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Nearly 3,000 Local 469 members enjoyed a game at Chase Field for Labor Day in the Ballpark.
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UA Convention, current politics highlight our need for member participation

With the summer of 2011 winding down, things have been pretty busy for Local 469. Recently, the 38th General Convention of the UA was held in Las Vegas, and the 25 delegates from Local 469 participated in some very productive sessions.

General President Bill Hite and his entire team were reelected to another five-year term and we can be sure that under his leadership, our international union will continue to maintain its rightful place in the American labor movement.

The theme of this convention was “UA Proud,” and the primary topic was jobs for our members. At the center of our efforts to secure employment is politics and our collective ability to influence and shape the public policies that not only impact our lives, but the lives of future generations.

I am sure we all can agree it is incumbent on our entire group to face the issues of the day, remain steadfast in our commitments to our principles and get involved in the political fights that are important to each and every one of us.

This means volunteering for our various political action events, registering to vote and casting your vote for the elected officials who believe in who we are and what we do. We all understand that this is not easy or glamorous work, but I cannot overstate the importance of member involvement.

The failure to meet our political goals would have devastating consequences for everyone, from our applicants to our retired members. Our pension plans are strong, but will only remain strong as long as our active members stay employed.

It is not a coincidence that our ability to secure good jobs for our members has a strong correlation to our political visibility across Arizona and beyond. This may not have been apparent in the past, but has always held true over the years.

There is room for every member on the frontlines of our political battles, and make no mistake, this is a struggle with no end. Our political vigilance must continue in perpetuity. Remember, it is our obligation to elect our friends and defeat our enemies.

Labor Day event brings families of 469 together

On Aug. 28, we hosted the fourth annual PIPE/469 Labor Day at Chase Field. The D-backs did not play at home on Labor Day this year, so we selected this date instead and had a record attendance of approximately 3,000 members and their families!
New law makes PAC more imperative

On July 20, more than 300 new laws went into effect in Arizona as a result of the previous legislative session. Included in the batch of new legislation was SB 1403 – the anti-union movement’s response to the Arizona Pipe Trades 469’s efforts to ensure the use of local labor on large-scale energy projects.

The enactment of SB 1403 prompted the Arizona Capitol Times to publish an in-depth article about the new law, questioning its sponsors’ motives, as well as the validity of the bill. The article reviewed the arguments of both sides, laying out Republican State Senator Don Shooter’s explanation of how leaving Arizona workers vulnerable would benefit the state.

The news piece also detailed the motives behind 469’s advocacy to protect local jobs. The article concluded by summarizing Republican Corporation Commission Chairman Gary Pierce’s continued support of the 469’s efforts and his reservations with the new legislation.

As this debate has developed, the value of the 469 PAC has become even more apparent. Usually, after elected officials are given the chance to review the issues affecting local workers, they tend to agree with 469’s commonsense approach to protecting local jobs.

This process of reaching out to elected officials, ensuring they understand the debate and its importance is going to require a lot of time and effort – fortunately the 469 PAC is up to the challenge!

Can you hear us now?

In a continued effort to be more effective and efficient, the 469 PAC recently launched two initiatives: a new telephone calling system and a voter registration drive, both designed to better engage the 469 membership in the political process.

In late August, the 469 PAC unveiled its new state-of-the-art auto-dialer, which will allow the PAC to call 250 phone numbers per hour. Only one other organization in the state has such a system.

This will allow volunteer coordinators to reach out to the membership more easily, making the process much more efficient. Local 469-endorsed candidates also will have the opportunity to use the system, adding more value to the PACs endorsement.

Just seven votes – YOUR power at the polls!

The 469 PAC saw the value of voting firsthand in 2009, while actively supporting Clorinda Erives for Tolleson City Council. On Election Day, I asked my staff if every member...
of 469 who lived in Tolleson had been reminded to vote.

After some research, we discovered only seven members of Local 469 lived in Tolleson. Nonetheless, we contacted every member, and everyone was able to make it to the polls to vote for Clorinda. That afternoon, I contacted Clorinda to wish her luck and let her know that despite only having seven members in Tolleson, every one of them had voted for her.

Knowing she had won the election, I was delighted to receive an enthusiastic call from her the next day. Newly-elected city council member Erives called to thank the Local 469, as she had won her election by seven votes!

Stories like this continue to affirm the saying – every vote counts, especially in local elections. That’s why the Arizona Pipe Trades 469’s next big initiative is a voter registration drive.

**Push to increase voter turnout**

The PAC is working hard to sign up a significant portion of 469’s membership to what is called the **Permanent Early Voter List** (PEVL). Once a member is registered to vote, they will have the option to be placed on the PEVL list.

