

BLOWTORCH UA Local #13 Plumbers, Steamfitters & Service Techs

Bill Kurtz, Business Manager | **Jim Caternolo**, Business Agent

Next Union Meeting: TBD

3/16/2020 NOTICE REGARDING COVID-19:

MARCH UNION MEETING & CBA VOTE: The regular union meeting for March 24th will be cancelled. The CBA & raise allocation vote will still take place. Voting will be open from 3:00pm-6:00pm & will be a drop-box vote style. It will take place just inside the overhead door of our training center at 1850 Mt. Read Blvd, Rochester NY 14615. Directions on how to vote will be posted at the front door along with written directions that will be available. **PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE UNION HALL.** The directions posted will explain the voting procedure. Thank you for your cooperation in these unusual times. We **MUST** do our part to STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19. April's union meeting will be discussed later.

*****DO NOT CONGREGATE IN GROUPS!!!*****

*****DO NOT SHAKE HANDS!!!*****

*****STAY OUTSIDE & AT LEAST 6' APART FROM ONE ANOTHER!!!*****

*****PLEASE FOLLOW THE VOTING DIRECTIONS THAT WILL BE POSTED OUTSIDE THE HALL!!!*****

APPRENTICES: All apprenticeship classes are suspended until further notice. This includes regularly scheduled classes, open welding, weld tests & make-up nights. **For continuity;** please EMAIL John Carpenter at johnc@ualocal13.org.

UNEMPLOYMENT LIST: If you get laid off, DO NOT COME TO THE HALL TO SIGN THE BOOK. Please CALL Jim Caternolo at (585) 355-2244 or the main line, (585) 338-2360 ext. 113. Jim will then write your name on the list for you.

JOB SITE SHUTDOWNS: If your job gets shut down due to COVID-19 & your contractor does not have any work available, please call Jim Caternolo OR Bill Kurtz. **Unemployment Insurance** is going to waive the one-week waiting period. You can call immediately; they are working on raising the rate.

VISITING THE HALL: The Union Hall will be open from 8:00am – 4:00pm until further notice. PLEASE CALL BEFORE COMING IN. If it is not necessary to come to the hall, please do your best to complete your business via phone/email. Appointments will be limited.

The front door will be **LOCKED** until further notice. If no one is at the front desk, please use your phone to call the main line (585) 338-2360 to be let in.

RETIREEES: We are asking that ALL RETIREEES reduce visits to the union hall. There will be NO lunch in April; we will discuss May's lunch later.

UNION DUES: Please make every effort to CALL in your dues payment or pay online. Please do not use cash if possible!

NEW APPLICATIONS: The monthly applications held on the 1st Tuesday of every month are currently suspended for April 7th. We will revisit the May 5th date as it gets closer.

ROCHESTER RED WINGS: The start of baseball season has been postponed until further notice. We do NOT have access to tickets yet. We will keep you updated once we learn more.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION & UNDERSTANDING IN THESE TIMES OF UNCERTAINTY. PLEASE CONTINUE PRACTICING GOOD HYGEINE HABITS. WASH YOUR HANDS, COVER YOUR COUGH & SNEEZES. KEEP CHECKING YOUR TEXTS & EMAILS AS WELL AS OUR FACEBOOK & WEBSITE FOR IMPORTANT UPDATES!
IF YOU FEEL ILL – YOU MUST REMAIN HOME!**

Any questions feel free to call or email Bill Kurtz or Jim Caternolo
Main Line: (585) 338-2360 / Bill – ext. 114 / Jim – ext. 113
Bill: (585) 766-1199 / Jim: (585) 355-2244
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BENEFITS OFFICE
Steve Ostrander – Fund Administrator

PLEASE BE ADVISED OF THE FOLLOWING MANDATORY DIRECTIVE REGARDING COVID-19 VIRUS & PERSONAL VISITS TO THE BENEFIT OFFICE

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, ALL PERSONAL CONTACT WITH THE STAFF SHALL BE PREAPPROVED AND BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

For your safety and the safety of the staff, the door to the Benefit Office shall remain permanently closed and locked. Anyone looking to turn in Hour Bank reimbursements, or any other paperwork is asked to simply assure all information is complete and accurate and to MAIL THE FORMS. We will NOT accept members walking into the office until further notice.

IF YOU REQUIRE ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT (585) 338-2310

Steve Ostrander: Ext 104

Tricia Marciano: Ext 106

Debbi Edizel: Ext 107

APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING NEWS
TRAINING COORDINATOR – JOHN CARPENTER

APPRENTICES: ALL APPRENTICESHIP CLASSES ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. This includes weld tests, open welding & make-up classes.

COURSE REIMBURSEMENT FOR OUTSIDE TRAINING: Course Reimbursement Applications must be submitted by the 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. All applications must have back up paperwork explaining the course, fees, etc.

RETIREE NEWS

FREE LUNCH!!! Every 2nd Tuesday of the month!!

A yummy St. Patrick's Day style meal for our March luncheon! A big thanks to all who helped with the preparing and cleaning, and to those that brought a dish to pass. **Bill Middleton** won the free dues & **Bob Byer** won the \$25 Wegmans gift card. **The April 14th luncheon is cancelled**, due to the COVID-19 outbreak. We will monitor the situation and keep you up to date on when the next lunch will be. Stay healthy! – Larry Tschetter/Terry Moore