

**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 stop in and 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

PLEASE CONTINUE TO BOYCOTT HOME DEPOT

Home Depot has continued to build its Van Buren Distribution Warehouse with non-union workers and most disturbing a sizeable out of state workforce. Home Depot was granted tax abatement and tax credits for locating in Northwest Ohio and yet these actions continue. This is just another example of Corporate America's lack of understanding and empathy with Main Street. Pass this along to your friends and family.

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. The next federal holiday is Monday, February 15th, President's Day.

NEW RETIREES

Terrance Collins	1-1-10
David Eff	1-1-10
James Immele	12-1-09
Pauline Wallace	12-1-09
Donald Williams	1-1-10



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, Attn: 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.

PICK UP SERVICE AWARDS

If you were unable to attend the Awards meeting on December 15, 2009, please stop by the Financial Secretary's Office and pick up your award. This must be done by June 1, 2010 or your award will be forfeited.

BAD WEATHER

If Lucas County, Wood 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.

DECEASED MEMBERS

Edward P. Sherer	12-17-09
Victor J. Griner	12-27-09
Jesse R. Whitehead	12-30-09
Danny J. Shelley	1-19-10

CARDIO EXERCISE CLASSES

Classes have resumed every Monday and Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. in the Local 50 Hall. All are welcome. Exercises can be adapted to all levels of activity.

FLU SHOTS

Flu shots are available for Local 50 members at a cost of \$20.00. Local 50 has a limited supply of H1N1 shots. There is no cost for the H1N1 shots. Shots available till end of January.



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
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IN MEMORY

In 2009, we had 20 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:

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| Vincent J. Batt | Carl G. Julien | Edward P. Sherer |
| Mike J. Elekonich | Daniel P. Kemritz | Charles B. Shuman |
| Norman W. Felt | Albert V. Longoria, Sr. | Richard E. Ward |
| Vernon A. Glore | William H. McGhee | E. Jack Watkins |
| Victor J. Griner | John R. Powers | Robert R. Weaver |
| George J. Jakubowski | Richard J. Russell, Jr. | Jesse R. Whitehead |
| | Loren D. Saam | Robert E. Wynn |

P.I.T.C. TRAINING

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

- A Refinery Class is going to be offered the 2nd week of February at the apprenticeship school. The class will be 4-5 nights. If you have little to no experience at refinery work, you should take this class.
- A Propress seminar on February 22, 2010, including the Manablock Pex plumbing system.
- A Viega Systems Radiant Heating seminar on March 10, 2010
- Now taking names for the UA Green Systems Awareness class - 5 nights starting in March, including a UA Certification
- Now taking names for a UA STAR HVAC review class starting in March, 4 nights.

If you are interested, please call Corinne at 419-666-0457.

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., Feb. 10, 2010 @ MCA Office	OSHA 4 Hour Refresher - Unit 1 Note: This is only if you already have 10, 16, 30 Hour OSHA card	4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Pizza will be served 4 Hours of OCILB Credit Instructor: Pattie Hamons
Thurs., Feb., 18, 2010 @ OCC Tracy Road Call 567-661-7357 to register	Drug Free Workplace Training Note: This has 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
Wed., Feb., 24, 2010 @ OCC Tracy Road Call 567-661-7357 to register	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
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
Wed., Feb., 24, 2010 Holiday Inn, Perrysburg, Ohio Call 1-800-401-SAFE to register	Trenching & Excavating	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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.

AGENT NOTES

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

With the Northwestern Ohio Building Trades Paper going to a every-other month publication, I felt it important to keep the membership informed about work conditions in the area, so I will be including these "Agents Notes" in this years Local 50 newsletters. I hope you find them informative and helpful.

As everyone is aware, work in the area and for that matter nationwide, continues to be very slow.

But there does seem to be some light at the end of the tunnel for some segments of our industry.

The recent announcement of the \$400 million investment by BP/Husky at their Oregon Refinery was very good

news. This reformer project will begin this spring and will provide one million man-hours of employment to the construction trades and will be completed in 2012. This project does not include the \$2.5 billion repositioning project that is planned for the refinery that will build 6 brand new units and replace every piece of pipe in the refinery. These projects should start in the next couple years.

Some upcoming work will include the Davis Besse refueling outage that will begin February 28th and last approximately 39 days. We will have 3 contractors hiring approximately 120 members for various portions of the outage. Hiring has begun, with the bulk of the hiring occurring mid-February. Sunoco has a small 30 day outage starting March 15th, with pre-hiring possibly starting 3-4 weeks prior.

Work for our HVACR service members continues to be sluggish with many building owners spending the bare minimum to keep their equipment running. We can only hope that the pent up demand and need for more energy efficient HVAC equipment will spur a boom in replacement work once this economy gets back on its feet!

The outlook for new institutional and commercial construction projects also continues to be sluggish with financing being the major holdup in getting these projects going.

With many members off work right now, I want to remind everyone that it is a good time to take advantage of various training opportunities available. Need to brush up on your welding skills ?, contact John Brocus at the training center and he will get you into one of our state of the art weld shops. We also have members that are available to help you brush up. Or contact the training center to find out what training classes are coming up for Journeymen or which apprentice classes that may have room in them for you to sit in on. Don't have your OSHA 10 card yet? Contact Bess at the MCA or go online to get the training. Want to take a class online, the United Association and Washtenaw Community College offer the UA University online, www.uauniversity.org, which offers a wide range of courses that you can take.

As bad as work is, we are still putting traveling welders out to work. If you are a welder and are not sure if you can sign the welders list please call the hall. There are 3 different ways you can get qualified to sign the welders list. As much as I want to help our sister locals, I would much rather put a unemployed/underemployed Local 50 member to work.

Until next month work and play safe.

Fraternally,
Lou Szabo
Business Representative

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Laws too gentle are seldom obeyed; to severe, seldom executed.”
- Benjamin Franklin

Fraternally,

Eric Osborn,
Financial Secty - Treas.



