

BLOWTORCH

October 12th, 2007 Issue

The Open House and Clambake was held on September 29th. We had beautiful weather and it was very well attended. Everyone should thank Kevin Peri and the committee for a very well organized event, their hard work and preparations really paid off. Those members and guests who toured the facility for the first time were very impressed.

There was good news this week for the Building Trades with the announcement of the University of Rochester Medical Center's plan for a \$250 million expansion.

There are many job opportunities for travel, please call Bill Kurtz if you are interested.

There will be an Election for two Building Corp. seat for the remainder of the term at our next Union meeting on Tuesday October 23rd, 2007. Polls open from 3:00p.m.-6:00p.m.

A special meeting has been called for Nominations for all Union Officers and Committees. On Tuesday October 23rd, 2007 @ 5:00P.M. at Local 13's Union Hall, 1850 Mt. Read Blvd.

There will be Nominations for one Pension & Welfare Trustee a 4 year term at our October 23rd Union Meeting.

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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.

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.

Congratulations to all the following members on their new addition to the families:

Our deepest sympathy to Bryan Lee and his family on the loss of his father. Our deepest sympathy to the family of James Nothnagle. Jimmy was a past President of Local 13 and a Life member.

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

Local 13 Picnic: Saturday July 12th, 2008, 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. at Ellison Park, Creekside.

Clambake 2008: Saturday September 27th, 2008 1P.M.-6P.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: 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 considered fraud to keep ex-spouses on our insurance plan after your divorce. 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.

Local 13's EPA provider is ESI. You can call **ESI** at **1-800-252-4555** or visit the web site www.theEAP.com. (Employee login) -(User Name: Plumbers and Steamfitters). **It's Free!!!**

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 be mailing an enrollment card along with the coverage and premiums. The company is Colonial, please call the Fund Office with any questions regarding LTD.

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.

The Fund Office has a section on the New Web Site. You can download Hour Bank Reimbursement forms, Beneficiary forms, & Retirees can download direct deposit forms.

ANNUITY FUND: The seminar was a great success-thanks to all that attended. 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.

You may change your Annuity Plan Designation (A, B or C plan) starting October 1st to October 19th, 2007. You will not be able to change your designation again until April of 2008.

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: Jerry Landers

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.

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

The next **weld test** will be held on Saturday, October 13th at 7:00am. Please call the JATC office to reserve a spot.

We will also be scheduling a **Med Gas Test** for Saturday, October 13th. Please call the JATC office to sign up for the class or get your name on the list in order to re – take the portion of the test you need to take.

There will be a **Boiler Seminar** at the Union Hall on October 2nd & 3rd from noon-8:00P.M. for anyone that is interested. Please all to reserve your spot.

Red Cross Blood Drive: There is a blood drive scheduled for Wednesday October 17th between 2:30 and 6:00 pm at the Hall. All Apprentices are encouraged to give the gift of life as well as our Journeymen and Retirees.

10 Hour OSHA course on Saturday October 6th, 2007 @ 7:00A.M.- 5:00P.M. please call the training office to sign up.

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 will start up again in September, beginning Saturday, September 8 @ 7:00am. 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, November 27th, 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 for our Sept. lunch. Thanks to Paul **Nolan, Charlie Yatteau, Dick Preston** & everyone else who helped. **Carl Behl** won the free month dues and **Fred Kassel** won the \$25 Wegmans gift certificate. Our next meeting is Oct 9th it may be the last lunch for some of the snow birds, so come on down and say good by.

We are having a guest speaker from the Monroe County Sheriff's Office at our November 13 meeting to talk to us about **Identity Theft**. Did you know that Rochester is number 2 in the State for identity theft, mark you calendar this will be a very informative meeting.

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 retirees web page, go to www.ualocal13.org and click on membership news and you will see a link to the **Retirees Home Page**. Fraternaly Yours, Larry Tschetter

The next Regular Union Meeting is Tuesday October 23rd, 2007 at 5:00 P.M. please stay informed and come to the union meeting.

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ATTENTION!!!!

**LOCAL #13 PLUMBERS & PIPEFITTERS
A SPECIAL MEETING HAS BEEN CALLED FOR
NOMINATIONS FOR ALL UNION OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

AT OUR UNION MEETING
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1850 MT. READ BLVD.
ROCHESTER, NY 14615

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SATURDAY DECEMBER 8TH, 2007
POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

* In the event of a tie a runoff will be held on Saturday December 15th, 2007
at 1850 Mt. Read Blvd, the polls will be open from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Recording Secretary,
Jerry Landers

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FOR ONE (1) PENSION & WELFARE TRUSTEE
A 4 YEAR TERM**

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FOR TWO (2) BUILDING CORP.
FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM**

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