

## SHORT CUTS

### Teamsters issue pre-strike notice

WASHINGTON (PAI) – Teamsters President Sean O'Brien has warned the Biden White House to stay out of the looming strike United Parcel Service is forcing on its 340,000 Teamsters-unionized workers there.

That's even as UPS starts training its nonunion workers – managers and the like – to be strikebreakers by driving its trucks.

O'Brien's statement comes as UPS, now the nation's largest parcel delivery company, still refuses to resume bargaining with the union over a new contract. The current contract expires at midnight July 31, and O'Brien has been warning his members for months to prepare for it.

"What an insult this is to the hardworking men and women who do backbreaking work every day to make this company \$100 billion a year. It should stop training strikebreakers" and return to bargaining a fair contract for all its workers, a Teamsters spokesperson told *The Hill*.

Almost half of the UPS drivers are part-timers who earn \$16 per hour.

"UPS is not ready for the fury of 340,000 Teamsters," O'Brien declared as he marched in a practice picket line on July 14. The Teamsters want better benefits, pay raises and to ax the two-tier wage system for part-time and full-time workers.

UPS earned a record \$100 billion-plus worldwide in 2022, producing a 13 percent profit margin, with similar margins forecast for the future. UPS controls 37 percent of the U.S. parcel delivery market, far ahead of its competitors, FedEx and the Postal Service.

Like other presidents, Biden can jawbone both sides to a settlement, but can't force it on them. White House spokeswoman Karine Jean-Pierre said on July 17 that they would stay out of the Teamsters-UPS struggle, despite its potentially huge implications on the U.S. economy.

### Detroit Labor Day parade hits reset

The Detroit Labor Day Parade is back, but it won't be the same route as in years past.

The parade had taken a pandemic-related hiatus, and it will be held this year for the first time since 2019.

This year, the march will start at 9 a.m. at Michigan Avenue and Sixth Street (at the Lodge Freeway overpass) and proceed east toward the Ford Motor Co. Michigan Central train station. Then the march will proceed back to Dean Savage Park at Porter Street and Trumbull, next to IBEW Local 58, for a celebration.

Other Labor Day celebrations around Michigan will be held, as usual. There will be more details to come, but mark your calendar for Monday, Sept. 4.

### Endorsements set for primary election

Michigan voters will go to the polls on Tuesday, Aug. 8, to vote in local municipal elections – and thanks to a new state law allowing early voting, many will vote weeks before that date.

Endorsed candidates can be found in this issue on Page 3.

### Quotable

"In all affairs it's a healthy thing now and then to hang a question mark on the things you have long taken for granted."  
—Bertrand Russell (1872 - 1970)



SET ATOP FOUR LEVELS of underground parking, the Vanguard Hotel in Ann Arbor will rise to nine stories. Construction is being managed by Colasanti.

## New hotel on the rise in U-M's Medical Center

By Marty Mulcahy  
Editor

ANN ARBOR – Coming out of the ground this summer on Glen Avenue between Catherine and Ann Streets streets is what will be the Vanguard Hotel, a nine-story, mixed-use hotel with apartments.

The general contractor for the project is Detroit's

Colasanti Construction Services. Opening is tentatively scheduled for late 2024.

Its developers say the \$40 million project will have 164 rooms and suites and 24 apartment suites. It will include a fine dining restaurant and bar, and 12,000 square feet of event and meeting room space and retail shops. The property will sit atop

four underground floors of parking providing 241 parking spots.

Catherine Ann Development Co. is the Michigan-based developer of the hotel, which will have the Marriot brand. The opening is tentatively scheduled for late 2024.

"Our plan is to incorporate (Continued on Page 2)



READYING A COLUMN concrete pour at the Vanguard Hotel project in Ann Arbor are Holston Norman, foreman for Laborers Local 1191, and Clay Parker of Carpenters Local 687. They're employed by Colasanti.

## 'Live better, work union'

## The slogan is true as ever, researchers say

By Marty Mulcahy  
Editor

You don't need a college degree to enjoy a middle-class lifestyle.

A form of that statement has been said over and over across in Michigan in recent years by representatives of organized labor, contractors and counselors at job fairs and other outreach programs

aimed at bringing more people into a career in the building trades and other union-backed jobs.

And it's a statement backed up by research: the latest comes from a paper published June 21 by the Center for American Progress under the headline: "How unions are crucial for building working-class economic power." Written by American Research Project

Senior Fellow David Madland and research associate Aurelia Glass, their paper "synthesizes research" from other sources and concludes that "unions do great things for the working class: improving wages, covering expensive health care, increasing savings for a comfortable retirement, building wealth, and helping workers pass down their

hard-earned union gains to their children. Policymakers who care about the working class must take action on measures for improving the working class's ability to unionize."

And the nearest course to improving the nation's level of unionization is passage of the pro-union PRO (Protect the Right (Continued on Page 3)

## Michigan Supreme Court to review GOP's harness on minimum wage

By Marty Mulcahy  
Editor

LANSING – The nice terms for the case are "adopt and amend" or its legal term, *Mothering Justice vs. Attorney General*.

Organized labor prefers to call the legislative actions associated with the case "review and screw." Whatever you want to call it, the Michigan Supreme Court announced June 20 that it

is going to hear arguments on legislation adopted five years ago by the GOP-led state House and Senate that usurped a successful statewide petition drive and ultimately slowed the rise of minimum wage levels.

"The Legislature adopting an initiative and then amending or repealing it within the same legislative session is contrary to the people's understanding of our

Constitution. It undermines the will of the people, and weakens direct democracy," said Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel, who appealed the case to the Supreme Court.

As of Jan. 1, 2023, the Michigan minimum wage became \$10.10 per hour, an increase from \$9.87 per hour in 2022.

In 2018, a group called (Continued on Page 3)

## Monroe Power Plant gets earlier retirement date

By Marty Mulcahy  
Editor

DTE Energy on July 12 announced a new 20-year operating path that it said "dramatically transforms how the company generates electricity," and will effectively lop another three years off the operating lifespan of the Monroe Power Plant.

The company's "CleanVision Integrated Resource Plan" moves it more quickly away from burning coal, seeking to achieve emissions reductions of 85 percent with a goal of net zero carbon emissions by 2050. Through an agreement with state officials and environmental groups, the company announced it will accelerate the full retirement of the Monroe Power Plant from 2035 to 2032.

"Our CleanVision Integrated Resource Plan will end our use of coal in 2032 while developing enough Michigan-made renewables to power approximately 4 million homes," said Jerry Norcia, chairman and chief executive officer, DTE Energy. "Today's historic agreement is an investment in Michigan's future, (Continued on Page 3)

DTE ENERGY's Monroe Power Plant, shown about 25 years ago. The plant has been a huge source of work for the building trades over the decades. Dominating the foreground is the plant's coal reserve: it burns 8-10 million tons of the black stuff every year.

Photo credit: DTE Energy



## Worker friendly? State AFL-CIO keeping tabs on lawmakers' votes

LANSING – For Michigan's labor unions, it's been a pretty darn good year on the legislative front.

Now with action in the state Legislature slow during the summer months, the Michigan AFL-CIO on July 18 released a "Legislative Scorecard," giving the public a new tool to track their representatives' votes on important laws that affect Michigan workers.

The scorecard so far shows a stark divide between pro-worker and anti-worker lawmakers in both chambers of the Legislature. The results are a bit lopsided: on average, Democratic legislators scored 99.8 percent on pro-work-

er legislation, while Republicans scored 1.8 percent.

"Working people should know exactly who fights for them – and who doesn't," said Michigan AFL-CIO President Ron Bieber. "Our new scorecard will track the legislation that improves the lives and livelihoods of workers as well as the bills that seek to undermine workers' freedoms and strip away our rights. We'll track votes on the floor and in committee to make sure the legislators (Continued on Page 7)

## Overall inflation eases, construction industry tries to follow trend

By Marty Mulcahy  
Editor

Post pandemic, the loudest grumbling from the American public regarding the economy has been directed at the higher cost of goods and services.

The rising cost of everything from gasoline to groceries to hardware goods has been a major drag on personal finances and the U.S. economy. In the construction industry, the higher costs of materials have confounded project estimators, as contractors struggled to accurately bid on jobs and predict how much they would be paying in six months for steel, lumber and glass products.

But a year after U.S. inflation hit a 40-year peak at 9.1 percent in June 2022, the June 2023 rate continued a steep 12-month drop, checking in at 3 percent inflation, according to U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics numbers released July 12. The latest inflation number isn't at the 2 percent rate desired by federal policy makers, but it's getting there.

"There has been significant progress made on the inflation front, and today's report confirmed that while most of the country is dealing with hotter temperatures outside, inflation

is finally cooling," said George Mateyo, chief investment officer at Key Private Bank, to CNBC. "The Fed will embrace this report as validation that their policies are having the desired effect – inflation has fallen while growth has not yet stalled."

The Federal Reserve Board, which sets interest rates, has received both praise and ire for its policy of raising interest rates in an attempt to keep inflation in check and the economy growing. It has been praised because the nation has so far avoided a recession, and panned because the higher interest rates create a direct economic hit on home and car buyers.

For the U.S. construction industry, higher Producer Price Index numbers overall aren't expected to go down, but they're not expected to rise significantly, either. "Overall, current projections are that prices will remain flat for the second half of the year," said Chris Delaney, commercial manager in the Americas division at construction consultancy firm Linesight, to *Construction Dive*.

That doesn't mean there won't be price variations, depending on the product. Delaney said fuel costs remain a wild card – dependent on OPEC oil production – and higher gas and diesel fuel costs could also lead to costlier steel and concrete transportation. Steel mills have some idle capacity and that could lead to lower costs in that sector. Lumber costs are lower with the residential sector slowing in recent months. But the stronger nonresidential sector is bolstering prices on a number of construction goods, he said.

Commenting on the federal Producer Price Index numbers, the Dodge Construction Network said on July 13 that for the nation's building industry over the past 12 months ending in June, the unadjusted index for final demand products showed a modest advancement of 0.1 percent.

"In summary," Dodge said, "the June PPI release reveals a slight increase in final demand prices, primarily influenced by services excluding trade, transportation, and warehousing. This finding aligns with expectations of another Federal Reserve rate (Continued on Page 13)

# Viewpoints



## Bolstering Social Security

Here's the real reason Social Security is in danger that nobody's talking about. It's not just because too many boomers like me are retiring. It's because of inequality.

Now, I don't want to alarm you. Social Security is still helping us oldies enjoy our golden years – but only for so long.

Social Security is one of the most popular and successful government programs ever created, not only helping retirees – but it's also keeping 26 million people out of poverty. Yet here is the problem:

It's going run out of money before you can ever receive it if the rich don't start paying their fair share.

The trustees of Social Security – of which yours truly was once a member back when I had thicker hair – say the program will only be able to pay full benefits until 2033. After that, Social Security will only be able to dole out roughly 77 percent of benefits. Why? It's not the reason that many seem to think.

Boomer retirees like me might be soaking up some sun, but we're not soaking up all of the program's funds.

The Social Security trustees anticipated the boom in boomer retirements. This is why Social Security was amended back in 1983, to gradually increase the age for collecting full retirement benefits from age 65 to 67. That change is helping finance the boomers' retirement.

What did the trustees fail to anticipate? How much income would be going to the top. A big part of the American working population today is earning less than the Social Security trustees anticipated years ago – reducing revenue flowing into the program. At the same time, a much larger chunk of the nation's total income is now going to the top compared to decades ago.

But income subject to the Social Security payroll tax is capped. No dollar of earnings above the cap is taxed. The cap in 2023 is \$160,200.

So, as the rich have become far richer, more and more of the nation's total income has escaped the Social Security payroll tax. For example, a CEO earning \$20 million a year pays Social Security taxes on roughly 1 percent of their income, while a worker earning under the cap pays Social Security taxes on 100 percent of their income. But they both end up paying the same amount of money into the program.

The rise in the amount of income above the cap due to inequality has cost the Social Security Trust Fund reserve an estimated \$1.4 trillion since 1983.

The solution is obvious: it's time to scrap the cap, and make the rich pay more in Social Security taxes.

One plan introduced in Congress would eliminate the cap on earnings over \$250,000 and also subject investment income to Social Security taxes. It's estimated that this would extend the solvency of Social Security for the next 75 years without raising taxes on 93 percent of American households.

If we want to ensure Social Security's long term future, and that working people can retire with dignity, we must make the wealthy pay their fair share.

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## New hotel on the rise in U-M's Medical Center

(Continued from Page 1) the uniqueness of the community and rich history of the University of Michigan into the design and operation of the Vanguard Hotel," said Craig Singer, leader of the Catherine Ann Development Co. "This property will be like nothing else ever built in Ann Arbor and will be as individual as the customers we serve."

The development's location is believed to be uniquely advantageous for a wide range of guests. It is adjacent to the University of Michigan's Central Campus, downtown Ann Arbor and a short walk from the campus Medical Center and the \$920 million U-M Health Care Pavilion that's currently under construction.

Full-scale construction was to begin in 2020, but was delayed by the pandemic. The developers did site improvements during the hiatus.



JUST BEFORE QUITTING time, we asked electricians Ryan Booth and Elizabeth Henderson to pause for a photo at the entrance to the Vanguard Hotel in Ann Arbor. The IBEW Local 252 members are working for Superior/Tri-County Electric.

I asked my wife if I was the only one she had been with. She said yes, the rest were nines and tens.



My wife left me today. She said I paid more attention to sports than to

### Just joking

her. We were married for six seasons.

... Batman gets a call from Robin, who was having trouble with the Batmobile.

"Batman, I can't get the Batmobile to start. I turned the Bat-key, pressed the Bat-pedal - Nothing! So I

figured I'd call you on the Bat-phone."

Batman thought for a moment and said, "did you check the battery?" Replied Robin: "What's a tery?"

"The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do."  
-Walter Bagehot (1826 - 1877)

## No water breaks for you in summertime Hell

By Jim Hightower

About 150 years ago, Gen. Philip Sheridan was sweltering in the relentless heat of a Texas summer. He was not happy: "If I owned Texas and all Hell," he groused, "I would rent out Texas and live in Hell."



Summer has always been hot here, but 2023 has been something else, thanks to a hellish "heat dome" that has been baking us since late spring, sending daily temps up to 116 degrees.

But worse, a more punishing heat has hit us from an even stranger unnatural dome: The

Texas State Capitol. That's where our malicious governor Greg Abbott and his GOP majority of extremist right-wing lawmakers rig the rules to make life easier and richer for corporate elites – and much harder for working people.

In this year's legislative session they rammed a nasty piece of plutocratic meanness into law that critics dubbed "Death Star." It annihilates the basic right of local officials and voters to govern their own cities and counties. In particular, it empowers autocratic state officials – and even corporate executives! – to nullify decisions by localities to protect workers and others from corporate abuse.

In a cruel case of bad timing, the first local law targeted for nullification by the Texas GOP is

a humane requirement in Dallas and other cities that developers provide 10-minute water breaks for construction workers.

This in a state with America's highest rate of heat-related deaths and presently suffering biblical-level heat. Triple-digit temperatures kill, yet Abbott, his air-conditioned legislative cronies, and his corporate campaign

donors whined that a required water break was an "oppressive burden" on the extraordinarily-rich construction industry.

Here's a new rule I'd like to see: No lawmaker or lobbyist is allowed to oppose heat protections for workers unless they spend July and August with no air conditioning for themselves. (via otherwords.org)

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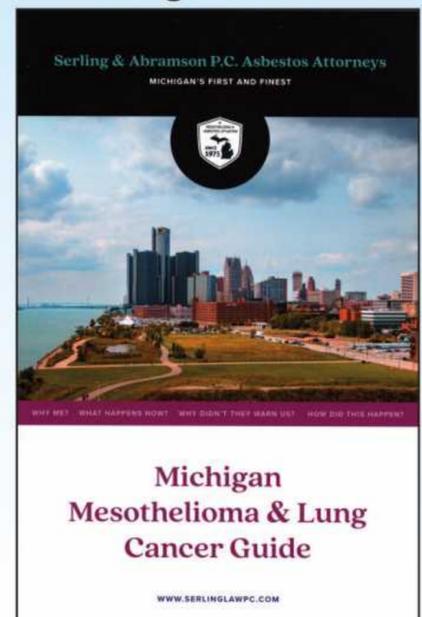
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## BUILDING MICHIGAN!

### Detroit's Music Hall Theater

## HISTORY IN THE MAKING

By Marty Mulcahy



DETROIT'S MUSIC HALL THEATER is shown under construction in 1928. Typical for theater architecture at the time, the hall, then the Wilson Theater, was built with rich ornamentation and was, and is, an excellent place to see a show. "At 1,731 seats, Music Hall is intimate, with excellent acoustics and nearly perfect sight lines. No seat is more than 70 feet from the stage," says *The Vendry*, a database for site vendors.

Photo credit: Manning Brothers Historical Collection

Next to New York City, Detroit (very arguably) has the second-largest number of theater seats in its downtown, although cities like Chicago, Cleveland and Houston claim that distinction, too.

But there's no arguing about the quality and historic nature of Detroit's theaters: The Fox, State/Filmore, Little Gem, Music Hall, Detroit Opera House, Masonic Temple and Fisher Theater (re-done in the 1960s) are all about a century old, filled with classic architecture and ornamentation, and most cities in North America would be thrilled to have two or just one of their like.

Here we give a little love to the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, a 1,731-seat theater at 350 Madison that opened on Dec. 10, 1928. Like so many buildings in southeast Michigan, the Music Hall was conceived and paid for by the largesse of a person related to the automobile industry in the 1920s, when budgets were loose and it seemed there would be no end to the economic good times.

The check-writer for the Music Hall was Mathilda Dodge-Wilson (widow of automobile pioneer John Dodge and later wife of lumber baron Alfred Wilson). "Her inspiration to construct this venue resulted from a European trip she took with several architects," wrote Michael Houser and Marianne Weldon in *Detroit's Downtown Movie Palaces*. "She was determined to build an intimate venue for all forms of artistic expression."

Dodge-Wilson hired William Kapp (of the architectural firm Smith, Hinchman and Grylls) "who designed this splendid little theater for patron Mathilda Dodge-Wilson," says the *American Institute of Architects Guide to Detroit Architecture*. "The richly yet subtly decorated exterior keeps pace with the Art Deco styling of the day, while the interior regresses to Spanish Renaissance sources."

Said Houser and Weldon: "At the time, this \$3 million facility was state of the art with attributes such as travertine, wood-paneled walls, silk draperies, thick carpeting, dressing rooms to accommodate 100 performers and an orchestra pit that accommodated 40 musicians."

Constructed as the "Wilson Theater," at 350 Madison, the city built up around the venue and today it is located just south of Comerica Park and Ford Field. Writing for *Archipedia*, Kathryn Bishop Eckert said Kapp was also the architect for the Wilsons' country house, Meadow Brook in Rochester.

Of the "intimate, legitimate theater," Eckert wrote that Dodge-Wilson brought in some heavy hitters to adorn the Wilson's interior and exterior.

"The lovely, light exterior of the Art Deco theater is faced with pale yellowish-brown Mankato stone and orange-tan brick; trimmed with cream, orange, and green terra-cotta mosaics; and embellished with masks of Tragedy and Comedy and other drama symbols in terra-cotta by Corrado Joseph Parducci," she wrote. "The ticket lobby leads to the main lobby and from there either



THE INTERIOR of the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts. The venue's architect borrowed design ideas from European theaters, and it was made adaptable for both stage shows and motion pictures.

Photo credit: The Music Hall

down a short flight of stairs to the lounge or up one of two flanking staircases to the main floor of the theater. The auditorium is richly decorated in a Spanish Renaissance theme. Inside the building the colors of the exterior intensify into aquas, rusts, and golds and the walls are paneled in dark wood and travertine. Thomas Di Lorenzo's colorful decorative painting on plastered beams that pose as wood gives focus to the stage."

*Woodward Heritage* said the Music Hall's interior "was even more ornate" than the exterior, "complete with marble columns, wrought-iron railings, brass fixtures, mahogany paneling .... The Wilson Theatre was immediately acclaimed for its perfect acoustics and clear sight lines."

Six floors of offices were built over the ticket lobby, a nod to the common practice at the time of creating multi-use buildings to reduce the inherent economic risk in having a single-use building.

The Wilson Theater, says *Historic Detroit*, "is significant as one of the best examples of early Art Deco architecture in Detroit. All of the theater's architectural sculpture was designed and executed by Corrado Parducci who, in a working partnership with Smith, Hinchman, Grylls, left a rich legacy of architectural sculpture in Detroit and throughout the country."

*Historic Detroit* said the venue "is also significant for the diverse role it has played in the theatrical history of the city of Detroit. Built as a legitimate theatre, the Wilson attracted the best of touring Broadway productions, in addition to providing a forum for presentations of the Acting Company, the Shaw Festival,



THE WILSON THEATER opened on Dec. 10, 1928, with a stage production of Florenz Ziegfeld's "Rosalie." Now named the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, the theater is part of a thriving theater district in Detroit. Ray Charles declared the Music Hall as one of his all-time favorite houses to play. In recent years a 100-seat jazz cafe was added, as was a rooftop terrace.

Photo credit: The Music Hall

## 'Live better, work union'

### The slogan is true as ever, researchers say

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to Organize) Act currently in Congress. The PRO Act, which the House of Representatives passed in 2021 and reintroduced in 2023, would implement a range of crucial reforms that safeguard workers' right to join a union, including:

- Authorizing the National Labor Relations Board to assess monetary penalties when workers are illegally fired
- Closing loopholes that corporations abuse to prevent their workers from organizing unions
- Streamlining the process for achieving a first contract after workers vote for a union.

A threatened filibuster by Republican lawmakers quashed any chance of passage of the PRO Act two years ago in a Congress, and its chances of passage are almost nonexistent this year with the GOP in charge of the House. That lack of success in getting such pro-union legislation adopted in Congress has led to a precipitous drop in union density over the years.

Since 1979, 38 percent of private sector working-class men and 16 percent of working-class women were union members. By 2022, union density had fallen to just 10.1 percent overall, or 10.6 percent for men and 9.9 percent for women.

"This decline," the paper said, "is driven in no small part by the weakening of labor laws that are crucial for protecting members of the working class who want to form unions. Had this decline not come to pass, in 2013, the typical working-class worker would earn 8 percent more per week, or \$3,016 every year."

Another well-worn maxim proclaimed by union backers is that higher, collectively bargained wages are a tide that raises pay for all workers, both union and nonunion. True, that. "Perhaps the most well-known effect of union membership is higher wages, and increased union density would lead to higher wages for all workers, not just union members, in the working class," the paper said.

The union advantage is especially important to women and Black workers. The paper pointed to a paper by the Center for Economic and Policy Research, which found that women lacking a high school diploma or equivalent — much less a college degree — are twice as likely to have health insurance coverage and nearly twice as likely to have a retirement plan as their nonunion counterparts.

And Black members of the working class who are union members earn nearly 20 percent more than Black nonunion workers and are far more likely to have health insurance coverage and a retirement plan.

"Together," the paper said, "increases in income from union membership — both directly through higher wages and indirectly through better benefits and more on-the-job opportunities for wage growth — add up over a worker's lifetime, possibly even exceeding the returns of a four-year college degree for a male member of the working class."

And joining a union can be a family affair, with children of working-class union parents earning an average of 16 percent more than children of nonunion working class parents.

"If you would persuade, you must appeal to interest rather than intellect."

—Benjamin Franklin (1706 - 1790)

## Endorsement List

### for the Aug. 8 Primary Election

As absentee ballots are currently arriving in mailboxes for the Aug. 8 local elections in many communities around Michigan, below are candidates for office who have been endorsed by the Greater Detroit Building and Construction Trades Council.

The list includes candidates who have requested an endorsement, and it will be updated in the coming weeks. Union members are urged to research, support and vote for candidates who share the goals of organized labor.

Following are candidates endorsed by the Greater Detroit Building Trades Council's Political Action Committee:

**Allen Park City Council:** Gary Schlack  
**Farmington Hills Mayor:** Theresa Rich  
**Livonia Mayor:** Maureen Brosnan  
**Livonia City Clerk:** Susan Nash  
**Warren City Council District 1:** Melody Magee  
**Warren City Council, District 2:** Michael Howard  
**Warren City Council, District 5:** Henry Newnan  
**Warren City Council At-Large:** Angela Rogensues  
**Warren City Clerk:** Mai Xiong  
**Warren Treasurer:** Lorie Barnwell  
**Westland City Council:** Michael McDermott  
**Trenton Mayor:** Steve Rzeppa

## Michigan Supreme Court to review GOP's harness on minimum wage

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Michigan One Fair Wage circulated petitions to have voters consider a proposal on the November statewide ballot to increase the minimum wage to \$12 an hour by 2022 and tie the rate to inflation. Alone, the automatic inflation-related increases in the minimum wage would have been a tremendous victory for workers.

A separate signature initiative backed a proposal requiring all employers to provide paid sick time to workers. Both petition initiatives garnered enough signatures to place the issues before the voters.

Before the November election, the Republican Legislature adopted Improved Workforce Opportunity Wage Act that was significantly weaker than what was in the petition language. The version adopted by the GOP raises the minimum wage to \$12.05 per hour, but not until 2030, while eliminating the paid sick time.

In July 2022, the Michigan Court of Claims declared the legislative practice of "adopt and amend" unconstitutional and would "thwart the power of the people to initiate laws and then vote on those same laws — a power expressly reserved to the people in the Michigan Constitution."

In January, a state Court of Appeals panel reversed that call with a 3-0 decision, and said the Legislature's actions were constitutional because "the trial court's conclusions are not supported by either the text or intent of (the constitution)".

According to the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, which along with a host of business associations supports the status quo, if the state Supreme Court were to reverse the appellate court decision "Michigan law would revert to the ballot proposal language, which was never voted on by the people." The Michigan Restaurant Association is warning that worker wage hikes that would result if the Supreme Court overturns the Court of Appeals ruling would bring significant menu price increases.

In restaurants, adoption of the petition language by state voters would have led to tipped workers earning \$11.73 an hour (plus tips). Instead, they continue to earn \$3.75 an hour, while untipped workers earn \$10.10 an hour.