Once you are on the list, you will receive your ballot in the mail for every election, no matter if it is a school board election, a recall election or a presidential election. **What this means for the Local is that more of its members will vote in every election.**

Studies have shown that voters on PEVL lists are 90 to 94 percent more likely to vote than registered voters who are not on the list.

In the next couple of weeks, you will receive a voter registration card in the mail from the hall. Even if you are already registered to vote, we ask every member to complete the form and mail it back to the hall.

The PAC will then process the registration and turn it in to the correct county clerk’s office. During this period you may receive a phone call from the PAC asking you to return the form and seeing if you have any questions.

This ambitious effort is just another way the PAC continues to move forward and become a more influential player in Arizona politics.

**Successful city elections**

The 469 PAC spent several lengthy meetings deciding who to endorse for the Phoenix, Tucson and Surprise city elections. After much deliberation and research, the PAC endorsed 10 candidates.

I am happy to report that on Aug. 30, nine out of the 10 candidates either won their elections or are currently in a run-off election!

The PAC needs to continue to work hard to elect these pro-469 candidates on Nov. 8.

Keep an eye out for the next PAC newsletter to learn more about these candidates and about opportunities to support their campaigns at the next PAC event.

469 volunteers step up to walk neighborhoods during municipal election season.
Local 469 “steps up to the plate” to bring the best sports venues to Arizona

Last month, nearly 3,000 Local 469 members and their families gathered to enjoy a day at the Chase Field ballpark. Many members in the stands may have paused for a moment to look around and think, “I helped build this place.”

From facilities like the soaring Chase Field that helps define the skyline of downtown Phoenix to the vast Phoenix International Raceway that hosts NASCAR races and gives Avondale a claim to fame, Local 469 tradespeople have indelibly shaped Arizona’s thriving sports industry with their expertise.

Each year, the venues attract millions of people who come to enjoy the sporting events and concerts taking place inside. They give a home to some of Arizona’s most beloved sports teams, such as the Diamondbacks, Coyotes and Suns.

They also attract fans from near and far, as proven by Camelback Ranch – the home of spring training to the Los Angeles Dodgers and Chicago White Sox. Collectively, the arenas seat more than 150,000 cheering fans.

Although the Arizona Pipe Trades’ contribution is mostly hidden behind the towering walls that contain these vast spaces, the structures could not exist were it not for the hardworking men and women of Local 469.

Last month’s day at the ballpark wouldn’t have been so comfortable without the seven Local 469-installed chillers that cool the 1.3-million-square-foot space by 30 degrees in four hours.

Nor would the Jobing.com Arena be able to function without the 30 miles of pipe built by the Local.

So take a look this month at some of Arizona’s state-of the-art facilities that many of you helped build. They’re as much a part of the Local and our contractor partners as they are part of the state.

Camelback Ranch
Owner: The City of Glendale
Engineering Department
Contractor Partner: W.J. Maloney
Duration: 2007-2009
Scope: Camelback Ranch-Glendale includes more than 118,000 square feet of major and minor league clubhouse space, 13 full baseball fields, and three half-fields. The facility holds up to 13,000 people in its 3,000 lawn seats, 12 luxury suites and party deck. W.J. Maloney Plumbing completed gas, water, rain water piping, and waste and vent on the Dodgers portion of the spring training facility.
Chase Field
Owner: Arizona Diamondbacks
Contractor Partner: UMEC
Duration: 1996-1998
Scope: To serve the stadium’s 8,000-ton cooling load, UMEC installed seven chillers that can cool the facility from 110 degrees to 80 degrees in four hours. The mechanical and plumbing portion of this project included one million pounds of ductwork, 32 miles of plumbing and cooling piping, 2,300 plumbing fixtures, 1,100 drains and make-up air units totaling 1.234 million cubic feet per minute. Chase Field has a potential baseball capacity of 48,569 people, and covers approximately 1.3 million square feet.

Jobing.com Arena
Owner: City of Glendale
Contractor Partner: UMEC
Duration: 2002-2003
Scope: To build a new, state-of-the-art, 17,500-seat, multi-purpose arena for hockey, lacrosse, and other sports and entertainment activities. UMEC provided design and assist services, and installed the arena’s entire plumbing and HVAC systems on a fast-track schedule. The systems required 2,400 tons of cooling, 500,000 pounds of ductwork, four 110,000-cubic-feet-per-minute air handling units, 220 fan coil units, thousands of plumbing fixtures and drains, and about 30 miles of pipe.

Phoenix International Raceway
Owner: International Speedway Corporation
Contractor Partner: Coleman Plumbing
Duration: Ongoing
Scope: Coleman Plumbing completed plumbing work when PIR refurbished the midway roughly one decade ago. The company also installed plumbing on the suite building and concession stands by Turn 1. During the peak work time, the project employed about 10 Local 469 workers. With 120-foot roof grades and suites hanging in the air on angles, much of the work required men to hang from harnesses, suspended 30 feet in the air. Coleman’s continues to staff PIR during races since problems can arise during times of high attendance.

