

# LOCAL 50

## Plumbers, Steamfitters and Service Mechanics

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### Income Tax Information

Dues deductions are as follows:

- Dues \$28.00 per month
- 3% of gross wages from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011
- .80 per hour paid from January 1, 2010 through July 3, 2011 and \$1.05 per hour paid from July 4, 2011 through December 31, 2011

Minus Political Action Fund Contribution (.03 per hour worked)

### Union Meeting Attendance

We want to thank the Retirees for their attendance at Union Meetings. If it had not been for them, we would not have had the required 50 members to have a union meeting. Part of the initiation pledge includes meeting attendance so that the business of the local can be conducted. Please put forth extra effort to attend your union's meetings. The meetings are the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m.

### Annual Credit Union Meeting

The Annual Credit Union Meeting will be at our Hall on Saturday, February 25, 2012, 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. The next federal holiday is Monday, February 20th, President's Day.

You no longer have to wait to be initiated to open an account at the Credit Union. You must be covered under Health & Welfare benefits or be an immediate family member of an existing member. A member may obtain a loan the same day their account is opened but must have a credit score of 600 or higher and have a debt to income ratio under 40%. First loans are still limited to \$1,000.00 and cannot be paid off early before obtaining another loan.

### Pick Up Service Awards

If you were unable to attend the Awards meeting on December 20, 2011, please stop by the Financial Secretary's Office and pick up your award. This must be done by June 1, 2012 or your award will be forfeited.

### 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, attention 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.

**MCA Classes**

It is important that all active members who plan to work get this training done on a yearly basis. **Stipend will be paid only once per contract year—July 1—June 30. Call the MCA at 419-666-6900 or Owens Community College– Tracy Road at 567-661-7357 to reserve a spot.** The employee shall complete this training outside normal hours and shall receive a stipend and/or other compensation (up to ten 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:

**Stipend will be paid only once per contract year: July 1st—June 30th.**

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**Adult CPR/First Aid & AED** **Thursday, February 9, 2012 4–9 p.m.** **At MCA Office**  
 OCLB Credit is available Light Dinner provided Available for Local 50, 85, Insulators & their immediate family & office staff  
 Stipend money available Instructors: Bess Cochran & Brenda Reid

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**Asbestos & Silica Awareness** **Tuesday, February 21, 2012 4:30–7:30 p.m.** **At MCA Office**  
 3 hrs OCLB Available Light Dinner Provided Limited Seating Please arrive a few minutes early to sign in Call 419-666-6900 to reserve a spot

Guest Speaker: Diane Blackburn will cover how to recognize potential asbestos on job sites and how to protect yourself and your family. At the end of the asbestos class you will receive a take home binder that covers everything discussed in class. Bess Cochran will cover Silica and how to recognize and protect our self from exposure.

**Due to limited seating, if you reserve a spot and you don't cancel you will be charged \$50**

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**OSHA 4 Hour Refresher – Unit 3** **Wednesday, January 25th 4:30–8:30 p.m.** **At MCA Office**  
 OCLB Credit is available Pizza & pop will be served Note: This is only if you already have 10,16, 30 Hour OSHA Card Instructor: Pattie Hamons  
 Training is in the form of The Jeopardy Game. **This class is offered again on Tuesday, February 7th & Wednesday, February 15th**

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**Drug Free Workplace Training** **Wednesday, February 1st 5–6:30 p.m. Employee** **At Owens, 30150 Tracy Road**  
 Call 567-661-7357 to register Note: This has to be done yearly **6:30–8:30 p.m. Supervisor** Instructor: Bess Cochran  
**This class is offered again on Wednesday, February 22nd**

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**OSHA 16 Hour** **Tuesday, 1/24, Thursday, 1/26, Tuesday, 1/31 & Thursday 2/2 (must attend all 4 sessions)** **At the MCA Office**  
 Call 419-666-6900 to register Deadline registration is 1/20 **4:30–8:30 p.m.** OCLB Credit is available

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Go to [www.nwsafety.com](http://www.nwsafety.com) for online training. Instructions: Click on the online training link at the bottom of the page. Select which training that you want. The Drug Free Workplace online, M.D.S.T. & MUST Drug Free Workplace Training, Northwest Ohio 4 hour Refresher Safety Training. To begin go to New Student Registration. The OSHA 4 hour you select password and hint. Your user name is your first and last name. Make sure all pop up blockers are off. When you are finished completing the registration form click on create user. When taking the OSHA 4 hour refreshers make sure you complete all 4 topics: Intro to OSHA, Cranes, Rigging and Silica. If you are doing the 16 or 30 hour long under group not individual when you sign in and you must complete the OSHA evaluation at the end of the course or you will not get your OSHA card. Call 1-800-842-0466 ext 219 for tech support or my cell (Bess) 419-360-2470.

