

BLOWTORCH

JULY 20TH, 2007 Issue

Thanks to Bruce Bowes, Kevin Peri & the picnic committee for their hard work in making the 2007 picnic a great success. Thanks to Larry Tschetter for taking the photos. The weather was picture perfect & we all had a great time. As always it was good to see so many members & retirees. Special congratulations to this year's scholarship winners & to the Local 13 members who received their years of service pins. Year pins are awarded for years of service for 25 years & up in 5-year increments. This year there was four, years of service pins awarded to members with 60 years of service in Local 13.

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.

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.

At our last union meeting the following were nominated for the Annuity Trustee, Vincent Acciaio III, John Carpenter, & Carl Colotti . 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 Chris, Rodney, Brannon Thomas & their families on the their loss of father. Our deepest sympathy to Joe Shirley Jr. and his family on the loss of his father. Joe Shirley Sr. was a member of Local 669 & Local 13.

Save the Date: 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.

Come celebrate the life of Scott Lawler who passed away suddenly. He was the son of Kathy, nephew of Pat & Tim, special cousin of Johnny Di. When-Sunday July 29th at Calabria, 250 Pixley Rd. from 1:00P.M. till 7:00P.M. Tickets are \$25.00 per person call, Andy Catalina Sr. @ 503- 4242 or stop in at Calabria and see Dee or the Local 13 union hall or call Wally Baker @ Beachwood 45789. There is a memorial web site for Scott myspace.com/scottyredrocker

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: There will be an Annuity training seminar September 13th @ 5:00 P.M. at the Union Hall.

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 Apprentice Banquet for our graduating Apprentices was held on Thursday, July 12 at Shadow Lake Country Club. It turned out to be a great day and I think everyone had a wonderful time. I would like to congratulate all of the Apprentices on making it through 5 tough years. They are: **Mark Babij, Kevin Bell, Matt Decker, Lou DeSino, Ken Goff, Murray Hanchett, Eric Johnson, Jason Landers, Jeremy LaPlant, Bryan Lee, Mike McGhie, Adam Re, Anthony Bunce, Dave Frear, Joe May, Todd Mitchell, and Greg Vanderpool.** The special awards were presented to: **Mark Babij and Joe May** for the **Scholastic Award** from the **MCA**, **Lou DeSino** for

the **Welding Award**, **Matt Decker** for the **Incentive Award**, and we had 3 Apprentices with perfect attendance for 5 years, they were: **Mark Babij**, **Jason Landers**, and **Mike McGhie**. They should all be commended on doing a great job.

We are scheduling an HVAC Star refresher class for September. Anyone interested in taking the class, please contact the JATC office.

Safety Training: There is now a \$10.00 fee to replace a lost OSHA card payable to CY Concepts. Please keep track of your card. We are in the process of scheduling all safety classes for the upcoming year. Please watch the **Labor News** for specific dates.

Open Welding: Journeyman welding has ended for the summer. We will start up again in September. We will be running 2 Orbital classes starting in September. Call the JATC office to sign up as the **class sizes are limited.** **The classes will be first come first served.** The Kodak Weld Representative will be here for **continuity** on **Tuesday, July 24, 2007 @ 3:30 p.m. All UA certs** can be updated on this date. Please remember to check your continuity cards.

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, Bill Yatteau and Bruce Jacobs** for their help; we couldn't have pull it off without them. **Bob Bowes** won the \$25 gift certificate and **Zeek** won the free dues. Our next meeting is on **August 14th** 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.

Check out the local's new web site. www.ualocal13.org There will be a Retiree's page on the home page soon. Please email me any suggestions as to what you would like to have on the Retirees page. Check out the Picnic photos. 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