US Airways Center
Owner: Phoenix Suns
Contractor Partner: UMEC
Duration: 1990-1992
Scope: UMEC and Local 469 members completed mechanical and HVAC work on the 930,000-square-foot facility. Inside the arena, two concourses seat nearly 17,000 people. The facility cost $90 million to build, which America West partially subsidized with its $26-million contribution for 30-year naming rights. The Phoenix Suns have called the center home since its inception. In 1997, the women’s basketball team, Phoenix Mercury, joined the men and declared the center home court.
Union Meeting Time Change
Please note that at Local 469’s August union meeting, the membership voted to change Friday union meetings from 7:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. This new 6 p.m. start time will begin in October.

Dues payment updates
Because we know everyone has a busy schedule, we will be offering more ways to pay your monthly dues. Since March 1, 2011 we have had the ability to accept dues payments over the phone. In the near future, we will have online dues payments as well.

Also, dues receipts generate frequent questions, especially related to death assessments. Each month, the number of death assessments may change, and can result in an outstanding balance on your account. Look carefully each month at your receipt to determine if you have a balance. You will be contacted by mail if you owe a balance and timely payment is needed to keep your membership in good standing. See the example at the bottom of this page.

Dispatch
The Intel Fab-42 background requirements have been relaxed to three years while the rest of the site is maintaining the seven-year background checks. In the near future, the volume of manpower requests will rise for qualified journeymen and apprentices who have at a minimum SSTA and PVC bonder certification. Keeping current on training is and will continue to be the key to everyone’s future success.

Apprentices and journeymen should either be at the hall in person, or call the job line (602.956.9702, press 1) and leave the information requested for dispatch. When you leave a phone number with us, you need to answer the phone when called by the dispatcher to be dispatched. If you do not answer the phone, the dispatcher will move on to the next individual in line for that work call.

Monthly dues increase
At the UA’s 38th convention, the topic of monthly per capita was discussed and changed to the following:

The names of deceased members that correspond to the death assessments are listed on the reverse side of your receipt.

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I recently had the good fortune to attend the 38th United Association General Convention in Las Vegas. I was sent as one of 25 delegates from Local 469.

While it wasn't the first convention that I have attended, it was one of the most memorable. During the course of the convention, we heard from many well-respected elected officials and political pundits, but also from an Iraq war veteran who shared funny and inspiring stories. We then witnessed democracy in action with a vote that would have changed the frequency of Canadian local union elections.

Most presenters, such as James Carville and Donna Brazile, spoke the about why we should be vigilant in our political action. We also listened to politicians such as Rahm Emanuel, mayor of Chicago, and James Messina, the campaign chair for President Obama, explaining why they felt it was important for us to provide our continued support for President Obama.

My personal favorite talk was given by an Iraq veteran named Josh Bliell, one of the most upbeat and inspiring people I have come in contact with. I met Josh at a tripartite conference in Florida earlier this year.

Josh had the good fortune of meeting the owner of his hometown Indianapolis Colts while staying in Walter Reed Hospital in Washington D.C. as he learned to use his new legs.

Josh was given the opportunity of his life with the Colts. He now works for them as a community relations spokesperson, and he is certainly earning his money. His position with the Colts has allowed him to utilize his sense of humor in some very entertaining ways.

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ON THE BUSINESS FRONT

Larry Abril
business representative

Increased supervisor opportunities

This year started with more work opportunities for our members than the previous year. With this increase, many of our members have been promoted to supervisors. People entering jobs in upper supervision usually have had past experience as foremen, while many foremen are new to the job.

Next year, we project our current manpower requests to double. With this increase, the opportunities for supervisor positions increase for members. Our P.I.P.E. supervision class is undergoing changes to include lessons on organizational skills targeted toward our industry and real-world experience with estimators and vendors.

A section of the class will be taught by union officers who will go over what is needed to be a good union supervisor, and also review the current contract and bylaws. It is a good start, but I feel a good supervisor first and foremost must want to do the job, be able to communicate all the information, and provide materials and tools to meet safety and productivity expectations.

Supervisors have to be accountable for their actions and the working members under their care. For example, if something is installed incorrectly, it must be dealt with immediately, and not in one week, two weeks, or months later during startup.

Inferior workmanship doesn't just happen without warning. A good supervisor who properly communicates with his crew every day will catch most problems before they become an issue.

If our successful, seasoned supervisors mentor our less experienced ones, many of the growing pains that we experience during our busier times will be alleviated. Our task is to provide safe and productive labor every day, and quality supervision is the key.

