon Compliance

We have begun an aggressive effort to research, report and pursue projects as they relate to providing a prevailing wage under the Davis Bacon Act. As many of you know, the Federal Economic Stimulus has resulted in many government construction projects, which are subject

to the act. As such, we are **monitoring existing projects** to ensure compliance, as well as **positioning ourselves for new projects**.

Watch for more details about our Davis Bacon Compliance activities in the next newsletter.

469 Night at the Races

Members and their families are invited to attend 469 Night at the Races at USA Raceway in Tucson this August. For more information about the event and our 469-sponsored drivers, see the article on page 3.

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HELPING OURSELVES

469 members should take pride in taking care of "our own"

Chris Van Kirk, business representative



In the previous newsletter, my main topic was the **Local 469 Food Bank**, which we started operating last October. We discovered that many of our families needed assistance with food during our Second Annual Arizona Pipe Trades Health Fair. During the peak usage of our food bank, we helped almost **30 families each week** with food that came as a result of donations from our membership. Many of those donations in recent months were contributions from members we were able to assist earlier in the food drive, and have since returned to productive employment.

This truly was a perfect example of us helping ourselves. We also had a number of our members who amazed us with their sizable donations. For example, one of our contractors who

astounded us with his generosity was **Bryan Dewitt**. On more than one occasion, Bryan literally sent a truck full of food for us to distribute to his brothers and sisters in need. A few of our retirees (**Paul and Helen Joiner, Butch & Roiann Fuller, Polly Zubia, Bob Tracy**) have staffed the food bank during its scheduled days of operation. When we began this endeavor, we needed to operate the bank three days per week. During the last few weeks, the food needs of the membership have dwindled dramatically. We are now down to about three families a week that we assist. The needs of the membership no longer require our food bank volunteers' presence on a regular basis. This is a sure sign of success in so many ways!

The most exciting thing about the Local 469 Food Bank for me has been

watching not only our volunteers who have donated so much of their time to members in need, but also that many who received assistance in 2009 stepped up to provide support for the food bank in 2010. This includes many of our apprentices who began making contributions as soon as they returned to work.

While we still have large numbers on our out-of-work list, we have been able to return many to the ranks of those working. Those of us in the office and our volunteers have been touched forever with the grace of those we have been able to assist. **The Local 469 Food Bank has been a shining example of Local 469 leading the way.**

NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE *from Larry Abril, continued*

Southern Arizona Activities

I would like to introduce member **Mark Gallego**, who has given his personal time to help us maintain a prominent presence in the Tucson area. We appreciate Mark's volunteer work for Local 469, and the following is a brief update from him:

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

This is brother Mark Gallego, providing a brief report from Southern Arizona. I have participated in meetings with council members and their staff recently to discuss ways the city can spur on some new construction. Some of the items discussed were deferring some impact fees and some non-safety codes for a period of five years.

I also attended another Pima Area Labor Federation (PALF) meeting, where they expressed the importance of voting in the upcoming November elections. As I continue to be involved in our local, I am increasingly aware of the importance of our members' political involvement.

I remain hopeful for prosperous times in Southern Arizona.

Your Union Brother,

Mark Gallego

EDUCATION CORNER

Arizona Pipe Trades Apprenticeship Training Center

Mike Wall, training director



2010 District Five Apprenticeship Contest

In May, the Training Center hosted the District Five Apprenticeship Contest, showcasing the best and brightest apprentices in the district. Apprentices competed in the categories of plumbing, pipefitting, weld-

ing, sprinkler fitting, and HVAC technicians.

Additionally, an awards banquet was held May 20 to honor the winners, as well as all of the participants.

This event is one that requires an immense amount of coordination and preparation, and was an eight-month endeavor. As such, I would

like to thank the 16 judges, 16 proctors, 11 coordinators, 40 contestants, 17 committee members and five chairmen, along with representatives from the UA and our staff.

AutoProPac provides quality and service in stainless steel sales

Two years ago, Chris Conner opened an AutoProPac shop in Chandler. AutoProPac sells and resells stainless steel – pumps, valves, fittings, process equipment, and much more – from Conner’s warehouse.

