



**UNITED ASSOCIATION**  
of Journeymen and Apprentices of the  
Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry  
of the United States and Canada  
**LOCAL UNION No. 13**

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**April 29, 2021.**

**Dear brothers and sisters,**

**I Hope all is well with you and yours.**

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**\$1.50 Raise Allocation Results:**

** The raise will go into effect starting this coming Monday May 3, 2021.**

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**UA local 13 Members Database: (Accessing Work History/Reporting New Job or Lay-Off.)**

**1. Go to KMR website:**

**<https://ua13.kmrapplications.com/local13/dashboard>**

**2. Login using same credentials that you use to pay dues online. (Call the union office if you need credentials.)**


**3. Click on the Tab or button "Member Work history."**

**4. Please review attached Pg.'s. #1-#2 for more details.**

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**We have a Zoom Union Meeting scheduled for Tuesday May 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 5pm. The Zoom link information will be texted to all...**

**Union Meetings:**

** This past Tuesday April 27<sup>th</sup> during our regular union mtg the by-law change was passed regarding our General Election – Nominations will be held at the October Union mtg. for our officer's and the vote will take place the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in December from 6am – 6pm. The next general election – Nominations October 25, 2022 and the election will be held on**

Thursday December 8, 2022. The elected officer's will be sworn in on January 24, 2023.

- Our next Zoom mtg. is scheduled for Tuesday May 25th starting at 5pm. You will be able to sign on 15 minutes before the mtg starts and Jamie will have a screen shot of how to get in the chat room and directions on how to participate in asking questions etc. The Zoom mtg. link will be texted and emailed to all.
  - During the May 25<sup>th</sup> Union meeting we will have nominations for 1 Annuity Trustee.
  - We can allow up to 50 to enter the Union Hall on the night of the union meeting if you so choose to come to the hall. All must wear masks and maintain 6' social distance of each other. Please review new updated indoor social distancing guidelines for NY State beginning on pg. #5 attached...
  - Officers and members if you feel uncomfortable coming to the meeting because of the ongoing pandemic please join the Zoom meeting...
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#### **Out of work, traveling and hours worked:**

- WE HAVE 37 MEMBERS WILLING TO GO BACK TO WORK and 36 MEMBERS TRAVELING. All appr. are working... Please call John Carpenter if you have any questions regarding Appr's. PLEASE CALL THE HALL IF YOU ARE OUT OF WORK AND ARE WILLING TO GO TO WORK.**
  - Total hours worked 1/1/21 – 2/28/21= 171,017.**
  - Total hours worked 1/1/20/ - 2/28/20= 215,867.**
  - Down a total of – 44,850 hrs.**
  - On a good note, work is picking up and our contractors are hiring. We should see close to full employment by mid-June...**
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#### **Good and Welfare:**

- Always check in with the Labor News for Condolences and get well soon information. If you have any questions regarding those names listed, please give me a call. Thank you.**

**Jeff Stark (Retiree) Son Josh and lifetime member Paul Stark grandson – achieves first win at Hickory Motor Speedway. See attached article from the UA Journal...**

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### **The Union Hall is open:**

**The union Hall is open if you need to stop by... The front door is open where you can enter the vestibule and use the microphone to talk to Alana where she will be able to open the door into the hall after you sign in and a normal temperature is recorded. It would be helpful if you called 1<sup>st</sup> to set up a time...**

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### **Covid-19 updates:**

**Vaccines are available as of March 30<sup>th</sup> for people 30 years and older and starting April 6<sup>th</sup> 16 years and older...**

**Please go online to schedule a vaccine – Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic – Rochester, NY Region...**

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### **Rochester Building Trades: On going meetings and discussions...**

**Meetings w/the University of Rochester – working on a possible PLA for the upcoming \$290 million in renovations and additions...**

**Ongoing discussions w/Amazon regarding the next project – 2 million plus square foot building. All union bidders on the plumbing and mechanicals. I will keep you posted on who is awarded the job...**

**Ongoing meetings regarding STAMP in Batavia...**

**Interviewing Politicians. Our endorsement list will be out soon...**

**Meetings w/A. Bello regarding local labor waivers...**

**Ongoing discussions w/H. Bronson regarding Albany releasing the \$ for Roc. City School Mod.**

**NY State Building and Construction Trades – State budget Summary – please review attached.**

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**Proposed upcoming work and Dodge Report update:**

