

BLOWTORCH UA Local #13 Plumbers, Steamfitters & Service Techs

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

Next Union Meeting: Tuesday, September 28th, 2021

If attending in person, you MUST wear a mask – regardless of vaccination status.

**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 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.

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:

- 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!!

SAVE THE DATE(S):

- Kid's Christmas Party – Saturday, December 4th from 10:00am-12:00pm. More info soon!

UNEMPLOYMENT LIST: If you get laid off, please CALL Jim Caternolo at (585) 355-2244 or the main line, (585) 338-2360 ext. 113. Jim will then put your name on the list & the date that you informed him.

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. ***If entering the building, you must wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status.***

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
- Sarah Johnston-Waugh (covering while Alana is on maternity leave): sarahj@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!

CONDOLENCES:

- To Bill O'Connor on the passing of his wife, Constance, on April 13th.
- To the Vinette family on the recent passing of lifetime member, Gil.
- To the Farrell family on the recent passing of lifetime member, Darcy.

CONGRATULATIONS:

- To Jordan & Elizabeth Skinner on the birth of their son, Noah, born on 7/21!!
- To Matt Corey & Caitlin on the birth of their daughter, Hadleigh, born on 7/26!!
- To Tommy Gorrow & Chevon on the birth of their son, Gunnar, born on 7/28!!

NEW RETIREES: September 1st – Tony Colombo, Jr., Chris Hoffman, Ralph Haddock & Dave Pedulla

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. HOWEVER, YOU MUST WEAR A MASK WHILE INSIDE THE BUILDING, REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS.

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 – Active Members Enrolled in Excellus Plan

MetLife Insurance Benefits

Effective May 1, 2021, all active members enrolled in our Excellus Health Plan are now eligible for cash benefit payments. They are as follows:

- Hospital Indemnity Insurance pays cash benefits in the event of hospitalization

- Accident Insurance pays cash benefits in the event of an accident
- Critical Illness Insurance pays cash benefits in the event of certain serious diagnoses

Please contact Tricia Marciano at 585-338-2310 x106 for additional information.

Adding Newborn to Insurance Plan

Our plan allows 30 days from the date of birth to add a newborn to our insurance plan. Please contact Tricia Marciano in the Benefit Office at 585-338-2310 x106 or triciam@ualocal13.org. DO NOT contact your employer; your insurance is administered through the Benefit Office.

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: 1st Tuesday of every month from 9:00am-11:00am & 1:00pm-3:00pm. Enter through training center man-door. MUST WEAR A MASK REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS!! 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: Open welding will begin on Saturday, September 11th from 7:00am-11:00am. Will continue on Monday nights 5:00pm-8:00pm and Saturday mornings after Labor Day. Continuity will be held on the 4th Tuesday in the ODD numbered months from 3:30pm – 5:00pm.

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: Fall classes will begin on Tuesday, September 7th. Please check your texts/emails for important updates!!!

RETIREE NEWS

The retiree lunches will resume at the hall on the SECOND Tuesday of the month starting in SEPTEMBER! **You must wear a mask when entering the building, regardless of vaccination status. WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED ON ANY CHANGES AS WE HEAR FROM LOCAL & STATE AUTHORITIES.** We look forward to welcoming you back! – Larry Tschetter/Terry Moore