Local 469 events successful

I would like to thank the Torres Group (TCLG) for organizing many successful events this past year for Local 469 throughout Arizona, but especially the events in southern Arizona. We have had several meetings with the representatives of Rosemont Mine and the city of Tucson that introduced our signatory contractors to the individuals who make the decisions.

Our volunteer members in the Tucson area were called and continue to be called to staff our political action events set up by TCLG.

Recently, we attended the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Annual Conference where we met with mayors, council members, town managers and staff to deliver our message: when they entrust Arizona Pipe Trades U.A. Local 469 signatory contractors to complete their projects, our members who work for these
### DAVIS BACON PROJECTS UNDER REVIEW

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<th>Project Name</th>
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<td>Solana Solar Generating Station</td>
<td>Gila Bend, AZ</td>
<td>Building a solar generating station</td>
<td>$1,450,000,000</td>
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<td>Piping Repair, Modification and Replacement of Hoover Dam</td>
<td>Hoover Dam, AZ/NV</td>
<td>Perform piping repair, modification and replacement at Hoover Dam</td>
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<td>Construct National Guard Readiness Center</td>
<td>Florence, AZ</td>
<td>Construct new National Guard facility with training facility, classrooms, change rooms, kitchen, and sleeping quarters</td>
<td>$6,357,000</td>
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<td>Construct an Army National Guard Readiness Center, Camp Navajo</td>
<td>Bellemont, AZ</td>
<td>Construction of approximately 92,860 square feet and associated site work. The work is not limited to mechanical, electrical, and concrete trades, but will include them.</td>
<td>$6,577,000</td>
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<td>New Border Patrol Station</td>
<td>Wellton, AZ</td>
<td>A new border patrol station will support 375 agents. The facility will consist of multiple buildings on a single site.</td>
<td>$22,143,428</td>
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<td>GRCA - Construct 64 Housing Units</td>
<td>Grand Canyon National Park</td>
<td>Constructing two multiple-dwelling units for employees working in Grand Canyon National Park. The employee housing will consist of two, two-story apartment buildings that contain a total of 16 apartments.</td>
<td>$8,120,000</td>
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<td>Expand OR Suite Bldg 57 Southern Arizona VA Healthcare System</td>
<td>Tucson, AZ</td>
<td>Construct a 6,100-square-foot addition to the second floor of Building 57 to expand the existing operating room suite.</td>
<td>$4,992,000</td>
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<td>Reconfiguration and Expansion of Mariposa Land Port of Entry</td>
<td>Nogales, AZ</td>
<td>Reconfigure and expand the existing Mariposa Land Port of Entry. The project will expand the existing LPOE to accommodate increasing volumes of privately-owned vehicles, pedestrian and commercial traffic.</td>
<td>$111,134,000</td>
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<td>OR Humidification/Dehumidification</td>
<td>Phoenix, AZ, Carl T. Hayden Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center</td>
<td>Work includes, but is not limited to, installation of new humidification and dehumidification systems, including controls for Operating Rooms 1 through 7 located on the third floor</td>
<td>$2,687,000</td>
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<td>Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Investigation</td>
<td>Phoenix, AZ, 7th Street and Deer Valley</td>
<td>Construct a 210,202-square-foot facility</td>
<td>$62,000,000</td>
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<td>Sells Hospital McQuay Chiller and Lab A/C</td>
<td>Sells, AZ</td>
<td>Installation of new chilled water supply and return lines that will connect the Sells Indian Hospital Outpatient Department (OPD) to main plant chillers.</td>
<td>To be determined</td>
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<td>Phoenix Sojourner Center Hope Campus Remodel</td>
<td>Phoenix, AZ</td>
<td>On-site exterior security improvements and facility renovations to enhance services to the domestic violence clients.</td>
<td>$429,174</td>
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<td>Modern Streetcar Project Update for Construction Associations and Construction Business</td>
<td>Tucson, AZ</td>
<td>Modern Streetcar in Tucson Urban Corridor</td>
<td>$196,822,000</td>
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<td>Navopache Electric Cooperative</td>
<td>Pinetop/Lakeside, AZ</td>
<td>The project includes two pre-engineered buildings totaling 33,419 square feet. The first building is a vehicle maintenance facility, crew room, and transformer shop. The second building, which features a solar, hot-water system, is a meter shop and warehouse complete with offices, storage space, and a meter testing and prep area.</td>
<td>To be determined</td>
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<td>Rough Rock Community School</td>
<td>Rough Rock, AZ</td>
<td>The project consists of the design, construction and reconstruction of water and sewer infrastructure, in addition to a new play court and synthetic athletic field with track, stands and lighting. The project also involves reconstructing roadways and lots.</td>
<td>To be determined</td>
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<td>Ajo Border Patrol Station</td>
<td>Ajo, AZ</td>
<td>The project consists of a new border patrol station in to support 350 agents. The facility will consist of multiple buildings on a single site. The primary building is the station building.</td>
<td>$25,584,000</td>
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Contractors will be a well-trained, safe and productive workforce who will provide superior value to the projects. Thank you, TCLG.

