

# **BLOWTORCH UA Local #13 Plumbers, Steamfitters & Service Techs**

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**The Next Union Meeting is Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 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.**

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 1<sup>st</sup> of the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2018. Retirees remain at \$20.00 per month.**
- **THERE IS A NEW CREDIT CARD FEE: \$3.00 PER TRANSACTION.**
- Local #13's website is [www.ualocal13.org](http://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. (Summer hours are 8:00am-4:00pm) If you need to come to the hall after hours, please give us a call first!

## **SAVE THE DATE(S):**

- LABOR DAY PARADE – Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018. Meet at the Union Hall at 8:30am for light refreshments, a parade t-shirt and a free shuttle to the parade. After, take the shuttle back to the union hall for a cookout! It is STRONGLY recommended that apprentices attend the parade!!
- HEATS ON – Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. More info soon.
- CLAMBAKE – Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at Camp Eastman. Tickets ON SALE NOW!! LOOKING FOR APPRENTICES TO HELP OUT!! Contact Alana at the front desk.
- CHRISTMAS PARTY – Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-12:00pm. Magic Guy, Santa, crafts, etc.

## **CONGRATULATIONS:**

- To Tom & Sandy Meleca on **50** years of marriage on August 24<sup>th</sup>!!!

## **CONDOLENCES:**

- Please keep Brother Rob Tweedie in your thoughts and prayers as he is coming to the end of his 2-year battle with liver cancer.
- To the Carey family on the recent passing of Brother Todd Carey.

- To Tom Meleca & family on the recent passing of his sister, Albina.
- To John Perticone & family on the recent passing of his mother, Antoinette.
- To Todd Northrop & family on the recent passing of his mother, Ann.
- To George, Bryan & the Satter family on the recent passing of lifetime member, Roger. (George's brother & Bryan's great Uncle)
- To Jesse Baymer & family on the recent passing of his grandfather.

### **GET WELL SOON:**

- Good luck to Bob Meyer on his surgery in August and a speedy recovery!
- Get well soon to Lawrence Dunham as he recovers from heart surgery.
- 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.

### **NEW RETRIEES:**

- August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 – Ken Doran

### **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**

### **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM FUNDS MANAGER**

As of Monday July 2, 2018, the Benefit Office will be open beginning at 6:00am M-F. Please call or stop in prior to beginning your work day for any regular or urgent needs. During regular business hours (8am-5pm), it is highly recommended that you call ahead to make an appointment with myself or the staff. If you choose to walk-in, it is likely that the person you wish to help you will be unavailable at that time working with another member. If ever you have a concern that requires an urgent response, please call my cell phone at (585) 354-6158. Leave a voicemail message and I will return your call as soon as possible.

-Steve Ostrander

### **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.**

### **ANNUITY**

The Guaranteed Income Fund has a guaranteed interest rate of **1.90% effective July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.** The interest rate will not fluctuate during this time.

### **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.

### **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**

**1<sup>ST</sup> NIGHT OF SCHOOL:** Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. **ALL** apprentices must attend the 1<sup>st</sup> night meeting!!

**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 will resume in September (after Labor Day) on Monday and Wednesday nights from 5:00pm-8:30pm, and Saturday mornings from 7:00am-11:00am.

**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](http://www.ualocal13.org). All applications must have back up paper work explaining the course, fees, etc.

**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!

### **RETIREE NEWS**

#### **FREE LUNCH!!! Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month!!**

A delicious cookout on a rainy August afternoon! A big thanks to all who helped with the cooking, preparing and cleaning, and to those that brought a dish to pass. **George Middleton** won the free dues and **Zeke Betkowski** won the \$25 Wegmans gift card. Next lunch is **Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**. Feel free to bring a dish to pass. – Larry Tschetter/Terry Moore