- ✚ **York Central School - \$4 million.**
- ✚ **Leroy Central School \$12 million.**
- ✚ **Henrietta Fire District – Station #6 - \$3million.**
- ✚ **Innovation Maker and Learning Complex – U of R - \$100 million.**
- ✚ **RIT – Performing Arts Center/Orchestra Hall Ph. #2 - \$50 million.**
- ✚ **RIT – Saunders College of Business Expansion and Renovations - \$18 million.**

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**Paid Sick Leave:**

- ✚ **BECAUSE OUR CBA WAS NEGOTITATED BEFORE THE PAID SICK LEAVE WENT INTO LAW PAID SICK LEAVE WILL NOT BE GRANTED. I WILL KEEP YOU POSTED IF THIS CHANGES. AGAIN, AT THIS TIME UNLESS WE HEAR DIFFERENT FROM THE DOL PAID SICK LEAVE WILL NOT BE GRANTED. PLEASE CALL ME IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...**

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**Cancellations:**

**Because of the uncertainty of the pandemic/vaccine roll out and time constraints on reserving the Pavilion at Seabreeze and the Rochester Convention Center...**

- ✚ **2021 Local 13 family picnic is cancelled.**
- ✚ **2021 apprentice graduation banquet and years of service pin awards is cancelled. All years of service pin awards will be mailed.**
- ✚ **My apologies, we are just not to a point where we can gather more than 50 people and follow the social distance guidelines. I am very hopeful that 2022 we will be able to hold our annual events and all those who did not have an in-person apprentice graduation or service pin recognition will be invited.**

**2021 Clam Bake - The Town of Irondequoit because of their financial liability has cancelled the Octoberfest for this year and the years moving forward. We will be unable to make use of their Tent... at this time we are looking for other options to continue to hold our annual event. I know we will succeed. The Annual Clam Bake is one of Local 13's favorite's and I will keep you posted as we get more information on securing a venue...**

**We have secured a venue for the 2022 clam Bake – it will be held on Saturday September 10, 2022 at Long Acre Farms in Macedon – more details to come.**

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### **Political and Legislative Affairs:**

**Ongoing interviews w/our local politicians for the upcoming primaries... Endorsement information will be sent out asap...**

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### **PROTECT OUR JURISDICTION:**

**IT IS OUR SWORN DUTY TO DO SO. EVERYONE HAS BEEN MAILED OUR CBA. Please review the past texted attachments where YOU WILL SEE THE ASSIGNED LISTED #1- #61 UA JURISDICTIONAL WORK. PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULLY AND KNOW WHAT IS OUR WORK AND PROTECT THAT WORK. ALL OF OUR JOBS DEPEND ON PROTECTING OUR JURISDICTION.**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL ME AND OR IF YOU SEE SOMEONE PERFORMING ANY OF THIS WORK OTHER THAN A LOCAL 13 MEMBER PLEASE CALL ME ASAP. THANK YOU.**

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### **New information attached:**

**Strong Museum of Play broke ground on a 90,000 sq. ft. expansion...**

**Letter from UA Gen. Pres. Mark McManus regarding Clean Energy Labor standards...**

**Article from the UA Journal regarding Jeff Starks Son...**

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**PLEASE CALL ME IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AND OR CONCERNS. THANK YOU.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO READ THE BLOWTORCH SECTION OF THE LABOR NEWS TO STAY INFORMED. THE BLOWTORCH ARTICLE LISTS CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS TO RECENT RETIREES ETC., JATC NEWS, FUND OFFICE NEWS....**

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**Retirees:**

**Hope all is well w/you and yours and please give us a call if you need anything...**

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**This week's quote:**

**"My friends it is solidarity we want. We do not want to find fault in each other, but to solidify our forces to stay together, our masters are joined together, and we must do the same thing." Mother Jones.**

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**God Bless you, your family, our brothers, and sisters and Local 13 and please call me if you have any questions or concerns...**

**Fraternally yours,**



**William Kurtz**

**Business Manager**



The Strong Museum of Play broke ground on a 90,000-square-foot expansion Wednesday. CEO and President Steve Dubnik said the new wing will feature the museum's biggest exhibit yet: ESL Federal Credit Union Digital Worlds.

