

BLOWTORCH UA Local #13 Plumbers, Steamfitters & Service Techs

Bill Kurtz, Business Manager
Jim Caternolo, Business Agent

The Next Union Meeting is Tuesday, May 23rd, 2017

ALL WORKING MEMBERS THAT GO BACK TO WORK OR CHANGE EMPLOYMENT STATUS MUST NOTIFY THE UNION HALL!!!! (Call Jim Caternolo)

At the May meeting, we will have an election for (2) Annuity seats from 3:00-6:00pm. Also at the May meeting, we will be initiating the new 2nd year Apprentices!

TO KEEP YOU INFORMED, we need your current **ADDRESS, CELL PHONE NUMBER & EMAIL ADDRESS**. Please call Alana at the Union Hall with updated information.

- If you are out of work or change employers, please call the Union Hall with updates.
- **Please make sure you are up to date with your dues. There will be a \$50 reinstatement fee for anyone who is (3) months behind. NO EXCEPTIONS! Note the 1st of the 4th overdue month is when the reinstatement fee is assessed to your account by the UA.**
- Local #13's website is www.ualocal13.org. There is quite a bit of information to be found on the site including agendas, activities and general updates. I encourage you all to check out the site now and throughout the year.
- We have a "Job Line" that is for out of town work. If anyone is interested in out of town work, please dial 338-2360 and press option #4 to hear more information.
- The Front office hours are 8:00AM-4:30PM. If you need to come to the hall after hours, please give us a call first!
- **Rochester Red Wings** tickets are available for sign up at the hall! Each member is eligible to sign up for ONE game (4 tickets). Please see Alana at the front desk to arrange ticket pick up.

SAVE THE DATE(S):

- SEABREEZE PICNIC – Saturday, July 8th. 12:00pm-4:00pm. Tickets ON SALE NOW!!
- RETIREE SERVICE PINS & LUNCH – Tuesday, July 11th at 11:00am. Pins acknowledged first, take group photo, then cookout!
- CLAMBAKE – Saturday, September 23rd. 1:00pm-6:00pm at Camp Eastman. More info soon.
- CHRISTMAS PARTY – Saturday, December 9th. More info soon.

CONGRATULATIONS:

- To Dave Lang Jr. & Ashley Lang on the birth of their 1st son, Caleb David. Weighing 8 lbs, 5 oz. and standing at 21.5 inches!!
- To Jason Ramble on the birth of his 1st son, Clayton Michael Ramble!! Congrats to Dick Ramble – Great Grandfather & Ricky Ramble – Great Uncle.

CONDOLENCES:

- To the Farrell family on the passing of brother, Chris, a lifetime member & previous Business Manager.
- To Mike Faller & family on the passing of his father, Don Sr, a lifetime member & previous Apprentice Coordinator.

GET WELL SOON:

- Please keep Brother Ken Schulz in your thoughts and prayers as he continues to tackle kidney cancer.
- Please keep Brother Rob Tweedie in your thoughts and prayers as he was recently diagnosed with cancer. Rob, please know that you have all the support from your union brothers & sisters!

NEW RETRIEES:

- May 1st – Michael Walker & Colin Herlehy

NOTICES & REMINDERS:

- Call Alana at the Union Office for any announcements that you may wish to have inserted into your labor news column. We would like to be made aware of all family events.
- United Association Scholarship application is available for the 2017/2018 academic year. The application will be available on the UA website, www.ua.org, February 6th, 2017. To download and print the application on the UA website, click on “Members Only” and sign in using the Member’s ID and password. You can create a password for logging in by clicking on “First Time User”. The link to the PDF file containing instructions and the application will be listed on the left. Completed applications should be sent to:
Patrick Kellett, General Secretary-Treasurer
UA Scholarship Trust Fund Office
Three Park Place
Annapolis, MD 21401

BENEFITS OFFICE
Steve Ostrander—Fund Manager

HEALTH INSURANCE RE-ENROLLMENT: URGENT NOTICE

If you become ineligible for health insurance, then you return to work, IT IS YOUR responsibility to contact the benefit office and re-enroll on the Health Plan. If you would like to re-enroll on the Insurance Plan, please contact Tricia Marciano at 585-338-2310 x106 for details.

