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## SHORT CUTS

### Primary election set for Tuesday, Aug. 2

With the state's Tuesday, Aug. 2, primary election less than a month away, absentee ballots are, or soon will be, in the hands of the state's voters.

The Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council and its affiliated local councils have compiled on Page 4 a limited list of endorsed candidates for the primary.

When you go to cast your ballot either absentee or at your local polling place, remember that in a primary election in Michigan you can only vote straight Democrat or Republican — cross-over voting will spoil your ballot.

### Detroit Labor Day Parade is back on

The Detroit Labor Day Parade is back in 2022.

Unless Covid infection numbers spike like crazy over the next six weeks, the Labor Day march along Michigan Avenue will return for the first time since 2019. That's the word from the City of Detroit, which is responsible for granting parade permits.

More details will follow, but parade planners expect a traditional 9 a.m. kickoff at Michigan and Trumbull Avenues. Hope to see you there.

### Steady confidence in organized labor

Inflation. Covid. The war in the Ukraine. Regular mass shootings. Members of Congress at each other's throats. All the upheaval in society is enough to make one doubt America's institutions. In fact...

"Americans' confidence in institutions has been lacking for most of the past 15 years, but their trust in key institutions has hit a new low this year," says the Gallup organization, upon the release of a new poll on July 5. "Most of the institutions Gallup tracks are at historic lows, and average confidence across all institutions is now four points lower than the prior low."

According to the poll, every one of the 16 key institutional categories — except one — cited by Gallup in their *Change in Americans' Confidence in Major U.S. Institutions, 2021-2022* saw a decline. The lone exception: the category of "organized labor," which saw zero percentage change during the year.

The categories which saw the greatest percentage loss in confidence ("great deal/quite a lot") include the presidency (-15 percent); the Supreme Court (-11 percent); police, organized religion, the medical system, banks, and the criminal justice system (all -6 percent), and Congress (-5 percent).

Gallup first measured confidence in institutions in 1973 and has done so annually since 1993. This year's survey was conducted June 1-20.

By political party, 41 percent of Democrats said they had a "great deal or quite a lot" of confidence in organized labor, in both 2021 and 2022. Among Republicans, that number actually increased from 13 percent in 2021 to 15 percent in 2022.

### Quotable

"Don't join the book burners. Don't think you're going to conceal faults by concealing evidence that they ever existed. Don't be afraid to go in your library and read every book..."

—Dwight D. Eisenhower (1890-1969)



A NEW 127,000-square-foot, 100-bed Caro Psychiatric Hospital is under construction, progressing under the management of Granger Construction. The new facility replaces an older facility nearby. Photo credit: Granger Construction

## New state psychiatric hospital progresses in Caro

By Marty Mulcahy  
Editor

CARO — Construction of the new Caro Psychiatric Hospital is progressing nicely, on its way to completion at this time next year.

The new 127,000-square-foot, 100-bed hospital will replace an existing facility nearby. It will be mostly single story, but some second-story space will be devoted to administration and training areas. The new hospital will consist of four separate 25-bed patient units, with a "downtown" zone and two neighborhood spaces in a centralized location that will house various support spaces.

Granger Construction is managing the project, along with design partner Integrated Design Solutions, a host of subcontractors and some 80-120 union tradespeople who have been working the project in recent weeks.

"We're doing well, we're happy with the work that we're

seeing," said Granger Project Engineer Mike Evans, working with Granger Project Manager Nate Massa. "We've seen some re-

sidual effects from Covid — some materials are hard to get. But we planned well on this

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IN FRONT OF THE switchgear panels that they helped install at the Caro Psychiatric Hospital project are (l-r) Reed White and Nick Iles of IBEW Local 557. They're employed by Master Electric.



READYING A WELD on a 6-inch chilled water pipe at the Caro Psychiatric Hospital project are (l-r) Brant Scheurs and Rob Crummel of Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 85. They're employed by Remer Plumbing and Heating. We will have more project photos in our next edition.

## Former Bayer/BASF plant to get \$430M conversion

MUSKEGON TWP. — There will be new life for the shuttered Bayer CropScience facility.

Global Life Sciences Solutions USA is on track to purchase the former Bayer CropScience/BASF facility at 1740 Whitehall Road in Muskegon Charter Twp. after receiving approval from the Michigan Economic Development Corp. (MEDC) board for an incentive of approximately \$5.7 million. The news of the incentive came late last month, and with it, came news of an estimated \$430 invest-

ment in the facility and the creation of some 200 new jobs.

According to the MEDC, Global Life Sciences Solutions plans to establish its first operation in Michigan, where it will manufacture resins for use in biologic medi-

cines. Pending the Bayer site acquisition the company plans to invest in property upgrades and new machinery and equipment to establish an environment capable of high-quality life sciences

manufacturing, including lab and clean-room space. "Thanks to bipartisan legislative support of critical business attraction tools like the Michigan Business Development Program, we are empowering MEDC to compete for every project and every job," said Gov. Gretchen Whitmer on June 28. "We're pleased to welcome Global Life Sciences to Michigan, and we look forward to working with the company as it continues to grow

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THE Bayer CropScience plant in 2015. Photo credit: MLive

## More money flows to build new Soo lock

By Marty Mulcahy  
Editor

SAULT STE. MARIE — Some more serious federal money is being allocated to advance the construction of a new Soo lock.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the agency that oversees the locks, announced July 2 that Phase 3 construction will commence this summer with the awarding of a \$1.068 billion construction contract.

This contract allows Kokosing Alberici Traylor, LLC, a joint venture headquartered in

Westerville, Ohio, to begin work constructing the largest phase of the project, the new lock chamber and rehabilitation of the downstream approach walls. With continued funding, the remaining work, valued at \$803.95 million, may be awarded over the next three years. Corps of Engineers officials expect this Phase 3 construction to take seven years.

"The Corps of Engineers looks forward to beginning construction on the new lock chamber later this summer, and we continue to work hard to maintain the

pace and continue to make progress toward New Lock at the Soo total project completion in summer 2030," said New Lock at the Soo Project Manager Mollie Mahoney.

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THE NEW SOO LOCK, at left, will be carved out of space currently devoted to two older locks. It will twin the Poe Lock, currently the only lock that allows the movement of the largest freighters on the Great Lakes.

## Biden signs final rule to bolster failing union pension plans

By Marty Mulcahy  
Editor

CLEVELAND — Since the buck stops at the Oval Office, President Biden is getting his fair share of heat — and low approval numbers — for the high cost of gas and consumer goods and an economy that's approaching recession territory.

But on July 5, he traveled here to announce the final rule of his administration's most important piece of legislation to date, the American Rescue Plan Special Financial Assistance Program, a huge portion of which has the union label plastered all over it. That stimulus, adopted by Congress and signed by Biden in March 2021, injected \$1.9 trillion into the economy, helping it emerge from the throes of the pandemic.

A key portion of that stimulus broke a years-long Congressional logjam of unpassed legislation, which helps prop up the fortunes of failing union pension programs with an injection of \$66 billion. Adopted in the form of the Butch Lewis Act, the law immediately steered out of pending in-

solveny approximately 100 multiemployer pension plans that were expected to run out of money necessary to pay vested union retiree benefits over the next 20 years.

"As a candidate for President, I argued for its passage and promised, when it passed, I would sign it," Biden said at a Cleveland high school. "And that's the promise I've kept when I included the Butch Lewis Act in the American Rescue Plan. Now, multiemployer plans will remain solvent for decades to come at least until 2051. Those retirees who lost their benefits will have them restored retroactively. We turned a promise broken into a promise kept."

This has been the most important worker legislation signed by Biden, who pledged to be the "most pro-union president in the history of the United States."

Prior to the America Rescue Plan, the agency that is supposed to backstop failing pension programs, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, was projected to become insolvent in 2026. Millions of union retirees — many in

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## CEOs'/workers' salary gap becoming a chasm; widened again in 2021

The rich get richer. Lather, rinse, repeat.

So it goes with CEO salaries in the United States, where their pay is ever-higher and where the salary gap between workers — especially those on the lower rungs of the pay scales — and company leaders grows ever-wider.

One of the groups that keep track of these things is the Institute for Policy Studies, a progressive think-tank. The title of its annual report released last month, is descriptive: *Executive Excess 2022*. And the sub heading says even more: "The CEOs at America's largest low-wage employers are grabbing huge raises while workers and consumers are struggling with rising costs."

The institute studied compensation over the past year at 300 firms where median worker pay failed to keep pace with the 4.7 percent average U.S. inflation rate in 2021.

They found that the average gap between CEO and median worker pay in their sample jumped to 670-1, from 604-1 in 2020. Forty nine of those firms had ratios of 1,000-1. CEO pay at the 300 firms increased by \$2.5 million to an

average of \$10.6 million (+23.5 percent), while median worker pay increased by \$3,556 to an average of \$23,968 (+14.8 percent).

That 14.8 percent was a nice hike for many — but "but despite all this pay-increase buzz, at over a third of Corporate America's 300 low-wage firms — 106 in all, 35 percent — median worker pay did not keep pace with the 4.7 percent average U.S. inflation rate in 2021," the report said. "At 69 of the firms, typical worker pay actually dropped last year in

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## Rosy job gains and jobless rate belie wage woes

WASHINGTON (PAI) — The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported July 8 that U.S. businesses added 381,000 new jobs in June — a strong increase that quieted, for now, talk of a recession. But even as firms claimed they can't find workers, the BLS data revealed one possible reason why: wage growth has slowed to pre-pandemic levels.

The nation's jobless rate held steady at 3.6 percent for the third straight month (nearing the lowest rate in the past 50 years) and the number of jobless declined by 38,000, to 5.91 million.

"Private-sector employment has recovered the net job losses due to the pandemic and is 140,000 higher than in February 2020, while government employment is 664,000 lower," BLS said.

Companies have moaned for months they can't find workers to fill job vacancies, especially in low-paying occupations such as hotels, restaurants and health

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers rendering

# Viewpoints



## How Biden can help workers

Did you know Joe Biden can help American workers right now, even without Congress? He can sign three executive orders, affecting a fifth of the economy and transforming millions of workers' lives.

Biden has made campaign promises to support workers. Here are three ways he can fulfill that promise.

First: require that the federal government contract only with unionized companies whenever possible. This would give workers more bargaining power in every industry from healthcare to telecoms to food service to tech to defense.

Back in the last century when I was secretary of labor, the Chamber of Commerce sued me for trying to do something similar. The Clinton Administration had issued an executive order barring federal contracts with companies that permanently replaced striking workers. A federal court struck it down, ruling that the administration hadn't shown that the executive order was necessary to save the government money.

The way to ensure this executive order holds up is to include evidence that unionized companies save the government money. And that's not hard to do.

Unions may deliver higher wages but they also have been shown to deliver higher productivity. And higher productivity saves the government money.

Secondly, discourage union busting. Biden can require that federal contracts go only to companies that pledge to remain neutral in efforts to unionize.

Companies routinely use an arsenal of union-busting tactics. Some are blatantly illegal. A third of companies fire employees who try to form a union. They harass and intimidate their workers. About half threaten to close up shop or slash wages and benefits. Why should taxpayers subsidize companies that illegally quash unions?

Third, deny federal contracts to companies that break labor laws. Biden can require bidders on federal contracts to disclose any labor violations in the past three years. This would just be reinstating Obama's executive order, which Trump revoked.

Companies that break the law and hurt workers shouldn't be rewarded with lucrative federal contracts.

A policy like this helps workers everywhere. One study found that when the Labor Department announced penalties for violating safety standards, other companies in the industry improved their safety standards.

Taken together, these three executive orders will improve the lives of millions of Americans.

Make it happen, Joe.

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# Psychiatric hospital progresses in Caro

(Continued from Page 1) project, and did a lot of pre-ordering of long-term items, so that has really helped us. We're still on schedule."

Massa said challenges have been few and far between on the project, when it comes to the site, material acquisition and the ability to hire a sufficient number of skilled tradespeople. "We have generally been able to find the labor we need, that has not had much of an impact," he said. "Overall, we're smiling, we've had pretty good luck."

Work started on the project in October 2021 on the grounds of the existing aging and outmoded Caro Regional Mental Health Center on Chambers Road.

According to Granger:  
•The facility includes East/West patient wings, with a north administration facility and a central patient area.

•A central nurse station will be located at the core of each of the patient units, with views down each wing.

•There will also be secure yards provided between each of the two units at each end of the facility, and unsecured yards for staff and patients.

•Four clinical staff and office pods will be located at the connector of each patient wing.

•Medical services and patient intake will be located on the first floor along the main corridor that connects to the downtown zone, while the main entry, family visitation and legal services will be adjacent to medical services.

•The building will be oriented to provide views of the woods, meadows and river to as many patient rooms as possible, while other rooms will have views of the interior garden courtyards.

Evans said "a different mindset" needs to be employed when constructing a psychiatric facility, with the use of "anti-ligature" fixtures designed to reduce the ability of patients to do self-



WE ASKED THIS GROUP of Sheet Metal Workers Local 7 members to pause what they were doing for a photo in front of some of their handiwork – a large insulated plenum they installed at the Caro Psychiatric Hospital. They are (l-r) Colby Hemgesberg, Dave Moening and Kevin Scharich. They're working for Dee Cramer.

harm with wire, cords or sharp edges. "The fine details are a lot more important," he said, "with everything designed for the safety of the patients."

Caro Psychiatric Hospital is one of five state-operated psychiatric facilities. The replacement was originally scheduled to be 225,000 square feet and have 200 beds, an increase of 50 beds from the existing facility. Progress on the project was halted following a review by an independent consulting firm, and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services the MDHHS recommended construction of the smaller-than-planned new facility in Caro, while meeting the needs of the state by "reopening units at existing state hospitals, and increasing resources into community-based programs to help serve individuals in need of mental health services."

"We believe the benefits of a new hospital will affect our pa-

tient outcomes, our patient and family satisfaction, patient safety, staff efficiency and satisfaction, as well as organizational outcomes," said Rose Laskowski, director of the Caro hospital.

The Caro Center originally opened in 1914 to care for people with epilepsy. The current facility provides service to adults with serious mental illness from 48 Michigan counties.



GIVING THE BRUSH to a wall that will contain dumpsters at the new Caro Psychiatric Hospital is Ray Robison of Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Local 2. He's employed by Boettcher Masonry.

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### The Monroe Power Plant

## HISTORY IN THE MAKING

By Marty Mulcahy



DTE ENERGY'S Monroe Power Plant is shown about 25 years ago, with its original, since-demolished 800-foot stacks. They were replaced by 540-foot stacks erected in the last decade that were part of the plant's modern pollution control system. Dominating the foreground is the plant's coal reserves – the plant burns 8-10 million tons of the black stuff every year.

Photos courtesy of DTE Energy

In an era firmly in the grip of worldwide conversion to alternative, green energy sources – solar, wind, hydro – there stands in Michigan an extremely important elephant in the room: the 11th largest power plant (by megawatt production) in the nation.

And unlike other coal-burning energy facilities across Michigan and the nation, the Monroe Power Plant isn't being retired any time soon. (But its end is on the horizon). With all four of its generating units in operation, the plant is capable of producing 3,300 megawatts – providing, at this point, an irreplaceable 40 percent of DTE Energy's total capacity.

Sited on 1,200 acres at the River Raisin and Lake Erie shore, the need for the construction of a facility the size of the Monroe Power Plant grew throughout the 1960s as power demands continued to increase. Detroit Edison had been building a number of smaller but still-significant power plants earlier in the decade, when it decided to go big. Very big.

"The plant was constructed in the early 1970s and was completed in 1974," says *Academic*. "The plant has four generating units, each with an output of 850 megawatts. With all four generating units operating, the plants total output is 3,300 megawatts. It is the second-largest coal fired plant in operation in the United States after Georgia Power's Plant Bowen near Cartersville, Georgia" (3,450 megawatts).

Construction of the plant began in 1968. The contractors involved with the electrical generation for the units included Siemens Energy and GE Power. Babcock & Wilcox Enterprises supplied steam boilers for the project. The first generating unit came on line in 1971.

It was a precedent-setting plant at the time of construction. The Federal Power Commission's *National Power Survey* said in 1970 that when completed, the "Monroe plant of Detroit Edison Company, now under construction, will be the largest plant" in the nation.

The Monroe plant's power production would easily surpass the existing largest facility, the Tennessee Valley Authority's three-unit, 2,558-megawatt Paradise plant, completed in 1970.

The high-end power output of the Monroe Power Plant proved to be just about the zenith for mega-megawatt plants, although the Federal Power Commission (wrongly) predicted in their 1970 report that the economies of scale would likely lead to

larger and larger power plants.

While acknowledging that protests by potential power plant neighbors, opposition from the (then-budding) environmental movement, the need for tremendous amounts of land on which to build the plants, as well as the need of a nearby significant source of water were likely limiting factors, the Power Commission looked past all that and saw a future for bigger, more powerful plants.

"The problems of site acquisition and development may be less severe for one large site than for two or more smaller ones," the federal agency said. "These and other advantages of large installations suggest that plant sizes will continue to increase in the years ahead."

In fact, they predicted that by 1980, coal-burning power plants would be built that have a capacity of 10,000 megawatts. They turned out to be false prophets. Today, in terms of coal-burning plants, a power station in China is the largest that's still operational with a capacity of roughly 6,700 megawatts. The largest built in the U.S. never surpassed 3,500 megawatts.

(The Three Gorges Dam in China is the world's largest power station in terms of installed capacity – 22,500 MW – and the rest of top of that list are also hydro-electric or nuclear plants).

The work of performing renovations, pollution control upgrades and expansions at the Monroe Power Plant and smaller coal-burning plants across Michigan have generated incomes and helped foster a middle-class lifestyle for generations of building trades workers.

To the general public, the Monroe Power Plant's original, twin 800-foot-tall stacks were the most readily visible landmarks associated with the plant. The Environmental Protection Agency (signed into law in December 1970) was not in existence when the plant was under construction. So the 80-story stacks were actually a tall, state-of-the-art pollution control system – although "control" isn't exactly the right word.

"Tall stacks, here defined as stacks over 500 feet high, do not reduce overall emissions, but help disperse the effluent over a wider area," said the 1970 *National Power Survey*. The goal was more to improve local air quality than to reduce greenhouse gases, which wasn't the household term it is today.

The Monroe plant did in-

clude some emission controls. Small electrostatic precipitators – which use static electricity to remove soot and ash from exhaust fumes before they exit the stack – were originally installed.

The Monroe plant burns 8-10 million tons of coal every year to create electricity. There is no question among scientists that coal burning contributes to greenhouse gases, and federal regulators in recent decades have been mandating the installation of exotic new hardware and advanced technologies to capture harmful emissions from coal-burning plants.

To support that mission, the Monroe plant's pair of original, signature 800-foot exhaust stacks were demolished, one in 2012 and the other in 2014. They were replaced by new 580-foot stacks built to support the operation of new flue gas desulfurization (FGD) systems – pollution control "scrubbers" to reduce sulfur dioxide, mercury and other emissions.

The work to reduce those emissions that was completed in 2014 marked the end of a 14-year, \$1 billion process to install the clean air equipment, making the Monroe plant among the cleanest coal-fired plants in the country.

The installation of emission control systems have been a major focus at the plant, with the trades also installing selective catalytic reduction (SCR) systems at Monroe during the last decade. It became the first plant in Michigan that operates scrubbers in combination with SCR systems. That's on top of previous generations of pollution control systems. And the plant continues to undergo regular maintenance, and hire building trades workers en masse to do the work.

"Another industrial milestone in Monroe's life, and for that matter, all of Southeast Michigan, came in 1971 when DTE Energy began operating the Monroe Power Plant," says a history provided by the City of Monroe. Coal is delivered via coal off-loaded from freighters docking on the River Raisin, or from trains with 115 cars, each carrying 100 tons of coal. "The plant and equipment that sit on DTE Energy's 1,200-acre site makes the Monroe Power Plant the city's largest taxpayer, comprising about 39 percent of the city's tax base."

But for how long? The most recent word from DTE Energy is that it intends to retire all of its coal-burning plants by 2040 – including the Monroe Plant.



