

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

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DUES

Monthly window dues for 2010 will be \$28.00 per month. Please make sure you don't get three months behind or a \$200.00 reinstatement fee is charged. Starting March 1, 2010, the Finance Office will no longer send a letter notifying you that you are delinquent and giving a grace period beyond the three months. Bill Hite, the General President, notified Local 50 that we are to strictly comply with the UA Constitution regarding the payment of dues.

If you want to know where your dues are, please call the Finance Office. If you have the Credit Union bring down a check, make sure you verify with the Finance Office that it was received and stop in to get your UA card stamped up-to-date.

INCOME TAX INFORMATION

Dues deductions are as follows:

- ▶ Dues \$28.00 per month
- ▶ 3% of gross wages from January 1, 2009 thru December 31, 2009
- ▶ .80¢ per hour paid from January 1, 2009 thru December 31, 2009

Minus Political Action Fund Contribution

- ▶ .03¢ per hour worked from January 1, 2009 thru December 31, 2009

BUILDING CORP. ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Building Corp. Meeting will be held before the regular Union Meeting on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

UPGRADE TEST

If you are interested in taking an upgrade test, the tests will be given on Tuesday, March 30, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Union Hall. You must have your application turned into the Finance Office by Tuesday, March 23, 2010. If you have any questions, please call the Finance Office.

ANNUAL CREDIT UNION MEETING

The Annual Credit Union Meeting will be at our Hall on Saturday, February 27, 2010 at 10:00 AM. 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 RETIREE

James Fausey 2-1-10

CARDIO EXERCISE CLASSES

Classes have resumed every Monday and Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. in the Local 50 Hall. This session runs through March 17th. A new 10 week session will begin March 22nd. All are welcome. Exercises can be adapted to all levels of activity.

HEALTH AND WELFARE OFFICE

Effective March 1, 2010 all checks issued to members by the Health and Welfare Office will be mailed to the member using the current address on file. **Checks will no longer be available for pick up at the office.** This includes Supplemental Credit Reimbursement checks, Disability, Claims Reimbursement, Retirement Benefit and Pension Benefit checks. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Stephanie at the Fund office 419-662-1388.

At the February 11th Board of Trustees meeting it was decided to increase co-payments for retail prescriptions effective May 1, 2010. The new co-payment schedule for up to a 34 day supply at a participating retail pharmacy is as follows:

	<u>May 1st Co-Pay</u>
Tier 1 - Most generic and select Over The Counter (OTC) medicine	\$10
Tier 2 - High cost generic drug and formulary (preferred) brand name drugs	\$35
Tier 3 - Non formulary and highest cost brand name drugs	\$70



RETIREE'S ALUMNI MEETING

The next Retiree (Alumni) Meeting will be held Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at 11:30 a.m. at the home of Bob and Dorothy Kraft, 5833 Pickard Road, Toledo, Ohio 43613. (Located off Alexis Road). We will have our traditional Jigg's Dinner. A sincere "Thank You" to Bob and Dorothy for the many years they have cooked the traditional Jigg's dinner. Please bring a wrapped White Elephant gift for the white elephant bingo.



SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

Scholarship application forms are now available for the 35th 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, or 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 35th year.

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



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 or Owens 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:

Wed., March 3, 2010 Thurs., March 4, 2010 Tues., March 9, 2010 Tues., March 16, 2010 Thurs., March 18, 2010 Tues., March 23, 2010 @ MCA Office You must attend all 6 sessions	OSHA 30 Hour Class You must attend all 6 sessions	4:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Dinner Provided Instructor: Bess Cochran
Mon., March 8, 2010 @ OCC on Tracy Road Call 567-661-7357	Drug Free Workplace Training Note: This is to be done each and every year.	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Employee 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Supervisor OCILB Credit is available Instructor: Bess Cochran
Thurs., March 11, 2010 @ MCA Office	OSHA 4 Hour Refresher - Unit 4 Note: This is only if you already have 10, 16, 30 Hour OSHA Card	4:30 - 8:30 p.m. Pizza will be served Instructor: Pattie Hamons
Wed., March 17, 2010 @Owens Findlay Campus 3200 Bright Road, Findlay	Drug Free Workplace Training Note: This is to be done each and every year. Call 567-661-7357 to register	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Employee 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Supervisor OCILB Credit is available Instructor: Bess Cochran
Wed., March 31, 2010 @ Owens 2249 Tracy Road Northwood	Drug Free Workplace Training Note: This is to be done each and every year. Call 567-661-7357 to register	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Employee 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Supervisor OCILB Credit is available Instructor: Bess Cochran

Note: You can also take the 4 hour refresher course and DFWT on-line. Go to www.mcanwo.org and click on the link that says on-line training. To verify your training, go to www.nwosafety.com. When taking the OSHA 4 hour refresher make sure you complete all 4 topics.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Announcing a New Benefit for You and Your Family... The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) The Local 50 Health and Welfare Fund is pleased to announce that they have contracted with Mercy Health Partners to provide you and your family the benefit of an Employee Assistance Program (EAP). An EAP is a confidential counseling and referral service designed to address many day to day challenges like marital problems, child care or elder care concerns, drug/alcohol abuse, depression/anxiety, financial/legal issues and any other concerns you have have.

The benefit is completely confidential and free of charge for up to 8 sessions per person, per problem, per year. If assistance is required beyond the initial benefit, a referral may be needed to a provider within the FrontPath network and will be covered under regular plan guidelines.

If you think you or a family member needs help, or just someone to listen, contact Mercy EAP as soon as possible at 419-251-1444 or toll free 1-888-877-2362. When asked who your employer is, be sure to identify yourself as a member of Local 50.

P.I.T.C. TRAINING

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

- Propress will be at the school to give a 2 hour seminar on February 22 at 6 p.m. on their copper joining system along with their Manablock pex water distribution system.
 - THE GREEN AWARENESS certification class starts March 15 through April 12. They will discuss the green building movement from plumbing, electrical systems, and HVAC and include a UA certification test on the last night. Classes begin at 6 p.m.
 - VIEGA will present their radiant heating system seminar on March 10th at 6 p.m.
 - ANVIL Corporation will be at the school on March 31st for their hands on seminar on pipe grooving and gruvlok fittings. Class begins at 6 p.m.
 - The Beckett Corporation from Elyria, Ohio will be at the school on March 22 for a 3 hour seminar on their newest AquaSmart Boiler Controller, which will include hands on programming and a certification at the end of the training space is limited to the first ten). Class begins at 6 p.m.
 - Names are still being taken for a UA STAR HVAC review in preparation for the star test this spring.
 - Names are also being taken for anyone interested in a class on fiberglass pipe from the Conley Company.
- If you are interested in any of the above classes, please call Corinne at 419-666-0457.

FREE VASCULAR SCREENINGS

St. Luke's Hospital is offering a free Carotid ultrasound and ankle brachial index screening. To qualify for the free screening you must be over the age of 65 or you must be over the age of 50 with one or more of these risk factors: family history of cardiovascular disease, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, smoking or diabetes. The screening is offered the third Thursday of each month. For an appointment, please call 419-897-8328.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved.

- Helen Keller

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Eric Osborn,
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