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Trade Jurisdiction

Members we need your help. We've been having continuing instances of UA work or composite work on projects being assigned to the wrong craft. This has been most apparent with work involving HVAC/mechanical systems and the sheet metal workers. Some of the equipment we see being incorrectly assigned are VAV boxes, VRV/VRF system components, heat pumps, evaporators, air handlers, roof top units and curbs, passive and active "Chilled Beams", unit heaters, etc. We are also having issues with work involving pumps, tanks, and machinery, etc. being improperly assigned to millwrights. If you are working on a project and see ANY equipment with ANY type of piping connection whatsoever being unloaded, handled, or installed by another trade, call one of the agents ASAP so we can check into it. This also goes for our members working as project managers/estimators; if you have any questions regarding work jurisdiction call us. It is much easier to correct these situations *before* the work has begun.

Enclosed Pamphlet

We need every member to fill out and stamp both post cards attached to the pamphlet enclosed and get them in the mail **ASAP**. Within weeks the Republican controlled State House and Senate plan on passing a budget bill that may have in it language to completely eliminate prevailing wage (OUR WAGE) on all state funded construction projects. We also need members who have a Republican State Legislator to contact their legislator and tell them you vehemently oppose any and all legislation that would repeal or even weaken Ohio's Prevailing Wage Law. Please call, write, email, or stop by their office as soon as possible. If you are working on a jobsite that has non union workers on it, please pick up additional pamphlets at the hall and give them to the workers to send in as well because this repeal will affect **all** construction workers in Ohio. If you need assistance with any of this please call the hall, it is very important that we act now.

Annual Credit Union Meeting

The Annual Credit Union Meeting will be at our Hall on Saturday, February 26, 2011 at 10 a.m. 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! The Credit Union will be closed on all federal holidays.

New Retirees

Lawrence McHugh 2-1-11

Retiree's Alumni Meeting

The next Retiree (Alumni) Meeting will be held Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. at American Table. American Table is located at 846 S. Wheeling Street, Oregon, Ohio (across from St. Charles Hospital). They will serve a Jigg's Dinner or you can choose other items from the menu.

Scholarship Announcement

The UA scholarships are available on line and/or copies are available at the hall.

Scholarship application forms are now available for the 36th 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, 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 36th year.

**Applications should be sent to: Scholarship Committee, UA Local 50 Plumbers & Steamfitters Union,
7570 Cople Blvd., Suite A, Northwood, Ohio 43619**

Chronic Disease Management Program

Looking for members **60 and above** who would like to attend a workshop for chronic disease management; 2 1/2 hrs once a week, for six weeks at Local 50. It is a structured program out of Stanford University offered **free** of charge by Mercy Health System and Area Office of Aging. Each participant will receive a companion book: *Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions*, and an audio relaxation tape, *Time of Healing*. If you would be interested in attending, call the Nurse's Office at 419-662-1272. Class is limited to 20 participants with a minimum of 6 to hold the class.

Free Vascular Screening

Bay Park Hospital **FREE** carotid, aortic, and peripheral arterial disease testing will be available on March 14th 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.

Deceased Members

James C. Taylor 1-11-11 Edward "Gary" Gillmore 2-7-11

Upgrade Test

If you are interested in taking an upgrade test, the tests will be given on Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at 6 p.m. at the Union Hall. You must have your application turned into the Finance Office by Tuesday, March 22, 2011. If you have any questions, please call the Finance Office.

P.I.T.C. Training

The P.I.T.C. Training Department is offering the following classes:

- Pro-Press Copper Joining System by Viega Systems—March 17th at 6 p.m. DCILB Credited Class
- Radiant Heating—to be announced DCILB Credited Class
- Tube Bending—March 14, 15, 16, 21, 22 (6 p.m. — 9:15 p.m.)
- Crane Signaling Certification

Please call Corinne at 419-666-0457 to sign up for the above classes.

Weight Loss Programs Reimbursable Through Supplemental Credit Reserve Account

The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that effective March 1, 2011, the cost of weight loss programs can be reimbursed from your Supplemental Credit Reserve Account ("SCRA").

For the cost to be reimbursable, the weight loss program must be for treatment of a specific disease diagnosed by a physician (such as obesity, hypertension or heart disease) - not the improvement of appearance, general health or sense of well-being. Fees you pay for membership in a weight reduction group, as well as fees for attendance at periodic meetings, are reimbursable. Membership dues in a gym, health club or spa are not reimbursable, although separate fees charged there for weight loss activities are reimbursable.

Also not reimbursable is the cost of diet food or beverage because the diet food and beverages are a substitute for what you would normally consume to satisfy nutritional needs. The cost of special food (that is, the amount by which the cost of the special food exceeds the cost of a normal diet) is reimbursable only if: 1) The food does not satisfy normal nutritional needs. 2) The food alleviates or treats an illness, and 3) The need for the food is substantiated by your physician.

To receive reimbursement from your SCRA, the following must be provided with your claim for reimbursement: 1) A prescription from your physician for the weight loss program that includes a specific diagnosis (such as obesity, hypertension or heart disease). 2) An itemized receipt showing the services provided and evidence of payment.

If you have any questions about this or any other benefit provided by the Plan, please contact the Fund Office at 419-662-1388.

Thought of the Day

A successful team is a group of many hands but of one mind. Bill Bethel, Author

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Eric Osborn,

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