Chris’ father and grandfather were active members of Local 469 for nearly 40 years each, and from them he gained a solid knowledge of the pipe trades. Now, as a supplier to the trade, he values the partnerships he is developing with 469 contractors and members.

Low Prices and Excellent Service

At AutoProPac, Conner runs a “lean and mean” shop. With his productive but small team of staff, the prices of



his products remain low. According to him, good customer service is always a must. With every client, Conner makes himself available 24/7. “On the weekends, if my customer needs me, I’ll come,” he says.

Throughout the Valley, throughout the state

With the success of AutoProPac, a second office in Phoenix will be up and running later this summer.

AutoProPac’s Chandler office – with a warehouse fully loaded with stainless steel supplies – enables customers to find what they need quickly and conveniently. Delivery and shipping is available, as well. “We will deliver anywhere in Arizona; we don’t have any restrictions or boundaries,” Conner points out.

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Building on our Strengths

from **Phil McNally**, continued

Clean Fuels and many other solar projects that are in the planning and engineering phases.

Election season ramps up work for the PAC

My thanks to the hard work of your Political Action Committee, as its decisions were influential in getting us this far. Also, I would like to thank each and every member that stepped up when we asked for \$5 contributions for various candidates. Your participation is also playing a

part in our future successes.

And, please keep in mind your PAC is always looking for volunteers for the work that is in front of us. They cannot do it all themselves. Your local is only as strong as the members make it. There is no better way to strengthen our future than asking, “What can I do?” or “Where do you need me?” I cannot over emphasize the power of the act of volunteering.

While 2010 is proving to be another slow and unyielding year on many

fronts, 469 and our contractors are struggling like some – but better off than most – when you consider the local, national and global economic conditions. We are in better shape than in 2009 when it comes to unemployment numbers and we look forward to that trend getting better as we face the last half of the year.

Even in this downturn, there are many things to be hopeful for as a UA Local 469 member. I wish everyone a happy and healthy summer!



Annual Picnic

469 Hosts Largest Annual Picnic To Date

Did you attend this year's Annual Picnic at Saguaro Park? Chances are, you did, as attendance was the largest ever in the event's history! If you weren't, here's a taste of what you missed:

- Delicious food – including smoked-on-site BBQ
- Games, rides, a climbing wall, face painting, balloon animals and an amazing magic show

- Arizona Cardinal's "Big Red" clowning around with the young and the "young at heart"
- Vintage vehicles and equipment on display from contractor partners Coleman Plumbing and Bryan DeWitt of WD Manor
- Prizes, prizes and more prizes!!
- And most important...fun times with old and new 469 friends and families!!!

Special thanks to the devoted members of the Picnic Committee for another great event, along with the front office staff – this event would not be possible every year without your planning and commitment!

Recognition also goes out to attendees who gave blood to United Blood Services at the picnic, once again showing the giving spirit of our membership.

Big Red adds to the fun.



Fun for everyone!





Blast from the past



Good times and camaraderie



Volunteers make it all happen!

Photography by Siminski Photo Plus

CONTRACTOR CORNER

This edition of Contractor Corner features two of Local 469's industry partners that work throughout Arizona in their respective trades – Southwest Industrial Rigging and Summa Mechanical.

Southwest Industrial Rigging – From a single crane to a national presence

In the mid-1980s, Harry Baker founded Southwest Industrial Rigging (SWIR) with his pick-up truck and a single crane in Casa Grande, Arizona. During the 28 years that followed, he moved his growing operations to Phoenix and has expanded the company, opening offices in Flagstaff, Tucson and Houston. That one mobile crane grew into 52 with the largest mobile crane weighing in at 550 tons.



Transporting the National Christmas Tree from Arizona to Washington DC

Expertise and Training

Southwest Industrial Rigging not only is known for its equipment, it also has eight specialized divisions: heavy haul, crane, warehousing, machinery-moving, special rigging, power, mill right, and training. The company stands out with its ability to handle projects from start to finish. They can remove your large scale items safely, transport the item to their warehouse and store it for you until you need them to move it and install it at a new location.