## Monroe plant gets earlier retirement

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and we are grateful that 21 organizations from across Michigan have joined us in bringing our proposal one step closer to reality. This partnership and dedication have helped us build the best plan possible for our customers.

"We are also proud this plan puts our customers first by reducing the future costs of our clean energy transformation by \$2.5 billion, while reliably generating cleaner, affordable energy now, and for generations to come."

Michigan's building trades unions have continued to watch the state's utilities close their fossil-fuel burning power plants — a job-killer for many. Over the past decades DTE and Consumers Energy plants have provided crucial employment for thousands of building trades workers, building and upgrading their works across the state.

The 3,300-megawatt Monroe Power Plant came online in 1974, with four generators each with an output of 850 megawatts. Sited on 1,200 acres at the River Raisin and Lake Erie shore, it the second-largest coal-fired plant in the nation.

Developed over the past two years with the input of DTE's customers and stakeholders, the CleanVision proposal continues DTE's clean energy transition by accelerating investments in Michigan-made solar and wind energy, speeding up the retirement of coal plants, and developing new energy storage.

The utility has further moved its goalposts closer for surpassing its previously announced carbon emission reduction goals: it now targets 85 percent reduction by 2032, 90 percent by 2040, and net zero by 2050.

It's certainly not all bad news for all the building trades, as that lost power production has to be produced by other means. DTE says it will develop more than 15,000 megawatts of "Michigan-made renewable energy" by 2042, much of it solar and wind. The utility said it would accelerate the development of energy storage, targeting 780 megawatts through 2030 with a goal of more than 1,800 megawatts of storage by 2042.

DTE's plan also calls for the repurposing of the Belle River Power Plant in St. Clair County from burning coal to natural gas in 2025 and 2026.

DTE said it would invest more than \$11 billion into clean energy transition over the next decade, supporting more than 32,000 jobs. It will also target 2 percent energy savings level from energy efficiency through 2027.

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**Local 190**  
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**ANN ARBOR – UNION MEETING - AUGUST:** Just a reminder, no meeting will be held in August due to UA week.

**UNION MEETING – SEPTEMBER:** Please be informed the awards banquet will take place on Monday, Sept. 11 at 6:00 p.m. at 7920 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, MI. All members are invited to attend this wonderful event. Due to this event, normal business will be suspended. Members are urged to attend and take an active part in the proceedings.

**49th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING:** This event is sold out. *For those of you who still need to make your payment for tickets please see Karen before you check in at the golf outing on July 29th.*

**UNION HALL CLOSING FOR AN UPCOMING HOLIDAY:** Our office will be closing at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 1 and will be closed all day on Monday, Sept. 4 to observe Labor Day. Wishing you and your family a happy and safe holiday.

**FUSING CLASS:** Anyone interested in registering for the fusing class, please contact Business Agent Pat Duffy at (734) 368-4423, Business Agent Roy Musgrove 734-646-8838 or Ralph Booth at (734) 369-1432.

**MICHIGAN GAS DISTRIBUTION - E-Mail address:** Please contact the union hall 734-424-0962 or Pat Duffy 734-368-4423 to make sure we have a current e-mail address.

**MICHIGAN LICENSE RENEWAL:** Plumbing license renewals are done online **ONLY!** For detailed instructions and requirements, please visit: [www.michigan.gov/bcc](http://www.michigan.gov/bcc). Feel free to stop into the Union Hall and pick up a copy of the instructions. The link is now on the website in the "Members Only" section under "Helpful Member Forms"

**CREDIT CARD MACHINE:** You now have the ability to pay your union dues or purchase merchandise by credit card or debit card. We accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover. A surcharge of 3.99% is added to your card on the transaction amount. We will then mail you your dues receipt and credit charge slip.

**LAI D OFF OR BACK TO WORK – IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS:** All members who get laid off or report back to work **please immediately contact Karen (734) 424-0962 Ext. #210. Please report the last day in which you worked. When calling to report back to work please let Karen know the contactor and the date you reported back to work.** PLEASE NOTE: All Members can now go to the website under "members only" and fill out a "back to work" form or "laid off" form.

**INFORMATION - FRINGE BENEFIT OFFICE: NEW BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD APP FOR YOUR SMART DEVICE:** Attention all members you can download the free Blue Cross Blue Shield APP on your smart device. This will allow you to see a copy of your BCBS card, review your claims, explanation benefits and much more. **Download: BCBSM**

**A REPRESENTATIVE FROM FRINGE BENEFIT OFFICE WILL BE AT THE UNION HALL:** A representative will be at the union hall each month on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. Members will be able to meet with Bernadette from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. You can reach the benefits office Monday through Friday by calling 888-390-7473.

**MEDICARE:** When you become eligible for Medicare, please contact Bernadette Maus at our Fringe Benefit office 1-888-390-7473. The Training Center is open to members wishing to update any certifications, licenses, or qualifications. Office hours of operation are Monday through Thursday 8am. to 5:00pm. Friday 8am. to 3:30pm. We will be closed for lunch from noon to 1pm. The Greater Michigan UA Local 190 JATC would like to welcome Kristyn Goebel as our new Administration Assistant. Please give Kristyn a call with any questions regarding certifications and training schedules or visit us on UA190.org members only section under training to register for classes online. The Training Center will no longer accept cash payments, we will accept checks or credit card payments only. We are following CDC, OSHA, MIOSHA, MDHHS, and Washtenaw County Health Department guidelines. **Check your Certifications to make sure that you are current!**

**Please submit all certifications and licenses to the Training Center, so we can keep your profiles up to date.**

**Lead/Asbestos/Blood-borne Pathogens Training (4 hrs): 2023 Schedule - Mondays** – July 17<sup>th</sup>, and Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>. Each class will start at 5:00 pm. Please register through the website: [ua190.org](http://ua190.org)

**First Aid/CPR Training (4 hrs): 2023 Schedule – Mondays** – April 17<sup>th</sup>, July 24<sup>th</sup>, and Oct 16<sup>th</sup>. Each class will start at 5:00 pm. Please register through the website: [ua190.org](http://ua190.org)

**Welding Lab:** The welding lab is open. The schedule is Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays from 4:30pm-8:30pm until May 25, 2023. The welding lab will be closed for Union Meetings and Holidays. The open welding lab will be shutting down for the summer starting May 25<sup>th</sup> and opening back up for night classes starting September 5<sup>th</sup>. Welding tests will be scheduled by the Training Coordinator after participants are approved by welding instructors.

**ASSE Backflow Certification (40hrs):** This is a 40-hour class, to become an ASSE Certified Backflow Tester (5110). **2023 Schedule:** Second course starts Sept 12<sup>th</sup>. Courses run on Tue and Wed for 5 weeks and are limited to 8 participants. Please register through the website: [ua190.org](http://ua190.org)

**ASSE Backflow Re-Certification (8hrs): ASSE PRICE INCREASE** ASSE has increased the retesting fee to \$85 for this recertification. Re-certification for the ASSE Backflow Tester (5110). **2023 Schedule:** Second course starts Oct 17<sup>th</sup>. Courses are on Tue and Wed and start at 5:00 pm. Each course is limited to 8. Please register through the website: [ua190.org](http://ua190.org)

**Med Gas Installer and Brazer Certification (40hrs):** This is a 40-hour class to be Med Gas certified. Must have a minimum of 4 years, documented experience in the plumbing and/or piping industry. **2023 Schedule: Second course starts Aug 22.** Courses will run for 5 weeks, Tue and Thur. These courses are limited to 16 participants. Please register through the website: [ua190.org](http://ua190.org)

**Med Gas Installer Up-Date (8hrs):** This is a two-day course. **2023 Schedule: First course starts April 18. Second course starts Sept 26.** Courses will be on Tue and Thu and are limited to 24 participants, per course. Please register through the website: [ua190.org](http://ua190.org)

**EPRI Rigging and Signal Person Certification (40hrs):** This is a 40-hour class, to become Certified in Rigging and Crane Signaling. Must have 5 years of experience or have gone through Rigging Technologies (Apprenticeship Rigging). Next class will be late spring. Class size is limited to 8. Please register through the website: [ua190.org](http://ua190.org)

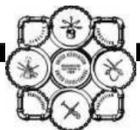
**EPRI Rigging and Signal Person Re-certification (8hrs):** This rigging re-certification will now include the EPRI Signal person certification. Classes scheduled for the following dates: No classes currently scheduled. Please register through the website: [ua190.org](http://ua190.org)

**RETIREE MEETINGS – PLEASE JOIN US:** Our next Spades meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. and be held on Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the Union Hall. Come and join us for card games, pastries and a warm cup of coffee.

**NOTIFICATIONS FOR THE BUILDING TRADESMAN PAPER:** Please contact Karen Spearin at the union hall, (734) 424-0962 Ext #210, if you would like to put a special notification in the paper.

*"Every moment is a golden one for him who has the vision to recognize it as such."*  
– Henry Miller (1891 - 1980)

*"My whole career can be summed up with 'Ignorance is bliss.' When you do not know better, you do not really worry about failing."*  
–Jeff Foxworthy



**Local 357**  
Plumbers,  
Pipe Fitters &  
HVAC Service

UA Local 357

**KALAMAZOO – UNION MEETING:** The next regular Union Meeting will be on **Tuesday, Aug. 8** at 6:30 pm. Other meetings that day will be the Finance Committee at 4:30 and the Executive Board at 5:30.

**UNION DUES REMINDERS:** Phone call reminders to pay your dues will not be made. Cash is accepted at the Union Hall for any payments. You also have the option to pay your union dues through the Local 357 website @ [www.ualocal357.com](http://www.ualocal357.com). Note that you must add a 4% fee for using this site.... so, if you are paying a month of dues at \$34.00... you need to pay \$35.36. Other ways to pay include sending a check, stopping by the Union Hall, dropping off a payment in the drop box outside the front door or calling Lori at (269) 679-3708 and paying with a credit card.

**RETIREE MEETINGS (NOTE CHANGE):** Retiree lunch meetings will now be **BREAKFAST** on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month. Breakfast will commence at 9 am at Long Island Cafe, at 5222 Portage Rd, Portage, MI. The phone number for the location is (269) 218-0003.

**MEDICAL CLAIMS ISSUES:** As a member, TIC International and Labor First provide a dedicated team of member advocates to assist with the resolution of any and all medical claims issues. If at any time you experience an issue with your claims being processed and paid correctly, please contact TIC international at (888) 281-3461. For Medicare Retirees – Contact Labor First at (269) 218-3533 or (833) 933-0036.

**WEBSITE INFORMATION – FRINGES – TIC:** Check out the website at [www.ualocal357.com](http://www.ualocal357.com) and the **FACEBOOK** Page @ [www.facebook.com/UALocal357/](http://www.facebook.com/UALocal357/). You should sign up for access to your fringe reporting done by TIC via the Union website. To gain access, click on the Member Resources, then click on MRA / TIC Intl Information and then Register. This is where you will type in your Name, Email Address, UA Card # and create your own password. Once you have completed all the information – click on the **LARGE REGISTER** button that is surrounded by a Blue Box.

Your User Access will be granted the next business day. To access your account, once it is set up, all you need to do is access the Membership Button again – type in your email address and password – and all your information will be presented. As a member via the website, you will be able to keep track of all your hours and receive an e-mail when the hours are posted to your account. **This is very important as it is up to you to keep up to date on the hours being paid on your behalf by ANY CONTRACTORS.**

**CHANGE OF STATUS:** If you have a change of status for example: married, divorced, re-married, birth, death, workers comp, address change, etc., please call Lori at the Union Hall. It is very important that we keep all our records up to date. **There seems to be a continuing problem regarding notification of divorces. Note that you, the member, will be responsible for any bills incurred and paid on claims of an ex-spouse or dependents.** (See Pages 6 and 27 in the Summary Plan Description Booklet for clarification).

**GOLF OUTING:** Mark your calendar for the Annual Local 357 Golf Outing to be held on Saturday, Sept. 16 at Pineview Golf Course. The price this year is \$75 per person = \$300 per foursome. Single players need to team up with others to make a foursome – if possible – and may sign up and pay at the Union Hall. You must pay for your golf prior to the outing date. The price of your golf gets you coffee and donuts (7:30-8:45), refreshments, 18 holes of golf, lunch, dinner and prizes. All participants in the outing must be signed up and paid by Sept. 9. Anyone interested in helping at the Golf Outing – Please contact Nathan Scharrer at [nathanscharrer@gmail.com](mailto:nathanscharrer@gmail.com).

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Congratulations to Frederick Miller on his recent marriage. Congratulations to Kyle Mohn on his recent marriage.



**Local 333**  
Plumbers &  
Pipe Fitters

UA Local 333

**LANSING –** The meeting in August will be Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2023 at the Lansing Hall, 5405 S. Martin L. King Jr. Blvd. Lansing, MI 48911 at 7:30 pm.

The Local 333 Golf Outing will be Saturday, Aug. 5 and will be held at Eldorado Golf Course, in Mason, MI. Cost is \$75 per person. This includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch and prizes for everyone. All team registrations and fees must be received no later than July 21. Registration forms are available at all three union halls.

**ATTENTION:** The Local 333 Summer Picnic will be held this year with a twist. Invitations will be going out in at the beginning of August with an RSVP to be returned by Sept. 1. The event will be held at High Caliber in Okemos, MI on Sept. 17 with doors opening at 11:30 am and ending at 4 pm. An address with directions will be on the invitation.

The event is 100% indoors in a climate controlled environment. There will be something for everyone to enjoy from young children to retired members and their families. Some of the activities include Go-Kart racing (kids and adults), Axe Throwing, Arcade Games, Gelly Ball Guns, Food, Drinks, Poker Tournament (starting at 12:30 pm), Raffles, Prize Give Aways, Face Painting, Music and much more. Please be sure to return the RSVP.

**SUMMER WELD CLASSES:** There will be an open weld class at the Lansing Training Center on Tuesday 4:30-8:30 pm as long as the classes are well attended.

Jackson will also have an open weld night on Thursday 5:00-8:00 pm as long as the classes are well attended.

Weld Tests will continue the second Tuesday of each month. Call the Training Center at 517-323-0333 to get on the schedule.

**FALL SCHEDULE - WELD CLASSES**

**LANSING:** Advanced - September 5, 2023 - Tuesday and Thursday 4:30 - 8:30 Beginning - September 6, 2023 - Monday and Wednesday 4:30 - 8:30

**JACKSON:** Advanced - September 5, 2023 - Tuesday and Thursday 4:30 - 8:30 Beginning - September 6, 2023 - Monday and Wednesday 4:30 - 8:30

**BATTLE CREEK:** Welding - September 7, 2023 - Monday and Thursday 4:30 - 8:30

If interested please sign up at [www.ualocal333.org](http://www.ualocal333.org) <<http://www.ualocal333.org>> - UA # and email address needed when signing up. Questions please call the Training Center 517-323-0333.

**PLEASE NOTE FOR ALL CERTIFICATIONS:** Per the UA, as of January 2019 all Braze and Weld Certifications shall be updated within 120 days of their expiration date, or you will lose your certifications. Check the date(s) of your Certifications, if they have expired, please contact Diana at (517) 323-0333. Even though we send out everyone's continuities to be renewed, between changes in addresses and the Post Office, there is plenty of room for error. Ultimately it is the member's responsibility to make sure their certification(s) are current and updated.

**NOTE:** Members needing assistance with the Journeyman Plumbing Code test prep please contact Tim Hicks at the Training Center.

Congratulations to Local 333 member Austin Croad and Rachael Schneider on the birth of their daughter, Georgia Lynn Croad who was born on June 25, 2023.

Evan Sanders, son of Local 333 member Jesse Sanders was seriously injured recently while riding a dirt bike during a family outing. We wish him the best as he recovers from the injuries. Here's to a speedy recovery Evan!

Condolences to the family and friends of Don Aber, Battle Creek Area Local 333 member who passed away July 12, 2023.

Battle Creek Retirees' Breakfasts are held the fourth Thursday of every month at Lux Café, 2587 Capital Avenue, Battle Creek MI at 9 am. Please spread the word.

**Retirees' Breakfast in Jackson:** Retirees will meet the third Tuesday of every month at 10 am at the Alpha Coney Island, 1188 Jackson Crossing, Jackson, MI. PLEASE NOTE: The restaurant is located at the west end of the Jackson Crossing shopping center.

## UA 333's Broyles hangs up softball cleats after 30 years

Jason Broyles began his career in Plumbers and Pipe Fitters Local 333 in 1993 and soon found himself on a diamond proudly representing his local union's softball team.

Over the last 30 Years Broyles did his part to lead the team to many victories and milestones.

- UA Local 333 has won the last 25 of 27 United Association National Tournaments
- 5- United States Specialty Sports Association 1st Place Class A Industrial World Tournaments
- 2- National Softball Association 1st Place Class A Industrial World Tournaments

Jason Broyles

- 1-USSSA 1st Place Class C Open National Tournament
- 3- NSA 1st Place Class B Open National Tournament
- Broyles was inducted into the Michigan NSA Hall of Fame in 2010.

The members of Local 333 want to thank Brother Broyles for his hard work and commitment to the team and couldn't be prouder.

Best of luck off the field as you finish up your working days with one eye on retirement!



**Local 85**  
Plumbers & Steam Fitters

UA Local 85

**SAGINAW –** The next Union Meeting will be on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at the Union Hall located at 3535 Bay Road starting at 7:00 PM.

The next Zone 2 Union Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 2, 2023. The meeting will be held at the Grayling Eagles located at 602 Huron St. Grayling, MI 49738.

**The Golf Outing** is scheduled for Sunday, August 6, 2023, at the Tamarack Golf Course. Registration is required and the deadline is July 21<sup>st</sup>. Please call the office if you should have questions (989) 799-5261 ext. 8510.

The Annual Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, August 26, 2023 10:00 am – 6:00 pm at the Clare County Fairgrounds.

Please note: Our **new mailing address** for all correspondences has changed to 3535 Bay Rd. Saginaw, MI 48603.

**Contact Information:** Justin Pomerville, Business Manager (989) 799-5261 x 8513 [jpomerville@ualocal85.org](mailto:jpomerville@ualocal85.org)

Jamie Badour, Business Agent (989) 799-5261 x 8515 [jbador@ualocal85.org](mailto:jbador@ualocal85.org)

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Please check the [ualocal85.org](http://ualocal85.org) or our Facebook page for the most up-to-date information.

The **new website** is up and running. Please check out [www.ualocal85.org](http://www.ualocal85.org). Click on Local 85 Members to access members only information. Login information is username: first initial with full last name. Password is 00 with your UA Card Number. If you should have any difficulties logging in, please call Kristin at (989) 799-5261 ext. 8511.

The **new Facebook** page is live. If you are currently on the Local Eighty-Five Facebook account, invites were sent to have you join the new site. UA Local 85 page is our public Facebook account. UA Local 85 Members Group is our new members only Facebook. On this page, we will have important messages and reminders specific to our membership. Please like both and let us know what you think.

**GOD BLESS ORGANIZED LABOR AND THE LABOR MOVEMENT!**

**SUB Fund:** **Print Unemployment Payment History** located underneath the Certification Tab when logged into your MiWAM account. Deadline for submittals is Noon on Thursday in order to receive a check that Friday. Checks will be mailed out on Friday. No in person pickups allowed. If a holiday falls on a Friday, checks will be issued on Thursday and deadline will be moved up to Wednesday by noon.

**Where to submit documents:** Address: UA Local Union 85 SUB, 3535 Bay Road, Saginaw, MI 48603 Fax: (989) 791-3468 Email: [SUB@ualocal85.org](mailto:SUB@ualocal85.org)

**SUB Application for Benefits:** Must be on file in order to receive SUB Check. Available at the Hall.

**90-Day Rule:** The weeks you are claiming must be submitted within 90 days of the first Monday following the week in which you are eligible to receive a State benefit per the Plan Documents.

**Taxes:** There are no taxes taken out of SUB Fund Checks, however they are taxable wages and you will receive a W-2 at the end of the year. If you want taxes withheld from your SUB Fund Check, please indicate the dollar amount for Federal and State on each SUB submittal.

**NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS:** **Address & Phone Update:** Please call the Union Hall to update any address or phone number changes at (989) 799-5261.

**Beneficiary Cards:** Please call the Union Hall for any changes in beneficiary information at (989) 799-5261.

**Website Address:** Please visit [www.ualocal85.org](http://www.ualocal85.org).

**Insurance:** When you are working out of another Local's jurisdiction it may take up to 90 days for your Insurance and Pension to be reciprocated back to Local 85, which may cause problems with your Health Insurance. **ALWAYS SAVE YOUR CHECK STUBS** and fax them in to the hall at 989-791-3468 with the local you are working out of indicated. We will fax them down to BeneSys to keep your insurance up to date.

**RETIREE LUNCHEON:** The next retirees' luncheon will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 12:00 Noon at UA Local 85 Administration Office located at 3535 Bay Road Saginaw, MI 48603. We ask if you are able, please bring a dish to pass.

**Fraternally,**  
**Justin M. Pomerville**  
*Business Manager/Financial Secretary, Local Union 85*

*"No one has a finer command of language than the person who keeps his mouth shut."*  
–Sam Rayburn (1882 - 1961)

*"As you journey through life take a minute every now and then to give a thought for the other fellow. He could be plotting something."*  
–Hagar the Horrible

*"Ask about your neighbors, then buy the house."*  
–Jewish Proverb

*"To have doubted one's own first principles is the mark of a civilized man."*  
–Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. (1841 - 1935)

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## Local 370 Plumbers, Pipe Fitters and HVAC Service

UA Local 370

FLINT – The next Membership Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 7:00. Upcoming Night Class Schedule:**

**Weld Test:** If you would like to take a weld test, sign up with Kaytlin and we will schedule tests as needed.

**First Aid/ CPR:** Sept. 20  
All classes and test days can be signed up with Kaytlin at 810-720-5243 ext 15.

Per our **By-Laws Article XV, The Building Tradesman** is hereby adopted and subscribed to as our Labor paper for all members of Local 370. Said paper to be used for all official notification of membership.

**Committee and Board meetings are as follows:**

Examining Board – Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 4:00pm

FMR Committee – Tuesday August 8, 2023, at 4:00pm

PAC committee – Tuesday August 8, 2023, at 5:00pm

Executive Board – Tuesday August 8, 2023, at 5:00pm

Building Committee – Tuesday August 8, 2023, at 6:00pm

Finance Committee – Tuesday August 8, 2023, at 6:15pm

JATC Committee – TBD

**ALL GM Worksites and others require Must Safety and Drug Testing:** MUST safety modules are only valid for 4 years. Call the hall to sign up for the MUSTSAFE.com website and complete all 18 safety modules. Members will not be eligible to work at any job site requiring them until all 18 modules are complete and are current on their drug test. If your drug test is expired, you must take one before you can be dispatched to any GM work. Drug tests are only valid for 1 year. Call the hall and we will print you a drug test authorization form.

Local 370 office hours 7:30am – 4:30pm.

Sub/Sick checks will be processed 8:00am – 11:30 am and 1:30pm – 4:15pm daily.

**Attendance award** drawing for membership meeting information. Member's present must have dues paid to date to claim award. The monthly award is \$150.

**Attention All Active Members in Good Standing:** The Joint Apprentice and Training Committee voted to reimburse any active member of Local 370 that takes and passes any training, testing or certification that may be required to perform their work. This includes Rigging, Med-Gas, Back flow or any work-related training or certification expense. Members will be reimbursed after successful completion and verification of the cost. Lost wages will not be covered by the JATC. Plumbing license renewal is still the responsibility of the member. If you have any questions, please contact local 370 JATC.

**Mobile App.** Our mobile app is now available for download on your cell phone. Go to the app store and search **UA Local 370**. Download the app and sign in. You can read the latest Building Trades article, see upcoming meeting dates, or pay your dues. This is a work in progress, and we will add more content to the site as we move forward.

**Our web site is up and running.** Check it out at [ualocal370.org](http://ualocal370.org).

We are now able to accept Visa, Master Card, Discover and American Express for window dues. If you want to take advantage of this service there will be a \$1.00 per month charge added to the monthly window dues fee and a 3% fee for all other transactions.

Plumbing, Mechanical and Residential Code Books are now available at the hall. The books are \$75.00 each.

Remember to keep your dues current. Any member failing to pay for 3 months shall stand suspended, unable to vote for a period of 1 year or run for office for a period of 2 years and subject to a \$50.00 reinstatement fee. Dues must be paid in 3-month increments according to our by-laws. Dues will be accepted up to 6:45 on union meeting nights.

Members wishing to take the U.A. welding certification test contact business agent, Zack Desrochers for application and testing dates.

Local 370 ball caps and winter fleece caps are available at the union offices. Ball caps \$10.00

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## Plumbers Local 98

UA Local 98

DETROIT – *Membership of Plumbers Local 98,*

Announcements, information on meetings, links to your benefits, the Training Center, and more can be found on our web site. Go to [UALocal98.COM](http://UALocal98.COM).

**Meetings & Union Hall.**

The Union Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 10th at 7:00 pm at the Union Hall. At this meeting we will present a proposal to move our dues structure around, (possibly 10-15 cents) this is not an increase. I feel as the target fund continues to grow, we need to bolster our other funds as this great work situation continues. Hope to see you all there.

The Executive Board meetings are generally held the first Thursday 5:30 pm and before all Union Meetings.

**Retiree Meetings.** The next Retiree Meeting is Wednesday, August 9th from 12 pm – 2 pm.

Applications are now being accepted for our apprenticeship. Learn more at Plumbers98TC.org/apprenticeship.

It's time for renewal of your State of Mi. Plumbing License for Journeymen and apprentices, for detailed instructions visit [www.michigan.gov/bcc](http://www.michigan.gov/bcc)

**LABORDAY:** The Parade is back on this year more information to follow. We will meet in the Parking lot of Electrical Local 58 on Porter Street in Detroit to get your hats and T shirts. Time TBD.