CONSTRUCTION OF the Monroe Power Plant in 1969.



## Local 36

### Elevator Constructors

Elevator Constructors Local 36

DETROIT – ALL MEMBERS ARE INFORMED that our next regular Membership Meeting is planned for Monday, July 25, 2022, at 5:30 pm at 1358 Abbott Street Detroit, MI (Electricians Hall). Watch your emails for any change in venue.

Reminder to all Members, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter cards were due July 1, 2022. If you have not paid them, please do so immediately. The Death assessment for Brother John Hawkins will be collected. Please add \$5.00 for this assessment to your payment. Hall hours are 8 am- 4:30 pm but please call to make sure someone is available.

We have the new Constitution and By-Laws (revised edition October 2021) along with the new NEBA Agreement July 9, 2022 to July 8, 2027 books at the Hall.

Attention All Members, save the date for July 30, 2022 for the Union picnic. We are in need of volunteers to help with set up, games and clean up, please contact the hall if you are able to help out in any way.

On Sept. 17 we will be having a golf out at Bay Pointe Golf course in Commerce Township, if interested check your email for contact info or call the Hall for more info.

Attention All Apprentices, Classes will be starting the week of Aug. 15, 2022. Due to the amount of students/classes we will be having two orientations, Monday Aug. 1, 2022 and Wednesday Aug. 3, 2022. Email will be sent to all with your class and orientation night and time. It is your responsibility to attend, as attendance is mandatory.

All testing must be done according to Michigan State Code and your company's MCP. Remember YOUR license is being put on the forms so do the test correctly no matter how long it takes!!

If work being done on any equipment make sure you document what you did on your company's MCP. If you are working on a trouble car or working shift work let the on-call guy or next shift know what you did or what issues you are having with the equipment. Communication is key in safety so make sure you communicate with your Brothers and Sisters so they can go home after their shift.

All Members, Local 36, Local 85, EIWP are holding outreach sessions on Monday nights, 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Reviewing and answering any questions pertaining to Michigan and Detroit Elevator Codes. Contact the Hall if you are interested and the link will be sent for online or phone participation. We are also holding code book layout sessions monthly, this is a great class for all members so you can reference the codes easily for testing, maintenance, construction or studying/taking the State/City tests.

If anyone is interested in QEI training, please call the Hall so we can build a potential class list.

We wish to extend our condolences to the family of Brother Walter Ruiz and a get well to all Brothers and Sisters on our sick list. Be safe and stay healthy.

## Biden signs final rule to bolster pension plans

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the building trades, and some of whom already had seen their pension checks reduced – would have seen significant cuts in benefits.

An estimated 1.3 million retirees could have lost up to 70 percent of their retiree benefits – and millions more would have lost lesser percentages – without the infusion of the federal dollars. More than 80,000 workers and retirees had already had their benefits cut under a 2014 law. The new program will aid those workers retroactively and boost all plans at risk.

"With the support of this administration, millions of retirees – including thousands of LIUNA retirees, members, and beneficiaries can breathe a sigh of relief, knowing that they will still receive their full pensions and be able to retire in dignity after a lifetime of hard work," said Laborers International Union (LIUNA) General President Terry O'Sullivan. "LIUNA is grateful to the White House for their leadership in protecting pensions and looks forward to the implementation of rules that will further strengthen retirement security for working men and women."

The legislation was named for Ohio Teamsters union leader and pension advocate Butch Lewis, who died in 2016.

AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler said the passage of the pension protections was the result of "united advocacy by our unions. Pensions are more than just a vital part of the retirement plans of millions of Americans, they are a promise made to workers by their employers. And those pensions should not be ripped away after years or decades of hard work. We will keep fighting to protect that promise."

Said Biden: "Losing a big part of your income late in life, that's a scar, though, that doesn't heal. Well, not this time. With today's actions, millions of workers will have the dignified retirement they earned and they deserve."

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and add jobs for West Michigan residents."

Global Life Sciences is a leading provider of technologies and services that advance the development of therapeutics. The company said customers undertake life-saving activities ranging from fundamental biological research to developing innovative vaccines, biologic drugs, and novel cell and gene therapies. The company has more than 8,000 employees across 40 countries.

A Global Life Sciences Solutions spokeswoman said her company intends to use the Muskegon Twp. factory to manufacture and supply chromatography resins to the U.S. market, which are used by global pharmaceutical and technology companies to purify life-saving medical treatments and vaccines. The company was reportedly considering locating sites in five other states.

BASF was the most recent operator at the Muskegon site, announcing the herbicide plant's closure in 2020.

"This is great news for us," said Morgan Carroll, director of business development at Greater Muskegon Economic Development, who worked with MEDC to bring the company to Muskegon Township. "Very high paying jobs for the county, and one of the largest construction projects we've seen in Muskegon County in decades."

A man walks out to the street and catches a taxi just going by. He gets into the taxi, and the cabbie says, "Perfect timing. You're just like Frank." Passenger: "Who?"

Cabbie: "Frank Feldman. He's a guy who did everything right all the time. Like my coming along just when you needed a cab, things happened like that to Frank Feldman every single time." Passenger: "There are always a few clouds over everybody."

Cabbie: "Not Frank Feldman! I keep getting told he was a terrific athlete and that he could golf with the

## Just joking

pros. He sang like an opera baritone and danced like a Broadway star. I'm told he could play the piano. Just an amazing guy."

Passenger: "Sounds like he was really something special."

Cabbie: "There's more. I've heard he had a memory like a computer; he remembered everybody's birthday. He took his wife to the nicest restaurants. Knew all about wine, and which food to order."

"Around the house, he would cook dinner, do the laundry. I guess he could fix anything. Not like me. I

## CEOs'/workers' salary gap becoming

### a chasm

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nominal terms." In 2021, a tight labor market created a rare moment of leverage for low-wage workers, but many workers never received a bigger piece of the pie. Among all CEOs and workers from all pay levels, the American corporate chiefs made 351 times more than workers last year. In 1965 it was 15 to one.

"Executive excess, overall, has Americans across the political spectrum fed up," the institute's report said. "One just-released poll shows that 87 percent of us see the growing gap between CEO and worker pay as a problem for the country. An astounding 62 percent of Republicans and 75 percent of Democrats favor a cap on CEO pay relative to worker pay, regardless of company performance."

Instituting such a pay cap by Congress is a highly unlikely scenario, and probably wouldn't pass a court challenge. But lawmakers have historically taxed higher wage earners at a greater rate to encourage narrower CEO-worker pay gaps.

Shareholder actions to limit CEO pay are also an alternative, as well as executive action to limit tax breaks for companies with CEOs who have high income disparities with their workers.

## More money flows to build new Soo lock

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After decades of inaction, a new lock is finally being constructed at the Soo. The project will carve out two existing locks to create a new lock that will twin the Poe Lock – which is currently the only conduit to move the largest bulk carrying freighters among the Great Lakes. A new lock is sought as a backup in case of mechanical failure or sabotage to the Poe Lock – whose failure to operate for an extended period would be catastrophic to the U.S. economy.

The project's first phase to deepen the upstream channel began in spring of 2020 and is substantially complete with punch-list items and final cleanup remaining. The project's second phase to rehabilitate the upstream approach walls began in spring of 2021.

With Phase 1 nearly complete and Phase 2 scheduled for completion in summer 2024, the third construction phase is a big milestone for the project, the Army Corps says. A major cost increase led to a five-month contract award delay while the Corps of Engineers developed necessary reports to deliver a new cost estimate for reauthorization to Congress. The cost increase's causes are changing market conditions, inflation, a nationwide labor shortage, design modifications and early estimate assumptions.

The "Project Fully Funded Cost," the Corps says, has climbed from \$1.031 billion to \$3.189 billion.

"Courage is the power to let go of the familiar."

– Raymond Lindquist

change a fuse, and the whole street blacks out. But Frank Feldman, I'm told all the time he could do everything right.

Passenger: "Wow, what a guy!"

Cabbie: "That Frank, I doubt he ever made a mistake, and he really knew how to treat his wife and make her feel good. I'm told he would never talk back to her, even if she was in the wrong. Basically I guess he was the perfect man! Nope, no one could ever measure up to Frank Feldman!"

Passenger: "How did you meet him?"

Cabbie: "I never actually met Frank. He died and I married his wife. She tells me about him all the time!



## Local 25 Iron Workers

**Iron Workers 25**  
NOVI – The Next Novi Union meeting will be Monday July 25, 2022 at 7 pm. (in-person only NO ZOOM). All union halls will be open to host in-person union meetings for July. Come out to see your fellow brothers & sisters in person, enjoy some food & drink with us!

**Annual Local 25 Picnic:** Thank you to all our retiree, member & apprentice volunteers! Given all the positive feedback, we dare to say this was the best picnic – everyone had fun, shared comradery, good eats & cool drink for such a hot day! Thank you to Alta Equipment for donating the aerial lifts! Everyone said “so long” and had retirement well-wishes for Val Templeton (Training Center Secretary for 37 years of service).

Congratulations to the Column Climb participants. For age 36-49; Matt Rajda placed 1<sup>st</sup>, and Chad Cox placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. For age 18-35; Matt Oxlade placed 1<sup>st</sup>, Andrew Sawyer placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Matt Wallace placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. Nice job guys! **Thank you again to everyone who was able to join us this year!**

The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual International Iron Workers Festival will be held Aug. 12-14, 2022 in Mackinaw City MI. Please plan ahead and reserve your hotel room(s). For more information, please go to [www.mackinawchamber.com](http://www.mackinawchamber.com)

**SAVE THE DATE:** Awards Night will be held on Aug. 29, 2022 at the Novi Union Hall. **Eligible members will get a letter mailed to them in the next few weeks.**

We will have a social hour with snacks/beverages starting at 5pm. Awards ceremony starts at 7pm. Then at around 8:30pm the Retiree Club will raffle off the Ironworkers Commemorative shotgun. All are welcome.

**The Ironworkers Local 25 APP & Website** is in process of being revised, thus we cannot add new members to the log-in section just yet. All members can however, sign up for our Alerts & E-mails via our website ([www.ironworkers25.org](http://www.ironworkers25.org)). We continue to communicate through the **PUSH NOTIFICATIONS** – download the APP if you haven’t done so yet!

**Steward meeting(s):** The Flint Hall Steward Meeting will be July 20 at 5:30 pm. The Saginaw Hall Steward Meeting will be July 28 at 6pm. The Lansing Hall Steward Meeting will be Monday Aug. 8 at 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

**Stewards’ Notes:**  
1) The link for Online Steward Report forms is found in the upper right-hand corner of our website [www.ironworkers25.org](http://www.ironworkers25.org) LOG-IN DIRECTIONS will follow once you click the link that reads “Electronic Steward Reports.” These forms are much easier than the paper forms, we encourage you to give it a try if you have not yet done so.

2) PLEASE be sure to check

## Rosy job gains and jobless rate belie wage woes

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care. Yet lodgings added 14,800 jobs in June, restaurants added 40,800 and health care added 56,700.

Even so, the bars and restaurants still employ 1.3 million fewer workers than they did in February 2020, the last month before the coronavirus-caused recession hit. And health care is 1.1 million jobs behind its February 2020 number, too.

By contrast, BLS reported factories added 29,000 jobs in June, to 12.797 million, and have now regained all the jobs they lost in the crash. Construction added 13,000 jobs in June, to 7.67 million, with 88 percent (11,400) of them with non-residential specialty contractors.

The catch to the corporate complaints, as Economic Policy Institute President Heidi Shierholz pointed out, is that the same firms yowling about lack of workers in a booming recovery won’t raise wages to attract new people. In so many words, try paying them.

“Quarterly wage growth ticked down in June and has dropped substantially in recent months. It is now near its pre-Covid range,” Shierholz tweeted.

That range was just over 4 percent annually for all workers in June, but it was only 0.6 percent for the bar, restaurant and hotel workers, calculations show.

dues for members and boomers too AND BE SURE ALL BOOMERS HAVE SIGNED BOTH THE RECIPROCAL AND THE ASSESSMENT-TARGETING

3) All members please be sure to keep your Union dues paid up to date as it is criteria for working. You can be asked to leave the jobsite if your dues are not current.

4) Doby/Travel Service Dues are \$10.00 per week.

**24/7 CREDIT-DEBIT CARD processing for Union Dues:** Pay via our APP or website [www.ironworkers25.org](http://www.ironworkers25.org). The phone number is 866-635-2826.

**Pay union dues with personal check or money order** and mail to: Iron Workers Local 25 – P.O. Box 965 – Novi, MI 48376-0965. Pay union dues in person at the Novi Union Hall (M-F) from 8 am to 3 pm (NO CASH).

**FRINGE BENEFIT OFFICE:** 800-572-8553 or 248-347-3100 and follow the prompts. Hours 7:30am to 4:30pm. The mailing address for member BENEFIT related matters is: Iron Workers Local 25 Fringe Benefit Funds, PO Box 99219, Troy MI 48099-9219. Blue Cross Health Claims and Customer Service 877-790-2583. Delta Dental Claims and Customer Service 800-482-8915.

**BENEFIT FOR NEW CHILD:** Any member who has a new born child, or a new dependent child through marriage MUST NOTIFY the Fringe Benefit Office of your new dependent within 31 days; otherwise wait until the next open-enrollment period (April 1-April 30).

**BENEFIT FOR LIFE CHANGE:** Any member experiencing a divorce or a new spouse MUST NOTIFY the Fringe Benefit Office within 31 days; otherwise wait until the next open-enrollment period (April 1-April 30).

**New Apprentice Applications are being accepted BUT you MUST go to [ironworkers25.org](http://ironworkers25.org), print the application, gather documentation then phone the school for an appointment; no walk-in foot traffic. The Wixom Training Center – Phone: 248-960-2130**

**Apprentices:** Fill out your monthlies online at the website or mobile app located under the apprenticeship tab “Monthly Report Sign-In” this gives you the ability to electronically submit your monthlies. Also under the apprenticeship tab you will find “Evaluation Form” Journeyman/Supervision can use this to submit apprentice evaluations using computer/cell phone and submit electronically. **Please also note, you must check your email for your pay raise slips.**

**To view classes at the Local 25 Apprenticeship School,** please go to the [ironworkers25.org](http://ironworkers25.org) to view the block schedule. The 2022 Raising Gang Training schedule is one the website. Please call the school to make up days....

**Do not just show up and expect to be allowed to stay.**

**Welcome our newest Secretaries to the Local 25 Training Center: Kristie Messer and Jenna Munn. We wish them both a warm welcome to our team!**

**The Iron Workers’ Local 25 Retirees’ Club:** The Novi Chapter Retirees meeting/luncheon will be Tuesday, July 19 at 10 am in Novi. All are welcome. The Board of Directors will meet on **Wednesday Aug. 3, 2022 at 9 am.**

**The West Michigan Chapter Retirees** breakfast will meet Tuesday August 2, 2022 at 9:00 am at Red Rock Grille & Café, 228 N. Ball Creek Rd, NW, Kent City, Michigan 49330. Future meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month. All are welcome.

**The Bay City Chapter:** NO Retirees meeting in July. The next quarterly meeting will be Oct. 20, at 1 pm at the Bay City American Legion Post 18, 700 Adams St., Bay City, MI 48708. All are welcome.

**The Downriver Chapter Retirees** breakfast will meet Friday July 15 at 9 am at Mom’s Restaurant, 2691 Fort St, Trenton, 48183. Future meetings **scheduled every quarter going forward.** All are welcome.

**The Retirees’ Club Scholarship Fund Golf Outing will be held on Thursday July 21.** Location: Green Hills Golf Course in Pinconning MI. Contact Dallas Compeau 989-737-5518 if interested.

**Get Help in a Time of Crisis:** Sadly, suicide is a leading cause of death in the U.S. If you or anyone you know is having a hard time and considering self-harm, there is help for you. **What-**

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Laborers’ International Union of North America

# LiUNA! LOCAL 1191

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Laborers 1191

**DETROIT – Monthly Membership Meetings: Union meetings are held on the first Friday of every month at 7 pm at the Union hall (except for holidays), the next membership meeting will on the Aug. 5, 2022.**

**Retirees:** Retiree Council’s meetings are the last Friday of the month. The meetings are held 11 a.m. at the Local Union Hall, 2161 W. Grand Blvd. Detroit MI 48208.

**Union Dues For 2022:** Effective Jan. 1, 2022 regular monthly dues are \$35 for active members. Retiree monthly dues will remain the same \$8.00.

**Reminder:** Be sure to keep the Local Union updated with any changes to your phone number, address, and/or email.

Members can now Pay Dues online 24/7 on our website at [www.laborerslocal1191.org](http://www.laborerslocal1191.org)! Upper right-hand corner Pay Dues tab, and follow the instructions. Please also check out our website and “Laborers’ Local 1191” Facebook page for important information about your Local Union.

**NOTICE:** The Uniform Local Union Constitution Article VIII sec. 4. The monthly dues are due on the first day of the month and unless paid on or before the last day of the following month, the member shall be deemed suspended by the International Union without notice.

**Save Time & Money: We urge members to make their payments timely to avoid additional costs! Monthly dues can be deducted from your vacation check and sent directly to the Local Union. Please stop by the Local Union office to get one of the “Vacation Monthly Dues Deduction” forms or you may call the Local Union office at (313)-894-2241 to have one mailed to you.**

**Members who sign up for vacation monthly dues deduction and pay (6) months at a time will receive a 1-month rebate! To better serve our membership, we are accepting Credit & Debit payments.**

**Vacation Monthly Dues Deduction Authorization:** Members may revoke vacation monthly dues authorization at any time by signing a vacation deduction cancellation form. This cancellation form must be sent to the Local Union 1191 office, however understand that Local 1191 needs to have this form on file at least 60 days before the next vacation checks are distributed for the months of May or November.

**Vacation Check Direct Deposit:** If your mail delivery is slow or your mail is getting lost, then it is highly recommended to get your vacation check direct deposited into your bank checkings or savings account. A Payee Deposit Agreement must be completed and signed, and the member must return the payee deposit agreement at least 60 days before the following vacation distribution for the month of May, or November to Michigan Laborers Vacation Fund, 6525 Centurian Dr. Lansing Michigan 48917.

**MUST Safety Awareness Training:** Please check the MUST website at [www.mustsafe.com](http://www.mustsafe.com) to see how many

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ever you are struggling with, help is available. If you or someone you know needs 24/7, free and confidential help, contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 24/7. Call 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255) or chat with a professional at any time.

**Jack Koby’s Memorial & Celebration of Life** July 20th, 2022 at Weller’s Carriage House, 555 W Michigan Ave, Saline MI (Arrival 12:30 pm, Service begins 1:00 pm).

This information is as of Submission Time for this Article (July 11, 2022 12:00 pm E.S.T.).

modules you have.

**Drug Test Renewal: Members are reminded to keep your Yearly Drug Test current and also your 18 safety modules.** You can schedule an appointment to take your modules at our training schools located in Perry, Wayne, St. Joseph, or Iron Mountain by calling (517) 625-4919 or visit the training school website [www.mltai.org](http://www.mltai.org) to schedule appointments for modules. You can also contact the Local Union office at (313) 894-2241 to use a Local Union computer to complete required modules.

**Training:** Check out the training classes available to you at no cost. Journeymen and apprentices may still obtain training through MLTAI’s online training at <https://lms.mltai.org>. Types of training you can take include: Asbestos Awareness-Silica Awareness-Infectious Disease Awareness-Respirator Awareness-Hazard Communication-Blood borne Pathogens Awareness-Covid-19 Awareness-Lead Awareness.

**NOTE: Classes & Certifications contractors have been asking for are: OSHA 30, Asbestos & Lead Awareness, Hoisting & Rigging, Pipeline Safety, Class A Cdl License, Asbestos Removal Supervisors Licence, Confined Space Permit Required, Grade Checking Blueprint Reading & Measuring Tools, Gps Location.**

The above training and certifications are all available at the training center. FYI: By taking the OSHA 30 your 18 MUST Safety modules are updated as well. If you are not able to go to the Training Center for MUST Safety Modules contact the Local Union to assist you with making arrangements to complete them.

