

Viewpoints



Trades should be an option

This month, a new class of high school graduates will don their caps and gowns, and stand proudly in front of their families and peers to receive their hard-earned diplomas and so begin the next chapter of their lives. For the majority of graduates, that will mean starting college next fall. For too few, that will mean pursuing an apprenticeship in a skilled trade.

It isn't hard to understand why: For the last couple of decades college was positioned as the only path to enter the middle class and attain economic security while vocational careers found themselves branded as a plan "B," only worth considering by those who found college out of reach. To be clear, I am not suggesting college isn't the right choice for many, but promoting college to the exclusion of other valid alternatives is as harmful as it is misguided.

Record levels of private investment across the state and the bipartisan infrastructure bill passed last winter that will fund projects over the next decade mean there has never been a better time to join the trades. There has also never been a more pressing need to fill construction jobs.

The failure to properly promote the trades in schools has contributed to an unprecedented skilled trades gap that we must fill if we are going to realize our full economic potential as a state.

Promoting skilled trades apprenticeships in high schools isn't just good for the economy. It also benefits young people who would otherwise miss out on the rare opportunity to learn valuable skills and earn good, middle-class wages and benefits without being burdened by student loan debt from the start.

Michigan's building trades offer students the chance to build life-long careers that can go different directions. Many who work in construction will retire having worked with tools their entire career. Others will join the ranks of management, transition to work in estimating, building inspection or industry representation. Some will start construction companies of their own. And still others could work for their union in support of their brothers and sisters in the field.

Fortunately, the message about the opportunities offered by the building trades is getting heard. Today, Republicans and Democrats in the Michigan Legislature are working together on a budget supplemental that would vastly improve how the skilled trades are promoted in schools.

The language now being considered would require that schools include information about the skilled trades when creating and reviewing a student's educational development plan and would support vocational and career technical educational programming. It would also allocate resources to help schools promote the trades to students and their parents and to help monitor progress on this issue statewide.

Schools that recognize the importance of promoting the building trades are also taking action. More districts every year are offering construction career and technical education classes, often supported by curriculum developed and provided at low or no cost by the union skilled trades.

This includes more than 115 schools across Michigan that use Career Connections, a curriculum developed by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters that teaches the fundamentals of construction, including practical math. We are especially proud that just last week the Michigan Department of Education recognized Career Connections as an approved post-secondary credential that will help graduating seniors seamlessly transition into careers in the building trades.

It should at this point be clear that college and the building trades represent two paths of equal worth.

Tom Lutz, Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights
via The Detroit News Labor Voices, May 25

Perceptions differ on construction labor shortage

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That was the highest March total since the series began in 2001 and constituted a 20 percent jump in openings from one year earlier.

While construction employment is higher now in 32 states than it was prior to the pandemic in February 2020, the flip side is that jobs are down in 18 other states. Michigan since then has gained 1,900 construction jobs (+1.1 percent). A jump, but not that much of a jump.

And there was no jump at all for the three states that saw the most construction industry job losses since February 2020. They include: New York (-27,700 jobs, -6.8 percent), Pennsylvania (-15,600 jobs, -5.8 percent) and Texas (-10,800 jobs, -1.4 percent). Those are three large states with whopper job losses over the past 26 months – numbers that don't quite jibe with the "stalled" employment gains theory.

So does the nation have a construction worker deficit? The answer is likely yes, overall, but: The workforce is aging and retiring, the president's Infrastructure Plan is just starting to roll, and the work picture for construction looks bright. There's every reason to think that construction jobs will be plentiful.

But as we referenced in our related article, "only 17 percent" of respondents to the union-based TAUC survey "reported a large shortage in 2021." And those "large shortage numbers have stayed in the 17 percent range for the past several years."



CURRENTLY A BIG HOLE in the ground, the Pavilion at University of Michigan Health will soon rise to be a 12-story hospital housing 264 private rooms capable of converting to intensive care; a state-of-the-art neurosciences center; and high-level, specialty care services for cardiovascular and thoracic patients, along with advanced imaging. The new adult inpatient facility is scheduled to open for patient care in 2025. Barton Malow is managing construction of the 690,000-square-foot project.

Trades sign on to safety at U-M Pavilion Health project

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for cardiovascular and thoracic patients, along with advanced imaging.

Scores of projects big and small in Michigan have proceeded under the safety partnerships, intended to improve the health and safety of construction workers, moving beyond traditional enforcement methods to cooperative relationships between MIOSHA, project owners, and construction contractors and their workforces.

The goal in initiating the partnerships is to reduce injury and illness rates among workers – with a goal of zero – through a variety of proactive measures. Most projects include 100 percent fall protection provisions,

strict adherence to all safety policies, procedures, and MIOSHA standards, 100 percent use of personal protective equipment, including hard hats, eye protection, high visibility clothing, appropriate footwear, and other PPE as appropriate, and mandatory attendance to project safety presentations, as well as regular contractor safety inspections of the project.

As many as 700 building trades workers are expected to toil on the U-M project at peak employment. Steel erection was expected to start at the end of May. The project is expected to be complete in March 2025.


The project is located at East Ann Street and Zina Pitcher Place. The new hospital will pro-

vide more access to care for adult patients at Michigan Medicine, where current hospital facilities often operate at more than 90 percent capacity.

"The trades welcome these partnerships, they are an important tool to enhancing safety on these projects, and it will have even more of an impact on a project of this size," said DeShon Leek, a Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council business representative who signed the agreement on behalf of union affiliates.

"A pound of pluck is worth a ton of luck."

—James A. Garfield (1831 - 1881)




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BUILDING MICHIGAN: The Houghton-Hancock Lift Bridge HISTORY IN THE MAKING

By Marty Mulcahy



“THE UNIQUE BRIDGE was designed as a double-deck bridge,” says *Historic Bridges*. “The lower deck was designed for railroad traffic, and the upper deck was for highway traffic. However, to minimize the disruption of vehicular traffic on the bridge, the lower railroad deck of the lift span was designed to also accommodate vehicular traffic. This allowed the bridge to be raised slightly so that the railroad deck served the highway deck (as shown). Today, trains no longer use the bridge. During the winter, the lift span is fully lowered, enabling snowmobiles to use the lower lift span deck level, while vehicular traffic uses the upper lift span deck level. At all other times of the year, the bridge is raised to the intermediate position, allowing vehicular traffic to use the lower lift span deck level.”

Photo credit: City of Houghton via Wikipedia Commons

Michigan’s unique topography, waterways and geographic locale in North America have traditionally fostered some of the most creative, talented and audacious bridge builders in North America. The Ambassador, Blue Water bridges and Mackinac Bridge are long suspension bridges and are certainly our most prominent, but our state also has some fine examples of cantilever arches, concrete Camel-backs, motorized drawbridges and weighted bascule lift spans.

But we have only one – one! – vertical lift bridge, and it can be found near the top of Michigan’s Upper Peninsula, in the Keweenaw Peninsula.

“The Houghton-Hancock Bridge, officially known as the Portage Lake Lift Bridge, is the only bridge of its type in Michigan,” says *Historic Bridges*. “When completed, it was the heaviest vertical lift span ever constructed.” The bridge between the two towns, completed in late 1959, is the centerpiece of an annual BridgeFest celebration, scheduled this year for June 16-19.

“Today,” said *Historic Bridges*, “the Houghton-Hancock Bridge is one of Michigan’s most well-known historic bridges. The bridge is an icon for the Keweenaw Peninsula and the Houghton-Hancock area. The bridge is well-maintained by MDOT and it features an attractive two-color paint scheme with an off-white color for the towers and sky blue for the remainder of the bridge.”

The bridge has a lift span 260 feet long, an overall length of 1,310 feet, and twin steel towers 180 feet tall. Its unique design was meant to accommodate pedestrians, vehicles and trains – but a rapidly diminishing copper industry in the region after the span was constructed meant train traffic had a relatively brief presence. Both U.S. 41 and M-26 are routed across the bridge for vehicular traffic, and it is vital to the area as the only link between the north and south sections of the Keweenaw Peninsula, which is split by the Keweenaw Waterway.

The discovery of copper in the area and the beginning of the rush to the tip of the Keweenaw Peninsula began in 1843. At the time, Portage Lake and the waterway splitting the peninsula could only be traversed by boat or finding shallow spots on foot to make the crossing.

The original bridge on the same site was a wooden swing bridge built in 1875. The steel Portage Canal Swing Bridge replaced it in 1895. Ships occasionally ran into the bridge – it was rebuilt after a collision in

1906 – but it remained in balky service for more than six decades. “The old bridge’s inadequacies had become more obvious with time,” says the *Daily Mining Gazette* of Houghton. “In warm weather, local fire departments would be called out to hose down the approaches, which would expand with heat. In cold, ice would clog gears and the turning mechanisms.”

“Carl Winkler, highway engineer for Houghton County, had begun making a case to the War Department and state highway officials for a new bridge as far as 1940.”

The process of building a new bridge began to get traction in 1953, with the Army Corps of Engineers visiting the district to meet with local and state officials about the need for the bridge, the *Mining Gazette* reported. Finally, the \$11 million project was approved, and groundbreaking took place in 1957. American Bridge of New York, a renowned builder of bridges in the United States, including the Mighty Mac, was hired to erect the Houghton-Hancock span. The engineering/design team was from Chicago, Hazelet and Erdal. The bridge would be built in cooperation with the Copper Range Railroad and the Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic Railroad. Although the bridge wouldn’t be completed and dedicated until June 1960, the first vehicle crossing the lift bridge took place on Dec. 20, 1959. The first train to use the bridge was the Milwaukee Road’s Copper Country Limited on Feb. 16, 1960. There were never more than five train crossings per day in the 1960s.

“From the beginning,” said the *Michigan Historic Bridge Inventory*, “bridge planners stressed the importance of minimizing interruption of automobile traffic flow across the bridge. Hazelet and Erdal solved this problem by designing a railroad deck that could also accommodate cars.”

While set up to accommodate the height of large lake freighters, passage of the big boats today under the bridge is rare, but it wasn’t always so: according to *Lake Superior Magazine*, on the first three days of November 1961, 22 bulk carriers went through the lift bridge, likely to avoid heavy weather on the lake.

A 60th anniversary of the bridge’s history written in 2019 by the *Mining Gazette* referred



THE VERTICAL LIFT section was floated into place on barges in 1959. The old swing bridge was still in place at right, and was later demolished.

Photo credit: Upper Peninsula Digitization Center Collection

to its archives: “Identified as the toughest part of the foundation work in a 1960 *Gazette* article, the sinking of concrete caissons for the tower piers was accomplished by excavating material through large pre-cast holes, sinking them to bedrock, as each section sank, new ones were added. During excavation, crews found a sunken 100-foot scow loaded with sandstone.”

The article said the center span weighs 4.5 million pounds, and “is believed to be the heaviest lift span in the world at the time.” It was built on pontoons then floated into place while pulled by tugs. Pulleys on the tower columns are 15 feet wide and weigh 65 tons each. Counterweights weighing 1,100 tons at each tower raise and balance the lifted span, which can be lifted 100 feet.

The machinery rooms which move the lift section are housed 180 feet above the waterline. 16 foot gears pull on 42 pre-stretched steel cables on each side of the span, according to Kevin E. Musser, writing for *Copper Range*. “The new design allowed for a clear channel width of 250 feet which could easily handle any Great Lakes vessel afloat.”

Cables running from one end of the bridge to the other power motors and controls for the bridge. Two 150-horsepower electric motors raise and lower the decks, which are a conduit for four lanes of traffic.

As a safety precaution, the deck stops 5 feet above road level, before being lowered the rest of the way manually by the bridge operator.

The new bridge caught the attention of the *Engineering News Record*, in a 1960 write-up. The *ENR* said: “Contractors on an \$11 million lift-bridge in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan can say ‘well done’ to a tough job. Several construction operations required forthright planning and bold execution.”

There’s a construction labor shortage? Survey says: maybe not so much

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bullish on growth for 2022....” That busy work environment, combined with an aging industry workforce and an educational system that generally steers youths toward college, is bringing about a nationwide construction worker shortage. Or so says the generally accepted truth in the industry, which has done little to bat down arguments to the contrary because there are in fact some shortages, and it never hurts to have a ready supply of applicants for apprenticeship schools.

But is the story line on worker shortages altogether true? The survey is starting to show trend lines, and respondents in 2022 suggested the unionized industry, at least, might want to take a second look at the conventional wisdom. Those respondents included a mix of union representatives, owners/clients, contractors, subcontractors, and construction associations.

“For a number of years this study has signaled that the union craft labor shortage was not quite as severe as some sources seemed to indicate,” the report said. “That again seems to be the message this year where

over half of the sample (51 percent) reported a small shortage and another 32 percent reported the right number, or even a surplus, of union craft workers.”

Re-told, 83 percent of union-industry respondents are reporting that their company/organization either has the right number of workers, or only a small shortage.

“That is not to suggest that there is no shortage,” the report said, “or to downplay its importance. Rather, the *TAUC Union Craft Labor Supply Study* shows the shortage as fairly modest, except for 10-18 percent of the construction and maintenance industry (depending on the year) where there has been a large shortage through recent history.”

While the Covid-19 pandemic has jumbled analysis of construction – and of course, just about every other industry – the lengthening eight-year history of the survey is allowing trends to become clearer.

“One of the new questions this year asked about the percentage of time during the past five years that the respondent’s organization had a craft labor shortage,” the report said. “Be-

cause of the publicity given to the craft labor shortage, findings for this question are interesting. Over half of the study participants (56 percent) said that just 20 percent of the time or less” during the past five years, “there was a craft shortage in their organization. In fact, the longer the time frame for the shortage in the response options, the fewer the responses. These data bear out the thought in this report that the craft shortage exists, but is less pervasive and not as severe as what seems to be portrayed in the media.”

Most respondents to the survey were either a union/labor representative (54 percent) or a contractor/subcontractor (30 percent).

The survey analysts said after a modest (Covid-induced) anomaly in the survey results last year covering 2020 numbers, “the results were back to where they have been throughout the history of this survey regarding the shortage/surplus of union craft workers. The percentages of the sample reporting a large shortage, small shortage, right size and surplus this year were each within four percentage points of the results two years ago.”

Thibault in U.P Labor Hall of Fame

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picked for the hall,” Thibault said. “For me it’s not about having a plaque on the wall, it’s been about the relationships; the friendships, the families I have met and have been able to help over the years. I have been in a position to touch families, and maybe help with pension issues, health care, or keeping a person’s job. I have made a lot of good friends over the years.”

Iron Workers General President Eric Dean offered a video salute to Thibault at the ceremony. “I’d like to congratulate Mike Thibault on being conducted into the U.P. Labor Hall of Fame,” said Dean, who said he owns a place in the Upper Peninsula and is a “Yoooper Wannabe. But you’re the real deal, Mike. It’s only appropriate that they’d pick you. We know you to be an iron worker who is tough, fair, and you knew when to negotiate, and you knew when to bargain on behalf of the members. We’re all better off for it, all the iron workers in the Upper Peninsula, and everyone in the building trades and the labor movement is indebted to you for your time and service.”

In a similar tribute from U.S. Sen. Gary Peters, he said: “I’m so pleased to join you to recognize Mike and Kathy for all of their work to uplift workers across the U.P. For decades both Mike and Kathy have helped lead in the charge in the fight to keep front line workers safe and secure, and to stand up for workers. So to both of you, thank you for your years of service, whether it’s fighting for better wages, safer workplaces, access to health care or a dignified retirement. Labor unions have continued to deliver results that lift up our communities and make sure everyone is taken care of.”

The Congressional Record has also memorialized Thibault – U.P. Congressman Jack Bergman recognized him and said in the U.S. House of Representatives official document that “through a lifetime of service and devotion to the public good, Michael has become an indispensable part of the Upper Peninsula and the state of Michigan.”

Now retired, Thibault said he has been spending time in his home in Gwinn with his wife Kristyn and dog Misty. He said he hopes part of his legacy will be the increase in cooperation among the building trades and

other unions in the U.P. Over the years, he pointed to relationships that he has helped build and foster with Steelworkers at the iron ore mines, union staff at the U.P.’s three Meijers stores, and solidarity with nurses and teachers to support each other during contract negotiations or during strikes or other job actions.

