

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

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**NO UNION MEETINGS IN JUNE, JULY & AUGUST**  
**Next Union Meeting: Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**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.

**RED WINGS TICKETS:** We now have (2) seats to all home games for the 2021 season. These seats are in section 112, right behind Home Plate. Please contact Alana in the Union Office if you would like (2) tickets to a home game in this section.

**\*UNION NIGHT – Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:05pm. We have (50) tickets available!**

\*\*\*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 forward to 2022 at Long Acre Farms in Macedon!!

**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 – 4:00pm. 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
- John Carpenter: johnc@ualocal13.org
- Alana Colotti Allen: alanac@ualocal13.org
- 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 Bob Crowell as he is in the hospital.
- To Joe Arena as he recovers from a recent successful open-heart surgery.

### **CONDOLENCES:**

- To Jim Backus & family on the recent passing of his grandfather.
- To Tim Ennis & family on the recent passing of his wife, Gladys.

### **CONGRATULATIONS:**

- To Ben & Andi Eadie on the birth of their 3<sup>rd</sup> child (1<sup>st</sup> boy), Cordell Benjamin, born on 6/11!!
- To Pat Finn & family on the birth of his first child, Oden Dale!!
- To Ernie & Heather Fingland on the birth of their 2<sup>nd</sup> child (1<sup>st</sup> boy), Ernest Roy IV, born on 6/18!!
- To Dan & Julia Brown on the birth of their 1<sup>st</sup> child, Casey James, born on 6/18!!
- To Mike Smock & family on the birth of his granddaughter, Eloise Rosemary, born on 6/20!!
- To Shaun & Alexandra Michael on the birth of their 2<sup>nd</sup> child, Mason Alexander, born on 6/23!!

### **NEW RETIREES:**

- July 1<sup>st</sup> – Kris Petote

### **BENEFITS OFFICE** **FUND ADMINISTRATOR – STEVE OSTRANDER**

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

***WE ARE MAKING GREAT HEADWAY WITH OUR FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19. FOR ANYONE WHO HAS RECEIVED THE COVID VACCINATION, ALL GENERAL RESTRICTIONS REGARDING MASKING & SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE LIFTED WITHIN NEW YORK STATE.***

The Benefit Office shall continue to be a permanently locked area of the building and access will be restricted to those authorized to enter. If you wish to speak to anyone in the Benefit Office, please continue to call or email and we will respond as quickly as possible. All face-to-face meetings shall be arranged on a scheduled only basis.

If you have information or documents that you are dropping off without an appointment, 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: 8:00am-4:00pm & FRIDAY: 8:00am-3:00pm.***  
***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**

*Plan Year Claims to LBS*

Claims for the plan year of 5/1/20-4/30/21 (dates of service) will need to be submitted to Lifetime Benefit Solutions by July 31, 2021 for reimbursement.

### **ANNUITY FUND**

Please be advised that the Prudential Guaranteed Fund interest rate for the period July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 will be set at 1.65%.

### **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:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4:00pm-8:00pm. There will be a weld test on Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. Call John Carpenter to sign up.

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

**CLASSES:** Med Gas class in August. Fall classes are FULL.

### **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