**Referral List:** Every member who is looking for work must call, or come to the Local Union Office on Mondays between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm and put their name on the out-of-work list. You must have an out-of-work skills sheet filled out and on file in order to be referred out for work by the Local Union. Also be sure to Check & Update your Skills regularly.

**Roll Call:** All members on the out-of-work list must re-register every quarter within the first five days of the following months March, June, September and December. Your failure to do so will result in your name being removed from the referral list. \*Example: If your name is on the list in April and or May and you don’t re-register by June 5 your name will be removed from the list.

**CONTACT NUMBERS**  
Michigan Laborers’ Fringe Benefits Funds (Annuity, Insurance, Pension & Vacation)  
**Phone: (877) 645-2267**  
Fax: (517) 321-7508  
Website: [www.michiganlaborers.org](http://www.michiganlaborers.org)  
Delta Dental: (800) 524-0149  
Metropolitan Detroit Laborers’ (Pension) (248) 641-4942  
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Tuesday, August 2

Vote in the statewide Michigan Primary Election. Building Trades Endorsements

YOUR VOTE COUNTS

Following are candidates endorsed by the Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council and its local affiliate councils for the statewide Aug. 2 primary.

**Michigan Governor**  
Gretchen Whitmer  
**Secretary of State**  
Jocelyn Benson

**U.S. Congress**  
**3rd District** (Grand Rapids/ Battle Creek): Hillary Scholten  
**6th District** (Ann Arbor/ Plymouth): Debbie Dingell  
**7th District** (Lansing): Elissa Slotkin  
**8th District** (Saginaw/ Bay City/ Midland): Dan Kildee

**11th District** (Pontiac/ Birmingham/ Bloomfield Hills): Haley Stevens

**Michigan Senate**  
**12th District:** Kevin Hertel (Grosse pte. communities, St. Clair Shores)  
**28th District** (Clinton/ Shiawasee/ Ingham counties): Sam Singh  
**32nd District** (Muskegon): Terry Sabo

**Michigan House of Representatives**  
**32nd District** (Ypsilanti): Jimmy Wilson  
**47th District** (West. Washtenaw, SE Jackson counties): James Johnson Jr.

**University Boards**  
**Michigan State University Board of Trustees:** Dennis Denno, Renee Knake Jefferson  
**Wayne State University Board of Governors:** Marilyn Kelly, Danielle Atkinson  
**University of Michigan Board of Regents:** Mike Behm, Kathy White

**Michigan Judges**  
**Court of Appeals Judge**  
**District 2:** Sima Patel  
**Circuit Courts**  
**Ingham County Circuit Court Judge:** Morgan Elizabeth Cole  
**District Court Judge**  
**54-A District** (Lansing): Kristen Simmons  
**56th District** (Eaton Co.): Julie O’Neil

**Wayne County**  
**Wayne County Commission**  
**1st District:** Tim Killeen  
**5th District:** Irma Clark Coleman  
**10th District:** Melissa Daub  
**11th District:** Al Haidous

**District Judges**  
**36th District** (Detroit): Tenisha Yancey  
**36th District** (non-incumbent): Adam Sebree

**Oakland County**  
**Circuit Court Judge**  
**6th District:** Amanda Shelton  
**District Judges**  
**45th District** (Huntington Woods): Michelle Friedman Appel  
**52-4 District** (Troy): Kirsten Nielson Hartig

**Oakland County Commission**  
**9th District:** Angela Powell  
**14th District:** William Miller  
**17th District:** Yolanda S. Charles

**Macomb County**  
**Macomb County Commission**  
**4th District:** Gary Cynowa  
**5th District:** Pashko Ujkic  
**7th District:** James Perna  
**11th District:** Harold Haugh

**Circuit Court Judge** (16th District): Richard Caretti  
**Clinton Twp. Trustee:** Julie Matuzak

**Washtenaw County**  
**Washtenaw County Commission**  
**5th District:** Ronnie Peterson

**West and Southwest Michigan Building Trades Councils:**  
**Allegan County**  
**Allegan County Commission**  
**5th District:** Austin Marsman

**Calhoun County**  
**Calhoun County Commission**  
**2nd District:** Monique French

**Kalamazoo County**  
**Kalamazoo County Commission**  
**2nd District:** Brian Johnson  
**5th District:** John Taylor  
**7th District:** Luke Howell  
**8th District:** Stephanie Willoughby  
**9th District:** Dale Deluww

**Kent County**  
**Kent County Commission**  
**16th District:** Melissa LaGrand  
**19th District:** Dave Bulkowski

**Muskegon County**  
**Muskegon County Commission**  
**5th District:** Charles Nash

**Northern Michigan Building Trades Council**  
**Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners**  
**4th District:** David Fashbaugh

**Tri-County Building Trades Council**  
**Bay County Board of Commissioners**  
**1st District:** Marie Fox  
**5th District:** Thomas Herek  
**6th District:** Kaysey Radtke

**Bay County**  
**Clerk:** Katie Zanotti

**Saginaw County**  
**Board of Commissioners**  
**1st District:** Cynthia Winiecke  
**3rd District:** Tarsha Works  
**4th District:** Sheldon Mathews  
**10th District:** Lisa Coney

**Saginaw Mayor**  
Brenda Moore

**Genesee- Lapeer- Shiawasee Building Trades Council**  
**Genesee County**  
**Board of Commissioners**  
**7th District:** Wayne Coffell

**Genesee County**  
**Circuit Court Judge:** Dawn Weier

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**32nd District**



## Local 80 Sheet Metal Workers

### Sheet Metal Workers Local 80

**SOUTHFIELD – This paper serves as official notice for all meetings and elections.**

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** The next general membership meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2022 at 5:30 pm. Meetings are held at the union hall, 17100 W. 12 Mile Rd. Southfield, 48076

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:** The next executive board meeting is scheduled for July 19 at 5 pm. Executive Board meetings are held at the Local 80 Hall, 17100 W. 12 Mile, 2nd Floor, Southfield, MI.

**UNION HALL REGULAR HOURS** Monday through Friday 7:30 – 4:00, unless otherwise indicated in holiday hours.

**RETIREE MEETING SCHEDULE:** The 2022 retiree meeting schedule is as follows: August 15, 2022, October 17, 2022 (annual party) and December 19, 2022. **At the August 15, 2022 meeting representatives from BCBS and your fund professionals will be in attendance. They will be discussing retiree health benefits and will answer any questions or concerns you may have.** All membership meetings will be held at the Local 80 hall. Please enter the hall through the ramp entrance. All meetings will start at 12:30 pm. Any questions regarding joining the Retirees Association please contact Steve Murzen at 248-652-0593.



**TIM MULLIGAN**

**RETIREE NEWS:** Retiree lapel pins with the SMWIA logo are available to all members of the Local 80 retirees' association. They will be available to all retiree association members at our general membership meetings. Please see the general membership meeting schedule above.

**Effective immediately** you will need to start sending your unemployment proof to smw80subfund@gmail.com or fax it to 248-557-0297. Your unemployment proof needs to be in by 2pm on Tuesdays to be paid on that Friday. Local 80 will be handling all of your proof now. If you have any questions, please call us at 248-557-7575.

**BENESYS AT THE UNION HALL:** There will now be a representative from Benesys at the union hall to help our members with anything related to benefits or funds. She will be available on Tuesdays from 12-4pm (appointment only) and 12-5:30pm (walk-ins) on union meeting nights. If you are interested in setting up an appointment, please contact LaShone at 248-813-9800 ext. 3250

**THANK YOU TO MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR DUES A YEAR IN ADVANCE:** James Thornton, Theodore Koppen, Lee Astruckas, Anthony D. Stocker, Robert Nowicke, Alexander Vaughn, Michael Pilon, Juan G. Lomeli Jr., Russ Reichenbach, Ronald Maynor, Ed Rowley, Larry Danforth & Nathan Houle.

**DUES GIFT:** As of October 1, 2021 current, active members who pay for a year of dues at a time will receive a gift from the union hall.

**DUES PAYMENTS: YOUR DUES PAYMENTS ARE DUE PRIOR TO THE FIRST OF THE MONTH.** The books will close at the end of the business day on the last day of the month. **Payments made on the 1st of the month are considered late for that month. There will be no exception, once the books are closed it cannot be undone.** Members will receive a text message dues reminder prior to the end of the month. If you are not receiving our text messaging, please call the hall. **REMINDER:** We ONLY take Visa, Master Card & Discover and do not accept American Express.

**BENEFICIARY REMINDER:** Please remember to designate or update your beneficiary choice on all of your Local 80 and international benefits. The law requires that in the event of an untimely death your benefits go to your spouse first and if there is no spouse to your children UNLESS you designate otherwise in writing with each specific benefit. Depending on your classification you could have benefits due to your heirs from Local 80 pension, insurance, annuity and from international and SASMI. Each individual benefit needs to have a designated beneficiary unless you want it to go to your spouse or children. As always seek the advice of an attorney.

**ADDRESS CHANGES:** If you have a new address please make sure to let the hall know. We will take care of your account with the union hall which includes the tradesman paper. You will need to call Benesys at 800-400-7710 and update your address with them as well, that is not done through the hall.

**ACCIDENTAL DEATH and DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE FROM OUR INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION:** Members who have their dues paid in advance (prior to the month of the accident) are eligible for accidental death and dismemberment benefits up to \$7,500.00. This benefit comes as a dues paying member of SMART International.

**WEEKEND WORK ASSIGNMENTS:** Saturday and Sunday work assignments. Please remember that when performing work on a Saturday or Sunday the steward must report it to the hall, give each members name and obtain a form for signatures. Each member must sign the form along with the number of hours they worked. The completed form must be sent back to hall by the end of the day on the following Monday. Weekend work assignments must be called or emailed into the hall **prior to 3:00 pm on Friday.**

**WORK ASSIGNMENTS: Everyone must obtain a work assignment prior to starting work.** If you fail to do so you could be written up on charges.

**LAY-OFFS:** All members must report to the Union Hall immediately upon lay-off, even if you only work one day. These are the By-Law rules for the Out-of-Work List. Your name will be removed from the list 14 days after receiving an assignment. It is very important to report to the union hall immediately after your layoff. Members get confused because the S.U.B. Fund allows you a period of up to seven days to apply for S.U.B. benefits after lay-off.

**LAY-OFF SLIPS/TERMINATION NOTICES: Lay off slips must accompany all applications for sub pay.** Without lay off slips you cannot collect sub pay. It is **the member's responsibility** to make sure they get one from the contractor when laid off. Your application cannot be submitted without one. It is the contractor's responsibility to issue one in accordance with our contract.

**S.U.B. BENEFITS:** Report to the hall promptly upon layoff. You must complete a S.U.B. Application within seven days from your layoff date or you will forfeit S.U.B. benefits. Lay-off slips must accompany the application to be eligible. Proof of UIA benefit payments must be submitted within 21 days of when you were paid in order to receive SUB benefits. Do not submit your sub applications directly to the fund office. Your application must be signed by the hall or you will not collect benefits.

**OUT-OF-WORK LIST:** You must be on the out-of-work list to collect S.U.B. benefits or SASMI. Members must re-register bi-annually: March 1 through March 20 and September 1 through September 20. If you fail to re-register you will be removed from the list.

**SHORT WORK WEEK SUB PAY:** If you work 16 hours or less in a week or have a short work week due to weather you may collect sub for that week but only if it is at the **beginning or the end of a layoff.** You may NOT collect if you are not laid off. You must complete a sub application at the hall, provide a pay stub for that week and the hall will submit it to the fund office. If you are not laid off and it is due to weather the company MUST provide written documentation that it was weather related.

**MEMBERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:** If you are experiencing problems in your family, marriage or relationships, stress or emotional difficulties, grief or loss issues or problems with alcohol and drug use please contact our assistance program. **Ulliance** is there to help you with your needs. They can also help you with legal issues, financial concerns, elder care referrals and child care resources. Contact them at 1-800-448-8326 or www.LifeAdvisorEAP.com. **Make sure you mention Sheet Metal Workers Local 80 when calling and not the contractor you are working for.**

**2022 SAVE THE DATES:**

Local 80 Picnic – August 13th  
Labor Day Parade – September 5th

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## Local 292 Sheet Metal Workers

### Sheet Metal Workers Local 292

**TROY – MEETING NOTICE:** Due to a scheduling conflict, the next general membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, **August 17, 2022.** Meetings will resume to the regular schedule in September. Member meetings are held every 2nd Wednesday of the month at The Knights of Columbus in Clawson. Check out the calendar tab at [www.sheetmetal292.com](http://www.sheetmetal292.com) for the location and date.

The **E-Board/Stewards** meeting is scheduled for **July 26, 2022,** at 6:00 pm at the Union Hall.

**CONGRATULATIONS!** Congratulations to the recipients of the 2022-23 SMWIA Scholarship Awards! Lauren Pistotti, daughter of David Pistotti Kalina Barth, daughter of Dennis Barth



**PAUL GUALDONI**

This is an outstanding achievement, well done!  
**2022 ANNUAL GOLF OUTING:** Mark your calendars! The Local 292 annual charity golf outing will be held on Sunday, August 21, 2022. The outing is being held at Boulder Pointe Golf Club in Oxford. You can sign up for the outing online at <https://www.eventregisterpro.com/event/smartlocal292> or come to the Union Hall to sign up. Spots are going fast!! Raffle tickets are now available at the hall.

**LOCAL 292 ONLINE STORE:** Check out the online store to purchase Local 292 shirts and jackets. Purchased items will be shipped directly to you. Access through [Sheetmetal292.com](http://Sheetmetal292.com) at the online store tab or <https://sheetmetalworkers-292.itemorder.com/sale>. If you have any suggestions for new items or changes for artwork, contact Paul or Tony.

**ADDRESS UPDATES:** If you move, please contact the union hall to update your address.

**RETIREES NOTICE:** **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** The 2022 schedule for the Local 292 Retiree Luncheon are as follows: **Aug. 4, Oct. 6, Dec. 1**

The retirees' luncheon will be held **Thursdays** at Tavern on the Main @ 12:30 p.m., 235 S Main, Clawson MI 48017; (248) 588-1696. It is located 3 blocks south of 14 Mile on the east side of the street.

Please contact the union hall via our website [www.sheetmetal292.com](http://www.sheetmetal292.com), click on the "Contact Us" page if you would like to be added to the **retiree email list.** Please join us for lunch, great conversations and story telling. Looking forward to seeing all retirees, new and old!!

**CONSTITUTION AND RITUAL:** The Constitution and Ritual of the 2nd SMART General Convention is now available online. Go to [www.sheetmetal292.com](http://www.sheetmetal292.com), click on the Constitution/Ritual tab located at the top of the home page. The Union Hall will also have hard copies for members who want one.

**SAFETY MODS AND DRUG TESTS:** To access your MUST account, please go to [www.mustonline.org](http://www.mustonline.org) or access it through the "links" tab at [www.sheetmetal292.com](http://www.sheetmetal292.com). Remember that your **Username** is your full S.S. number and your **Password** is the first four numbers of your S.S. number. Members, please note that if you cannot access the MUST site to complete your safety mods you need to contact the Union Hall.

**MEMBER ASSISTANCE:** Local 292 is now partnering with Ulliance, an employee assistance program designed to assist active members and their eligible family members who may be struggling with emotional, domestic or substance abuse issues, as well as legal and financial referrals. If you and/or a family member feel this may benefit you, contact Ulliance at **1-800-448-8326** or [www.LifeAdvisorEAP.com](http://www.LifeAdvisorEAP.com) for completely confidential assistance. Ulliance is **available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.** Services are of no cost to active members and their dependents.

**SUBSTANTIATION REQUEST:** Many members have been receiving Substantiation Request letters from the Local 292 Benefit Fund office. IRS regulations require that every use of the Benny Card be substantiated or validated as an eligible covered expense under the Plan. This validation is required by the IRS, the Fund cannot make exceptions. It is the member's responsibility to ensure all requested documentation be returned to the Fund office in a timely manner. By not responding to the Substantiation Request letter, your Benny Card may be suspended until all requested documentation has been received. If you have any questions, contact BeneSys at 248.641.4992 or the Union Hall.

**DUES:** Membership dues are required to be **paid in advance of the month for which they are due.** The union hall is not open on Saturday or Sunday, therefore, if you pay dues on either of those days, it will not be processed until Monday. If you are on suspension warning, your dues are **60 days late.** To avoid suspension, dues must be paid online or at the union hall by **4 p.m. the last business day of the month.** Payments received after **4 p.m.** the last business day of the month will not be processed and you **WILL** go suspended. All members are responsible for making sure any required fees, i.e. late fees or service fees, are included if paying online ([sheetmetal292.com](http://sheetmetal292.com)).

**UNION HALL HOURS:** Hall office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Monday through Friday.**

**OUT OF WORK:** If you become laid off, you **Must** complete an Out of Work List Registration/SUB form. SUB forms are available at the Union Hall and also through all shop stewards. This is the only way your name will be added to the Out of Work List.

**TEXT BLAST NOTIFICATION:** We have recently updated the text blast contact list. All members have been added. If you haven't been receiving texts and would like to be added or wish to opt out of text blast, please contact the Union Hall and we will make the change.

**FACEBOOK & TWITTER:** Be sure to check our website – [www.sheetmetal292.com](http://www.sheetmetal292.com); Facebook page - Sheet Metal Workers Local 292 and Twitter - @SMW292, for updates and information.

**THE 4 PLUS MEMBER PROGRAM:** The "4-plus" member program is for any Local 292 member who has achieved four (or more) welding certifications. These certifications can be in any welding process. Members who qualify will receive a shirt (one shirt for every four certs) with the 4 Plus logo, along with hard hat stickers and bragging rights. If you would like to be a "4-plus" member contact your Local 292 Training Center at: **313-623-9390 (Dave)** or Quintin **248.495.6764.**

**Attention all Welders!** We are looking for any member interested in a Saturday welding classes July 23 and 30. These classes would be for members that are ready to try and obtain an AWS welding certification, learn how to weld, or just need to practice welding.

**Note:** Anyone that signs up for a class, must pay a \$40.00 registration fee that will be refunded on the completion of the class. These deposits are **NON-Refundable** if you do not show up for the classes. You can drop off the deposit between the hours of 7:00 and 3:00 at the Apprentice school.

Call the Apprentice School at 248-589-3237, Dave's cell 313-623-9390 or Quintin's cell 248-495-6764 to reserve a spot. Remember we must have the deposit before you will be scheduled in the class.

## Local 80 cont'd

**TRAINING CENTER NEWS.** The next Sheet Metal Workers' Local 80 Apprenticeship Entrance Exam is scheduled for July 27, 2022. The deadline to apply is July 22. Requirements include a high school diploma or GED, a valid driver's license and applicants must be 18 years old by October 1, 2022.

Applications must be submitted in person and are accepted by appointment only. Appointments can be scheduled by calling the Local 80 Training Center @ (586) 979-5190.

The Trustees of the Local 80 Joint Apprenticeship Committee are now accepting applications for a full-time teaching position. All applications must be submitted in person at the Local 80 Training Center or by email to [td@smw80jac.org](mailto:td@smw80jac.org) by August 12, 2022.



## Local 7 Sheet Metal Workers

### Sheet Metal Workers Local 7

**LANSING – NOTICE. This Newspaper Article shall serve as Official Notice of ALL meetings for Local 7!**

The next Statewide Meeting will be, August 18, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

\*Zone 1- September 9th -6:00 p.m.

\*Zone 2 -July 19th -6:00 p.m.

\*Zone 3- September 14th -6:00 p.m. (Saginaw)

\*Zone 3- September 15th -6:00 p.m. (Traverse City)

\*Zone 4- September 13th -6:00 p.m.

\*Zone 5 -August 4th -6:00 p.m.

**SMART Local 7 Picnic:** Local 7 will be hosting a picnic on Saturday, July 23, 2022 at the Double JJ Resort located at 5900 Water Rd, Rothbury, MI 49452. If you are interested in making reservations at their campground, call their offices at 231-894-4444 or go to their website at [www.doublejj.com](http://www.doublejj.com). Let them know you are with Local 7.

