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Union Dues

At the National Convention, it was passed to raise monthly dues by \$2.00 starting January 2012. If you paid into 2012, you will have to pay the extra \$2.00 per month. Part of the extra funds will allow General President, Bill Hite to hire two special reps for special projects.

Bowling League

The Local 50 Bowling League will begin August 27, 2011. Teams will consist of 4 bowlers. The league will be 17 weeks at \$10 per week, every other Saturday at 6:30 p.m. at Interstate Lanes. Please contact Bill Peacock at 419-460-8957 if interested.

Labor Day Parade & Picnic

Monday, September 5, 2011 is our Labor Day Parade and Picnic. Please note that we will be lining up at 8 a.m. near the Anthony Wayne Bridge on Ottawa Street. The Building Trades are first in the parade this year, so be early. The parade will begin at 9 a.m. Local 50 is last in line for Building Trades, so we will be close to the Oliver House.

The picnic is being held at the Hall, rain or shine, after the parade. We are having it catered by Michael's Gourmet Catering. They will be serving BBQ ribs, BBQ chicken, cheeseburgers and hotdogs. For entertainment, there will be a moonwalk and a rock wall, so bring the family.

Anyone interested in baking cookies to have available at the parade is encouraged to contact Basia (Barb) Lynn at 419-509-4179.

The Fremont Labor Day parade is also scheduled for Monday, September 5th. The parade will form at 9 a.m. on North Front Street, just north of State Street. The scheduled start time of this parade is 10 a.m.

Volunteers Needed

Labor Day is almost here.... As always, we would appreciate any help or support you could offer with the set-up and clean up on Monday. Please contact Scott Lopez or Don Lee at the Hall.

New Retirees

Wilbur Nehls 8-1-11

Gerald Warner 8-1-11

Retiree's Alumni Meeting

The next Retiree Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 21st at the Union Hall, 7570 Caple Blvd. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we will **not have** the HOBBO Dinner (so sorry!). Instead the Retiree Club will provide chicken and we request our members to provide their favorite side dish, salad or dessert. Our speaker will be Linda Alverado, City of Toledo, Executive Director, Board of Community Relations.

Cardio Turbo Exercise

The classes will begin on September 12th from 5:30—6:30 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday in the Local 50 Hall for 10 weeks. Exercises are adaptable to any level of activity. Wear comfortable clothing and join the fun.

Free Vascular Screening

Bay Park Hospital **FREE** carotid, aortic, and peripheral arterial disease testing will be available on September 12th 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.

Yoga

Classes have been approved for yoga beginning on September 12th every Monday and Wednesday from 1:30—2:30 p.m. Call the nurse to enroll at 419-662-1272.

Employee Assistance Program

The Local 50 Health & Welfare Fund contracted with Mercy Health Partners to provide you and your family the benefit of an Employee Assistance Program (EAP). 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.

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 benefits, a referral may be needed to provide 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 1-800-877-2362. When asked who your employer is, be sure to identify yourself as a member of Local 50.

Upgrade Test

If you are interested in taking an upgrade test, the tests will be given Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 6 p.m. at the Union Hall. You must have your application turned into the Finance Office by Tuesday, September 13, 2011. If you have any questions, call the Finance Office.

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Deceased Members

Howard L. Roper 7-24-11

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.

2011 Seasonal Flu Shot

Beginning on Monday, October 3rd through December 16th you can get your flu shot in the Local 50 Nurse's Office. The times are 7:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Monday—Friday and on meeting nights until 7:30 p.m. Members and their family, 18 years and older are eligible for the flu shot. Cost is \$20.00 cash or check made out to Mercy St. Vincent Medical Center. Medicare members **must** bring their Medicare card since your shot is covered under your part B benefit. The vaccine is a killed virus. You cannot get the flu from the vaccination. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting the flu shot each year.

PITC Training and Information

Training updates-The PITC would like to thank the following instructors for graduating from the instructor training program and or Washtenaw Community College with an associate's degrees.

Jaime Kusian and Brandon Gartee both graduated the 5 year Instructor Training program in 4years.

Todd Kocsis graduated from the Instructor Training Program and got an associate's degree from WCC.

Tony Esposito graduated from WCC with an associate's degree. He graduated from the ITP in 2002.

-All the graduates have taken classes on line from Washtenaw Community College which is partnered with the UA. There are also classes offered through the National Labor College which offers a Bachelor's degree, all on line. Both of these colleges are available to members, talk to Chris or Rick for details.

-We just got another instructor certified to teach the crane signaling class. We are starting one on Thursday nights starting September 29. The first 14 who pay are included in the class.

-Please contact Corrine for all journeyman classes and certifications including rigging, crane signaling, backflow certification, med gas, and valve repair and foreman certification.

Thought of the Day

"We all die. The goal isn't to live forever, the goal is to create something that will." - Chuck Palahniuk

Fraternally,

Eric Osborn,

Financial Secty-Treas