PENSIONERS

We have received phone calls that members have not received their Pension Check on the 1st of the month. The Benefit Office mails all checks in a timely fashion, yet the only way to ensure a 1st of the month payment is to enroll for Direct Deposit. If you would like to enroll in direct deposit, please contact Tricia Marciano at 585-338-2310 x106.

ANNUITY

The Guaranteed Income Fund has a guaranteed interest rate of 1.55% **effective January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017**. The interest rate will not fluctuate during this time.

ANNUITY - MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN THE LOAN PROGRAM

If you are participating in the loan program and receive a letter from Prudential, it is imperative that you read all notices as it may be regarding a potential default on your loan. You need to adhere to all dates and instructions in the letter to avoid default. Prudential automatically defaults members if you are more than 90 days behind your payment date, yet you will receive 3 notices prior to default. It is extremely important you stay timely with payments. Once your loan is automatically defaulted, it is difficult to reverse. If you make payments after default, they will not be returned, as they are considered Plan Assets. If you have questions regarding your loan, please contact Prudential at 1-877-778-2100 and refer to Plan number 767002. You will need to reference your social security number and loan number or contact Melissa Del Prete in the Local 13 Benefit Office at 585-338-2310 x107.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

According to Federal Law, if you terminate your Health Insurance Policy with Local 13, you may be subject to a penalty if you don't enroll in another Health Care Plan that provides minimum value. Please consult a Tax Advisor if you plan on terminating your health insurance. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Ostrander at 585-338-2310 x104.

MEMBER INFORMATION

It is VERY IMPORTANT that the Fund Office is notified if there are any changes to current information that we have on file. Any changes in address, phone, marital status, beneficiaries, etc. must be communicated to the Fund Office in a timely manner in order to ensure that proper paperwork is filed and up to date. This will help us to serve your needs better.

APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING NEWS **TRAINING COORDINATOR – JOHN CARPENTER**

****If you have still have missed classes, make-up nights must be completed before June 1st.****

APPRENTICES: Reminder to fill out your **BLUE BOOKS** daily and to have your Foreman sign them. **We need a copy of your blue book MONTHLY**, due by the end of each month. Blue Books are a NYS DOL requirement and are YOUR responsibility.

MED GAS RECERTIFICATION: TBD in September 2017. Please sign up with John/Alana and bring a \$25 cash/check deposit.

WELDING: Open welding on Monday nights from 5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and Saturday mornings from 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Continuity is the WELDER'S responsibility**; if you lapse, you must re-test. We have continuity on the odd numbered months before the Union Meetings.

WELD TEST: Saturday, May 27th. Sign up with John/Alana.

COURSE REIMBURSEMENT FOR OUTSIDE TRAINING: Course Applications must be submitted by member two (2) weeks prior to course date, and must be approved by the JATC Board prior to reimbursement. Applications are available on our website: www.ualocal13.org. All applications must have back up paper work explaining the courses, fees, etc.

VALVE TECH: Anyone interested in taking Valve Tech training; please contact Shaun Lower at UA Local #73 – Oswego, NY. Main Phone: (315) 343-4037.

CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES: Any other courses that you would like to attend, please sign up at the Union Hall.

RETIREE NEWS

FREE LUNCH!!! Every 2nd Tuesday of the month!!

We had our first cookout of the season at our May lunch and everything was great. Thanks to all who helped with the cooking and cleaning. **Brian Mawn** won the free dues and **George Lagana** won the \$25 Wegmans gift card. Next lunch is **Tuesday, June 13th**. Feel free to bring a dish to pass if you would like. Hope to see you there! – Terry Moore