“I think one of the ways I have been of help over the years is to not only get past jurisdictional battles among the trades, but to come together with other unions in the community,”

Thibault said. “Those kind of relationships you foster with other unions don’t happen overnight, but when you’re pulling together as a group, you can help make sure that employers know that we care about each other in the community. I mean, don’t we all want a situation where we’re treated well and respected by our employer, and we don’t mind getting out of bed in the morning to go to work? Sometimes there are issues that have to become a community battle, and I’m proud of the role I’ve played in helping others.”

Just joking

Two ladies meet in heaven:

First woman: “Hi, Sylvia!”

Second woman: “Wanda! You’re here too! How’d you die?”

Wanda: “I froze to death!”

Sylvia: “How horrible!”

Wanda: “It wasn’t so bad. After I quit shaking from the cold, I began to get sleepy. Eventually I died a peaceful death. What about you?”

Sylvia: “I died of a massive heart attack. I suspected that my husband was cheating, so I came home early so that I could catch him in the act. But instead, I found him all by himself in the den watching TV.”

Wanda: “So, what happened?”

Sylvia: “I was so sure there was another woman there somewhere that I started running all over the house looking. I ran up into the attic and searched. Then I went down into the basement. After that, I went through every closet and checked under all the beds. I kept this up until I had looked everywhere! Finally after I came down from the attic I became so exhausted, that I just keeled over with a heart attack and died!”

Wanda: “Too bad you didn’t look in the freezer. We’d both still be alive.”

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CONSTRUCTION of the Houghton-Hancock Lift Bridge – aka the Portage Lake Lift Bridge – was wrapping up in 1960 when this photo was taken from the Hancock side. Photo credit: City of Houghton

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DETROIT – LAST CHANCE!!! June 9, 2022, is the deadline to submit your applications in for the UA Scholarship Trust Fund. The UA Scholarship Trust Fund is gearing up for the 2022/2023 academic year scholarship awards. Dependents of UA members who are pursuing a post-high school education at an accredited college or university may apply for a scholarship. Applications are accepted electronically through: uascholarshipfund.communityforce.com

Please visit that site for further information and instructions. Also, the UA Scholarship Fund information is located at the back of the *UA Journal*.

Local 636, 49th Annual Golf Outing on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at the Links of Novi, located at 50395 Ten Mile Rd. in Novi, is officially SOLD OUT!!!! Everyone that is participating-it will be a shot gun start at 8am. See you there!

STEAMFITTER APPRENTICESHIP Local #636. The JATC for the Pipefitting Industry and Pipefitters, Steamfitters, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Service Local Union #636 of the United Association will be accepting applications for our Apprenticeship on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM between June 27, 2022, thru July 14th, 2022: We will also accept applications on Tuesday, July 5th, 2022, from 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM and Saturday July 9th, 2022 from 9 AM-11AM *Closed July 4th, 2022.

***We will not be accepting any applications after July 14, 2022**
Qualifications necessary for an applicant to be considered are:

1. Must be 18 years of age or older.
2. Complete the application and return to the Pipefitting Industry Training Center with:
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 - b. High School diploma or high school equivalency (GED) certificate.
 - c. There is a \$45.00 testing fee that will be collected when turning in application.

The Pipefitting Industry Training Center is located at 636 Executive Drive in Troy, MI between John R. and Dequindre north of E. 14 mile Road. PH: 248-585-0636. No resumes please.
For more information, please contact our web site at: www.pipefitters636tc.org.

The next union meeting will be June 21, 2022 at 7pm at George Romanian St. Cultural Center, 18405 W. Nine Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48075. Local 636 investment consultant, Michael Cairns from NEPC, will be hosting a Q & A session before our union meeting at 6pm.

The Retiree Meetings are up and running again. The Retirees will be meeting the 3rd Thursday of every month at 11am at Local 636 Union Hall. The next Retiree meeting will be June 16, 2022, Shane Olson from Humana will be at the meeting to answer any questions that you or your spouse may have.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Retiree, Brother Tom Williams on the passing of his Brother David Williams, he passed away from pancreatic cancer.

Our Deepest Sympathy goes out to Journeyman Brother Shawn Skiver on the passing of his father, Local 636 Retiree Richard Marshall, who passed away on May 10, 2022.

It is with Great Sadness we tell of the passing of Retiree Brother Timothy Bryant, Tim passed away May 21, 2022. Tim was not only a pipefitter – he was the Grill Master, along with his wife Maria, at our Local 636 picnic for many years.

May they all rest in Peace.

Make sure you inform the Union Hall when you have a change of address, phone number and/or email address. Also, we are asking all members to please inform the Union Hall on a timely basis of any passing of a member and/or their spouse so, Local 636 can properly pay our respects to the family. Thank you in advance for your help with these matters.

The Window Dues structure is as follows for active members: \$31 monthly/\$93 per quarter/\$186-6 months/\$372 for the entire year. For your convenience, you can call the hall and pay over the phone with your credit card number. If you do not pay your Dues by the end of each quarter, you will be assessed a “re-instatement” fee of \$50. After 2 quarters go unpaid you will then be Expelled and have to be Re-Initiated and pay a \$200 Re-Initiation fee.

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**.

Health Plan Advocate, Robert Watson, is being replaced with Kim Johnson. Kim can be reached at 866-575-0211 extension 207. Providers looking for pre-certifications will still continue to go through Mr. Watson, with the contact information listed on your insurance benefit card.

Any member that is Retiring contact BeneSys at those numbers as well for your Retirement paperwork or if you want to meet with Theresa Danko, Financial Secretary-Treasurer, please give her a 7-to-10-day notice so that he can get all of your paperwork in order.

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

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/benesys. All inquiries.

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Please contact Kim at the Pipefitters Local 636 Training Center 248-585-0636 for upcoming classes or look on their website www.pipefitters636tc.org for information.

Are you “Work Ready”? Have any of your safety modules expired? Is your Drug Test current? Check your report card at mustbsafe.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 BONUS PAYMENTS.**

REMINDER: Please email all sub pay requests to subpay@pipefitters636.org

Reminder to all Local 636 Members-Local 636 does not have a sanctioned Facebook and/or any other social media sites. We are working on putting together a social media site. If you require information regarding Local 636, please refer to our website www.pipefitters636.org or any paid officer for further information.

“Animals are such agreeable friends – they ask no questions, they pass no criticisms.”
–George Eliot (1819 - 1880)



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DETROIT – Membership of Plumbers Local 98. Brothers and Sisters, Have you checked out our website? Announcements, information on meetings, links to your benefits the Training Center, and more can be found there. Go to UALOCAL98.COM to see what's happening. Next month we will print members who are working and are behind on dues and have a board set up for Union Meetings as a reminder. If you are working with one of them, please have them call the hall. Also, when you leave 98 for a non-fringe paying contractor or an automotive plant, you will be immediately losing your Insurance and HRA as well as other benefits. Your decision for greener pastures is no longer at the expense of our funds.

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MEETINGS & Union Hall. The next Union Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 16th at 7:00 pm. The meeting will take place indoors at our Union Hall. Please note this is the third Thursday of the month due to the Pipe Trades Quarterly Meeting.

Retiree Meetings. The APRIL RETIREE MEETING is Wednesday, June 8th from 12 pm – 2 pm.

PAC Updates. We normally do not get involved in a primary race in politics unless we see a need or an ally of the past who needs our support. I believe you all have met our Office Professional Kristina Lodovisi by now, she is a tuff woman who is a Veteran and has a strong Union background. Please support her in the upcoming primary as she runs for a State Representative in the new 14th District. Which covers all of Center Line and a portion of Warren and Detroit. For other candidates your PAC committee has endorsed, we will be finalizing our endorsements soon and updating the website. Your voice, your vote! Do not wait for the last minute to know your candidate.

Education Opportunities. **Applications now being accepted. Make your favorite place your workplace, tell your friends about our apprenticeship program which is open now till July 31, 2022. To learn more and apply please visit Plumbers98TC.org/Apprenticeship.

SUB Apps/OOW. You have 48 hours to report being out of work and to fill out a SUB App. Once you have proof of unemployment, please send that to the hall at SUB@ualocal98.org so we can set you up in the SUB system. We are now able to offer Direct Deposit on SUB Pay. You should have received a letter in the mail with the form for Direct Deposit on SUB Pay. Please return that to the hall and note that it takes 30-60 days to set up. 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 have exciting news as we now have a dedicated BeneSys employee at the Union Hall to help with benefit issues. His name is Andrew Hill and he will be at the hall daily. As we make this transition Financial Secretary Jon DeRoo will still be receiving the calls coming into the Union Hall benefits line and Andrew will be receiving the calls coming into the Local 98 dedicated number at BeneSys. That number is (248) 641-4988 Andrew will be working to create a process that assures members issues get addressed quickly and properly.

Dues. You can pay your dues online, over the phone, or by mailing in a check. You can also set up auto payments. If you have questions or want to pay your dues by phone, please call the hall at (248) 307-9800 ext. 3.

In Memoriam. Our deepest condolences go out to the family and friends of Brother David E. Turner who passed away on May 11, 2022.

Good/Welfare. ATTN: HOCKEY PLAYERS! Plumbers Local 98 is looking into forming a hockey team to play league and tournament hockey. Any member interested in playing hockey for Local 98 please contact BA Dan Nixon. Call or text 248-752-3702 or email dnixon98@ualocal98.org for more information.

Springtime is here! Time to get on the field and play some softball. If you are interested in playing for the Local 98 Softball Team, please contact Manager Jeremy Pitts at (586) 405-9425.

ATTN: All Golfers! Join us for the 44th Annual Detroit Plumbers Local 98 Scholarship Fund Golf Outing on Saturday, August 13, 2022. Sponsorships and Foursomes are now available. Please visit ualocal98.com/44th-golf for more information or call Jon DeRoo at (248) 762-9238 to sign up.

We are currently looking for 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
The Apprenticeship Application process is now open. The process will be open 4/1/22 and will close 7/31/22. Applications are submitted online at our website.

The Training Center is open. The mask mandate has been lifted. We are asking that people still practice social distancing while in the building. Please call Ryan Lyle at 248-585-1435 ext. 122 if you have questions.

STATE OF MICHIGAN PLUMBING LICENSE. The renewal process is done online. All State of Michigan plumbing licenses are renewable at this time without a code update. If you did not complete your license renewal by April 30th, there will be an associated late fee. If any member needs help renewing, with the online system, please call the Training Center and we will assist you. There are not any code updates offered at this time. Once 2018 code update classes are available, we will offer them at the Training Center.

CALL THE TRAINING CENTER TO REGISTER FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CLASSES OFFERED IN 2022. All classes are register and pre-pay by check or money order only. Deadlines for registration and prices are listed with each class.

Medical Gas Installer (Full 40 hour): Fall Class: September 1st – November 10th Deadline is August 12th \$206

Monthly Code Class – Next class is June 15, 2022 at 4:30 pm. 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.


ASSE Backflow Tester Re-Certification: 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. \$75
4 hour recert class July 26th and 27th Deadline is June 24th
4 hour recert class October 25 and 26. Deadline is Sept. 23rd
ASSE Tester (Full 40 hour): Fall Class: August 30th – November 8th Deadline is August 5th

ASSE Repairer: Prerequisite: Must hold a current 5110 Tester Certification Fall Class: August 31st – Oct. 5, Deadline is Aug. 12. \$75
***Industrial Rigging: June 30th – August 27th, Deadline is June 10th \$100 Class size limited to 10

6010 Medical Gas Installer Recertification- All current 2018 Medical Gas Installer certification holders are required to take this update to 2021. \$130.00

OPEN WELDING - Our welding shop is open! The new ventilation system has been installed. Please call Chris Opalka 248-585-1435 ext. 146 for any welding related inquiries and to check on booth availability.

If your brazing or welding certs are ready to expire, call to schedule an appointment. The next WELDING Test sessions will be June 4 and July 9, 2022. You must call to schedule your welding tests at least
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Local 370

Plumbers, Pipe Fitters
and HVAC Service

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FLINT – The next Membership Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday June 14, 2022 at 7:00pm.** and has been designated a **special called meeting for Election results of officers and trustees.** This meeting has also been designated a refreshment meeting.

Election will take place Tuesday June 14, 2022 at UA Local 370 assembly hall at 2151 W Thompson Rd Fenton, MI The polls will open at **2:00pm and close at 7:00pm.** In the event of a tie vote a runoff election will be held June 21st 2022 at UA Local 370 assembly hall at 2151 W Thompson Rd Fenton, MI. The Polls will open at 2:00pm and close at 7:00pm.

The following positions are up for election:

- (1) Business Manager/Financial Secretary/Treasurer
- (1) President
- (1) Vice President
- (1) Recording Secretary
- (1) Inner Guard
- (4) Executive Board
- (2) Pension/Insurance Trustee
- (3) Finance Committee
- (3) Sub/Sick Trustee
- (3) Building Fund Committee
- (2) Scholarship Trustees
- (6) FMR Fund Committee
- (4) Examining Board

Per section 121 of the U.A.

Constitution: No member shall be eligible to be nominated for office in any local union unless he shall be a journeyman member and shall have been a member of the united association and the local union in good standing for at least a period of two years immediately prior to the election. Any journeyman member who owes or has paid a reinstatement fee within a period of two years immediately prior to the date of the election shall not be eligible to be nominated for office in any local union.

Per section 124a of the U.A.

constitution: “No member shall vote at any election of any description unless he has been a member in good standing in the local union where the vote is being taken for a period of one year immediately prior to the date of election. Any member who owes or has paid a reinstatement fee within a period of one year immediately prior to the date of election shall not be eligible to vote in any local union election.” Apprentices that have successfully completed their 3rd year are now eligible to vote if they meet the requirements listed above.

Scholarship Applications for the 2022-2023 school year are now available online at our website UALOCAL370.ORG The applicant must be a son or daughter of a member in good standing of UA Local Union 370. Complete lists of qualifications and applications are also available at Local 370 Hall. Applications are due by May 15, 2022.

Local 370 2022 Golf outing will be held **Saturday July 16th** at Flushing Valley Golf course in Flushing. 9:00 am Shotgun Start. The price is \$70 a man. \$280 per team. Price includes 18 holes with cart, lunch at the turn, Refreshments, Door prizes and Dinner. Stop by the hall and get the sign up sheet with all the information. We are limited to 38 teams

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3 days prior to the test. The next BRAZING Cert Sessions will be Friday, June 3 and July 8, 2022. Please note: All members must be dressed appropriately to be in the shop area.

2022 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, 2022 to be eligible for the \$100.00 reimbursement.

OSHA Training – OSHA 10, available as on an online class for \$25 at 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. 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.

so sign up early if you want to play.

Upcoming Night Class Schedule.

Signaling. June 13th - June 29th. Every Monday and Wednesday @ 4:30 pm. This class is available for apprentices in their 3rd year or above. No fee Call Kaylin to sign up.

CPR/FIRST AID. September 22, 2022 @ 4:30 pm. Sign up with Kaylin.

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, June 14, 2022, at 4:00pm
FMR Committee – Tuesday June 14, 2022, at 4:00pm
PAC committee – Tuesday June 14, 2022, at 5:00pm
Executive Board – Tuesday June 14, 2022, at 5:00pm
Building Committee – Tuesday June 14, 2022, at 6:00pm
Finance Committee - Tuesday June 14, 2022, at 6:15pm
JATC Committee – Wednesday June 15, 2022, at 3:30pm

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 MUSTBSAFE.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. 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

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 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 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 reinstatement fee. Dues must be paid in 3-month increments according to our bylaws. 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, Dan Gaudet for application and testing dates.

Local 370 ball caps and winter fleece caps are available at the union offices. Ball caps \$10.00 and fleece caps \$5.00. Pocket Tee shirts are available for \$10 each.

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



Plumbers,
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Service Technicians,
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Local 190

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ANN ARBOR – **UNION MEETING:** A monthly union meeting will be held on Monday, June 13th and will start 6:00 p.m. at 7920 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, MI. Members are urged to attend and take an active part in the proceedings.

MICHIGAN GAS JOURNEYMAN: Requalification testing for Consumer Energy and Semco Energy will start **Tuesday, May 31st** and run the whole month of June. Testing will be held at our training center. Please contact Ralph Booth 734-369-1432 for more information and to schedule your testing date.

