

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

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

**Next Union Meeting: Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 5:00pm**

**IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING TEXT MESSAGES FROM LU13:  
TEXT THE WORD "START" TO THIS NUMBER: 1-844-773-0013 (UPDATED JULY 2025)**

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

**Annuity Election will be on February 24<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm-6:00pm.**

**2025-2026 IAP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS:** The application form is now available at the union hall or on our website at [www.ualocal13.org](http://www.ualocal13.org). The deadline is Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026. This is available to high school seniors graduating in 2026 with a parent or guardian that is an active member of Local 13.

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.

### **CONTACT INFO:**

- John Carpenter: [johnc@ualocal13.org](mailto:johnc@ualocal13.org) / (585) 338-2360 ext. 114
- Dan O'Neil: [doneil@ualocal13.org](mailto:doneil@ualocal13.org) / (585) 338-2360 ext. 113
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- Jessenia Davis: [jdavis@ualocal13.org](mailto:jdavis@ualocal13.org) / (585) 338-2360 ext. 103

**NEW RETIREES:** To our February 1<sup>st</sup> retiree – Rob Dixon!!

### **CONGRATULATIONS:**

- To Jeff & Anna Evert on the birth of their 3<sup>rd</sup> child!!
- To Seamus & Courtney Mykins on the birth of their 5<sup>th</sup> child, Macklin James, born on 2/10!!

### **CONDOLENCES:**

- To Hunter Kimmerly & family on the recent passing of his cousin, Riesen.
- To Nick Liberti & family on the recent passing of his mother, Maria.

### **GET WELL SOON:**

- To Rob Amering as he recovers from a recent cardiac event.

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**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 **PENSION & INSURANCE SPECIALIST**
- Debbi Edizel: Ext 107 / dedizel@ualocal13.org **ANNUITY & CONTRIBUTIONS SPECIALIST**
- Nate Burdick: Ext 104 / nateb@ualocal13.org / Cell (585) 402-1474 **FUND ADMINISTRATOR**

### **PENSION FUND NEWS**

Your March 1, 2026 pension payment reflects updates to the Federal Tax Withholding Tables. You may notice an adjustment to your net payment due to this update. If you would like to make any changes to your tax withholdings, please contact Tricia Marciano at 585-338-2310 x106 or at triciam@ualocal13.org. You can also find the Tax Withholding Change form on our website under the Benefits Office section.

### **ANNUITY FUND NEWS**

The Benefits Office will be hosting an **ANNUITY EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR** on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 4:00pm. Members and spouses are welcome to attend. Empower and Merrill Lynch will both be present. Please contact the Benefits Office if you have any questions.

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



**APPLICATIONS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month from 9:00am-11:00am & 1:00pm-3:00pm. Please view our website for more guidance. ***ONLINE APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE!!***  
***View more info here: <https://ualocal13.org/application-process/> OR scan the QR Code:***

**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.

### **MONITORING DATES:**

**MONDAY, APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>**

**WELDING/CONTINUITY:** Continuity will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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!! *OPEN WELDING is available on Monday evenings at 5:00pm & Saturday mornings at 7:00am.***

**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.

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

### **RETIREE NEWS**

A warm Valentine's Day meal of pasta, meatballs & sausage for our February lunch! **John Kiehle & Dick Preston** won the \$25 Wegmans gift cards! Our next lunch will be **Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**,

**2026.** We will be having our annual St. Patrick's Day themed lunch of corned beef & cabbage!  
Please 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! **Email: [carlc271@hotmail.com](mailto:carlc271@hotmail.com) // Cell: (585) 236-0374**

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

\*Regular League cost is \$288.00 (Permit holders, Seniors and Veterans will be \$198.00).

\*If you have the 5-day or 7-day pass, there is no extra fee.

**MUST CONTACT CARL COLOTTI BY MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup>.** Roster must be turned in by March 31st.