**All Local 7 Members and their Families are invited to Attend.** Renew Old Acquaintances and Make new ones with Games, Food,

Beverages, Kids Games, and Door Prizes Etc... *view the Picnic Flyer on our local website [www.sheetmetal7.org](http://www.sheetmetal7.org).*

**NEWS:** Local No. 7 – **Union Hoodies** available through the Lansing office for \$44.00/each (White Supplies last). Hoodies are Red with White logo. *Payment via check, cash or credit card. Payment must be received before shipping*

**Please register on our website at [www.sheetmetal7.org](http://www.sheetmetal7.org) for the most up to date information on meeting schedules for 2022. Once you are registered it must be approved in order to be able to log on. Please contact your representative if you are having issues registering.**

**SMART Union Labels:** Make the union label work for you! The new and modernized SMART Labels are an essential part to wage equalization, which means more money and work for you. Make sure that you are scanning labels in order to equalize pay and eliminate the incentive to subcontract outside of your area. For more information visit the official website at [www.labelitcanireport.com](http://www.labelitcanireport.com) and download the official app by texting "SMART" to 90975.

**SMART Members Assistance Program** provides counselors to speak with members experiencing crisis. Call (877) 884-6227 for 24/7 assistance with Suicide Prevention and Drug and Alcohol Abuse.

**ZONE 1 Info.** Work continues to remain steady and should stay steady into the fall. Please contact James or Eric with your employment status should you become unemployed. Apprentices, please inform Ryan at the Training Center of your employment status as well. If you are experiencing any problems with unemployment or health insurance and would like further information regarding retirement, please contact James or Eric for further assistance. Any Journeypersons interested in upgrade classes, please contact Ryan at the Training Center for more information (269) 781-7183 (class availability depends on the level of interest). Congratulations to our newest Journeyman that were sworn in at the last Zone 1 meeting

**Zone 1 Retiree monthly meetings:** 1st Wednesday 8:30 am at Bob Evans, 1725 N W Ave.; 2nd Tuesday 1 pm at Rocky Top 1900 Lansing Ave, Jackson.; 2nd Wednesday noon at The Beamery 879 E. Michigan Ave., Battle Creek 49014

**In Solidarity, James Callahan and Eric Farrington.**

**ZONE 2 Info:** Work continues to pick up and will get even busier as the summer rolls on. The next Zone 2 meeting is July 19th at 6:00pm, it will be held at the VFW Post 3195, 5209 Grand Haven Road, Norton Shores, MI. 49441. Local 7 picnic is coming up July 23rd at the Double JJ Resort in Rothbury, MI. Come on out it should be a great time. Please keep me informed of address and phone number changes, and dues are to be paid before the first of every month. **As always work safe and Thank You Mike Adams**

**ZONE 3 Info: (Saginaw)** Work in the area remains about the same but there is work in other areas if you're interested in traveling. If anyone wants or needs to take any upgrading classes, First aid/CPR, Welding certs, OSHA 30, MSHA or any other classes offered please contact the training center. If you haven't received your packets from Delta Dental or Eye Med let me know and I can have them send them to you. Local 7 picnic is July 23, hope to see you there. Also the Local 7 golf outing is Sept. 10th at The Emerald in St Johns. **Thank you, Joe Dotson**

**Zone 3 Retiree meetings – (Saginaw).** Tuesday June 28 and Tuesday Sept 27 at Ponderosa located at 2861 Wilder Rd, Bay City. Retirees and spouses welcome to join.

**ZONE 3 Info: (Traverse City).** Upcoming, July 23 Local 7 Picnic at the Double JJ Resort in Muskegon. Reservations can be made at (231) 894-4444, let them know you are from Local 7. The next retirees' breakfast at Willies, will be on Aug. 5 at 9 am; I will not be there because of other commitments. I am available to anyone that needs H&W or EAP assistance. Anyone that worked under 600 hours from January to end of June are eligible for SASMI under employment. We are still looking for new members; contact me at (231) 590-1112. **Regards, John Amalfitano**

**ZONE 4 Info:** Work in Zone 4 is steady with a lot of school work this summer and multiple projects around our area. The Local 7 picnic is coming up at the end of July, check the website for more information. Have a great summer. **Your Brother, Larry Kinzie**

**ZONE 5 Info:** Work in the U.P. remains steady with some projects gearing up to start very soon. **Respectfully, Greg Faust**

**SASMI Information – Zone 3 and 5: Underemployment –** Filing for period 2021-B is from July 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021. Eligible members who worked less than 700 hours from July 1, 2021, through Dec. 31, 2021, may receive an underemployment benefit. Health and welfare benefits paid on your behalf will be deducted from your benefit. **NOTE:** Members who received an Emergency Advance Benefit must file for Underemployment to receive the remainder of that benefit for the stabilization period. In addition, you must provide copies of all W-2 forms for the entire year of 2021.

**Dues Department: \*Online dues payment is now available\*** Dues of all members of local unions shall be paid monthly or quarterly, but always in advance. To better serve our membership, we accept Credit Card Payments in lieu of your monthly dues. If you would like to take advantage of the Credit Card Service, a finance charge will be applied – Please call the Lansing office during regular business hours at 517-882-4064 to make your payment.

**Address/Telephone Changes: Article 8, Section 1** of Local 7 Work Rules: *Address Changes:* All members are required to keep the Financial Secretary informed of their correct address. A noticed mailed to the last address shall be sufficient and legal. If you have moved or changed your telephone number, please contact the union hall to update your records.

**BENEFITS:** For Benefit questions please contact the area office. Zone 1 – BeneSys 866-822-7037, Zone 2 – TIC 866-887-4338, Zone 3 – BeneSys 800-451-5733, Zone 4 – BeneSys 800-842-2690 and Zone 5 – Wisconsin H & B Fund 800-654-2329.

**DEATH CERTIFICATES:** Please submit to the Union Hall a copy of a Death Certificate for deceased members. Additional benefits from the International may be available.

**CONTACT US:** 4931 Contec Drive, Lansing, MI 48910 – **517-882-4064**

Local 7 Officers:

**Samual Fuller** (Business Manager/Financial Secretary-Treasurer) **517-882-4064**

**Eric Farrington** (Agent-Lansing/Jackson) **517-242-3223**

**James Callahan** (Agent-Battle Creek/Kalamazoo) **269-569-9200**

**Mike Adams** (Agent-Grand Rapids/Muskegon) **616-299-3752**

**Joe Dotson** (Saginaw) **989-225-0095**

**John Amalfitano** (Traverse City) **231-590-1112**

**Larry Kinzie** (Agent-Flint) **810-836-3552**

**Greg Faust** (Agent-Upper Peninsula): **906-372-9288**



## IBEW Local 498

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TRAVERSE CITY – **Meetings.**

**Regular E Board-** The next regularly scheduled E-Board meeting is set for Monday, Aug 8, 2022 @ 6pm.

**Regular Meeting** – The next meeting is scheduled for 7pm Friday, Aug 8, 2022. Currently, the Solidarity Picnic before the Regular meeting is on hold for now due to Covid.

**Property Company** – There will be a Property Company Meeting prior to the Regular Union Meeting on Sep 12, 2022.

**Meeting- Date Change-** At the last regular meeting held on July 8, 2022, a motion was made, supported and carried to move the regular membership meeting to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month at 7:00p.m. The Executive Board already made an accommodation for the regular executive board meeting to be always held immediately before the regular meeting at 6:00p.m. in a special called Executive Board meeting earlier this spring.

**Work Outlook** – We currently at this time of printing have two open calls. One for Newkirk Electric at St Mary's Cement and one for Alpine Electric for a service truck position in Gaylord. Please call the hall if you are interested in either of these calls.

**Resale Items** – Local 498 Challenge Coins are in the hall for your purchase. They are \$10.00 each. We also have Local 498 t-shirt, and Beanie Hats for resale. Proud Union Home signs are in and available at the hall. Free to members in good standing.

**EVITP** – There is coming to a local near you. Please monitor for more info soon.

**Scholarship** – Past charter member Brother Bob Dost has a scholarship 'Robert Paul Dost Scholarship Endowment' for High School seniors in the 5-county area around Traverse City. To access it go to [www.gtrcf.org/scholarships/](http://www.gtrcf.org/scholarships/). Local 498 Union members' children get preference to the endowment. A huge thank you in Memory of Bob Dost for his generosity and being a great union member.

**Service Pins** – Service Pins are still available at the union hall for those members who have not received them. Stop by and get yours today!

**Made in America Websites** – [www.theunionbootpro.com](http://www.theunionbootpro.com) - 100% American made/union made. Union member discounts 27% off. Use this code when ordering. Be0498mD or order toll free 1-800-723-5384.

**Email Addresses** - Any member who would like to have Local 498 forward communication to them from the International, Local 498, AFL-CIO or the Building Trades, to help stay informed to current events, politics, contracts, work, etc. Please call or email your current email address to Local 498 at [ibew@local498.net](mailto:ibew@local498.net) Thank you!

Important numbers for you to write in your address book:

MEEHP (Health) 1-855-633-4584 or 1-517-321-7502 Fax# 1-517-321-7508

MEEPP (MI Pension) 1-517-321-7502

(New address Michigan Pension and Health Plan) TIC International Corporation, 6525 Centurion Drive, Lansing, MI 48917 NEBF 1-301-556-4300 NEAP 1-301-556-4300 IO Pension 1-202-833-7000

### DUESRATES

Jan 1, 2021 – No increase. Still remains \$140.10/Quarter

**Info Updates** – Any member with a new address, phone number, email address, etc. should contact Local 498 with these changes.

Please remember it is your responsibility to pay your dues on time.

Remember to check the hall recorder at night after 4:00pm for any jobs that might be available. 231-943-4980 ext. 3#

"Write down the advice of him who loves you, though you like it not at present."

–English Proverb

"I wonder if other dogs think poodles are members of a weird religious cult."

– Rita Rudner

# IBEW LOCAL 692

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS BAY CITY MICHIGAN

IBEW 692

**BAY CITY – Union Meeting.** The August monthly membership meeting will be held at 6:00 P.M. on **Monday, August 1, 2022.** Hopefully we will see everyone there.

**Executive Board Meeting.** The July Executive Board Meeting will be held at 6:00 P.M. on **Monday, July 18, 2022.**

**Message from the Business Manager.** First and foremost, I would like to thank our membership on my re-election. There is no greater honor to me than having the opportunity to represent the membership each and every day. One thing I can promise is you will always get my personal best. THANK YOU!

I would also like to congratulate Brother Brian Walker on being elected our President. This is a huge job with immense responsibilities. Thank you, brother, for stepping up!

Congratulations also to our new Vice President Gus Voisine, Recording Secretary Kevin Klapish, Treasurer Don Morse, Eboard Members Todd Aultman, Chris Cariveau, Sam Malone, Derek Simms, Nick Tobolski and Art Voisine, and also Examining Board Members Brendon Baranek, Nick Calkins, Alek Poirier and Kevin Shooltz.

**Work Report.** Work continues to evolve in the Local. Our signatory contractors continue to do a nice job both bidding and securing work for the Local Membership. This is a true testament to the level of skill our local possesses. Contractors know that they can bid a job in our local and our membership will deliver the craftsmanship and timeline the customer is looking for. Thank you, Brothers and Sisters, for all of your hard work.

First, we will start with some good news. It sounds like Karn 3 & 4 may not close now until 2031. If this news holds true, that may lead to more future work this Fall.

Clements Electric has secured the Bay City Schools Projects along with the new Air Hanger for Kilita Air in Oscoda. Conti Electric has secured the bonding and grounding on the De-sugarization Project at Monitor Sugar in Bay County. Conti has also secured some very nice projects inside the I Park in Midland. There have been several calls for manpower for Conti in the last month with possibly more to come.

At this time the Frito Distribution Center has not been awarded, however it looks good for our signatory contractors. Brendon continues to work hard on securing the North Peak Brewing facility in Bay City for our membership. Changes continue to occur on the planning for the Independence Bridge but one of our signatories will be doing that work when the time comes. Swan Electric has secured a nice project in our Zone 2 at several DTE pumping stations. Several calls will be coming for this project in the coming weeks.

Projects that are currently bidding include the following: East Tawas Wastewater, Midland City Hall, Isabella County re-lighting, DNR Mio Field Office, and the Oscoda Holiday Inn.

Ranck is obviously onsite at SK Siltron. Ranck has hired some JIWs out of the hall with more to come. Good news is another 300 million is headed towards this project late this fall with the next phase to begin in January of 23'. Gage Grow has seen some issues with Clements Electric temporarily pulling off of site. Liberty Bridge, Cheboygan Wastewater and both Goyette Mechanical Projects (Hale Schools and the Ground Water filtration system at the old Wurtsmith) may also hire in the near future.

Rest assured both organizers and myself are working very diligently to secure whatever work is being bid in our jurisdiction for our membership. Detroit, Ann Arbor and Lansing are the place to be in the state right now if you are looking to travel. Please contact the hall if you would like to sign any books.

**In Solidarity, Ryan Charney  
Business Manager / Financial Secretary**

**Organizers Report.** 692's Organizing team continues to reach out to unrepresented workers in our jurisdiction about the benefits of joining the IBEW. The third quarter of 2022 will see demand for local manpower increase considerably. The ability to provide adequate manpower to larger-scale projects will only strengthen our contractors' chances of securing this work. The IBEW work outlook looks strong statewide as well, with larger projects coming to Detroit, Lansing, West Michigan and elsewhere. If you'd like to register on any other IBEW out-of-work lists, please reach out to the hall.

Bay City commissioners recently adopted a Responsible Contracting ordinance that will ensure projects funded by taxpayers are completed by reputable firms. Responsible Contracting language prioritizes criteria such as workplace safety, the utilization of a local workforce, and adhering to licensing and permitting requirements when awarding contracts on larger-scale construction projects and city contracts. No longer will cost be the only criteria when considering contractors looking to secure work in the city. As with any new process, there will undoubtedly be some growing pains. 692 agents will continue to assist our signatory contractors in navigating the new bidding process included in this important ordinance.

Last summer, Local 692 agents assisted the Michigan Fair Contracting Center in a Davis-Bacon complaint filed with the U.S. Department of Labor. The complaint was filed over the recently completed VA Clinic project in Clare, where general and subcontractors bid the project according to an incorrect wage determination. As a result of the subsequent DOL Wage & Hours Division investigation and ruling, over \$200,000 in additional wages will be paid to skilled trades workers who were employed on that project. A lion's share of said backpay will go directly to the electricians. Although those electrical workers affected are not members of our Brotherhood (yet), the investment of resources spent on initial investigation, filing a formal complaint, and continuous follow-up all proved to be a worthwhile endeavor. Dozens of skilled trades workers have directly benefited from the IBEW's due diligence and commitment to elevating the standard of living of all those working in the construction industry.

Please continue to let us know if you have any questions about upcoming work or if you notice any under-the-radar projects that we should be made aware of.

**Brian Klele 989.252.9225 Brendon Baranek 989.327.4131**

**Union Dues.** Dues can be paid via phone, on-line, by mail or automatic withdrawal from your bank account. *Please note when using a credit card for payments there will be a 2% charge applied.*

**2022 Dues:** • Monthly \$41.20 • Quarterly \$123.60 • 6 months \$247.20 • Yearly \$494.40. *To avoid a reinstatement fee, please remember to keep your dues current.*

**Local 692 Retirement Party.** This year's party will be held on **Friday, October 7, 2022.** It will be located at the DoubleTree in Bay City. Please mark your calendars and make every effort to attend this great event to honor our retirees!

**Retirees Lunch.** The next retiree's lunch will be held on **Thursday, July 21, 2022** at 1:00 PM at The Wanigan Eatery located at 1905 S. Wenona Street in Bay City.

**RENEW.** Our annual Bags for Brotherhood event will take place on September 17, 2022. Please come out and support us!

It is the goal of the RENEW committee to increase younger members' involvement in their local union. If you are a member in good standing, 35 years old or younger and would like to participate in 692's RENEW committee, please contact Jacob (989.316.6811) or Cody (989.600.4643) for more information. RENEW meetings are held once a month following our general membership meeting.

**Fringe Benefits.** REMINDER: if you have recently been married, divorced, had children, etc. make sure your beneficiaries have been updated accordingly. Beneficiary forms can be obtained from the hall.

**REMINDER:** If you contact the Health Plan Office about going on short term disability, it is important for you to notify the Hall as well. A copy of your paperwork will need to be submitted to the Hall for your file. This will also freeze your position on the out of work list.

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IBEW Local 252

ANN ARBOR – **BE SURE TO KEEP BENEFICIARY FORM UPDATED:** A friendly reminder that beneficiary forms are available at the fund office AND at the hall for anyone that may need to update beneficiary information. If your information needs to be updated it needs to be updated at **BOTH.**

**TRAINING CLASSES 2022:** ALL CLASSES START AT 5:00 PM

**1. CPR/FIRST AID:** Tuesdays, September 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, December 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>

**2. BISCINI101 Installer 1:** Mondays, August 29<sup>th</sup> thru December 5<sup>th</sup>. GOOD FOR 35 BICSI CEU's!

There will not be a code update required in 2022. We will offer classes as soon as the state adopts a new NEC 2020 or 2023.

There is a \$50 fee to hold a spot in all classes except First Aid/CPR. You must register one week prior to class start date. Call the Training Center at (734) 475-1180 to register. Masks must be worn at all times in school.

**Retirees' Card Game:** The first Thursday of every month Local 252 and UA 190 retirees meet at the Union Hall for card games and donuts. The games start at 9 a.m. Please come join the fun.

**Retirees' Breakfast:** The Retirees' Breakfast will take place the second Wednesday of each month at 8:00 a.m. at Leo's Conney Island, 160 South Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103. There is parking and entrances in both the front and rear of the restaurant.

**Annual Picnic:** This year's picnic will be at 12 p.m. on August 20, 2022 at Apple Creek Campground, 11185 Orban Rd., Grass Lake, MI 49240. Campsites are available. Contact Travis Stachlewitz to reserve (734) 985-8025. Volunteers are needed for set up, clean up, and to help during the event. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Union Hall (734) 424-0978 or Dan Beck (810) 858-0033.

**Union 4 Life Charity Golf**

**Outing:** This year's golf outing will be on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at Stonebridge Golf Club, 1825 Clubhouse Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48108 and is open to all union members and others. Registration 8 a.m., Tee-off at 9 a.m. Entry fee is \$100 per player, \$400 per team. Includes green fees, cart, lunch, dinner, and two drink tickets. Tournament will be played in scramble with 4-person teams. If you do not enter a team list, you will be placed with others. Contact Hope Salyer with any questions at [hopes@aaejatec.org](mailto:hopes@aaejatec.org) or (734) 475-1180. Register online at [union4lifecharity.com](http://union4lifecharity.com) or make checks payable to "Union 4 Life" and mail to 13400 Luick Drive, Chelsea, MI 48118.

**Retirees' Night: This year's retirees' night will be celebrated on Wednesday, September 14, 2022.** Please make every effort to attend. This meeting is in honor of our retired members who have worked so hard to make the Local what it is today.

Members receiving their 50 year pins are: Ernest Aldrich, Richard Aseltine, John Briston, Cecil Coronado, Richard Cunkle, Gary Kittel, Dale Nowak, Jimmie Snyder, and Thomas Squires.

Members receiving their 55 year pins are: Robert Hendricks, Tommie Hutchins, Stanley Kasprzycki, Larry Lange, David Ollila, Richard Peruski, Terry Phillips, Rodolfo Rodriguez, and Keith Vandenbosch. David G. Alstrom is receiving his 60 year pin. Gerald Brittain is receiving his 65 year pin.

**M.U.S.T DRUG TESTING:** Please make sure your MUST drug testing is current as you cannot work on a U of M project or several other projects in the jurisdiction without being current. Local 252 has a zero tolerance for alcohol or drug use.