UNION HALL CLOSING FOR AN UPCOMING HOLIDAY: Our office will be closed Monday, July 4th to observe Independence Day. Wishing you and your family a happy and safe holiday.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Local 190 Scholarship is now available at the union hall for distribution to members and their families. There are two scholarships available. One from Local 190, due back no later than July 8. The UA scholarship will now only be accepted electronically, no later than June 9th <https://uascholarshipfund.communityforce.com>. You can contact the union office at (734) 424-0962 for further information.

TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE - 48th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING: Our annual golf outing will be held on Saturday, July 30. Our event will be held at Whitmore Lake Golf Links, Whitmore Lake. Mark your calendar for this special event. The prices are as follows: \$80 union member, \$60 retiree union member and \$100 for non-union. Payment can be made with a check or cash only. **Please purchase your tickets no later than Wednesday, July 27.** If you have any questions please contact Karen at (734) 424-0962 Ext. 210

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

ROBO CALLS: We are sending out Robo calls to keep you updated and informed, if you are NOT receiving these messages it means we do not have a current phone number on file for you, please contact the hall to update.

MICHIGAN GAS DISTRIBUTION JOURNEYMAN WELDERS: Remember it is very important to keep your continuity forms up to date.

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. 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"

ATTENTION MICHIGAN GAS DISTRIBUTION & OHIO GAS DISTRIBUTION & BUILDING TRADES MEMBERS - UA LOCAL 190 WEBSITE: If you have not already done so, please log in and look at our website www.ua190.org **Current members will be able to log into the "Members Only" section using your last name and UA card number. NEW ON THE WEBSITE:** Members can now view and sign up for job calls. The same procedure will be used as the call-in line. If you are laid off or go back to work, there are forms available to fill out on the website that will inform the hall.

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.

LAID 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: 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 of benefits and much more. **Download: BCBSM**

A REPRESENTATIVE FROM FRINGE BENEFIT OFFICE WILL BE AT THE UNION HALL: Each month on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesday of each month. Members will be able to meet with Bernadette from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-3:30 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. We are following CDC, OSHA, MIOSHA, MDHHS, and Washtenaw County Health Department guidelines. **Check your Certifications to make sure that you are current!**

Michigan Plumbing Code update classes: An update class must be done BEFORE SEPT. 15, 2022! If an update class is not taken before this date, you will not be able to renew your plumbing license in 2023. 2022 Schedule - Thursdays - June 2, 2022 and NEWLY ADDED July 7, 2022. These classes will start at 5 pm and be held at the Union Hall. Please call Retha to sign up for one of these classes.

Lead/Asbestos/Blood-borne Pathogens Training (4 hrs): 2022 Schedule - Mondays - July 18 and Oct 3. All classes start at 5:00pm.

First Aid/CPR Training (4 hrs): 2022 Schedule - Mondays - July 25, and Oct 17. All classes start at 5:00pm.

Welding Lab: The welding lab is closed for the summer. It will reopen on Wednesday, Sept. 7. The schedule is Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 4:30pm-8:30pm, until Thursday, Dec. 15. The welding lab will be closed on Union meeting days. Weld tests will be scheduled after participants are approved by welding instructors.

Pipefitter Class (32hrs): This class will show participants how to properly set up torches, cut, bevel, and fit-up pipe. You will also be taught how to read welding procedures, proper flange tightening procedures, how to figure offsets, change in direction offsets and rolling offsets. It will run for 8 weeks from 5-9pm. Class size is limited to 8 participants. Please call Retha to be put on the list, so we can schedule the class days.

ASSE Backflow Certification (40hrs): This is a 40-hour class, to become an ASSE Certified Backflow Tester (5110). **2022 Schedule:** Next course starts Sept 13 at 5 pm. Course runs on Tue and Wed for 5 weeks and are limited to 8 participants. Call Retha to secure your spot.

ASSE Backflow Re-Certification (8hrs): Re-certification for the ASSE Backflow Tester (5110). **2022 Schedule:** The last scheduled course is Oct 18 - 19. Course is on Tue and Wed and start at 5:00 pm. The course is limited to 8. Call Retha to sign up for this course.

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. **2022 Schedule:** Next course starts on Aug 23 at 5:00 pm. Course will run for 5 weeks on Tue and Thu. These courses are limited to 16 participants. Call Retha to secure your spot.

Med Gas Installer Up-Date (8hrs): Call Retha to be put into the next class. **2022 Schedule:** Next course Sept 27 & 29 at 5:00 pm. Course is on Tue and Thu and are limited to 24 participants. Call Retha to be placed in the course that keeps your certification current.

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). Call Retha to sign up for this class. Class size is limited to 8. Once we have enough to put it on, we will schedule it.

EPRI Rigging and Signal Person Re-certification (8hrs): This (Continued next column)



SETTING 4-INCH sanitary cast iron pipe at the University of Michigan Pavilion Health project in Ann Arbor are Dain Vettese and Justin Boughton of Plumbers and Pipe Fitters Local 190. They're employed by Boone and Darr.



Local 85
Plumbers & Steam Fitters

Plumbers and Steamfitters 85

SAGINAW – The next Union Meeting will be on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at the Union Hall located at 3535 Bay Road starting at 7:00 PM.

The next Northern Informational Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Northern Facility located at 2476 Industrial Dr. in Grayling, Michigan.

Ladies Auxiliary: We are always looking for new members for our Ladies Auxiliary. If you or a family member are interested in joining, please contact Sue Najawicz at (989) 781-4277.

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

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

Tim Danielak, Business Agent (989) 799-5261 x 8514 tdanielak@ualocal85.org

Clint Steele, Business Agent (231) 499-7330 csteele@ualocal85.org

Bobby Anderson, Organizer (989) 799-5261 x 8512 rjanderson@ualocal85.org

Kristin Tuthill, Office Professional (989) 799-5261 x 8511 ktuthill@ualocal85.org

Please check the 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. 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

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rigging re-certification will now include the EPRI Signal person certification. Class will be 2 days. This class is scheduled for Thursday, July 14th and Thursday, July 21st. Call Retha to register for this class.

Orbital Welding (UA-18a) (24hrs): We will be running multiple classes on this training. As the course meets the 4-person limit, the class will be scheduled. The next available class will start Aug. 23. It will on Mondays and Tuesdays for three weeks. Call Retha to be put on the list for this class, or an upcoming class, as space is limited to 4 per course.

RETIREMENT CONGRATULATIONS: to Mitch Chapman. Mitch initiated July 9, 1990 and retired June 1st. Wishing you happiness, success and good health as you begin your new adventure.

RETIREE MEETINGS – PLEASE JOIN US: Our next Spades meeting will start at 9 a.m. and be held on Thursday, July 7, 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.

have important messages and reminders specific to our membership. Please like both and let us know what you think.

JATC News: Congratulations to our newest Journeymen: Wesley Atkinson and Daniel Martin!

Plumbing Code Updates will be offered as soon as the information and material are available. You should renew your Michigan State Plumbing license as normal and plan on attending the update class as soon as offered.

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

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.

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: All retiree luncheons are postponed until further notice. Please check the ualocal85.org or Facebook for all up-to-date information.

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

"A lifetime of happiness! No man alive could bear it: it would be hell on earth."

—George Bernard Shaw (1856 - 1950)

"Economics is extremely useful as a form of employment for economists."

—John Kenneth Galbraith (1908 - 2006)

"One of the most important ways to manifest integrity is to be loyal to those who are not present. In doing so, we build the trust of those who are present."

—Stephen Covey



Plumbers, Pipe Fitters
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UPPER PENINSULA – The next Union Meeting will be in **Escanaba on June 30, 2022 @ 7:30 p.m. EST.**

The 37th Annual UP Building Trades Council Golf Outing will be July 30th, 2022, the location has changed to Newberry Country Club this year. Anyone interested in putting a team together and signing up can call Ann in the Marquette hall.

Condolences: To the family of Jerome Thetreau, he passed away on March 4, 2022.

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

MRA CARD: 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 with 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, (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 no., a new birth, marriage, divorce, or death.** Please call April or Ann to have your information updated.

Training news: Open welding class with David Pedersen is occurring on Tuesdays at 5 pm, on a week to week basis pending interest. To be added to the notification list or to register, contact John Antoncew. A spot in the class is not confirmed until you receive a response.

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 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: The 2022 MSHA schedule is on our web site & our Facebook page. To register for an MSHA class please go to **Upconstruction.org** and go to the **MSHA calendar** to register. This website applies for cancelling classes also. MSHA expires in one year.

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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 maintain 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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- **WE WILL PERSONALLY REPRESENT YOU**
- **OUR FEE PAID AFTER YOU WIN**

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Plumbers and Pipe Fitters 671
MONROE – The next Regular Union meeting is scheduled for **July 7, 2022.**

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

Also, please refer to our website <https://www.united-association-local671.com/> and its calendar for the latest updates.

Retirees: If you are a Medicare retiree and are having any issues with United Healthcare and its coverage; please contact Mike or Carly at the Union Hall or Labor First on the help line **(734-234-6496).**

All retiree self pays are due on the 15th of the month prior to the month you want coverage. This is the cause of some of our issues with coverage being denied. For example, if you are paying for May, you now need to have that payment in by April 15th. This will help avoid any disruptions in coverage.

Scholarship Opportunities: Local 671 is pleased to announce that we are offering a scholarship for the very first time. The Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 671 Scholarship Fund will be awarding (2) \$1000 scholarships.

(1) each will be awarded to a qualified dependent, grandchild or spouse of a Local 671 Member in good standing. The applicants must be a 2022 graduating senior or currently enrolled as a full-time student of a college or a qualified post-secondary school. The deadline for applicants will be Friday June 17, 2022. Contact Mike at the Hall to apply.

Entertainment Committee: The **2nd annual Local 671 Scholarship Golf Outing** will be held on **July 9, 2022** at Green Meadows Golf Course. The Member pricing will be: \$75 for an individual ticket, \$300 for a foursome, or \$280 for a foursome if purchased by July 1. This event supports a worthwhile goal, and is always a great time for everyone! Contact Vinnie to get your tickets.

The Local 671 Annual Picnic will be held on **August 27, 2022.** It is also a great time and a good opportunity to catch up with old friends. We are always looking for new volunteers to ensure that it is a success. Please contact Vinnie if you would like to help out!

Union Promotion: The 2022 UA National Softball Tournament is scheduled for June 24, 25 and 26 in Cincinnati, Ohio. We traditionally send a team down every year and we hope to do that this year. If you are interested, please contact the Hall or Nate Schneider. This is a UA sanctioned event and you **MUST BE FULLY VACCINATED** to participate. I hope to see you in Cincinnati.

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.

In Closing: We would like to thank all of the candidates in our recent Election. Thank you for standing up to serve your Local Union; your leadership is appreciated.

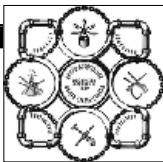
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“I am not one of those who in expressing opinions confine themselves to facts.”
—Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)

“Hard work never killed anybody, but why take a chance?”
—Edgar Bergen (1903 - 1978)



Local 357 Plumbers, Pipe Fitters & HVAC Service

Plumbers, Pipefitters & HVAC Service Local 357

KALAMAZOO – UNION MEETING: The next regular Union Meeting will be on **Tuesday, June 14** at 6:30 pm. Other meetings that day will be Finance Committee at 4:30 and Executive Board at 5:30.

UNION DUES REMINDERS: Phone call reminders to pay your dues will not be made. Cash is now 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). 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.

PLUMBING LICENSE: Your Plumbing License needed to be renewed with the State of Michigan by April 30th, 2022. The Union Hall needs a copy of your renewed license in order to keep the records up to date. Please get it to us as soon as you can.

RETIREE MEETINGS: Retiree lunch meetings are on the first Tuesday of every month. The lunches will commence at 11:30 am at Travelers Café located at 5225 Portage Rd, Portage, MI. The phone number for the location is (269) 775-1775.

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 and the **FACEBOOK** Page @ 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 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, remarried, birth, death, workers comp, address change, etc., please call TIC at the phone number above and 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).

CONDOLENCES: Condolences to the family of brother, Ken Craft, on his recent passing. Condolences to the family of brother, Michael Grzesick, on his recent passing.

“I am returning this otherwise good typing paper to you because someone has printed gibberish all over it and put your name at the top.”
—An English Professor, Ohio University



Plumbers & Pipe Fitters

Plumbers and Pipe Fitters 333

LANSING – June’s union meeting will be held Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at the Lansing Hall, 5405 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing, MI. 48911 at 7:30pm.

July’s union meeting will be held Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at the Lansing Hall, 5405 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing, MI. 48911 at 7:30pm.

Retiree’s Golf Outing, Wednesday, June 22, 2022, Binder Park Golf Course, 7255 B Drive-South, Battle Creek, MI. 9am Shotgun start. (Scramble Format) \$45.00 per person, 18 holes of golf and cart. Coffee, donut, lunch is provided. Prize included. Registration forms are at the three halls. It’s not too late to sign-up. Contact Joe Michilizzi (269) 719-7555.

Scholarship applications for the 2022-2023 school year are available at all three Local 333 Union Halls or by calling Joni at 517-784-1106 ext. #4. Scholarship applications must be postmarked by June 25, 2022 and in the Jackson office by July 1, 2022.

Please check your certifications such as Backflow, Med-Gas, Weld, etc. for the expiring dates. If a recertification class is needed please check the website, or contact the Training Center at 517-323-0333.

Weld Tests are the second Tuesday of each month at the Lansing Training Center.

Masters test prep is Monday’s and Wednesday’s every week at the Lansing Training Center.

If you are interested in signing up for classes please go to our website at www.ua333.org or 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. 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’s the member’s responsibility to make sure their certification(s) are current and updated

NOTICE!!! The Local 333 Retiree Breakfasts are back!!! The next breakfast will be Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 10:00 am at the Alpha Coney Island at 1188 Jackson Crossing, Jackson, MI.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a new location. Restaurant is located at the west end of the Jackson Crossing shopping center. If you have any questions or need directions just contact Joni at 517-784-1106 ext#4. Please pass the word to fellow retired members.

Plumbers & Pipefitters Annual Golf Outing will be held Saturday, August 6, 2022 at the Eldorado Golf Course, 3750 W. Howell Rd. Mason, MI. 48845. 9am Shotgun starts. \$300 per team, this includes 18 holes of golf, cart, dinner and prizes for everyone. Come and join the fun. **Registration forms are at all three halls and needs to be turned in by July 15, 2022.**

Congratulation to Scott Richardson winner of the UA State of Michigan HVAC Apprenticeship Competition.

Happy 50th Anniversary to Tom Andreas and his lovely bride Margaret, Enjoy all the beautiful memories that come with the celebration of a golden wedding anniversary.

Heartfelt congratulation to the following members who retired May 1, 2022.

Brad Thompson, Brent Cloward. Wishing you all the best in your new life of retirement.

A warm, happy welcome to Michael and Meghan Roth’s baby girl, Ivy, who was born May 31, 2022.

“Realize deeply that the present moment is all you ever have.”
—Eckhart Tolle

“For you to be successful, sacrifices must be made. It’s better that they are made by others but failing that, you’ll have to make them yourself.”
—Rita Mae Brown



Local 174 Plumbers, Pipe Fitters & Service Trades

West Michigan Plumbers, Fitters & Service Trades Local No. 174 COOPERSVILLE – **JUNE MEETING DATE CHANGE - SPECIAL CALLED.** The June meeting will be held on MONDAY, JUNE 6th at the Assembly Hall at 7pm. The meeting was moved to allow the officers to attend the Michigan Pipe Trades Convention. The meeting is special called for the purpose of wage allocation.

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

Local Union Picnic: The Local #174 Family Picnic will take place at Heritage Landing in Muskegon on Saturday, July 16th from 11am to 4pm. RSVP’s are out. IF YOU RSVP PLEASE ATTEND THE EVENT. We order food and drinks based on the number of RSVP’s.

Dave Reynolds Memorial Golf Outing: The Local #174 Golf Outing will take place on Saturday, August 6th at the Falls at Barber Creek. The format will be a four person scramble. Each team must have two Local #174 members. Registration at 8am and shotgun start at 8:30am. The cost is \$65 per person. Contact Cami to sign up. Money must be paid by July 29th.

