

BLOWTORCH UA Local #13 Plumbers, Steamfitters & Service Techs

Bill Kurtz, Business Manager
Jim Caternolo, Business Agent

The Next Union Meeting is Tuesday, May 22nd, 2018

ALL WORKING MEMBERS THAT GO BACK TO WORK OR CHANGE EMPLOYMENT STATUS MUST NOTIFY THE UNION HALL!!!! IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP US UPDATED; NOT THE CONTRACTORS! (Call Jim Caternolo)

Any member who is planning to travel out of our jurisdiction; you must let Jim Caternolo know and you MUST check-in AND check-out with the out-of-town local that you travel to.

At the MAY Union Meeting, we will have nominations for (1) Annuity seat. Election will be at the JUNE Union Meeting.

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.**
- **UNION DUES FOR ACTIVE JOURNEYMEN, APPRENTICES & MES MEMBERS INCREASED \$2.00 PER MONTH STARTING JANUARY 1ST, 2018. Retirees remain at \$20.00 per month.**
- 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!

SAVE THE DATE(S):

- SEABREEZE FAMILY PICNIC – Saturday, July 7th, 2018. 12:00pm-4:00pm. Tickets ON SALE NOW!
- APPRENTICE GRADUATION BANQUET & SERVICE PIN AWARDS – Friday, July 20th, 2018 at 5:00pm at the Convention Center. Tickets are \$25 each and are ON SALE NOW! Call the hall if you would like the info to reserve a hotel room at the Hyatt Regency.
- LABOR DAY PARADE – Monday, September 3rd, 2018. More info soon.
- HEATS ON – Saturday, September 15th. More info soon.
- CLAMBAKE – Saturday, September 22nd, 2018 at Camp Eastman. More info soon.

CONGRATULATIONS:

- Congrats to Josh & Amanda Goetz on the birth of their daughter, Mollie, born on April 19th!
- To Nick & Kristen Caswell on the birth of their first son, Memphis, born on April 24th!

CONDOLENCES:

- To the Buell family on the passing of lifetime member, Henry.

- To Steve Baker & family on the recent passing of his daughter.

GET WELL SOON:

- Get well soon to Dave Stockmeister as he is in the hospital from an infection.
- Get well soon to Mark Campbell as is recovering from a collapsed lung.
- 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 continues with his treatments.

NEW RETRIEES:

- May 1st, 2018 – Art Dake, Bonnie McKay, Roland Pray & Paul Scheuerlein

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.
- UA Scholarship applications are available online. Must be completed and submitted by June 14th, 2018. Visit: www.uanet.org for more info.

BENEFITS OFFICE

Steve Ostrander—Fund Manager

HOOR BANK REIMBURSEMENTS

Photocopies for any receipts/bills will **NO LONGER** be accepted. It is our policy that Original receipts/bills **MUST BE** submitted. **If you submit ANY PHOTOCOPIES with your Hour Bank Reimbursement claim, the entire claim will be returned** and cannot be resubmitted until all receipts/bills and statements are originals. We will continue to accept doctor's office statements, bank or credit card statements and prints of cleared checks, but all receipts/bills **MUST BE ORIGINAL**.

CHECK RECIPIENTS

If you receive a check from the Benefit Office for any reason, a Pension payment, a Disability Payment, an hour bank reimbursement, or a recently issued Health Screening incentive check and it is not cashed within 6 months, it will no longer be honored by the Bank and another check **WILL NOT** be reissued. We encourage you to cash your checks promptly.

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. If you have a child, get married, or have any other life event, you must contact the Benefit Office immediately, as under most circumstances, we only have 30 days from the date of the event to make changes to coverage.

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 1.70% **effective January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018**. 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.

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

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.

WELDING: Open welding throughout the summer is 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. There is a weld test scheduled for the last Saturday of every month. You must receive approval and sign up for the weld test prior to the test date.

COURSE REIMBURSEMENT FOR OUTSIDE TRAINING: Course Reimbursement 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 course, fees, etc.

CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES: Anyone interested in signing up for a class must do so before July 1st.

HVAC TECHNICIANS: Anyone interested in teaching for the HVAC program, please call John Carpenter. Even (4) weeks on a certain aspect of the trade could help!

SAFETY TRAINING: The OSHA 10 course is scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, June 5th-7th from 4:30pm-8:15pm. Open to ALL.

RETIREE NEWS

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

We finally had our first cookout of the year for May's lunch! A big thanks to all who helped with the cooking, preparing and cleaning, and to those that brought a dish to pass. **Bob Wightman** won the

free dues and **Jim Badura** won the \$25 Wegmans gift card. Next lunch is **Tuesday, June 12th**. Feel free to bring a dish to pass. – Larry Tschetter/Terry Moore