

# **BLOWTORCH UA Local #13 Plumbers & Steamfitters**

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## **The Next Union Meeting is August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

TO KEEP YOU INFORMED, we need your current **ADDRESS AND CELL PHONE NUMBERS**.  
Please call Alana at the Union Hall with updated information.

- If you are out of work or change employers, please call the Union Hall with updates.
- **Please make sure you are up to date with your dues. There will be a \$50 reinstatement fee for anyone who is (3) months behind. NO EXCEPTIONS! Note the 1<sup>st</sup> of the 4<sup>th</sup> overdue month is when the reinstatement fee is assessed to your account by the UA.**
- Local #13's website is [www.ualocal13.org](http://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.
- We have a "Job Line" that is for out of town work. If anyone is interested in out of town work, please dial 338-2360 and press option #4 to hear more information.
- The Front office has new hours, 8:00AM-4:30PM.
- Thank you to all who came to our annual family picnic at Seabreeze Amusement Park on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup>! Beautiful weather! We hope everyone had a great time, tag us in your pictures on Facebook!

### **SAVE THE DATE(S):**

- 125th CELEBRATION OPEN HOUSE – Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 9:00am-4:00pm.
- CLAMBAKE – Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Camp Eastman. TICKETS ON SALE NOW!! Members get (2) tickets at \$25 EACH. Any ticket after the initial (2) is \$45 each. ALL guest tickets are \$45 each.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To all of the scholarship winners! Parents... make sure your student stops by the hall to see Alana if they were not at the picnic so they can pick up their award!

### **CONDOLENCES:**

- To the Pehta family on the passing of Harold.
- To Todd Hickmott & family on the passing of his father George.

### **GET WELL SOON:**

### **NEW RETRIEES:**

### **NOTICES & REMINDERS:**

- Call Alana at the Union Office for any announcements that you may wish to have inserted into your labor news column. We would like to be made aware of any and all family events.
- **Make note as of August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 the Union Hall will no longer be making Robo Calls or sending Late Dues letters. Please pass the word to all that it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to check your dues cards and keep them current!**

**BENEFITS OFFICE**  
**Steve Ostrander—Fund Manager**

**ANNUITY**

The Guaranteed Income Fund has a guaranteed interest rate of 1.65% **effective July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015**. The interest rate will not fluctuate during this time.

**If you elected to contribute to the Post Tax portion of the Annuity Plan, be sure to check your paystub, after the first week of June to be sure the deduction is being applied. If your pay is not being deducted to accommodate for your Post Tax election, you need to contact Melissa Del Prete in the Benefit Office as soon as possible at 585-338-2310 x107 in order to eradicate any discrepancies.** All employers have been notified of your individual elections, the next time to change is for the first pay period in November, thus a deadline of October 15<sup>th</sup> to elect your deduction.

**ACTIVE MEMBERS ONLY**

**HEALTH INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE AND CO-INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT**

Please be aware that if you accrued a deductible or co-insurance claim during the plan year ending April 30, 2015, **you have until July 31, 2015 to receive any monies due to you from the fund. Thus, all paperwork must be submitted by mid-July to be eligible.** Please contact Tricia Marciano at 585-338-2310 x106 with any questions.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT**

Due to the Affordable Care Act, if you terminate your Health Insurance Policy with Local 13, you may be subject to a penalty if you don't enroll in another Health Care Plan that provides minimum value. Please consult a Tax Advisor if you plan on terminating your health insurance. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Ostrander at 585-338-2310 x104.

**MEMBER INFORMATION**

It is VERY IMPORTANT that the Fund Office is notified if there are any changes to current information that we have on file. Any changes in address, phone, marital status, beneficiaries, etc. must be communicated to the Fund Office in a timely manner in order to ensure that proper paperwork is filed and up to date. This will help us to serve your needs better.

**APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING NEWS**

**APPRENTICES:** Reminder to fill out your **BLUE BOOKS** on a daily basis and to have your Foreman sign them. **We need a copy of your blue book MONTHLY**, due by the end of each month. Blue Books are a NYS DOL requirement and are YOUR responsibility.

**WELDING:** Open welding throughout the summer will be Saturday mornings at 7:00 a.m. with the exception of NO welding in August. **Continuity is the WELDER'S responsibility**; if you lapse, you will have to re-test. We have continuity on the odd numbered months before the Union Meetings. There is NO UNION MEETING in July; however continuity will be available that month.

**MED GAS INSTALLER/BRAZE CLASS:** Starting Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Union Hall. 5:00pm-8:30pm. Test date is Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00am. Must fill out application and give \$25 deposit (cash/check) to Dan/Alana by December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION & SAFETY CLASSES:** Schedules are available; ready for sign up. See Dan/Alana.

**COURSE REIMBURSEMENT FOR OUTSIDE TRAINING:** Course Applications must be submitted by member two (2) weeks prior to course date, and must be approved by the JATC Board prior to reimbursement. Applications are available on our website: [www.ualocal13.org](http://www.ualocal13.org). All applications must have back up paper work explaining the courses, fees, etc.

### **RETIREE NEWS**

**FREE LUNCH!!! Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month! Come down at NOON!!!**

We had a big turnout for our June luncheon. We'll be doing the Retiree service pins on July 14<sup>th</sup> with a catered lunch! Runs from 11:00am-4:00pm. We hope to see you there.

Larry Tschetter