### **Monthly Window Dues**

Monthly Window dues for 2012 will be \$30.00 per month. We accept credit cards, cash or check. Credit card payments can be made over the phone for your convenience. You can arrange for your dues to automatically be paid monthly by credit card by calling the Financial Office.

### **New Retirees**

Robert Clark 1-1-12

Paul Marshall, Jr. 1-1-12

Jeffrey Taylor 1-1-12

### **Retiree's Alumni Meeting**

The Retiree's Alumni meeting will be on Wednesday, February 15, 2012, at the Union Hall. This will be a pot luck luncheon. Please bring a dish to share. We cordially invite new retirees and spouses to come and join us. We are asking members to bring personal items such as hand soap, deodorant, handi wipes, combs, etc. to donate for the care packages for the troops. At 1:30 p.m., Dawn Heisler from HEROES IN ACTION, a Military Support Outreach program, will join us as our guest speaker.

### **Scholarship Announcement**

Scholarship application forms are now available for the 37th 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 37th year.

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

### **Congratulation**

Congratulations to Steve Turpin for winning this year's health fair drawing for the 42" TV and X-Box 360 Kinect bundle.

### **Bad Weather**

If Wood County, Lucas 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.

**Training News**

**PITC SURVEY-** We sent out a training survey in December asking for training ideas. Because of the low response, we have attached it to our website (nwopitc.com). If you visit our website, it is titled Journeyman Training Survey. Please follow the link and help us better improve training to our members. For those who took the time to get them back to us already, THANK YOU. The P.I.P.E Committee has decided to reward one lucky member who completes the training survey on line with a gift card . Any member who completes the survey and includes their name on it will be in the drawing. Anyone who already sent in the survey needs to complete another one and include their name on it to be in the drawing also.

**WELDING CLASS-** We will be running a stick class in March. Please call Corinne to save a booth.

**BACKFLOW CLASS-** In April we will be running a Backflow Certification Class, space limited. This is a 40 hr class.

**PIPE GROOVING CLASS-** Sometime in late February, early March, Anvil will be here to do a one (1) night hands on Pipe Grooving Seminar.

**INSTRUCTORS-** If you are interested in becoming an instructor at the PITC, please see Rick or Chris. We are always looking for additional teachers.

**DFWP STIPEND-** Starting January 1<sup>st</sup> the stipend for drug free training (here or online) will be one (1) hr for journeyman and one (1) hr for supervisors, two (2) hrs total for both.

**Deceased Members**

James L. Klorer, Sr. 12-15-11

Jack C. Cook 12-21-11

**In Memory**

In 2011 we had 22 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:

James C. Taylor	1-11-11	Robert J. Frank, Jr.	4-21-11	Richard L. Rombach	9-1-11
Paul M. Nowakowski	1-12-11	Ronald W. Forman	5-16-11	Joseph P. Collins	9-11-11
Edward "Gary" Gillmore	2-7-11	George H. Dick	5-17-11	Keith A. Krischak	9-21-11
David L. White	2-28-11	Robert E. Rahman, Sr.	6-1-11	Frederick J. Kendall	9-21-11
David A. Grand	3-3-11	John E. Baker	6-20-11	Walter D. Garber	11-12-11
Milton D. Spathelf	3-8-11	Howard L. Roper	7-24-11	James L. Klorer, Sr.	12-15-11
Stephen Fejes	3-12-11	James R. Jarecki	8-21-11	Jack C. Cook	12-21-11
Donald N. Shaud	4-14-11				

**Thought of the Day**

"Let no man pull you low enough to hate him." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

Fraternally,

Eric Osborn,

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