**98 Family Picnic: Sunday July 30, 2023 12-5 pm. You must have a printed flyer from the hall or download from your phone to a copier. The park will not accept a cell phone picture, sorry. East Playfield Pavilion Kensington Metro Park, 4570 Huron River Pkwy, Milford Mi. 48380. Free admission WITH FLYER, bounce house, Kona ice truck, kid's prizes, hamburgers & hot dogs. Any other information or if you wish to volunteer, please call Pres. Jim Cools @ 734-307-9841**

**Expelled members:** 16 of you for some reason or another do not respond to email or mail – so it's not your spouse who is a member it's you and the obligation you chose. To stay on insurance when you retire you must keep up your dues, there's no way around that. I get it if you are out of the trade but a working member, especially an apprentice during full employment, worries me. So here we go, Odell Blackmon, Byron Cannon, Paul Daniels, Michael Davis, Thomas Fern, Joel Haynes, David Hearold, Stephen Hentschel, Cory Herndon, Michael Hickey, Ronnie Howell, David Olexsy, Todd Sides, Jonathan Southerland, Owen Stratton, Maximilian Zalewski.

**2023 Local 98 Golf Outing:** Tickets are available for the 2023 Local 98 Golf Outing. The outing will be held on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at Oak Ridge Golf Course located at 26 Mile Road and I-94. Tickets are \$120.00 and can be purchased by calling the Union Hall. We have started a charity for this event so please make checks payable to "Detroit Plumbers CARES." For more information or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Financial Secretary Treasurer Jon DeRoo at (248) 762-9238 or by email [jderoo98@ualocal98.org](mailto:jderoo98@ualocal98.org).

**SUB Apps/Out of Work List.** SUB. You have 48 hours to report being out of work and to fill out a SUB App weather you qualify for SUB or not. It is your responsibility to check your location on the Out of Work List. Make sure your contact information is up to date, as well as MUST and other certifications. If you have any problems with state agencies involving unemployment, or questions on MUST models and staying current, please contact Gary Glaser at 313-580-0148 or Dan Nixon at 248-752-3702

**Benefits.** \*We now have a dedicated BeneSys employee at the Union Hall to help with

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and fleece caps \$5.00. Pocket Tee shirts are available for \$10 dollars each. Hooded sweat shirts and long sleeve pocket tee shirts are available. The sweat shirts are \$30 and the long sleeve tee shirts are \$15. Golf polo and golf wind shirts are available for \$25.

If you shop on the internet, SHOP UNION MADE, log on to [www.shopunionmade.com](http://www.shopunionmade.com).

T.I.C. fringe administrators' toll free number is 1-888-797-5862.

the following issues: Health Insurance, HRA, SUB, Short Term Disability, Eligibility, and Claims. Her name is Brooke, the Local 98 Health Insurance Specialist. Brooke is receiving the calls coming into Local 98. In order for us to best track all issues please call the hall at (248) 307-9800 and select option #2 for Brooke. If Brooke is on the other line, please leave her a message and she will get back to you promptly.

Please select option #4 for Financial Secretary Jon DeRoo for Pension issues. If you are looking to retire, please set a meeting up with him. We recommend doing this at least 6 months before retirement.

**Good/Welfare.**

**In Memoriam: Our sympathies to Family and friends of Brother Gustav Schmidt initiated 04/09/1964, a 55-year member.**

We are currently looking for Industrial, Residential and Service Plumbers. This is a great opportunity to expand and grow, as many members are looking to retire. If you know anyone working Non-Union or is a past member that may be interested, have them call Organizer Rob Moses at 248-763-2187.

**In solidarity I remain, Carlo Castiglione Business Manager Plumbers Local 98**

**TRAINING CENTER NEWS. Phone # 248-585-1435**

Check out The Training Center's website [www.Plumbers98tc.org](http://www.Plumbers98tc.org)

The Apprenticeship Application process is currently open. The application deadline for the next class is Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Applications are submitted online. Go to our website and read all requirements for the application process.

The Training Center is open for normal business 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please call Ryan Lyle at 248-585-1435 ext. 122 if you have any questions.

**CALL THE TRAINING CENTER TO REGISTER FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CLASSES OFFERED IN 2023. All classes are register and pre-pay by check or money order only. Deadlines for registration and prices are listed with each class.**

**Monthly Code Class** – Next class is PENDING at 4:30 pm. This is **not** a code update class. Open to any member looking to have discussions about the interpretation of the Michigan Plumbing Code. Great refresher for anyone wanting to take a state plumbing exam. **Please call Paul at the Training Center at 248-585-1435 ext. 123 to register.**

**Steam Fundamentals for the Repair Plumber** - 40 hour class - \$100 fee. **Fall:** September 18 to November 20. **Deadline to register September 1**

**Hydronic Heating and Cooling** – 40 hour class - \$100 fee. **Fall:** September 18 to November 20. **Deadline to register September 1**

**ASSE Backflow Tester Recertification:** *Please be sure to check your expiration date, it is now required that you complete your update class prior to your expiration. This class is offered quarterly. \$100 4 hour recert class October 24 & 25 Deadline is September 22*

**ASSE Backflow Tester (Full 40 hour):** **Fall:** September 18 – November 27 **Deadline is August 11-\$200**

**ASSE Repairer: Prerequisite: Must hold a current 5110 Tester Certification.** **Fall:** September 21 - October 26, **Deadline is August 11 - \$100**

**ICRA and Water Quality: Prerequisite: Must Have OSHA 10 or 30** **Fall:** September 19 to October 28, **Deadline is August 11 - \$200**

**Medical Gas Installer (Full 40 hour):** **Fall:** September 20 – November 29 **Deadline to register September 1 - \$200**

**OPEN WELDING** – Nice days of Summer are here. This is a great time to get into a booth and get some welding in! Please call Chris Opalka 248-585-1435 ext.146 for any welding related inquiries and to check on booth availability. For those that can't find time to get in during the weekdays, open welding will be available on the first Saturday of the month, call to get a booth.

**2023 brazing and welding sessions will be scheduled on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month. If**

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## Local 174 Plumbers, Pipe Fitters & Service Trades

COOPERSVILLE – **MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** The monthly membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2023 at 7:00pm in our Assembly Hall at 1008 O'Malley Dr in Coopersville. The front office will remain open until 7pm.

**ATTENTION:** This paper is to serve as the official notice to the membership.

**Wage Allocation: The 2023 wage allocation was voted on at the June 6, 2023 membership meeting. Results were \$0.10 to the retiree bonus program and \$2.13 on the check.**

**Aetna Employee Assistance Program:** Beginning 7/1/23 Local 174 active health plan participants will be eligible for Aetna's Employee Assistance Program (EAP). This program offers a wide variety of benefits. Free legal service, free financial services, counseling services and much more. You probably already received an email and a physical mailer is on the way. Everyone will receive a new Aetna ID card with the EAP number on the back of the card. None of your Aetna info has changed, the only difference between the new card and old card is the EAP number on back. You can continue to use your old cards or swap them out with the new.

**Magnet Edit:** The magnets that were mailed out, listing our insurance vendors and 3<sup>rd</sup> party administrators, had a misprint in Solxsys' address. It should be noted that their correct address is 5600 New King Drive. We apologize for any confusion.

**AutoPay Participants:** Please update your auto pay information. Local 174 has upgraded its payment processing service. Please log in to the web app to update your credit card information or go to our [ua174.org](http://ua174.org) website and sign into your page.

**CHANGE OF THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR:** (SOLXSYS): The Boards of Trustees of the West Michigan Plumbers, Fitters, and Service Trades Local Union No. 174 Pension Plan, Health and Welfare Plan, and 401(K) Retirement Savings Plan (collectively, "Plans") are pleased to announce that Solxsys Administrative Solutions is now the Plans' NEW Third Party Administrator effective November 1, 2022.

**WEX DEBIT CARD:** If you have not received your new Wex card please contact SOLXSYS at 855-407-5862.

**Contract Ratification:** At the special called meeting in July 2022 the members voted to accept the bargaining committee's recommendation and ratify the new three-year collective bargaining agreement.

The new agreement is as follows:

1st year \$2.75/  
2nd year \$2.23 /  
3rd year \$2.22

\$7.20 over 3years.

The only language change is adding essential workers to the 10% hazard pay language. Thank

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your brazing or welding certs are ready to expire, call to schedule an appointment. The next **Welding and Brazing sessions** will be Saturday, July 8 and August 5, 2023. You must call to schedule your brazing OR welding tests at least 3 days prior to the test. Please note: All members must be dressed appropriately to be in the shop area.

**2023 Course Hour reimbursement forms** are available at the Training Center. You must have 8 hours (approved hours credited may vary from actual hours attended) of verifiable approved classes/training from January 1 - December 31, 2023 to be eligible for the \$100.00 reimbursement.

**OSHA Training** - OSHA 10, available as an online class for \$59 at [www.careersafeonline.com](http://www.careersafeonline.com). This OSHA 10 class is not affiliated with the UA or our Training Center. OSHA 10 and 30 Hour Training is also offered online through the MUST website. Go to [www.mustonline.org](http://www.mustonline.org). \*\*Be sure to take the Construction Safety courses; not the General Industry courses.

**It is each member's individual responsibility to keep all their Certifications current.**

If the person you are trying to reach at the Training Center is unavailable, please leave a message to ensure we can return your call. We attempt to return all messages by the end of the business day.

you to the bargaining committee for their work on negotiations and to the members of Local #174 for continuing to prove their value day in and day out.

**Hiring Rule Reminder:** As per section 5.8 of the CBA, the 50/50 hiring provision applies only to jobs working under the Local CBA. Any national agreement jobs calling for manpower are not eligible for the 50/50 provision.

**Local #174 Golf Outing:** August 5, 2023 at The Falls Of Barber Creek. Registration will be at 8am with an 8:30am Shotgun start. Four person scramble, at least 2 UA members per team. Cost per person is \$75. Call or come into the hall to sign up. We can now take credit cards for payment along with cash or checks.

**Retiree Breakfast:** The retiree breakfast will be held on **Thursday August 3, 2023** at 9am at New Beginnings Restaurant in Coopersville.

**Contact Information:** If you need to change or verify your contact information, PLEASE CONTACT THE UNION OFFICE as soon as possible so we can keep our system up to date.

**Organizing Update:** Everyone is busy, organizing isn't any exception, through the marketing and hitting the roads speaking with the unrepresented worker, it's been chaotic! The biggest voice are our members! "Were all doing the same work but we're NOT all getting the same wages and benefits." We all know a non-union worker, they deserve more! Give them my number and let's get them on the right track!!!! The message is clear, better wages/benefits and representation, you need a UNION! Work safe, Johnny Ortiz (616) 307-8551

**Health Insurance Contact Info: Active and NON Medicare Retirees**

Aetna: (888)290-7241 • Save-Rx: (800)228-3108 • Medicare Retirees Labor First: (616) 345-0788

Health insurance premium decrease: Effective January 1st, 2023 the Local 174 health insurance premiums will be as follows:

	Current Rate	1/1/23 Rate
Active Member/Working Retiree	\$1,233.70	\$1,110.33
Non-working Pre Medicare Retiree:	\$879	\$791.10
Medicare Single	\$262.55	\$123.63
Medicare Couple	\$525.09	\$247.26
Medicare w/ Pre-Medicare Spouse	\$677.55	\$497.13
Medicare Surviving Spouse	\$269	\$126.67

**Solxsys, Aetna, Labor First:** If you have issues with any of our fund service providers please contact Ryan Bennett at [rbennett@ua174.org](mailto:rbennett@ua174.org). Please try to remember who you spoke with, this will help the company fix the problem.

**Dues:** Please keep your monthly window dues current. You can find your dues balance on the website or by calling the Union office. Remember that if you are expelled from the UA that you are no longer eligible to attend Local Union events, such as meetings, picnics, awards banquets, and Christmas parties.

**Dispatch:** We will be splitting up the dispatch responsibilities between the business agent and the assistant business manager positions. Each person will be on dispatch for 2 weeks. There is a dispatch email: [dispatch@ua174.org](mailto:dispatch@ua174.org) which both offices have access to. There is a dispatch phone extension that will switch between the two offices depending on who is on dispatch.

**Jurisdiction:** Remember to always call into the local you are traveling to. Do not rely on anyone else to call in for you. They will not get into trouble. It is the member who is working in another local who has not checked in that gets into trouble. Please contact Ryan Bennett if you see another local's contractors/members working in our jurisdiction.

**Metal Trades, Helpers, and Trainees:** Please remember that if you are working as a Metal Trades, Helper, or Trainee your raises are based on the day you were first dispatched to work at that classification. If you are not sure of your dispatch date, please contact the Union office. **It is up to you to let the Union office know that you are due for a raise.**

**Labor Councils:** - Kent Ionia - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month / 5:00pm / Contact Nathan for location

Lakeshore – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month / CIO Hall 490 Western / 6pm

All members are encouraged to become active in our area Labor Councils. Please contact a Union Officer for details. \*The Kent Ionia Labor Council has recently moved from the building on Benjamin and will be rotating meeting locations monthly.

**FRINGE PLAN THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR:** (SOLXSYS). West Michigan Plumbers, Fitters and Service Trades Local No.174 Fringe Benefit Funds, 5600 New King St, Suite 330, Troy, MI 48098. (855) 407-5862 Toll Free

**Contract Requirements:** Please remember Section 5.7 of our collective bargaining agreement states, "Persons called from the unemployed list will report to work with a UA/WMMCA issued drug card." Section 18.5 states, "...employees...shall be required to maintain the following Safety Training Certifications: First Aid/CPR, Bloodborne Pathogens and OSHA 10." Please make sure you follow our agreement.

**Out Of Work List:** Please remember to call the out of work list when you are laid off. You will be placed on the list based off the date you call in your layoff. When you leave a message, please speak clearly. Any member who goes to work without a referral is in violation of our Collective Bargaining Agreement and Article XXXI of our Constitution and By-Laws. Please contact the Union Hall to find out your position on the out of work list.

**Training News:**

**ANNOUNCEMENT: The Training Center will be closed August 14 through August 18 as the full-time and part-time staff will be attending ITP Week in Ann Arbor.**

**FIRST AID:** First Aid/CPR/BBP class will be the second Thursday of the month, from 5:00p-9:00p. The next classes will be held Thursday, August 10, 2023, and Thursday, September 14, 2023.

**HVAC/Low GWP Refrigerant Safety:** Flammable and Mildly Flammable Refrigerants (A2L): As the HVACR industry continues to move forward and innovate, common refrigerants that were once used are now being phased out and replaced with Low GWP refrigerants(A2L). Technicians will require additional training for the safe handling and transportation of these refrigerants. Night training classes will be offered for A2L safety certifications and dates will be announced soon. The prerequisite required to attend this class is holding a current EPA608 certification.

If you have a certification that has expired in the last few months and have questions regarding recertification, please contact the Training Office. Many certifications have extended grace periods on expiration dates.

Please contact Jeff Rumsey or Nicole Schumaker if you have questions. Call the Training Office @ (616)837-0222 x16 (Jeff) / Nicole @ (616)837-0222 x30.

Or via text Jeff (231)923-8140 / Nicole (231)206-4213.

**Union Hall Extension Numbers:** Ryan Bennett Business Manager ext:12, Nathan Phillips Assistant Business Manager ext. 13, Jason Finch Business Agent ext.14, Johnny Ortiz Organizer ext.15, Lisa Johnson Accounting Manager ext.11, Cami Burris Administrative Assistant ext. 10, Training Dept: Jeff Rumsey ext. 16, Nicole Schumaker ext. 30.

"The gem cannot be polished without friction, nor man perfected without trials."

–Chinese Proverb

"Never part without loving words to think of during your absence. It may be that you will not meet again in life."

–Jean Paul Richter (1763 - 1825)

"I respect faith, but doubt is what gets you an education."

–Wilson Mizner (1876 - 1933)

"In these matters the only certainty is that nothing is certain."

–Pliny the Elder (23 AD - 79 AD)



## Local 671 Plumbers & Pipe Fitters

### UA Local 671

MONROE – The next Regular Union meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2023. There will also be an Executive Board meeting at 5pm on August 17, 2023. If any member would like to attend the Executive Board Meeting, please contact the Union Hall prior to the meeting.

**ATTENTION: This paper is to serve as official notice to the membership.**

Also, please refer to our website <https://www.unitedassociationlocal671.com/> and its calendar for the latest updates.

**Mobile App:** Our Mobile App titled "UA Local 671" is available in the App Store for iPhone or Android. The Username for Local 671 Members is your last name and your book number (UA Card Number). The Password is just your book number.

**Local 671 Annual Picnic:** The Annual Local 671 Picnic will be held on August 26<sup>th</sup>. As always, all members will receive a letter in the mail with details. We look forward to seeing you all there! If you are interested in helping make this event a success please contact Vinnie.

**Apprenticeship Information:** All Instructors and Apprentices should have received their schedules by now. Please contact Justin with any issues.

**The 2023-2024 school year orientation will be held on August 21, 2023.**

**Michigan Plumbing Exam Prep Class:** We will also be holding classes to prepare Members who will be taking their Michigan Journeyman Plumbing Test. If you have any questions or are curious about your Plumbing hours with the State, contact Justin for details.

**Open Weld Shop Nights:** The open weld shop nights will change to Tuesday nights from 6pm- 10pm for the Summer. You would need to reserve a booth by noon on the Monday prior to the practice night. If we have 3 or more signed up, we will hold the practice night. Booths will be first come, first served with whoever is practicing for a UA test getting priority.

\* Per the UA Weld Quality System Manual, any member who does not currently hold a UA Welding certification must prove that they are ready to take a UA weld test prior to the UA Weld test date.

**Contact Justin if you want to sign up for the next UA Weld Test.**

**In Closing:** Local 671 will once again be at the Monroe County Fair. Stop by and say hello if you are going! We hope everyone continues to have a great Summer!

God Bless Local 671 and Union Labor.

Mike Jewell: email: [mike@ualocal671.com](mailto:mike@ualocal671.com)

Vinnie Fenech: email: [vinnie@ualocal671.com](mailto:vinnie@ualocal671.com)

Carly Neely: Insurance Line (734) 241-6180 email: [carly@ualocal671.com](mailto:carly@ualocal671.com)

Local 671 Fax: (734) 242-4692

*"We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing, while others judge us by what we have already done."*

– Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807 - 1882)

*"Broadly speaking, the short words are the best, and the old words best of all."*

– Sir Winston Churchill (1874 - 1965)

*"Part of being a hero is knowing when you don't need to be one anymore."*

– Alan Moore (1953 - )

*"There is not any memory with less satisfaction than the memory of some temptation we resisted."*

– James Branch Cabell (1879 - 1958)

*"As for me, except for an occasional heart attack, I feel as young as I ever did."*

– Robert Benchley (1889 - 1945)

*"Magnificent promises are always to be suspected."*

– Theodore Parker (1810 - 1860)



## Local 636 Pipe Fitters, Steam Fitters, Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Service

### Pipe Fitters Local 636

DETROIT – The next Union Meeting will be a **Special Called Meeting** for the third reading and vote on a proposed By-Law change. It will take place on August 15, 2023, at 7 p.m., at St. George Romanian Cultural Center, 18405 W. Nine Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48075.

**CALLING ALL RETIREES!** The Retiree Association is looking to recruit more retirees to their meetings. The meetings are a great place to catch up, find out helpful information and enjoy very informative guest speakers. The Retirees will be meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at 11 a.m. at Local 636 Union Hall. **The next retiree meeting will be held, August 17, 2023.**

Mark your calendars for the **Annual Local 636 Picnic**, which will be held from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., **Saturday, August 26, 2023** at Willow Metropark, Washago Pond Pavilion Picnic area. Use Exit 11A-South Huron Road, off Interstate-275. Anyone interested in volunteering to help out, contact BA Larry Krisniski at 248-939-7636.

Congratulations to Brother Bradley Minoletti and his wife Ashley, on the birth of their daughter, Michelle Gia, on July 23, 2023.

Following is a listing of the Retirees who have passed their tools and knowledge to the next generation. We thank them for their time in the field advancing our trade and the Brother/Sisterhood they continue to show in our local. Congratulations on your retirement!

**January 2022**, Ross Bates, Jr., Brian Carroll, Charles S. Edsall, Martin Elwart, Gary Granger, Jeffrey Gutz, Rex Keech, Scott Mitchell, Michael Scott Myers, Stephen Eric Norville, David Sovey, Steven Spurlock, Michael Ursem, George Weber.

**February 2022**, John Burns, Steven Rognlie, Robert Russell, Zbigniew Wyrzykowski.

**March 2022**, John Griffith, Donald Marshall, James Wszola.

**April 2022**, Wayne Clayton, Joseph Galdys, John Lisecki, Gabriel Ourlian, Phillip V. Pfister, Rodney Rippe.

**May 2022**, Mark Ewald, Charles J. Larkin, Paul Munson.

**June 2022**, Mark Uhrick

**July 2022**, Anthony Baca, Paul Franjesh, Brent Gates, Charles Lennox, Joseph Scicluna, Michael Shelton, Vallier Tremblay.

**August 2022**, Robert Acuna, Matthew Rybinski, Stephen Snuggs.

**September 2022**, Dennis Bakka, Russell G. Coomer, Ronald B. Coon, Steve Cooper, Michael Kulpa, Joseph Suliman.

**October 2022**, James J. Guzi, Eric Holsomback.

**November 2022**, Rocco Messina, Charles Nelson, Lorne Young.

**December 2022**, James Dubey, Pat Henley.

**January 2023**, Daniel Armstrong, Mark Bardill, Pete A. Diroff, Linda Jarvie, Thomas Vince, Tim Weigel.

**February 2023**, Joseph DiBella, Terry Gilligan, Michael Scanlon, Thomas L. Zaske.

**March 2023**, Dennis Campbell, Edmind Hauck.

**April 2023**, Paul Buchanan, Phillip Cook II, Scott Jarnot, Debra K. Stone.

**May 2023**, Douglas Bardy, Robert Malenfant, David Wolske.

**June 2023**, James P. McCabe Jr., Robert McQueen, Timothy Schiller, Timothy Skopek, Steven Wilson.

**July 2023**, Mitchell P. Hermanns, William Kurtzhals.

**PLDF update.** For the members who have not paid their PLDF, see the information below. Remember, dues cannot be accepted until the ten week assessment beginning the week of June 20 through August 28, 2022, is paid.

\$140 for Journeymen/\$70 apprentice, Service Graduates and MES members.

For those claiming vacation, it is necessary to send the week before and after paystubs for verification. There is a separate email address for the PLDF, [pldf@pipefitters636.org](mailto:pldf@pipefitters636.org) to send a copy of your paystubs.

If you wish to send in a check or money order made out to **Pipefitters Local 636 PLDF** directly to the hall-Please send to:

### Pipefitters Local 636

30100 Northwestern Hwy., Farmington Hills, MI 48334

You may contact Kim Kavanaugh at the union hall if you wish to pay the PLDF assessment by phone, she will be more than happy to help you with payment made by credit card or bank account.

**Dues.** Local 636 has set up an auto-pay system for your dues so you will never miss a payment. Please contact Kim Kavanaugh at the union hall, she will be more than happy to help you with payment made by credit or debit card.

**S.U.B.** Please send all requests for payment to Wanda Autrey at [subpay@pipefitters636.org](mailto:subpay@pipefitters636.org) to be processed. All requests must be filed within 30 days per the S.U.B. Trust Plan agreement.

**BeneSys** has set up a dedicated phone line for Pipefitters 636 needs and questions, when calling BeneSys, please call **#248-641-4936** or **#888-646-8920**.

**Considering Retirement?** Any member may meet at the office during business hours with Theresa Danko, Financial Secretary-Treasurer, to begin the process. Please allow a 7-10 day notice when you call her at ext.5, so that she can get all of your paperwork in order, or if you prefer, contact Kristal Mar, ext.3224 at the BeneSys numbers above as well for your retirement paperwork.

Financial Advisor Jason May with Merrill Lynch Wealth Management has a new contact number **248-655-4048** or email him at [jason.may@ml.com](mailto:jason.may@ml.com)

**Defined Contribution Pension Plan.** For those members who use the Voice Response Unit, VRU to obtain balance information and transfers funds in your Defined Contribution Pension, the number has changed. The new number for the VRU is **877-410-9984**. Plan provider number is **7526**.

You can now login to your Defined Contribution account on the Local's website. Just click on the "Defined Contribution login here tab" and it will take you to the BeneSys login page. The Defined Contribution website is [www.yourplanaccess.com/benews](http://www.yourplanaccess.com/benews).

**Worker Assistance Program.** Work Life Strategies, LLC are available to our members and their families to provide personal counseling services and when needed, referral to other professionals. Call to talk to a counselor for issues relating to grief, alcohol and or drug addiction, bankruptcy, financial management, marital, depression, legal and family counseling. Consultations with Work Life Strategies are a service paid for by the Insurance Fund.

Referrals to outside professionals, if needed, will be paid for according to the current health care plan benefits. CJ Harrison would like all our members to know that she is still available by phone during these uncertain times, she is working from home doing phone conferences which is still beneficial to all our members and their families. You can contact her @ 313-580-6887.

**Are you "Work Ready"?** Have any of your safety modules expired? Is your Drug Test current? Check your report card at [mustsafe.org](http://mustsafe.org) and if it is time for renewal call the Training Center 248-585-0636 and they will register you. Be "ready" when the calls come in. Safety modules and drug tests are paid for by the Contractors Association.

**WHEN YOU STAY CURRENT WITH YOUR SAFETY MODULES, DRUG TEST AND FIRST AID, YOU WILL QUALIFY FOR FUTURE CERTIFICATION PAYMENTS.**

*"Wish not so much to live long as to live well."*  
– Benjamin Franklin (1706 - 1790)

*"Be courteous, be obliging, but don't give yourself over to be melted down for the benefit of the tallow trade."*  
–George Eliot (1819 - 1880)

*"Reprove thy friend privately; commend him publicly."*  
–Solon (638 BC - 559 BC)

*"Put up with it and you will get more of it."*  
–Lynne Deal



## Plumbers, Pipe Fitters & HVAC Service Local 111

### UA Local 111

UPPER PENINSULA – MARQUETTE – The next Union Meeting will be in **Marquette August 31, 2023 @ 7:30 p.m.**

Anyone interested in 1-day shutdowns, please contact Business Agent/Dispatcher, Scott Pendergraft in the Escanaba office.

