

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.

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 47177 to download & you will automatically be following our local!

We will have a Union Meeting on Tuesday, September 22nd starting at 5:00pm.

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)

PLEASE HAVE A LETTER READY IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE NOMINATED & HAVE SOMEONE READY TO NOMINATE YOU. This will be in case you arrive and we have already met the maximum number of 50 that are allowed to attend the meeting. Our Recording Secretary, Frank DeCarlo, will read your acceptance letter for the nomination.

UNION MEETING PROTOCOL:

- Only 50 members allowed to attend (NYS mandated number). Check your text messages for updates, including union meeting minutes.
- With 21 officers that are mandated to attend the meeting, this only allows for 29 members to attend.
- Officers – please call Bill Kurtz if you cannot make the meetings.
- All will enter through the training center overhead door. Sign in, get your temperature taken (must be under 100 degrees). Anyone with a high temp will be SENT HOME. Hand washing stations will be set up. **All must wear a mask and sanitize upon entering.**
- Must wear a mask the ENTIRE time you are in the building & must follow 6' social distancing guidelines. Those giving reports will be allowed to take their mask off during the report.
- 2nd-5th year apprentices can attend if we do NOT reach the maximum number of 50 Journeymen.
- There will be **NO CONGREGATING**. The chairs will be set up in the hall according to the social distancing guidelines.
- Once we reach the maximum number allowed, we will have to turn down any other members who arrive.
- Sincere apologies to all that this is how we must run our meetings. Bill Kurtz will keep you all informed with text messages and union meeting minutes for your review.
- Thank you in advance for your cooperation. This is for the safety of you, your families, and our brothers & sisters. As always, please call Bill Kurtz with any questions or concerns.
- ***All of the above information is subject to change at any time depending on the NYS mandated guidelines.***

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 / (585) 338-2360 ext. 114
- Jim Caternolo: jimc@ualocal13.org / (585) 338-2360 ext. 113
- Steve Ostrander: sostrander@ualocal13.org
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- Tricia Marciano: triciam@ualocal13.org
- Debbi Edizel: dedizel@ualocal13.org
- Bette Kwiatkowski: bettek@ualocal13.org

GET WELL SOON:

- To Maddog (Bill Seeley) as he recovers from a recent heart surgery (went well) and then had complications. Currently at RGH.

CONDOLENCES:

- To Bob Sheppard & family on the passing of his brother, Gary (Zach & Jason's uncle).
- To Joe Haefner & family on the passing of his brother & lifetime member, Tom (Drew Duncan's father-in-law).
- To the Carafos family on the recent passing of lifetime member, Art.
- To Rodney Burgess & family on the recent passing of his wife, Linda.

CONGRATULATIONS:

- To Chuck & Nicole Nesbitt on the birth of their first child, Walker, born on 8/18!!

NEW RETRIEES:

- September 1st, 2020 – Chris Bushart & Wayne Davis

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 Hourly Bank Claim submission process. ALL CLAIMS are now handled by **Lifetime Benefit Services (LBS)**. For all Hourly 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.

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 (Sept. & November). There will be more open welding opportunities when classes begin.

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