**Davis-Bacon compliance monitoring update**

Local 469 continues to track Davis-Bacon projects and recently added the Ajo Border Patrol Station project to the list of those we are monitoring. **Currently, we are monitoring 17 cases with a combined value of more than $1.9 billion.**

In August, Local 469 and TCLG participated in the U.S. Department of Labor’s Prevailing Wage Conference held in Phoenix. The trades were extremely well represented at the three-day workshop, which provided us with an outstanding opportunity to share firsthand our concerns from organized labor’s viewpoint.

The tools and resources offered at the seminar will prove to be beneficial to our Local, and provide valuable reference materials for working through the complicated arena of federal prevailing wages.
Fourth Annual Labo

More than 3,000 strong - Largest gro
Day at Chase Field

Up attendance in Chase Field history!
This summer, we have seen our contractors and members working in many locations outside of the metro Phoenix and Tucson areas. We see this trend continuing into the future. I thank all the members and their families for supporting the efforts of Local 469. I also thank the contractors we work with to grow our market share statewide, even though there have been challenges in staffing this work.

I also thank our new organized journeymen and apprentice members, along with the travel card members, including apprentices, who are here to help us.

Business development progress

Solana Solar Generating to start

We have our first contract work at the Solana Solar Generating Station starting soon. Harris Mechanical Southwest was awarded approximately one mile of 18-inch high density polyethylene (HPDE) water line to supply the facility. To date, a lot of civil work is being done at the site for the base supports, and work is ongoing for the molten salt storage tanks.

Other work in medical facilities, air product plants, and mining facilities is on the increase.

We will continue to have a need for members with medical gas, welding and the new plastics certifications.

RESIDENTIAL, LIGHT COMMERCIAL AND APACC SERVICE

Mel Ingwaldson
business representative
Nogales Port of Entry work underway

The Nogales job is a new port of entry in the town for commercial truck and passenger car traffic on top of the hill going into Mexico on Interstate 19. While this project is under construction, the normal day-to-day traffic still flows through the job site and causes many schedule changes.

This is a federally-funded project that lasts into 2013. WJ. Maloney is doing the plumbing, Midstate Mechanical is completing mechanical work and Torres Consulting and Law Group is keeping track of the wage and hour compliance.

Foreman Pablo Hernandez, left, and General Foreman Bill Crane work at the Nogales Port of Entry job site.

Ongoing APACC Events and Promotions

Getting out in the community

Fiesta de la Raza, Oct. 15 and 16, Tempe Beach Park
Arizona Women’s Expo, Oct. 22 and 23, Phoenix Convention Center
APACC Party on the Great Lawn, all home games, University of Phoenix Stadium

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Ron Wolfley joins happy recipients of KTAR and APACC’s sports gear giveaway. The event benefits metropolitan Phoenix’s Boys and Girls clubs by outfitting them with sports gear.

Henry the Gila Monster makes an appearance at KTAR’s GearUp for Kids with KTAR’s Kevin Zurek, middle, and Local 469 Business Representative Mel Ingwaldson.
Training Center upgrades continue

This past year, several projects have taken place and we are trying very hard to have one of the best apprenticeships in the nation. We are off to a very good start.

We just got the building painted in its entirety, stucco and siding repairs as well. We have had new flooring installed in the clean room fabrication area, as well as the orbital welding lab. New carpeting was installed in classrooms, conference rooms, offices and records room.

New updated signs representing the “Arizona Pipe Trades Apprenticeship” were installed. The existing sign was replaced and a brand new sign was installed on the building facing Thomas Road.

We are in the process of having new furniture installed in multiple classrooms, the large meeting room, general offices, conference rooms and computer lab. This is the first time in approximately 16 years that we bought new furniture, which is a welcome improvement! All of the furniture will be done in phases, with the priority on scheduling and making sure the installation doesn’t interrupt any classes.

New heating and cooling units

Air conditioning and heating units are being installed in the “hands-on” Buildings 1, 2, 5 and 6. A water source heat pump system will provide comfortable conditions during classroom times throughout the year.

The majority of the piping and installation is being completed by our very own apprentices working very hard in job-like conditions, making this a perfect “hands-on” project for them. It not only helps with the cost of the project, but keeps the apprentices interested and focused on the installation.

A new building for warehousing materials is in the near future. It will store the piping products and welding materials we use every day. This will give us more room in the “hands-on” buildings and free up most of the space now being used for storage.

The new warehouse will be Building 7, and will be located where the rigging structure is housed right now. We will install chilled and hot water to heat and cool the new Building 7. The project will also allow us to install water for heating and cooling the welding lab.