**MRA CARD:** Please note, after using your MRA card, you will still need to "substantiate" your claim by sending in your Explanation of Benefits (EOB) or an itemized bill which includes: Patient Name, Provider Name, Date of Service, Description of Service, Amount of Service w/receipt of payment

Remember, when using your MRA card, your date of service must be within a year of the date you use your card. If you are having trouble, please call Zenith American at (866) 823-4730 ext. 1 and they will assist you.

**Reminder:** Check your records and contact the hall with *any changes* to the following: **E-Mail, home address, phone number, a new birth, marriage, divorce, or death.** Please call April or Ann to have your information updated.

**Reminder:** It is your responsibility to call the hall as soon as you get laid off, the day you call in is the date that you are placed on the **Out of Work List**, if you do not call in you will not be referred to work.

Reminder to all apprentices, you must attend 4 union meetings per year.

**Reminder to Welders/Welding Forms:** The UA Welder Qualification Continuity Report forms are available on our website under Training or at the hall. Certifications expire every **6 months** and it is **YOUR** responsibility to get your welding forms turned in on time.

Please update all Non-UA certifications (Plumbing License, MUST, OSHA-30, MSHA etc.) by sending a copy of your certification to the Union Hall

**Check your dues records!** You are assessed a \$50 reinstatement once you become 3 months behind. You are automatically expelled once you are over 6 months behind.

**Safety Training on Local 111 Web Site:** When taking the on-line safety training, go to our web site [ua111.com](http://ua111.com) and click on Safety Links. Members must take these safety trainings for each site to work at each mill. Please take note they are valid for 1 year.

**MSHA Training:** To register for an MSHA class please go to [Upconstruction.org](http://Upconstruction.org) and go to the **MSHA calendar** to register. This website applies for cancelling classes also.

*"If your head is wax, don't walk in the sun."*

–Benjamin Franklin (1706 - 1790)

*"You don't get anything clean without getting something else dirty."*

–Cecil Baxter



## Local 149 Roofers & Waterproofers

### Roofers Local 149

DETROIT – Attention. This paper is to serve as an official notice to the membership.

**General Membership Meeting.** The general membership meeting is scheduled for Tues., Aug. 1, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

**Executive Board Meeting.** The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for Tues., Aug. 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

**Mid-Michigan.** The Mid-Michigan informational meeting is scheduled for Oct. 10, 2023 at 6 p.m. at 810 Tacoma Ct. Clio MI, 48420

**Condolences.** Condolences to Brother Rick Baird (and Family) on the passing of his father-in-law.

Condolences to Brother Robert Coats (and Family) on the passing of his mother.

**Vacation and Holiday Check Direct Deposit.** Members have the option to have their Vacation and Holiday check direct deposited in their bank account. This includes all contracted areas.

To get your Vacation check direct deposited, members will need to complete a direct deposit agreement. The form will be available at the Detroit and Mid-Michigan Union Hall. Member will need to know the following Financial Institution information, Routing No., Account No., and name of Financial Institution.

**Detroit Training Center Information.** The next term for all Detroit Apprentices will be as follows:

Apprentice 2 & Single Ply 1- Monday, July 24, 2023

Apprentice 1 & Single Ply 2- Tuesday, July 25, 2023

BUR 1 & Steep Slope 1- Wednesday July 26, 2023

BUR 2 & Steep Slope 2- Thursday, July 27, 2023

Apprentice 7 & 8 Hands On + Safety & Health- Thursday, July 27, 2023

All classes begin at 6:30pm Journeyworkers upgrade classes to improve your skills, your worth, and our Brotherhood/Sisterhood is available at no cost to all Detroit LU 149 members. Dues must be current in order to enter the Training Center.

If you are interested in any of these classes, contact the Training Center, 248-543-3847.

**Are you moving?** If you have a new address please make sure to let the Union Hall know. We will take care of your account with the Union Hall that includes the Building Tradesman Paper, International Union, and Trust Fund.

**Reminder.** Members please call the Hall when you see a roofing project whether it is one of our signatory companies or not. The Hall needs this information for recruitment purposes, and hopefully to get a picture of our members for Facebook.

**CLEARANCE CARDS.** Are you scheduled to go out of town for work in another Local's territory? Clearance cards are needed when you are sent out of town to work. Get a clearance card from the Hall and call the Local in that area to avoid fines against you.

**Outdoor Life.** If you have any hunting and fishing pictures that you would like to see in the Journeyman Roofing & Waterproofing magazine, please contact the Union Hall at 313.961.6093



### Sprinkler Fitters Local 704

DETROIT – The next regular business meeting will be held Wednesday, September 13, at 5:30 P.M. at the Union Hall. The Executive Board will meet the same evening at 4:30 P.M.

**Reminder:** Article V, Section 13 of Local 704's Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order. Any project that falls into the jurisdiction of Local 704 shall be manned by not less than two (2) members. Any member violating this By-Law shall be brought before the Executive Board for a trial and be subject to a fine.

Article IX, Section 4 of Local 704's Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order states: Members shall report all job starts to their local union office.

It is the members' responsibility to notify the Union Hall when they return to work.

**Phone numbers to remember:** NASI is 1-800-638-2603 for information regarding Health and Welfare or Pension fund questions.

**TIC International:** 248-645-6550 for D.C. Fund distribution questions.

**Jason May (Merrill Lynch):** 248-655-4048 for D.C. Fund Investment questions.

**Save the Date** for Local 704's Golf Outing. This year's outing will be held on August 26<sup>th</sup>. This year's outing will be held at Maple Lane Golf Club in Sterling Heights. The ticket price is \$85.00 which includes golf, lunch at the turn and dinner. Please contact the hall for more information.

On behalf of the officers, we hope everyone has a safe and happy Independence Day.

A reminder to please update any change of address or phone number changes with the Local Union Hall.

A speedy recovery for all our sick and injured members.

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ext. 0, for additional information.

**MID-MICHIGAN AREA – Clio Office.** The Mid-Michigan informational meeting is scheduled for Oct. 10, 2023, at 6 p.m. at 810 Tacoma Ct. Clio MI, 48420

**Mid-Michigan Training Center Information.** Journeyworkers upgrade classes to improve your skills, your worth, and our Brotherhood/Sisterhood is available at no cost to all Mid-Michigan LU 149 members.

Dues must be current in order to enter the Training Center. If you are interested in any of these classes, contact the Union Hall/Training Center, 810-687-1368 to make arrangements.

**Notice.** When contractors call the Union Hall for help, we need to know who is available, and have an up-to-date phone number. All Mid-Michigan Area members who are out of work need to call the Hall at (810) 687-1368 to be put on the out of work list.

The publication above is as 7/24/2023, 12:00p.m.

**In Solidarity, Brian Gregg Business Manager, Roofers & Waterproofers Local No.149**

*"The Bible tells us to love our neighbors, and also to love our enemies; probably because they are generally the same people."*

–G. K. Chesterton (1874 - 1936)

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## Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers

### BAC Local 2

WARREN/LANSING – The SEMI-ANNUAL UNION MEETING will be held on Saturday, August 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM at BAC Local 2's Lansing office at 3321 Remy Drive, Lansing, MI 48906.

ALL CHAPTER MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED (EXCEPT FOR THE MARQUETTE CHAPTER MEETING LISTED BELOW) FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2023 DUE TO THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING.

AUGUST 2023 CHAPTER MEETINGS

MARQUETTE CHAPTER: Monday, August 21, 2023 at 6:00 PM, 119 S Front Street, Marquette, MI 49855

MEMBERSHIP GOING OUTING. Local 2's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Membership Golf outing will be held on Saturday, September 09, 2023 at Hawk Meadows Golf Course in Howel, MI.

Registration is based on a first come, first serve basis. Payment due with registration to reserve spot, otherwise we reserve the right to cancel your team if we are overbooked. One person on each team MUST be a current, good standing BAC Local 2 member.

If you are interested in golfing with your fellow Union members, the registration form is next to this article!

BAC 2 MI TEXTING PROGRAM\*\* We are now communicating via text message with our membership regarding important updates and meetings. Please sign up via the following:

**State AFL-CIO keeping tabs on lawmakers' voting records**

(Continued from Page 1) who stand with us are celebrated as champions for working people, and the legislators who work against us are held accountable."

The Working People's Scorecard is available to the public at [miafclcio.org/scorecard](http://miafclcio.org/scorecard).

The launch of the new scorecard comes after a productive first six months of the 2023 legislative session, where lawmakers have passed a number of pro-worker policies. Until January, Michigan Democrats hadn't had full control of Lansing lawmaking for 40 years, and the changes wrought by Dem lawmakers received national attention. Some of these policies, which are tracked in the scorecard, include:

- The Expanding Workers' Rights Package (HB 4004 and 4005), which repealed "right to work." Michigan became the first state in decades to repeal its right-to-work law, which allowed workers in a collective bargaining unit to enjoy benefits provided by a union without paying dues.

- The reinstatement of Michigan's prevailing wage law, critical to the construction industry, was restored with passage of House Bill 4007. Prevailing wage laws uphold wage standards for construction workers on publicly funded projects.

- Repeal of Gov. Rick Snyder's tax on retiree pensions (HB 4001)

- Restoration of collective bargaining rights for public sector workers on a number of previously prohibited subjects of bargaining (HB 4354).

The Michigan AFL-CIO, Michigan's largest labor organization, is a federation representing 40 different labor organizations, 18 different central labor councils, and eight constituency groups representing more than 1 million union members and their families.

The building trades and the rest of organized labor are looking forward to the passage of additional worker-friendly laws, including the restoration of unemployment benefit weeks to 26 from the current 20. A decade ago Michigan's GOP lawmakers were the first in the nation's history to reduce jobless benefit weeks, from 26 to 20.

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**WEBSITE UPDATES.** Be sure to check out our new website at <https://www.bricklayers.org> and our app, which can be found in the IOS and Android app stores by searching for Bricklayers Local 2.

**CRAFTWORKERS NEEDED.** We need Skilled Bricklayers, Restoration workers and Caulkers in Metro Detroit. If you are available for work, or know anyone who is skilled in our crafts, contact your Field Representative on their cell phone. You can also have those who are interested call either the Warren office (586) 754-0888 or the Lansing office (517) 886-9781.

**SIGNING BONUS FOR SKILLED CRAFTWORKERS.** Local 2 will pay up to \$2,000 as a **Signing Bonus** for skilled Journey Level craftworkers who come to work for one of our Union Contractors. Also, Local 2 members working with the tools and non-supervisory members can get the same amount as a **Finders Referral Bonus** for each new skilled craftworker who they refer, if they work for at least a month for our Union Contractors. For more details and information, call your Field Representative or either the Warren office (586) 754-0888 or the Lansing office (517) 886-9781.

**A SPEEDY RECOVERY.** A speedy recovery is wished to all those who have been sick or injured. Let's keep them all in our thoughts and prayers.

**\*UNION DUES\*** All Local 2 Members are now eligible for a Union Dues discount, regardless of what month you are paid through currently. This offer is a great way to catch up on your monthly window dues by taking advantage of this annual dues discount.

**We are making available to ALL Local 2 members the opportunity to pay for 6 months of union dues and receive credit for 12 months. An entire year for half the price!!**

**BAC LOCAL 2'S TRAINING CENTERS.** Both Local 2 Training Centers are open to our members. To make your appointment for your annual RESPIRATOR FIT TEST or for other scheduled appointments at the Warren or Lansing Training Center, please contact Howard Hipes directly at (517) 749-1102. Go to <https://www.michiganbricklayers.org> to view the Apprenticeship and Training website and register for future 2023 online training classes.

**APPRENTICE WORKSHEETS.** Turning in monthly worksheets is a requirement of your apprenticeship. Apprentice Worksheets MUST be filled out completely and submitted online. They can be found at <https://www.michiganbricklayers.org/resources>. For more information on the Training Centers visit: <https://www.michiganbricklayers.org>

**MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE.** During this COVID-19 pandemic, the IUBAC Member Assistance Program has a number of services available for free or at a discounted rate to BAC members and their families. These confidential services can be seen at <https://bacweb.org/member-service/member-assistance-program-map> and are also available via telephone at (888) 880-8222 and ask for Membership Assistance Monday – Friday 8 am – 8 pm. These services were established and are intended to help get us through difficult life situations.

**FACEBOOK.** "Like" Local 2 on Facebook "Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Union, Local 2 of Michigan."

**E-MAIL ADDRESS.** Local #2 wants to use every means possible to communicate with you. Sometimes we have time sensitive information (such as job openings, picket lines, funeral arrangements and other such communications) that would be most efficiently done via e-mail. Please submit your address by sending an e-mail to [information@bricklayers.org](mailto:information@bricklayers.org) and in the subject line place "Local #2 e-mail address" then type your name, phone number and e-mail address in the body of the communication. We

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## Local 514 Cement Masons & Plasterers

Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons Local 514

**DETROIT – The next membership meeting is scheduled Tuesday August 15, at 7:00 pm has been CANCELLED.**

The LABOR DAY PARADE is back on this year, more information to follow.

*"The American Labor Movement has consistently demonstrated its devotion to the public interest. It is, and has been, good for all America."* - John F. Kennedy

Membership gold cards- Congratulations!

July: -25 Years; Mauricio Garcia-25 Years

**MUST Safety Awareness Training:** Please check the MUST website at [www.Mustsafe.com](http://www.Mustsafe.com) to see how many modules you have. Your username is your full social security number and your password is the first four of your social security number.

**Please activate your Blue Cross Blue Shield account.** To activate your Blue Cross member account online go to [bcbsm.com/register](http://bcbsm.com/register) and select register now.

**Beneficiary Reminder:** Please remember to designate or update your beneficiary choice especially after a divorce on all of your OPCMIA Local 514, American Income Life Accidental Benefit, Pension and Healthcare funds. The law requires that in the event of an untimely death your benefits go to your estate and may be taxable. Each individual benefit needs to have a designated beneficiary.

**It is important for all members to keep the Local updated on addresses, email and phone numbers. If you need to change an address or add an email and phone number, please call the Local at (248) 548-0800.**

**Death Certificates:** Please always notify the Union Hall with a phone call when a member of the Local has passed away and submit a copy of a Death Certificate for deceased active or retired member.

**Lawrence Nemeth is the Apprenticeship Coordinator; he can be reached at (313) 350-0389.**

**Attention all Apprentices,** now you will need to go to the website: [www.micementplasterertraining.com](http://www.micementplasterertraining.com) to enter your work hours. When you get to the website click the link "About" and then click on "Apprentice monthly work form instructions". You will be able to put in your hours so Larry can keep track for your raises. Any questions please feel free to contact Larry with any questions you might have.

If you are a Military Veteran, please contact the Local so we can update our records. Please call (248) 548-0800.

**The Local's website is: [www.opcmia.org](http://www.opcmia.org).**

**Please refer to website for updated information.**

**O.P.C.M.I.A. Local 514 has a satellite office in Flint, Michigan. We welcome Member and Contractors in the Flint area to handle their business transactions at: 2630 Grand Traverse, Flint, MI 48503. Appointments may be made by contacting Business Agent Mike Stanfield at (517) 719-2316, or the Business Manager Henry Williams at (313) 215-5063.**

Members working for non-signatory commercial contractors are having a negative impact on our market share. The work forecast this year looks better than last. Members working non-union will be brought up on charges and fines will be enforced. Let's work together to secure our future!!

We must stay vigilant in our effort to promote our trade. If you are working in a crew of 5 or more an Apprentice must be on the crew. Help out! Call the Local

### Local 2 cont'd

appreciate your time and effort in helping us accomplish this task.

**PENSION AND HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION.** BAC of Michigan Health & Welfare Fund – (248) 828-6000

Michigan BAC Pension Fund (Outstate) – (800) 531-2244  
Metro Detroit Bricklayers Pension & Vacation Fund – (248) 813-9800

Cement Pension & Holiday Funds – (248) 645-6550

CALL-A-DOC – (800) 835-2362

International Pension/Annuity Fund – (888) 880-8222 or (202) 638-1996 ([bacbenefits.org](http://bacbenefits.org))

at (248) 548-0800. Training is the key to our future!

Please make sure your modules and drug test are up to date, there are some plant jobs that do require the MUST modules. You can go online at: [www.mustonline.org](http://www.mustonline.org) Call the Local if you need a drug form sent out.

Please make sure that we have all of your current contact information, address and phone number so we can keep the fund offices updated for your health care and pension and also if you are having your vacation checks mailed out. If you have moved, please contact the Local and we will change your addresses with all of the fund offices.

**Important Notice For Plasterers and Detroit Commercial Cement Masons:** You are able to find out more about Fund investments, change your investments, obtain your balances, and, during regular business hours, speak to a representative by contacting Principal either via its website, [www.Principal.com](http://www.Principal.com) or by telephone, 800-547-7754.

Access and make changes to your account two easy ways:

Go online: [Principal.com](http://Principal.com)  
**If you are a first-time user, go to [Principal.com/Welcome](http://Principal.com/Welcome) Select Get Started.**

Enter your first name, last name, date of birth, mobile phone number (this is the quickest way to verify your identify), and your ID number (this is either your Social Security number or a specific ID provided by your employer) or ZIP code.

Agree to do business electronically and click Continue.

If you don't provide your mobile phone number, you'll need to answer a few personal questions as an alternative way to confirm it's really you.

Create a unique username, set a secure password, and add your email address.

Select and answer three security questions to use if you need to call us.

You now have access to your online account, and you'll get a confirmation email within a few minutes.

The first time you log in, you'll need to choose where we send you verification codes (text message, voice call, or authentication app) and how often you want to use them.

Feel free to call Principal at 1-800-547-7754 and speak with someone between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. CT Monday-Friday with any questions regarding online access.

As always, if you have any questions or need help on any matter relating to the Fund, you can contact the Fund Office for assistance at (248) 645-6550 or 30700 Telegraph Rd., Ste 2400 Bingham Farms, MI 48025-4524 The Fund Office's business hours are 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Plasterers and Cement Masons:** It is your responsibility to fill out reciprocity forms if you plan on working out of the local 514 area. This will ensure that your hours are sent back to your home fund. If you have any questions, or need any forms, please contact the Local.

**Please make sure your beneficiary information is up to date. Any changes to your beneficiaries can be made at the Local.**

If you have questions concerning your pension benefits, **Road Builders** can call: Toll Free at 1-877-876-9357 or (517) 321-7502.

**Plasters and Commercial Cement Masons** can call: (248) 645-6550 for pension and annuity, and Toll Free 1-877-876-9357.

All **Plasterers and Cement Masons** can contact (517) 321-7502 for health & welfare information now through Outstate Michigan Trowel Trades Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan.

**For the INTERNATIONAL PENSION** Call 1-888-880-8222 Toll Free or (202) 638-1996.

*"Whoever gossips to you will gossip about you."*  
– Spanish Proverb

*"If you think taking care of yourself is selfish, change your mind. If you don't, you're simply ducking your responsibilities."*  
– Ann Richards

*"There are two kinds of men who never amount to much: those who cannot do what they are told and those who can do nothing else."*

– Cyrus H. Curtis (1850 - 1933)



## Local 169 Boilermakers

### Boilermakers Local 169

ALLEN PARK – Our next membership meeting will take place on **Aug. 4, 2023**, at 8 PM at the Boilermakers Local 169 Union Hall. The address is 1755 Fairlane Drive, Allen Park, MI. 48101. **Please note the date change.**

**This is the first Friday of August.**

Current Union dues for 2023 are \$55.85 in accordance with the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers Constitution.

The Union Hall accepts Visa, Mastercard, and Discover. Payments can be made both at the Union Hall and over the phone.

OSHA 10 and OSHA 30 safety training can now be taken online. Please visit our website – [www.boilermakerslocal169.com](http://www.boilermakerslocal169.com) for more information.

After a two-year hiatus, the annual Detroit Building Trades, Labor Day parade will resume this Labor Day. Boilermakers will be staging on Porter St. between 6<sup>th</sup> and Rosa Parks. We will begin marching at 9 am. All members are encouraged to participate in this event with their friends and family members. Tee shirts and hats will be distributed at the staging area. We will meet at the Union Hall for food and refreshments immediately after the parade. Show your Union pride by participating in this time-honored tradition.

Any member interested in taking the Great Lakes Safety for Corteva please contact Area 3 Business Agent, Mike Card at 989-662-6491.

Any member interested in working with other crafts during slow employment periods should contact their Business Agent. Our current reciprocal agreements with other crafts allow you to work with other crafts and continue to contribute to your fringe benefits. These contributions also count toward your pension hours.

Thanks to all who helped with this year's Area 1 picnic at Camp Dearborn. It was great to see a mix of retirees, senior members, and apprentices at this event. I am certain we made some lasting memories for those members' children in attendance. Thanks to Pat Rose, Bill Buell, Marcus Kramer, Jake Ratliff, and Jamie Ratliff for all their hard work making this event a tremendous success. Special thank you to retiree Larry Grassel and Holly Ratliff for assuming the grilling duties on such short notice. Your efforts are deeply appreciated. If anyone has pictures, please forward them to [lynn@boilermakerslocal169.com](mailto:lynn@boilermakerslocal169.com).

**Retirees:** Retiree luncheons **Area 1** Retiree luncheon is on the first Wednesday of every month at 11 am at the Brown Derby Bar, 10661 W. Jefferson, River Rouge, MI.

**Area 2** Retirees hold luncheons on the first Thursday of every month at 11am at Whitlow's Forerunner Restaurant, 4610 Airline Rd, Muskegon MI. All retirees and members from all areas are welcome to attend.

**Area 3** Retirees luncheon lunch is the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The next lunch will be July 19 at 11AM at The Boulevard Lounge, 316 S. Saginaw Road, Midland, 48640. All area boilermakers and retirees are welcome to attend.

**Area 4** Retirees' lunches are on the first Tuesday of the month at 11am in Rapid River at Jacks Restaurant, 7898 S. Main Street, Rapid River, MI. Area 4 retirees also meet in Marquette on the second Tuesday of the month at 11am at Crossroads Bar on the corner of County Rd 553 and County Road 480.

Any apprentice interested in working in other local areas should contact their area business agent.

Summer is here and with it will come our annual activities. Any member interested in volunteering to help with an area picnic or parade should contact their local agent. As members retire, we are in constant need of assistance with these events I encourage you to get involved and participate.

The following events are planned for our members & their families.

**Area 2 picnic** follows the Labor Day Parade at Heritage Landing in Muskegon.

**Area 3 picnic** was June 17<sup>th</sup> at Lake of Dreams Campground. If anyone has pictures and would like them on the Boilermakers website, please email them to [lynn@boilermakerslocal169.com](mailto:lynn@boilermakerslocal169.com)

**Area 4 picnic** at Pioneer Trail Park on July 29 in Escanaba.

Please keep in mind that all members are welcome to attend events in all areas. Food and beverages are provided at all events. Get out there and enjoy some fellowship with your Union Brothers & Sisters.

Hoodies have arrived and are for sale at the hall. We now have ALL sizes, medium through XXXL. The cost is \$40. Payments can be made with cash, check, or credit. If you live outside of the area and would like to order one, please call the hall. Additional shipping charges will be added. Baseball caps are also available. Varsity jackets are available by special order. Please contact the Union Hall for details.

The upcoming MSHA training schedule is available at [www.boilermakerslocal169.com](http://www.boilermakerslocal169.com) or our Facebook page.

The cost of your T.W.I.C. card is reimbursable from the M.O.R.E. Fund. Contact the Union Hall for reimbursement.

Any current apprentice that is eligible to utilize their G.I. Bill should contact their branch of service regarding this benefit. Your apprenticeship training qualifies for reimbursement under the terms of the G.I. Bill. I advise all apprentices who qualify to take advantage of this well-deserved benefit.

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## Local 80

### Sheet Metal Workers

#### Sheet Metal Workers Local 80

**SOUTHFIELD – This paper serves as official notice for all meetings and elections.**

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** The next general membership meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2023 at 5:30 pm. Meetings are held at the union hall, 17100 W. 12 Mile Rd. Southfield, 48076. \*Notice date change\*

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:** The next executive board meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2023 at 5:00 pm. Executive Board meetings are held at the Local 80 Hall, 17100 W. 12 Mile, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Southfield, MI. \*Notice date change\*

**UNION HALL REGULAR HOURS** Monday through Friday 7:30 – 4:00, unless otherwise indicated in holiday hours.

**RETIREE MEETING SCHEDULE:** The 2023 retiree meeting schedule is as follows: August 21, 2023, October 16, 2023 (Holiday Party) and December 18, 2023. All membership meetings will be held at the Local 80 hall. Please enter the hall through the ramp entrance. All meetings will start at 12:30 pm. Any questions regarding joining the Retirees Association please contact Steve Murzen at 248-652-0593.

**RETIREE NEWS:** Retiree lapel pins with the SMWIA logo are available to all members of the local 80 retirees' association. They will be available to all retiree association members at our general membership meetings. Please see the general membership meeting schedule above.

**Effective immediately** you will need to start sending your unemployment proof to smw80subfund@gmail.com or fax it to 248-557-0297. Your unemployment proof needs to be in by 2pm on Tuesdays to be paid on that Friday. Local 80 will be handling all of your proof now. If you have any questions, please call us at 248-557-7575.

**BENESYS AT THE UNION HALL:** There will now be a representative from Benesys at the union hall to help our members with anything related to benefits or funds. She will be available all day on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9-4pm. If you are interested in setting up an appointment, please contact Lashone at 248-813-9800 ext. 3250

**PICNIC:** Please join us on August 12th for our annual picnic. The picnic will be held at the Knights of Columbus Park 11541 21 Mile Rd. Shelby Township. Gates open at 11 am with activities from 12 pm to 5pm. Come enjoy food, ice cream, sweet corn and great company. There will also be bingo, bike raffles, games for the kids, face painting and a petting farm. To enter into the member car & motorcycle show please call Dave Hartsuck at 586-559-9099.

**THANK YOU TO MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR DUES A YEAR IN ADVANCE:** Matt Bates, Ralph Coffman, Chris Emmons, Jeff Poyle, Joshua Holmes and Ray Keskeny.

