

BLOWTORCH UA Local #13 Plumbers, Steamfitters & Service Techs

John Carpenter, Business Manager | **Dan O'Neil**, Business Agent

Next Union Meeting: Tuesday, March 25th at 5:00pm

**IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING TEXT MESSAGES FROM LU13:
TEXT THE WORD "UNSTOP" TO THIS NUMBER: 877-515-8799**

*****THE UNION OFFICE IS OPEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:00AM-4:30PM.*****

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.

UNEMPLOYMENT LIST: If you get laid off, please CALL Dan O'Neil at (585) 455-5798 or the main line, (585) 338-2360 ext. 113. Dan will then put your name on the list & the date that you informed him.

2024-2025 IAP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS: The application form is now available at the union hall or on our website at www.ualocal13.org. The deadline is Friday, March 14th, 2025. This is available to high school seniors graduating in 2025 with a parent or guardian that is an active member of Local 13.

CONTACT INFO:

- John Carpenter: johnc@ualocal13.org / (585) 338-2360 ext. 114
- Dan O'Neil: doneil@ualocal13.org / (585) 338-2360 ext. 113
- Dan Pollock: danp@ualocal13.org / (585) 338-2360 ext. 115
- Bill Blaschek: billb@ualocal13.org / (585) 338-2360 ext. 109
- Shawn Schell: shawns@ualocal13.org / (585) 338-2360 ext. 112
- Alana Colotti Allen: alanac@ualocal13.org / (585) 338-2360 ext. 108
- Jessenia Davis: jdavis@ualocal13.org / (585) 338-2360 ext. 103

SAVE THE DATE(S):

- Saturday, June 21st, 2025 – Annual Seabreeze picnic!
- Saturday, July 19th, 2025 – Apprentice Graduation & “Years of Service” Pin Banquet at the Convention Center!
- Thursday, July 24th, 2025 – Benefits Fair at UA Local 13!
- Saturday, September 27th, 2025 – Clambake at Minett Hall!

NEW RETIREES:

Congratulations to our March 1st retiree: Ed New!

CONGRATULATIONS:

- To Alex & Paige Sweeney on the birth of their second daughter, Mackenzie Lynn, born on 2/17!!
- To Mike Panepento & Kristen on the birth of their first child, Charles James, born on 2/25!!

GET WELL SOON:

- To Jordan Ventrillo's daughter, Victoria, as she undergoes chemo for Leukemia.
- To John McGinnity as he recovers from a recent hernia surgery.

- To Andy Catalina, Sr. as he recovers from a recent shoulder replacement surgery.

CONDOLENCES:

- To Jake Eisenhower & family on the recent passing of his mother, Helen.
- To Dave Steier & family on the recent passing of his mother, Shirley.
- To Sean Mars & family on the recent passing of his father, Gary.

BENEFITS OFFICE

FUND ADMINISTRATOR – NATE BURDICK – (585) 402-1474 CELL

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

- Tricia Marciano: Ext 106 / triciam@ualocal13.org
 - Debbi Edizel: Ext 107 / dedizel@ualocal13.org
 - Nate Burdick: Ext 104 / nateb@ualocal13.org / Cell (585) 402-1474
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UA LOCAL 13 BENEFITS FAIR – Thursday, July 24th, 2025, at 1850 Mt. Read Blvd!!!

Come join us and our vendors for a complete overview of your entire benefit package:

- Health Care, Hour Bank Claims, Supplemental Medical, Employee Assistance Programs
- Financial and Retirement planning, Annuity/Roth Investment options
- Blood screening offered by appointment

INSURANCE NEWS

Medical/Dental Plan Open Enrollment—Active Members

Please be on the lookout for the **OPEN ENROLLMENT PACKAGE** which will be arriving early April to all eligible Active participants currently covered or eligible to be covered under our Medical/Dental Plan for the upcoming May 1, 2025 – April 30, 2026 Plan Year. If you have any questions, please contact Tricia Marciano at 585-338-2310 x106 or at triciam@ualocal13.org.