With 52 mobile cranes in its fleet, the company offers bare-rented and operator-rented equipment. To provide its customers and their operators with the most current in operating and equipment trends, Southwest Industrial Rigging has an in-house training facility in Phoenix.

The facility houses almost any type of training related to lifting equipment, and it also provides national certifications for crane operators, riggers and signal persons.

Partnering with 469

SWIR has enjoyed its relationship with Local 469, particularly because the local has knowledgeable steamfitters who possess strong rigging backgrounds, which is essential for Southwest Industrial Rigging and other subcontractors.

A Commitment to Excellence

The company's reputation is born from its safe practices, keen focus on projects, and honesty to customers. SWIR hopes to continue to expand nationally and even internationally.

You name the job, SWIR can do it – a particularly unique project was the 2009 cross-country transport of the National Christmas Tree from Arizona to Washington D.C. Uniqueness is how SWIR does business. Public Relations Director Andrea Williams describes the company's philosophy: "for our company, it's not only being diverse, but being good at being diverse. Everything we do, we make sure we do well."



SWIR's largest crane on the job at the Hyatt in downtown Phoenix

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Summa Mechanical – Quality for every customer

Thirty-one years ago, John Summa started Summa Mechanical in Phoenix. Summa Mechanical works primarily in power plants, water treatment plants and central heating and cooling plants. The company has two locations – one in Phoenix and the other in Flagstaff.

Back in 1979, Summa aspired to do more industrial, heavy-commercial projects and continues to focus on these now. In fact, Summa works as a prime contractor – not a subcontractor – on its jobs.

The Flagstaff location has been opportune for the company's work at Northern Arizona University. During the past six years, Summa has worked on numerous projects for NAU, including the installation of two 1,000-ton chillers, utility upgrades including chilled water and steam, and is in the process of installing two 50,000-pound boilers, just to name a few.

Summa's primary goal is to provide the best mechanical construction services to owners such as Central Arizona Project, Arizona Public

Service, NAU, school districts, public agencies, and many others.

Staying competitive – well-trained craftspeople are key!

Summa Mechanical describes the labor provided by Local 469 as excellent – certified welders have been essential to Summa's compa-

ny and Local 469 has played an important role in this. Instead of putting an ad in the paper to find labor like many of their competitors do, Summa Mechanical relies on Local 469 to dispatch first-rate, qualified welders.

When describing his experience with Local 469, John Summa says,



John Summa (second from right) and his valued team members

“[They have] good training programs, good apprenticeship programs, and good education programs so that the people we have working for us are highly qualified and well trained.”

On the horizon

Summa Mechanical continues to grow and work on good projects with sound owners. Even with the economic downturn, the company continues to have a backlog – more than it has ever had before. Summa’s track record on engineering and capital projects across Arizona demonstrates a well-deserved reputation of quality and customer confidence.

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Todd Alter (left) and John Kelly (right) review plans for a Summa Mechanical project.

Attention Members: An Announcement from P.I.P.E.

Medical Brazing Continuity – *PER THE REQUIREMENTS OF YOUR CERTIFICATION:*
Please note that your continuity is good for six months – the date it expires is too late to put on your next continuity report.

A Continuity Report **CANNOT** be accepted if the date on it matches the expiration date on your last card! For questions or more information, please call the P.I.P.E. Office at 480.966.0377.



Calling all 469 Members & Families: P.I.P.E. Labor Day at Chase Field

Monday, September 6, 2010 at 1:10 PM

Celebrate Labor Day by watching the Arizona Diamondbacks play the San Francisco Giants!

This event is to honor and thank the union crafts people and contractors who have dedicated themselves to putting the unionized skilled labor miles above the rest!

Free tickets are available to members and their families.

Call Cathy Mayeux today to reserve your tickets at 480.966.0377 or send e-mail to cmayeux@pipetrust.org.

We hope you can join us to celebrate our trade, our families and our D'Backs!

**** All tickets are located on the Lower Level ****

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