Keeping members busy

It is a very busy time for a very busy Local Union. We have a lot of jobs and are keeping our members working. We are continually preparing new classes for our apprentices to train them on specialty crafts so that we can provide the best craftsmen possible to our contractors.

My congratulations and thanks go out to the team that has completed the testing equipment. They have worked hard every weekend doing qualification testing.
Sparks fly in Phil McNally Sr.’s basic welding class. The students work under his watchful direction, each practicing skills in a stall protected by wide, vertical rubber shades to contain the sparks. They work enveloped by large masks and thick protective suits to stay safe.

Phil has belonged to Local 469 for 56 years. He began teaching the one-week-long basic welding course in 2000, one year after retiring. Phil happily spends his time helping apprentices, just as elders once helped guide him to a well-paying job that afforded his family a nice life.

“We always lived a nice life on account of this union,” Phil said, adding that, “you can retire with dignity. I would not trade this – I don’t know what else I would be doing if I wasn’t in the pipe trades.”

Phil helps first-year apprentices learn the trade, and looks forward to seeing his students in later years after they have achieved full welding certification. “That’s gratifying,” he said. The classes and certification ensure that students have all the skills they need to become successful, stay employed and support their families.

“We’re a good workforce,” Phil said.

Phil is a second-generation welder. His father, Armin McNally, also belonged to Local 469 and worked as a steamfitter welder. The family hails from Baltimore, but moved to Arizona in 1952. Phil entered Phoenix Technical High School, and after graduating on a Thursday, began work the following Monday.

Phil learned basic welding in high school, and continued his education once he joined the union.

“The training now is better,” said Phil. His students take the basic welding class that Phil teaches in five consecutive days, enjoying a continuity that Phil said didn’t exist when he first entered the trade. As a young man, Phil took classes two days each week for the duration of his five-year-long education.

He has worked on many projects throughout Arizona, including power houses and hospitals. He also installed new pipe at Arizona State University. “I worked almost everywhere here in all these years.”

The diversity of projects is part of what appealed to Phil about his chosen career. “I liked working; I really did,” said Phil. He has also had the unique opportunity to work with his father and for his father. His father at one point even worked for Phil. Phil’s three sons continued the family tradition and also are members of Local 469.

Throughout the years, Phil has watched Local 469 grow while maintaining its feeling of brotherhood. “Everybody is in it together.”

Today, Phil says teaching helps keep him young. “I like to mix with the younger people,” he said. “I like to see people progress.”

He teaches three of the one-week basic welding classes each year – just enough to stay busy while enjoying his retirement. He also “wanted to give back a little bit to the union because it gave so much to me. It’s been rewarding.”
JBH delivers tradition of excellence

Jack B. Henderson Construction (JBH) began in 1959 as the dream of its namesake founder. The son of a carpenter, Jack had just returned home to Clovis, N.M. after serving his country in the armed forces.

The company has grown during the past 52 years from a small, two-man architectural services firm to a large general and mechanical contracting company with an international presence.

In 2009, JBH opened a Chandler office to serve a local microelectronics manufacturer. Its headquarters remains in Albuquerque, N.M. The company ranks among the top in its field and has even been named as one of New Mexico’s “Best Places to Work” by New Mexico Business Weekly. Industry magazines have also recognized JBH’s work as both high quality and safe.

Throughout its expansion, JBH has maintained its commitment to family values. Jack B. Henderson’s son, Mark G. Henderson, today runs the company, working as president and chief executive officer.

Mark is an experienced plumber/pipemfitter, educated through Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 412 in Albuquerque. Since taking leadership in 1991, Mark has grown the company to include five offices in three states: Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado. The company has also completed projects in Costa Rica, North Carolina and Utah.

JBH has surpassed the expectations of customers with complicated needs, including the Department of Energy, Department of Defense, universities, hospitals and microelectronics manufacturers.

Early struggle leads to success

During the business’ early days, Jack worked hard to run the fledgling company. He persevered through slow periods when it sometimes seemed as if the company would never contract with another client.

Eventually, JBH developed a key partnership with the Atomic Energy Commission, now Sandia National Laboratories. The partnership would help the company grow and secure its reputation as one of the best in the field.

The company continued its pace until 1967, when turmoil in the local mechanical contracting community spurred an expansion. Companies were striking, and refused to provide Jack a mechanical bid for a project until they settled the dispute.

Jack refused to leave his customers waiting and instead added a mechanical contracting services division to JBH. He added several new employees to support the expansion, including his brother-in-law, Leland Stroud, and Stroud’s son, John Stroud Sr. To solidify their mechanical capabilities, JBH added a sheet metal shop the same year.

