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I am writing this report after returning home from the 2018 Steward School. As in the past, this was a very informative meeting, as well as enjoyable with the fun events that were held. If you were working and unable to attend, you missed a great Steward School. Thanks to all the great speakers who spoke; they delivered good information to us to use out on the jobs and the areas we work in as well.

The Retiree Banquet was a humbling event, and it was heartwarming to see and visit with the 50-plus-year members who helped bring us the things we take for granted today. When you are out on the ROW enjoying the good pay, benefits and working conditions, remember those benefits didn't just happen. These retired members fought for those conditions, so be mindful and help secure our working conditions for future generations of pipeliners. Thank you to the Inside Guards and the 798 staff for giving up your time to make sure everything went in an orderly and timely manner. Thank you to the Ladies of 798 for all the things you do for the charities you support, and for the support you give to us. We couldn't do the things we do without your help.

The work outlook is unbelievable. We are on track to having record man-hour year. We are going to need everyone's help in manning and completing these projects on time, but most of all, doing them safely. Some of this work is in steep and dangerous terrain, so we all need to watch out for ourselves and others as well. When this year is over, let's make sure we all return home safe.

We still have good jobs awaiting permits. We need your help getting these permits pushed through. If you haven't already joined the Action Network and signed these petitions, I encourage you to do so now. If possible, you might try attending the town hall meeting in your area. These jobs are your future work so let's do all we can to get them.

It's an honor for me to represent the finest pipeliners in the world. I look forward to seeing you on the ROW soon. If I can be of help please don't hesitate to call. Have a safe and prosperous work season.

Pre-Jobs:

B&G Pipeline:

-Ellenboro, NC. 36,274' of 16" pipe. Welder Foreman: Naaman Warren. Superintendent: Thomas Born. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 6-1-18.

Meade:

-Erlanger, KY. 75 miles of 24". Welder Foreman: Chris Lee. Superintendent: John Karlsson. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 5-1-18.

Price Gregory:

-Florence, KY. 3 miles of 8" caliper pig run. Welder Foreman: Sam Wilson. Superintendent: Tommy Hardwick. Working 6-10s. Approx. completion 4-15-18.