

BLOWTORCH

October 26TH, 2007 Issue

Election Day is Tuesday November 6th. It is very important to get out and support the local Town and County campaigns. We need to make sure that labor friendly people make it into these open positions. Even though this is not a major national election year, please get out and vote in your local Town Council, County Legislators, County Executive and District Attorney races. There will be an endorsement letter sent out, so that you know which candidates supports the concerns of Labor and the Building Trades. If there are any questions regarding the endorsements, please call the Union Hall.

Once again there was very good news for the construction industry coming out of Albany this past week. The announcement of millions of dollars being awarded to the city to support the reconstruction of mid-town with the new Paetec office building is a great opportunity for local jobs. It has been a long time since a new building was constructed in downtown Rochester. This supports the continued focus of city of Rochester on economic development.

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

The General Elections will be held on Saturday December 8th, 2007, from 9A.M. to 4:00P.M.

There will be Elections for one Pension & Welfare Trustee a 4 year term on Saturday December 8th, 2007 polls open from 9:00A.M-4:00P.M..

There will be Elections for one Building Corp. for the remainder of the term Saturday December 8th, 2007 polls open from 9:00A.M.-4:00P.M. Local 13's Union Hall, 1850 Mt. Read Blvd.

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.

IAP Scholarship Applications for the 2008 are available at the Union Hall please call (585) 338-2360 so we can mail you one or stop by & pick one up. The deadline to have the completed application returned to us is Friday March 21st, 2008.

There will be a Memorial Mass for Jimmy Nothnagle on Friday November 9th at 11:00A.M. at Holy Ghost Church located 220 Coldwater Rd.

Our deepest sympathy to Roger Kjar and his family on the loss of his father.

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: 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). **Fraternaly 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 February. Anyone interested in taking the class, please contact the JATC office.

JATC office to sign up for the Med-Gas class or get your name on the list in order to re – take the portion of the test you need.

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**, **Zeek**, **Mavrick** & everyone else who helped. **Craig Wightman** won the free month dues and **Frank Brusseau** won the \$25 Wegmans gift certificate. Our next meeting is November 13th. We're 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 November 27TH, 2007 at 5:00 P.M. please stay informed and come to the union meeting.

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ATTENTION!!!!

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GENERAL ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD**

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AT LOCAL #13 UNION HALL.
1850 MT. READ BLVD.
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POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

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Recording Secretary,
Jerry Landers

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