

## BLOWTORCH UA Local #13 Plumbers & Steamfitters

The next Regular Union Meeting is February 23rd, @ 5:00 P.M. Please stay informed and come to the union meeting.

~If you are interested in traveling to the Nuclear power house jobs or the opportunity that is available in Canada, please call Bill for details.

~ 9 Mile is coming up please stop down and fill out the PHQ if you are interested.

~Please remember that we will need a copy of your passport for those going to work in CANADA !

~ The March 23<sup>rd</sup> Union Meeting will be the meeting that the raise distribution will be discussed.

We are now in the process of accepting credit card payments for your union dues. You may call the union hall or stop down and make your dues payments. ~There is a \$1.00 charge per month added to your payment for the bank fee.

IF you have any hunting and or fishing pictures or stories to share, pass them along we can post them in the UA Journal!



~ Scholarship applications for high school seniors that are graduating this year are now available at the Union hall and also available on line. Visit our union website @ [www.ualocal13.org](http://www.ualocal13.org) and you can download the application.

### REMINDER:

- Make sure to contact the Union Hall with any address or phone number changes.
- Should you be laid off, it is imperative that you come to the Hall and sign the unemployment book and keep in touch with Bill Kurtz.
- You need to keep the Hall posted on your place of Employment, call immediately if you are laid off or change shops.
- The Toll Free phone number for Local 13 is now: 1-800-224-8544.
- The website is up and running at [www.ualocal13.org](http://www.ualocal13.org). There is quite a bit of information to keep you posted.
- **Your dues are your responsibility, please check your card and make sure you are up to date. There is a \$50.00 reinstatement fee when you are 3 months past due.....no exceptions.**

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**Congratulations to:** Tom and Brenda Aswad on the birth of their granddaughter Sydney Elliana Rhodes ~ born on Valentine's Day am 8 lbs 2 oz. To Paul and Laura Nolan on the birth of their granddaughter; Campbell on February 9<sup>th</sup>. To Jason Schneider and his wife on the birth of their son Henry George on February 10<sup>th</sup> ~ 6 lbs. 6 oz. To Bruce Barker on his wedding day February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

*Our thoughts go out to the following members: Alan Derthick on the loss of his father, to JR Ahearn on the loss of his mother, to Gavin Dean on the loss of his father, to Michael Deane on the loss of his grandfather. Also, our condolences to Errol Valyear on the loss of his mother and to Tim Flanagan on the loss of his father. To Doug & Jerry Glaser on the loss of their uncle. We want to also wish a speedy recovery to John Bondi on his mouth surgery.*

**Save the Date:**

- **2010 - Local #13 Picnic:** Saturday, July 10, 2010, 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. at Ellison Park, Creekside.
- **2010 - Local #13 Clam Bake:** Saturday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 1:00 P.M.- Till?
- \* **2010-Local # 13 Benefit Fair:** Thursday October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**TRAINING NEWS:**

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the workers who lost their lives in the explosion at the Kleen Power plant in Middletown, Connecticut. Five hard-working men — fathers to 10 children and one a grandfather to five — went to work Sunday but never went home. Three were from UA Local 777 Connecticut: Peter Chepulis, 48, of Thomaston, loved riding his Harley; Ronald J. Crabb, 42, of Colchester, served his community on the board of finance; and Raymond Dobratz, 58, of Old Saybrook, was a youth sports coach who loved his job as a pipefitter. Remember to think about safety at all times on the job and at home. Stay safe!*

*As always our Journeyman Welding classes are Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays. If you want to brush up your skills or prepare for the next welding test, just drop in!.*

*The Training Office has scheduled another Green Awareness Certification Class for the upcoming semester. This will run 7 weeks on Tuesday Nights from 5 PM to 8:30 PM. Class begins March 9<sup>th</sup> and ends May 4<sup>th</sup>. Sign up today for this important certification. We also have another 9 week Introduction to AutoCAD Class beginning Thursday March 4<sup>th</sup>. Please call the Training Office today and sign up.*

*Our next Welder Continuity will be March 23, at 4:00 – before the Regular Union Meeting. All UA certs can be updated on this date. Please check your continuity cards. Welder Continuity is the responsibility of the welder. If you are counting on your employer to maintain your continuity you may end up with a lapse, which would require you to retest. Congratulations Fred LaJuett Jr. on completion of his UA Authorized Testing Representative (ATR) class. Fred joins Tom McNicholas and Rob Quinn as ATRs for Local 13. Your ATRs are charged with the responsibility administering weld test events, performing inspection of weld test coupons, maintaining all records, and safeguarding the integrity of the UA Welder Testing Program.*

Please remember all out of town seminar reimbursements must have two weeks prior approval from the JATC. We require a Certificate of Completion within 90 days from the date of the course in order for the member to be reimbursed for these training seminars. Forms are available on the Training Web Site at [www.ualocal13.com](http://www.ualocal13.com).

Also keep in mind that all First and Second Year Apprentice get Monthly Evaluations by their Forman. These evaluations help the JATC to identify and correct any problems our apprentice may be running into. We also encourage the job supervisor to review these evaluations with each apprentice, so they can understand the areas where they need to improve and recognize where they are doing well. A few moments of your time on the jobsite can make a big difference. Third, Fourth and Fifth year Apprentices get evaluations every 6 months.

Thanks. Jerry Landers, Training Coordinator

### **BENEFITS OFFICE**

The 2009 Annual Summaries will be going out in the beginning of March. If you are preparing your taxes and need your Dues Check Off, please contact any one of the staff in the Fund Office.

Free tax preparation is available for income-qualified households. The C.A.S.H. (Creating Assets, Savings, and Hope) Coalition will provide free tax preparation services to families that earn less than \$40,000 (single individuals \$13,000). The C.A.S.H. Coalition's tax preparation sites will be open from now until April 14, 2010. For more information call (585) 242-6485. Appointments are encouraged.

### **HOUR BANK REIMBURSEMENTS**

Dental Reimbursements: Please note that when submitting reimbursement for dental services, you will be required to submit an itemized statement from the dental provider showing the insurance payment (or an Explanation of Benefits from the insurance company) as well as your proof of payment.

### **ANNUITY**

If you have not received your 2009 4<sup>th</sup> quarter statement from Prudential please contact Joan Termini at 338-2310 x107.

### **PENSIONERS**

Any pension check changes must be received here at the Fund Office by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month for the following month's check. Federal Tax Withholdings for 2010 will be implemented for March's pension payment. Please contact Karen at 338-2310 x105 if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks ~ Steve Ostrander—Fund Manager

### **Retiree's Club**

We had a good turnout for our February lunch. Thanks to everyone who helped with the cooking and clean up and to all who brought a dish to pass. It was good to see some new retirees join us. If you haven't been to one of our lunches come on down and see what you're missing,

good food and good company. A big thanks to **Tony Messina** for his meatballs & sauce and homemade wine, **Matt Gambino** for his wine. **Larry Tschetter** won the free month dues and **Jane Patti** won the \$25 Target gift certificate. Our next meeting will be March 9<sup>th</sup>, our annual corned beef & cabbage dinner 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.

Larry Tschetter



*Local 13 Golf league is now looking for interested participants!  
Please call Brian Mawn at 880-6354 if you are interested in joining on  
Wednesdays at Genesee Valley Golf course... His email is:  
brianmawn@yahoo.com*

*Bill Kurtz, Business Agent  
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