

BLOWTORCH

November 30TH, 2007 Issue

There are job opportunities coming in for local work & work with our Sister Locals, so please stay in touch with the hall if you are available & interested in these jobs.

We need to make sure that we are completing the apprentice reports. Anyone that has an apprentice or pre-apprentice on your job, it is your responsibility to send in reports on their progress & abilities. The pre-apprentice report is due on weekly basis. Anyone that needs these forms or who has questions should contact the Hall.

We are anticipating some demand for 1104 welding certification to work on Pipe Line work. Anyone interested, let the hall know so that we can set up a Saturday class.

Jonathan Martin was home from Las Vegas & stopped in the Hall to say hello to everyone & wish everyone a Happy Holiday.

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

Nominations for all Union Officers and Committees were held at our last Union Meeting. The General Elections will be held on Saturday December 8th, 2007, from 9A.M. to 4:00P.M. The nominees are: **President**-Bruce Bowes (**unopposed**), **Vice –President**- Joel Horowitz(**unopposed**), **Recording Secretary**-Frank DeCarlo (**unopposed**), **Treasurer**-Brandon Tumia(**unopposed**), **Business Manager/Financial Secretary**- John Perticone & John Tschetter (**vote for one**), **Business Agent**-Bill Kurtz(**unopposed**), **Inside Guard**-Brian Champaigne (**unopposed**), **Executive Board**-Paul Borreggine, Joe Cacia, Jim Caternolo, George Maloney, Steve Ostrander (**vote for four**), **Finance Board**-Michael Boillat, Mick Gibson, Robert ShoemakerIII (**unopposed**), **Steamfitters Examining Board**-Clinton Byer, Joe Heiderman, Alan(Toby) Sonricker, Terry Moore (**vote for three**), **Plumbers Examining Board**-William Blascheck, Ken Cooke, Dan O'Neil (**unopposed**), **Conference Board**-Joe Cacia, Carl Colotti, Terry Moore, (**unopposed**), **Pension & Welfare Trustee**-Clint Byer ,Carl Colotti, Steve Ostrander (**vote for one**), **Building Corp**-Jeff Green, Mike LaMantia,Tim Scantlin, Keith Warren, Steve Yatteau (**vote for one**)for the remainder of the term (**vote for one**). **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 form 9:00A.M.-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.

Our deepest sympathy to Tom and Richard Drexler and their families on the loss of their father, Jack. Jack was a Local 13 life member for 52 year.

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.

Local 13 has negotiated special discounted fees for dental work with Western New York Dental Group (formally Dental Associates). You will be receiving a mailing on these special fees.

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. Colonial will be at the November meeting.

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.

If you made an Annuity Plan Election change, it should have taken place November 1st. Please check your pay stubs/rate. The next date to change your election is April 2008.

Starting September 1st 2007-you are not eligible for an Annuity Distribution unless you have been out of work for 180 days (6 months). You may still work up to 120 hours during the 180 days and still be eligible.

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

We are scheduling a number of classes for after the first of the year. The 30 Hour OSHA class will be every Tuesday and Thursday for 5 weeks. We are also offering journeyman classes in AutoCAD, Plumbing Code, Med Gas, Orbital Welding, as well as an **HVAC Star refresher class** for February. Please check the Local 13 website for more information. If you are interested in taking a class, please contact the JATC office.

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.

Please note: There is now a \$10.00 fee to replace a lost OSHA card payable to CY Concepts. Please keep track of your card.

Open Welding: Journeyman welding will continue to be available on Monday Nights and Saturday Morning. The Kodak Weld Representative will be here for continuity on **Tuesday, January 22, 2008 @ 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 Nov.13th lunch. Thanks to everyone who helped. **George Satter** won the free month dues and **Dick Maxwell** won the \$25 Wegmans gift certificate. Our next meeting is **December 11th** our annual **Christmas Lunch**. We'll be having Turkey & Ham with all the trimmings. 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**.

Fraternally Yours, Larry Tschetter

Election results, December 8th, 2007 at 4:30 P.M. please stay informed and come to the union meeting.

John Perticone

ATTENTION!!!!

**LOCAL #13 PLUMBERS & PIPEFITTERS
GENERAL ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD**

ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 8TH, 2007
AT LOCAL #13 UNION HALL.
1850 MT. READ BLVD.
ROCHESTER, NY 14615
POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

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Recording Secretary,
Jerry Landers

ATTENTION !!!!

**LOCAL #13 MEMBERS
THERE WILL BE ELECTION
FOR ONE (1) PENSION & WELFARE TRUSTEE
A 4 YEAR TERM**

AT OUR SPECIAL MEETING
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FOR ONE (1) BUILDING CORP.
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