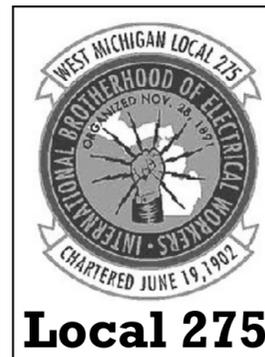
**ERTS:** Please make sure that you are signed up in the Electronic Reciprocity Transfer System. You must be signed up in ERTS before working outside of Local 252's jurisdiction or your ben-

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**Important links & numbers**

IBEW Local 692, 989-684-4510, [www.ibew692.org](http://www.ibew692.org)  
Health Plan, 517-321-7502, [www.mielectricalhealth.org](http://www.mielectricalhealth.org)  
Michigan Pension Fund, 517-321-7502. [www.michiganelectrical.org](http://www.michiganelectrical.org)  
First time logging in, use your Social Security No. in the "ID Box"



IBEW 275

COOPERSVILLE – Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The work outlook for the Local remains the same as I've been reporting for the last few months. We are getting sporadic calls for various contractors and locations, so call the recorder each night.

As you are all aware, we are rapidly approaching political season. Many labor-friendly candidates in west Michigan will be reaching out to the Local for support on their campaigns. Please try to find time to help if asked by the Local.

Our annual summer picnic is scheduled for July 30, from noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Hall in Coopersville. Come out and join us for family fun, food, entertainment and prizes! Time is quickly running out to RSVP, which you may do by calling Geoff or Sue at the Hall, or by visiting the Local's website @: [www.ibew275.org](http://www.ibew275.org)

At the time of this writing the following members are three months or more behind on dues: Robert Akers, Trevor Bodnar, Nicholas Dantzer, David Däum, Dennis Gabbert, Joanna Gunnett, Chad Kanouse, Brian Kelly, Alan Kimball, Kirk Moore, Richard Richmond, Jeremy Rinehart, Nate Sterling, Adam Strebblow and Timothy Wenk. Please make every effort to become current with your dues as soon as you can.

Dues for 2022 are \$42.90 per month. Please adjust when making payments through the mail and automatic bank payments.

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efits will not be transferred back.

**Aflac Insurance:** Aflac has teamed up with the IBEW to offer its members Aflac benefits at a reduced rate. Contact Representative Lisa Enerson for information about Accident, Cancer, Critical Care, Dental and Vision insurance from Aflac. Phone number: (517) 306-0144.

**AT&T Discount:** Union members can save up to 15% on the monthly service charges of qualified wireless plans, or unlimited calling for \$15/mo. for AT&T Wireless Home Phone plans. Visit [UnionPlus.org/ATT](http://UnionPlus.org/ATT) with discount code 4924966.

**Local 252 Website, App, and Facebook Under Construction:** More updates to follow.

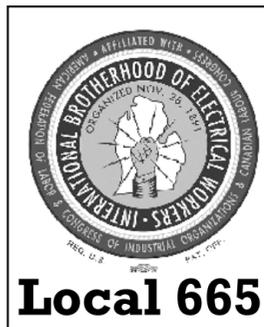
**RETIREMENT:** NEBF and applications take 3 months to process but can be filled out as early as 6 months before your planned retirement effective date. IBEW PBF applications usually take 3 months to process but are running a couple months behind. IBEW PBF applications can be filled out 6 months before your planned retirement date. If you are nearing retirement, please contact Alana at the Union Hall to start your paperwork at least 3-6 months before your planned retirement date.

**NOTICE TO RETIREES:** If your 50-year commemorative watch stops working for any reason please contact the hall.

**Condolences:** The Local sends our sincere condolences to the family of Brother Neal "Rick" Wiesner, who recently passed away.

**CREDIT CARDS:** The Local is now accepting credit cards to pay union dues. We accept Visa, Master Card, American Express and Discover. There is a fee of 3.5% to use your card.

**DUES PAYMENTS** – Please look at your dues receipt. If your dues paid through date shows 6/2022, your dues are not current. "A" members pay \$119.25 per quarter for 2022. "BA" members pay \$61.80 per quarter for 2022. Please mail your check to 7920 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Your third quarter dues (July through September) are due now. **Payments for third quarter dues will be accepted no later than 11:30 A.M. on Friday, September 30, 2022.**



IBEW 665

LANSING – **WE'RE MOVING!!** Local 665 is moving from our home of over 50 years!

Our new location will be 5710 Ivan Dr. Lansing, MI 48917. Our move will start on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

The office will be open throughout the move, however you may experience some difficulties reaching us from Thursday, July 21 through Friday July 29 as we will be in the process of relocating during that time.

Please be sure to reach out to us to make an appointment if you require anything.

August 1<sup>st</sup> and after we will be exclusively at the new Union Hall on Ivan Dr.

Thanks in advance for your patience in this transition.

**WORK OUTLOOK:** Local 665 is expecting excellent employment for our local members through the summer and we anticipate needing help on several projects from our travelling brothers and sisters.

Work is looking very busy for this summer and beyond.

**OPEN HOUSE - FINANCIAL STRATEGIES GROUP:** By now, most of you should have received an invitation for an open house with Financial Strategies Group.

IBEW Local 665 is excited to announce a partnership with Financial Strategies Group.

They will be hosting an open house event for our members on August 11 at the Lansing Brewing Company for you to enjoy a casual night of free dinner, drinks, and prizes.

Financial Strategies Group is a local financial planning firm with a passion for education and service to hard-working members just like you.

They can assist 665 members with financial planning such as our annuity, 401k in addition to things such as Roth IRA's, IRA's, trusts and wills.

If you plan to attend, please reserve your spot by July 28th [www.fsgmichigan.com/ibew-rsvp](http://www.fsgmichigan.com/ibew-rsvp) or Call/Text 517.347.4337

**APPRENTICESHIP APPLICATIONS:** We often get calls or emails on how and/or where to apply to Local 665's apprenticeship program.

To apply, go to [www.lejatec.org](http://www.lejatec.org) and navigate to the application page on the website. Applications are accepted on the first Monday of each month.

**FIRST AID/CPR:** First Aid / CPR is scheduled for Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at the JATC. Please contact Sara at the JATC to sign up. The Lansing Electrical JATC phone number is 517-483-9688

**DRUG TEST/MUST MODS.** Please contact the hall if you need your annual drug test or the completion of your 18 must mods.

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** Our general membership meeting is on the third Monday of each month and starts at 6:30 pm at the Hall.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS:** The Executive Board meets the second and third Monday of each month starting at 5:00 p.m.

**DUES AND DEATH BENEFITS:** 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter should be in by the end of the month. We are currently at death benefit # 329. Please check your dues receipt to ensure that you are current.

**BENEFICIARIES:** If you have recently gotten married, divorced, had children, etc., please make sure you update your beneficiaries. Forms are available at the hall.

**IN REMEMBRANCE.** In remembrance of Local 665 members who have passed away this year. May their memory be eternal. Dale Cole 09/07/2021, Keith Reimel 05/04/2022, Elden Rockafellow 02/11/2022, Victor St Clair 03/09/2022

"Be modest! It is the kind of pride least likely to offend."

– Jules Renard (1864 - 1910)

"Wish not so much to live long as to live well."

– Benjamin Franklin (1706 - 1790)



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## IBEW LOCAL 58

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**DETROIT – The next General Membership Meeting** the Next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 19, 2022. Dinner begins at 5:30 and the meeting will start at 6:30.

The Inside Construction Agreement Contract Ballots were mailed to members on June 23, 2022. If you have not received your Ballot by **June 30**, please call and leave a message for the Election Judge at the Union Hall to request a "Duplicate Ballot" (313.963.2130) during regular business hours. All Duplicate Ballots will be **MAILED OUT**. Your Ballot must be in the Post Office Box before 8am on Friday, July 15, 2022. (Ballots will be counted on Friday, July 15 at the Local 58 Union Hall). *Do not turn in your ballot to the Union Hall. EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!*

**Electrical Industry Training Center** is offering Continuing Education classes. Please check them out at <http://www.detroitetc.org/continuing-education/>. We will start to cancel classes if they don't meet the minimum enrollment requirements, or more hopefully we will order books for those of you who've signed up. Members on the Storm Book must secure their training through the Continuing Education Program offered by the school. If you need assistance in registering for a class, please call the Training Center at 586-751-6600.

**Local 58 Dues Information: PLEASE NOTE:** You can now pay dues to the end of the year. It takes 24 hours for processing of your payment if you pay on the APP/Website. If you have not enrolled in the new dues' payment system – you will need to do so before you can pay. If you forget your login ID or Password, you can request it through the APP/Website on the Existing Users Login Page. You can call the hall and pay over the phone if you choose to or mail in a check. If you have lapsed, you will not be able to pay on the APP/Website. You will need to call and talk to a Business Agent.

**REMINDER** – When registering, please use your legal name as it appears on your dues receipt. i.e., Kenneth not Kenny. If your number starts with a letter, use a capital letter. Thank You!

**Local 58 Motorcycle Group:** Group meetings have moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month @5pm in the basement classroom before the General Membership Mtg. Open to everyone and all riders are encouraged to join us! Requirements need to be met for patched membership. Visit our Facebook page for planned rides and updates @ IBEW Local 58 Motorcycle Group. Contact Anthony Anderanin @ aanderanin@gmail.com or Grace Trudell @ 517-715-7563 for more info. Join us at our upcoming meetings to plan for next year's events and rides.

**Local No. 58 Benevolent Fund:** The next Benevolent Fund meeting will be Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2022 at 5. **The Brad Ballard Memorial Golf Outing** is scheduled for Sept. 23, 2022 at Timberwood Golf Course. Registration will be open for that event on June 20<sup>th</sup>!

**Members of the Community Service Committee:** The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 5:30 PM. The Wobbly Kitchen is up and running again and we are assisting them every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday with food prep and distribution at Cass Park. We are asking volunteers to show up at the hall at 8 am to help with the Wobbly Kitchen program. To get involved with future community service projects contact Ray Kujawski at (248) 496-1916. Local 58 is very active with community service in the Metro Detroit area and has a variety of upcoming projects that require the help of volunteers and helping hands. Contact the Union Hall (313) 963.2130 for further information to volunteer or participate.

**Members of the Entertainment Committee:** The next meeting of the Entertainment Committee will be Tuesday, Aug. 9 following the Community Service Committee meeting that starts at 5:30 pm. The Annual IBEW 58 Family Picnic is on August 6th, the flyer will be mailed out soon!

**EWMC of Southeastern MI:** The next chapter meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 18, at 6pm. This will be an in-person meeting with a ZOOM option. Please make sure your cell phone no. and your email address are

up to date. The meeting information will be sent out as soon as available. If you are not receiving the notices, please make sure that your information is updated here at the hall. Thank you to all who came out for the Kickball Tournament at the Detroit Football Club sponsored by WHOH Detroit. It was a family friendly fun event. There were no trophies but everyone who stands up for our kids is a winner. We look forward to participating again next year. Solidarity Forever.

**The RENEW Committee meeting** will be on Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

**The Safety Committee meeting** will be on Monday, August 8, 2022 at 5:30 PM.

**The Veterans Committee** will now be meeting monthly immediately after the Safety committee meeting on the 2nd Monday of each month.

**Union Sportsman's Alliance Wild Game Dinner** will be held at IBEW Local 58 on Friday, Aug. 26, 2022. \*This is an all-trades Event\* sponsored by IBEW Local 58 and SMART Local 80. Single tickets and tables are still available. Contact Kim L'Heureux 586-243-0559 or Bryan McConnell 586-405-0377 for more information.

**The Political Action Committee (PAC)** meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month via Zoom. To be added to our email list please contact Jeannette Bradshaw (313-408-1287). PAC contributions can be made through the APP, and at the Union Hall. You can contribute more than the \$4 that is suggested on your quarterly dues, but you cannot exceed \$175 per calendar year. The loss of our deduction cut our resources in half, and we would like to assist local candidates and our members looking to run for office.

**Local 58's Women's Committee:** Our next regular meeting is Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at the hall and on zoom. Please watch for emails with further updates and zoom info. Coin number 3 in the "She needed a hero" set is now available Hurry and get yours before they are all gone! They are \$25 a piece, funds raised are for the ARC Scholarship. PayPal, Venmo, and of course cash is available for payment. The 4th coin in the set will be released at a later date!

Applications for the ARC Scholarship are now available! If you have a dependent who is heading to or enrolled in college have them, try for this Scholarship! We also award a scholarship for a whole year of school to one of our apprentices! The due date will be the end of May. Applications are available at the hall and on the website. If you have any questions don't hesitate to call.

You can Email us at: 58 Women's Committee @ ibewlocal58.org, or call committee chairs Angela Panicucci (586) 291-8014 or Kayla Pauli with any questions. Follow us on Instagram @ibewomen58; Check us out on Facebook Local 58 Women's Committee.

**Local 58 Senior 55+ Softball Team** – Games will be played again at Shelby Twp Ford Fields on 23 Mile Rd. just west of Van Dyke. 10 am is the game times. If you have any questions or want more information, please call Joe Schraufnagel at 586-255-1205 or Gerry Cassani at 586-804-8026.

**Wiremen's Golf Association (WGA) Members:** This year the Wiremen's Golf Association Tournament will be hosted by Local 481, Indianapolis, IN on Aug. 16, 17, 18, and 19, with the optional scramble being held on Aug. 16. The golf courses being utilized for the tournament are Trophy Club (Lebanon, IN), Ulen Country Club (Lebanon, IN), Purgatory Golf Club (Noblesville, IN), and the optional scramble will be played at Eagle Creek Golf Club (Indianapolis, IN). The host hotel/tournament headquarters for this year is the Sheraton Keystone @ Keystone Crossing, 8787 Keystone Crossing, Indianapolis, IN 46240. (317) 846.2700.

**Local 58 IBEW Senior Golf Outings 2022-** July 21, Whitmore Lake Golf Links, 1111 Six Mile Rd, Whitmore Lake, MI 48189, tee time 9:30 am, \$30; \* Sept. 15, Rouge Park Golf Course, 11701 Burt Rd, Detroit, MI 48228 tee time 9:30; Oct. 6, 2022, Tanglewood Golf Course, 22805 Country Club Dr, South Lyon, MI 48178, tee time 9:30 am, \$30.00. Call Art DeCoste at 248-887-3396, two weeks in advance for a headcount due to

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## IBEW Local 948

IBEW Local 948

**FLINT** – Our August Union Meeting will be held on Monday August 8th, 2022, at 6:00pm.

Our July Executive Board Meeting will be held on Monday, July 25th, 2022, at 4:30 pm.

The next Retiree Club Meeting will be Tuesday, July 19th, at 8:00am; then Tuesday, August 2nd, 2022, at 9:00am.

Do not forget to check our website for new content. Be sure to log in to see all the new content. [www.local948.com](http://www.local948.com).

You can pay over the phone with debit or credit card. You can also stop by the Hall during business hours (7am-noon/ 1-4pm) and pay by cash, check, debit or credit card. **Do not wait till you owe a reinstatement fee (4 months behind).**

**2023 – Monthly Dues** – Journeyman \$45.70 a month – Apprentices, CE, Sound Tech \$42.70

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the security deposit at most of the golf courses. Remember, All IBEW Local 58 members are welcome to participate!! Call Art for questions or concerns.

**IBEW Local 58 Retirees Association of Retirees Wives and Widows:** Board meetings have begun again, the next one being Wednesday, Aug. 10 at 10 a.m. at the local union hall in the Bill Rushford Room in the lower level of the building. This meeting is open to all members, please come and join us. We are always happy to welcome visitors and possible new members to our Board of Directors.

And, of course, come join us at our monthly luncheons too. Our Annual Summer Picnic will be held on Aug. 24, 2022 at Rotary Park, 32184 Six Mile Road, Livonia, 48152. Come join us for coffee and donuts at 10 a.m., and then lunch, at noon. Send your reservations with your checks for \$20 per person, to Ray Owen, 428 Welch Road, Northville, 48167, or call Ray at (248) 348-3626 with your questions. We look forward to seeing all of you there!

**Electrical Workers Credit Union** – Looking for a Recreational (Boat, ATV, Snowmobile, tractor, RV) loan? Call the EWCU at 313-963-6060 for a payment quote & same day approval.

**Be sure to keep the Union Hall** updated with any changes to your phone number, address, and email.

**IBEW Pension:** Congratulations to the following members who have been placed on International Pension: Murray-Michael Bainbridge, Paul Castelli, Michael Conflitti, Lyle Detterman, Gerald Gagnon, Gregory Gugla, Paul Lamberti, John Mathews, Donald Skelly, and William West.

**Members who have passed Away:** Anna Brogley Jr., Widow of the late pension member Martin Brogley Jr.; Thomas Dygert, pension member, 51 year IBEW membership, Son of the late pension member Thomas E. Dygert; James Hopkins, pension member, 32 year IBEW membership; Yvonne Janes, Mother to JIW, Pension member Clyde Janes & JIW Steven Janes; Grandmother to Apprentice Inside Wireman Johnathan Janes; Paul Kemezis, pension member, 68 year IBEW membership; Bonita Maynard, Widow of the late pension member Robert Maynard; Donna Olson, Wife to pension member JIW Kenneth Olson. 11+12

We extend our sincere sympathy to the families on their loss.

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**2022 – Monthly Dues** – Journeyman \$43.70 a month – Apprentices, CE, Sound Tech \$40.70 a month

If you are unfamiliar with our referral procedure, please refer to our website @ [http://local948.org/job\\_referrals/](http://local948.org/job_referrals/)

**Gregory Remington**  
Business Manager

**E-mail and Re-signs:** If the Hall does not have your e-mail address it would be a good idea to send us an e-mail to [jwallace@local948.org](mailto:jwallace@local948.org) so we can add you to the e-mail list. This is a great way to keep up with the latest information on job calls and other information sent from the Hall.



## IBEW Local 131

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**KALAMAZOO** – The next **General Membership Meeting** will be held on August 1st, 2022, at 6 p.m.

The next **Executive Board** meeting will be held on July 18th, at 5 p.m.

**Local 131 Picnic is Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11AM to 5PM @ Royal Oaks Park 9202 E. Michigan Ave, Galesburg.** Catering will be provided by Fat Mike's BBQ, there will be games and splash pad on site. You have been mailed a postcard notification about the Picnic, this will serve as the park entrance fee, to avoid paying entrance into the park you must present the postcard at time of arrival.

**Election Results:**

The installation of new officers on July 11, 2022.

**President:** Leroy Crabtree

**Vice-President:** Randy Williams

**Recording Secretary:** Kari Collison

**Treasurer:** Scott Benson

**Business Manager/ Financial Secretary:** Morris Applebey

**Executive Board:** John Current, Terry Clark, Timothy Haydon, Nick Lemmerhart, Collin Foote, and Adam Mitzel.

**Examining Board:** Erik Lockwood, Joe Fischer, and Greg Sturm The election judge and tellers did an excellent job. Thank You Ed LeBoeuf, and Tellers David Moss, Chris Totten, and Cory McCulloch

**LMCC:** The LMCC has launched a new website [www.poweringkalamazoo.com](http://www.poweringkalamazoo.com). This website will be used to highlight local signatory contractors and used as an organizing tool. Follow us on Facebook @poweringkalamazoo, Twitter @PoweringKzoo, Instagram @poweringkalamazoo, and LinkedIn @poweringkalamazoo. Please feel free to share the wage calculator feature of this site.

**If you believe we do not have your email address or correct cell phone number, please email Christine at [cbhms@ibew131.com](mailto:cbhms@ibew131.com)**

**Dues pricing** - The price for dues in 2022 is \$40/month. If you're unsure about your balance, please call the Hall for the exact amount or email Christine. If your dues ticket reads paid through June 2022, your dues are not current; please contact the Hall.

At the time of this writing, the following members are three months or more behind in counter dues payments: Kyle Barga, Christopher Conforti, Brian Ellis, Anthony Falvo, Tyler Hall, Marcus Mays, Russel McBride, Mark Melching, Nic McKenna, Jason Streit, Christopher Shell, Jason Tiefenthal, Andrew Yezic, William Wolgast, Joseph Zirkelbach

We have finalized our automated dues reminders; these reminders will be sent ahead of possible late dues. You may receive a message via text or email if you have not tendered your most current I.O. Dues payments. Dues payments can also be made online; to log in, use your Last Name and Card Number.