Organizer: Local #174 would like to congratulate Brother Johnny Ortiz on being selected as the new Local #174/Michigan Pipe Trades Organizer. Thank you to all who applied.

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.

Covid Test Reimbursement: If you purchase an at-home COVID Test please save your receipt. Effective January 15th the health fund will reimburse the cost of up to 8 tests per month. We are still working on setting up the reimbursement arrangement. Once that process is in place you will receive a letter with instruction on how to obtain reimbursement. You can order four free tests per household at www.covidtests.gov.

Retiree Breakfast: The retiree breakfast will be held on Thursday June 9th at 9am at New Beginnings Restaurant in Coopersville.

Contact Information: If you have a change in contact information or to verify your contact info PLEASE CONTACT CAMI so we can keep our system up to date.

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

PAC Cards: Since the elimination of prevailing wage, the race to the bottom on wages and benefits for publicly funded projects has begun. Our political focus over the years to come will be electing people who support prevailing wage and wage standards in general. To do that we need to raise our PAC card participation. We currently have less than half of the local contributing to our PAC. Your PAC contribution DOES NOT COME OFF YOUR CHECK. When you sign the PAC card it allows us to move money from your working dues over to our PAC. Please call Cami today and find out if you have current PAC card on file.

Medicare Retirees: Effective January 1st 2021 your insurance premiums will be reduced by approximately 12.5%. New rates are as follows:

Single Medicare \$262.55
Retiree and Spouse Medicare \$525.09

Retiree and Non-Medicare Spouse \$677.55

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 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.

New insurance carriers: Active and NON Medicare Retirees

Aetna: (888) 290-7241
Save-Rx: (800) 228-3108
Medicare Retirees Labor

First: (616) 345-0788

Organizing Update: Please contact Chris Pelton if you know of any jobsites with a non-union plumbing or mechanical contractor or if you are interested in actively assisting with our organizing efforts. There are plenty of opportunities available, ranging from a one-day ride-along with a Business Agent or Organizer all the way up to full blown salting.

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.

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 your 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.**

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

Lakeshore – 3rd 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: (TIC). West Michigan Plumbers, Fitters and Service Trades Local No.174 Fringe Benefit Funds, 6525 Centurion Drive, Lansing, MI 48917-9275

(517) 321-7502 Phone
(855) 40-PLUMB Toll Free
(517) 321-7508 Fax

BENEFITS WEBSITE: westmichiganplumbers.org is the TIC website where you can check your contributions and benefit information. Click on benefit inquiry. Your username is your social security number. The password for first time users is K4GHB39 (case sensitive). You will then be prompted to create a permanent password.

Forms: The forms for Dollar Bank Reimbursement and Sub Pay are on the www.ua174.org website under the Members Only section and Forms and Links tab.

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 extension 17 when you are laid off. You must call line 17 to be put on the available to work list. 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: **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, June 9, 2022, and Thursday, July 14, 2022.

The next **weld test** event will be Saturday, June 11, 2022 @ 8:00am. The capability demonstration will be on Thursday, June 9, 2022 @ 5:00p – 9:00p. Please call and sign up if you plan to test.

Open Welding on Wednesday nights is currently cancelled until further notice.

If you have a certification that has expired in the last few months and have questions re-

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Sprinkler Fitters Local 704

DETROIT – The next regular business meeting will be held Wednesday, June 15, 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 provision that falls into the jurisdiction of Local 704 shall be manned by not less than two 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 its local union office.

Mark your calendars for the Sprinkler Fitters Local 704 Golf Outing which will be held Saturday, August 20th. More details to follow.

Any retiree who would like to volunteer for picket line duty, please reach out to Rob Williams at the Union Hall.

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.

A speedy recovery to all of our sick and injured members.

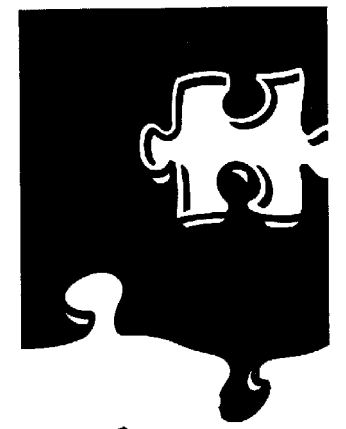
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garding recertification, please contact the Training Office. Many certifications have extended grace periods on expiration dates.

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, Chris Pelton Organizer ext.15, Lisa Johnson Accounting Manager ext.11, Cami Burris Administrative Assistant ext. 10, Training Dept: Jeff Rumsey ext. 16, Nicole Shumaker ext. 30.

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“It wasn’t until late in life that I discovered how easy it is to say ‘I don’t know!’”

—W. Somerset Maugham (1874-1965)

“Don’t worry about the world coming to an end today. It’s already tomorrow in Australia.”

—Charles M. Schulz (1922 - 2000)

“Drive thy business or it will drive thee.”
—Benjamin Franklin (1706 - 1790)

“If you would not step into the harlot’s house, do not go by the harlot’s door.”
—Thomas Secker (1693-1768)

“In the absence of clearly-defined goals, we become strangely loyal to performing daily trivia until ultimately we become enslaved by it.”

—Robert Heinlein (1907 - 1988)



Michigan Painters
District Council

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

Painters DC 1M
WARREN – Dear Members,
DC1M WEBSITE: www.iupatdc1michigan.org
DC1M FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/iupat1m



ROBERT GONZALEZ

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
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 AND 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.



Local 357
Glaziers & Glassworkers

Glaziers & Glassworkers 357
WARREN – Our next scheduled union meeting will be held on Monday, June 6, 2022 at 6pm. Please attend.

Glassworkers Local 357 members have ratified a new CBA. Thanks to everyone who made it a priority to come and vote. The new CBA goes into effect on June 1, 2022.

Memorial Day weekend has come and gone. Please remember all the brothers, and sisters, and our families that we have lost in active duty. We thank you. We won't forget you.

The IUPAT has a new app that you can download. It's called IUPAT Mobile Member Portal. You can find this in the app store, and it is a free app. Once you download this app, you will need your union member id to log in. You can find your member id printed on your quarterly union card. Once you log into this app it's a helpful tool to track your hours worked, and it all has a digital copy of your union card.

Keep your working status current; this helps protect your benefits. If you have a mailing address and/or telephone number change, please notify the Union and Fund Offices of the changes.

Dues payments may be mailed to the Union Office at 14587 Barber Avenue, Warren, MI 48088. Make checks payable to: **DISTRICT COUNCIL 1M** in care of Glassworkers #357.

When traveling to work out of town, all members are reminded that they must check in with the local that you are working in as per the International Constitution and our local C.B.A.

The Fund Office address is Michigan Glass and Glazing Joint Funds, P.O. Box 966, Troy, MI 48098-0666; phone number: 248-641-4957; fax 248-813-9898.
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CONSTRUCTING BEAM BOXES at the University of Michigan Pavilion Health site in Ann Arbor are Carpenters Rob Stan (Local 1234) and Noe Canto (Local 1004). They're employed by Spence Brothers.



Local 47 Heat and Frost Insulators

Heat and Frost Insulators & Allied Workers Local 47
LANSING – The next Regular Union Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting will be held at Fitzgerald Park, Site 5, located at 133 Fitzgerald Park Dr., Grand Ledge, MI 48837. This is a Mandatory Meeting for all Apprentices. Following the Union Meeting, the Awards will be announced and given out with the picnic to follow. We hope to see everyone there!

To combat and limit the spread of Covid-19, Local 47 encourages all members to continue to work safe, and if you feel sick contact a doctor immediately.

Any retirees wanting to go to work, please call the office.

The Funds Trustees have waived the 79-hour rule.

All members should have received a letter from our International regarding the Asbestos Exposure Scientific Study. For more information on how to participate in this study, please contact Business Manager Patrick Welch at the main Local 47 Office number: 517-708-0665

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.

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

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If you are in need of safety modules, please contact your employer if you are employed or the union office @ 586-552-4478, if you're not.

Any questions call the hall or call the Council @ 586-552-4474.

Participation is very important to keep our union strong, so try to make it to a meeting.
Business Rep- Don Stepp



Local 25 Heat and Frost Insulators

Heat & Frost Insulators Local 25

SOUTHFIELD – UNION MEETING: The next scheduled Membership Meeting will take place Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Union Hall, 21353 Bridge Street, Southfield, MI 48033.

GOLF LEAGUE: Any member interested in a Local 25 golf league should contact apprentice member Jeff Matties, (313) 400-3099.

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.

APPAREL: New Local 25 apparel is available at the Union Hall. New items include: knit hats and beanies, new hi-vis short and long sleeved t-shirts and hi-vis hoodies. Apparel can be viewed on the Facebook page.

M.U.S.T. SAFETY MODULES: It is important to keep your M.U.S.T. Safety Modules up to date. If you have Modules expiring and needing to be completed, give the Union Office a call to have the testing authorization turned on.

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.

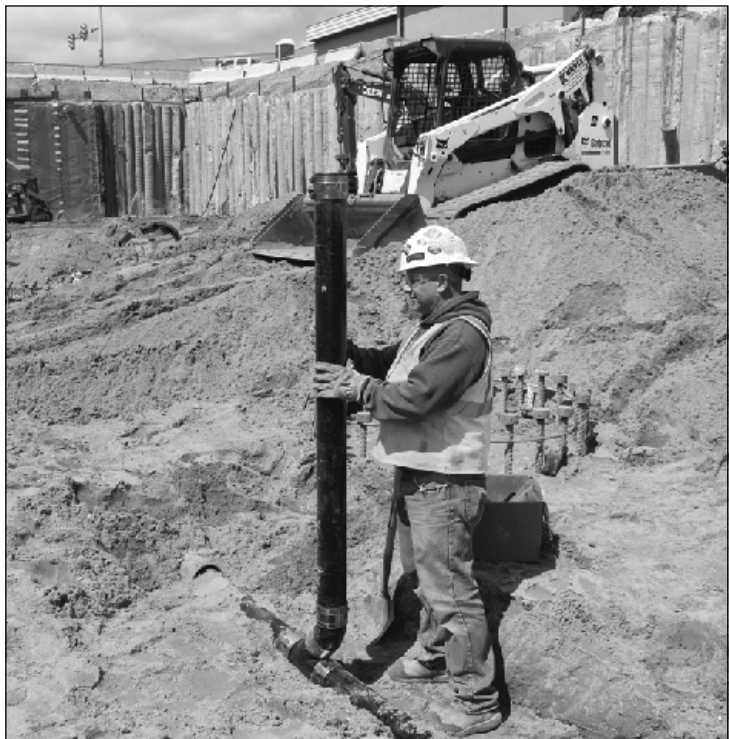
LAY OFF/HIRE: Please be reminded, all members shall notify the Business Manager within 48 hours after accepting a job or upon termination of employment. Failure to report will result in an automatic \$50 fine.

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 30 days of receipt of said State Unemployment check. Any request for a benefit payment past the 30 days will be denied per the Plan Document.

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.

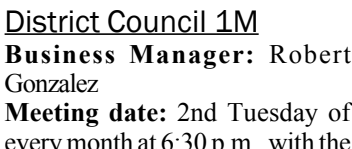
SICK AND INJURED: Please keep all our sick and injured members in your thoughts and prayers.



PLACING A DRAIN RISER at the University of Michigan Pavilion Health project in Ann Arbor is Barry Lee of Plumbers and Pipe Fitters Local 190. He's employed by Boone and Darr.

"Humility must always be the portion of any man who receives acclaim earned in the blood of his followers and the sacrifices of his friends."
–Dwight David Eisenhower,

"A minute's success pays the failure of years."
–Robert Browning (1812 - 1889)



Sign, Pictorial & Display Local 591

Sign Pictorial & Display 591
WARREN – The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 5, 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 1 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 or Keith Anderson at 586-899-7958, your Business Representatives.
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 going to work: When laid off or back to work, call the office. 586-552-4474
"We don't see things as they are, we see things as we are."
–Anais Nin (1903 - 1977)

Union industry expects solid construction growth

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began in 2015. But 20 percent predicted "no change" or an industry contraction of some level, with 4 percent expecting a "very strong contraction."
And it was good to see that among the folks writing the checks for projects, the "owner/client" group, a remarkable 96 percent projected growth in 2022.
•Regionally, the "East North Central" area that includes Michigan and six other states is about average compared to the rest of the country, with 83 percent of respondents expecting "growth" or "strong growth."
•Better yet, more than half (54 percent) of respondents said they expect that construction industry growth to last three years or more. There's even a ready supply of optimism for growth in the next four to five years (24 percent) and more than five years (14 percent).
•The most "difficult to find, high demand skills" sought by con-

tractors? The survey said it's not even close: welders were cited by 23 percent of respondents. Next on the list were plumbers (12 percent); HVAC technicians and pipefitter/steamfitter (both 7 percent).
•Under the "Employee Health and Well-Being" category, the "the perceived vaccination status of union craftworkers was fairly low" the survey found, although actual vaccination rates were not available from this survey. Specifically, 59 percent of the survey participants reported that 50 percent or fewer of the union craft employees in their organization were Covid-vaccinated, and just 14 percent said that at least 70 percent were vaccinated.
•A large majority (83 percent) indicated that they were aware of at least one craftsman in their organization who missed work or under-performed because of a substance abuse issue in 2021. Twenty percent said they knew of a craftworker in their organization who died by suicide in 2021.

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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, June 9, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

*Zone 1- July 14th -6:00 p.m.

*Zone 2 –July 19th -6:00 p.m.

*Zone 3- July 13th -6:00 p.m. (Saginaw)

*Zone 3- June 16th -6:00 p.m. (Traverse City)

*Zone 4- July 12th -6:00 p.m.

*Zone 5 –August 4th -6:00 p.m.

SMART Local 7 Picnic: Local 7 will be hosting a picnic on Saturday, July 23, 2022 at the Double JJ Resort located at 5900 Water Rd, Rothbury, MI 49452. If you are interested in making reservations at their campground, call their offices at 231-894-4444 or go to their website at www.doublejj.com. Let them know you are with Local 7. **All Local 7 Members and their Families are invited to Attend.** Renew Old Acquaintances and Make new ones with Games, Food, Beverages, Kids Games, and Door Prizes Etc.... *view the Picnic Flyer on our local website www.sheetmetal7.org.*

NEWS: Local No. 7 –**Union Hoodies** available through the Lansing office for \$44.00/each (While Supplies last). Hoodies are Red with White logo. *Payment via check, cash or credit card. Payment must be received before shipping.*

Please register on our website at www.sheetmetal7.org for the most up to date information on meeting schedules for 2022. 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.labelitscanitreport.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. Work continues to pick up and will continue to increase as we get into summer. Please contact James or Eric with your employment status should you become unemployed. Apprentices, please inform Ryan at the Training Center of your employment status as well. If you are experiencing any problems with unemployment or health insurance would like further information regarding retirement, please contact James or Eric for further assistance. Any Journeypersons interested in upgrade classes, please contact Ryan at the Training Center for more information (269) 781-7183 (class availability depends on the level of interest). Congratulations to our newest Journeymen that were sworn in at the last Zone 1 meeting

Zone 1 Retiree monthly meetings:

1st Wednesday 8:30 am at Bob Evans 1725 N W Ave, Jackson, MI 49202.

2nd Tuesday 1:00 pm at Rocky Top 1900 Lansing Ave, Jackson, MI 49202.

In Solidarity, James Callahan and Eric Farrington.

ZONE 2 Info: Work in Zone 2 remains busy and looks good throughout the summer. Once again please keep me informed of address and phone number changes as it is important for the Lansing Hall and TIC. Please keep your dues paid on time, they are due by the first of every month. We are less than two months away from the Local 7 Picnic July 23rd at the Double JJ Resort in Rothbury, if you plan to stay the weekend please make a reservation by calling (231-894-4444). Let them know you are with Local 7. **As always work safe and Thank You Mike Adams**

ZONE 3 Info: (Saginaw) Work in the Saginaw area should be picking up soon with the school work starting in June. If anyone needs any journeyman upgrading classes, OSHA 30, MSHA, Welding Certs please contact the training center or myself. If anyone hasn't received their packet from Delta dental or Eye Med please let me know or call Benesys you should've received one. **Thank you, Joe Dotson**

Zone 3 Retiree meetings – (Saginaw) Tuesday June 28 and Tuesday Sept 27 at Ponderosa located at 2861 Wilder Rd, Bay City. Retirees and spouses welcome to join.

