

BLOWTORCH UA Local #13 Plumbers, Steamfitters & Service Techs

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

Next Union Meeting: Tuesday, January 26th, 2021

**IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING TEXT MESSAGES FROM LU13:
TEXT THE WORD "UNSTOP" TO THIS NUMBER: 877-515-8799**

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!

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 – 4:30pm. No visitors will be allowed in. Please do your best to complete your business via phone/email. ****We have an 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
- Jamie Arena: jarena@ualocal13.org
- John Carpenter: johnc@ualocal13.org
- Alana Colotti: alanac@ualocal13.org
- Tricia Marciano: triciam@ualocal13.org
- Debbi Edizel: dedizel@ualocal13.org
- Bette Kwiatkowski: bettek@ualocal13.org

GET WELL SOON:

- To any member that has tested positive for COVID-19. Get some rest & we hope you feel better soon!
- To Joe Falk after having bicep surgery.

CONDOLENCES:

- To the Embury family on the recent passing of Dave.
- To the Harrison family on the recent passing of lifetime member, Henry (Hank).

CONGRATULATIONS:

- To Michael & Anita O'Connell on the birth of their grandson, Quinn, born on 10/21!!
- To Larry & Nancy Tschetter on their first great granddaughter, Gianna Rose, born in September!!

NEW RETRIEES:

- November 1st, 2020 – Ed Ladue & Jayson Perry

BENEFITS OFFICE **FUND ADMINISTRATOR – STEVE OSTRANDER**

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

AS WE ARE WITNESSING A SHARP RISE IN POSITIVE CASES (OVER 70,000/DAY), AND UNTIL ALL PUBLIC CONTACT RESTRICTIONS REGARDING SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE LIFTED WITHIN NEW YORK STATE, THERE SHALL CONTINUE TO BE NO PERSONAL CONTACT WITH THE FUND OFFICE STAFF UNLESS AN APPOINTMENT IS MADE IN ADVANCE AND THE FACE TO FACE BE CONDUCTED IN THE MAIN MEETING HALL.

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-4:30pm & FRIDAY: 8-3:30pm. 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 his business hour availability.

INSURANCE FUND NEWS

HOOR BANK-Lifetime Benefit Solutions

Claim Submission Requirements

You will now be required to submit an Excellus Monthly Health Statement with your Hour Bank claim to Lifetime Benefit Solutions along with an itemized statement and proof of payment. This is to ensure correct processing of all claims received. If you have any questions, please contact Tricia Marciano at 585-338-2310 x106.

Spouse Authorization

If you are the spouse of a participant seeking specific information on the account from Lifetime Benefit Solutions you will be required to complete a HIPPA Authorization Form or be given phone authorization by the member at start of a call. If you have any questions, please contact Tricia Marciano at 585-338-2310 x106.

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%.

ALL FUNDS

Beneficiary Forms—All Members

Please remember to update your beneficiary forms. It is imperative when life changing events occur (ie: marriage, children). These forms are on our website in the Benefits Office section.

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 – 5:00pm. Open welding is available on Saturday mornings from 7:00am-11:00am and on Mondays & Wednesdays from 5:00pm-8:00pm. There will be a weld test on Saturday, November 28th.

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