**We have also now integrated Death Benefit and retirement payments into the online portal, you should expect to start seeing them accounted for in your month dues payments, both at the window and in the form of online payments.**

Life events happen, and we'd always like to make sure you have updated beneficiary forms. If you're questioning whether yours is up to date, stop on down to the Hall to get new documents.

If you're interested in receiving updates from the Hall, please email Christine at [cbhms@ibew131.com](mailto:cbhms@ibew131.com) to get your email address added.

All Memorials (members and members families) and full obituaries can be viewed on the website under the Memorials Tab.

**Drug Test Renewals:** Please keep track of your drug test expiration date through [www.safe2work4you.com](http://www.safe2work4you.com). It is your responsibility to stay current on your drug test. Please contact Nicole (269) 388-4434 to get your authorization form printed for you to pick up. If you don't want to come to the Hall to pick it up, please email Nicole and request your form to be emailed to you. [office@kalamazoojtc.com](mailto:office@kalamazoojtc.com).

**Retirees:** We are working on updating the Retirees' List for Julius, if you believe we do not have a good phone number for you please call the hall and contact us.

**Retiree Lunches all start at 11 A.M. at the following Locations:** July 20<sup>th</sup>, Red Lobster, 6535 S. Westnedge, Portage

Every Tuesday a smaller group of Retirees meets at Uncle Ernie's Pancake House, 4005 Portage Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49001. The time for this breakfast is at 10 a.m.

**Morris Applebey**  
Business Manager

*"I would feel more optimistic about a bright future for man if he spent less time proving that he can outwit Nature and more time tasting her sweetness and respecting her seniority."*

–E. B. White (1899 - 1985)

*"Here's a rule I recommend: Never practice two vices at once."*

– Tallulah Bankhead (1903 - 1968)



## IBEW LOCAL 906

IBEW LOCAL 906

UPPER PENINSULA – MEETINGS

MARQUETTE UNIT – First Tuesday

IRON MOUNTAIN UNIT – Second Tuesday

ESCANABA UNIT – Second Wednesday

The following members received service pins:

**45-Year Pin:** Len Bal, Robert Reiten

**50-Year Pin:** Michael F. Beedy, John A. Berger, Robert J. Brey, James F. Devonshire, Martin L. Lystila, Jack B. Noguess, Henry J. Vachon.

**55-Year Pin:** Robert Biallas, Anthony Davis, Richard B. Dutton, Randall J. King, David J. Larue, Robert E. Ojala, Errol L. Steen.

**60-Year Pin:** Tim J. Goldsworthy, Thomas L. Grenfell, Larry L. Lohf.

**65-Year Pin:** Richard A. Lahtinen.

**70-Year Pin:** Theodore J. Bloom.

It is an honor for the IBEW to bestow these pins on the members. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them.

A reminder that the Building Trades Golf Outing will be held on July 30<sup>th</sup> at the Newberry Course. Local 906 still has openings available for anyone wishing to play. If you are interested in playing please contact the Office and register.

Remember to mark the date of Aug. 13 for the Local 906 picnic to be held at the Pioneer Trail Park in Escanaba. Flyers will be in the mail soon with more detail.

A reminder that the monthly dues are \$40.00. We have received some at the old rate of \$39.00 and a few members are overpaying. This makes the bookwork difficult. Please if you have a service that pays your dues monthly inform them of the correct amount.

Please remember that address changes and phone changes along with new additions to the families need to be passed on to the Hall and the Pension and Health Plans.

If you have any information you would like to see noted in this article or something you believe should be published please email the Hall with your request. [lbew906@gmail.com](mailto:lbew906@gmail.com)

*"Shared laughter creates a bond of friendships. When people laugh together, they cease to be young and old, teacher and pupils, worker and boss. They become a single group of human beings."*

–W. Lee Grant

*"Purchase not friends by gifts; when thou ceasest to give, such will cease to love."*

–Thomas Fuller (1608 - 1661)

*"Mistakes are part of the dues one pays for a full life."*

–Sophia Loren (1934 - )



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IBEW Local 445  
**BATTLE CREEK – IBEW Local 445 Annual Golf Outing.** The Annual Golf Outing is scheduled for July 16, 2022.  
**Save the date:** The Local 445's Annual Picnic will be held at the Hall on September 10, 2022. This is when we give out the Service Pins, so please plan on attending.  
**Welcome!** Congratulations

to our new first-year apprentices. They were sworn in at the July 11<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting. Please make sure you congratulate Kenny Campbell, Chad Case, Mike Fouty, Chianne Mailloux, Zach Overton, Kevin Patrick, Gage Sutherland and Zack Whicker.

**The General Membership Meeting** is the second Monday of each month and starts at 5:00 p.m. at the Hall.

**Executive Board** meets the fourth Monday of each month starting at 4:30 p.m.

**Retiree Breakfast:** The Retiree monthly breakfast at 9am at Lux Café at 2587 Capital Ave SW. Mark your calendar for the third Thursday of each month to attend.

**Local Website** - Please check the Local 445 website for the latest information, including job postings. The Local 445 web address is [IBEW445.com](http://IBEW445.com).



## IBEW LOCAL 557

IBEW Local 557

**SAGINAW – Union News.** Brothers and sisters! Hope everyone has been enjoying the summer weather! Not much to report this week except that Mid Term elections are here so make sure you get out and vote! I know you already plan on participating, but in case you need a reminder mark August 2 on your calendar and let your voice be heard! At our last union meeting, we gave away tickets to see the Great Lakes Loons Union night. Not many left but more can be purchased for the August 12th game. Apprentices, the Service Learning Policy was reinstated at the March 21st JATC meeting. You'll need to start attending union meetings again or make up the absence. Just attend guys, it's easier.

**MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS-** Our next meeting will be August 2nd at 5:30pm. This meeting we will be swearing in our new apprentices. New officers were sworn in last meeting. Congratulations gentlemen. Thank you to all who expressed your right to vote.

**MICHIGAN INITIATIVE- Please contact Brother Gus Voisine for any organizing issues you see or have.** If our members have any questions or work tips they can reach out to him on his cell: 989-941-8046.

**UNION HALL OPERATIONS-** If you have any questions or issues, our Business Hours are M-F 7-4:30pm.

**BOOK SIGNING-** Many Locals throughout the State of Michigan will continue to accept fax/email initial book signings. If you are interested in this reciprocated benefit and would like to be on some out-of-town Books, please call the hall to arrange this. If you are a Saginaw member and receive a lay off, please come to the hall and sign Book 1 in-person.

**WORK OUTLOOK-** New stuff guys! Hemlock Semi Conductor work looks very promising in the near future. Background checks are mandatory for these calls J. Ranck will be working on two large solar farms on the western end of the jurisdiction later this year/early next year. Can Herweg should ramp up Handly Schools in the coming weeks. Thiel hopes to ramp up at the new Saginaw United High School later this month. Leddy Electric and Nelson Electric have started work on the St. Louis schools and had a couple calls for the project. Pierce Power has a job at the CMU Health building at Covenant. Bender is doing the Isabella Bank on State Street.

**ELECTIONS-** 2022 brings with it Election time! If you would like to stay informed and contribute to labor friendly candidates, please visit [www.ibew.org/IBEWPAAC](http://www.ibew.org/IBEWPAAC). It's going to take all of us to contribute to labor friendly candidates so please do your part to ensure our future yields labor positive results. Don't forget August 2nd is Election Day! Go ahead and visit [saginawcountyvotes.com](http://saginawcountyvotes.com) for a great spreadsheet on who's running for which district.

**HEALTH CARE-** We would like to inform our members that any purchased at-home Covid test is now reimbursable through the Health Plan and Blue Cross. The Michigan Electrical Employee's Health Plan continues to cover 100% of the costs related to testing for COVID-19. During this pandemic, remote care is encouraged and Blue Cross members can call the 24-Hour Nurse Line at 800-117-BLUE.

You may also want to inquire if your primary care provider offers telemedicine. Also, if you used Express-scripts for your RX needs, BCBS has opted to use Optum RX in its place. This mainly applies to members who have their RX delivered to their homes. You may need to contact Optum to make sure the change is seamless. This is also part of the reason we were issued new BCBS cards in January.

Don't forget to schedule your annual physical with your doctor. By completing your annual physical, you could catch a health concern early and also help keep the cost of health care down. Registering on the Blue Cross/Blue Shield website is highly recommended. Please take the time to visit [www.bcbsm.com](http://www.bcbsm.com) Upon registering you can take the Free Health Assessment test and find instant results that can lead to living a healthy lifestyle.

**BLUE CROSS APP-** Download the Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan app for your smartphone. Search for "BCBSM" on the Google Play app or Apple store. Benefits to utilizing the app include: instant access to EOB's, a virtual ID card on your phone, information on deductibles, explanations of coverage and other helpful tips related to your Health Care coverage. EOB's can be downloaded to smart phones or computers and used to substantiate WEX receipt requests.

**WEX APP-** Search for the "TIC HRA" app in Google or Apple and download it today. Utilization of this app will give you access to account balances, receipt reviews and submittals, barcode scanning for covered items, other helpful services. This is a great tool to accompany your Health Care benefits.

**JOB CALLS-** Please stay vigilant checking the Job Line if you are seeking work. All work calls for the day will be available on the Job Line after 4:30 pm. IF YOU ARE SEEKING WORK don't forget to CALL 989-781-0516, option 3.

**STAY CURRENT ON DUES** -Please check to see if you are current. The Hall has the ability to accept credit cards and also E-checks. The credit card service can accept payments for dues, merchandise, apprentice book payments and other purchases. There is a convenience fee to use either service. Both payment methods to pay dues can also be accomplished over the phone to ensure you are current.

**CONTACT NUMBERS-** Michigan Electrical Employee Pension fund and Michigan Health Plan (517) 321-7502 or (855) 633-4584. Fax (517) 321-7508, website [mielectricalhealth.org](http://mielectricalhealth.org)

In Solidarity,  
**Breanna DePottay**  
 Press Secretary/Registrar

*"No great deed, private or public, had ever been undertaken in a bliss of certainty."*  
 -Leon Wieseltier

*"So much is a man worth as he esteems himself."*  
 -Francois Rabelais (1494 - 1553),

*"When I read about the evils of drinking, I gave up reading."*  
 -Henny Youngman (1906 - 1998)



## Local 149 Roofers & Waterproofers

Roofers Local 149

DETROIT – Attention. This paper is to serve as an official notice to the membership.

**Regular Membership Meeting.** The regular membership meeting is scheduled for Tues, Aug. 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

**Executive Board Meeting.** The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for Tues., July 26, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

**Election Results**  
**Business Manager/ Financial Secretary:** Brian Gregg  
**Business Agents:** Joe Gilliam and Gary Johnsen

**Executive Board:** Tim Sampson, Joe Zsembery, Robert Colston, Luke Brown, Don Watkins III, and Alternate Joe Precourt

**President:** John Johnson  
**Vice President:** Rick Baird  
**Recording Secretary:** Tom Jaranowski

**Sergeant at Arms:** Dennis Mehler

**Trustees:** Lee Bruner, Jim Micovich, Walt Connell

**Pension Trustee:** Lee Bruner  
**Health & Welfare Trustee:** Gary Johnsen.

**Vacation and Holiday Check Direct Deposit.** Members have the option to have their Vacation and Holiday check direct deposited in their bank account. This includes all contracted areas.

To get your Vacation check direct deposited, members will need to complete a direct deposit agreement. The form will be available at the Detroit and Mid-Michigan Union Hall. The member will need to know the following Financial Institution information: Routing No., Account No., name of Financial Institution, address, and telephone number.

**Union Dues.** Make sure you pay your monthly dues before the end of every month to stay in good standings. You can pay dues at the Hall with a cash, money order, credit, or debit card. Union dues can be paid over the phone with a credit or debit card. Monthly dues can be taken out of your vacation check by filling out a form at the Hall (active Members only). The mailbox is only to be used for checks and money orders, do not put cash in the mailbox. To be eligible for the International Union Burial Benefit, a member must be in continuous good standing.

If you have any questions, please call the Hall at 313-961-6093

Website for announcements, news, and updates. [www.rooferslocal149.com](http://www.rooferslocal149.com)

**Moving.** If you have a new address, please make sure to let the Union Hall know. We will take care of your account with the Union Hall that includes the Building Tradesman Paper, International Union, and Trust Fund.

**Reminder.** Members, please call the Hall when you see a roofing project whether it is one of our signatory companies or not.

The Hall needs this information for recruitment purposes, and hopefully to get a picture of our members for Facebook.

**CLEARANCE CARDS.** Are you scheduled to go out of town for work in another Local's territory? Clearance cards are needed when you are sent out of town to work. Get a clearance card from the Hall and call the Local in that area to avoid fines against you.

**Detroit Training Center Information.**

The next term for all Detroit Apprentices will be as follows:

Apprentice 2 & Single Ply 1-Monday, July 18, 2022

Apprentice 1 & Single Ply 2-Tuesday, July 19, 2022

BUR 1 & Steep Slope 1-Wednesday July 20, 2022

BUR 2 & Steep Slope 2-Thursday, July 21, 2022

Apprentice 7 & 8 Hands On + Safety & Health-Thursday, July 21, 2022

All classes begin at 6:30pm  
 Journeyworkers upgrade classes to improve your skills, your worth, and our Brotherhood/Sisterhood is available at no cost to all Detroit LU 149 members.

Dues must be current in order to enter the Training Center.

If you are interested in any of these classes, contact Thomas Jaranowski at the Training Center, 248-543-3847, or T.Jaranowski@DetroitRoofers.org to make arrangements.

**MID-MICHIGAN AREA – Clio Office.** The tentative agree-

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A SECTION OF CONDUIT is taken by Brian Prucka of IBEW Local 692, handed up by Jacob Leitz of IBEW Local 557. The electricians are employed by Master Electric, working in a dining area at the Caro Psychiatric Hospital project.



SETTING RELIEF AIR ductwork at the Caro Psychiatric Hospital project is Brian Makl of Sheet Metal Workers Local 7. He's employed by Dee Cramer.

*"A man may well bring a horse to the water but he cannot make him drink."*  
 -John Heywood (1497 - 1580)

*"Courage is the art of being the only one who knows you're scared to death."*  
 -Harold Wilson (1916 - 1995)

*"There is no nonsense so arrant that it cannot be made the creed of the vast majority by adequate governmental action."*  
 -Bertrand Russell (1872 - 1970)

*"You can't turn back the clock. But you can wind it up again."*  
 -Bonnie Prudden

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ment unanimously agreed upon by Roofers Union Negotiating Committee and PRO's Negotiating Committee. It was voted down by the membership. The tentative agreement was as follows.

1. One (1) year contract  
 2. Wage Rate - \$2.15 per hour  
 3. Wage Rate for Foreman - \$3.00 over Journeyman scale (up from \$2.50)

4. Transportation, Travel and Out-Of-Town Expenses;

a. When working in Ingham, Clinton, and Isabella counties the travel pay will be \$25.00 per day (from \$20).

b. When working in the third county or farther from the Genesee/Saginaw County line the Employee shall receive \$75.00 dollars per day travel expense. \$75.00 (from \$70).

5. Starting pay for Apprentice One's (new employees) \$17.00 (from \$13.89)

6. \$2.00 per hour wage increase when applying coal tar pitch.

The Roofers Union Negotiating Committee and PRO's Negotiating Committee will meet the week of July 18, 2022.

**Mid-Michigan Training Center Information**

Journeyworkers upgrade classes to improve your skills, your worth, and our Brotherhood/Sisterhood is available at no cost to all Mid-Michigan LU 149 members.

Dues must be current in order to enter the Training Center. If you are interested in any of these classes, contact the Union Hall/Training Center, 810-687-1368, or [midmichroofers149@gmail.com](mailto:midmichroofers149@gmail.com) to make arrangements.

**Notice.** When contractors call the Union Hall for help, we need to know who is available, and have an up-to-date phone number. All Mid-Michigan Area members who are out of work need to call the Hall at (810) 687-1368 to be put on the out of work list.

The publication above is as 7/11/2022, 2:00p.m.

**In Solidarity, Brian Gregg Business Manager, Roofers & Waterproofers Local 149**

*"If man does find the solution for world peace it will be the most revolutionary reversal of his record we have ever known."*

-George C. Marshall (1880 - 1959)

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Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.

Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be **no fee charged until after the case is won.** The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. They maintain offices in Sterling Heights, Livonia, Southgate and Novi. Call them at **1-800-331-3530** for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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**SPECIAL DELIVERY** – David Frick of Heat and Frost Insulators Local 47 moves a lot of insulation board the easy way, working on the roof of a building at the Caro Psychiatric Hospital. He's employed by Mechanical Insulation.



**MUDDING A DRYWALL joint** in a patient room at the Caro Psychiatric Hospital project is Harold Loney of Michigan Painters District Council Local 2353. He's employed by Commercial Contracting Corp.



**Michigan Painters District Council**

Painters District Council 1M WARREN - Dear Members, **DCIM WEBSITE:** [www.iupatdc1michigan.org](http://www.iupatdc1michigan.org) **DCIM FACEBOOK:** [www.facebook.com/iupat1m](http://www.facebook.com/iupat1m)

**DC 1M UNION CARDS\***

Any questions regarding a lost, damaged Union cards, or have dues inquiries or if you have not received a card please contact the DC 1M offices at: Warren Office: (586)552-4474 extension 100

Freeland Office: (989) 695-6888

**PAINTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL I M SMART PHONE APP.** Painters District Council 1M is pleased to announce its all new



**Local 357 Glaziers & Glassworkers**

**Glaziers & Glassworkers 357** WARREN – Monday, July 4th was a paid holiday. We hope that everyone had a safe, enjoyable long holiday weekend.

Our next scheduled union meeting will be held on Monday August 1st, 2022 at 6pm. Please attend.

The F.T.I. Of The Great Lakes District Council 1 Michigan is looking for a full time glazier apprenticeship teaching instructor for the Warren, Mi training center.

Interested candidates must be a member with a minimum of five years in the union, must also have an extensive background in the glass, and glazing industry.

If you believe that you possess the skills to prepare the next generation please send your resume to the Director of Training Shawn O'Neill dot@iupatdc1m.org

We will be accepting resumes now until July 22, 2022 with interviews following.

The IUPAT has a new app that you can download. It's called IUPAT Mobile Member Portal. You can find this in the app store, and it is a free app. Once you download this app, you will need your union member id to log in. You can find your member id printed on your quarterly union card. Once you log into this app

it's a helpful tool to track your hours worked, and it all has a digital copy of your union card.

Keep your working status current; this helps protect your benefits. If you have a mailing address and/or telephone number change, please notify the Union and Fund Offices of the changes.

Dues payments may be mailed to the Union Office at 14587 Barber Avenue, Warren, MI 48088. Make checks payable to: **DISTRICT COUNCIL 1M** in care of Glassworkers #357.

When traveling to work out of town, all members are reminded that they must check in with the local that you are working in as per the International Constitution and our local C.B.A.

The Fund Office address is Michigan Glass and Glazing Joint Funds, P.O. Box 966, Troy, MI 48098-0666; phone number: 248-641-4957; fax 248-813-9898.

If you are in need of safety modules, please contact your employer if you are employed or the union office @ 586-552-4478, if you're not. Any questions call the hall or call the Council @ 586-552-4474. Participation is very important to keep our union strong, so try to make it to a meeting.

-Business Rep- Don Stepp



**Sign, Pictorial & Display Local 591**

**Sign Pictorial & Display 591** WARREN – There will be no August meeting, the next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 6:30p.m. Trustees and union stewards meet at 6:20 p.m.