**DUES PAYMENTS: YOUR DUES PAYMENTS ARE DUE PRIOR TO THE FIRST OF THE MONTH.** The books will close at the end of the business day on the last day of the month. **Payments made on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month are considered late for that month. There will be no exception, once the books are closed it cannot be undone.** Members will receive a text message dues reminder prior to the end of the month. If you are not receiving our text messaging, please call the hall. **REMINDER:** We ONLY take Visa, Master Card & Discover and do not accept American Express.

**BENEFICIARY REMINDER:** Please remember to designate or update your beneficiary choice on all of your Local 80 and international benefits. The law requires that in the event of an untimely death your benefits go to your spouse first and if there is no spouse to your children UNLESS you designate otherwise in writing with each specific benefit. Depending on your classification you could have benefits due to your heirs from Local 80 pension, insurance, annuity and from international and SASMI. Each individual benefit needs to have a designated beneficiary unless you want it to go to your spouse or children. As always seek the advice of an attorney.

**ADDRESS CHANGES:** If you have a new address please make sure to let the hall know. We will take care of your account with the union hall which includes the tradesman paper. You will need to call Benesys at 800-400-7710 and update your address with them as well. That is not done through the hall.

**ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE FROM OUR INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION:** Members who have their dues paid in advance (prior to the month of the accident) are eligible for accidental death and dismemberment benefits up to \$7,500.00. This benefit comes as a dues paying member of SMART International.

**WEEKEND WORK ASSIGNMENTS:** Saturday and Sunday work assignments. Please remember that when performing work on a Saturday or Sunday the steward must report it to the hall, give each members name and obtain a form for signatures. Each member must sign the form along with the number of hours they worked. The completed form must be sent back to by hall by the end of the day on the following Monday. Weekend work assignments must be called or emailed into the hall **prior to 3:00 pm on Friday.**

**WORK ASSIGNMENTS: Everyone must obtain a work assignment prior to starting work.** If you fail to do so you could be written up on charges.

**LAY-OFFS:** All members must report to the Union Hall immediately upon lay-off, even if you only work one day. These are the By-Law rules for the Out-of-Work List. Your name will be removed from the list fourteen (14) days after receiving an assignment. It is very important to report to the union hall immediately after your layoff. Members get confused because the S.U.B. Fund allows you a period of up to seven (7) days to apply for S.U.B. benefits after lay-off.

**LAY-OFF SLIPS/TERMINATION NOTICES: Lay off slips must accompany all applications for sub pay.** Without lay off slips you cannot collect sub pay. It is the member's responsibility to make sure they get one from the contractor when laid off. Your application cannot be submitted without one. It is the contractor's responsibility to issue one in accordance with our contract.

**S.U.B. BENEFITS:** Report to the hall promptly upon layoff. You must complete a S.U.B. Application within seven (7) days from your layoff date or you will forfeit S.U.B. benefits. Lay-off slips must accompany the application to be eligible. Proof of UIA benefit payments must be submitted within 21 days of when you were paid in order to receive SUB benefits. Do not submit your sub applications directly to the fund office. Your application must be signed by the hall or you will not collect benefits.

**OUT-OF-WORK LIST:** You must be on the out-of-work list to collect S.U.B. benefits or SASMI. Members must re-register bi-annually: March 1 through March 20 and September 1 through September 20. If you fail to re-register you will be removed from the list.

**SHORT WORK WEEK SUB PAY:** If you work 16 hours or less in a week or have a short work week due to weather you may collect sub for that week but only if it is at the **beginning or the end of a layoff.** You may NOT collect if you are not laid off. You must complete a sub application at the hall, provide a pay stub for that week and the hall will submit it to the fund office. If you are not laid off and it is due to weather the company MUST provide written documentation that it was weather related.

**MEMBERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:** If you are experiencing problems in your family, marriage or relationships, stress or emotional difficulties, grief or loss issues or problems with alcohol and drug use please contact our assistance program. **Ulliance** is here to help you with your needs. They can also help you with legal issues, financial concerns, elder care referrals and child care resources. Contact them at 1-800-448-8326 or www.LifeAdvisor.EAP.com. **Make (Continued on Page 9)**



**TIM MULLIGAN**



## Local 7

### Sheet Metal Workers

#### Sheet Metal Workers Local 7

**LANSING – NOTICE.** This Newspaper Article shall serve as **Official Notice of ALL meetings for Local 7!**

The next Statewide Meeting will be, Aug. 17, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

- \*Zone 1 September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- \*Zone 2 September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- \*Zone 3 September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. (Saginaw)
- \*Zone 3 September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. (Traverse City)
- \*Zone 4 September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- \*Zone 5 August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**NEWS:** Mark your calendar for the local picnic at the Double J Resort in Muskegon on July 22, call for reserving campsites at (231) 894-4444, let them know you are from Local 7.



**SAM FULLER**

**Please register on our website at [www.sheetmetal7.org](http://www.sheetmetal7.org) for the most up to date information on meeting schedules for 2023. Once you are registered it must be approved in order to be able to log on. Please contact your representative if you are having issues registering.**

**SMART Union Labels:** Make the union label work for you! The new and modernized SMART Labels are an essential part to wage equalization, which means more money and work for you. Make sure that you are scanning labels in order to equalize pay and eliminate the incentive to subcontract outside of your area. For more information visit the official website at [www.labelitcanireport.com](http://www.labelitcanireport.com) and download the official app by texting "SMART" to 90975.

**SMART Members Assistance Program** provides counselors to speak with members experiencing crisis. Call (877) 884-6227 for 24/7 assistance with Suicide Prevention and Drug and Alcohol Abuse.

**ZONE 1 Info.** The 2023 Local 7 bass fishing tournament will be held August 12<sup>th</sup> at Duck Lake in Calhoun County. The tournament will be 7AM -noon and followed by lunch. The cost is \$25 per person/ \$50 per boat. If interested, please contact Vance Saunders (269-569-9200) or Nick Bradley (517-214-0504)

Work in the Zone 1 area is busy and will remain this way for the remainder of the year. If you become unemployed, please update your status with Eric or Vance (Apprentices please notify Ryan as well). If you are experiencing any difficulties with unemployment or insurance, please contact Eric or Vance for any additional assistance. Any Journeypersons interested in upgrade classes, please contact Ryan at the Training Center for additional information (269) 781-7183 (class availability depends on the number of individuals interested).

#### ZONE 1 Monthly Retiree Meetings:

- 1st Wednesday of each month @ 8:00 am located at Bob Evans 1725 N W Ave, Jackson, MI 49202
- 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 1:00 pm located at Rocky Top 1900 Lansing Ave, Jackson, MI 49202
- 2nd Wednesday of each month @ 12:00 noon located at The Beamery 879 E Michigan Ave, Battle Creek, MI 49014 (Retirees, please notify Vance or Eric of any changes or additions you would like)

**– In Solidarity, Eric Farrington and Vance Saunders**

**ZONE 2 Info:** Work in Zone 2 remains steady and looks good into the fall. I would like to take this time to thank everyone and their families who came out to the Local 7 picnic. It was a great time once again thanks you. Keep in mind that dues are due prior to the 1st of every month and keep me informed on address and phone number changes. Congratulations to the new journeyman that just recently turned out, they will be sworn in at the September 19th meeting. If you know anybody that has welding, fabricating or HVAC experience have them get a hold of me. **Work Safe and Thank You, Mike Adams**

**ZONE 3 Info: (Saginaw)** -Work in Zone 3 (Saginaw) is very busy. Any member working out of Zone 3 that would like to come back to work for our local contractors please call, all are in need of more manpower. Please don't forget to get your physical before the end of the year. Next retirees' meeting is Sept 26th at the Ponderosa on Wilder Road in Bay City. **Thank you, Joe Dotson**

**ZONE 3 Info: (Traverse City).** Work outlook in our area and across the state is at 100% and we are constantly looking for new apprentices and anyone else wanting to get back into the trade. Under-employment SASMI eligibility is under 650 hours from Jan. 1 to June 30. Everyone that is eligible will be getting a form to fill out to mail to SASMI by October 1. If there is anyone needing any assistance or any retirees wanting to go back to work, please contact me. You can also contact Ulliance at 1-800-448-8326 for any life stress or personal issues. **In Solidarity, John Amalfitano**

SASMI eligibility is under 650 hours for the underemployment benefit. Please contact your Business Agent to apply. The SASMI Boot Program is behind in processing, please check your account and watch your email for the voucher and instructions. On the top right front page of your account when you login, you will see your anticipated processing date.

**ZONE 4 Info:** I am happy to say the Work in the Zone 4 area is very busy with the school work and all our normal work, what a great time to be a tradesman. With that being said I am proud to say we have started two full apprentice classes, we are considering a third in January for the first time. Please enjoy your summer and stay safe. Remember the Local 7 golf outing is coming up soon. **Your Brother Scott Brotherton.** Also if you are interested in upgrade classes please call Dan Bryant at the Flint training center.

**ZONE 5 Info:** Work across the U.P. is very good and our area has a lot of work coming up. With work the way it is, our zone needs experienced workers for our trade. If you know of anyone that would fit that criteria have them give me a call at 906-250-6045. Our next union meeting is scheduled for August 10th at 6:00pm at the hall in Gwinn. The Retirees are having their next breakfast meeting at The Dry Dock in Harvey, August 9th at 10:00 am. **In solidarity, Brandon Langenfeld**

**Dues Department: \*Online dues payment is now available\*** Dues of all members of local unions shall be paid monthly or quarterly, but always in advance. To better serve our membership, we accept Credit Card Payments in lieu of your monthly dues. If you would like to take advantage of the Credit Card Service, a finance charge will be applied – Please call the Lansing office during regular business hours at 517-882-4064 to make your payment.

**Address/Telephone Changes: Article 8, Section 1** of Local 7 Work Rules: *Address Changes:* All members are required to keep the Financial Secretary informed of their correct address. A notice mailed to the last address shall be sufficient and legal. If you have moved or changed your telephone number, please contact the union hall to update your records.

**BENEFITS:** For Benefit questions please contact the area office. Zone 1 – BeneSys 866-822-7037, Zone 2 – TIC 866-887-4338, Zone 3 – BeneSys 800-451-5733, Zone 4 – BeneSys 800-842-2690 and Zone 5 – Wisconsin H & B Fund 800-654-2329.

**DEATH CERTIFICATES:** Please submit to the Union Hall a copy of a Death Certificate for deceased members. Additional benefits from the International may be available.

**CONTACT US:** 4931 Contec Drive, Lansing, MI 48910– 517-882-4064

- Local 7 Officers:**  
**Samuel Fuller** (Business Manager/Financial Secretary-Treasurer) 517-882-4064  
**Eric Farrington** (Agent-Lansing/Jackson) 517-242-3223  
**Vance Saunders** (Agent-Battle Creek/Kalamazoo) 269-569-9200  
**Mike Adams** (Agent-Grand Rapids/Muskegon) 616-299-3752  
**Joe Dotson** (Saginaw) 989-225-0095  
**John Amalfitano** (Traverse City) 231-590-1112  
**Scott Brotherton** (Agent-Flint) 810-836-3552  
**Brandon Langenfeld** (Upper Peninsula) 906-372-9288



## Local 292

### Sheet Metal Workers

#### Sheet Metal Workers Local 292

**TROY – MEETING NOTICE:** The next general membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 9, 2023.

Member meetings are held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at The Knights of Columbus in Clawson. Check out the calendar tab at [www.sheetmetal292.com](http://www.sheetmetal292.com) for the location and date.

The date for the August E-Board/Stewards meeting will be in the next issue.

**RETURN TO WORK BY NORMAL OR EARLY RETIREES:** Consistent with the actions of the Sheet Metal Workers' National Pension Fund, the Trustees of the Sheet Metal Workers Local No. 292 Pension Fund ("Fund") have decided to provide a limited waiver of the Fund's suspension of benefit rule from **March 22, 2023 through December 31, 2024** only, without limitation and without incurring a suspension of benefits then in pay status. This means that, during this period, if you are working as a sheet metal worker for an Employer that contributes to the Fund, you will receive your monthly pension benefits from the Fund no matter how many hours you work in any one month. **This waiver is based on the current demand for sheet metal workers and is not anticipated to be continued indefinitely.** Call Paul for more information or if interested.



**PAUL GUALDONI**

**OUT OF WORK:** If you become laid off, you **Must** complete an Out of Work List Registration /SUB form. SUB forms are available at the Union Hall and also through all shop stewards. This is the only way your name will be added to the Out of Work List.

**PLAN BENEFIT CHANGES:** The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the addition of Dental and Vision benefits under Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan for Non-Medicare eligible Retirees effective April 1, 2023.

**TRUHEARING:** On behalf of Sheet Metal Workers Local 292, we would like to introduce TruHearing, the NEW exclusive provider of premium hearing aid benefits. This benefit is available to active eligible participants, dependents, and Pre-Medicare retirees. To get started, contact TruHearing at 1-833-898-1255 for an appointment.

**SAFETY MODS AND DRUG TESTS:** To access your MUST account, please go to [www.mustonline.org](http://www.mustonline.org) or access it through the "links" tab at [www.sheetmetal292.com](http://www.sheetmetal292.com). Remember that your **Username** is your full S.S. number and your **Password** is the first four numbers of your S.S. number. Members, please note that if you cannot access the MUST site to complete your safety mods you need to contact the Union Hall.

**DUES:** Membership dues are required to be **paid in advance of the month for which they are due.** The union hall is not open on Saturday or Sunday, therefore, if you pay dues on either of those days, it will not be processed until Monday. If you are on suspension warning, your dues are **60 days late.** To avoid suspension, dues must be paid online or at the union hall by **4:00 p.m. on the last business day of the month.** Payments received after **4:00 p.m.** on the last business day of the month will not be processed and you **WILL** go suspended. **All members are responsible for making sure any required fees, i.e. late fees or service fees, are included if paying online ([sheetmetal292.com](http://sheetmetal292.com)).**

**LOCAL 292 ONLINE STORE:** Check out the online store to purchase Local 292 shirts and jackets. Purchased items will be shipped directly to you. Access through [Sheetmetal292.com](http://Sheetmetal292.com) at the online store tab or <https://sheetmetalworkers292.itemorder.com/sale>. Contact Paul or Tony if you have any suggestions for new items or artwork changes.

**ADDRESS UPDATES:** If you move, please contact the union hall to update your address.

**RETIREES NOTICE:**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** The 2023 schedule for the Local 292 Retiree luncheon are as follows: **August 3rd, October 5, and December 7.**

The retirees' luncheon will be held at: Tavern on the Main @ 12:30 p.m., 235 S Main, Clawson MI 48017; (248) 588-1696. It is located 3 blocks south of 14 Mile on the east side of the street.

Please contact the union hall via our website [www.sheetmetal292.com](http://www.sheetmetal292.com), click on the "Contact Us" page if you would like to be added to the **retiree email list.**

Please join us for lunch, great conversations and storytelling. Looking forward to seeing all retirees, new and old!!

Please contact the union hall via our website [www.sheetmetal292.com](http://www.sheetmetal292.com), click on the "Contact Us" page if you would like to be added to the **retiree email list.**

**CONSTITUTION AND RITUAL:** The Constitution and Ritual of the 2<sup>nd</sup> SMART General Convention is now available online. Go to [www.sheetmetal292.com](http://www.sheetmetal292.com), click on the Constitution/Ritual tab located at the top of the home page. The Union Hall will also has hard copies for members who want one.

**MEMBER ASSISTANCE:** Please remember, Local 292 partners with Ulliance, an employee assistance program designed to assist active members and their eligible family members who may be struggling with emotional, domestic or substance abuse issues, as well as legal and financial referrals. If you and/or a family member feel this may benefit you, contact Ulliance at 1-800-448-8326 or [www.LifeAdvisorEAP.com](http://www.LifeAdvisorEAP.com) for completely confidential assistance. Ulliance is **available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.** Services are of no cost to active members and their dependents.

**SUBSTANTIATION REQUEST:** Many members have been receiving Substantiation Request letters from the Local 292 Benefit Fund office. IRS regulations require that every use of the Benny Card be substantiated or validated as an eligible covered expense under the Plan. This validation is required by the IRS, the Fund cannot make exceptions. It is the member's responsibility to ensure all requested documentation be returned to the Fund office in a timely manner. By not responding to the Substantiation Request letter, your Benny Card may be suspended until all requested documentation has been received. If you have any questions, contact BeneSys at 248.641.4992 or the Union Hall.

**UNION HALL HOURS:** Hall office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Monday through Friday.**

**TEXT BLAST NOTIFICATION:** We have recently updated the text blast contact list. All members have been added. If you haven't been receiving texts and would like to be added or wish to opt out of text blast, please contact the Union Hall and we will make the change.

**FACEBOOK & TWITTER:** Be sure to check our website – [www.sheetmetal292.com](http://www.sheetmetal292.com); Facebook page - Sheet Metal Workers Local 292 and Twitter - @SMW292, for updates and information.

**THE 4 PLUS MEMBER PROGRAM:** The "4-plus" member (Continued on Page 9)

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## Local 47 Heat and Frost Insulators

### Heat and Frost Insulators & Allied Workers Local 47

LANSING – The next regular Union Meeting will be held on Friday, Aug. 11, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., and will be held at J.A.T.C. Training Center located at 906 Terminal Rd., Lansing, MI 48906.

Anyone interested in purchasing Gun Raffle tickets should do so soon before they are all sold out. Please contact either Patrick Welch or Joshua Kroell for more info.

Please join us for our Annual Golf Outing on Saturday, July 22, 2023, please call your foursome in by June 30, 2023. The cost is \$75/person or \$300/team.

Contracts are available at the Union Office or at the Union Meeting upon request.

**OSHA 10:** Local 47 will be offering OSHA 10 to any Active Member who is not current with the program. The course is done online, so if you wish to take the course, please contact the Local Union office with your email address and we will be more than happy to set it up for you. If you do not have a computer at home, you are welcome to come to the Local Union Office to take the course.

To ensure all Active Members and Retirees are receiving their Robo calls please make sure you have not blocked the following number: (804) 441-8365. There are several members who have the number blocked and therefore are not receiving the Robo Calls. These calls are only used for Important Notifications from the Local Union Business Manager and Funeral Notifications. If you are not receiving these calls, please contact the Local Union Office and we will double check to make sure we have the correct number in the system or if you may have blocked the number.

Local 47 has been receiving a lot of returned mail from our members. We ask that if you have a change of address or phone number to please call the Local Union Office right away so we can update your information throughout our system, TIC's, and the with the International. It is very important to make sure your contact information is always update with Local 47.

**Per the Rules and Procedures:** Members must notify the office within 24 hours of being laid off or charges may be placed, you can do so by calling or texting the office at (517) 708-0665 with your layoff date and the name of the Contractor you were laid off from.

Members must notify the office before ANY overtime is worked.

**Pension and Health Welfare:** Joshua Kroell (989) 385-2671 Allied Workers' Local 47 Fringe Benefit Funds

6525 Centurion Drive  
Lansing, MI 48917-9275  
Toll Free: (800) 323-8079  
Telephone: (517) 321-7502  
Fax: (517) 321-7508

Joshua Kroell will be available via phone to answer any questions regarding Pension, Welfare and Vacation Funds. Joshua is the Secretary for the Pension, Welfare, Vacation and Special Benefits and can be reached by phone at (989) 385-2671, or by mail at: P.O. Box 1498, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48804.

To all active members, if you have not sent in your Coordination of Benefits Form, your Spousal Form, or your Birth Certificates for your Children, no one will be covered on our insurance until these items are sent to TIC. Please call TIC immediately at (800) 323-8079 and get the above-mentioned forms into the fund ASAP and you will be reinstated retroactively

Remember that Auto and Motorcycle accidents are not covered by our plan. Auto and Motorcycle accidents should be covered by your personal Auto Insurance policy.

Members having questions regarding Pension and Welfare Fund please contact TIC International at the numbers below or log onto their Website: www.heatfrostlocal47benefits.org

Please complete and return the working spousal forms to TIC.

JATC Coordinator Phil Wilson (616-466-8736)

Applications are open for the (Continued next column)



## Local 25 Heat and Frost Insulators

### Heat & Frost Insulators Local 25

**SOUTHFIELD – SPECIAL CALLED UNION MEETING** – The next scheduled Membership Meeting will take place Thursday, August 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Union Hall, 21353 Bridge Street, Southfield, MI 48033. This meeting is **SPECIAL CALLED** for elections. Apprentice attendance is **MANDATORY**.

**ELECTIONS:** Elections will take place Thursday, Aug. 14, 2023. The polls will be opened 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The following members are running for the following positions:



**CURT  
McGLONE**

**Vice President** – 1 position – Term ends in December of 2023

\*Connie Vincent \*Gerald Strunk  
**Financial Sec/Trs** – 1 position – Term ends in December of 2023 \*Laura Dertz

**Executive Board** – 1 position – Term ends in December of 2023 \*Robert Ducker

**Pension Trustee** – 1 position – Term ends in December of 2024 \*Micah Vincent

**H/W Trustee** – 1 position – Term ends December of 2025 \*Bob Wright \*Ed Howard \*Connie Vincent

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS:** For absentee ballot procedures and information refer to Article XX, Section 13 and 14 of the International Constitution and Bylaws.

**ORGANIZER POSITION:** Organizer James Boyd has resigned and taken a position with the International leaving the Local 25 Organizer position vacant. We are currently taking resumes for consideration for this position. If interested, please submit your resume to the Union Office as soon as possible. It is pertinent we fill this vacancy in a timely manner.

**WORKING ASSESSMENT:** Per Article XIX Section 15 (b) of the International Constitution and Bylaws, as of 6/8/2023 the Union office had to begin imposing a daily working assessment for any members working during the strike. The daily working assessment is as follows for each classification:

Mechanic: \$36 per day worked, 1st year Apprentice: \$18 per day worked, 2nd year Apprentice: \$21 per day worked, 3rd year Apprentice: \$25 per day worked, 4th year Apprentice: \$29 per day worked.

The daily assessment went into effect on 6/8/2023, meaning for each day you work during the strike on or after 6/8/2023 you owe the amount listed above that fits your classification. Please note: the daily assessment will continue until a new agreement has been ratified. The Union office has a list of people that are/were manning agreement jobs during the strike. Unless you present a paycheck stub showing less than 5 days worked during the weeks effected by the strike, you will be expected to pay 5 days' worth of assessment for those weeks. It is your responsibility to make sure your financial obligations are up to date. If you have any questions, contact the Union office.

**PER CAPITA:** Please be reminded, any member working 32 hours or less during a month must pay their own Per Capita of \$14.00 per month. Per Capita payments should be made on a **monthly** basis. If a member works as a traveler in another Local's jurisdiction, the member must remit double Per Capita of \$28.00. Please forward your payments **monthly** to Local 25, 21353 Bridge Street, Southfield, MI 48033.

**M.U.S.T. SAFETY MODULES:** In order to be eligible for the safety module stipend, you must contact the Union Of-

### Local 47 cont'd

Apprenticeship Program. Call the Union Office.

Under Duties of Apprenticeship, Section 5.3 part L, page 4 of the Apprenticeship Standards states, "According to the Apprenticeship Standards you are required to accurately fill out the online work report for NO later than ten (10) days from the end of the current work week."

Good and Welfare: Get well to all our sick and/or injured members.

fce **PRIOR** to taking the safety modules.

**EMPLOYMENT CHANGES:** All employment changes; hire, lay off, fire, shop change, disability, etc. must be called into the Union Hall. This is the only way to guarantee you are on the out of work list and your employment records remain current and correct.

**LAY OFF/HIRE:** Please be reminded, all members shall notify the Business Manager within forty-eight hours after accepting a job or upon termination of employment. Failure to report will result in an automatic fifty dollar fine.

**S.U.B. FUND:** Please be reminded, in order to receive a S.U.B. Fund check on Friday, all paperwork must be submitted to the Office no later than 2:00 p.m. on Thursday.

**SUB FUND TIME LIMITATION:** Please be reminded, per the Plan Document: Each time a participant receives a State Unemployment check, he/she must mail or deliver the receipt, check stub, or a copy of the check to the Administrator's office within thirty (30) days of receipt of said State Unemployment check. Any request for a benefit payment past the thirty (30) days will be denied per the

Plan Document.

**NOTICE TO ALL:** When you move into the Medicare Advantage Program, your deductible balance for the year, is supposed to carry over. Whatever you have paid toward your annual deductible, prior to changing over to Medicare Advantage Program, should follow you. As with any system, there can be flaws. Please keep an eye out for any charges, related to your deductible balance not being carried over, when you move into the Medicare Advantage Program. If you receive a charge that should have been covered by your deductible, please contact the Fund Office.

**BENESYS:** When calling the Fund Office, Benesys, please be sure to **get the name of the person providing you information**. Lately, we have been experiencing some incorrect information being provided to our members. In order to make sure the correct information is provided, it helps to have a name so the Union Office can call Benesys, correct the person providing incorrect information and find out why they are providing our members with incorrect information.

**SICK AND INJURED:** Please keep all our sick and injured members in your thoughts and prayers.



## Local 80 Sheet Metal Workers

(Continued from Page 8) **sure you mention Sheet Metal Workers Local 80 when calling and not the contractor you are working for.**

**NOTARY:** We have a notary public available at the hall at no charge. Please call to confirm availability.

**Save the Date: Picnic:** August 12, 2023  
**Training Center News.**

**Upgrading Classes.** Fall upgrading class registration starts **August 7, 2023** for all Building Trades and Architectural Journeymen, Indentured Apprentices and Production Workers. Probationary Apprentices can register starting **August 14, 2023**. To register for classes, call the Training Center at (586) 979-5190 from 7:30am - 3pm. The Fall term will begin the week

of **Monday, September 11, 2023**. Weekday classes are held 5pm - 8pm, one day a week for 12 weeks, unless otherwise noted. Saturday First Aid classes are 7am-3pm for 1 day.

Members registering for a class must submit a check for \$60 to the Local 80 Training Center in order to reserve a seat in the class. The check will be cashed if the member does not complete the class. **Apprentices are not required to submit a check but will appear before the Joint Apprenticeship Committee if they do not complete the class.**

To view the most up-to-date schedule, go to [https://www.smw80jac.org/Upgrading\\_Class\\_Schedule](https://www.smw80jac.org/Upgrading_Class_Schedule).

