

BLOWTORCH

JUNE 22ND, 2007 Issue

The Open House, held on Thursday June 14th was very well attended. Thank you to all that helped to get the building ready for the event, especially those that helped in building our new bar. If you have not seen it, please stop by.

I also want to thank all of our instructors who helped out at our Open House showing our guests what we teach as part of our apprentice curriculum. We have to continue to inform the end-users and elected officials the importance of hiring trained professionals through apprentice education programs. So now when we ask for apprentice language as part of the bidding process, they know the effort that is put into our training and how it is important for them to have a trained workforce on their projects.

Two very important Bills are going to be presented this week in Albany before the session ends on June 22nd, the Wicks Bill and the City of Rochester School Modernization Bill. Both will result in continued job opportunities for our members.

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.

There will be Nominations for 1 Annuity Trustee, a three year term, at our next union meeting on June 26, 2007 at 5:00 P.M.

Our deepest sympathy to Richard Barndollar and his family on the loss of his mother. Sorry to report that Charles Streb is at Strong Memorial recuperating from a stroke.

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

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

Children Christmas Party: Saturday December 1, 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. This is considered Insurance fraud if this happens you will be billed for the additional costs.

Starting May 1st, 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 1st, 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.

Starting July 1st, 2007 Local 13 will no longer be offering LTD (Long Term Disability) due to the substantial increase in premiums. Local 13 will present an alternative means of coverage that can be obtained individually!

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 (July 1, 2007 until December 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 12th at Shadow Lake Country Club. All 5th 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 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, June 26, 2007 & Tuesday, July 24, 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 with comments or suggestions for future meetings.

Fraternally Yours, Larry Tschetter

The next Regular Union Meeting is Tuesday June 26, 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