

BLOWTORCH UA Local #13 Plumbers, Steamfitters & Service Techs

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

Next Union Meeting: Tuesday, September 22nd

TO KEEP YOU INFORMED, we need your current **ADDRESS, CELL PHONE NUMBER & EMAIL ADDRESS**. Please call the Union Hall with updated information.

The August 25th Union Meeting is cancelled. We will have a meeting for all officers and the Conference Board on Tuesday, August 25th starting at 4:00pm. We will have a Union Meeting on Tuesday, September 22nd starting at 5:00pm. Social distancing guidelines for our meetings will be texted to all ASAP.

At our September 22nd Union Meeting, we will have nominations for:

(5) Building Corp. trustees (Election will be at the October Union Meeting)

(1) Annuity Board trustee (Election will be at the October Union Meeting)

At our October 27th Union Meeting, we will have nominations for:

(1) Pension Trustee (Election will be at the November Union Meeting)

Local 13 is now using the **UNION STRONG APP** to communicate instantly and directly with all our members. The app is FREE and will be used to send updates, notifications & important information. To get the app, text **UALOCAL13** to 555-888 to download & you will automatically be following our local!

EVENT CANCELLATIONS:

- Clambake – Saturday, September 26th. CANCELLED.

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

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.

VISITING THE HALL: The front door will be **LOCKED** until further notice. The Union Hall will be open from 8:00am – 4:00pm. No visitors will be allowed in. Please do your best to complete your business via phone/email. ****We have a new INTERCOM system** – if you absolutely need to enter the building. First, you must sanitize, put on a mask & sign in. Then, press the button on the opposite wall to alert someone at the front desk that you are ready to have your temperature taken. If you are over 100°F, you will NOT be allowed to enter the building. **NO MASK = NO ENTRY!!!!**

The best way to contact anyone in the office is through **EMAIL:**

- Bill Kurtz: billk@ualocal13.org
- Steve Ostrander: sostrander@ualocal13.org
- Jim Caternolo: jimc@ualocal13.org
- Jamie Arena: jarena@ualocal13.org
- John Carpenter: johnc@ualocal13.org
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- Tricia Marciano: triciam@ualocal13.org
- Debbi Edizel: dedizel@ualocal13.org
- Bette Kwiatkowski: bettek@ualocal13.org

RETIREES: We are asking that ALL RETIREES reduce visits to the union hall. There will be NO lunches until further notice.

GET WELL SOON:

CONDOLENCES:

- To Gordie Gardner & family on the recent loss of his father, Gordon Sr. (Jason & Adam Gardner's grandfather).

CONGRATULATIONS:

- To Pat & Tammy Tata on the birth of their first grandchild, Francesco Joseph!!

NEW RETIREES:

- August 1st, 2020 – Greg Andrews, Larry Drumgoole, Dave Overlan, Steve Plucknette & Chris Rinaldi

**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
FUND ADMINISTRATOR – STEVE OSTRANDER

PLEASE BE ADVISED OF THE FOLLOWING MANDATORY DIRECTIVE REGARDING COVID-19 VIRUS & PERSONAL VISITS TO THE BENEFIT OFFICE. UNTIL ALL RESTRICTIONS REGARDING SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE LIFTED WITHIN NEW YORK STATE, THERE WILL CONTINUE TO BE NO PERSONAL CONTACT WITH THE FUND OFFICE STAFF.

There is a stainless cabinet mailbox in the vestibule area of the building with labels for the Union Office (top slot) & Benefit Office (bottom slot). You can drop off any paperwork to us via this method. Please call or e-mail us after you drop it off to notify us.

THE BENEFIT OFFICE IS AVAILABLE M-TH: 8am-4pm & FRIDAY: 8-3pm. PLEASE CALL: (585) 338-2310

- Steve Ostrander: Ext 104 / sostrander@ualocal13.org
- Tricia Marciano: Ext 106 / triciam@ualocal13.org
- Debbi Edizel: Ext 107 / dedizel@ualocal13.org

STEVE OSTRANDER IS ALSO AVAILABLE VIA CELL PHONE (585) 354-6158. If it is a 911 matter, please call him anytime 24/7. Otherwise, please respect the business hour availability.

HOURLY BANK CLAIMS MOVING TO A THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR

Effective May 1, 2020 there were major changes to the Hour Bank Claim submission process. ALL CLAIMS are now handled by **Lifetime Benefit Services (LBS)**. For all Hour Bank information and

assistance, please call **1-(800) 327-7130**. If you have any questions for the Benefit Office, please e-mail Tricia Marciano at triciam@ualocal13.org or call her number listed above.

INSURANCE & ANNUITY BLENDED CONTRIBUTION PLAN

Thank you and Congratulations to all participants who responded timely with their voluntary election cards to participate in the new Insurance to Annuity Contribution Plan. We have a total of 86 members who will now enjoy the fantastic benefit increase to their Annuity accounts. We will be offering another open enrollment to this program on a May 1 annual basis. Look for another opportunity and mailing to be sent out in April 2021.

ANNUITY NEWS

Please be advised that the Prudential Guaranteed Fund interest rate for the period July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 will be set at 1.90%.

APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING NEWS **TRAINING COORDINATOR – JOHN CARPENTER**

APPLICATIONS: 1st Tuesday of every month from 9:00am-11:00am & 1:00pm-3:00pm. Enter through side overhead door. **MUST WEAR A MASK!!** Please view our website for more guidance. <https://www.ualocal13.org>

BLUE BOOKS: Reminder to fill out your **BLUE BOOKS** daily and to have your Foreman sign them. Blue Books are a NYS DOL requirement and are YOUR responsibility.

WELDING/CONTINUITY: Continuity will be held on the 4th Tuesday in ODD months from 3:30pm – 5:30pm (September & November). Open welding is now available on Saturday mornings from 7:00am-11:00am. **LIMITED SPACE!**

CLASSES: We plan on resuming classes in September. Times may vary to acquire necessary safety standards. Our “First Night of School” meeting will be broken up into multiple days. See below:

1st year apprentices – Tuesday, September 8th at 4:00pm

2nd year apprentices – Tuesday, September 8th at 6:00pm

3rd year apprentices – Wednesday, September 9th at 4:00pm

4th year apprentices – Wednesday, September 9th at 6:00pm

5th year apprentices – Thursday, September 10th at 5:00pm

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

The retiree lunches are cancelled until further notice, 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