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Wage Allocation

A motion was made and passed at the Union meeting on April 5, 2011, as follows:

1. The Union meeting of May 3, 2011 to be designated for solicitation of the 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 17, 2011 to be designated to vote on the final proposal to distribute the wage increase with no other proposals to be taken that night.

Office Closings

Health & Welfare and the Credit Union will be closed at Noon on April 22, 2011 for Good Friday. Please remember that the Credit Union closes at 4 p.m. on the last work day of each month. The Nurse's office will be closed all day on Friday, April 22nd.

Labor Day Parade T-Shirt Order Form

Labor Day is Monday, September 5, 2011 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 17, 2011. Please list numbers needed for each group and return the form to the Local 50 Finance Office before June 17, 2011. 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!

Congratulations Rick

Rick Salisbury will take over being the Coordinator of the Piping Industry Training Center in July when John Brocus retires. Thanks John for your years of service to the Piping Industry Training Center and enjoy your retirement.

Assistant Coordinator Position

The Piping Industry Training Center will be accepting resumes for the Assistant Coordinator position. The Assistant Coordinator position is full-time (40 hours per week) salaried with the work hours of 1:00 p.m.—9:15 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m.—4 p.m. Friday during the months of September through May and 8 a.m.—4 p.m. Monday through Friday during the months of June through August.

All resumes must be submitted to the Piping Industry Training Center, Atten: John Brocus, 7560 Cagle Blvd., Northwood, Ohio 43619, no later than May 6, 2011.

Eldercare Support Group to be Offered

It's the middle of the night and your phone rings. You answer to find your elderly mother sounding worried. She thinks someone is lurking around her house; she's heard some "funny" noises and can't sleep.

Maybe you make your routine evening stop at your dad's house after work to find that he had fallen earlier in the day and couldn't get up or get to the phone to call someone for help. Or perhaps your elderly aunt is confusing the times she's supposed to take her medications and is repeating doses at the wrong times.

Any of these situations is possible when loved ones begin to age. Some are physically and mentally able to live independently for many years without worrying family members; however, many will begin to experience difficulties, making safety a concern.

Local 50 is pleased to announce that an Eldercare Support Group will be offered by the Mercy Employee Assistance Program on Thursday, April 28, from 5:30–6:30 p.m. in the Local 50 Union Hall. This support group is free to all Local 50 members and their families. For more information or to register, please call 419-251-1444 or 888-877-2362.

Free Vascular Screening

Bay Park Hospital **FREE** carotid, aortic, and peripheral arterial disease testing will be available on May 9 from 1-6 p.m. To qualify for the screening, you must be over the age of 65, or over the age of 50 with a history of one or more of the following risk factors: diabetes, high blood pressure, smoking, or family history of vascular disease. Call 419-690-7845 for more information and to schedule an appointment.

Toledo Seagate Food Bank

The Toledo Seagate Food Bank is in need of our help. Local 50 has a donation box for canned goods just inside of the hall. If you could bring in some canned goods, it would be greatly appreciated. The donation box will be in the hall until the end of May.

Ohio Apprentice Competition

The Ohio State Annual Apprentice Competition is being held this week. Our apprentices are competing in four categories: Plumbing, Steamfitting, HVAC Tech and Welding. Representing Local 50 are:

Plumbing: Jacob Bailey

HVAC Tech: Mike Patton

Steamfitting: Zach Turner

Welding: Justin Sawasky

Good luck guys and thank you for representing Local 50!

Blinker Hood Award

Jake Hall won a Blinker Hood at the Lincoln Motorsports Welding night at Owens Community College. Jake scored an 89 on a virtual welder and tied for first with 89 being the high score for the night. Congratulations Jake!

Dinner Dance

The Dinner Dance will be **December 3rd at the Stranahan Theater Greater Hall**. It should be a great time, so mark your calendar!

Shame on Cleland's Outdoor World

Unfortunately, Cleland's Outdoor World is using non-union out of the area contractors and workers to rebuild their building. Show them the respect they show us and go somewhere else to do your business.

Credit Cards Accepted

The Local 50 Finance Office is now accepting all major credit cards for your monthly dues payment. If you wish, we can take a credit card payment over the phone. We also have the ability to set up monthly payments for your dues that will automatically charge your credit card on the 15th of every month. To set up monthly withdraws, stop by the Finance Office to fill out the form or call and we will take your information over the phone. To qualify for the automatic withdraw, your dues must be paid up to the current month. Payment for your June dues will be charged to your card on May 15th. Please note, we will not give out cash on credit or debit card transactions.

Drug & Alcohol: What You Should Know

Are you concerned about how drugs and alcohol may be affecting you and your family? Come learn more about this topic in a drug and alcohol education series offered by the Mercy Employee Assistance Program: The Effects of Use on Brain Chemistry— Wednesday, June 15 from 6–7 p.m. Codependency and Family Dynamics—Wednesday, June 22 from 6–7 pm. Sessions will be held in the Bay Room at Mercy St. Charles Hospital, 2600 Navarre Avenue, Oregon, Ohio 43616. If you would like to attend but cannot do so in June, please note that the sessions will be repeated in August and October. This series is free to all union members and their families. For more information or to register, please call 419-251-1444.

Amendment to the Active Health and Welfare Plan – Effective March 1, 2011

Effective March 1, 2011, the policy on the Annual Maximum Coverage for Prescription Drugs has been amended and now reads as follows: *The Plan will pay a maximum of \$25,000 for all drugs purchased within a calendar year. When a member's total prescription cost to the Plan reaches \$25,000, the participant will be responsible for payment of 100% of the drug costs until the beginning of the next calendar year. However, the \$25,000 limitation shall not apply to the Tier 4 drug Gilenya.*

If you have any questions about this or any other benefit please contact the Health and Welfare Office.

Be on the Lookout

We continue to collect information regarding a non-union HVAC contractor called "Air Force One". This company is headquartered in Columbus but have a small office in Perrysburg. We continue working to identify their employees working in the field and their customers and job-sites. So if you see any of their work vehicles at a site or are aware of a jobsite where they are working, contact Lou, Bob, or one of the other agents at the hall.

Thought of the Day

"In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

Fraternally,

Eric Osborn,

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