

BLOWTORCH

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Local #13's new website is up and running www.ualocal13.org ! There is quite a bit of information to be found on the site including agendas, activities and general updates. I encourage you all to check out the site now and throughout the year.

There were a few jobs awarded this past week to Local 13 contractors. One of the largest was the Wegman's Culinary Center. Work opportunities should be coming with these new contracts.

We hope everyone had a safe and happy 4th of July and remember the Local 13 picnic is on Saturday the 7th at Ellison Park.

Be sure to contact the Union Hall if you change job locations for any length of time. Make 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.

At our last union meeting the following were nominated for the Annuity Trustee; Carl Colotti, Vincent Acciaio III, and John Carpenter. Election will be at our next union meeting on July 24, 2007 poles open from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00P.M.

Our deepest sympathy to Carl Uttrup family on the loss of Carl. Carl was a local 13 life member, he was 95 year old.

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

Friday July 27th @ 6:05 P.M is local 13 night at Red Wings Stadium. Please stop by or call to reserve your tickets.

Please Note Clambake Change: We are having an Open House/Clambake to welcome all the members to our beautiful renovated Union Hall. Saturday September 29th, 2007 1:00 p.m. -till Local 13 located on 1850 Mt. Read Blvd.

Children Christmas Party: Saturday December 1, 2007 from 10:00 A.M. Till 12:00 P.M.

Congratulation to Red Gardner on his a hole in one, way to go Red.

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: Please notify the Benefit Office immediately if your families' status changes, married, divorced birth of a child or you lose your coverage (spouse's 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 and 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. This will significantly help build our reserves, which in return lowers our rates.

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. (Employee login) -(User Name: Plumbers and Steamfitters).

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! You will be receiving a mailing from Colonial Insurance with the cost of coverage to obtain LTD 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). Fraternaly 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. We will start in September.

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 ended for the summer. We will start up again in September.

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 on Tuesday, Thanks to all that 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. **Emil Witkowick** won the \$25 gift certificate and **Maverick** won the free dues. Our next meeting is on **July 10th** and we'll be cooking out. We hope to see you there. Our new bar is finished thanks to all who helped and a special thanks to **Mike Kelly Local 46** who donated his time to install the stainless steel top. Congratulations to **Red Gardner** for his **Hole in One** down in Florida on the 135 yard 3rd hole at Melbourne Municipal. Way to go Red!!

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 July 24, 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 AN ELECTION
FOR ONE (1) ANNUITY TRUSTEE
A THREE-YEAR TERM

AT OUR NEXT UNION MEETING
ON TUESDAY, JULY 24 2007
AT LOCAL #13 UNION HALL.
1850 MT. READ BLVD.
ROCHESTER, NY 14615

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