

**Local Union #50 Plumbers,  
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**BUILDING CORP. ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Building Corp. Meeting will be held before the regular Union Meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at 7:00 PM.

**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!

**INCOME TAX INFORMATION**

Dues deductions are as follows:

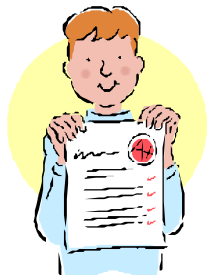
- ▶ Dues \$28.00 per month
- ▶ 3% of gross wages from January 1, 2008 thru December 31, 2008
- ▶ .70¢ per hour paid from January 1, 2008 thru September 28, 2008
- ▶ .80¢ per hour paid from September 29, 2008 thru December 31, 2008

Minus Political Action Fund Contribution

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

**UPGRADE TEST**

If you are interested in taking an upgrade test, the tests will be given on Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at 6:00 PM at the Union Hall. You must have your application turned into the Finance Office by Tuesday, March 24, 2009. If you have any questions, call the Finance Office.



**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.

-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.

**NEW RETIREES**

Girard Elson	1/1/09
Howard Hall	2/1/09

HAPPY RETIREMENT

**RETIREE'S ALUMNI MEETING**

The next Retiree (Alumni) Meeting will be on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at 11:30 AM and will be held at the home of Bob & Dorothy Kraft, located at 5833 Pickard Dr., Toledo, Ohio 43613 (off of Alexis Rd.). The Kraft's will make their delicious Jigg's Dinner. Please bring a fun gift wrapped white elephant prize, for the white elephant Bingo.

**WELDING CLASS**

There will be a welding class offered at the Training Center using the flux coated stainless filler wire process. This is the process that was used by Nooter at Sun Oil on the Consent/Decree Project. We need more members to become proficient with this process. The class will be held either during the day or evening, depending on the preference of the majority of those who sign up.

Call Corrine at the Training Center to place your name on the list and to state your preference of day or evening classes (419-666-0457).

The daytime class would begin towards the end of February. The evening class would begin the end of April.



**SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT**

Scholarship application forms are now available for the 34<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

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 34<sup>th</sup> year.

Applications should be sent to:

Scholarship Committee  
 UA, Local 50 Plumbers & Steamfitters Union  
 7570 Caple Blvd., Suite A  
 Northwood, OH 43619

**DECEASED MEMBERS**

Norman W. Felt	1/29/09
Loren D. Saam	2/14/09

**SKILL T.R.A.D.E.S. MEETINGS**

The SKILL T.R.A.D.E.S. will have a meeting at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 10, 2009, at UA Local 50.

The SKILL T.R.A.D.E.S. will have a meeting from 6:00-9:00 PM on Friday, March 20, 2009, with Apprentices. This will be held at the Covenant Youth Development located at 715 Spencer, Toledo, Ohio.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

If there is anything that a man can do well, I say let him do it. Give him a chance.

-President Abraham Lincoln



**MCA CLASSES**

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL ACTIVE AND RETIRED MEMBERS WHO PLAN TO WORK GET THE DFWP AND OSHA TRAINING DONE ON A YEARLY BASIS. **CALL THE NUMBERS LISTED BELOW PERTAINING TO THE CLASS.** The employee shall complete this training outside of normal hours and shall receive a stipend and/or other compensation (up to eight hours) as determined by the PIPE Committee. Some of the upcoming classes that will be given at the MCA Office, Owens Community College- Tracy Rd. & Findlay Campus & Piping Industry Training Center are as follows:

Mon., March 2, 2009 @ Owens CC-Tracy Rd. Call 567-661-7357 to register	Drug Free Workplace Training Note: This has to be done each & every year	5:00 - 7:00 PM Employee 7:00 - 9:00 PM Supervisor Instructor: Bess Cochran
<b>OSHA 30 HOUR</b> Tues. 3-3-09, Tues. 3-10-09, Tues. 3-17-09, Tues. 3-24-09, Thur. 3-26-09 & Tues. 3-31-09 4:30 - 9:30 PM held at the MCA Office Lite Dinner provided for each class Instructor: Bess Cochran <u>You MUST attend all 6 classes</u>		
Wed., March 11, 2009 @ MCA Office	OSHA 4 Hr. Refresher - Unit 4 Note: This is only if you have 10, 16, 30 Hr OSHA Card	4:30 - 8:30 PM Instructor: Pattie Hamons PIZZA/POP provided
Thur., March 12, 2009 @ Owens CC-Findlay Campus 3200 Bright Rd., Room 174 Call 567-661-7357 to register	Drug Free Workplace Training Note: This has to be done each & every year	5:00 - 7:00 PM Employee 7:00 - 9:00 PM Supervisor Instructor: Bess Cochran
Mon., March 16, 2009 @ MCA Office	OSHA 4 Hr. Refresher - Unit 4 Note: This is only if you have 10, 16, 30 Hr OSHA Card	4:30 - 8:30 PM Instructor: Brenda Reid PIZZA/POP Provided
Wed., March 18, 2009 @ Owens CC-Tracy Rd. Call 567-661-7357 to register	Drug Free Workplace Training Note: This has to be done each & every year	5:00 - 7:00 PM Employee 7:00 - 9:00 PM Supervisor Instructor: Bess Cochran
Thur., March 19, 2009 @ PITC Call 419-666-6900 to register	Trenching & Excavating - Hands On	3:00 - 7:00 PM Instructor: Dennis Hobart Lite Dinner Provided

The four hour refresher, DFWP and OSHA 16 & 30 hour course are available on-line. Go to [WWW.MCANWO.ORG](http://WWW.MCANWO.ORG) and click on the link that says on-line training. To verify your training, go to [WWW.NWOSAFETY.COM](http://WWW.NWOSAFETY.COM).

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