

BLOWTORCH UA Local #13 Plumbers, Steamfitters & Service Techs

John Carpenter, Business Manager | **Jim Caternolo**, Business Agent

Next Union Meeting: Tuesday, September 27th, 2022

**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.

2022 GENERAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Nominations will be at the October 25th Union Meeting. **The election will be on Thursday, December 8th from 6:00am-6:00pm at the Union Hall.** In the event of a tie – a run off election will be the following week, Thursday, December 15th from 8:00am – 12:00pm.

SAVE THE DATE(S):

Friday, September 23rd, 2022 – Local 13 Veterans meeting – 5:00pm.

Saturday, December 10th, 2022 – Local 13 Family Christmas Party! 10:00am – 12:00pm with the MAGIC GUY at 10:30am!

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.

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

- John Carpenter: johnc@ualocal13.org / (585) 338-2360 ext. 114
- Jim Caternolo: jimc@ualocal13.org / (585) 338-2360 ext. 113
- Jamie Arena: jarena@ualocal13.org
- Bill Blaschek: billb@ualocal13.org
- Alana Colotti Allen: alanac@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 John Kiehle as he recovers from a recent accident.
- To Dick Maxwell as he recovers from a recent viral infection at the Canandaigua rehab center.

CONDOLENCES:

- To the Czymmek family on the recent passing of lifetime member, Ray.
- To Ken Moorhouse & family on the recent passing of his son, Ronnie.

NEW RETIREES: September 1st – Maurice Shaw

BENEFITS OFFICE
FUND ADMINISTRATOR – STEVE OSTRANDER

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE BENEFIT OFFICE WORKS DAILY WITH YOUR PERSONAL & SENSITIVE INFORMATION. NO WALK IN TRAFFIC IS PERMITTED. ALL MEMBERS WISHING TO PERSONALLY MEET WITH BENEFIT OFFICE STAFF MUST CALL AND MAKE AN APPOINTMENT IN ADVANCE. – THANK YOU

GENERAL NEWS

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. There is also a mail slot to the right of the main Benefit Office entrance door. Please call or e-mail us prior to your visit so we know that your items are here.

THE BENEFIT OFFICE STAFF ARE AVAILABLE M-TH: 8:00am-4:30pm & FRIDAY: 8:00am-3:00pm. PLEASE CALL: 585-338-2310

- Tricia Marciano: Ext 106 / triciam@ualocal13.org
 - Debbi Edizel: Ext 107 / dedizel@ualocal13.org
 - Steve Ostrander: Cell Only - (585) 354-6158. If it is a 911 matter, please call him anytime 24/7. Otherwise, please respect his business hours of availability.
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NEW!!! LOCAL 13 MEMBER BENEFITS PORTAL

We are excited to provide you with direct access (via your cell phone or computer) to your personal benefit information. To register, simply use the **Benefit Office** tab on the UA Local 13 website and click on the **“Member Benefits Portal”** tab.

On your portal, you will have access to:

- Contributions / Work History
- Pension Calculations & Estimates
- Health Insurance Eligibility
- Annuity Balances
- Regulatory Notices
- Forms and much more

INSURANCE FUND NEWS

If you have been terminated from our Health/Dental plans due to funds in your Hour Bank being depleted, you will need to re-enroll once you have earned the hours/funds back in your Hour Bank in the next Eligibility Quarter. This does not happen automatically. Please contact Tricia Marciano in the Benefit Office at 585-338-2310 x106 or triciam@ualocal13.org.

ANNUITY FUND NEWS

Prudential Retirement has been acquired by Empower, the nation's second largest retirement plan provider. The website, login credentials and the Participant Call Center phone number remain the same. You may receive more information shortly by email or by mail. See the latest updates by logging in (or registering your account) at www.retirement.prudential.com.

In January, the Prudential Annuity Disbursement forms were revised to include 2022 Federal Marginal Rate Tables, and a worksheet to help determine the appropriate Federal tax withholding. Prudential's Participant Call Center is available to assist members with questions regarding this IRS required section of the form. Their phone number is 1-877-778-2100.

Also, the Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity explanation is now provided in the Prudential Retirement Loan and Disbursement forms.

Please be advised that the Prudential Guaranteed Fund interest rate for the period **July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 will be set at 1.70%**.

ALL FUNDS

Address Changes—All Members

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

Beneficiary Forms—All Members

We can't emphasize enough how critically important it is to have current beneficiary forms on file with this office.

Your accounts, Pension, Annuity Balance, Life Insurance, Hour Bank Balance, or any other Benefit account **WILL NOT** be transferred to anyone without a current Beneficiary Form on file.

If you decess, your spouse & family will be forced to begin legal proceedings to liquidate your accounts. Your loved ones will not receive any funds belonging to you without all legal measures being satisfied.

Please update your beneficiary forms. DO NOT PUT IT OFF!! It is imperative when life changing events occur (i.e.: marriage, children, divorce). These forms are on our website in the Benefits Office section.

APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING NEWS **TRAINING COORDINATOR – BILL BLASCHEK**

APPLICATIONS: 1st Tuesday of every month from 9:00am-11:00am & 1:00pm-3:00pm. 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 resume on **Monday, September 12th**, continuing with Monday evenings 5:00-8:00pm and Saturday mornings 7:00am-11:00am. Continuity will be held on the 4th Tuesday in the ODD numbered months from 3:30pm – 5:00pm. *Stay up to date with your continuity so your certs don't lapse!!*

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.

TEACHING: Anyone interested in teaching or helping with teaching, please reach out to Bill Blaschek.

VETERANS: There will be a Veterans Club meeting on Friday, September 23rd at 5:00pm. Please spread the word!

RETIREE NEWS

We had subs & fixins' for our September luncheon! **George Satter & Al** Derthick won the \$25 Wegmans gift cards. Our next lunch will be **Tuesday, October 11th**. Please feel free to bring a dish to pass! – Larry Tschetter/Terry Moore