

BLOWTORCH UA Local #13 Plumbers, Steamfitters & Service Techs

Bill Kurtz, Business Manager
Jim Caternolo, Business Agent

The Next Union Meeting is Tuesday, November 27th, 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 Bill Kurtz or 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 November Union meeting, there will be an election for (1) Examining Board seat. Voting open from 3:00pm-6:00pm.

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.**
- **YOU CAN NOW PAY YOUR DUES ONLINE OR THROUGH THE MOBILE APP!! Contact Alana to find out how!!**
- **THERE IS A NEW CREDIT CARD FEE AFFECTIVE JULY 2018: \$3.00 PER TRANSACTION.**
- 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):

- CHRISTMAS PARTY – Saturday, December 8th from 10:00am-12:00pm. Magic Guy, Santa, crafts, etc.
- APPRENTICE GRADUATION & SERVICE PIN BANQUET – Friday, July 19th, 2018 at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center. More info soon!

CONGRATULATIONS:

- To Ben & Andi Eadie on the birth of their second daughter, Harbor, born on October 11th!!

CONDOLENCES:

- To Cody May & family on the recent passing of his father.

GET WELL SOON:

- Get well soon to Bob Meyer as he continues to recover.
- Get well soon to Charlie Yatteau as he recovers from open heart surgery.
- Get well soon to Ed Gorall as he fights lung cancer.
- Get well soon to Gary Moore as he recovers from open heart surgery (& surviving Hurricane Florence)!
- Please keep Brother Ken Schulz in your thoughts and prayers as he continues to tackle kidney cancer.

NEW RETRIEES:

- November 1st, 2018 – Danny Ellis, Kevin McMinn & Wayne Teed

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

The Benefit Office is now 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 you will experience a wait time. 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

MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT

You will soon be receiving the information regarding our Medicare Open Enrollment and rate changes. If you are currently on our Medicare plan this is your opportunity to switch to one of our other plans. If you are not currently on our Medicare plans, this is your opportunity to enroll. If you have any questions, please contact Tricia Marciano at x106.

HOURLY 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.

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 Debbi Edizel 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.

BLUE BOOK MONITOR DATES: Monday, November 5th – Thursday, November 8th.

WELDING: Open welding is 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. 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!

CLASS SIGN-UPS: Class sign-up sheet is posted at the hall. To enroll in regularly scheduled classes, you need to sign-up in the month of June.

SAFETY TRAINING:

*OSHA 10 – Thursday, November 15th AND Friday, November 16th, 2018 from 4:00pm-9:00pm.

*New Silica Standard – Wednesday, November 14th from 4:30pm-7:00pm.

*Asbestos Awareness – Monday, November 19th from 4:30pm-6:30pm.

RETIREE NEWS

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

A fantastic Mexican themed lunch in October! A big thanks to all who helped with the cooking, preparing and cleaning, and to those that brought a dish to pass. **Joel Horowitz** won the free dues and **Dick Bauer** won the \$25 Wegmans gift card. Next lunch is **Tuesday, November 13th**. We will be having soup, chili & sandwiches!! Feel free to bring a dish to pass. Local 13 will be providing a variety of PIES from “Special Touch Bakery” for the November & December luncheons! Come hungry! – Larry Tschetter/Terry Moore