Members must be in good standing (dues up to date) with District Council 1 app or receipt of paid dues to attend meeting. Anyone possessing a union

membership and willingly works at a nonunion shop doing union work can have charges preferred against them under Sec. 16.4, and 19.8 of the District Council By-laws

Any questions on local union issues, please call Jeremy Haviland at 586-899-0183, or Keith Anderson at 586-899-7958, your Business Representatives. Questions pertaining to Local



**District Council 1M**

**Business Manager:** Robert Gonzalez

**Meeting date:** 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m., with the Executive Board meeting at 6 p.m.

**Place:** 14587 Barber Ave, Warren MI 48088 & 419 S. Washington Ave, Lansing MI 48933

**Local Union 312**

**Business Rep:** Tim Schwerin

**Meeting date:** 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

**Place:** 1473 N. 30th St., Galesburg, MI 49053

**Local Union 514**

**Business Rep:** Scott Mikulen

**Meeting dates:** 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

**Place:** 7920 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, MI.

**Web site:** [www.iupat-local514.org](http://www.iupat-local514.org).

**Local Union 826**

**Business Rep:** Rocky Ackerman

**Meeting date:** 2nd Thursday of every month at 5:30 p.m.

**Place:** 3115 Joyce St. Burton, MI 48529

**Local Union 845**

**Business Rep:** Fred Frederickson

**Meeting date:** 1st Thursday of every month at 7 p.m.

**Place:** 419 S. Washington Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933

**Local Union 1052**

**Business Rep:** Jake Fluty

**Meeting date:** The Fourth Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

**Place:** 3115 Joyce St., Burton MI 48529

**Local Union 1803**

**Business Rep:** Josh Ovalle

**Meeting date:** 4th Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m.

**Place:** 7677 Midland Road, Freeland, MI 48623.

**Local Union 2352**

**Business Rep:** Jeremy Haviland

**Meeting Date:** 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

**Place:** District Council 1M, 14587 Barber Ave., Warren, MI.

**Local Union 2353**

**Business Rep:** Keith Anderson

**Meeting date:** 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

**Place:** District Council 1M, 14587 Barber Ave, Warren, MI.

**Local Union 2352**

**Business Rep:** Jeremy Haviland

**Meeting Date:** 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

**Place:** District Council 1M, 14587 Barber Ave, Warren, MI.

**Local Union 2353**

**Business Rep:** Keith Anderson

**Meeting date:** 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

**Place:** District Council 1M, 14587 Barber Ave, Warren, MI.



**Heat & Frost Insulators Local 25** SOUTHFIELD–UNION **MEETING** – The next scheduled Membership Meeting will take place Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Union Hall, 21353 Bridge Street, Southfield, MI 48033.

**ANNUAL PICNIC:** Heat & Frost Insulators Local 25 Annual Picnic will take place on Saturday, August 6, 2022. The festivities will take place at Willow Metropark, New Boston. As more details become available, we will be sure to notify the membership. Anyone with questions or who is interested in volunteering, please call the Union Office and we can put you in touch with the Picnic Chairperson, Trevor Presnell.

**LOU KLOTT:** There is a Memorial Service planned by the family of retiree Lou Klott. Here is the information they have provided.

Lou Klott Memorial Service, July, 24, 2022, American Legion Post #32; 9318 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, Michigan; 3-7 p.m.

The family is asking that anyone who plans to attend, please contact them by calling (734) 709-6078. Please keep Brother Klott's family in your thoughts during this difficult time.

**APPAREL:** New Local 25 apparel is available at the Union Hall. New items include: knit hats and beanies, new hi-vis short and long sleeved t-shirts and hi-vis hoodies. Apparel can be viewed on the Facebook page.

**M.U.S.T. SAFETY MODULES:** It is important to keep your M.U.S.T. Safety Modules up to date. If you have Modules expiring and needing to be completed, give the Union Office a call to have the testing authorization turned on.

**EMPLOYMENT CHANGES:** All employment changes; hire, lay off, fire, shop change, disability, etc. must be called into the Union Hall. This is the only way to guarantee you are on the out of work list and your employment records remain current and correct.

**LAYOFF/HIRE:** Please be reminded, all members shall notify the Business Manager within 48 hours after accepting a job or upon termination of employment. Failure to report will result in an automatic \$50 fine.

**S.U.B. FUND:** Please be reminded, in order to receive a S.U.B. Fund check on Friday, all paperwork must be submitted to the Office no later than 2:00 p.m. on Thursday.

**SUB FUND TIME LIMITATION:** Please be reminded, per the Plan Document: Each time a participant receives a State Unemployment check, he/she must mail or deliver the receipt, check stub, or a copy of the check to the Administrator's office within thirty (30) days of receipt of said State Unemployment check. Any request for a benefit payment past the thirty (30) days will be denied per the Plan Document.

**NOTICE TO ALL:** When you move into the Medicare Advantage Program, your deductible balance for the year, is supposed to carry over. Whatever you have paid toward your annual deductible, prior to changing over to Medicare Advantage Program, should follow you. As with any system, there can be flaws. Please keep an eye out for any charges, related to your deductible balance not being carried over, when you move into the Medicare Advantage Program. If you receive a charge that should have been covered by your deductible, please contact the Fund Office.

**BENESYS:** When calling the Fund Office, Benesys, please be sure to get the name of the person providing you information. Lately, we have been experiencing some incorrect information being provided to our members. In order to make sure the correct information is provided, it helps to have a name so the Union Office can call Benesys, correct the person providing incorrect information and find out why they are providing our members with incorrect information.

**SICK AND INJURED:** Please keep all our sick and injured members in your thoughts and prayers.



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**Local 47 Heat and Frost Insulators**

**Heat and Frost Insulators & Allied Workers Local 47** LANSING – The next Union Meeting will be held on Friday, August 12, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at the J.A.T.C. Training center located at 906 Terminal Rd., Lansing, MI 48933.

To combat and limit the spread of Covid-19, Local 47 encourages all members to continue to work safe, and if you feel sick contact a doctor immediately.

Any retirees wanting to go to work, please call the office. The Funds Trustees have waived the 79-hour rule.

All members should have received a letter from our International regarding the Asbestos Exposure Scientific Study. For more information on how to participate in this study, please contact Business Manager Patrick Welch at the main Local 47 Office number: 517-708-0665.

**Per the Rules and Procedures:** Members must notify the office within 24 hours of being laid off or charges may be placed, you can do so by calling or texting the office at (517) 708-0665 with your layoff date and the name of the Contractor you were laid off from.

Members must notify the office before ANY overtime is worked. Contracts are available at the Union Office or at the Union Meeting upon request.

**OSHA 10:** Local 47 will be offering OSHA 10 to any Active Member who is not current with the program. The course is done online, so if you wish to take the course please contact the Local Union office with your email address and we will be more than happy to set it up for you. If you do not have a computer at home, you are welcome to come to the Local Union Office to take the course.

To ensure all Active Members and Retirees are receiving their Robo calls please make sure you have not blocked the following number: (804) 441-8365. There are several members who have the number blocked and therefore are not receiving the Robo Calls. These calls are only used for Important Notifications from the Local Union Business Manager and Funeral Notifications. If you are not receiving these calls, please contact the Local Union Office and we will double check to make sure we have the correct number in the system or if you may have blocked the number.

Local 47 has been receiving a lot of returned mail from our members. We ask that if you have a change of address or phone number to please call the Local Union Office right away so we can update your information throughout our system, TIC's, and the with the International. It is very important to make sure your contact information is always update with Local 47.

Invites and Scholarship Applications have been sent out to all Active Members and Retirees. Please fill out the invite and send it in as soon as possible so we can get a count on how many to expect.

Local 47's Annual Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, July 30, 2022. The cost will be \$75/person or \$300/team. If you wish to participate, please call the office with the names of your team members, and you can either pay by check or Venmo.

If any Fourth or Fifth year Apprentices are interested in attending the Central States Conference Breath of Life Golf Outing in September located out at Roanoke, WV, please contact Patrick Welch.

Pension and Health Welfare: Joshua Kroell (989) 385-2671 Allied Workers' Local 47 Fringe Benefit Funds, 6525 Centurion Drive, Lansing, MI 48917-9275. **Toll Free Number: (800) 323-8079** Telephone Number: (517) 321-7502 • Fax Number: (517) 321-7508

Joshua Kroell will be available via phone to answer any questions regarding Pension, Welfare and Vacation Funds. Joshua is the Secretary for the Pension, Welfare, Vacation and Special Benefits and can be reached by phone at (989) 385-2671, or by mail at: P.O. Box 1498, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48804.

To all active members, if you have not sent in your Coordination of Benefits Form, your Spousal Form, or your Birth Certificates for your Children, no one will be covered on our insurance until these items are sent to TIC. Please call TIC immediately at (800) 323-8079 and get the above-mentioned forms into the fund ASAP and you will be reinstated retroactively.

Remember that Auto and Motorcycle accidents are not covered by our plan. Auto and Motorcycle accidents should be covered by your personal Auto Insurance policy.

Members having questions regarding Pension and Welfare Fund please contact TIC International at the numbers below or log onto their Website: [www.heatfrostlocal47benefits.org](http://www.heatfrostlocal47benefits.org)

**Please complete and return the working spousal forms to TIC. JATC Coordinator Phil Wilson (616-466-8736)**

Applications are open for the Apprenticeship Program. Call the Union Office.

Under Duties of Apprenticeship, Section 5.3 part L, page 4 of the Apprenticeship Standards states, "According to the Apprenticeship Standards you are required to accurately fill out the online work report for NO later than ten (10) days from the end of the current work week."

**Good and Welfare:** Get well to all our sick and/or injured members.

*"Real joy comes not from ease or riches or from the praise of men, but from doing something worthwhile."*

–Sir Wilfred Grenfell (1865 - 1940)

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**Local 190**

Plumbers,  
Pipe Fitters,  
Service Technicians,  
Gas Distribution

Plumbers and Pipe Fitters 190

**ANN ARBOR – UNION MEETING (AUGUST):** A monthly union meeting will be held on Monday, August 8th and will start 6:00 p.m. at 7920 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, MI. Members are urged to attend and take an active part in the proceedings.

**UNION MEETING (SEPTEMBER):** Please be informed the *awards banquet* will take place on Monday, Sept. 12 at 6 p.m. at 7920 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor. All members are invited to attend this wonderful event. Due to this event, normal business will be suspended. Members are urged to attend and take an active part in the proceedings.

**TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE - 48th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING:** Our annual golf outing will be held on Saturday, July 30. Our event will be held at Whitmore Lake Golf Links, Whitmore Lake. Mark your calendar for this special event. The prices are as follows: \$80 union member, \$60 retiree union member and \$100 for non-union. Payment can be made with a check or cash only. **Please purchase your tickets no later than Wednesday, July 27.** If you have questions please contact Karen, (734) 424-0962 Ext. 210

**THE UALOCAL 190 PICNIC IS BACK!** This year's picnic will be held at Hudson Mills Metro Park, 8801 N. Territorial Rd. Dexter, MI 48130 on Saturday, Aug. 27 from 12 to 4 p.m. The menu will include hot dogs, cheeseburger/hamburgers, sides and desserts. Beer, pop and water will be provided. Lunch will be from 12-3 p.m. Children's activities: giant slide, obstacle course, inflatable castle, face painting etc. Other activities include: bingo, euchre tournament and cornhole tournament. Invitations will be mailed soon and RSVP to be returned by Aug. 8.

**FUSING CLASS:** Anyone interested in registering for the fusing class, contact Business Agent Pat Duffy, (734) 368-4423, Business Agent Roy Musgrove 734-646-8838 or Ralph Booth, (734) 369-1432.

**ROBO CALLS:** We are sending out Robo calls to keep you updated and informed, if you are NOT receiving these messages it means we do not have a current phone number on file for you, please contact the hall to update.

**MICHIGAN GAS DISTRIBUTION JOURNEYMAN WELDERS:** Remember it is very important to keep your continuity forms up to date.

**MICHIGAN GAS DISTRIBUTION - E-Mail address:** Please contact the union hall 734-424-0962 or Pat Duffy 734-368-4423 to make sure we have a current e-mail address.

**MICHIGAN LICENSE RENEWAL:** Plumbing license renewals are done online ONLY! For detailed instructions and requirements, please visit: [www.michigan.gov/bcc](http://www.michigan.gov/bcc). Feel free to stop into the Union Hall and pick up a copy of the instructions. The link is now on the website in the "Members Only" section under "Helpful Member Forms"

**ATTENTION MICHIGAN GAS DISTRIBUTION & OHIO GAS DISTRIBUTION & BUILDING TRADES MEMBERS - UA LOCAL 190 WEBSITE:** If you have not already done so, please log in and look at our website [www.ua190.org](http://www.ua190.org). **Current members will be able to log into the "Members Only" section using your last name and UA card number. NEW ON THE WEBSITE:** Members can now view and sign up for job calls. The same procedure will be used as the call-in line. If you are laid off or go back to work, there are forms available to fill out on the website that will inform the hall.

**CREDIT CARD MACHINE:** You now have the ability to pay your union dues or purchase merchandise by credit card or debit card. We accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover. A surcharge of 3.99% is added to your card on the transaction amount. We will then mail you your dues receipt and credit charge slip.

**LAI D OFF OR BACK TO WORK – IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS:** All members who get laid off or report back to work, **please immediately contact Karen (734) 424-0962 Ext. #210. Please report the last day in which you worked. When calling to report back to work please let Karen know the contactor and the date you reported back to work.** PLEASE NOTE: All Members can now go to the website under "members only" and fill out a "back to work" form or "laid off" form.

**INFORMATION - FRINGE BENEFIT OFFICE:**

**NEW BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD APP FOR YOUR SMART DEVICE:** Attention all members you can download the free Blue Cross Blue Shield APP on your smart device. This will allow you to see a copy of your BCBS card, review your claims, explanation of benefits and much more. **Download: BCBSM**

**A REPRESENTATIVE FROM FRINGE BENEFIT OFFICE WILL BE AT THE UNION HALL: A representative will be at the union hall each month on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesday of each month.** Members will be able to meet with Bernadette from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. You can reach the benefits office Monday through Friday by calling 888-390-7473.

**MEDICARE:** When you become eligible for Medicare, please contact Bernadette Maus at our Fringe Benefit office 1-888-390-7473.

The Training Center is open to members wishing to update any certifications, licenses, or qualifications. We are following CDC, OSHA, MiOSHA, MDHHS, and Washtenaw County Health Department guidelines. **Check your Certifications to make sure that you are current! Contact Retha 734-426-3700**

**VERY IMPORTANT:** Please submit all certifications and licenses to the Training Center, so we can keep your profiles up-to-date.

**Michigan Plumbing Code update classes: An update class must be done BEFORE SEPT. 15, 2022! If an update class is not taken before this date, you will not be able to renew your plumbing license in 2023.** The last date is **Aug 11, 2022. This class will start at 5 pm and held at the Union Hall. Please call Retha to sign up for one of these classes.**

**Lead/Asbestos/Blood-borne Pathogens Training (4 hrs):** 2022 Schedule - Monday - Oct 3, 2022. All classes start at 5:00pm.

**First Aid/CPR Training (4 hrs):** 2022 Schedule - Mondays - July 25, 2022, and Oct 17, 2022. All classes start at 5:00pm.

**Welding Lab:** The welding lab will reopen on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022. The schedule is Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 4:30pm-8:30pm, until Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022. The welding lab will be closed on Union meeting days. Weld tests will be scheduled after participants are approved by welding instructors.

**Pipefitter Class (32hrs):** This class will show participants how to properly set up torches, cut, bevel, and fit-up pipe. You will also be taught how to read welding procedures, proper flange tightening procedures, how to figure offsets, change in direction offsets and rolling offsets. It will run for 8 weeks from 5pm-9pm. Class size is limited to 8 participants. Please call Retha to be put on the list, so we can schedule the class days.

**ASSE Backflow Certification (40hrs):** This is a 40-hour class, to become an ASSE Certified Backflow Tester (5110). **2022 Schedule:** Next course starts Sept 13, 2022, at 5pm. Course runs on Tue and Wed for 5 weeks and are limited to 8 participants. Call Retha to secure your spot.

**ASSE Backflow Re-Certification (8hrs):** Re-certification for the ASSE Backflow Tester (5110). **2022 Schedule:** The last scheduled course is Oct 18 - 19. Course is on Tue and Wed and start at 5 pm. The course is limited to 8. Call Retha to sign up for this course.

**Med Gas Installer and Brazer Certification (40hrs):** This is a 40-hour class to be Med Gas certified. Must have a minimum of 4 years, documented experience in the plumbing and/or piping industry. **2022 Schedule:** Next course starts on Aug 23, 2022, at 5:00 pm. Course will run for 5 weeks on Tue and Thu. These courses are limited to 16 participants. Call Retha to secure your spot.

**Med Gas Installer Up-Date (8hrs):** Call Retha to be put into the next class. **2022 Schedule:** Next course Sept 27 & 29 at 5 pm. Course is on Tue and Thu and are limited to 24 participants. Call Retha to be placed in the course that keeps your certification current.

**EPRI Rigging and Signal Person Certification (40hrs):** This is a 40-hour class, to become Certified in Rigging and Crane Signaling. Must have 5 years of experience or have gone through Rigging Technologies (Apprenticeship Rigging). Call Retha to sign up for

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**Plumbers Local 98**



DETROIT – Brothers and Sisters, Local 98 supports our Sister Local 636 in their efforts to better themselves in negotiations and get through this strike. If any issues arise please check in with an agent.

Have you checked out our website? Announcements, information on meetings, links to your benefits the Training Center, and more can be found there go to [UALOCAL98.COM](http://UALOCAL98.COM).

When you leave 98 for a non-fringe paying contractor or an automotive plant, you will be immediately losing your Insurance and HRA as well as other benefits. Your decision for greener pastures is no longer at the expense of our funds and your Brothers and Sisters.

**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES.** All of the information regarding the scholarship available through the UA can be found on our website, [ualocal98.com/scholarship](http://ualocal98.com/scholarship). This scholarship is open to the dependents of our members who are seeking a higher education.

We were able to expand our Scholarships to 5 this year due to donations and golf outing success. The winners of Local 98s Scholarships are as follows: Olivia Sizeland, May Gullely, McKenzie Cools, Gage Slagor and Rufus Hamilton II. Please bring your future Rocket Scientists to our Union meeting on August 11th at 6:45 pm.

**Meetings & Union Hall.** The next Union Meeting will be held on Thursday, Aug. 11 at 7:00 pm. There will be a BBQ cookout before the meeting starting at 5:00 pm. The meeting will take place indoors at our Union Hall.

**Retiree Meetings.** The next Retiree Meeting is Wednesday, August 10th from 12 pm - 2 pm.

**PAC Updates.** For candidates your PAC Committee has endorsed, we have finalized our endorsements and have sent two each to your address on file, we have also updated the website. Your voice, your vote! Do not wait for the last minute to know your candidate. **GET REGISTERED TO VOTE!!**

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*this class. Class size is limited to 8. Once we have enough to put it on, we will schedule it.*

**EPRI Rigging and Signal Person Re-certification (8hrs):** This rigging re-certification will now include the EPRI Signal person certification. Class will be 2 days. This class will be scheduled for mid-to-late March 2023. Call Retha to register for this class.

**CSD-1 (12hrs):** This class will run Tuesday, Oct. 3, Wednesday, Oct. 4, and Thursday, Oct. 5, from 5-9:00 pm. Code, hands on training and combustion testing will be covered. Call Retha to be put in this class.

**Orbital Welding (UA-18a) (24hrs):** We will be running multiple classes on this training. As the course meets the 4-person limit, the class will be scheduled. The next available class will run in late Sept/early Oct. It will run on Mondays and Tuesdays for three weeks. Call Retha to be put on the list as space is limited to 4 per course.

**Pipe Fusing Class (PE Certifications) (16hrs):** This is a building trades course set up for plumbers and pipefitters to learn how to properly butt fuse plastic pipe, using hydraulic and manual machines. This class will start Monday, Aug. 22 and will run 4 days, through Thursday, Aug. 25. It will run from 5pm-9pm. Class size is limited to 6. Call Retha to be put on the list for this class.

**RETIREMENT CONGRATULATIONS:** Congratulations to the following members: Initiation Date: Retired Date:

Mike Maki, initiation date, June 12, 1989, retirement date, June 1.

Freeman Lee, initiation date, April 3, 1974, retirement date, July 1.

Best wishes for a relaxing and happy retirement. May you both enjoy your retirement to the fullest.