To enroll in a class, call the training center at 586-979-5190.



## Local 292 Sheet Metal Workers

(Continued from Page 8) program is for any Local 292 member who has achieved four (or more) welding certifications. These certifications can be in any welding process. Members who qualify will receive a shirt (one shirt for every four certs) with the 4 Plus logo, along with hard hat stickers and bragging rights. If you would like to be a "4-plus" member contact your Local 292 Training Center at: **313-623-9390 (Dave)** or **Quintin 248.495.6764**.

Attention all Welders! We are looking for any member interested in a Saturday welding class on August 12, 19 & 26.

These classes would be for

*"A gift, with a kind countenance, is a double present."*  
—Thomas Fuller (1608 - 1661)

*"Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work."*  
—Aristotle (384 BC - 322 BC)

*"Be sincere; be brief; be seated."*  
—Franklin D. Roosevelt (1882 - 1945)

members that are ready to try and obtain an AWS welding certification, learn how to weld, or just need to practice welding.

**Note:** Anyone that signs up for a class, must pay a \$40 registration fee that will be refunded on the completion of the class. These deposits are **NON-Refundable** if you do not show up for the classes. You can drop off the deposit between the hours of 7 and 3 at the Apprentice school.

Call the Apprentice School at 248-589-3237, Dave's cell 313-623-9390 or Quintin's cell 248-495-6764 to reserve a spot. Remember we must have the deposit before you will be scheduled in the class.



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### Laborers Local 1191

(2161 West Grand Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48208)

**DETROIT – Labor Day 2023 Celebration:** Local 1191 will have its Annual Labor Day Celebration on Sept. 4 from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the Local Union parking lot, 2161 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48208. This event is limited to Local 1191 Membership only. Due to limited selection of food and beverages, Members are permitted to only bring immediate family members. Additional parking will be available, but locations are currently to be determined.

Please reference our website at [www.laborerslocal1191.org](http://www.laborerslocal1191.org) and the "Laborers' Local 1191" Facebook page for important updates regarding the 2023 Labor Day Celebration. PLEASE NOTE: There will not be any alcoholic beverages provided or permitted to be consumed during this event.

**Regular Membership Updates:** Please check out our website at [www.laborerslocal1191.org](http://www.laborerslocal1191.org) and the "Laborers' Local 1191" Facebook page for important information about your union.

**Member Personal Information Updates:** Be sure to keep the Local Union updated with any changes to your phone number, address, and/or email.

**Monthly General Membership Meetings:** are held on the first Friday of every month at 7 pm at the Local Union, 2161 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48208 (except for holidays). The next General Membership Meeting will be held Aug. 4 September's General Membership meeting will be held on Sept. 1.

**Monthly Retiree Council Meetings:** Retiree Council meetings are the last Friday of each month. The meetings are held at 11 am at the Local Union, 2161 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48208. **The next meeting will be held on Aug. 25. September's Retiree Council meeting will be held on Sept. 29.**

**Union Dues for 2023:** Regular monthly dues are \$35 for Active Members. Retiree monthly dues will remain the same \$8.00. Members can now Pay Dues online 24/7 on our website at [www.laborerslocal1191.org](http://www.laborerslocal1191.org)!!! To make online dues payments, click the "Pay Dues" tab in upper right-hand corner and follow the instructions.

**Important Notice Regarding Dues Payments:** According to the Uniform Local Union Constitution Article VIII sec. 4. The monthly dues are due on the first day of the month and unless paid on or before the last day of the following month, the member will be suspended by the International Union without notice. **To better serve our membership, the Local accepts in-person Cash, Credit and Debit payments.**

**Save Time & Money: Urge members to make their payments timely to avoid additional costs! Monthly dues can be deducted from your vacation check and sent directly to the Local Union. Please stop by the Local Union office to get one of the "Vacation Monthly Dues Deduction" forms or you may call the Local Union office at (313)-894-2241 to have one mailed to you. **FYI: Members who sign up for Vacation deduction and pay (6) months at a time will receive a 1-month rebate!!!****

**New Projects:** Members are urged to report the start of any/all new projects to the Local Union. Members working for a contractor who may be looking to hire additional laborers are urged to call the Union Hall and help a

brother or sister get referred out to work. The next time, it may be your name on the list when that call comes in for work.

**Drug Test Renewal: Members are reminded to keep your Yearly Drug Test current and also your 18 safety modules.** You can schedule an appointment to take your modules at our training schools located in Perry, Wayne, St. Joseph, or Iron Mountain by calling (517) 625-4919 or by visiting the training school website at [www.mltai.org](http://www.mltai.org) to schedule appointments for modules.

**Training:** Check out the training classes available to you at no cost. Journeymen and Apprentices may still obtain training through MLTAI's online training at <https://ms.mltai.org>. Types of training you can take include, but are not limited to: OSHA 30, Asbestos Awareness, Silica Awareness, Infectious Disease Awareness, Respirator Awareness, Hazard Communication, Blood-borne Pathogens Awareness, and Lead Awareness. The above training and certifications are all available at the training center. **By taking the OSHA 30 your 18 MUST Safety modules are updated as well.** If you are not able to go to the Training Center for MUST Safety Modules contact the Local Union to assist you with making arrangements to complete them.

**MUST Safety Awareness Training:** Please check the MUST website at [www.must-safe.com](http://www.must-safe.com) to see how many modules you have.

**Beneficiary Reminder:** Please remember to designate or update your beneficiary choice on all of your LIUNA Local 1191, American Income Life Accidental Benefit, Pension and Healthcare fund documents. The law requires that in the event of an untimely death your benefits go to your estate and may be taxable if/when no beneficiary has been designated. **Each of the above individual benefits needs to have a designated beneficiary.**

**Death Certificates:** Please always submit to the Local Union a copy of a Death Certificate for deceased active or retired members. **FYI: The death certificate is required for any designated beneficiary to receive available benefits.**

**Available Scholarships:** **LIUNA members can apply for scholarships for university, college, trade school and technical trainings through Union Plus. Learn more information about Union Plus scholarships at [www.unionplus.org/benefits/education/union-plus-scholarships](http://www.unionplus.org/benefits/education/union-plus-scholarships).**

**IMPORTANT UNION BENEFIT CONTACT INFORMATION:** Michigan Laborers' Fringe Benefits Funds (Annuity, Insurance, Pension) Telephone: (877) 645-2267

Website: [www.michiganlaborers.org](http://www.michiganlaborers.org)

Delta Dental: (800) 524-0149  
Metropolitan Detroit Laborers' (Pension) hone: (248) 641-4942  
Metropolitan Detroit Laborers' (Healthcare)

\*Telephone: (800) 228 0048  
Metropolitan Detroit Laborers' AND Michigan Laborers' Vacation Funds (833) 389-0025 EXT. 3359

*"He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much."*

—Bessie A. Stanley

*"Only passions, great passions, can elevate the soul to great things."*

—Denis Diderot (1713 - 1784)



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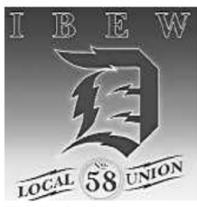
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# IBEW LOCAL 58



**IBEW 58**  
**DETROIT – The next General Membership Meeting** the Next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2023. Dinner begins at 5:30 and the meeting will start at 6:30.

**Electrical Industry Training Center** is offering Continuing Education classes. Please check them out at <http://www.detroit-etc.org/continuing-education/>. We will start to cancel classes if they don't meet the minimum enrollment requirements, or more hopefully we will order books for those of you who've signed up. Members on the Storm Book must secure their training through the Continuing Education Program offered by the school. If you need assistance in registering for a class, please call the Training Center at 586-751-6600.

**IBEW Local 58 Brick Pavers** are Available for purchase, if you would like to purchase a brick, please contact the Union Hall for an Order Form. 7x9 brick pavers can have up to 6 lines of lettering and 17 spaces per line. 9x9 brick pavers can have up to 7 lines of lettering and 17 spaces per line (letter height .75"). \$100.00 Donation per Brick.

NOTE: No symbols or clip-art can be added to brick pavers. To purchase or for questions about the brick pavers please contact Stacy at the Union Hall 313-963-2130, extension 3015.

**Local 58 Dues Department** Stay current on your dues! Look at your Dues Receipt – if you paid through date shows 03-23 or earlier, you are not current and will have a reinstatement fee (4 months or more behind). If it has 12/2022 you lapsed on 6-30-2023 and are no longer a member.

It is YOUR responsibility to pay your dues on time – this could affect your retirement or death benefit. If you lapsed, you will need to call the office and talk to an agent to make an appointment to see the Eboard for Reinstatement. We ask that you keep the Local up to date with your address, email, and phone number. When you are putting your information on the APP/Website – please use your dues receipt for your Name and Card Number. Put in your information as it appears on your dues receipt so that your information matches. Please this is important!!!! Thank you

**Local No. 58 Benevolent Fund:** The next meeting is Tuesday, August 1, 2023. We are proud to announce we are officially a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

**Members of the Community Service Committee:** The next committee meeting will be Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 5:30 pm. The Wobbly Kitchen (Sundays in the Park) will be the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, starting at the union hall and then traveling to Cass Park. We are asking volunteers to show up at the hall at 8:00 am to help with food prep, organization, and loading. Questions can be directed to Ray Kujawski at (248) 496-1916 (call, text, leave a voicemail). Local 58 is very active with community service in the Metro Detroit area and has a variety of upcoming projects that require the help of volunteers and helping hands. Contact the Union Hall (313) 963-2130 or Ray Kujawski (number above) for further information to volunteer or participate.

**Members of the Entertainment Committee:** The next meeting of the Entertainment Committee will be Tuesday, August 8, 2023, following the Community Service Committee meeting that starts at 5:30 PM. The Annual Family Picnic is almost here, August 5th, if you have not received a flier in the mail, they are available at the hall. It contains a slip for raffle prizes. All travelers are welcome

*"A committee is a cul-de-sac down which ideas are lured and then quietly strangled."*

—Sir Barnett Cocks (1907 - 1989)

*"The first precept was never to accept a thing as true until I knew it as such without a single doubt."*

—Rene Descartes (1596 - 1650),

*"He was one of those men who think that the world can be saved by writing a pamphlet."*

—Benjamin Disraeli (1804 - 1881)

with a current dues receipt. We hope to see you there.

**EWMC of Southeastern MI** – The next chapter meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 21, 2023 at 6pm. This will be an in-person meeting with a ZOOM option. Please make sure your cell phone number and your email address are up to date. The meeting information will be sent out as soon as available. If you are not receiving the notices, please make sure that your information is updated here at the hall. Please bring any suggestions that you have for EWMC involvement and engagement. Stay tuned for more information on our next service day at the Malcolm X house. Our "Detroit Nights" Casino Party is scheduled for Saturday, July 29, 2023 at Local 58. Flyers are available at the hall. Help spread the word to make this a successful event. Stay tuned for more Volunteer opportunities in the near future. We will be creating more tie-dye t-shirts in the coming weeks. Volunteers will be needed as we continue with this fundraiser and the Lottery Raffle.

**The RENEW Committee meeting** will be on Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

**The Safety Committee meeting** will be on Monday, August 14, 2023 at 5:30 PM.

**The Veterans Committee** will now be meeting monthly immediately after the Safety committee meeting on the 2nd Monday of each month.

**The Political Action Committee (PAC)** - If you have any questions or concerns or would like to attend our next PAC meeting you can reach out to our registrars at [registrar@ibewlocal58.org](mailto:registrar@ibewlocal58.org). Political Action Committee Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month via Zoom and in person at the hall at 5:30 PM.

**Local 58's Women's Committee** - Our Sister Exchange Closet is looking for donations. If you have any new or gently used work clothing, cold weather gear, boots, coats, or even tools, please consider making the contribution. Also, if you are or know of a sister in need, please reach out. We may have something for you. Our next meeting will take place on August 24, 2023 at the Hall and on Zoom. If you have questions, please contact Angela Panicucci (586)291-8014 or Liz Gorski (586)921-3087 or email at [58womenscommittee@ibewlocal58.org](mailto:58womenscommittee@ibewlocal58.org)

**Local 58 Motorcycle Group:** Open to everyone and all riders are encouraged to join us! Save the date, Saturday, September 9, 2023. The IBEW Local 58 Motorcycle group will be hosting the Poker Run this year. Details to follow. Requirements need to be met for patched membership. For more information, please visit our Facebook page for planned rides and updates @ IBEW Local 58 Motorcycle Group. Contact Vice President Anthony Anderanin @ 313-999-3829, [aanderanin@gmail.com](mailto:aanderanin@gmail.com) or Grace Trudell @ 517-715-7563 for more info. Join us at our upcoming meetings to plan for next year's events and rides.

**IBEW LOCAL 58 Retirees Association:** The August Board meeting is Wednesday, August 9th, 2023 at 10 a.m. in the Bill Rushford Room in the lower level of the union hall. Our Annual Summer Picnic is on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at Rotary Park, 32184 Six Mile Road, Livonia 48152. Come join us for coffee/donuts at 10, catered lunch is served at noon. This gathering is always a great way to catch up with old friends, make some new ones and enjoy good food, and enjoy summer. Both the July luncheon and the August Picnic are \$20 per person.

For luncheon or picnic reservations, send your checks (payable to the Retirees Association) to IBEW #58, Attn: Retirees, P.O. Box 32756, Detroit 48232-0756. Questions about reservations, call Elaine Crawford at 313 408-5885.

The next Senior Golf Outing is Thursday September 14, 2023 at Rouge Park Golf Course, 11701 Burt Road, Detroit, MI 48228. TEE TIME is at 9:30 a.m. Please call Art DeCoste at 248 887-3396 for information and to make reservations which are appreciated two weeks in advance, for the course deposit. All IBEW #58 members are welcome to participate. The Retirees bus trip to Charleston, S.C. has reached

capacity. If you would like to put your name on the cancellation list, please contact Rick Koerber at 248-421-2636.

**Wiremen's Golf Association (WGA) Members:** This year the 2023 Wiremen's Golf Association Tournament will be hosted by Local 86, Rochester, NY on August 15th, 16th, 17th, and 18th 2023, with the optional scramble being held on Tuesday August 15th. The golf courses being utilized for the tournament this year are Morgan's Crossing (Scottsville, NY), Ravenwood Golf Club (Victor, NY), Wildwood Country Club (Rush, NY) and the optional scramble at Caledonia Country Club (Caledonia, NY). Any questions call Ron Krajenke at 313-475-0487 or Brad Garrity at 313-850-1837. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Local 58 Senior 55+ Softball Team** is getting underway. Games will be played at two locations. FF = Shelby twp., Ford field on 23-mile road just west of Van Dyke. And MS = Mae Stecker field on 24-mile road just east of Van Dyke. For more info, please contact Gerry Casani 586-804-8026 or Jim Miles 586-933-3551. The Schedule is as follows and is subject to change: 7/31/23 10AM D5, F.F.; 8/2/23 10AM D5, F.F.; 8/7/23 10AM D4, F.F.; 8/9/23 10AM East D, M.S.; 8/14/23 10AM TBD, TBD; 8/16/23 & 8/21/23 are the League Playoffs.

**Local 58 IBEW Senior Golf Outings 2023:** are as follows: Thursday, September 14, 2023, Rouge Park Golf Course, 11701 Burt Rd, Detroit, MI, 48228, tee time 9:30 am; Thursday, October 5, 2023, Tanglewood Golf Course, 22805 Country Club Dr. South Lyon, MI 48178, tee time 9:30 am. Call Art DeCoste at 248-887-3396, two weeks in advance for a headcount due to the security deposit at most of the golf courses. Come on and join the golf outings! This is a great opportunity to catch up with some old friends, to make new friends, and to get out and enjoy the camaraderie! Remember, All IBEW Local 58 members are welcome to participate! Call Art for questions or concerns.

**Electrical Workers Credit Union** – Our website is <http://WWW.EWCU.NET> (313) 963-6060. In the market for a loan? Check out our low rates! New auto as low as 5.75%. Give us a call today to find out how to apply or go online at <http://www.ewcu.net>. Who's your Beneficiary? Here are some tips to help make sure your account is up to date with us. Review your beneficiaries periodically, especially if a life change occurs. Be sure the wording is correct, especially if you name more than one beneficiary. Give us a call and we can check who you have listed. State of Michigan Escheat Law: The law states that any deposit account with no activity for 3 years must be turned over to the State. What can you do? Contact us today to find out your account status. Conduct a transaction by either deposit or withdraw (any amount). Close account.

**Be sure to keep the Union Hall** updated with any changes to your phone number, address, and email.

**IBEW Pension:** Congratulations to the following members who have been placed on International Pension: Alden Barkely, Alan Chisholm, Mark Cope, Jeffrey Dennis, Ronald Galbraith, John Gorajczyk, Stewart Kelly, Randy Kogelmann, Matthew Mazurek, and Daniel Schmerer.

**Members that have Passed Away:** Bruce Baker, Pension member, 52 year IBEW membership, Father-in-law to JIW Jeffrey Presley, Grandfather to JIW Jason Presley & Technician I Veronica Presley; Mark Cope, Pension member, 24 year IBEW membership; Christopher Eckstein, Journeyman Inside Wireman; Calvin O. Ringl Sr., Pension member, 54 year IBEW membership, Father to JIW Calvin Ringl II, Grandfather to JIW Collin Ringl, & Apprentice Inside Wiremen Bradley & Jake Ringl; Victor Rizzo, Pension member, 68 year IBEW membership; Julian Scorzelli, Pension member, 23 Year IBEW membership; Edward Shaw, Pension member, 44 year IBEW membership; and Michael Skowronski, Journeyman Inside Wireman.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the families on their loss.

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**KALAMAZOO** – The next **General Membership Meeting** will be held on Aug. 7, at 6 p.m. The next **Renew meeting** will be held on Aug. 7, at 5 p.m. The next **Executive Board meeting** will be held on Aug. 21, at 5 p.m.

**Retiree Lunches** at the following locations:  
 Aug. 16, LaRue's, 6375 Stadium Dr. Kalamazoo, MI. 11 a.m.  
 Sept. 20, Robin's Nest 28640 M-40 Hwy. Paw Paw, MI. @11:00.

Every Tuesday, a smaller group of Retirees meets at Uncle Ernie's Pancake House, 4005 Portage St., Kalamazoo, MI 49001 @ 10 a.m.

On the last Friday of each month a group of retirees and others meet at Jac's Cekola's Pizza, 3112 South Ninth Street, Kalamazoo, MI. 49009 @11:30.

**Picnic** on July 29, 2023. The location is at River Oaks Park in Galesburg. From 11 to 3, Lunch will be served from 12 to 2. RSVP, please call the hall and leave your name. The postcard was mailed, it should be used to cover parking at the park.

**Bounty Program** is available. When a member recruits a new journeyman-level member who works 500-hours, and has completed the Multi-District Journeyman Wireman Examination, the recruiting member receives a \$500 bounty. When the same member works a total of 2000-hours, and attends the local's new member orientation class, the recruiting member will receive an additional \$500 bounty. When a member recruits a new CE level member who works 500-hours, and has completed the Multi-District Journeyman Wireman Examination, the recruiting member receives a \$500 bounty. When the same new member works a total of 2000 hours, and attends the local's new member orientation class, the recruiting will receive member an additional \$500 bounty.

The **Work Outlook** continues to be steady. We have calls available. Moore, Hi-Tech, KEI all have crews working on the Pfizer site. Gurtz is still working on the MAPS Project and plans to be there until the fall. Martell Electric has expanded into many school jobs. Flemington Instrumentation has work until November on the MAPS project. Gun Lake Casino Hotel and Water Dome look like a fall project, the steel is starting to go up. Moore Electric is working on the new Justice Facility. Nitro Electric has the Vicksburg School project. There are open calls in the hall.

At the time of this writing, the following members are three months or more behind in counter dues payments: Jacob Baughman, Nicholas Blaslike, Christopher Conforti, Peter Deutsch, Russell McBride, Jacob McPherson, Nic McKenna, Mark Melching, Thomas Pickett, Richard Riley, Doug Robb, Justin Sowash, and William Wolgast.

**American Income Life Accidental Death Benefit.** Recently you may have received a letter in the mail regarding the \$3000 Accidental Death & Dismemberment benefit available through a partnership with the IBEW and American Income Life. All active and retired members are eligible for this benefit. The letter states that you need to return the enclosed yellow card to qualify and name your beneficiary. Please note you are **NOT REQUIRED** to return this card to name your beneficiary; the beneficiaries you have on file at the hall are sufficient. The \$3000 benefit would be paid to your named beneficiary, not to your estate.

American Income Life does offer other policies and services. If you are interested in having a representative contact you to discuss available options, you may return the yellow card in the paid envelope provided. If you have questions, please contact the hall at 269-382-1762.

**On June 1<sup>st</sup>** Wilson-McShane will establish a new website ([www.michiganelectrical.org](http://www.michiganelectrical.org)) for Michigan Benefits. MEEHP, WEX and 131 Pension Plan will be found there. If you have not received your WEX (Continued next column)



# IBEW LOCAL 252

**IBEW Local 252**  
**ANN ARBOR – SOLAR:** The Biden Administration's investment in infrastructure and renewable energy generation is going to result in massive amounts of labor hours for all of the building trades. Please take advantage of the continuing education courses offered at our training center to help secure this work and show our commitment to this scope.

**BE SURE TO KEEP BENEFICIARY FORM UPDATED:** A friendly reminder that beneficiary forms are available at the fund office AND at the hall for anyone that may need to update beneficiary information. If your information needs to be updated, it needs to be updated at **BOTH TRAINING CLASSES 2023: ALL CLASSES START AT 5:00 PM**

**CPR/FIRST AID:** Tuesdays, June 6, 13, September 5, 12, December 5, 12.  
**Photovoltaics:** Mondays, July 24 thru August 28.

**Instrumentation Part A:** Mondays, September 11 thru December 18.

**Master License Prep:** Mondays, September 11, 18, 25, October 2, 9, 16.

**EVITP:** Tuesdays, September 12, 26, October 10.  
**BICSITE350:** dates TBD if enough interest.

Will there be a code update required in 2023? We will offer classes as soon as the state adopts a new NEC 2020 or 2023.

There is a \$50 fee to hold a spot in all classes except First Aid/CPR. You must register one week prior to class start date. Call the Training Center at (734) 475-1180 to register.

**Local 252 Picnic:** This year's picnic will be held at the Apple Creek Campground, 11185 Urban Rd, Grass Lake, MI 49240 at noon on August 19, 2023. More information to follow. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Dan Beck at (810) 858-0033.

**Union4Life Charity Golf Outing: \*Please note new date\***

This year's annual golf outing will be held on Saturday, August 26, 2023 at Timber Trace Golf Club, One Champions Circle, Pinckney, MI 48169. 8 a.m. registration, 9 a.m. tee off. Teams of 4 are \$400, or \$100/person and includes 18 holes of golf, lunch and dinner, a 50/50 Raffle and a Silent Auction. All proceeds benefit the University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center's Breast Cancer Research Fund. Register online at [www.union4lifefund.org](http://www.union4lifefund.org) or contact the training center: (734) 475-1180.

**Retirees' Night: This year's retirees' night will be celebrated on Wednesday, September 13, 2023.** Please make every effort to attend. This meeting is in honor of our retired members who have worked so hard to make the Local what it is today.

Members receiving their 50 year pins are: John Minick, John Bishop, William Shaw, Brian Chenoweth, Michael Lowery, William Porter, Otis Rodgers, Gino Gabriele, Donald Stout, and Robert Kosky.

Members receiving their 55-year pins are: John Miskovic, Leon Steers, Russell Southwell, Timothy Whitesall, James Higgins, George Mitchell, Gary Wencel, Donald B. Brown, William F. Clark, James Hopper, and Donald Byrd.

Members receiving their 60 year pins are: William Pepper, Richard Shaw, David Tumey, and

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Joseph Bianco. Members receiving their 65 year pins are: Ronald D. Smith, Gerald F. Fisher, and Thomas Graham.

**Retirees' Card Game:** The first Thursday of every month Local 252 and UA 190 retirees meet at the Union Hall for card games and donuts. The games start at 9 a.m. Please come join the fun.

**Retirees' Breakfast:** The Retirees' Breakfast will take place the second Wednesday of each month at 8:00 a.m. at Leo's Coney Island, 160 South Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103. There is parking and entrances in both the front and rear of the restaurant.

**M.U.S.T DRUG TESTING:** Please make sure your MUST drug testing is current as you cannot work on a U of M project or several other projects in the jurisdiction without being current. Local 252 has a zero tolerance for alcohol or drug use.

**ERTS:** Please make sure that you are signed up in the Electronic Reciprocity Transfer System. You must be signed up in ERTS before working outside of Local 252's jurisdiction or your benefits will not be transferred back.

**Aflac Insurance:** Aflac has teamed up with the IBEW to offer its members Aflac benefits at a reduced rate. Contact Representative Lisa Enerson for information about Accident, Cancer, Critical Care, Dental and Vision insurance from Aflac. Phone number: (517) 306-0144.

**AT&T Discount:** Union members can save up to 15% on the monthly service charges of qualified wireless plans, or unlimited calling for \$15/mo. for AT&T Wireless Home Phone plans. Visit [UnionPlus.org/ATT](http://UnionPlus.org/ATT) with discount code 4924966.

**RETIREMENT:** NEBF and applications take 3 months to process but can be filled out as early as 6 months before your planned retirement effective date. IBEW PBF applications usually take 3 months to process but are running a couple months behind.

IBEW PBF applications can be filled out 6 months before your planned retirement date. If you are nearing retirement, please contact Alana at the Union Hall to start your paperwork at least 3-6 months before your planned retirement date. You will be asked to submit copies of social security cards, birth certificates, marriage certificate, divorce decrees, etc. for you and your spouse with your applications. For a full list of required documents please contact the Union Hall.

**NOTICE TO RETIREES: If your 50-year commemorative watch stops working for any reason please contact the hall.**

**CREDIT CARDS:** The Local is now accepting credit cards to pay union dues. We accept Visa, Master Card, American Express and Discover. There is a fee of 3.5% to use your card.