ZONE 3 Info: (Traverse City). Our next membership meeting will be June 16th at the Mill Pond event center at 6pm. If you need any assistance on the vision or dental care plans please contact me. It's looking like a very busy summer for work and some good projects rolling in to fall. If anyone knows of anyone interested in our trade let me know. **Regards, John Amalfitano**

ZONE 4 Info: Spring is here and Summer right around the corner and with that a ton of work. Zone 4 currently has ten members on the out of work list. There are a lot of projects starting up and more to follow through the summer and fall. If you are laid off please contact the hall. **Your Brother, Larry Kinzie**

ZONE 5 Info: Work in the U.P. remains steady with some projects gearing up to start very soon. The next retirees meeting is scheduled for June 7, 10 AM EST at the A&M Cafe in Skandia MI for breakfast. If you can make it please be in attendance. **Respectfully, Greg Faust**

SASMI Information – Zone 3 and 5: Underemployment – Filing for period 2021-B is from July 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021. Eligible members who worked less than 700 hours from July 1, 2021, through Dec. 31, 2021, may receive an underemployment benefit. Health and welfare benefits paid on your behalf will be deducted from your benefit. **NOTE:** Members who received an Emergency Advance Benefit must file for Underemployment to receive the remainder of that benefit for the stabilization period.

In addition, you must provide copies of all W-2 forms for the entire year of 2021.

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:

Samual Fuller (Business Manager/Financial Secretary-Treasurer) **517-882-4064**

Eric Farrington (Agent-Lansing/Jackson) **517-242-3223**

James Callahan (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**

Larry Kinzie (Agent-Flint) **810-836-3552**

Greg Faust (Agent-Upper Peninsula) **906-372-9288**



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 June 28, 2022 at 5:30 pm. Meetings are held at the union hall, 17100 W. 12 Mile Rd. Southfield, 48076

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: The next executive board meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2022 at 5:00 pm. Executive Board meetings are held at the Local 80 Hall, 17100 W. 12 Mile, 2nd Floor, Southfield, MI.

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

RETIREE MEETING SCHEDULE: The 2022 retiree meeting schedule is as follows: June 20, 2022, August 15, 2022, October 17, 2022 (annual party) and December 19, 2022. 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 on Tuesdays from 12-4pm (appointment only) and 12-5:30pm (walk-ins) on union meeting nights. If you are interested in setting up an appointment, please contact LaShone at 248-813-9800 ext. 3250

GOLF OUTING: SOLD OUT!! If you would like to be added to the waiting list please call the hall. Please join us on July 16 at Cracklewood Golf Club in Macomb Twp. Tickets can be reserved at a cost of \$90 a ticket for members and \$125 a ticket for non-members. Your ticket will include coffee, donuts & danishes, a bloody mary bar, lunch at the turn, open bar up until 1 hour after golf, beer & pop available on the course and a wonderful steak dinner. Please contact the hall with any questions you may have or to reserve your ticket!

THANK YOU TO MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR DUES

AYEAR IN ADVANCE: Brian Neuman, Ryan Cousino, David Canady, Christian Hedlund, William Lovell, Lawrence Kettler Jr., John Robinson Jr., Casey Horsfall, Kenneth Megge, Lawrence Narkiewicz, Devern Rabideaux, George Huyghe, Marc Boyd, Timothy LaRoy, Robert Abramczyk, Michael Poyle, Connie Johnson, Richard J. Anderson, Brian Haynes, Steven Brosch and Iro Galea.

DUES GIFT: As of October 1, 2021 current, active members who pay for a year of dues at a time will receive a gift from the union hall.

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 1st 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.

LAYOFFS: 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 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 days to apply for S.U.B. benefits after lay-off.

LAYOFF 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 days from your layoff date or you will forfeit S.U.B. benefits. Layoff 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 there to (Continued next column)



Local 292 Sheet Metal Workers

Sheet Metal Workers Local 292

TROY – MEETING NOTICE: The next general membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, **June 8, 2022. There will be a Special Order of Business at this meeting for Division of Money. All members are encouraged to attend.**

Member meetings are held every 2nd Wednesday of the month at The Knights of Columbus in C l a w s o n . Check out the calendar tab at www.sheetmetal292.com for the location and date. The

PAUL E-Board/Stewards meeting is scheduled for

June 28, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the Union Hall.

UNION HALL CLOSED: Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Union Hall will be closed June 22 through June 24, 2022. The office will reopen on Monday, June 27, 2022. Paul and Tony can be reached on their cell phones on these closure dates to address any issue.

2022 ANNUAL GOLF OUTING: Mark your calendars! The Local 292 annual charity golf outing will be held on Sunday, August 21, 2022. The outing is being held at Boulder Pointe Golf Club in Oxford. More details will follow.

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 at the online store tab or <https://sheetmetalworkers292.itemorder.com/sale>. If you have any suggestions for new items or changes for artwork, contact Paul or Tony.

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

RETIREES NOTICE: MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The 2022 schedule for the Local 292 Retiree luncheon are as follows: **June 2nd, August 4th, October 6th, December 1st**

The retirees luncheon will be held **Thursdays** 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, 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 story telling. Looking forward to seeing all retirees, new and old!!

CONSTITUTION AND RITUAL: The Constitution and Ritual of the 2nd SMART General Convention is now available online. Go to 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.

SAFETY MODS AND DRUG TESTS: To access your MUST account, please go to www.mustonline.org or access it through the “links” tab at 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.

MEMBER ASSISTANCE: Local 292 is now partnering 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 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.

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).

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

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.

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; Facebook page - Sheet Metal Workers Local 292 and Twitter - @SMW292, for updates and information.

THE 4 PLUS MEMBER PROGRAM: The “4-plus” member 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 classes June 4, 11 and 25.

These classes would be for 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 \$40.00 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 7:00 and 3:00 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.

“As long as you derive inner-ner help and comfort from anything, keep it.”

– Mahatma Gandhi (1869 - 1948)

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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.LifeAdvisorEAP.com. **Make 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.

2022 SAVE THE DATES:

Local 80 Golf Outing – July 16th
Local 80 Picnic – August 13th

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DETROIT – The next membership meeting is scheduled for June 21 at 7 p.m. We will practice social distancing for everyone's safety. Come and enjoy fellowship with your brothers and sisters.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the retirees that you all are safe and well.

Membership gold cards- Congratulations!

Jerry Pavlat-25 Years
Kurt Fast-25 Years
Gregory Dejongh-25 Years

Please activate your Blue Cross Blue Shield account. To activate your Blue Cross member account online go to bcbsm.com/register and select register now.

Please Welcome Parrish Hill our new Business Representative! His number is 313-220-7840 and can be reached by email: parrishhill514@yahoo.com

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.

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 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.opcmiami.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 Members and Contractors in the Flint area to handle their business transactions at: 2630 Grand Traverse, Flint, MI 48503. Appointments may be made by calling 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 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 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 can track your annuity fund status at the Wells Fargo website. You may do so by logging on to: www.retirement.wellsfargo.com or call (866) 640-5138, you can also call the fund office at (248) 645-6550 with any related questions.

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 beneficiary

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BAC Local 2

WARREN/LANSING JUNE 2022 MEETINGS

METRO DETROIT CHAPTER: Tuesday, June 7, at 7 PM, 21031 Ryan Road, Warren.

ANN ARBOR CHAPTER: Tuesday, June 07, 2022 at 6:00 PM, 8225 Dexter-Chelsea Road, Dexter, MI 48130

FLINT CHAPTER: Wednesday, June 01, 2022 at 7:30 PM, 1701 W. Genesee Street, Lapeer, MI 48446

KALAMAZOO CHAPTER: Thursday, June 09, 2022 at 6:00 PM, 11847 Shaver Road, Schoolcraft.

LANSING CHAPTER: Monday, June 13, at 6 PM, 3321 Remy Drive, Lansing.

MARQUETTE CHAPTER: Monday, June 20, 2022 at 7 PM, 119 S Front Street, Marquette.

SAGINAW CHAPTER: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 7 PM, 1300 W. Thomas St., Bay City.

TRAVERSE CITY CHAPTER: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 7:00 PM, 1231 Hastings Street, Traverse City, MI 49686

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

CRAFTWORKERS NEED-ED: 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. You can view the full Signing Bonus policy on our website.

ASPEEDY 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.

IMPORTANT CHANGE Regarding 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 www.michiganbricklayers.org to view the Apprenticeship and Training website and register for future 2022 online training classes.

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ries 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. **PLASTERERS 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.

Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers

CENTER. To schedule appointments at the Metro Detroit Training Center, please contact Howard Hipes directly at (517) 749-1102.

TMT RTI CLASSES: To register visit <https://www.michiganbricklayers.org> and click Calendar. Classes are filled on a first registered first served basis and will be held on the following Saturdays from 7:00am – 3:30pm: Jun: 4th & 11.

Apprentices, remember that Related Training Instruction (RTI) classes are a requirement of your Apprenticeship, failure to attend will delay your apprenticeship and raises.

Feel free to contact your BAC field representative or the Statewide Apprentice Director, Howard Hipes, should you have any questions.

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/member-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 <http://bit.ly/MAP-BAC> 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 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 appreciate your time and effort in helping us accomplish this task.

BAC 2 MI TEXTING PROGRAM: We have been communicating by text message more frequently with our membership lately. We encourage our members to sign up to receive our text messages by

- texting **2MI** to **877877**
- You'll receive a confirmation text asking for your member number (IU#)
- Respond with your six-digit IU number and you will receive Local 2 Text Messages going forward!

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)



Roofers Local 149

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

Regular Membership Meeting. The regular membership meeting is scheduled for Tues, July 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Executive Board Meeting. The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for Tues., June 28, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Condolences. It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we inform you of the passing of the following Brother. Brother Jeffrey Richardson, he was 73 years old and a 42-year member. He passed on 5/12/2022. Rest in Peace Brother.

Condolences to Brother George Wettlauffer (and Family) on the passing of his wife.

Condolences to Brother Nicholas McLeod (and Family) on the passing of his wife.

Detroit Wage Allocation. Starting June 1, 2022, the allocation of this year's \$1.65 raise is as follows: \$0.50 Check, \$0.50 Annuity, \$0.10 Health & Welfare, \$0.50 Vacation, \$0.05 Hourly Dues.

Nominations. All elected Officers of this Union shall serve for a period of Three (3) years.

Business Manager/Financial Secretary/Treas. – One to be elected. Brian Gregg (not opposed)

Business Agent – Two to be elected. Joe Gilliam, Gary Johnsen (not opposed)

Executive Board – Five to be elected. Don Watkins III, Joe Precourt, Tim Sampson, Andrew Sundt, Luke Brown, Joe Zsembery, Robert Colston

President – One to be elected. John Johnson (not opposed)

Vice President – One to be elected. Rick Baird (not opposed)

Recording Secretary – One to be elected. Tom Jaranowski (not opposed)

Trustees – Three to be elected. Jim Micovich, Walt Connell, Lee Bruner (not opposed)

Sergeant-at-Arms – One to be elected. Dennis Mehler, Jimmy Black

All elected Trustees of this Union shall serve for a period of four years.

Pension Trustee – One to be elected. Lee Bruner, Joe Zsembery

Insurance Trustee – One to be elected. Gary Johnsen (not opposed)

Additional information on the Statewide Ballot to follow

Election of Officers. Election of Officers ballots will be mailed on Tuesday, June 7, 2022. Please notify the Hall of any recent address change to make sure you get your ballot in time to return it for counting on July 5, 2022. If you have not received your ballot, please call Election Judge Jim Hughes at the Union Hall during regular business hours to request a "Duplicate Ballot" (313.961.6093 ext. 0). All duplicate ballots will be MAILED OUT. Your ballot must be received at the designated Post Office box by 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 in order to be tallied at the Local Union Hall on that date and at that time. Do not turn in your ballot to the Union Hall. EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!

DAD's Day, Dollars Against Diabetes Canister Drive. Saturday, June 18, 2022, Local 149 Members will have a canister drive in Taylor at Goddard and Pardee (GPS: 22314 Goddard Rd., Taylor, MI 48180) from 8 a.m. to Noon. Volunteers will receive a free DAD's Day T-shirt and lunch. Money raised will be used to help find a cure for Type 1 juvenile diabetes. Contact the Detroit Union Hall, 313-961-6093 or Detroit

Training Center 248-543-3847 to volunteer. If you cannot participate but would like to make a donation, make checks payable to "DAD's Day" in care of Roofers Local 149, P.O. Box 32800, Detroit, MI 48232.

Retirees Association. Mark your calendar, Shane Olson from Humana will be speaking with the Association on June 15, at 10 am. The Retiree's Association will be playing euchre afterwards.

Vacation Checks. The Detroit Union Hall will open at 4:30am, Friday, July 15, 2022 to distribute vacation checks. The Hall will also be open from 8:00 until Noon, Saturday, July 16, 2022 for anyone that cannot make it down Friday. Detroit Members will need to contact the Union Hall if you what the check mailed.

Mid-Michigan vacation checks will be mailed July 13, 2022

Those who have their vacation pay **Direct Deposited** will have their money deposited in their bank on July 13, 2022

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., name of Financial Institution, address, and telephone number.

Scholarship Grant Program. Roofers Union Local No. 149 and the Roofing Industry Promotion Fund are working together to offer college scholarship grants to worthy individuals. This year the program offers four scholarship grants in the amount of \$1000 each, to those eligible individuals who are attending or are planning to enroll at an accepted College or University. **Previous winners will not be eligible.**

This year the committee is proud to announce the offering of four scholarship grants, for those planning a post high school higher education.

A. Three scholarships offered to those persons who are dependents of Active Roofers Union Local #149 Members, and

B. One scholarship offered to those persons who are dependents of RIFP member contractor office employees. Dependents of company owners or principals are not eligible.

HOW TO WIN. Those individuals interested in obtaining one of four scholarship grants, should submit an essay to the Joint Scholarship Committee. The essay should contain 250 words or more. You may select one or more of the following topics:

- Roofing Technology – Old vs. New
- Roofing Safety – Safety practices and their importance
- Roofing Impact – What does roofing mean to you, based on your life experiences?
- Roofing Ethics – Is my parent and/or guardian in a job that matters to society?

DEADLINE. All essays MUST BE RECEIVED (NOT POSTMARKED) at the RIFP office by mail, fax, or email no later than Friday, June 3, 2022. Essay should be type written, and be accompanied by the "Application Form," which includes the applicant's name, address, telephone no., college applied to, selected study major, parent or

guardians name, and parent or guardian employer.

NOTICE OF AWARD. Winners will be notified by mail. The Roofers Union Local No. 149 – Roofing Industry Promotion Fund Scholarship Committee are the sole judges of essays. For additional information, contact the Union Hall at 313.961.6093

Union Dues. Make sure you pay your monthly dues before the end of every month to stay in good standings. You can pay dues at the Hall with a cash, money order, credit, or debit card. Union dues can be paid over the phone with a credit or debit card. Monthly dues can be taken out of your vacation check by filling out a form at the Hall (active Members only). The mailbox is only to be used for checks and money orders do not put cash in the mailbox. To be eligible for the International Union Burial Benefit, a member must be in continuous good standing. If you have any questions, please call the Hall at 313-961-6093

Website for announcements, news, and updates. www.rooferslocal149.com

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.

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

- Apprentice 2 & Single Ply 1-Monday, July 18, 2022
- Apprentice 1 & Single Ply 2-Tuesday, July 19, 2022
- BUR 1 & Steep Slope 1- Wednesday July 20, 2022
- BUR 2 & Steep Slope 2- Thursday, July 21, 2022
- Apprentice 7 & 8 Hands On + Safety & Health- Thursday, July 21, 2022

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 Thomas Jaranowski at the Training Center, 248-543-3847, or TJaranowski@DetroitRoofers.org to make arrangements.

MID-MICHIGAN AREA – Clio Office. Notice of Election – Mid-Michigan Negotiating Committee. The following members are the Mid-Michigan Negotiating Committee: Robert Coats, Jesse Wangler, Frank Ostrander

Mid-Michigan Training Center Information. Journey workers 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, or midmichroofers149@gmail.com 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 5/31/2022, 2:00p.m.

