

## BLOWTORCH

MAY 18TH, 2007 Issue

A special Union meeting was called on Monday April 30th where we approved the new Collective Bargaining Agreement. This contract will run from May 1, 2007 through April 30, 2011. Please contact the Hall if there are any questions regarding the raise, raise distribution or any language changes. There will be copies made of the new agreement and available to members in the near future.

There are still quite a few 2007-2008 dues cards to be picked up at the Hall. Any one that has not yet picked up their card is also behind in dues payment and must pay to stay current.

The school construction season is almost upon us. Stay in touch with the Hall for these and other opportunities.

A reminder to make sure to contact the Union Hall if you change job locations for any length of time. Be sure that you call the Union Hall when you go to work and to keep in touch with Bill Kurtz on the latest opportunities. I cannot stress enough the importance of signing the unemployment book at the hall when you are out of work. This helps us know when you are unemployed and when you become eligible for the Security Benefit Funds. Again, please remember to sign the unemployment book.

Richard and Sandy Lord our on the local 13 sick list, we hope they have a speedy recovery.

**Save the Date:** Local 13 Picnic, Saturday July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. at Ellison Park, Creekside.

**Clambake:** Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007 1:00 p.m. -till Camp Eastman located on Lakeshore Blvd.

**Children Christmas Party:** Saturday December 8, 2007 from 10:00 A.M. Till 12:00 P.M.

**BENEFIT OFFICE:** Please make sure all your beneficiaries are current especially if you have recently become married, divorced or you have recently had a child. You must fill out paper work in order to change your beneficiary. Please call the benefit office if you have any questions or concerns regarding your current beneficiary.

**INSURANCE FUND:** Looks like heartburn is the #1 drug utilized by Local 13. Please consider a generic prescription for heartburn to help cut costs.

**Very Important:** Please notify the Benefit Office immediately if your families' status changes, married, divorced birth of a child or you lose your coverage (spouses coverage). **New regulations only give us 30 days to make any enrollment changes.**

You must contact the Benefit Office Immediately once you have become divorced. It is very important to provide a QDRO in order to protect your Pension & Annuity. Also it is Illegal to keep ex-spouses on our insurance plan after your divorce. If this happens you will be billed for the additional cost.

Starting May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 the Board of Trustees has required that all members have four (4) quarters coverage in their Hour Bank prior to receiving any reimbursements.

Starting January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 the Board of Trustees has hired a new EAP (Employee Assistant Program) Provider. The new company is ESI; they offer a very wide range of services from counseling to debt and legal advice. You can call **ESI** at **1-800-252-4555** or visit the web site [www.theEAP.com](http://www.theEAP.com).

**PENSION FUND:** Anyone interested in retirement should contact John, in the Benefit Office, at least a few months before they want to retire. There are several documents you will need to bring in so we can process your application. During this time we can estimate your pension options and

answer any questions about the retirement program. This will allow you to turn in all completed paper work before the deadline of one month prior to the date you want to retire.

**ANNUITY FUND:** If you have any questions call the prudential help line toll free (877) 778-2100. Also you can call us at the Fund Office at 338-2310 or (800) 884-7977. Remember if you default on a loan you cannot take another loan.

**Please remember you cannot complete an online transaction for a period of 5 business days once a password is reset!!!**

Guaranteed Income Fund will be at 3.90%. Annual Rate of return for the next six months (Jan 1, 2007 until June 31, 2007). **Fraternally Yours, John Tschetter**

### **Training News: Carl Colotti, Coordinator**

All **course reimbursements** must have **two weeks** prior approval from the J.A.T.C. The J.A.T.C. **must** receive a Certificate of Completion within 90 days from the date of the course in order for the member to be reimbursed.

**The date for the Apprentice banquet is Thursday July 12<sup>th</sup> at Shadow Lake Country Club. All 5<sup>th</sup> year Apprentices please save this date.**

We are trying to put together an HVAC Star refresher class. If anyone is interested please call the JATC office.

Safety classes such as; OSHA 10 hr., 2 Asbestos Awareness & NFPA 70E training dates have been set. **Please call the JATC Office to sign up.** They are as follows:

#### **10Hr. Class**

~Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2007 7 A.M.

**Safety Training:** There is now a \$10.00 fee to replace a lost OSHA card payable to C Y Concepts. Please keep track of your card.

Kodak Weld Representative will be here for continuity Tuesday, May 22, 2007 @ 3:30 PM. All UA certs. can be updated on this date. Please remember to check your continuity card.

**Open Welding: Journeyman welding has started on Saturdays from 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM & Mondays from 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM. We will continue to have Journeyman welding on Mondays & Saturdays as long as there is interest at least until the end of June.**

**Special Note: The JATC Board has decided that we will need to collect a \$ 25.00 deposit for any testing event in order to hold a spot for you on test day.**

#### Retiree's Club

We had another good turn out for our cook out. Thanks to all who brought a dish to pass I also want to thank **Charlie Yatteau, Paul Nolan Dave Dick Preston and Bruce Jacobs** for their help; we couldn't pull it off without them. **John Bondi** won the \$25 gift certificate and **Ken Fisher** won the free dues. Our next meeting is on **June 12th** and we'll be cooking out. We hope to see you there. If you would like to bring a dish to pass feel free to do so. We have a stove hooked up for your convenience in case you bring something that needs cooking or warming up. You can e-mail me at [jerryattricks@frontiernet.net](mailto:jerryattricks@frontiernet.net) with comments or suggestions for future meetings.

Fraternally Yours, Larry Tschetter

The next Regular Union Meeting is Tuesday May 22, 2007 at 5:00 P.M. please stay informed and come to the union meeting.

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**ATTENTION !!!!**

**LOCAL #13 MEMBERS**

THERE WILL BE NOMINATION  
FOR ONE (1) ANNUITY TRUSTEE  
A THREE-YEAR TERM

**AT OUR NEXT UNION MEETING**

ON TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2007  
AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE LOCAL #13 UNION HALL.  
1850 MT. READ BLVD.  
ROCHESTER, NY 14615

ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT OUR UNION MEETING  
TUESDAY JULY 24, 2007  
POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 3:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

\* In the event of a tie a runoff will be held on Tuesday July 31, 2007  
at 1850 Mt. Read Blvd., the polls will be open from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Recording Secretary,  
**Jerry Landers**