**UNION DUES FOR 2023:** Effective Jan. 1, 2023, union dues for "A" members will increase to \$131.25 per quarter. Union dues for "BA" members will increase to \$67.80 per quarter for 2023.

**DUES PAYMENTS** – Please look at your dues receipt. If your dues paid through date shows 6/2023, your dues are not current. "A" members pay \$131.25 per quarter for 2023. "BA" members pay \$67.80 per quarter for 2023. Please mail your check to 7920 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Your second quarter dues (April thru June) are due now.

**Payments for third quarter dues will be accepted no later than 11:30 A.M. on Friday, September 29, 2023.**

**Future Dues Increases: Effective January 1, 2024:** A Members will pay \$134.25 per quarter.

**Effective January 1, 2025:** A Members will pay \$140.25 per quarter.

**Effective January 1, 2026:** A Members will pay \$143.25 per quarter.



## IBEW LOCAL 948

### IBEW Local 948

FLINT – Our August Union Meeting will be held on Monday, August 14th, 2023, at 6:00pm.

Our August Executive Board Meeting will be held on Monday, Aug. 28, 2023, at 4:30 pm.

The Next Retiree Club Meeting will be Tuesday Aug. 1, at 9 am  
**Party Committee** - The Party Committee will be starting monthly meetings soon. For any and all questions and interest in involvement, please contact President Phillip Steel.

**AFL Educational Meetings** - Attention all members. Before every monthly meeting at 5 PM, our hall will be hosting educational meetings presented by the AFL - CIO. These meetings aim to further educate our members on core regulations, acts, and laws that play a key role in our careers. For any questions or concerns please contact Jenny Wallace.

**Book Signing** - For any members looking to sign our books please refer to our hotline at (810) 767-3308 Ext #5 or report directly to the hall.

**Work Outlook** - Our work outlook is steady with a gradual increase in calls projected throughout the Summer into early Fall. The GM Truck and Bus plant will be receiving a large portion of work including expansions on the body shop as well as the engine plant. The YMCA in downtown Flint will be receiving a remodel as well as a public park located nearby. We are still waiting on further details as to the status of a Costco and a La Fontaine dealership that will be built. For further details on job information please ensure the hall has your email address for our job calls and re-signs.

**Dues Reminder** - Members, please ensure your dues are paid in full. For any questions, concerns, or payments please see Jenny Wallace or call the main office at (810) 767-3308.

**Seeking New Membership** - As always, we are actively seeking to organize new membership. For any questions, concerns, or interest please contact Organizer Kellogg Dipzinski.

**Cars 108 Partnership** - We would like to thank our friends at Cars 108 for the opportunity to be a part of Cars Cares for Kids rooftop sit event and we look forward to attending future events. Charities were raised for Whaley's Children's Center, Voices for Children, as well as The Hurley Children's Miracle Network.

**Summer Help Program** - To the members of our summer help program; congratulations and good luck. We look forward to working with you all and we hope to see you during the next round of interviews.

**Corunna Youth Football** - Thank you to the membership for sponsoring the Corunna Schools football team. The donation was used to buy new pads for the year and will go far in assisting them throughout the season.

**Event Turnout** - At our recent events there was a thrilling turnout from the membership. Thank you to all members that were able to attend the Tigers Game Day event as well as our Back to the Bricks membership tent. We look forward to your participation in the near future.

**New Store Stock** - To all members interested, we have new merchandise at our hall. New stock includes shirts, hoodies, hats, and other apparel. For any questions or purchases please contact Jenny Wallace.

**New Apprentices** - We would like to congratulate our newest class of apprentices and extend our warmest welcome. We look forward to working with you all. With that our latest class of Journeyman Wireman will be graduating. We will be holding a formal ceremony at the hall for them at our next monthly membership meeting. Good luck to all of you and make us proud.

**New Membership** - Welcome to our latest member, Kendall Betteridge II. We look forward to working with you and hope to see you in the field.

**Retirees** - Congratulations to Brian Godfrey on your pension application. The membership would like to wish you a healthy and relaxing retirement.



## IBEW LOCAL 557

### IBEW 557

SAGINAW – **Union News**- Hello Sisters and Brothers! Hope you guys have been enjoying the sun, surf and family turf! This week is the first ever Womens IBEW conference down at Local 58/Detroit Motor City Casino. Very excited to meet all the sisters and allies! Thank you again to our local for allowing me the chance to attend. Can't wait to learn all the things.

**The Rich Urbany Celebration of Life is July 29 from 2-6pm. This event will be held at 3901 Hanes Road, Vassar. If you would like to include a photo or memory, please submit them to savannah.powell329@gmail.com. Thank you.**

As everyone is aware, we are packed with work this summer. Some calls in our own local have been hard to fill. In most cases, ya'll know someone on the nonunion side in the electrical field. Now would be a great time to reach out and see if they want to switch sides. Talk to these people about your personal awesome experience in the IBEW. Let them know how good our benefits are. Local 557's new member incentive program is still up and running. Could mean some added bonus for you. And them. The Hall and our organizer Gus are always willing to talk with anyone at anytime about all we have to offer at 557.

**IMPORTANT- The Wilson-McShane switch over for benefits administration is still continuing.** Visit [www.michiganelectrical.org](http://www.michiganelectrical.org) to create your new member portal profile. If you'd rather call, their phone number is 855-633-4584. So far, members who've contacted WMC have had positive experiences. New cards for members special funds have been sent out. Hang tight if you're having issues. Patience is still needed through this process.

With the new apprentices out, I sincerely hope you guys have given them fun nicknames by now. If not, do better (HaHa).

**MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**- Our next meeting is August 1 at 5:30pm at the Hall. Come hang out and have a tall water with old friends!

**MICHIGAN INITIATIVE- Please contact Brother Gus Voisine for any organizing issues you see or have.** If our members have any questions or see sketchy people in our jurisdiction, they can reach out to him on his cell: 989-941-8046.

**UNION HALL OPERATIONS**- Normal Business Hours are M-F 7-4:30pm. Come in and say hi to Renee!

**BOOK SIGNING**- If you are a Local 557 member and receive a lay-off, please come to the hall and sign Book 1 in-person. Many Locals throughout the State of Michigan will continue to accept fax/email initial book signings. If you are interested in this reciprocated benefit and would like to be on some out-of-town Books, please call the hall to arrange this.

**WORK OUTLOOK**- Business is strong ladies and gentlemen! Theils' is over there killing it at the new Saginaw United High School. Alma schools, St. Louis schools, and Hemlock schools are all going full steam. There's even some OT work at the wind farm, Dow Events Center, and the Solar Farm in Alma for MJ Electric. OT took a dive over at Handly and Van Herweg.

**HEALTH CARE**- Don't forget to schedule your annual physical with your doctor. By completing your annual physical, you could catch a health concern early and also help keep the cost of health care down. Registering on the Blue Cross/Blue Shield website is highly recommended. Please take the time to visit [www.bcbsm.com](http://www.bcbsm.com). Upon registering you can take the Free Health Assessment test and find instant results that can lead to living a healthy lifestyle.

**BLUE CROSS APP**- Download the Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan app for your smartphone. Search for "BCBSM" on the Google Play app or Apple store. Benefits to utilizing the app include: instant access to EOBs, a virtual ID card on your phone, information on deductibles, explanations of coverage and other helpful tips related to your Health Care coverage. EOBs can be downloaded to smart phones or computers and used to substantiate WEX receipt request.

**WEX APP**- You will need to download the new WEX app

for your phone. Search for "MI IBEW Special Fund" in the Google or Apple store. After doing this step, it will work the same as the old app, only more efficiently.

**JOB CALLS**- Please stay vigilant checking the Job Line if you are seeking work. **All work calls for the day will be available on the Job Line after 4:30 pm. IF YOU ARE SEEKING WORK don't forget to CALL 989-781-0516, option 3.**

**STAY CURRENT ON DUES** Please check to see if you are current. The Hall has the ability to accept credit cards and also E-checks. The credit card service can accept payments for dues, merchandise, apprentice book payments and other purchases. There is a convenience fee to use either service. Both payment methods to pay dues can also be accomplished over the phone to ensure you are current.

**CONTACT NUMBERS**- Michigan Electrical Employee Pension fund and Michigan Health Plan (855)633-4584. Website is: [www.michiganelectrical.org](http://www.michiganelectrical.org)  
*In Solidarity,*  
*B. R. DePottey, PS / Registrar*



### IBEW 445

BATTLE CREEK – **First Year Apprentice Initiation** is scheduled for August 14, 2023. All First Years are expected to attend. Everyone, please mark your calendar to show Solidarity to the new members. This is an exciting time for them, so show your support!

**IBEW Local 445 Annual Picnic** is scheduled for September 9, 2023. Mark your calendars. More info to follow.

**New Officer Training** is scheduled for September 25, 2023. All Officers are expected to attend.

**General Membership Meeting** is the second Monday of each month and starts at 5:00 p.m. at the Hall.

**Personal information.** Please keep your address, phone number and email address up to date at the Hall. Also, contact the Hall with marriages, births of children and divorces. You have a limited time frame to add/remove dependents. Beneficiary cards and forms are also available at the Hall if you need to update them.

**Executive Board E-Board** meets the fourth Monday of each month starting at 4:30 p.m.

**Wilson-McShane** has replaced TIC1 for our benefit administration as of June 1, 2023. Please have a little patience as the transition has had some bumps that they are smoothing out. You can visit [www.michiganelectrical.org](http://www.michiganelectrical.org) to create a new account under the Member Portal tab. You should have received new WEX cards that are white. Please dispose of the old blue cards as they will no longer work.

**Retiree Breakfast:** The Retiree monthly breakfast at 9am at Lux Café at 2587 Capital Ave SW. Mark your calendar for the third Thursday of each month to attend.

**Local Website** - Please check the Local 445 website for the latest information, including job postings. The Local 445 web address is [IBEW445.com](http://IBEW445.com).  
*Respectfully Submitted,*  
*Wanda Secest*  
*Recording Secretary*

*"A strong conviction that something must be done is the parent of many bad measures."*  
-Daniel Webster (1782 - 1852)

*"Have regard for your name, since it will remain for you longer than a great store of gold."*  
-Ecclesiasticus

*"Be courteous to all, but intimate with few; and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence."*  
-George Washington (1732 - 1799)

*"Laugh and the world laughs with you, snore and you sleep alone."*  
-Anthony Burgess (1917- 1993)



## IBEW Local 692

### IBEW 692

BAY CITY – **Union Meeting.** The August monthly membership meeting will be held at 6:00 P.M. on **Monday, August 7, 2023.**

**Executive Board Meeting.** The August Executive Board Meeting will be held at 6:00 P.M. on **Monday, August 21, 2023.**

**Message from the Business Manager.** After many years of our members not receiving the service they deserve from our third-party administrator for our health insurance, a change has been made. Effective June 1, TIC was replaced by Wilson – McShane. It is my belief at this time that Wilson – McShane will give our members the service they deserve regarding both our Health Plan and Pension Plan. You should have been notified by US mail regarding this change. Please be very careful when going through your mail not to throw out important new Health or Pension documents coming from Wilson – McShane.

**Work Report.** Ongoing projects in our jurisdiction that may require additional manpower include:

-Nelson Electric (Currently) GM Powertrain - Many more projects to come at Powertrain. Mt. Pleasant Schools Fire Alarm -J. Ranck Electric – continuing work on phase 2 of the SK Siltron semi-conductor chip manufacturing facility. Ranck Electric has also secured the Balance of System work on a Solar Farm in Gladwin County. Calls coming soon.

-Newkirk Electric also has a solar project near Mio. Calls coming soon.

-Master Electric has the new Isabella County Jail.

-Countyline Power is wrapping up at Robinson Industries in Coleman. Countyline has secured Airport Work as well the Michigan Sugar De-Sugarization Project and also a project at the Mt. Pleasant Water Treatment facility.

-Clements Electric is finishing up at Northpointe Distribution Center (Frito Lay). Independence Bridge work continues along with Bay Carbon Project just kicking off.

-Conti Many projects inside I -Park (DOW) also on site at Mio Dam.

- Escon has secured a nice project at Mersen USA in Bay City's south end.

Rest assured both organizers and myself are working very diligently to secure whatever work is being bid in our jurisdiction for our membership. Detroit, Ann Arbor and Lansing are currently having many calls getting into Book II if you are looking for work. Please contact the hall if you would like to sign any books.

*In Solidarity,*  
*Ryan Charney*  
*Business Manager / Financial Secretary*

**Organizers Report.** Applications for apprenticeship are accepted in-person every first and third Wednesday at the Bay City Electrical Apprenticeship Training Center during regular business hours. There is currently no application fee. Please feel free to share this information with anyone who may be interested in applying. As more members become eligible for retirement, we must continue to train and recruit the next generation of qualified electrical workers.

As always, 692 Organizers continue to visit jobsites within our jurisdiction to speak with unrepresented electricians, building relationships and discussing the opportunities that exist by joining our Brotherhood. We should never lose sight of the organizing mission that guided the birth and growth of the IBEW. Our founders built a strong union by organizing all qualified workers, which allows us to achieve higher union density and ultimately increases our bargaining power during negotiations.

If you know any unrepresented workers in our industry, please reach out to them and share your experiences as an IBEW member. There is a pathway to IBEW membership available to all workers in our industry. Opportunities for newly organized members to immediately be referred out to work is as good as it has ever been in recent memory. We need to make the most of this period of open calls for workers.

Contact Bay City JATC Director Stephen Pahl or instructor Casey Stoike (989.686.4890) if you would like to register for EVITP (Electrical Vehicle In-

frastructure Training Program). This is a free online course which offers certification in charging station design, calculations, and installations. As EVs continue to make up a larger share of our automotive future, it is important that the IBEW has its highly skilled workforce trained in this new technology.

Feel free to contact agents if you are interested in up-to-date work reports or if you'd like to register on out-of-work lists. Saginaw (summer school 40s, wind tower OT), Lansing, Detroit, Ann Arbor, and West Michigan all have seen open calls in the past few weeks. Local 692 expects more calls at various projects in mid-July.

Brian Klele 989.252.9225  
[bklele@ibew692.com](mailto:bklele@ibew692.com)

Brendon Baranek  
989.327.4131 [bbaranek@ibew692.com](mailto:bbaranek@ibew692.com)

**Union Dues.** PLEASE NOTE: The Delegates of the 40<sup>th</sup> IBEW International Convention held in May of 2022 approved a per capita increase of \$2.00 as well as a \$2.00 increase paid into the Pension Benefit Fund (PBF).

Therefore, effective January 1, 2023, monthly dues will increase to **\$45.20** per month.

If you have automatic bill pay from your bank or credit union, please make sure to notify them of the increase.

Dues can be paid via phone, on-line, by mail or automatic withdrawal from your bank account. *Please note when using a credit card for payments there will be a 2% charge applied.*

**2023 Dues**  
**Monthly \$45.20 • Quarterly \$135.60 • 6 months \$271.20 • Yearly \$542.40**

*To avoid a reinstatement fee, please remember to keep your dues current.*

**Death Benefits.** We regret to inform you of the death of retired Brother Bobby Hulon, Card Number D501424, who passed away on July 9, 2023. Brother Hulon was born on July 4, 1949 (74 years old). He was initiated on March 5, 1979. Bobby resided in Bay City.

**Please note effective January 1, 2023, death benefits have increased from \$5.00 to \$10.00 #342**

Local death fund assessment **\$10.00 each** (due within 30 days) payable to:

IBEW Local 692, 1300 W. Thomas, Bay City, MI 48706

**American Income Life**  
**American Death Benefit.** The second mailing has gone out recently regarding the \$3,000 Accidental Death & Dismember-

ment benefit available through a partnership with the IBEW and American Income Life. All active and retired members are eligible for this benefit.

The letter states that you need to return the enclosed yellow card in order to qualify and name your beneficiary. Please note you are **NOT REQUIRED** to return this card in order to name your beneficiary; the beneficiaries you have on file at the hall are sufficient. The \$3,000 benefit would be paid to your named beneficiary, not to your estate

American Income Life does offer other policies and services. If you are interested in having a representative contact you to discuss available options, you may return the yellow card in the postage paid envelope provided.

If you have any questions, please contact the hall at 989-684-4510.

**Retirees Lunch.** The next retiree lunch is scheduled for 1:00 PM on Thursday, August 17 at the Auburn Hotel, located at 101 W. Midland Road in Auburn.

**RENEW.** It is the goal of the RENEW committee to increase younger members' involvement in their local union. If you are a member in good standing, 35 years old or younger and would like to participate in 692's RENEW committee, please contact Cody (989.600.4643) for more information. RENEW meetings are held once a month following our general membership meeting.

**Fringe Benefits.** REMINDER: if you have recently been married, divorced, had children, etc. make sure your beneficiaries have been updated accordingly. Beneficiary forms can be obtained from the hall.

**REMINDER:** If you contact the Health Plan Office about going on short term disability, it is important for you to notify the Hall as well. A copy of your paperwork will need to be submitted to the Hall for your file. This will also freeze your position on the out of work list.

Effective June 1, our third-party administrator (TIC) has been replaced by Wilson – McShane. Here is updated contact information for the Health Plan & Pension Fund:

**Important links & numbers.**

**Health Plan & Pension Fund** 855-633-4584  
[www.michiganelectrical.org](http://www.michiganelectrical.org)  
NEBF/ NEAP: 301-556-4300  
IO Pension: 202-833-7000

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Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.

Attorneys J.B. Bieske and Jennifer Alfonsi have 55 years combined experience representing only Social Security disability clients. And they personally meet with all clients and appear themselves at all court hearings. Many large firms assign inexperienced attorneys to your case. And some of these firms are located thousands of miles away and only fly the attorney in the day of the court hearing. Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi have vast experience before local Michigan judges.

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.

Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. They maintains offices in Sterling Heights, Livonia, Southgate and Novi. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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IBEW 498  
TRAVERSE CITY – Meetings.

**Regular E Board-** The next regularly scheduled E-Board meeting is set for Monday, August 14th, 2023 @ 5:30pm.

**Regular Meeting** – The next regularly scheduled membership meeting is scheduled for 7pm Monday, August 14th, 2023.

**Property Company meeting** – Our annual property company meeting will be held immediately prior to the regular union meeting on Aug 14, 2023.

**Solidarity Picnic-** We have a volunteer to do the picnics before the meetings! That being said, plan on hamburgers, hot dogs and a side dish for a meal before the next regular meeting. Food will be served at about 6:30 directly in front of the meeting.

**Wilson McShane transition update** – Everything is proceeding with implementation. There will be some adjustments as we go, so if you are on the website and have some ideas, please call the hall and let us know. We have also had some discrepancies with health plan contributions for retirees, you will be getting another letter to address the issue. Please keep the calls coming to the hall, I relay them directly to Wilson McShane to get resolved, so the more questions we get, the sooner we get them resolved.

**Union Officers-** I would like to thank all of the officers from the past term. The jobs you do as officers are a thankless task, but without your participation the local would not be able to operate. I would also like to thank the members that stayed for an additional term as well as all of those that took the time to vote in the Local Union Election.

**Resale Items** – We still have some Local 498 Challenge Coins left at the hall for your purchase. They are \$10.00 each. We also have Local 498 t-shirt, and Beanie Hats for resale. Proud Union Home signs are in and available at the hall. Free to members in good standing.

**Retiree breakfast-** Several of the retirees meet at Sparky's Diner off of South Airport Rd. every Monday morning at 9am. So if you are retired or not and want to join in the conversations and possibly some old wives tales or other embellished stories, show up at Sparky's.

**EVITP** – Please call the JATC and get signed up for your EVITP training. There are state and federal requirements for all workers that are on Electrical Vehicle Infrastructure projects to have this training. Tim will get you set up if you call him, it is an online class and a proctored exam at the hall when completing the class. There is \$100 deposit for the class refunded on completion. So far we have two Journeyman that have completed the training. Please consider getting this important training if you want to be eligible to work on these projects when they are available.

**Scholarship** – Past charter member Brother Bob Dost has a scholarship 'Robert Paul Dost Scholarship Endowment' for High School seniors in the 5-county area around Traverse City. To access it go to [www.gtrcf.org/scholarships/](http://www.gtrcf.org/scholarships/). Local 498 Union members' children get preference to the endowment. A huge thank you in Memory of Bob Dost for his generosity and being a great union member.

**Service Pins** – Service Pins are still available at the union hall for those members who have not received them. Stop by and get yours today!

**Made in America Websites** – [www.theunionbootpro.com](http://www.theunionbootpro.com) - 100% American made/union made. Union member discounts 27% off. Use this code when ordering. Be0498mD or order toll free 1-800-723-5384.

**Email Addresses** - Any member that would like to have Local 498 forward communication to them from the International, Local 498, AFL-CIO or the Building Trades, to help stay informed to current events, politics, contracts, work, etc. Please call or email your current email address to Local 498 at [ibew@local498.net](mailto:ibew@local498.net) Thank you!

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**IBEW**  
**LOCAL**  
**906**

IBEW 906  
UPPER PENINSULA – MEETINGS

**MARQUETTE UNIT** – First Tuesday  
**IRON MOUNTAIN UNIT** – Second Tuesday

**ESCANABA UNIT** – Second Wednesday  
Local 906 will be holding a General Membership Meeting

September 9th at 1:00 pm at the Escanaba hall located at 1219 1st Avenue S.

If you are interested in helping with Labor Day floats please contact the hall.

35 year pins: Tom Momicolovik, Michael Bibski

45 year pins: Randy Ruppel, Loren Reetz

40 year pins: Tony Casanova

25 year pins: Steven Vollmer, Robert Shardlow, Martin Pinter, Thomas Pakonen, Steven Moreau, Russell Kingren, Paul Kaplewski, Dennis Husar, John Bloomquist, Danne Yaklyurch

20 year pins: Seth Chouinard

10 year pins: Nathaniel Dunlap, Eric Nees

5 year pins: Dean Cazzola, Trent Harvala, Dean Jarosh, Andrew Johnson, Phil-lip Kirkwood, Ryan Krueger, Nathan Mann, Joshua Morrison, John Sliva, Erik Voskuhl, Christopher Tryan

If you wish to review hours or Health Plan information for self-payments, births etc., the site is [michiganelectrical.org](http://michiganelectrical.org). Again any problems with the insurance the Business Manager has the lead.

Reminder: monthly dues are now \$45.00. Please make timely dues payments to avoid any lapse in death benefits.

Please remember that address changes and phone changes along with new additions to the families need to be passed on to the Hall and the Pension and Health Plans.

If you have any information you would like to see noted in this article or something you believe should be published please email the Hall with your request. [ibew906@gmail.com](mailto:ibew906@gmail.com)

**Important numbers for you to write in your address book:**

**MEEHP (Health)** 1-855-633-4584 Fax# 1-952-854-1632 Website: [www.michiganelectrical.org](http://www.michiganelectrical.org)

**MEEPP (MI Pension)** 1-855-633-4584  
(New address Michigan Pension and Health Plan) 3001 Metro Drive Suite 500, Bloomington, MN 55425

NEBF 1-301-556-4300

NEAP 1-301-556-4300

IO Pension 1-202-833-7000

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Please remember it is your responsibility to pay your dues on time.

Remember to check the hall recorder at night after 4:00pm for any jobs that might be available. 231-943-4980 ext. 2#



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**MEEPP (MI Pension)** 1-855-633-4584  
(New address Michigan Pension and Health Plan) 3001 Metro Drive Suite 500, Bloomington, MN 55425

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**Local 275**



**District Council 1M MICHIGAN**

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WARREN – Dear Members, **DC1M WEBSITE:** [www.iupatdclmichigan.org](http://www.iupatdclmichigan.org) **DC1M FACEBOOK:** [www.facebook.com/iupat1m](http://www.facebook.com/iupat1m) **DC 1M UNION CARDS\***

Any questions regarding a lost, damaged Union cards, or have dues inquiries or have not received a card please contact the DC1M offices at:

**WARREN OFFICE:** (586)552-4474 extension 100  
**FREELAND OFFICE:** (989) 695-6888

**FTI of the GREAT LAKES INSTRUCTOR POSITION Local 357 and Local 826:**

FTI of the Great Lakes is looking for a part time Glazing instructor at our Lansing Training Center. Members of Glaziers Local 357 & 826 should apply. Anyone interested should submit their resume to Shawn O'Neill at [dot@iupatdcm.org](mailto:dot@iupatdcm.org) or (517) 304-4425

**SICKNESS AND DEATH**  
It is with a heavy heart we announce the passing of:

Local 2352 James Kaneris, Ray Campaonni, and Earl Siler

Local 2353 Arthur Barton

Local 1803 Randy Hunyor

Local 826 Randy Swix

Local 357 Stephen Mott III

Local 514 Larry Harris

Local 845 Jeffrey Christiansen

Please keep our fallen brothers and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

**PAINTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL 1M SMART PHONE APP.** Painters District Council 1M is pleased to announce its' all new APP; For IPHONE go to IOS store; For ANDROID got to Google Playstore; Search for "Painters and Allied Trades" download APP

Username: your member id# Password: painters

With this APP you can access training classes, Local Union meeting times and dates, receive alerts, and communications from your Union, etc.

**GET INVOLVED, PARTICIPATE IN YOUR UNION! OUT OF WORK/ BACK TO WORK:** To keep work placement efficient, please notify the office when you are laid off or going back to work.

Warren office# is 586-552-4474 or Freeland office# is 989-695-6888. New job starts should be reported to the Union office, please do so.

Get involved. Work smart. Work safe.

**Sign, Pictorial & Display Local 591**

WARREN – The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 1, at 6:30p.m. Trustees and union stewards meet at 6:20 p.m.

Members must be in good standing (dues up to date) with District Council I app or receipt of paid dues to attend meeting

Anyone possessing a union membership and who willingly works at a nonunion shop doing union work can have charges preferred against them under Sec. 16.4, and 19.8 of the District Council By-laws

Any questions on local union issues, please call Jeremy Haviland at 586-899-0183, your Business Representative.

Questions pertaining to Local 591 Pension Fund issues call 248-645-6550 and/or Health Care issues call 248-358-3340 or 800-482-8736 which will then be answered directly through fund office.