Soon, JBH embarked on groundbreaking work, including helping to develop the first clean room and also computer chips capable of surviving nuclear exposure.
In 1993, the company underwent another expansion, adding a pipe fabrication facility for manufacturing black iron, stainless steel and other materials. In 1995, the company built its own clean room.

JBH is proud to be the contractor of choice for tough jobs. Throughout its history, JBH has demonstrated its capacity for successfully completing jobs that made others squirm, such as an acid line removal project on the Fourth of July.

Today, the company ranks among New Mexico’s largest general and mechanical contractors, while executing up to 85 percent of its contracts with in-house staff and working with quality subcontractors for additional project support.

**Areas of expertise**

JBH has the capacity to perform architectural and mechanical work, construct clean rooms, supply pipe and sheet metal fabrications, and provide design/build and design/assist services. JBH is experienced in process pipe, HVAC, ultra high purity pipe and PVDF installations. The company can successfully manage resources for process upgrades including base build, tool install, CUB upgrade and waste distribution scopes.

In addition to the company’s technical experience, JBH has an award-winning safety program recognized at a national and local level. The company also has a documented quality management program described as “world-class” that has successfully passed numerous external audits conducted by its most demanding customers.

JBH has the expertise, resources and commitment to execute any project safely, within budget, on schedule and to the most demanding quality standards.

**Partnership key to success**

JBH’s Arizona operations strongly benefit from its relationship with Local 469, which ensures that the company provides its customers with the most experienced personnel in the industry. JBH currently employs 125 Local 469 workers, and is grateful for the quality work they complete.

“We have worked all over the southwest and other parts of the world in our 50-plus years in business, and have found the craftsman from Local 469 to be true professionals,” said JBH President and CEO Mark Henderson.

“Hats off to the craft and their management for practicing what they preach! We look forward to a long and lasting relationship in the years to come,” he added.

JBH is committed to achieving the highest level of quality and performance, earning a reputation as the supplier of choice, and building the future of families through jobs, training and community involvements. The company intends to continue its presence in Arizona and grow operations with the support of 469’s talented and professional workforce.

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This has become our signature event of the year, and it would not be possible without our contractors’ generous involvement. I would like to recognize PI.P.E. Executive Director Carl Triphahn and PI.P.E. Executive Assistant Cathy Mayeux for their tireless efforts in once again making this day a memorable experience for our group.

Your picnic committee, elected officers and office staff were also on hand helping to manage affairs before the game and I thank them as well.

Work improves, but training still essential
Looking forward, we should be in great shape on the work front. Among all the scopes of work at the Intel Ocotillo campus, members will find ample employment opportunities that will take us through 2012.

Should you find yourself unemployed during this time, the best remedy is to return to the training center and obtain certification in additional skill sets to get you back to work. Our training center and its resources are second to none, but they are of no value unless utilized to the maximum.

We are known for our commitment to continuous improvement through training, and our programs have never had the depth and scope that exist today. Please take advantage of what is available and train up for tomorrow’s challenges.

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UA convention inspiring; members saw democracy in action

When he was introduced, Josh thanked General President Hite, a Chicago native, for inviting him to speak. Josh also said that the general president told him the Chicago Bears would be at the Super Bowl this year in Indianapolis. Josh told the general president he would make sure he had good seats.

My favorite segment from Josh’s talk involved him sitting on an airplane next to an older gentleman who was extremely nervous about flying. When he saw Josh’s legs, he said, “Is that a war injury?”

Josh calmly replied, “No, it was a plane crash.” I have seen Josh twice now and he is truly a breath of fresh air. I hope that all who have listened to him came away as inspired by his life as I have been.

Towards the end of the convention, the Laws Committee asked the delegates to approve a change to the UA Constitution that would allow our Canadian local unions to elect their representatives for a five-year term. Regulations in the United States limit the term of local union officials to three years.

General President Hite unsuccessfully tried to have the 3,200 delegate conference representatives vote by standing up to show their support or disapproval. Once again, he wasn’t able to figure out if the resolution was successful. At that point, he decided that the only way to determine the decision of the convention was to conduct a roll call vote.

Each business manager was called to the microphone to cast the ballots for his delegation. In the end, the resolution was defeated by just about 30 out of 3,200-plus votes. It was truly an example of democracy in action.

It was certainly within the power of General President Hite to call the voice or stand-up vote either way because it was so close. He was the one that determined a roll call vote was necessary and my compliments go out to him.

On the local business front, we continue to introduce new contractors to work in our jurisdiction. While most of them are going to start by working at the new, state-of-the-art microchip manufacturing facility in Chandler, they will also be available to pursue work opportunities for our members in other areas in the jurisdiction of Local 469.

We wish them all success.
NICK RUIZ: A LIFE TO REMEMBER

Nick Ruiz

Nick made the emotional trip back to Normandy, France for the 65th anniversary of D-Day.

