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IAMAW Rocky Mountain Lodge 47



Your Newsletter

Keeping our Members Informed and Motivated.

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Rocky Mountain Lodge 47 Launches First Newsletter

There was a time when union halls were local, easily accessible and crowded every month with members seeking the latest information about their union, a place where they could express their concerns or simply socialize with fellow members.

There have been many changes since those days and we realize there are limitations to the accessibility of the lodge to some members, like those who live in Colorado Springs, Pueblo and Wyoming. We understand that it is just not feasible for them to make every meeting, much less have a conversation with any of their executive board members.

Thankfully technology has advanced greatly and everything is becoming virtual, on line and instantly accessible to anyone with a computer.

Rocky Mountain Lodge 47 has been working diligently to provide avenues for our members to access Local Lodge and IAM Machinist Union information and assistance.

It has been a long process to obtain the necessary tools and skills for all this to happen. We selected members with a background in media development which were trained in "Web and Newsletter Development" at the William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center located in Hollywood Maryland. It has taken two years for all this to happen, because this type of training and classes could only be accessed at one media class per year.

As a result we have created our own website that can be accessed on the internet through "Google" at: "www.iamawlocal47.org" it has all kinds of information and links that pertain to our union and members. We encourage everyone to access and use it as often as necessary. Additionally we have started this newsletter, which will be provided on a monthly basis and will allow us a more personal method of relaying information to members.



Rocky Mountain Local Lodge 47 has an office in and meets at the Local 1886 Union Hall, The second Saturday of each Month at 10AM

There are some benefits using this form of communication which are:

- It will be sent to directly to your home.
- It will contain information that might be of a sensitive nature that we want just our members to have.
- It solves a problem for our members who may not have a computer or access to the internet.
- It will give a personal touch to information and let the member know he or she is part of the overall aspect of the local and not just a number that has hit the website.

Now that this process is complete we hope to provide better information and support for our members.

Garry Harper, President, Local Lodge 47



Here is a little history about our lodge:

Rocky Mountain Lodge 47 (formerly Pioneer Lodge 47) held its first meeting on October 10th, 1889.

At that time Lodge 47 was a mixed local with members from the Railroad Shops and Machine Shops.

Lodge 47 was officially chartered on October 1st, 1890 by the National Association of Machinists (which would later become the IAM). It is one of the first and oldest lodges in Colorado.

For more history check out our website at:

www.iamawlocal47.org

Rocky Mountain Lodge 47

Monthly Meeting

June 11, 2011 at 10 am

5621 Bowen Ct.

Commerce City, CO

Newsletter Stories & Information

Stories and information that will be included on this news letter will be things like:

- Arbitration Issues
- Strike Votes
- Political Candidates
- Community Support
- Union Meetings
- Member Spotlights
- Cartoons
- Events—Parties
- Members Issues
- Contact information
- Voting Information
- Surveys
- Notices
- Contests

These are just a few of the things we can include in our newsletter and maybe not all at the same time, but we will surely try to get as much important information as we can on a monthly basis.



Name Your Newsletter Contest

Members can get involved in a Local Lodge event! They can do it by coming up with the name for this newsletter.

Simply submit your idea for a name that you think would fit best for the "Rocky Mountain Lodge 47" newsletter.

Make it one word or up to four words.

Use nothing derogatory, inflammatory, racial, etc. . .

The name chosen for the newsletter will replace the title "Your Newsletter " that is on the first page at the top.

The winner will receive a \$50 gift card and they will have the privilege of knowing their creation is part of this newsletter.

Deadline for submissions is June 10, 2011

Executive Board Members are not eligible for this contest.

The official newsletter contest form is inserted with this newsletter. Just fill it out and send it to us at the address on the form, or email your information and suggestion to:

websetward@iamawlocal47.org

Can't wait to see the submissions.

Good Luck everyone!



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