

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

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

**Next Union Meeting: Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 – 4:30pm. 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!
- To Marty Collins' wife, Donna, as she recovers from a recent knee surgery.

**CONDOLENCES:**

- To the Farrell family on the recent passing of lifetime member, Darcy.
- To Richard Lord & family on the recent passing of his mother, Helen.
- To Joe Berecz and family on the recent passing of his brother, Pete, who was not a member but enjoyed working with many members while at Kodak.

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

- To Wes & Alisha Johnson on the birth of their 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter, Ainsley Monroe, born on 8/14!!

**NEW RETIREES:** September 1<sup>st</sup> – 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-4:30pm & 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**

***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.

### **Local 13 Excellus Plan Members**

Excellus has completed their mailing of ID cards to all subscribers **AND** dependents. Each dependent will receive their own member ID card mailed in its own envelope, regardless of age. If your dependent is a child under the age of 19, \$0 Copay for Primary Care doctor visits remain in place. This WILL NOT be identified on your dependent's ID card, as the \$40 Plan Copay for Adults will be listed. Please be sure to begin using the new ID cards now that you have received them. All benefits remain the same.

### **Adding New Dependents to Insurance Plan**

Our plan allows 30 days from the date of event to add a spouse or newborn to our Insurance plan. Please contact Tricia Marciano in the Benefit Office at 585-338-2310 x106 or [triciam@ualocal13.org](mailto: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:** 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 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 continue on Monday nights 5:00pm-8:00pm and Saturday mornings. Continuity will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ualocal13.org). All applications must have back up paperwork explaining the course, fees, etc.

**CLASSES:** Fall classes are underway!

### **RETIREE NEWS**

The retiree lunches will resume at the hall on the SECOND Tuesday of the month! **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