Honoring a devoted husband, father, veteran and 469 member

Recently passed Local 469 member Nick Ruiz survived an impoverished childhood, selling watermelons from a friend’s garden and coal that fell off passing trains to feed his family.

At 18, he plunged into floodwaters, successfully emerging after saving a drowning man. Then came World War II, and Nick lived to tell the stories of D-Day and the Battle of the Bulge.

“He made it through all that without even a scratch,” said his daughter, psychologist Dr. Abby Garcia, of Nick’s wartime travail.

But in post-World War II Phoenix with his wife, Dora, a growing family and refrigeration training in tow, Nick Ruiz could not find enough work to support his family.

Nick faced discrimination, said Abby. Then, in the late 1950s, he joined Local 469 and never had problems finding work again.

“The union made sure that I had a chance to support my family,” Abby recalled her father saying. “He always felt like they were his protector.”

Nick died on July 6, 2011, at 90 years old. He looked to Local 469 like a second family, and was proud to receive his 50-year pin in 2009.

Nick carved out a career alongside his Local 469 brothers, while caring for his 10 children and proudly watching them receive the education he always wanted but never had the opportunity to get.

Nick had a tough life. “He was just a very ornery guy,” said Abby. His father died when Nick was two years old. His mother remarried, but Nick’s stepfather often traveled to work various labor jobs. The family had little money.

Nick filled in the gaps. One winter, he walked six miles through a blizzard while wrapped in a coat made of burlap sacks to ask a neighbor for food so his family wouldn’t starve.

Nick dropped out of school after eighth grade. Instead of learning from books, he learned how to mine and raise cattle. He found ingenious ways of making money, including selling items that fell off passing trains.

In 1941, Nick enlisted with the Army, which was building its forces with a bargaining chip – enlist now and they’d only keep you for one year.

Two days after Nick enlisted, the Japanese struck Pearl Harbor. The Army had Nick, “and boy did they keep him,” said Abby.

Nick spent nearly four years in the Army. The time was busy and brutal, but it would also bring Nick to the future Mrs. Ruiz.

They met on May 5, 1943 at a Cinco de Mayo dance. “It was love at first sight,” said Abby.

Nick fought in World War II’s most notorious battles while serving in the Army.

Nick’s whole family accompanied him to France for the 65th anniversary of D-Day.

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### IN MEMORIAM

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### Fallen brother reminds us of job-site dangers

Ten years ago we lost a beloved member of the 469 family, Matt Dees, in a fatal, work-related accident. The memory of Matt and his tragic incident had a dramatic impact on members and reminds us to focus on safety first.

Please remember that no task is so critical that any individual should risk injury to complete it. In many accidents, a seemingly more productive or faster method actually makes people more vulnerable to injury. Unfortunately, the easy or fast way is not always the safe way.

Please take a moment to think about what happened to Matt, how it affected his family, loved ones, friends, and coworkers. Life is precious and it can be cut short in a split second.
Nick was wearing a crisp, white cowboy shirt and starched Levis. The two fell in love and would marry, but Nick first had to finish his stint with the Army.

The mission was secret and Nick didn’t know what was happening on June 6, 1944 when the soldiers arrived in Normandy. The soldiers felt ill, but commanders shoved them off the boat and into the blood-tainted water that was full of fallen American soldiers.

“The commanders said, ‘Run to the beach head and just try to save yourself,’” said Abby.

Sixty-five years later, Nick and his family would return to Normandy for the anniversary of D-Day. Tour guides asked him to take over the running dialogue since he had firsthand knowledge. Abby said he astounded everyone with his nuanced knowledge of the sociological and political forces at work beneath the military events.

After the war, home in Miami, Arizona with his wife and growing family, Nick found work in the mines. One day, Dora spotted an ad for refrigeration school and thought, “You’ll never run out of work in Phoenix if you are in refrigeration.” Nick successfully completed training, but found it hard to secure jobs. Nick joined the Local 469 and found steady work and a spirit of brotherhood.

Throughout his life, Nick passed his hard-won life lessons to his children, especially regarding money. Abby started saving for college at the age of 12 and worked her way through without any loans.

Ultimately, Nick lived to a healthy 90-and-a-half, even mounting a horse for a day-long cattle roundup at 88.

His family and friends will never forget Nick’s strong spirit.

Nick met his wife, Dora, while serving in the Army.

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**2011 UPCOMING EVENTS**

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*Unless otherwise noted, all events take place at the AZ Pipe Trades 469 Hall, 3109 N. 24th St., Phoenix.

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Nick Ruiz: A Life to Remember

Nick met his wife, Dora, while serving in the Army.
Arizona Pipe Trades 469 salutes the United Association’s 122nd Anniversary!

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