In Solidarity, Brian Gregg Business Manager, Roofers & Waterproofers Local 149



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IBEW Local 252

ANN ARBOR – **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 who may need to update beneficiary information. If your information needs to be updated it needs to be updated at **BOTH**.

TRAINING CLASSES 2022: All classes start at 5 p.m.
1. CPR/First Aid, Tuesdays, June 7 & 14.

There will not be a code update required in 2022. 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. **Masks must be worn at all times in school.**

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. Come join the fun.

Retirees' Breakfast: The Retirees' Breakfast will take place the second Wednesday of each month at 8 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.

George Perros Memorial Golf Outing: This year's Annual Golf Outing will be held on July 9 at Pierce Lake Golf Course, 1175 S. Main St., Chelsea, MI 48118 at 8 a.m. Registration begins at 7 a.m. Cost is \$50 per person. 1st year Apprentices and Retirees play for free. Please contact the Union Hall to sign up your 4 person team: (734) 424-0978.

Annual Picnic: This year's picnic will be at 12 p.m. on Aug. 20 at Apple Creek Campground, 11185 Orban Rd., Grass Lake, MI 49240. Campsites are available. Contact Travis Stachlewitz to reserve (734) 985-8025.

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 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 with discount code 4924966.

Local 252 Website, App, and Facebook Under Construction: More updates to follow.

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.

Condolences: The Local sends our sincere condolences to Brian Grondin and his family for the recent passing of his mother. The Local sends our sincere condolences to Dave Spicer and his family for the recent passing of his father-in-law.

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.

DUES PAYMENTS – Please look at your dues receipt. If your dues paid through date shows 3/ 2022, your dues are not current. "A" members pay \$119.25 per (Continued next column)



PIECING TOGETHER THREE-INCH PVC conduit at the University of Michigan Pavilion Health project in Ann Arbor are Andy Summers and Vic Tandy of IBEW Local 252. They're employed by Huron Valley Electric.



IBEW 948

FLINT – Our June Union Meeting will be held on Monday June 13th, 2022, at 6:00pm.

Our May Executive Board Meeting will be held on Monday, June 27, 2022, at 4:30 pm.

The Next Retiree Club Meeting will be Tuesday, June 7th, at 9:00am then Tuesday, June 21st, 2022 at 8:00am.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE! IBEW Local 948 Elections will be held on Monday, June 6, 2022. **THE POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 8:00 am – 8:00 pm**
THE CANDIDATES NOMINATED FOR OFFICE ARE:

President: Phillip Steele
Vice President: Michael Forsyth

Recording Secretary:
Treasurer: Dan West
Business Manager / Financial Secretary: John Bond Jr., Troy Machia, Greg Remington

Executive Board: (7 member board): Gus Almasy, Matt Banks, Robert Bishop, Naaman Cardinal, Jeff Carriere, Chris Christenson, Eric Crites, Dale Drouin Jr, Lee Hunt, Kevin Schepler, Jason Wilson

Examining Board (5 member board): Kyle Chappelle, Todd Crane, Kellogg Dipzinski, Ryan Enos, Kelene Ewell, Shane O'Connell

Article XII, Section 7. "All members, in good standing, shall have a voice and a vote one year after being sworn into Local 948."

Your dues receipt must show at least "Apprentice 2nd Year", and dues paid thru April to be eligible to vote.

Sincerely,
Steven Teel, Election Judge

Do not forget to check our website for new content. Be sure to log in to see all the new content. www.local948.com.

Dues. You can pay over the phone with debit or credit card. You can also stop by the Hall during business hours (7am-noon/ 1-4pm) and pay by cash, check, debit or credit card. **Do not wait till you owe a reinstatement fee (4 months behind).**

2022 – Monthly Dues – Journeyman \$43.70 a month – Apprentices, CE, Sound Tech \$40.70 a month

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If you are unfamiliar with our referral procedure, please refer to our website @ http://local948.org/job_referrals/
Gregory Remington
Business Manager

E-mail and Re-signs: If the Hall does not have your e-mail address it would be a good idea to send us an e-mail to jwallace@local948.org so we can add you to the e-mail list. This is a great way to keep up with the latest information on job calls and other information sent from the Hall.

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quarter for 2022. "BA" members pay \$61.80 per quarter for 2022.

Please mail your check to 7920 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Your second quarter dues (April through June) are due now.

Payments for second quarter dues will be accepted no later than 11:30 A.M. on Thursday, June 30, 2022.



IBEW 275

COOPERSVILLE – Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The job outlook for the Local remains slow to steady with no large layoffs projected. We have had sporadic calls coming in so please call the recorder every night if you are interested in getting back out to work. Calls for GM will require all 18 MUST modules and a current MUST drug screen. If you are interested in traveling for work, please call the Hall for up to date traveling info. If you are interested in salting, contact Geoff or Walt for more info.

Local 275's annual picnic is scheduled for Saturday, July 30th. Bring the whole family for great food, fellowship, prizes, and bring cash for raffles including the EWMC's gun raffle. RSVP's for the event will be on the local's website at www.ibew275.org right on the home page.

Elections for officers is scheduled for June 25th, 2022. Please check your mailboxes for mail in ballots. Make sure you follow the instructions that come with your ballot for your vote to be counted. Please refer any questions regarding elections to our election judge, Kaleb Kerkstra.

Please remember that re-sign is the 10th through the 16th of each month. If your re-sign is not in by the 16th, you will be rolled off the Book. You may contact Geoff at the Hall if you need assistance.

There has been a recent update to sign Book 2 in Local 665, Lansing. They are no longer accepting original sign by email or fax. You must sign in person.

The next regular membership meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 21st, 6:00pm at the Union Hall.

Dues for 2022 are \$42.90 per month. Please adjust when making payments through the mail and automatic bank payments.

At the time of this writing, the following members are three months or more behind in dues: **Mark Holzinger**



IBEW Local 498

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TRAVERSE CITY – **Meetings.**

Regular E Board- The next regularly scheduled E-Board meeting is set for Friday, June 10, 2022 @ 6pm.

Regular Meeting – At the last meeting in April there was a motion to change the meeting date to the first Thursday of every month. The next meeting is scheduled for 7pm Friday June 10, 2022. Currently, the Solidarity Picnic before the Regular meeting is on hold for now due to Covid.

Work Outlook – The local will be very busy this spring and summer into fall. If you are on the road please consider manning the work in your home local. If we are to retain our market share, we have to man the work.

First Aid/CPR/AED – is scheduled for Wednesday, June 29 at 5 PM. Please call the JATC office to sign up at 231-943-4193. Leave a message. Space is limited. Please check your card to see if you are due. If you are not able to find your card, call the JATC office and we can check our records.

Renew Committee – The Renew Committee has not received a return call or email from the Cherry Festival so we will not be participating with a float this year.

Organizers Update – New Contractors: Leach Electric has two members employed and looking to expand. Cunningham Electric has two members working and Ski Electric has the owner and one member working. Local 498 Organizer Laurie Thybault has the new Bounty Program up and running. Both new hires and rank and file members are eligible participants. Please call Business Manager Dave at the hall for more details or Laurie.

Resale Items – Local 498 Challenge Coins are in 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.

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.gtref.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 - 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 Thank you!

Important numbers for you to write in your address book:
MEEHP (Health) 1-855-633-4584 or 1-517-321-7502 Fax# 1-517-321-7508

MEEPP (MI Pension) 1-517-321-7502
(New address Michigan Pension and Health Plan)
TIC International Corporation, 6525 Centurion Drive, Lansing, MI 48917

NEBF 1-301-556-4300
NEAP 1-301-556-4300
IO Pension 1-202-833-7000

DUES RATES. Jan 1, 2021 – No increase. Still remains \$140.10/ Quarter

Info Updates – Any member with a new address, phone number, email address, etc. should contact Local 498 with these changes.

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. 3#



INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS BAY CITY MICHIGAN

IBEW Local 692

BAY CITY – **Union Meeting.** The June monthly membership meeting will be held at 6:00 P.M. on **Monday, June 6, 2022.**

Executive Board Meeting. The June Executive Board Meeting will be held at 6:00 P.M. on **Monday, June 20, 2022.**

Message from the Business Manager. Election Day will be held on Monday, June 6, 2022 at the Electrical Trades Building (1300 W. Thomas Street, Bay City) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Remember to fulfill your Union obligation by voting.

Work Report. First, we will start with some good news. It sounds like Karn 3 & 4 may not close now until 2031. If this news holds true, that may lead to more future work.

Projects that are currently bidding include the following: Bay City Schools (a few small projects), a Frito Lay Distribution Center in Monitor Twp., North Peak Brewing, PNC Bank Midland, Monitor Sugar Desugarization (\$65 million total project), Kalita Air Hanger in Oscoda, Small Digester in Bay County, and finally the Independence Bridge in Bay County.

Projects that may hire are obviously SK Siltron. The steel is still going up on this project and has seen some delays due to material. The good news is another \$300 million is headed towards this project late this fall with the next phase to begin in January of 23'. Gage Grow, Liberty Bridge, Cheboygan Wastewater and both Goyette Mechanical Projects (Hale Schools and the Ground Water filtration system at the old Wurtsmith) may also hire in the near future.

Rest assured both organizers and myself are working very diligently to secure whatever work is being bid in our jurisdiction for our membership. Detroit and Lansing are the place to be in the state right now if you are looking to travel. Ann Arbor will be good shortly. Please contact the hall if you would like to sign any books.

In Solidarity, Ryan Charney

Business Manager / Financial Secretary

Organizers Report. 692's Organizing team continues to reach out to unrepresented workers in our jurisdiction about the benefits of joining the IBEW. The third quarter of 2022 will see demand for local manpower increase considerably. The ability to provide adequate manpower to larger-scale projects will only strengthen our contractors' chances of securing this work. The IBEW work outlook looks strong statewide as well, with larger projects coming to Detroit, Lansing, West Michigan and elsewhere. If you'd like to register on any other IBEW out-of-work lists, please reach out to the hall.

Bay City commissioners recently adopted a Responsible Contracting ordinance that will ensure projects funded by taxpayers are completed by reputable firms. Responsible Contracting language prioritizes criteria such as workplace safety, the utilization of a local workforce, and adhering to licensing and permitting requirements when awarding contracts on larger-scale construction projects and city contracts. No longer will cost be the only criteria when considering contractors looking to secure work in the city. As with any new process, there will undoubtedly be some growing pains. 692 agents will continue to assist our signatory contractors in navigating the new bidding process included in this important ordinance.

Last summer, Local 692 agents assisted the Michigan Fair Contracting Center in a Davis-Bacon complaint filed with the U.S. Department of Labor. The complaint was filed over the recently completed VA Clinic project in Clare, where general and subcontractors bid the project according to an incorrect wage determination. As a result of the subsequent DOL Wage & Hours Division investigation and ruling, over \$200,000 in additional wages will be paid to skilled trades workers who were employed on that project. A lion's share of said backpay will go directly to the electricians. Although those electrical workers affected are not members of our Brotherhood (yet), the investment of resources spent on initial investigation, filing a formal complaint, and continuous follow-up all proved to be a worthwhile endeavor. Dozens of skilled trades workers have directly benefited from the IBEW's due diligence and commitment to elevating the standard of living of all those working in the construction industry.

Please continue to let us know if you have any questions about upcoming work or if you notice any under-the-radar projects that we should be made aware of.

–Brian Klele 989.252.9225 Brendon Baranek 989.327.4131

Apprenticeship. Congratulations are due to the following new Journeyman Inside Wiremen who have successfully completed their apprenticeship: Jacob "Duke" Backus, Luke Bruzewski, Matt Burton, Michael Foote, Chris Gangler, Scott Longstreth, Alex Painter, John Raymond, Kyle Rogers, Cody Schlese, Josh Vallad, Chris Vandriessche, and Luke Waldie. Good luck in you careers, men. We appreciate all of your hard work.

Twelve applicants have been offered apprenticeship and will soon be sworn in as first-year cubs.

Union Dues. 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.*

2022 Dues. • Monthly \$41.20 • Quarterly \$123.60 • 6 months \$247.20 • Yearly \$494.40

To avoid a reinstatement fee, please remember to keep your dues current.

Local 692 Retirement Party. This year's party will be held on **Friday, October 7, 2022.** It will be located at the DoubleTree in Bay City. Please mark your calendars and make every effort to attend this great event to honor our retirees!

Retirees Lunch. The next retiree's lunch will be held on **Thursday, June 16, 2022** at 1:00 PM at Duel Bar located at 2471 West Parish Road in Midland.

RENEW. Our annual Bags for Brotherhood event will take place on Sept. 17, 2022. Please come out and support us!

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 Jacob (989.316.6811) or 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.

Important links & numbers.

IBEW Local 692, 989-684-4510, www.ibew692.org
Health Plan, 517-321-7502, www.mielectricalhealth.org
Michigan Pension Fund, 517-321-7502
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IBEW Local 131

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IBEW Local 131

KALAMAZOO – The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 6, 2022 at 6 p.m.

The election of officers will take place on June 6th, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., balloting location will be the Union Hall located at 3641 East Cork St., Kalamazoo, MI 49001. The easiest way to request an absentee ballot can be made to ibew131electionjudge@gmail.com. Please refer to the official election mailer for other ways to request absentee ballots.

The next **Executive Board** meeting will be held on June 20th, at 5 p.m.

Work Outlook: The poor spring weather continues to hamper projects and our anticipated timeline of job calls for several projects. We expect in the near future to be placing calls for the Pfizer MAPS Project. Additionally, Moore Electrical has work on the new Justice Facility and the Bronson Outpatient Surgery Center, both projects are currently coming out of the ground. We are also tracking projects awarded to Scharwitz and Shaum Electric, Indiana-based contractors who have been awarded several projects in the Southern part of our jurisdiction.

The LMCC has launched a new website www.poweringkalamazoo.com. This website will be used to highlight local signatory contractors and used as an organizing tool. Follow us on Facebook @poweringkalamazoo, Twitter @PoweringKzoo, Instagram @poweringkalamazoo, and LinkedIn @poweringkalamazoo. Please feel free to share the wage calculator feature of this site.

If you believe we do not have your email address or correct cell phone number, please email Christine at cbhms@ibew131.com

Dues pricing – The price for dues in 2022 is \$40/month. If you're unsure about your balance, please call the Hall for the exact amount or email Christine. If your dues ticket reads paid through May 2022, your dues are not current; please contact the Hall.

At the time of this writing, the following members are three months or more behind in counter dues payments: Anthony Falvo, Nick McKenna, Jason Streit

We have finalized our automated dues reminders; these reminders will be sent ahead of possible late dues. You may receive a message via text or email if you have not tendered your most current I.O. Dues payments. Dues payments can also be made online; to log in, use your Last Name and Card Number.

We have also now integrated Death Benefit and Retirement payments into the online portal, you should expect to start seeing them accounted for in your month dues payments, both at the window and in the form of online payments.

Life events happen, and we'd always like to make sure you have updated beneficiary forms. If you're questioning whether yours is up to date, stop on down to the Hall to get new documents.

If you're interested in receiving updates from the Hall, please email Christine at cbhms@ibew131.com to get your email address added.

All Memorials (members and members families) and full obituaries can be viewed on the website under the Memorials Tab.

FROM THE APPRENTICESHIP: **Code Update Classes: it is now required for Journeyman to pay in advance to hold your spot in the Code Update Class. We require 48 hours' notice for cancellations if you need to reschedule for another available Code Update Course. **

Drug Test Renewals: Please keep track of your drug test expiration date through www.safe2work4you.com. It is your responsibility to stay current on your drug test. Please contact Nicole (269) 388-4434 to get your authorization form printed for you to pick up. If you don't want to come to the Hall to pick it up, please email Nicole and request your form to be emailed to you. office@kalamazoojate.com.

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IBEW 58

DETROIT – The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2022. Dinner begins at 5:30 and the meeting will start at 6:30.

Updated Covid Protocol – Masks required in the Union Hall. Per recent CDC Recommendations due to the current rise of COVID cases, masks will again be required when entering the Union Hall for any and all in-person business beginning Monday, May 16. Please wear a mask when moving around the office.

Electrical Industry Training Center is offering Continuing Education classes. Please check them out at <http://www.detroitelectric.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.

