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Ironworkers Local 721, 909 Kipling Ave., Toronto, Ontario M8Z 5H3



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Business Manager Financial Secretary Treasurer

### **Business Manager's Report**

We had an election this year I am honored to have been elected Business Manager/Financial Secretary Treasurer. My thanks to all members who showed up on a cold and rainy Saturday to support me. We are so fortunate to have such a great team of Business Agents, Organizers, Training and Office staff who work very hard every day for the members and their families.

I am especially proud of restoring various union functions, like our members Golf Tournament, where we had numerous signatory contractors and 96 members who attended this golfing event. Everyone pitched in, resulting in a great event raising over \$19,000.00 which was donated on behalf of our membership, contractors' and various service providers to the Ronald McDonald House.



Our Pension and Benefit Plan are in excellent shape and should continue to improve well into the future. Our local is in a very strong financial situation and the future looks bright with all the upcoming work in our jurisdiction.

Please mark your calendar for our **Christmas Luncheon** on **December 7, 2018** from **11:30** A.M. **TO 4:00** p.m. At this event, due to liability issues there will be No Alcohol served, in lieu of having no alcohol we will be providing one (1) \$20.00 Gift Card (LCBO or other) to **Members Only** as approved by the membership at the September 2018 Meeting.

Thanks once again for your continued support and on behalf of myself and family, the Officers and Staff, we want to wish you and your family, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally Yours,

Fred MacPherson,

**Business Manager/Financial Secretary/Treasurer** 

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#### **President's Report**

The past year has been quite eventful; Elections, coming out of supervision, construction and completion of Phase#1, construction and occupancy issues, moving in and out of our offices/training centre, newly elected/appointed officers and staff, re-establishing of various committees and appointments to various trust funds, AAAHHHH JUST to name a few!!!!!! We had a very busy year.

In addition, our Phase#2 Construction started in August 2018. This construction is a renovation of our 8000sq/ft. membership hall and offices for the Local, which we anticipate to have completed by the end of November 2018. Hopefully, this will be our last and final move-in date. Once completed, we are looking forward to hosting an **Open House** for our members and their families and all stake holders.

All this and our Local still managed maintaining our core functions, servicing our membership and restoring various union events. This has only been achieved by the hard work of our Officers and Staff. I wish to thank everyone involved in our Local and thank the membership for their patience as we continue working towards stabilizing and getting back to normal operations.

#### RECENT EVENTS

Congratulations to our **Glenn Kimmett Scholarship Award recipients**. This year we awarded \$5000 to Christopher Bryenton, \$3000 to Nicole Ryk, and \$1000 to Madison Allaire as scholarship awards. Additionally, all other applicants received \$100.00 Gift Card from Staples. A special thanks to our Scholarship Committee, and their hard work and membership for adding additional awards based on their recommendations.



\$5000 recipient

\$3000 recipient

Congratulations to Jordan Lovell and Peter's Shannon for placing 5<sup>TH</sup> and 14<sup>TH</sup> at the **2018 International Apprentice Competition** held in Minneapolis. They did a great job representing Local 721 and the Ontario District Council. This is a reflection of how great our training staff is in preparing our apprentices for the real world.



Reminder for December's Membership meeting we will have the annual Norm Kennedy Turkey Draw where we have 50 - \$75 gift certificates which will be randomly drawn from those in attendance for the December membership meeting.

We look forward to 2019, but there is still a lot of work to do and we have upcoming contract negotiations which we anticipate will not be easy. Please do your best to stay informed, participate, come to membership meetings, visit our website <a href="https://www.iw721.org">www.iw721.org</a> and stay in contact with the officers of the Local. Additionally, for your information, although construction is ongoing our **Membership Meetings** will be back at the Union Hall at 909 Kipling Ave., as usually every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Please review the upcoming schedule included in this newsletter.

In closing, our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of those members who have passed away over this year. On behalf of my family, the officers and staff of Local 721, I want to wish everyone a safe and merry Christmas and Happy New Year's.

Fraternally Yours,

Luiz Barros,

**President/Business Agent** 

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# **Upcoming Schedule Local 721& Office Hrs**

OCT. 5, 2018	7:30-11:30 am
OCT. 8, 2018	<u>CLOSED</u> THANKSGIVING
OCT.17, 2018	6:00-8:00pm Membership Meeting at the Local Hall
NOV.21, 2018	6:00-8:00pm Membership Meeting at the Local Hall
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DEC. 2, 2018	8:30-11:30 am Children's Christmas Party –Oasis Centre
DEC. 7, 2018	11:30-4:00pm Members Christmas Luncheon
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DEC. 19, 2018	6:00-8:00pm Membership Meeting at the Local Hall
DEC. 24, 2018	7:30-11:30 am
DEC. 25, 2018	CLOSED CHRISTMAS
DEC. 26, 2018	CLOSED BOXING DAY
DEC. 27, 2018	7:30-3:30 pm
Dec. 28, 2018	7:30-3:30 pm
DEC. 31, 2018	7:30-11:30 am
JAN. 1, 2019	<u>CLOSED</u> NEW YEARS

Normal operating office hours are Monday to Friday, 7:30 to 3:30pm.

# **Upcoming Training Dates**

## **Apprentice Classes**

Ironworker Intermediate - Oct. 29 - Dec. 20, 2018 Rodworker Basic - Jan.7 - March 1, 2019 Ironworker Basic - Jan.7 - Feb.28, 2019

#### Journeyman Upgrading

Working at Heights Re-cert - Saturday November 3, 2018 - Friday December 7, 2018 - Saturday December 8, 2018

Rigging Safety - Saturday December 8, 2018

**1<sup>st</sup> Apprentice Meeting of 2019** - Wednesday January, 30, 2019

# **Holiday Welding Hours**

Please note the weld shop will be closed December 24, 2018-January 4, 2019