PENSION NEWS

Current Pensioner Changes

Any changes to your pension for taxes and banking must be received by our office no later than the 15th of the month prior. If you have any questions, please contact Tricia Marciano at 585-338-2310 x106 or at triciam@ualocal13.org.

ROTH ENROLLMENT AND CHANGES DUE BY APRIL 15

Please mail, drop off, or email the ROTH enrollment form with your election or changes to your existing election by Friday, APRIL 15 to Debbi Edizel. Changes will take effect MAY 5TH. Call Debbi at 585-338-2310 x107 or email dedizel@ualocal13.org if you need a form or have questions.

If you are making a first-time election, remember that you are making a six-month commitment that you can't change before NOV 1ST.

Please also notify your employer with your upcoming ROTH election or changes taking effect in MAY to insure proper deductions. We will also contact employers with updated ROTH elections.

ANNUITY FUND NEWS

When logging into the Empower website to access your account, please make sure you are using a valid email address. If you need to change your address or have any questions, please contact Debbi Edizel in the Benefit Office for assistance at (585) 338-2310 x107.

Please contact the Benefit Office with any questions about the new Loan Application and Rollover administrative changes with Empower. You can call Debbi at (585) 338-2310 x107.

Participants can call the **Empower Service Center** regarding their account at 1-833-569-2433. The hours are Weekdays: 8:00am-10:00pm EST and Saturday: 9:00am-5:30pm EST.

The new Participant Website URL: empowermyretirement.com

To login to your account, you will need to establish a new username and password for Empower. You can register on the Empower website or on the Empower App (Red & White Stripes).

To Register:

- Click on *Register*.
- Choose *I do not have a PIN*.
- Follow the prompts to create a username and password. You will need to enter all of the following:
 - Your social security number
 - Your ZIP code
 - Your last name (if your name has a suffix such as Jr. or III, please include)
 - Your date of birth
- The next time you access your account, simply choose **Sign in**.

Please be advised that the Guaranteed Fund interest rate for the period **January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025 will be set at 2.10%**.

LOCAL 13 ACTIVE & RETIREE MEMBER BENEFITS PORTAL

Please use this portal for 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 page 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

GENERAL NEWS

If you have information or documents that you are dropping off without an appointment, there is 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 on their way or already here.

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.

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.

BLUE BOOK MONITOR DATES:

Wednesday, March 5th, 2025

Monday, March 10th, 2025

Thursday, March 13th, 2025

You will meet with our rep from the NYS DOL on one of your school nights. This MUST be completed!!

WELDING/CONTINUITY: Continuity will be held on the 4th Tuesday in the ODD numbered months from 3:30pm – 5:00pm. **Please have your UA Member number to sign in for continuity now. Please stay up to date with 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.

FIRST AID/CPR: ALL 1st and 5th year apprentices must attend **BOTH DAYS** of training. Wednesday, April 30th and Thursday, May 1st.

RETIREE NEWS

A lovely pasta, sausage & meatball meal for our February lunch! **Fred Lajuett Sr.** and **Steve Yatteau** won the \$25 Wegmans gift cards! Our next lunch will be **Tuesday, March 11th, 2025**. We will be having our annual corned beef & cabbage lunch in honor of St. Patrick's Day! Feel free to bring a dish to pass. – Terry Moore

ATTN GOLFERS!!! Interested in joining the Local 13 golf league on Wednesday afternoons? Contact Carl Colotti before the end of March!

*9 holes starting at 3:00pm every Wednesday for 18 weeks.

*League cost is \$216.00 (carts are an extra \$8 per 9 holes).

*Extra passes can be purchased if you'd like to play at any of the 3 county courses (Genesee Valley, Durand Eastman or Churchville).

*Weekday pass for \$375.00 allows you to play any of the 3 courses as much as you want Monday-Friday.

*Unlimited pass for \$475.00 allows you to play any of the 3 courses as much as you want ANY day.

*Both passes will cover your golf league payment.

*There are also senior (over 62) and military permits at no cost.

*If you get one of those permits, the 18-week league will cost \$126.00.

MUST CONTACT CARL COLOTTI BY MARCH 21ST. Roster must be turned in by March 31st.

Email: carlc271@hotmail.com // Cell: (585) 236-0374