Dubnik said it's expected to be home to the World Video Game Hall of Fame, an outdoor play exhibit, a new atrium, and admissions area. All told, he said the museum will eventually be 375,000 square feet. The museum is expected to stay open while under construction.

"This will be an exhibit that tracks the history of those games, talks about how those games work, how those games are designed and put together and celebrate both the games and the individuals that help make the games," said Dubnik.

It's part of an ambitious plan to more than double the roughly 550,000 visitors who come to the museum each year. A key element of the plan, said Dubnik, is what's going up around it.

"When the city first announced they were filling in the inner loop, the land that was going to be created was adjacent to the museum," said Dubnik. "We saw it as an opportunity to envision what our future could be with that."

Dubnik said they partnered with Konar Properties and Indus Hospitality Group to develop a new Hampton Inn and Suites, 240 housing units, and 17,000 square feet of retail space.

He expects the new wing to be complete by late 2022 and open by summer 2023.



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## Clean Energy Labor Standards Campaign

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To: 'LUBMs-US@uanet.org'  
Cc: Russ Breckenridge; Andrew Galo; Calla Brown

Brothers and Sisters,

Recently, President Biden introduced his American Jobs Plan to provide a new investment in our nation's crumbling infrastructure. Over the next several months, the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate will negotiate the details of this massive infrastructure legislation. While we expect the final legislation to include funding for a wide variety of projects that will translate to more jobs for the United Association, we must work hard to ensure the bill includes basic labor protections that will guarantee our fair wages and benefits.

***These protections are non-negotiable for the UA.*** We need our allies in Congress to stand firm and fight to protect our jobs and our wages.

That's why we're launching a grassroots effort to persuade our Representatives and Senators to support these strong labor protections for federally funded energy projects and infrastructure investments. These protections will help us win more work with fair wages and benefits and ensure that this industry – which already has a bad track record on labor – is not dominated by extreme activists.

Click here to [take action at this link](#) and tell your Representative and Senators to support these labor protections.

For your reference, the following labor protections must be required on any energy project that receives federal funding, whether it be new or existing appropriations, tax incentives, or loan guarantees, in order to ensure workers earn a fair wage and that projects are done right the first time:

- Davis-Bacon prevailing wage provisions
- Utilizing Registered Apprenticeships (like the UA's training programs)
- ABC test to combat wage theft and worker misclassification
- Neutrality agreements
- Local hire provisions

Thank you for taking action to keep our union strong. We will share more updates throughout this campaign and we will continue to engage our elected officials directly to protect our jobs and win more work.

Fraternally,





Josh Stark is pictured after his first win.

## ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

### Local 13 Retirees' Son/Grandson Achieves First Win at Hickory Motor Speedway

Three years ago, after making the move from Rochester, NY, to Charlotte, NC, to chase his dream, Josh Stark captured his first win at the historic Hickory Motor Speedway, which is widely known as the birthplace of future NASCAR stars. Josh is the son of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 13, Rochester, NY, retired member Jeff Stark, and grandson of Local 13 retired member Paul Stark.

Josh started racing go-karts at the age of six, then progressed to a Legend Car, and most recently to a Limited Late Model car. You can follow Josh on Facebook at Josh Stark Racing, on Instagram @joshstarkracing39, and on Twitter @joshstark39. His website is [www.joshstarkracing.com](http://www.joshstarkracing.com).

Congratulations on your first win, Josh. We wish you the best of luck in your racing career and hope to hear about your future wins!

## SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

### Local 393 Retiree Volunteers in South Africa as Teacher Assistant

Gary Alan Jones, a 51-year retired UA member, volunteered to be a teacher's assistant for one week in Cape Town, South Africa. In 2011, Brother Jones retired from Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 393, San Jose, CA, and was also a 25-year member of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 777, State of CT.

Brother Jones turned to volunteering in his retirement because he wanted more purpose. When he found the Cape Town project, Brother Jones began filling out the proper forms but was told that the age cutoff was 54, and at 74, he didn't meet the age requirements. Brother Jones didn't give up though, and after some persuading, he convinced them he was more than capable and desired to help these children, so they accepted him. Brother Jones describes the experience as majestic and rewarding and one he will never forget.

Sounds like a wonderful experience, Brother Jones, and one we are sure those children will also never forget. We are proud to call you our Brother!



Pictured is Brother Jones teaching in Cape Town.