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Special points of interest:

- * Wage Allocation
- * Monthly Dues
- * Office Closings
- * Cedar Point Tickets

Wage Allocation

The following wage allocations were the final allocations that will be voted on at May 17, 2011 Union Meeting.

	Current	Option #1	Option #2	Option #3
On check	\$33.45	\$1.45	\$1.25	\$1.05
H&W	7.48	.25	.50	.25
Supp. Credit	1.36			
Retirement	4.00	.30		.70
Local Pension	5.25			
Nat'l Pension	1.65			
Target Fund	.75		.25	
PIPE	.20			
L50 Disaster Fund	.01			

Monthly Dues

Check your union card and make sure your dues are paid up to and including March by May 31st. The Finance Office will no longer make phone calls to warn you that you are behind on your dues. Monthly dues are \$28.00 per month and the reinstatement fee is \$200.

Office Closings

The Finance Office, Health & Welfare, Nurse's Office and the Credit Union will be closed on Monday, May 30, 2011, for Memorial Day. Nurse Ginny will be on vacation the Memorial Day week.

Cedar Point Tickets

Discounted tickets for Cedar Point are available through Local 50 Credit Union. Good Any Day tickets are \$37.00, saving you \$9.99. Junior/Senior tickets (age 3 & older, but under 48" tall and age 62 and older) are \$18.00. Cash or Local 50 Credit Union check is accepted. Local 14, located at 5411 Jackman Road, has Cedar Point and Toledo Zoo discounted tickets. Local 14's phone number is 419-473-2854 for more information.

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Deceased Members

Donald N. Shaud 4/14/11 Robert J. Frank, Jr. 4/21/11

Free Vascular Screening

Bay Park Hospital **FREE** carotid, aortic, and peripheral arterial disease testing will be available on June 13 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.

P.I.T.C. Training

The following types of training are available to our members:

Valve Repair Certification - Re-Certification (3 year)

Medical Gas Certification—Braze Continuity Online (3 year, \$21.50 paid by PIPE)

Backflow Prevention Certification—Re-Certification (3 year)

CFC Certification (No expiration)

UA Rigging Certification (4 year)

UA Foreman Certification (4 year)

Crane Signaling Certification (5 year)

R410A Refrigeration Certification (No expiration)

UA Star Certification (5 year)

Welding Courses

Fees will be reimbursed by PIPE upon successful completion of course—for Certification Courses only.

To sign up for any of the above classes or if you have questions, please contact Corinne at PIPE 419-666-0457.

Watch your mail for new medical ID cards

The Board of Trustees of the Northwestern Ohio Plumbers and Pipefitters Health and Welfare Plan is pleased to announce that effective March 1, 2011, **Hines & Associates** will be replacing AliCare as our Utilization Review company. As a result, new Medical ID cards have been issued for all non-Medicare participants and are being mailed this week. All in-patient admissions must be pre-certified through Hines. The new number to call for pre-certification or case management is **888-826-5769**. Please remember that failure to secure pre-admission certification may result in a reduction in benefits paid by the Plan.

Your new Identification Cards will include your personal alternate ID number. The personal alternate ID number will protect your privacy and eliminate using your Social Security Number for identification purposes. Be sure to present this new card to all providers to ensure that claims are processed correctly and that any pre-certification is done according to the Plan guidelines. **This new ID card is for Medical, Dental and Vision claims only.** Your Scriptsense ID card must be used for all prescriptions.

If you have any questions or need additional cards, please call the Fund office at 419-662-1388

Labor Day T-Shirts

If you haven't turned your Labor Day T-shirt order form yet, please do so by June 17th.

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 p.m. 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.

Ohio State Apprentice Competition

Recently, Jacob Bailey, Zach Turner, Mike Patton and Justin Zawasky competed at the Ohio State Apprentice Competition. Jacob and Zach each placed 2nd in the plumbing and pipefitting portions of the test, while Mike placed 3rd in the HVAC portion . It was a very close contest and our apprentices were only fractions of a point away from taking first place. Placing in three out of four contests, puts Local 50 in one of the elite programs in the state. Jokingly, we were asked not to come back because we were making the other programs look bad. It just shows we have the BEST apprentices in the state and they should be congratulated for keeping Local 50 at the top in the State of Ohio.

Thought of the Day

Courage and perseverance have a magical talisman, before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish into air.

John Quincy Adams, 6th U.S. President

Fraternally,

Eric Osborn,

Financial Secty-Treas