**OUT OF WORK/ BACK TO WORK:** procedure for out of and back to work: When laid off or going back to work, call the office. 586-552-4474

IBEW 275  
COOPERSVILLE – The work picture continues to pick up and shows no signs of slowing down soon. Newkirk has steadily been putting in calls for their portion of the Holland Battery plant, and we expect Electrical Insights to start manning up for the same project soon. If you are on the road working, please consider coming home to help man the local's work. Call the recorder each night to avoid missing a call you may be interested in as other

contractors have been looking for manpower as well.  
Our new benefits administrator, Wilson-McShane now has the website up and running for the pension and health care. Please log on to: [michiganelectrical.org](http://michiganelectrical.org) and click on the "Member Portal" (on the left side of the screen) to begin the steps to register your account.  
The Local 275 annual picnic is just around the corner! There will be multiple raffles and a 50/50, so please bring plenty

of cash! If you are interested in helping with this event, please call Geoff Yonkers at the Hall. RSVP's have gone out through the mail, please get those in by Friday, July 28th if you plan to attend.  
At the time of this writing the following members are three months or more behind on dues: Damien Kegllovitz, David Lebeck, Eric McCoy and Tom Clark. Please make every effort to become current with your dues as soon as you can.



**District Council 1M MICHIGAN**

**District Council 1M Business Manager:** Robert Gonzalez

**Meeting date:** 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m., with the Executive Board meeting at 6 p.m.  
**Place:** 14587 Barber Ave, Warren MI 48088 & 419 S. Washington Ave, Lansing MI 48933

**Local Union 312 Business Rep:** Tim Schwerin  
**Meeting date:** 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

**Local Union 514 Business Rep:** Scott Mikulen  
**Meeting dates:** 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

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**Local Union 845 Business Rep** – Fred Frederickson  
**Meeting date:** 1st Thursday of every month at 7 p.m.

**Local Union 1052 Business Rep** – Jake Fluty  
**Meeting date:** The Fourth Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m

**Local Union 1803 Business Rep:** Josh Ovalle  
**Meeting date:** 4th Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m.

**Local Union 2352 Business Rep:** Jeremy Haviland  
**Meeting Date:** 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

**Local Union 2353 Business Rep:** Tony Parker  
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**Laborers, transportation trades blast GOP's infrastructure cuts**

**By Mark Gruenberg Press Associates Staff Writer**

PHILADELPHIA (PAI) – In just two weeks, thanks to federal infrastructure funds from legislation last year – and coordination by state, federal, local officials plus round-the-clock work from union trades – the collapsed I-95 bridge in Philadelphia was replaced and reopened, thus solving a major transportation bottleneck in the Northeast U.S.

But if the House's ruling Republicans have their way, in the transportation money bill they're considering before Congress skedaddles out of town for its August recess, not only would the Philly repair not have been finished so fast, it might not have even begun.

That's because the measure cuts highway repair and replacement funds so much that the new projects last year's infrastructure and jobs measure OKs would be brought to a halt, or not start at all.

That's one dismal prospect, along with deeper slashes in money for Amtrak and a 58 percent cut in money for the Federal Railroad Administration, just when that agency deals with demands to re-regulate the railroads after the disastrous February freight train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio.

The combination of cuts led the Laborers and the AFL-CIO Transportation Trades Department to protest House passage of multi-billion-dollar measure funding the Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Departments for fiscal 2024, which starts Oct. 1.

"The proposed cuts to physical infrastructure are irresponsible and will result in fewer jobs, more congestion, and less healthy communities. Unfortunately, the appropriations process has been hijacked by partisan extremists and LIUNA will work to see that these cuts are rejected," Laborers Legislative Director David Mallino e-mailed Press Associates Union News Service.

"We cannot ignore the likely loss of thousands of construction, operations, and maintenance sector jobs," if the Republican funding bill passes, said TTD President Greg Regan and Secretary-Treasurer Shari Semelsberger in a joint statement.

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astating funding cuts to public transit, passenger rail, federal grant programs, and other critical infrastructure projects would significantly hamstring the progress of the historic investments in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

"In 2021, Congress made a promise to the American people we would finally get our transportation infrastructure back on track after decades of neglect. Now, Republican leadership is pulling the rug out from under their own constituents who will suffer the economic and quality-of-life impacts of these cuts," the two leaders wrote on July 18.

Regan and Semelsberger found three positives in the transportation bill: More money to hire and train 1,800 new air traffic controllers – which still wouldn't solve the entire shortfall the Air Traffic Controllers previously identified – and "continued support of maritime and tanker security programs.

"But we cannot ignore the disastrous funding cuts for transit, passenger rail, construction grants, and other critical infrastructure projects," they wrote.

"House Republicans...renege on their commitment to their colleagues across the aisle," Regan continued in a separate statement. "They abandoned Congress's commitment to transform our transportation infrastructure through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The funding cuts proposed in this bill would significantly hamstring the progress of the historic, bipartisan investments in infrastructure made under the leadership of President Biden, undermining the commitment Congress made to creating good jobs and improving the lives of all Americans.

"If this bill as written became law, thousands of jobs in the building, operation, and maintenance sectors of our transportation systems would be at risk. Moreover, local economies would lose out on the economic growth generated by high-quality transportation service."

The Republican House majority made no bones about what it wants to cut. Indeed they brag about them: 59 percent from mass transit and rail construction projects, such as the one Illinois is using to rehab Chicago's Union Station, \$876 million from Amtrak, "bringing it down to the FY03 enacted level" i.e. the level of 20 years ago, and zeroing out the California high-speed train project, for starters.

The Federal Railroad Administration would get "\$1.451 billion...\$1.952 billion below the FY23 enacted level and \$3.318 billion below the president's budget request," the Republicans say.

The Republicans also eliminate two special transportation grant programs, worth a combined \$800 million. The majority calls them wasteful spending, but won't say why.

"To address shortfalls and fund Republican priorities, the bill eliminates several programs and makes deep cuts to others, especially those that received large amounts in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act," the Republican majority asserts.

*"Remember when life's path is steep to keep your mind even."*  
–Horace (65 BC - 8 BC)

*"Every man is the architect of his own fortune."*  
–Sallust (86 BC - 34 BC)



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## Local 25 Iron Workers

### Iron Workers 25

**NOVI – The July Union meeting will be Monday, July 31, 2023 at 7:00 pm.** The meeting will be IN PERSON ONLY AT THE NOVI UNION HALL. All other Union Halls will be CLOSED. We will be swearing in all Officers at this meeting due to the power outage & cancellation of the June 26 meeting.

**Steward meeting(s):** The Lansing Steward meeting will be Monday July 31, at 6:00 pm. The Flint Steward meeting will be Wednesday, Aug. 16, at 6:00 pm (NEW Time). The Saginaw Steward meeting will be Thursday Sept. 24, at 6:00 pm. All are welcome.

**The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual International Iron Workers Festival** will be held Aug. 11-13 in Mackinaw City MI. The Committee is looking for any Active or Honorably Discharged Veterans to lead the Parade with the American Flag and the POW Flag. **Please call Bill Miller if interested and/or able 989-965-0813.** Please plan ahead and reserve your hotel room(s). For more information, please go to [www.mackinawchamber.com](http://www.mackinawchamber.com)

**SAVE THE DATE: Awards Night** will be held on Aug. 28 at the Novi Union Hall. **A letter has been mailed to all those eligible members.** We will have a social hour with snacks/beverages starting at 5pm. Awards ceremony starts at 7pm. **All are welcome.** (Awards Night supersedes the August Union Meeting).

**The Labor Day Parade in Detroit will happen this year and will be Monday, Sept. 4. More information to follow.**

**The Mackinac Bridge Walk:** The bridge will be closed to public traffic during the 2023 walk from 6:30 a.m. to noon on Labor Day, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>. **For more informational details, visit their website:** [www.MackinacBridge.org/Walk](http://www.MackinacBridge.org/Walk)

**The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Local 25 ICIF Fundraiser** will be Saturday Sept 9 at the Novi Union Hall at 4 pm. Tickets are \$25 each and can be bought at the door or through any Business Agent. **Join us for food, drink and comradeship. We will also raffie some great prizes as we've done in the past!**

**Iron Workers Local 25 Annual Picnic will be Saturday Sept. 16 starting at 11 AM.** Location: Training Center 50490 W. Pontiac Trail, Wixom MI 48393. We are really looking forward to this year's picnic & hope members will bring your families out to enjoy good eats, like hot dogs, hamburgers, sweet corn, and beverages, ice cream, and activities for the kids. Come on out for some fresh air, great eats, and activities for the kids!

Anyone interested in baseball tickets for Jimmy Johns stadium in Utica, please call Dennis Aguirre.

**New Apprentice Applications are being accepted BUT you MUST go to [ironworkers25.org](http://ironworkers25.org) where you can now make your application appointment & pay the application fee online; you must have an appointment to turn in your application. No walk-in foot traffic.**

**Apprentices:** Fill out your monthlies online at the website or mobile app located under the apprenticeship tab "Monthly Report Sign-In" this gives you the ability to electronically submit your monthlies. Also, located under the Apprenticeship Tab you will find "Make-Up Days" & "Welding Test Certifications." You can now electronically schedule your make-up days and welding tests.

**To view classes at the Local 25 Apprenticeship School,** please go to [ironworkers25.org](http://ironworkers25.org) to view the block schedule. The 2023 Raising Gang Training schedule is on the website as well. If you have Facebook or Instagram, please give us a fol-

low! **If you read this entire article to the end and would like one Union meeting credit, please call the Wixom Training Center and mention this article. The Wixom Training Center – Phone: (248)960-2130**

**The Ironworkers Local 25 APP & Website:** Members are able to access the log-in section and can sign up for our Alerts & E-mails via our website ([www.ironworkers25.org](http://www.ironworkers25.org)). We continue to communicate through the **PUSH NOTIFICATIONS.**

**24/7 CREDIT-DEBIT CARD processing for Union Dues:** Pay via our APP or website [www.ironworkers25.org](http://www.ironworkers25.org). **The phone no. is 866-635-2826. Or pay union dues with personal check or money order and mail to:** Iron Workers Local 25 – P.O. Box 965 – Novi, MI 48376-0965. Pay union dues in person at the Novi Union Hall (M-F) from 8 am to 3 pm (NO Cash).

**FRINGE BENEFIT OFFICE:** 800-572-8553 or 248-347-3100 and follow the prompts. Hours 7:30am to 4:30pm. The mailing address for member BENEFIT related matters is: Iron Workers Local 25 Fringe Benefit Funds, PO Box 99219, Troy MI 48099-9219. Blue Cross Health Claims and Customer Service 877-790-2583. Delta Dental Claims and Customer Service 800-482-8915.

**BENEFIT FOR NEW CHILD:** Any member who has a new born child, or a new dependent child through marriage **MUST NOTIFY the Fringe Benefit Office of your new dependent within 31 days; otherwise wait until the next open-enrollment period (April 1-April 30).**

**BENEFIT FOR LIFE CHANGE:** Any member experiencing a divorce or a new spouse **MUST NOTIFY the Fringe Benefit Office within 31 days; otherwise wait until the next open-enrollment period (April 1-30).**

**The Iron Workers' Local 25 Retirees' Club:** The Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday Aug. 1, 2023 at 8:30 am. The Retirees' meeting/luncheon will be Tuesday Aug. 15, 2023 at 10 am in Novi. All are welcome.

**The West Michigan Chapter Retirees** breakfast will meet Tuesday, Aug. 1 at 9 am at Red Rock Grille & Café, 228 N. Ball Creek Rd, NW, Kent City, Michigan 49330. All are welcome.

The next quarterly meeting for the **Bay City Chapter** will be in October. Date TBD.

**The Downriver Chapter** The next quarterly Retirees breakfast will be in Oct. 20 at 9 am at Mom's Restaurant, 2691 Fort St., Trenton, Michigan, 48183. All are welcome.

**(NEW) Dial 988 for help in a Time of Crisis.** Call 988 if you or someone you know is in danger of suicide or experiencing a mental health crisis. 988 connects cell phones & land lines to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 24/7. **Whatever you are struggling with, help is available – its free & confidential.** Alternately 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255).

**MDHHS launches the OpiRescue smartphone app to help Michigan residents prevent and reduce opioid overdoses.** The OpiRescue app is available for Android and iOS platforms/cell phones. It is free

to use and anonymous. It can be downloaded at Apple iOS app store or through Google Play. "OpiRescue provides information and a 5-step process for how to respond to an opioid overdose event. The guidelines have been developed by the US Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)". **Help available at: [FindTreatment.gov](http://FindTreatment.gov) where you can search by zip code/city etc. Or call SAMHSA 800-662-HELP (4357).**

**Check out Suicide Prevention Resources on IMPACT:** <http://www.impact-net.org/safety/suicide-prevention-resources>. US Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to 741741 from anywhere in the United States, anytime, about any type of crisis.

A live, trained Crisis Counselor receives the text and responds, all from our secure online platform. The volunteer Crisis Counselor will help you move from a hot moment to a cool moment.

Celebration of Life for James Rappuhn #770087 will be held on Aug. 2 beginning at 2 pm at Sports Wing Shack & Smoke House, 4502 N Huron Rd, Pinconning, Michigan 48650 (989) 879-6050.

**In Memory:** John Davenport #725614 of Saginaw MI passed away July 12, 2023 at the age of 82. He was a 57-year member. **Our deep condolences to all of the family and friends as you mourn the loss of your dear loved one(s)!**

This information is as of Submission Time for this Article (July 24, 2023 12:00 pm E.S.T.).

## Overall inflation eases

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hike at their upcoming July meeting. The construction industry, facing ongoing challenges, will continue to grapple with the persistent upward trend in prices and the impact of inflation. While there are signs of improvement, inflation remains a stubborn issue that requires careful management and strategic approaches from the Fed."

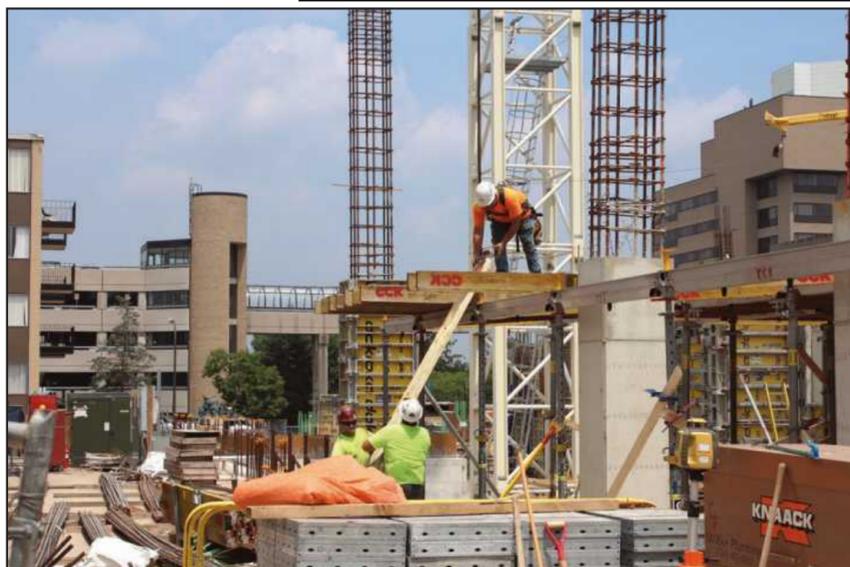
Linesight, a global construction consultant, said it expects an overall 1.6 percent construction growth rate in 2023, but with a smaller contraction for the remainder of the year. The group sees a better longer-term outlook for the industry.

"As commodities continue to stabilize, we are more optimistic about the industry despite the short-term challenges being faced at the moment," said Linesight Vice President Patrick Ryan. "We are looking at a much different – and much stronger – construction landscape than we were a year ago. There is certainly room for improvement, but our data shows that the perfect storm of the pandemic and fear of a recession are in the rearview mirror, and over the next year, we expect to see moderate growth, followed by even stronger performance over the next three to four years as the economy improves, and the demand for infrastructure grows."

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**BUILDING A DECK** at the Vanguard Hotel project in Ann Arbor are Carpenters Clay Porter and Art Kraft of Local 687, and Laborer Kyle Schnarr of Local 499. They're employed by Pushman Construction.



## Elevator Constructors Local 36

### Elevator Constructors Local 36

**DETROIT – ALL MEMBERS ARE INFORMED,** our next regular MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS ON MONDAY Aug. 28, 2023, at 5:30pm at 1640 Porter St. Detroit, MI. Any changes to this schedule or venue will be in the Building Trades Article or sent via email.

**Attention All Members,** we are looking for pictures of NEIEP teachers from the past and present. If you taught in the past, know someone who taught in the past, or are a current teacher please email Ken @ [ba36@uecc36.org](mailto:ba36@uecc36.org) or myself @ [local36@uecc36.org](mailto:local36@uecc36.org) pictures so we can get them up on the wall to honor the teachers who donated their time to educate the future elevator constructors.

Reminder to all members that the Local Constitution and Bylaws have been updated to reflect the new late fees for delinquent dues. They will be sent to the printer and will be available in the hall when we get them back. Call the hall with any questions.

For paying dues, most banks have a bill payment that sends a check out weekly, monthly, or quarterly automatically at no cost to you. If this is something you are interested in, go to your bank, and ask how to set it up or call the hall for more details.

**The Labor Day Parade will be on Sept. 4 at 9 am.** We will be staging on Porter between 6<sup>th</sup> and Rosa Parks. The route will be from 6<sup>th</sup> street west down Michigan Ave to 17<sup>th</sup> then do a U-turn and head east on Michigan Ave to Trumbull and end at Savage park by Local 58. Please arrive early due to parking and street closures.

If you are working in the City of Detroit or the State of Michigan, there **MUST be a Mechanic/TM with a city or state license on the job!** It doesn't matter if you are doing standby, unloading a truck, doing cabs and flooring, running a car, mod, construction, repair, or contract service you must have a licensed elevator constructor on the job.

As you are aware, individuals with a Mechanic Exam Pass

"I have made plenty of enemies in my lifetime, but none has ever done me as much injury as I do myself."

– Kathryn L. Nelson

"Tradition is a guide and not a jailer."

–W. Somerset Maugham (1874 - 1965)

Date on or after Jul 9, 2022, must take a Mechanic Required (MR) Continuing Education course in 2023 to receive their scheduled pay raises Jan. 1, 2024. **I highly recommend if you fall in this category and haven't done so, take the course and keep up on it.** We have more grandfathered mechanics that have completed this course than mechanics that are required to complete this course.

If you are going to be working in another local, you and your Apprentice **MUST** call their hall to make sure it is ok to work, don't take your supervisor's word for it.

If you start a new job in MOD/construction, you **MUST** call those jobs into the hall!! If you are going to be working a 4/10 job in construction or MOD, it **MUST** be submitted in writing to the Local Business Representative per Article VII Par. 2A. and Article VIII(A) Par. 2A.

Anyone interested in becoming a State of Michigan Elevator inspector, contact the State of Michigan or call the Hall.

Anyone interested in getting certified in Welding, you can sign up with NEIEP @ Local 85 or call Mike Janca.

If you are interested in getting involved with the Local Golf Outing, please contact Bill Avery or Ron McKay or call the hall and we will put you in contact with them.

**Attention All Schindler Employees,** if you are installing Lock and Block on existing or new installation, please call the hall.

**Attention All Apprentices,** Check your NEIEP emails for the upcoming orientation for fall classes. Orientation will be the week of Aug. 7, 2023. Classes start the week of Aug. 14, 2023. OJT forms need to be filled out COMPLETELY by the 9<sup>th</sup> day of the following month. **There is NO excuse for these to be late!!!**

**Attention All Temporary Mechanics,** your Temporary Mechanic's Agreement **MUST** be signed by the end of each month at the Union meeting. If you can't make the Union meeting (for good reasons) to sign your agreement, then come down to the hall the NEXT MORNING. If we continue to have problems getting these signed, you will be called down in front of the Executive board. If you are put back to Apprentice status, your personal tools **MUST** be taken off the job and notify the hall.

**Attention All Retirees,** if you requested an Honorary Card and have not received it, please contact the Hall.

**If you are NOT receiving my emails, contact the Hall so I can get you on the email list.** May we offer our support and solace to the family of our fallen Brother, Honorary Brother Larry "Butch" Parker. May we offer our support and ensure they know that they remain an integral part of our union family.

We would like to extend get well wishes to all Brothers and Sisters on our sick list.

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## Outdoors

### Bald eagles back from the brink



A BALD EAGLE in flight in Michigan.

MDNR photo

(From the Michigan DNR)

While enjoying the great outdoors this summer, keep your eyes to the skies for bald eagles – our national emblem. These very large raptors can be found fishing and scavenging along Michigan's lakes and rivers.

Despite their name, bald eagles are not actually bald. Adults have white heads and tails that contrast with their dark brown bodies. Juveniles, which will be leaving their nests this month, have dark brown bodies, heads and tails, with brown and white mottling.

Bald eagles have become a popular sight across Michigan and are expanding in southern Michigan as they adapt to nesting in more open and urban landscapes. Recent statewide surveys found approximately 900 breeding pairs in the state. This compares to only 359 breeding pairs

in 2000 and 83 in 1980.

And 60 years ago, you would not have been able to see bald eagles across much of Michigan or the United States. In 1963, the U.S. bald eagle population had reached an all-time low of 417 nesting pairs across the lower 48 states, and the bird was an endangered species.

Their populations declined due to loss of nesting habitat, persecution by humans and a pesticide called DDT, which caused reproductive problems that accelerated population declines in the 1950s and 1960s. Michigan led the way in bald eagle conservation and was the first state to ban DDT in 1969, three years before it was banned nationally.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 additionally increased protections and funding to support the recovery of endangered species like the bald eagle.

Erin Rowan Ford, conservation manager for Michigan with Audubon Great Lakes, works in partnership with the DNR on MI Birds. She said that after near-extinction in the mid-20th century, there now are more than 300,000 bald eagles in the wild across the country.

"The species' recovery is a success story, one that speaks to the groundbreaking work of conservationists and researchers, which led to policies that continue to protect wildlife today," she said.

Bald eagles are no longer on the endangered or threatened species list, but are still federally protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.

"You can help bald eagles succeed in Michigan by keeping a safe distance from nests and avoiding certain activities that could disturb them," said Chris Mensing, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist based out of Lansing. "When outdoors, take a moment to clean up trash, safely dispose of old fishing line and lures, and avoid using lead shot and lead tackle."



STAY OUT OF THE WATER if you see two red flags on a Michigan beach.

### Seeing double red flags? Stay on the beach

(From the Michigan DNR)

To boost awareness of changing conditions and save lives, there's a new addition to the Great Lakes beach flag warning system. If you see double red flags, you are not allowed to enter the water from the beach.

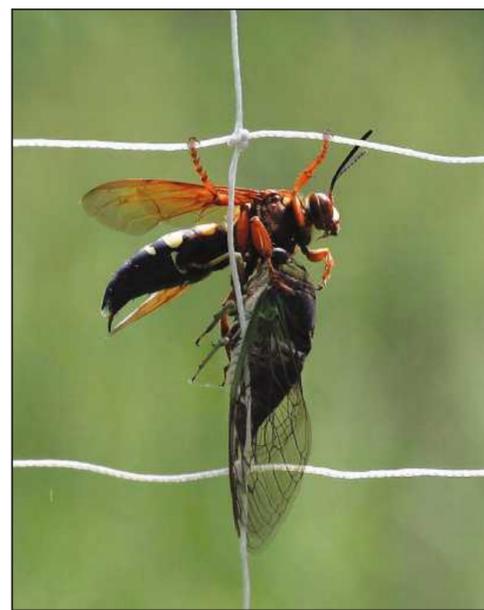
A DNR land use order now makes it illegal to enter the water when there is risk to human health and safety. Risks can include hazardous waves and/or dangerous water conditions, active rescue or recovery efforts, and environmental hazards. This order does not apply to surfers using wind-powered or self-propelled wave-riding boards.

**More ways to stay safe.** Keep these other cautions in mind when enjoying time in and around the Great Lakes:

- There are no beach guards at state parks. Never swim alone and always keep close watch of children and bring U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets, especially for new and inexperienced swimmers.

- Water currents near piers, breakwalls and outlets of rivers can be extremely hazardous.

- Visitors in areas without designated swim beaches should use extreme caution because they will not have the benefit of the beach flag warning system or the visual cautions of buoys that mark water depth and obstacles.



A CICADA KILLER WASP enjoys a tasty cicada, and will usually leave humans alone if you don't bother them.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service photo

### No need to fear cicada killer wasps

(From the Michigan DNR)

The soundtrack of the hot, hazy days of late summer – times of lazy summer vacations and cookouts with friends and family – for many Michiganders sounds like the drone of a cicada. But for one animal, the sound of a cicada means something very different: survival.

As cicadas emerge from the ground to call in the trees, another insect comes out as well – the cicada killer wasp. Measuring over an inch in length, these wasps are built to capture and subdue large adult cicadas. Only female wasps have stingers, which they use to inject venom into their prey and carry it back to their burrow.

Cicada killer wasps are solitary, and female wasps use their short time as adults to dig burrows where they stash the cicadas they catch and lay their eggs. While male wasps may be territorial or act aggressively, they lack a stinger and pose no danger to people; females sting only in self-defense. Just like the cicadas, cicada killer wasps die as summer wanes.

"You may see these wasps while you're outside this year and immediately think of the stories of giant murder hornets invading North America," said DNR game biologist Karen Cleveland. "Don't worry. This secretive native insect has been here all along, and can be found silencing cicadas across the entire eastern U.S."

Cleveland said that if you're a good neighbor and respect the wasps' space, they'll be with us for a long time to come.

"Most powerful is he who has himself in his own power." –Seneca (5 BC - 65 AD)

"Don't let your sorrow come higher than your knees." –Swedish Proverb

"You are not superior just because you see the world in an odious light." –Vicomte de Chateaubriand (1768 - 1848)

"It has been said that man is a rational animal. All my life I have been searching for evidence which could support this." –Bertrand Russell (1872 - 1970)

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