Local 58 Dues Information: PLEASE NOTE: You can now pay dues to the end of the year. It takes 24 hours for processing your payment if you pay on the APP/Website. If you have not enrolled in the new dues' payment system – you will need to do so before you can pay. If you forget your login ID or Password, you can request it through the APP/Website on the Existing Users Login Page. You can call the hall and pay over the phone if you choose to or mail in a check. If you have lapsed, you will not be able to pay on the APP/Website.

You will need to call and talk to a Business Agent. **RE-MINDER** -When registering, please use your legal name as it appears on your dues receipt. i.e., Kenneth not Kenny. If your number starts with a letter, use a capital letter. June 30 is the last day of the quarter. If your dues are not paid there will be a \$30 reinstatement fee. The last day to pay on the APP/Website is June 28 to keep from getting a fee or Lapsing. Thank you!

Local 58 Motorcycle Group: Group meetings have moved to the 3rd Tuesday of the Month @5pm in the basement classroom before the General Membership Mtg. Open to everyone and all riders are encouraged to join us! Requirements need to be met for patched membership. Visit our Facebook page for planned rides and updates @ IBEW Local 58 Motorcycle Group. Contact Anthony Anderanin @ 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.

Local No. 58 Benevolent Fund: The next Benevolent Fund meeting will be Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 5:00.

The Jerry Gaudi Memorial Golf Outing will be Friday, June 3, 2022, at the Glenhurst Golf Course in Redford, Michigan. This will be the 21st Annual Gaudi Open. The Entry Fee is \$75.00 per ticket, which includes cart, golf, prizes, & lunch (at the turn). Everyone is welcome and bring a friend. Limited to 120 golfers due to Covid restrictions. Arrive by 8:00 AM, Golf starts at 9:00 AM. Hole sponsorships are available for \$100 and raffle tickets are

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Organizing: As much technology as we use to track non-union electricians in our jurisdiction, often, our best resources are you, the members. If you see a non-signatory in the area working at a location, please let the Hall know.

Retirees: We are working on updating the Retirees List for Julius, if you believe we do not have a good phone number for you please call the hall and contact us.

Retiree Lunches all start at 11 A.M. at the following Locations:

June 15th, Julianna's, 205 Lake St., Kalamazoo

July 20th, Red Lobster, 6535 S. Westnedge, Portage

Every Tuesday a smaller group of Retirees meets at Uncle Ernie's Pancake House, 4005 Portage Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49001 the time for this breakfast is at 10 a.m.

**Brian O'Donnell
Business Manager/
Financial Secretary**

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available for a Cooler of Cheer and an IBEW golf bag with accessories. If interested in hole sponsorship, raffle tickets or donations please contact Michael Bellhorn 586-612-5964 or Jim Peltier 586-610-1154. Thanks again for all your support.

Members of the Community Service Committee: The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 14, at 5:30 PM. The Wobbly Kitchen is up and running again and we are assisting them every 2nd and 4th Sunday with food prep and distribution at Cass Park. We are asking volunteers to show up at the hall at 8:00 am to help with the Wobbly Kitchen program. To get involved with future community service projects contact Mike Conflitti at the union hall or Ray Kujawski at (248) 496-1916.

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 for further information to volunteer or participate.

Members of the Entertainment Committee: The next meeting of the Entertainment Committee will be Tuesday, June 14, following the Community Service Committee meeting that starts at 5:30pm.

EWMC of Southeastern MI The next chapter meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 20, at 5:30pm. This will be an in-person meeting with a ZOOM option. 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. What can we safely participate in that continues to promote the IBEW in the community? Stay tuned for more volunteer opportunities.

Also, if you are a DPS/DPSCD alumni, please add your name to our list for future events. You can contact Byron Osborn or Felicia Wiseman with your information. Solidarity Forever.

The RENEW Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

The Safety Committee meeting will be on Monday, June 13, 2022 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) meets the 1st Wednesday of each month Via Zoom. To be added to our email list please contact Jeannette Bradshaw (313-408-1287). PAC contributions can be made through the APP, and at the Union Hall. You can contribute more than the \$4 that is suggested on your quarterly dues, but you cannot exceed \$175 per calendar year. The loss of our deduction cut our resources in half, and we would like to assist local candidates and our members looking to run for office.

Local 58's Women's Committee: Our next regular meeting is Thursday, June 23 at 5:30 pm at the hall and on zoom. Please watch for emails with further updates and zoom info. Coin number 3 in the "She needed a hero" set is now available. Hurry and get yours before they are all gone! They are \$25 apiece, funds raised are for the ARC Scholarship. PayPal, Venmo, and of course cash is available for payment. The 4th coin in the set will be released at a later date!

Applications for the ARC Scholarship are now available! If you have a dependent who is heading to or enrolled in college have them, try for this Scholarship! We also award a scholarship for a whole year of school to one of our apprentices! The due date will be the end of May. Applications are available at the hall and on the website. If you have any questions don't hesitate to call. u can Email us at: 58Womensofcommittee@ibewlocal58.org, or call committee chairs Angela Panucci (586) 291-8014 or Kayla Pauli with any questions. Follow us on Instagram @ibewwomen58; Check us out on Facebook Local 58 Women's Committee.

Local 58 Senior 55+ Softball Team – Now that springtime is upon us, we will be starting practicing soon with games beginning May 9, 2022. Weather permitting. Games will be played again at Shelby Twp Ford Fields on 23 Mile Rd. just west of Van Dyke. 10 am is game times. If you

have any questions or want more information, please call Joe Schraufnagel at 586-255-1205 or Gerry Cassani at 586-804-8026.

Wiremen's Golf Association (WGA) Members: This year the 2022 Wiremen's Golf Association Tournament will be hosted by Local 481, Indianapolis, IN on Aug. 16-19, with the optional scramble being held on Tuesday Aug. 16. The golf courses being utilized for the tournament are Trophy Club (Lebanon, IN), Ulen Country Club (Lebanon, IN), Purgatory Golf Club (Noblesville, IN), and the optional scramble will be played at Eagle Creek Golf Club (Indianapolis, IN). The host hotel/tournament headquarters for this year is the Sheraton Keystone @ Keystone Crossing, 8787 Keystone Crossing, Indianapolis, IN 46240. Ph. 317.846.2700.

Local 58 IBEW Senior Golf Outings 2022- June 16, 2022, Maple Lane Golf Club, 33203 Maple Ln Dr, Sterling Heights, MI 48312, tee time 9:30 am, \$28.00; * July 21, 2022, Whitmore Lake Golf Links, 1111 Six Mile Rd, Whitmore Lake, MI 48189, tee time 9:30 am, \$30.00; * Sept. 8, 2022, No course yet; Oct. 6, Tanglewood Golf Course, 22805 Country Club Dr, South Lyon, MI 48178, tee time 9:30 am, \$30. 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. Remember, All IBEW Local 58 members are welcome to participate! Call Art for questions or concerns.

IBEW Local 58 Retirees Association of Retirees Wives and Widows: Due to cancellation of the luncheons in February and March 2022, we are out of sync when it comes to the east side – west side pattern of our luncheons. It was reported that the June Luncheon would be at the Gazebo Banquet Center in Warren, this is AN ERROR, as we get back to the crosstown pattern, February would have been at Corsi's and as a result the June Luncheon will be at Corsi's in Livonia, Wednesday June 22.

NOTE: The JUNE LUNCHEON WILL BE AT CORSI'S BANQUET CENTER, 27901 W. Seven Mile, Livonia 48152. Send your reservations with your checks for \$20 per person, to Ray Owen, 428 Welch Rd., Northville, 48167, or call Ray at (248) 348-3626 with questions. We are hoping to get a large crowd, to get the ball rolling again on our monthly gatherings! We hope to see you there. Board meetings have begun again, the next one being Wednesday, June 8 at 10 a.m. at the local union hall in the Bill Rushford Room in the lower level of the building. The Union Hall has an updated Covid Protocol when entering the building **Please wear a mask when moving around the office.** This meeting is open to all members, please come and join us. We are always happy to welcome visitors and possible new members to our Board of Directors. Come to a meeting and see what we are all about. The more the merrier! And, of course, come join us at our monthly luncheons too.

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: Mark Emery, Timothy Flores, Wayne Gilbert, Robert H. Lashbrook, Karen Lenderman, Michael Mares, Eric Mikols, Daniel Milbrandt, and Giuseppe Silvestri.

Members that have Passed Away. Brian J. Honeycutt, Son to JIW Brian E. Honeycutt, Grandson to Pension member Bill Honeycutt; Larry Lawrence, Pension member, 55 year IBEW membership; Robert Muszynski, Pension member, 43 year IBEW membership; Robert Muszynski, Pension member, 43 year IBEW membership; Shirley Patricia, Wife to the late Pension member, former Assistant Business Manager of IBEW Local 58 Edward Patricia Sr; Mother to Pension member, JIW, Edward Patricia II and JIW, Timothy Patricia; Aunt to IBEW Local 58 Business Rep., JIW, Jeffrey Patricia; Scott Trustman, JIW, 23 year IBEW membership.

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

"Democracy is a device that ensures we shall be governed no better than we deserve."
—George Bernard Shaw (1856 - 1950)

June 3, 2022

THE BUILDING TRADESMAN 11



WE GET A PAIR OF THUMBS UP from Neil Heller of Operating Engineers Local 324. He's operating a Bobcat T750 loader working at the U-M Pavilion Health project in Ann Arbor.



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SAGINAW – Union News. Hello brothers and sisters! Not a lot new to report. Local elections are here! Next union meeting (June 7th) the local officer election votes will be tallied. No run-off election will be held as each of the offices will be decided that night.

Please keep an eye out for the Official Election Ballots. They've been mailed out and we would love to have all of our members casting votes and participating! If you have any questions, call the Hall or Nick Iles who will be serving as the election judge. Good luck to all those who decide to run!

Make sure you receive your wage increase. This should be reflected on the pay period of May 29th to June 4th and going forward. The next holiday is 4th of July. This day falls on a Monday and the union hall will be closed that day. All work done on this day is double bubble money baby! New Apprentice interviews are done and they should be hitting the job sites soon. Make sure to make them feel welcome!

It is with a heavy heart we report the passing of brother F.D. Dale. Brother Dale passed on May 24th and was born on March 26th, 1933. He was initiated into the IBEW on February 14th, 1958 and retired on April 1st, 1995. Please keep him in your thoughts.

Apprentices, the Service Learning Policy was reinstated at the March 21st JATC meeting. You'll need to start attending union meetings again or make up the absence.

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS- Our next meeting will be June 7th at 5:30pm. On this day, local officer votes will be tallied. I sincerely hope all of you will participate in voting this year. Get it in early and make your voice heard!

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

UNION HALL OPERATIONS- If you have any questions or issues, our Business Hours are M-F 7-4:30pm.

BOOK SIGNING- 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. If you are a Saginaw member and receive a lay off, please come to the hall and sign Book 1 in-person.

WORK OUTLOOK- Pretty much the same as last reported. Van Herweg continues work at Handley school, Saginaw County Animal Shelter and the new Value City Furniture. The new Saginaw United High School currently low bidder is Thiel Electric. Leddy and Nelson have recently secured the next set of projects at Swan Valley Schools. Leddy will also be doing work at The State Bank also located in Thomas Township. Nelson will be working on St. Louis schools later this summer.

ELECTIONS- 2022 brings with it Election time! If you would like to stay informed and contribute to labor-friendly candidates, please visit www.ibew.org/IBEWPAAC It's going to take all of us to contribute to labor friendly candidates so please do your part to ensure our future yields labor positive results.

HEALTH CARE- We would like to inform our members that **Any purchased at-home Covid test is now reimbursable through the Health Plan and Blue Cross.** The Michigan Electrical Employee's Health Plan continues to cover 100% of the costs related to testing for COVID-19. During this pandemic, remote care is encouraged and Blue Cross members can call the 24-Hour Nurse Line at 800-117-BLUE. You may also want to inquire if your primary care provider offers telemedicine.

Also, if you used Express-scripts for your RX needs, BCBS has opted to use Optum RX in its place. This mainly applies to members who have their RX delivered to their homes. You may need to contact Optum to make sure the change is seamless. This is also part of the reason we were issued new BCBS cards in January.

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.bcbasm.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 EOB's, a virtual ID card on your phone, information on deductibles, explanations of coverage and other helpful tips related to your Health Care coverage. EOB's can be downloaded to smart phones or computers and used to substantiate WEX receipt requests.

WEX APP- Search for the "TIC HRA" app in Google or Apple and download it today. Utilization of this app will give you access to account balances, receipt reviews and submittals, barcode scanning for covered items, other helpful services. This is a great tool to accompany your Health Care benefits.

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 (517) 321-7502 or (855) 633-4584. Fax (517) 321-7508, website mielectricalhealth.org
In Solidarity, Breanna DePotey, Press Secretary



Boilermakers Local 169
ALLEN PARK – Please take note of the date change! Our next membership meeting will take place on **June 2, 2022**. It will be in Area 3 at the IBEW Hall located at 1300 W. Thomas Street, Bay City, MI 48706.



BOB HUTSELL
Beginning February 1st, 2022, union dues will be \$52.35 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 for more information.

Save the dates:
June 17 & June 18. Local 169 Motorcycle ride to the Soo Locks. All riders and spouses/ Family members are welcome to attend. There will be various stops along the way. You can reserve rooms at the Adoba Lockview Motel, 327 West Portage Ave., Sault Ste. Marie 49783; 906-632-2491 reservations@adobalockview.com

Additional rooms are available at the Ramada Inn in Sault Ste. Marie. Across the street from the Lockview.

This ride provides a great ride over the Mackinac Bridge the first day, and rides the following day to Whitefish Point, the Tahquamenon Falls, or the local casino.

Boilermakers Local 169 Annual **Golf Outing** is scheduled for **June 24** at St. Clair Golf Club, 1714 N. River Road, St. Clair, MI 48079. 8am registration with a 9am shotgun start. Please mail checks with your group count to the hall ASAP. Make checks payable to Boilermakers Local 169. In the memo write Golf Outing.

Area 1 Annual Picnic will be **July 23** at Camp Dearborn, 1700 General Motors Drive, Milford, MI 48380. Starts at noon. Please bring a side dish to share, all meat will be provided.

Area 3 Annual Picnic will be **August 27** at Lake of Dreams Campground, 1000 South Fenmore Road, Merrill, MI 48637
Retirees: Retiree luncheons have resumed. **The Area One Retiree** luncheon is held on the first Wednesday of every month at 11:00 am at the Brown Derby Bar, 10661 West Jefferson, River Rouge, Mi.

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

Area 3 retirees lunches are on the third Wednesday of every month. Next luncheon is June 15 at 11am at The Remus Tavern, located at 118 West Wheatland Avenue, Remus, MI. 49340

The 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.

Hoodies have been restocked and are available in sizes ranging from medium through 3XL. Cost is \$40.00. Payments can be made with cash, check, or credit. If you live out 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.

Our two-week apprenticeship training session will be this August. The Commonarc test will follow. Apprentices should plan accordingly. Apprentices will be notified of times and dates.

Due to continued demand, the Boilermakers Local 169 Welding Committee will be holding a stainless steel and Inconel weld certification test with B&G Pro- (Continued next column)



Local 25 Iron Workers

Iron Workers Local 25
NOVI – The West Michigan wage increase allocation VOTE regarding the WMSEA Agreement will take place **Tuesday June 7, 2022 from 3:00 pm through 7:00 pm at the following locations: Dial-A-Ride Office 180 Memorial Dr., Manistee MI 49660 OR Electricians IBEW Local 131 3641 East Cork St., Kalamazoo MI 49001.** This is for the West Michigan Agreement. Journeyman in good standing are eligible to vote.

The Next Novi Union meeting will be Monday June 27, 2022 at 7:00 pm. (in-person only NO ZOOM). All union halls will be **open to host in-person union meetings for June & July.** Come out to see your fellow brothers & sisters in person, enjoy some food & drink with us!

June 2022 Vacation checks: Anyone on Direct Deposit your Vacation check will be in your account Friday morning June 3, 2022. All other Vacation checks not previously scheduled for pick-up was mailed at the end of business day Tuesday May 31, 2022 and all checks are dated June 4. Please be patient with the U.S. Postal Service!

