

BLOWTORCH UA Local #13 Plumbers, Steamfitters & Service Techs

Bill Kurtz, Business Manager
Jim Caternolo, Business Agent

The Next Union Meeting is Tuesday, August 22nd, 2017

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

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):

- HEATS ON – Saturday, September 16th. In need of service techs to help out! Contact Todd Northrop at the Union Hall for more info.
- CLAMBAKE – Saturday, September 23rd. 1:00pm-6:00pm at Camp Eastman. Tickets ON SALE July 24th! Need Apprentices to help work this event! See Alana at the Union Hall for more info.
- CHRISTMAS PARTY – Saturday, December 9th. 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The MAGIC GUY performs at 10:30 a.m.!

CONGRATULATIONS:

- To MaKayla Friedl on the birth of her 1st born, Haizley Jane, on August 3rd, weighing 7lbs 10 oz. & 19 ³/₄ inches tall!
- To the newest Joureymen of Local #13!



Front Row (From left to right): Jason Sheppard, Dan Clay, Mike Barker, Eric Dockstader, Corry Gibaud, Jesse Baymer, Mark Gottermeier, Tim Meehan.

Back Row (from left to right): Ryan Lajuett, Chris Smingler, Eric Smith, Jeff Meyn, Bill Roth, Gavin Bortz, John Schiemann.

Not pictured: MaKayla Friedl, Mike Diegert, Kurt Doty, Dan Weining, Mike Trevett Jr.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

CONDOLENCES:

- To the Lajuett family on the passing of Fred Jr.'s son, Brandon (Fred Sr.'s grandson).
- To the Ellis family on the passing of Randy.
- To JR Ahearn & family on the passing of his sister, Mary Sue.
- To Wally & Steve Baker on the passing of their mother, Christine.

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!
- To Wally Baker as he recovers at St. Ann's after a successful hip replacement on July 3rd.

NEW RETRIEES:

- August 1st – Todd Hickmott, Bill Lewis, Richard Pierleoni & Christian Wool

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.

BENEFITS OFFICE

Steve Ostrander—Fund Manager

PARTICIPANTS NOT ON THE LOCAL 13 EXCELLUS HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN

If you are not on the Local 13 Insurance Plan, then you are enrolled in either the B, C or E health insurance Bank. If you are enrolled in one of these participation banks, you should have received a letter and affidavit this past week. This affidavit MUST be returned with the participant signature notarized and a copy of your current health insurance plan's identification card in order to comply with the Affordable Care Act. If this is NOT returned prior to an hour bank submittal, your claim will not be processed until the waiver is received. Melissa Del Prete in the Benefits Office is a notary and all waivers will be returned to her. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Del Prete at 585-338-2310 x107.

ACTIVE MEMBERS – HEALTH INSURANCE

Under the Affordable Care Act, the Internal Revenue Service requires health insurers to request missing subscriber and dependent Social Security numbers from their members. In July, Excellus will send Social Security number request letters to individuals who had health coverage at any time in 2017. They have been required to collect this information for a couple of years now and use this information for the ACA Reporting-B Form. This is a legitimate request and in order to have complete information on your tax forms, we ask that you comply with this request. If you have any questions, please contact Tricia Marciano in the Benefit office at 585-338-2310 x106.

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 July 1, 2017 through December 31, 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**

1ST NIGHT OF SCHOOL IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th. ALL Apprentices must be present!
It is strongly recommended that apprentices attend the LABOR DAY PARADE on Monday, September 4th. Be at the Union Hall at 8:30am. Shuttle bus will be provided.

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: Thursday, September 7th at 4:00p.m.

WELDING: Open welding will restart on Wednesday, September 6th. **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.

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.

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

RETIREE NEWS

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

A small turnout for our August cookout. A big thanks to all who helped with the cooking and cleaning, and to those that brought a dish to pass. **Kevin Wade** won the free dues and **John Hetzel** won the \$25 Wegmans gift card. Next lunch is **Tuesday, September 12th**. Feel free to bring a dish to pass if you would like. Hope to see you there! – Terry Moore

