



## Member newsletter

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# UA Canada member newsletter

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### Video: John Telford explains why the UA is important

Watch the video here:



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### Toronto Star Op-Ed: Unions in Canada under fire

Toronto Star columnist Linda McQuaig explores the importance of unions in Canada and suggests they may be the best and last line of defense against a comprehensive “right-wing”

assault on social programs, in her monthly column. McQuaig reminds us of the important role unions played in shaping how we work; after all, unions are “the people who brought you the weekend,” and explores the motives and tactics of corporate interest groups and right-wing politicians who insist unions are no longer relevant.

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## UA Canada's threat from within

UA members working in the open-shop sector will not be tolerated. Together, UA Canada and our UA Locals are launching a co-ordinated effort to find and deal with rogue members.

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## Bill C-377 Canadian Building Trades video

A video about what Bill C-377 really means for Canadian unions.

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## Alberta oil sands deliver UA jobs to Southern Ontario

The bounty of Canada’s Albertan oil sands benefits UA members in other regions of the country, providing good jobs for members right in their own communities.

This includes some of the work being carried out by members of UA Local 67 at [Westlake](#)

[Industries](#) in Burlington Ontario.

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## Afghanistan veteran becomes UA Local 67 apprentice steamfitter

Aaron Dalrymple, a veteran of the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry, recently became an apprentice steamfitter through the [Helmets to Hardhats \(H2H\) Program](#).

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## UA Local 244 celebrates 50 years in Antigonish

UA Local 244 recently held its 50th Anniversary celebration at the Charles V Keating Millennium Centre, St. Francis Xavier University, in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, a fitting location considering UA brothers and sisters have supplied the manpower for all new piping projects



## Proud father accepts 50-year watch at Local 67

John McVey, a steamfitter from UA Local 67 recently accepted his 50-year watch. The moment was made all the more special because John's daughter, Dr. Karen McVey-Neufeld, was present for the ceremony.

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at the university for the past 50 years.

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## Ontario Minister of Labour to visit UA Local 599 for fall prevention event

UA Local 599 will be hosting the Barrie Regional Labour-Management Health & Safety Committee for the [Fall Prevention Tradeshow](#). The Ontario [Minister of Labour, Linda Jeffrey](#), will join business leaders and members of the [Infrastructure Health and Safety Association](#) (IHSA) at Local 599's union hall to talk about health and safety issues.

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## UA Local 179 completes five million man-hours in one year



Last year, the skilled tradesmen of UA [Local 179](#) in Saskatchewan completed five million man-hours for all the pipe trades combined – resulting in the second highest number of man-hours worked in Canada.

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## Tell us your stories...

Do you have a story you would like included in the UA members newsletter? We want to hear from you. Every month we pull together stories from across Canada that demonstrate the impact UA Locals have in their community, profession and on prospective members. Your stories are important.

If you have a story to share, contact us and we will ensure your good work is shared with members nationwide.

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