Iron Workers Local 25 Annual Picnic will be Saturday, June 25, 2022 starting at 11:00 AM. Location: Training Center, 50490 W. Pontiac Trail, Wixom MI 48393. We are really looking forward to this years’ 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!

The 38th Annual International Iron Workers Festival will be held August 12-14, 2022 in Mackinaw City MI. Please plan ahead and reserve your hotel room(s).

Ironworkers Local 25 APP- Sign up for our Alerts & E-mails via our website (www.ironworkers25.org). We continue to communicate through the **PUSH NOTIFICATIONS** – download the APP if you haven’t done so yet!

Steward meeting(s): The Lansing Hall Steward Meeting will be Monday, June 13, 2022 at 6:30 pm. The Flint Hall Steward Meeting will be June 15, 2022 at 5:30 pm. The Saginaw Hall Steward Meeting will be June 23, 2022 at 6:00 pm. All are welcome.

Stewards’ Notes: 1) The link for Online Steward Report forms is found in the upper right-hand corner of our website www.ironworkers25.org LOG-IN DIRECTIONS will follow once you click the link that reads “Electronic Steward Reports.” These forms are much easier than the paper forms, we encourage you to give it a try if you have not yet done so.

2) PLEASE be sure to check dues for members and boomers too AND BE SURE ALL BOOMERS HAVE SIGNED BOTH THE RECIPROCAL AND THE ASSESSMENT-TARGETING.

3) All members please be sure to keep your Union dues paid up to date as it is criteria for working. *You can be asked to leave the jobsite if your dues are not current.*

4) Doby/Travel Service Dues are \$10.00 per week.
24/7 CREDIT-DEBIT CARD processing for Union Dues: Pay via our APP or website www.ironworkers25.org. **The phone number is 866-635-2826.**

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-April 30).

New Apprentices Applications are being accepted BUT you MUST go to ironworkers25.org, print the application, gather documentation then phone the school for an appointment; no walk-in foot traffic. The Wixom Training Center – Phone: 248-960-2130

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 “Evaluation Form” Journeyman/Supervision can use this to submit apprentice evaluations using computer/cell phone and submit electronically. **Please also note, you must check your email for your pay raise slips.**

To view classes at the Local 25 Apprenticeship School, please go the ironworkers25.org to view the block schedule. The 2022 Raising Gang Training schedule is one the website. Please call the school to make up days **Do not just show up and expect to be allowed to stay.**

The Iron Workers’ Local 25 Retirees’ Club: The Novi Chapter Retirees Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday June 7, 2022 at 9:00 am. The Retirees meeting will be Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 10:00 am in Novi. All are welcome.

The West Michigan Chapter Retirees breakfast will meet Tuesday June 7, 2022 at 9:00 am at Red Rock Grille & Café, 228 N. Ball Creek Rd, NW, Kent City, Michigan 49330. Future meeting scheduled for the 1st Tuesday of each month. All are welcome.

The Bay City Chapter: NO Retirees quarterly meeting in July.
The Downriver Chapter Retirees breakfast will meet Friday, June 17, 2022 at 9:00 am at Mom’s Restaurant, 2691 Fort St., Trenton, Michigan, 48183. Future meetings scheduled for the **third Friday** of each month. All are welcome.

The Retirees’ Club Scholarship Fund Golf Outing will be held on Thursday, July 21, 2022. Location: Green Hills Golf Course in Pinconning MI. Contact Dallas Comeau 989-734-5518 if interested. Watch for updates at (www.ironworkers25.org) or the Local 25 app that you can download by searching “Iron Workers Local 25” to stay informed on union matters.

Get Help in a Time of Crisis: Sadly, suicide is a leading cause of death in the U.S. If you or anyone you know is having a hard time and considering self-harm, there is help for you. **Whatever you are struggling with, help is available.** If you or someone you know needs 24/7, free and confidential help, contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 24/7. Call 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255) or chat with a professional at any time.

In Memory: Rigger Charles Short #867288 passed away May 16, 2022 at the age of 89. He was a 50- 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 (May 31, 2022 12:00 pm E.S.T.).

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cessing. All carbon steel, certified tube welders are encouraged to participate. Boilermaker signatory contractors are seeing an increased demand for these welding skills as we continue working in emerging industries. As our industry changes, we must continue to develop the skills that make us the best choice for our owners and contractors, just as we have done for over 125 years. Further details will be forthcoming.

Retired member Michael Rhodes passed away on May 12, 2022, his services were private. Please keep his family in your thoughts during this difficult time.

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DETROIT – **Monthly Membership Meetings:** Union meetings are held the first Friday of every month at 7 pm at the Union hall (except for holidays), the next membership meeting will June 3.

Retirees: Retiree Council’s meetings are the last Friday of the month. The meetings are held 11 a.m. at the Local Union Hall, located at 2161 West Grand Boulevard Detroit Michigan 48208.

Union Dues For 2022: Effective **Jan. 1, 2022** regular monthly dues are **\$35 for active members.** Retiree monthly dues will remain the same **\$8.00.**

Reminder: Be sure to keep the Local Union updated with any changes to your phone number, address, and/or email.

Members can now Pay Dues online 24/7 at www.laborerslocal1191.org!!! Upper right-hand corner Pay Dues tab, and follow the instructions...Please also check out our website and “Laborers’ Local 1191” Facebook page for important information about your Local Union.

NOTICE: 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 shall be deemed suspended by the International Union without notice.

Save Time & Money: We 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 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. Members who sign up for Vacation monthly dues deduction and pay (6) months at a time will receive a 1-month rebate!!! To better serve our membership, we are accepting Credit & Debit payments.

Vacation Monthly Dues Deduction Authorization: Members may revoke vacation monthly dues authorization at any time by signing a vacation deduction cancellation form. This cancellation form must be sent to the Local Union 1191 office, however understand that Local 1191 needs to have this form on file at least 60 days before the next vacation checks are distributed for the months of May or November.

Vacation Check Direct Deposit: If your mail delivery is slow or your mail is getting lost, then it is highly recommended to get your vacation check direct deposited into your bank checkings or savings account. A Payee Deposit Agreement must be completed and signed, and the member must return the payee deposit agreement at least 60 days before the following vacation distribution for the month of May, or November to Michigan Laborers Vacation Fund, 6525 Centurion Dr. Lansing Michigan 48917.

MUST Safety Awareness Training: Please check the MUST website at www.mustsafe.com to see how many modules you have.

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 visit the training school website www.mltai.org to schedule appointments for modules. You can also contact the Local Union office at (313) 894-2241 to use a Local Union computer to complete required modules.

Training: Check out the training classes available to you at no cost. Journeyman and apprentices may still obtain training through MLTAI’s online training at <https://lms.mltai.org>. Types of training you can take include: Asbestos Awareness-Silica Awareness-Infectious Disease Awareness-Respirator Awareness-Hazard Communication-Blood borne Pathogens Awareness-Covid-19 Awareness-Lead Awareness.

NOTE: Classes & Certifications contractors have been asking for are: OSHA 30, Asbestos & Lead Awareness, Hoisting & Rigging, Pipeline Safety, Class A Cdl License, Asbestos Removal Supervisors Licence, Confined Space Permit Required, Grade Checking Blueprint Reading & Measuring Tools, Gps Location.

The above training and certifications are all available at the training center. It could mean the difference of being sent to work or not! FYI: 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.

Referral List: Every member who is looking for work must call, or come to the Local Union Office on Mondays between 1 and 4 p.m. and put their name on the out-of-work list. You must have an out-of-work skills sheet filled out and on file in order to be referred out for work by the Local Union. Also be sure to Check & Update your Skills regularly.

Roll Call: All members on the out-of-work list must re-register every quarter within the first five days of the following months March, June, September and December. Failure to do so will result in your name being removed from the referral list. *Example: If your name is on the list in April and or May and you don’t re-register by June 5 your name will be removed from the list.

Members are urged to report new project starts 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.

CONTACT NUMBERS. Michigan Laborers’ Fringe Benefits Funds (Annuity, Insurance, Pension & Vacation)
*Telephone: (877) 645-2267
*Fax: (517) 321-7508
*Website: www.michiganlaborers.org
*Delta Dental: (800) 524-0149

Metropolitan Detroit Laborers (Pension)
*Telephone: (248) 641-4942
*Fax: (248) 813-9898
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*Telephone: (800) 228 0048
Metropolitan Detroit Laborers’ (Vacation)
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*Web Site: www.metrodetroitlaborers.org

BENEFICIARY REMINDER: Please remember to designate or update your beneficiary choice especially after a divorce on all of your LIUNA Local 1191, 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.

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.

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.union-plus.org/benefits/education/union-plus-scholarships

Download the scholarship application and instructions here: MLDC Scholarship Application Packet

2022-2023 Scholarship Program. The Michigan Laborers’ Scholarship Fund is pleased to announce the 2022-2023 Scholarship Program, which provides scholarships for the continued and further education of eligible individuals who have been admitted or are already enrolled as a student in an accredited post-secondary institution. **Applications must be received by the fund office on or before May 1st, 2022 to receive full consideration.**

In general, eligible individuals who may apply for a scholarship under the Scholarship Program are members in good standing of a Local Union affiliated with the Michigan Laborers’ District Council, their biological children, adopted children, stepchildren, a person for whom the member or spouse is or was named full legal guardian (other than a limited or temporary guardian), or survivors of deceased members who were members in good standing of a Local Union affiliated with the Michigan Laborers’ District Council at the time of their death.

Survivors include all persons listed above. Eligible individuals must also have been admitted or be already enrolled in an accredited vocational school, technical school, or a two or four-year degree granting college or university accredited by the Board of Education.

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75 years of making boating better

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Boating has been a human pursuit for at least 8,000 years, with waters beckoning us toward adventure, providing food and helping build cities and economies for millennia.

Those motivations for taking to the water have persisted and still ring true today. Boating is part of us.

In 2022, Michigan celebrates the 75th anniversary of boating our waterways the way we enjoy it today – a modern concept involving the access and infrastructure needed for boating; launches, marinas, gas docks, locks and dams and the maintenance to keep these destinations accessible and operational.

The Michigan State Waterways Commission, a seven-member advisory commission appointed by the governor, was created in 1947 to advise on how to place, fund and manage harbors to provide safe, navigable boating on Michigan’s Great Lakes.

The commission has evolved significantly since its early charge and today is looking toward the future of boating to ensure Michigan continues to be a world-class freshwater boating destination.

The evolution of recreational boating. Established by the Michigan Legislature, the Michigan State Waterways Commission was created to take advantage of federal monies made available from the 1945 Rivers and Harbors Act, which provided funding for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects on the nation’s navigable waters.

Michigan soon began to create a safe harbor of refuge network on the state’s Great Lakes shoreline. This included the funding for protective breakwater structures and harbor basin and channel dredging to establish many of the harbors we know today, as well as routine maintenance dredging responsibilities for which the state, in turn, would provide mooring facilities.



A NETWORK OF 84 state-sponsored harbors gives Michigan boaters access to Great Lakes recreation. Pictured here, boats at Marquette Harbor Municipal Park.

MDNR photo

This plan began Michigan’s Waterways Program.

By 1949, the state began additional efforts to expand the harbor of refuge network by collaborating with local units of government (counties, townships and cities) in the construction, maintenance and operation of these facilities. This started what is known today as the Grant-in-Aid Program, establishing federal, state and local partnerships in the development of Great Lakes harbor facilities.

In 1966, when the new state constitution went into effect, the functions of the commission became a part of the Michigan Department of Conservation – the precursor to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources – and grew to add responsibility for selecting and creating boating access sites, or boat launches, on Michigan’s abundant inland lakes as well.

Funding to meet the needs of Michigan’s boaters became a priority, which is how Michigan became the first state in the nation to establish a state marine fuel tax. This carved out a portion of the state tax on the sale of gasoline for a fund that helps to provide

boaters access to Michigan’s waters.

In addition to the Grant-In-Aid Program, the federal government supports the harbor program through funds allocated to the Dingell-Johnson Fund, administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the development of boating facilities designed to match local contributions.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers played an important role in the initial development and actual construction of the majority of Michigan’s harbor network. The federal/state/local program of cooperation is aimed primarily at the development of facilities.

Responsibility for continuing operation and maintenance lies with local communities, and so reasonable fees are charged for the upkeep and operation of docks and piers, showers, restrooms and other facilities at these harbors.

Only where local resources are unable to support such facilities does the state consider assuming these responsibilities. As a result, the state of Michigan operates only 18 of Michigan’s harbor facilities.

The Army Corps oversees

harbors of refuge.

Michigan is more than a “Mitten.” Michigan is often called the “Mitten State” in reference to the shape of the Lower Peninsula, but those who have had the opportunity to experience the state from the water understand the full story of why Michigan’s maritime heritage is so important.

From the early Native Americans and French fur traders to shipments of lumber that helped rebuild Chicago, water has defined much of what Michigan is. Today recreational boating contributes \$7.8 billion annually to Michigan’s economy and supports 60,000 jobs.

The DNR, Michigan State Waterways Commission and community partners have ushered in a network of 84 protective harbors and public marinas for the convenience and safety of Great Lakes boaters. To date, there are more than 1,300 public boating access sites, developed and undeveloped.

These places are more than just where you put your boat into a river or lake – they are destinations for people to explore all corners of Michigan from the water. They are a passageway to hours

spent enjoying the calm and quiet of the water, to the memories made with family and friends while floating, tubing, paddling, cruising or sailing. They make over-water sunrises and sunsets available to everyone, not just the few who can afford waterfront property.

“I believe the most noble responsibility of the commission is to make sure that all people, regardless of their income level, abilities, or ethnicity have access to our Freshwater resources,” said Fred Sitkins, executive director of the Inland Seas Education Association in Suttons Bay and a Waterways commissioner since 2021.

Who is a boater? Boating is arguably Michigan’s pastime, with the state having the third-largest number of registered boats in the country and is often a heritage sport passed down from generation to generation.

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, thousands of new boaters have discovered the safety, affordability and wellness benefits that come with boating.

While it’s easy to assume that boaters are only people who actually own boats, waterways have helped expand that definition in many ways, including creating opportunities for businesses.

For example, fishing charters and boat rentals use these public boating access sites and marinas to make boating available to others who want to experience it.

Many boat manufacturers and dealerships also use boating access sites and marinas for classes and demo days to offer anyone interested in boating the opportunity to try it. Many state parks also offer boat rentals and boating programs.

The Michigan Boating Industries Association and Boat Michigan have been welcoming new boaters aboard for years with the Discover Boating campaign.

To experience boating before making the commitment to purchase your own boat, consider renting a boat or joining a boat club like Freedom Boat Club for shared ownership. Both options are growing in popularity at marinas around the state.

The future of boating. After 75 years of improving boating access, the Waterways Commission and the industry began to address additional challenges facing the sustainability of boating.

In 2019, in collaboration with the commission, the DNR invested in a consultant to analyze infrastructure needs for the next 20 years. The study found that the boating program faces over \$755 million in baseline improvement needs and a \$26.8 million shortfall annually to keep pace with this need.

Innovative thinking, understanding trends and required modernization of facilities, and looking at new funding models are all topics on the agenda for the DNR and commission, as well as evaluating current funding sources to ensure a sustainable future for the boating access Michiganders have come to expect.

Also, climate change and associated environmental threats, such as high water, severe weather events and aquatic invasive species are all topics that current and future commissioners will be challenged to overcome with the help and support of Michigan’s boaters.

“We all need to keep our waters clean and protected from invasive species and help make provisions to keep boating access sites, marinas and harbors safe and relevant to modern needs of boaters,” said Mary Rising, vice chair of the Waterways Commission and office manager for Action Water Sports in Fenton.

There is also a new challenge the commission and the boating industry are striving to address.

According to the Rhode Island Marine Trades Association, between 2003 and 2019, an estimated 3 million recreational boats were retired in the United States. This rate of accumulation is not expected to slow down, as many first-generation fiberglass boats launched in the 1970s-1990s have begun to reach their end-of-life status without a sustainable option for disposal.

Michigan is tackling this problem with a multi-industry team, striving to make the state the leader in fiberglass recycling – and not just for boats, but for construction, manufacturing, energy and other industries that currently use fiberglass.

No matter what you do, this is the summer to grab your friends, family and something that floats and find your way to the water. Find ideas for how to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Michigan State Waterways Commission at Michigan.gov/Boating.

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