

**Local Union #50 Plumbers,
Steamfitters & Service Mechanics**

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The logo for UA Local 50 Plumbers, Steamfitters & Service Mechanics. It features the text "UA Local 50 Plumbers, Steamfitters & Service Mechanics" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The text is centered within a white circle that is partially overlaid by a dark grey rectangular shape on the left and a light grey rectangular shape on the right.

RETIREMENT, INVESTMENT & HEALTH & WELFARE SEMINAR

On Saturday, March 14, 2009, at 9:00 AM, we will be having a seminar at the Union Hall with the following speakers and topics:

- Mark Evans from the Trust Company of Toledo will discuss asset allocation models, classes of investments, risk/return trade offs, sustainable withdraw rates, the options of keeping your retirement account with Local 50 or rolling it over into a private account, and the current economy & investment markets.

- Mark Boss from Eastman & Smith Ltd. will discuss wealth preservation, avoiding probate, wills and what happens if a person dies without a will, living wills, POA for health care, trusts, etc.

- Tom Frazier or Stephanie DeWitt from the Fund Office will discuss the retirement process with a Power Point presentation showing the different forms that must be completed prior to retirement and an example of the options available.

- Erin Thompson from Social Security Public Affairs Specialist will discuss pre-retirement, focusing on what Social Security will provide and what else a retiree will need to be comfortable. She will also give an explanation of Social Security benefits by providing an overview of benefits available through Social Security including retirement, survivor, disability, Medicare, and extra help for drug plans.

Please call the Finance Office at 419-662-5456 to register for the seminar.

INCOME TAX INFORMATION

Dues deductions are as follows:

- ▶ Dues \$28.00 per month
- ▶ 3% of gross wages from January 1, 2008 thru December 31, 2008
- ▶ .70¢ per hour paid from January 1, 2008 thru September 28, 2008
- ▶ .80¢ per hour paid from September 29, 2008 thru December 31, 2008



Minus Political Action Fund Contribution

- ▶ .03¢ per hour worked from January 1, 2008 thru December 31, 2008

SKILL T.R.A.D.E.S. MEETING

The SKILL T.R.A.D.E.S. will have a meeting at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, February 10, 2009, at the Union Hall.

ANNUAL CREDIT UNION MEETING

The Annual Credit Union Meeting will be at our Hall on Saturday, February 28, 2009 at 10:00 AM. There will be drawings for door prizes, followed by a luncheon. All members of the Credit Union are invited to attend with their immediate family only. Mark your calendars today!

NEW RETIREES

Daniel Dean	11/1/08
Charles Dorn	11/1/08
William Pickard	12/1/08

**LICENSE REIMBURSEMENT**

The PIPE is reimbursing our members 50% of the cost of any Journeyman or Apprentice License for any municipality within Local 50's geographical jurisdiction. Just bring in, or mail, a copy of your license and receipt to the Hall or to the PITC, Attn: Corinne. An additional 50% will be paid if you complete at least one (1) hour of an update class as set up and administered by the PITC.

PICK UP SERVICE AWARDS

If you were unable to attend the Awards meeting on December 16, 2008, please stop by the Financial Secretary's Office and pick up your award. This must be done by June 1, 2009, or your award will be forfeited.

WINDOW DUES

Window dues are \$28.00 per month. Please make checks payable to "Local 50" in \$28.00 increments. The Finance Office accepts only cash or checks for window dues.

BAD WEATHER

If Lucas County, Wood County or the City of Northwood has a Level 3 winter storm advisory, the Hall will be closed - that includes the Finance Office, Health & Welfare, and the Credit Union.

Dispatch will be delayed until the next working day. If you have doubt whether we are open, give us a call before coming to the Hall.

**DECEASED MEMBERS**

Scoop Williams	12/23/08
Teresa Pinkerman	12/24/08
Rodger J. Schmitz	12/26/08
Carl G. Julian	1/7/09

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

The Constitutional Changes were voted on at the January 20th meeting.

The first Resolution that would lower the regular membership meeting to one (1) per month was not passed. 23-Yes 110-No

The second Resolution that would increase the \$50.00 reinstatement fee to \$200.00 passed. 106-Yes 27-No

The third Resolution that would increase the base pay of the Business Manager from 40 hrs to 50 hrs per week, and would have increased the base pay of the Business Representatives and the Financial Secretary-Treasurer from 40 hrs to 45 hrs per week did not pass. 50-Yes 82-No

SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

Scholarship application forms are now available for the 34th Annual Michael Lieske Memorial Scholarship Awards. The scholarships are open to sons and daughters of all members in good standing (natural or legally adopted dependent).

Applicants must be completing courses in a recognized high school. Their class standing is not of prime importance for making application. The decisions of the Selection Committee will be based not only on the academic record of the student, but also on his/her own merits. High School Seniors who plan to attend a 4-year college, technical, or junior college or nursing school are eligible to apply.

The Selection Committee will be composed of one representative from the Toledo Public School System, Bedford Public School System and the University of Toledo. No member of Local 50 will be involved in the selection process. Applications will not be accepted from students presently attending college. Eight (8) Scholarship Awards will be presented this year in the amount of \$1,000 each.

All information and formal applications will be forwarded to the student upon request or may be picked up at the Union Hall. It will be the student's responsibility to see that all required data is forwarded to the Scholarship Committee as soon as possible. No applications will be accepted after April 1st.

All members who have natural or legally adopted dependent children are urged to take a deep interest in these awards. Local 50 is proud to be able to continue this scholarship program for the 34th year.

Applications should be sent to: Scholarship Committee
 UA Local 50 Plumbers & Steamfitters Union
 7570 Caple Blvd., Suite A
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**IN MEMORY**

In 2008, we had 28 of our members pass away. In memory of them and the service they have given to this organization and their fellow workers as examples and teachers of our craft, the list is as follows:

Michael W. Anderson
 Robert H. Fulton
 Donald Gearing
 Marvin B. Grant
 John Halka, IV "Johnny"
 Paul J. Hoerig
 William G. Hofbauer "Bill"
 Norman A. Jacobs
 Jeffrey S. Klorer
 Frank J. Kovacs

Edward F. Kujawa
 Robert L. McHugh
 Timothy J. Nitecki
 David C. Oaks
 Robert C. Phillips
 Teresa Pinkerman
 Philip W. Robinson
 Rodger J. Schmitz
 James E. Short

Verne W. Sigurdson
 John W. Teneyck "Bill"
 William R. Tinsley, Jr.
 Lawrence P. Vanderhorst "Larry"
 James E. Whitmore
 Eugene R. Windom "Russ"
 Scoop Williams
 William A. Young
 Anthony J. Zaper, Jr. "Tony"

Fraternally,

Eric Osborn,
 Financial Secty - Treas.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

There is a rule in sailing where the more maneuverable ship should give way to the less maneuverable craft. I think this is sometimes a good rule to follow in human relations as well.

- Dr. Joyce Brothers, Psychologist

