

BLOWTORCH UA Local #13 Plumbers, Steamfitters & Service Techs

Bill Kurtz, Business Manager | **Jim Caternolo**, Business Agent

Next Union Meeting: Tuesday, April 27th, 2021 via ZOOM.
Link to join will be texted and emailed to all.

IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING TEXT MESSAGES FROM LU13:
TEXT THE WORD "UNSTOP" TO THIS NUMBER: 877-515-8799

To keep you informed, we need your current **ADDRESS, CELL PHONE NUMBER & EMAIL ADDRESS**. Please call the Union Hall with updated information. Please remember to update your **Beneficiary** info (with both the Union & Benefit Office) after any major life change, such as marriage, divorce, new children, etc.

Local 13 is now using the **UNION STRONG APP** to communicate instantly and directly with all our members. The app is FREE and will be used to send updates, notifications & important information. To get the app, text **UALOCAL13** to 888-403-4140 to download & you will automatically be following our local!

POSTPONED EVENTS FOR 2021:

Seabreeze Family Picnic – pushed to 2022

Apprentice Graduation & Service Pin Banquet – pushed to 2022

Clambake – cancelled due to town of Irondequoit no longer hosting Oktoberfest, which means they will not be putting up the big tent. Looking for locations & options for 2022!

UNEMPLOYMENT LIST: If you get laid off, DO NOT COME TO THE HALL TO SIGN THE BOOK. Please CALL Jim Caternolo at (585) 355-2244 or the main line, (585) 338-2360 ext. 113. Jim will then write your name on the list for you.

VISITING THE HALL: The front door will be **LOCKED** until further notice. The Union Hall will be open from 8:00am – 4:30pm. Please do your best to complete your business via phone/email. ****We have an INTERCOM system** – if you absolutely need to enter the building. First, you must sanitize, put on a mask & sign in. Then, press the button on the opposite wall to alert someone at the front desk that you are ready to have your temperature taken. If you are over 100°F, you will NOT be allowed to enter the building. **NO MASK = NO ENTRY!!!!**

The best way to contact anyone in the office is through **EMAIL:**

- Bill Kurtz: billk@ualocal13.org / (585) 338-2360 ext. 114
- Jim Caternolo: jimc@ualocal13.org / (585) 338-2360 ext. 113
- Steve Ostrander: sostrander@ualocal13.org
- Jamie Arena: jarena@ualocal13.org
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- Tricia Marciano: triciam@ualocal13.org
- Debbi Edizel: dedizel@ualocal13.org
- Bette Kwiatkowski: bettek@ualocal13.org

GET WELL SOON:

- To any member that has tested positive for COVID-19. Get some rest & we hope you feel better soon!
- To Augie Tucciarello as he fights stage 3 pancreatic cancer. He is currently going through treatments & his numbers are improving!

- To Brian Nahar as he recovers from broken ribs.

CONDOLENCES:

- To the Harding family on the recent passing of lifetime member, Grant.
- To Nick Grevell & family on the recent passing of his grandfather, Roland.
- To Dan Kuhn & family on the recent passing of his sister, Sarah.
- To Jim Kubasiewicz & family on the recent passing of his mother, Joanne.
- To the Sperber family on the recent passing of lifetime member, Leonhard.
- To Dave & Patty Peck on the recent passing of Patty's mother.
- To Dan Scott & family on the recent passing of his brother Thomas, 47-year member. Celebration of life will be held in the summer. Sunday, June 13th at Sawyer Park in Greece from 1:00pm-6:00pm.
- To Dave & Linda Brightman (& family) on the recent passing of Linda's cousin, Jerry Scheid, a former member of LU13.
- To Tom Strong & family on the recent passing of his mother, Laurie, after a battle with cancer.

CONGRATULATIONS:

- To Dan & Amanda Guererri on the birth of their first child, Jameson Daniel, born on 3/29!!

NEW RETIREES:

- April 1st – Dave Sherman & Peter Vaillant

BENEFITS OFFICE **FUND ADMINISTRATOR – STEVE OSTRANDER**

PLEASE BE ADVISED OF THE FOLLOWING MANDATORY DIRECTIVE REGARDING COVID-19 VIRUS & PERSONAL VISITS TO THE BENEFIT OFFICE.

AS WE ARE MAKING GREAT HEADWAY WITH OUR FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19 AND AS IMMUNIZATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO ANYONE 16 OR OLDER, THIS OFFICE SHALL REMAIN IN A "NO PERSONAL CONTACT" MANDATE UNTIL ALL RESTRICTIONS REGARDING SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE LIFTED WITHIN NEW YORK STATE. APPOINTMENTS WILL REMAIN A REQUIREMENT WITH ANY FACE-TO-FACE DISCUSSIONS DETERMINED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

There is a stainless cabinet mailbox in the vestibule area of the building with labels for the Union Office (top slot) & Benefit Office (bottom slot). You may drop off any paperwork to us via this method. Please call or e-mail us prior to your visit so we know that your items are here.

THE BENEFIT OFFICE IS AVAILABLE M-TH: 8am-4:30pm & FRIDAY: 8-3:30pm. PLEASE CALL: 585-338-2310

- Steve Ostrander: Ext 104 / sostrander@ualocal13.org
- Tricia Marciano: Ext 106 / triciam@ualocal13.org
- Debbi Edizel: Ext 107 / dedizel@ualocal13.org

STEVE OSTRANDER IS ALSO AVAILABLE VIA CELL PHONE (585) 354-6158. If it is a 911 matter, please call him anytime 24/7. Otherwise, please respect his business hours of availability.

INSURANCE FUND NEWS

Excellus will be mailing ID cards to all subscribers **AND** dependents. Subscribers will continue to receive two member ID cards. Each dependent will receive their own member ID card mailed in its

own envelope, regardless of age. Please be sure to begin using the new ID cards when you receive them.

ANNUITY FUND

Please be advised that the Prudential Guaranteed Fund interest rate for the period Jan 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021 will be set at 1.75%.

ALL FUNDS

Address Changes—All Members

Please remember to update the Benefit Office of any address and phone number changes.

Beneficiary Forms—All Members

Please remember to update your beneficiary forms. It is imperative when life changing events occur (ie: marriage, children, divorce). These forms are on our website in the Benefits Office section.

APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING NEWS
TRAINING COORDINATOR – JOHN CARPENTER

APPLICATIONS: 1st Tuesday of every month from 9:00am-11:00am & 1:00pm-3:00pm. Enter through training center man-door. MUST WEAR A MASK!! Please view our website for more guidance.

BLUE BOOKS: Reminder to fill out your **BLUE BOOKS** daily and to have your Foreman sign them. Blue Books are a NYS DOL requirement and are YOUR responsibility.

WELDING/CONTINUITY: Continuity will be held on the 4th Tuesday in the ODD numbered months from 3:30pm – 5:00pm. Open welding is available on Saturday mornings from 7:00am-11:00am and on Mondays from 5:00pm-8:00pm. There will be a weld test on Saturday, May 1st.

COURSE REIMBURSEMENT FOR OUTSIDE TRAINING: Course Reimbursement Applications must be submitted by the 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 paperwork explaining the course, fees, etc.

CLASSES: Spring semester is underway. **LAST DAY OF CLASSES IS THURSDAY, APRIL 29TH.**

RETIREE NEWS

The retiree lunches are cancelled until further notice, due to the COVID-19 outbreak. We will monitor the situation and keep you up to date on when the next lunch will be. Stay healthy! – Larry Tschetter/Terry Moore