

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

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**WAGE ALLOCATION**

A motion was made and passed at the Union meeting of April 7, 2009, as follows:

1. The Union meeting of May 5, 2009, to be designated for solicitation of wage distribution proposals from the general membership. Then discussion and voting on the wage increase proposals to reduce them to the final two (2) voted proposals.
2. The Union meeting of May 19, 2009, to be designated to vote on the final proposal to distribute the wage increase with no other proposals to be taken that night.

**OHIO APPRENTICE COMPETITION**

The Ohio State Annual Apprentice Competition was held last week in Cambridge. Our apprentices competed in four categories: Plumbing, Steamfitting, HVAC Tech and Welding. Representing Local 50 were:

- Plumbing: Keith Price
- Steamfitting: Matthew Pietscher
- HVAC Tech: Justin Zornow
- Welding: Matthew Elson



Matthew Elson placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Welding Competition and will move on to the Regional Competition that will be held at Local 50 June 1<sup>st</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup>. Keith Price and Justin Zornow both placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in their competition. Matthew Pietscher didn't place, but was 1<sup>st</sup> in the pipefitting project. Great job guys and thanks for representing Local 50 so well!

When you see these guys, make sure you congratulate them for being selected to represent Local 50.

**APPRENTICE SCHOOL ADDITION**

It took us only a little over six years to out grow our 30,000 square foot school. The new addition will add 15,000 square feet to the existing building.

This state-of-the-art training center expansion will include additional classrooms, indoor industrial rigging areas, a hydronic heating area, a 3-story plumbing module and a pipe layout area. Being concerned with the new emphasis on environmental and green energy issues, the new expansion will utilize a highly efficient radiant flooring heating system and an air-collection system that will significantly reduce energy consumption. The new building expansion will allow the Training Center to have the resources to continually progress forward as an industry leader.

The ground breaking took place on April 27, 2009, and the completion date is set for October, 2009.

**MCA CLASSES**

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL ACTIVE AND RETIRED MEMBERS, WHO PLAN TO WORK, GET THIS TRAINING DONE ON A YEARLY BASIS. CALL THE MCA AT (419) 666-6900 & Owens Community College - Tracy Rd at 567-661-7357 TO RESERVE A SPOT. 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 and Owens Community College are as follows:

Tues., May 12, 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 will be served
Wed., May 13, 2009 @ Owens CC - Tracy Rd.	Drug Free Workplace Training Note: this has to be done each year	5:00 - 7:00 PM Employee 7:00 - 9:00 PM Supervisor
Tues., May 5, 2009; Thur., May 7, 2009; Mon., May 11, 2009; Thur., May 14, 2009; Mon., May 18, 2009; Thur., May 28, 2009 @ MCA Office	OSHA 30 Hour Class Note: this will be the last one offered until Fall. You must attend all 6 sessions.	4:30 - 9:30 PM Instructor: Bess Cochran Dinner Provided
Thur., May 21, 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 will be served
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You can also take the OSHA 16, 30 or 4 Hr & DFWT online at [www.mcanwo.org](http://www.mcanwo.org). If you are doing the 16 or 30 hour, you must complete the OSHA evaluation at the end of the course or you will not get your OSHA card.

**SKIN CANCER SCREENING**

There will be a free Skin Cancer Screening on Saturday, May 9, 2009, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Mercy Cancer Center at St. Anne Mercy Hospital. St. Anne Mercy Hospital is located at 3404 W. Sylvania Ave., Toledo. Appointments are required. Please call Mercy HealthLink at 419-251-4000.

**LABOR DAY PARADE T-SHIRT FORM**

Labor Day is Monday, September 7, 2009, and it will be here sooner than we think! To have t-shirts here and sorted for that day, we need to have the enclosed order form returned by June 19, 2009. There will be NO HENLEYS this year. Please list numbers needed for each group and return the form to the Local 50 Finance Office before June 19, 2009. No shirts will be given out without a form being sent in. If you do not go to the parade or the picnic, you will NOT receive a t-shirt. Also, please note when we speak of children, these are dependents as shown on Health and Welfare rolls only!



**RETIREE'S ALUMNI MEETING**

The next Retiree (Alumni) Meeting will be held Wednesday, May 20, 2009, at 11:30 AM and will be held at The Monroe Center. It is located at 15272 S. Dixie Hwy., Monroe, Michigan. We will meet at the front desk. Each person will order their own lunch and we will eat in a private meeting room. We will also have a guest speaker.

**NEW RETIREES**

Robert Schmitt	2/1/09
Leroy Mann	3/1/09
Glenn Debbe	4/1/09



**THOUGHT OF THE DAY**

We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them.

- Albert Einstein

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Eric Osborn,  
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