**RETIREE MEETINGS – PLEASE JOIN US:** Our next Spades meeting will start at 9 a.m. and be held on Thursday, Aug. 4, at the Union Hall. Come and join us for card games, pastries and a warm cup of coffee.

**NOTIFICATIONS FOR THE BUILDING TRADESMAN PAPER:** Please contact Karen Spearin at the union hall, (734) 424-0962 Ext #210, if you would like to put a special notification in the paper.

**Apprenticeship Opportunities.** Applications now being accepted. Make your favorite place your workplace, tell your friends about our apprenticeship program which is open now 'till July 31, 2022. To learn more and apply please visit [Plumbers98TC.org/Apprenticeship](http://Plumbers98TC.org/Apprenticeship).

**SUB Apps/OOW.** SUB pay is stopped due to travelers in town. You have 48 hours to report being out of work and to fill out a SUB App. It is your responsibility to check your location on the Out of Work List. Make sure your contact information is up to date as well as MUST and other certifications. If you have any problems with state agencies involving unemployment, or questions on MUST models and staying current, please contact Gary Glaser at 313-580-0148 or Dan Nixon at 248-752-3702

**Benefits.** We have exciting news as we now have a dedicated BeneSys employee at the Union Hall to help with benefit issues. His name is Andrew Hill and he will be at the hall daily. Andrew will be receiving the calls coming into the Local 98 dedicated number at BeneSys. That number is (248) 641-4988. Andrew will be working to create a process that assures members' issues get addressed quickly and properly.

**Dues.** You can pay your dues online, over the phone, or by mailing in a check. You can also set up auto payments. If you have questions or want to pay your dues by phone, please call the hall at (248) 307-9800 ext. 3.

The following members are delinquent on dues and are working for our contractors, if you are working with these members push them to get with the hall and get caught up. Mike Hofer, James Moore, Justin Willard, Adam Atkinson, Irvin Tyson, Ken Stone, John Brenneman, Mark Brenneman, Jesse Nowak, Dominic Szpanelewski, Frank Shultz, Garrett Cebalt.

Or if you know they have left 98 please let us know. Thank you.

**In Memoriam.** It's with a heavy heart we say goodbye to Brothers William Neddermeyer, a 55-year member initiated 1962; David E Turner, a 45-year member initiated 1974, and Robert McClain, a 55-year member initiated in 1963. Our condolences go out to their families.

**Retirees.**

**Good/Welfare.** Back by popular demand the "Labor Day Parade!" Stay tuned for more information.

**A FAMILY PICNIC** will be held on Saturday, Aug. 27 from 10 am - 6 pm at Lower Huron Metro Park, 40151 East Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI 48111. We will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, soft drinks and free admission, including water park. Please visit [ualocal98.com/family-picnic-2022](http://ualocal98.com/family-picnic-2022) for more information or contact Jim Cools at (734) 307-9841 or [jcools78@yahoo.com](mailto:jcools78@yahoo.com) or contact Jon DeRoo.

**ATTN: HOCKEY PLAYERS!** Plumbers Local 98 is looking into forming a hockey team to play league and tournament hockey. Any member interested in playing hockey for Local 98 please contact BA Dan Nixon. Call or text 248-752-3702 or email [dnixon98@ualocal98.org](mailto:dnixon98@ualocal98.org) for more information.

Time to get on the field and play some softball. If you are interested in playing for the Local 98 Softball Team, please contact Manager Jeremy Pitts at (586) 405-9425.

**ATTN: All Golfers!** Join us for the 44th Annual Detroit Plumbers Local 98 Scholarship Fund Golf Outing on Saturday, Aug. 13, 2022. Sponsorships and Foursomes are now available. Please visit [ualocal98.com/44th-golf](http://ualocal98.com/44th-golf) for more information or call Jon DeRoo at (248) 762-9238 to sign up.

We are currently looking for Residential and Service Plumbers. This is a great opportunity to expand and grow, as many members are looking to retire. If you know anyone working Non-Union or is a past member that may be interested, have them call Organizer Rob Moses, 248-763-2187.

**In solidarity I remain, Carlo Castiglione Business Manager Plumbers Local 98**

**TRAINING CENTER**

**NEWS.** Phone # 248-585-1435

Check out The Training Center's website [www.Plumbers98tc.org](http://www.Plumbers98tc.org)

website.

**The Training Center is open.** The mask mandate has been lifted. We are asking that people still practice social distancing while in the building. Please call Ryan Lyle at 248-585-1435 ext. 122 if you have any questions.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN PLUMBING LICENSE.** The State of Michigan is sending out renewal notices. The renewal process is online. All State of Michigan plumbing licenses are renewable at this time without a code update. If any member needs help renewing, with the online system, please call the Training Center and we will assist you. There are code updates offered at this time through the State of Michigan's third party, Cebrocker. Once the Training Center's 2018 code update is accepted, we will schedule classes and offer them at the Training Center.

**CALL THE TRAINING CENTER TO REGISTER FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CLASSES OFFERED IN 2022.** All classes are register and prepay by check or money order only. Deadlines for registration and prices are listed with each class.

Medical Gas Installer (Full 40 hour): Fall Class: September 1st - November 10th Deadline is August 12th - \$206

Monthly Code Class - Next class is July 13, 2022 at 4:30 pm. Open to any member looking to have discussions about the interpretation of the Michigan Plumbing Code. Great refresher for anyone wanting to take a state plumbing exam. Please call Paul at the Training Center at 248-585-1435 ext. 123 to register.

**ASSE Backflow Tester Recertification:** Please be sure to check your expiration date, it is now required that you complete your update class prior to your expiration. This class is offered quarterly. \$75 fee

4 hour recert class October 25th and 26th Deadline is September 23rd

**ASSE Tester (Full 40 hour):** Fall Class: August 30th - November 8th Deadline is August 5th - \$229.76 fee

**ASSE Repairer: \*\*\* Prerequisite:** Must hold a current 5110 Tester Certification Fall Class: August 31st - October 5th, Deadline is August 12th - \$75

**6010 Medical Gas Installer Recertification - \*All current 2018 Medical Gas Installer certification holders are required to take this update to 2021. \$130.00**

**\*OPEN WELDING\* -** Our welding shop is open! The new ventilation system has been installed. Please call Chris Opalka 248-585-1435 ext. 146 for any welding related inquiries and to check on booth availability.

**\*\*Orbital Welding Class -** September 12, 13 & 14 - Call the school to register - \$100 fee, check or money order required - minimal seats available

If your brazing or welding certs are ready to expire, call to schedule an appointment. The next WELDING Test session will be September 10, 2022. You must call to schedule your welding tests at least 3 days prior to the test. The next BRAZING Cert Session will be Friday, September 9, 2022. Please note: All members must be dressed appropriately to be in the shop area.

2022 Course Hour reimbursement forms are available at the Training Center. You must have 8 hours (approved hours credited may vary from actual hours attended) of verifiable approved classes/training from January 1 - December 31, 2022 to be eligible for the \$100.00 reimbursement.

**OSHA Training - OSHA 10,** available as on an online class for \$25 at [www.careersafeonline.com](http://www.careersafeonline.com) This OSHA 10 class is not affiliated with the UA or our Training Center. OSHA 10 and 30 Hour Training is also offered online through the MUST website. Go to [www.mustonline.org](http://www.mustonline.org). \*\*Be sure to take the Construction Safety courses; not the General Industry courses.

It is each member's individual responsibility to keep all their Certifications current. If the person you are trying to reach at the Training Center is unavailable, please leave a message to ensure we can return your call. We attempt to return all messages by the end of the business day.

*"If your success is not on your own terms, it looks good to the world but does not feel good in your heart, it is not success at all."*  
—Anna Quindlen (1953 - )



**Plumbers, Pipe Fitters & HVAC Service Local 111**

Plumbers and Pipe Fitters 111

UPPER PENINSULA – MARQUETTE – The next Union Meeting will be in **Marquette on July 28, 2022 @ 7:30 p.m. EST.**

37th Annual UP Building Trades Council Golf Outing will be July 30th, 2022, the location has changed to Newberry Country Club this year. Anyone interested in putting a team together and signing up can call Ann in the Marquette hall.

Anyone interested in one-day shutdowns, please contact Business Agent/Dispatcher, Scott Pendergraft in the Escanaba office.

**MRA CARD:** Please note, after using your MRA card, you will still need to "substantiate" your claim by sending in your Explanation of Benefits (EOB) or an itemized bill with receipt of payment. Remember, when using your MRA card, your date of service must be within a year of the date you use your card. If you are having trouble, please call Zenith American at (866) 823-4730 ext. 1 and they will assist you.

**Reminder:** Check your records and contact the hall with any changes to the following: **E-Mail, home address, phone number, a new birth, marriage, divorce, or death.** Please call April or Ann to have your information updated.

**Training news:** Open welding class with David Pedersen is occurring on Tuesdays at 5 pm, on a week to week basis pending interest. To be added to the notification list or to register, contact John Antonec. A spot in the class is not confirmed until you receive a response.

**Reminder:** It is your responsibility to call the hall as soon as you get laid off, the day you call in is the date that you are placed on the **Out of Work List**, if you do not call in you will not be referred to work.

Reminder to all apprentices, you must attend 4 union meetings per year.

**Reminder to Welders/Welding Forms:** The UA Welder Qualification Continuity Report forms are available on our website under Training or at the hall. Certifications expire every **6 months** and it is **YOUR** responsibility to get your welding forms turned in on time.

Please update all Non-UA certifications (Plumbing License, MUST, OSHA-30, MSHA etc.) by sending a copy of your certification to the Union Hall

**Check your dues records!** You are assessed a \$50 reinstatement once you become 3 months behind. You are automatically expelled once you are over 6 months behind.

**Safety Training on Local 111 Web Site:** When taking the online safety training, go to our web site [ua111.com](http://ua111.com) and click on Safety Links. Members must take these safety trainings for each site to work at each mill. Please take note they are valid for 1 year.

**MSHA Training:** The 2022 MSHA schedule is on our web site & our Facebook page. To register for an MSHA class please go to [Upconstruction.org](http://Upconstruction.org) and go to the **MSHA calendar** to register. This website applies for cancelling classes also. MSHA expires in one year.

*"The best way to learn to be an honest, responsible adult is to live with adults who act honestly and responsibly."*

—Claudia Jewett Jarrett

*"The only normal people are the ones you don't know very well."*

—Joe Ancis

*"The best way to teach your kids about taxes is by eating 30% of their ice cream."*

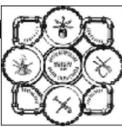
—Bill Murray (1950 - )

*"The main dangers in this life are the people who want to change everything – or nothing."*

—Nancy Astor (1879 - 1964)

*"Mustard's no good without roast beef."*

—Chico Marx (1891 - 1961)



## Local 357 Plumbers, Pipe Fitters & HVAC Service

Plumbers, Pipefitters & Hvac Service Local 357

**KALAMAZOO – UNION MEETING:** The next regular Union Meeting will be on **Tuesday, August 9th** at 6:30 pm. Other meetings that day will be Finance Committee at 4:30 and Executive Board at 5:30.

**MILEAGE INCREASE:** As of July 1st, 2022, the IRS Mileage rate will increase from 58.5 cents per mile to 62.5 cents per mile.

**UNION DUES REMINDERS:** Phone call reminders to pay your dues will not be made. Cash is now accepted at the Union Hall for any payments. You also have the option to pay your union dues through the Local 357 website @ [www.ualocal357.com](http://www.ualocal357.com). Note that you must add a 4% fee for using this site. ... so, if you are paying a month of dues at \$34.00... you need to pay \$35.36. Other ways to pay include sending a check, stopping by the Union Hall, dropping off a payment in the drop box outside the front door or calling Lori at (269) 679-3708 and paying with a credit card.

**RETIREE MEETINGS:** Retiree lunch meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of every month. The lunches will commence at 11:30 am at Travelers Café located at 5225 Portage Rd, Portage, MI. The phone number for the location is (269) 775-1775.

**MEDICAL CLAIMS ISSUES:** As a member, TIC International and Labor First provide a dedicated team of member advocates to assist with the resolution of any and all medical claims issues. If at any time you experience an issue with your claims being processed and paid correctly, please contact TIC international at (888) 281-3461. For Medicare Retirees – Contact Labor First at (269) 218-3533 or (833) 933-0036.

**WEBSITE INFORMATION – FRINGES – TIC:** Check out the website at [www.ualocal357.com](http://www.ualocal357.com) and the **FACEBOOK** Page @ [www.facebook.com/UALocal357/](https://www.facebook.com/UALocal357/). You should sign up for access to your fringe reporting done by TIC via the Union website. To gain access, click on the Member Resources, then click on MRA / TIC Intl Information and then Register. This is where you will type in your Name, Email Address, UA Card # and create your own password.

Once you have completed all the information – click on the **LARGE REGISTER** button that is surrounded by a Blue Box. Your User Access will be granted the next business day. To access your account, once it is set up, all you need to do is access the Membership Button again – type in your email address and password – and all your information will be presented. As a member via the website, you will be able to keep track of all your hours and receive an e-mail when hours are posted to your account. **This is very important as it is up to you to keep up to date on the hours being paid on your behalf by ANY CONTRACTORS.**

**CHANGE OF STATUS:** If you have a change of status for example: married, divorced, remarried, birth, death, workers comp, address change, etc., please call TIC at the phone number above and Lori at the Union Hall. It is very important that we keep all our records up to date.

**There seems to be a continuing problem regarding notification of divorces. Note that you, the member, will be responsible for any bills incurred and paid on claims of an ex-spouse or dependents. (See Pages 6 and 27 in the Summary Plan Description Booklet for clarification).**

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Congratulations to Andrew Mulder on the birth of a son, Silas.

**PICNIC:** Saturday, July 30th, 2022 UA Local 357 will host the annual picnic. We are looking forward to this quality time with our brothers and sisters! The festivities will be from 12:00 to 4:00 pm.

Go to [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) and search Local 357 to RSVP or call the Union Hall at (269) 679-2570

*"Fear not that thy life shall come to an end, but rather fear that it shall never have a beginning."*

–John Henry Cardinal Newman (1801 - 1890)



## Local 636

Pipe Fitters, Steam Fitters,  
Refrigeration &  
Air Conditioning Service

### Pipe Fitters 636

**DETROIT – STEAMFITTER APPRENTICESHIP.** Local #636 application process was completed on July 14, 2022. All applicants will receive information regarding testing dates, times and location.

For more information regarding the training center, please visit the Local 636 Training Center web site at: [www.pipefitters636tc.org](http://www.pipefitters636tc.org).

Also, any member: if your rigging certification is going to expire or has expired, Local 636 Training Center is going to hold a refresher course/test soon, please contact Kim or Jim at the Training Center 248-585-0636 to sign up.

Several members have reached out to the officers and the office staff for an update and status of Brother Brian Mierendorf's recovery. Brian is home, doing therapy 5 days a week and will be undergoing another set of surgeries on each hand, the first one of the series of surgeries took place July 14, 2022. He still has a long road ahead of him. The GoFundMe for Coach Brian is still active, but if anyone wishes to send donations to the hall for Brian, you can make checks out to Brian or Heather Mierendorf and we will make sure that Brian and Heather Mierendorf receive your donations. They are very grateful for all the support that they have been receiving, but their road is far from over.

Mark your calendars for Local 636 Picnic, which will be held Aug. 27 at Willow Metropark, I-275 and Exit 11A for South Huron Rd-Washago Pond Pavilion Picnic area. The picnic will be held from 11-5pm-Please contact Business Agent Larry Krisniski @ 248-939-7636 if you are interested in helping out.

The next union meeting will be July 19, 2022 at 7pm at George Romanian St. Cultural Center, 18405 W. Nine Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48075.

The **Retiree Meetings** are up and running again. They will be meeting the 3rd Thursday of every month at 11am at Local 636 Union Hall. The next Retiree meeting will be July 21. Jennifer Opriau from the Michigan Chapter of the American Diabetes Association will be giving a presentation on causes and treatment of diabetes.

Retiree Brother Michael Gulvenzan passed away in February and Retiree Brother Lawrence Davenport, JR passed away June 23, 2022, our deepest condolences to their families. May they both rest in Peace.

Make sure you inform the Union Hall when you have a change of address, phone no. and/or email address. Also, we are asking all members to please inform the Union Hall on a timely basis of any passing of a member and/or their spouse so Local 636 can properly pay our respects to the family-Thank you in advance for your help with these matters.

The Window Dues structure is as follows for active members: \$31 monthly/\$93 per quarter/\$186-6 months/\$372 for the entire year. For your convenience, you can call the hall and pay over the phone with your credit card number. If you do not pay your Dues by the end of each quarter, you will be assessed an "re-instatement" fee of \$50. After 2 quarters go unpaid you will then be Expelled and have to be Re-Initiated and pay a \$200 Re-Initiation fee.

**BeneSys** has set up a dedicated phone line for Pipefitters 636 needs and questions, when calling BeneSys, call #248-641-4936 or #888-646-8920.

Health Plan Advocate, Robert Watson, has been replaced with Kim Johnson. Kim can be reached at 866-575-0211 extension 207. Providers looking for pre-certifications will still continue to go through Mr. Watson, with the contact information listed on your insurance benefit card.

Any member who is retiring contact BeneSys at those numbers as well for your Retirement paperwork or if you want to meet with, Theresa Danko, Financial Secretary-Treasurer, please give her a 7-to-10-day notice so that she can get your paperwork in order.

Financial Advisor Jason May with Merrill Lynch Wealth Management has a new contact number 248-655-4048 or email him at [jason.may@ml.com](mailto:jason.may@ml.com)

**Defined Contribution Pension Plan:** For those members who use the Voice Response Unit, VRU to obtain balance informa-

tion and transfers funds in your Defined Contribution Pension, the no. has changed. The new no. for the VRU is 877-410-9984. Plan provider number is 7526.

You can now login to your Defined Contribution account on the Local's website. Just click on the "Defined Contribution login here tab" and it will take you to the BeneSys login page. The Defined Contribution website is [www.yourplanaccess.com/benesys](http://www.yourplanaccess.com/benesys).

**Worker Assistance Program:** Work Life Strategies, LLC are available to our members and their families to provide personal counseling services and when needed, referral to other professionals. Call to talk to a counselor for issues relating to grief, alcohol and or drug addiction, bankruptcy, financial management, marital, depression, legal and family counseling. Consultations with Work Life Strategies are a service paid for by the Insurance Fund. Referrals to outside professionals, if needed, will be paid for according to the current health care plan benefits. CJ Harrison would like all our members to know that she is still available by phone during these uncertain times, she is working from home doing phone conferences which is still beneficial to all our members and their families. You can contact her @ 313-580-6887.

Are you "Work Ready"? Have any of your safety modules expired? Is your Drug Test current? Check your report card at [mustsafe.org](http://mustsafe.org) and if it is time for renewal call the Training Center 248-585-0636 and they will register you. Be "ready" when the calls come in. Safety modules and drug tests are paid for by the Contractors Association. **WHEN YOU STAY CURRENT WITH YOUR SAFETY MODULES, DRUG TEST AND FIRST AID, YOU WILL QUALIFY FOR FUTURE BONUS PAYMENT'S.**

With the on-going labor dispute, the week of June 20, 2022 started the PLDF payments. They are as follows:

\$140 for Journeymen/\$70 apprentice and MES members

There is a separate email address for the PLDF-pldf@pipefitters636.org questions and where to send a copy of your paystub.

If you wish to send in a check or money order directly to the hall-Please send to: Pipefitters Local 636, 30100 Northwestern Hwy., Farmington Hills, MI 48334 Please make the Checks/Money orders out to Pipefitters Local 636 PLDF or see below on how to set up automatic withdrawal from your bank account.

There seems to be some confusion on how ACH works, the correct link is listed below.

ACH is similar to a debit transaction, just less fees on us. The member will have to input their account number and routing number, if they don't have this their bank will. They then can authorize the payment to come out automatically weekly. This also makes it available to be coming out of the members checking OR savings.

This system will be shut off the day that the dispute is over to prevent any more unnecessary transactions going through.

It will email them and us automatically when every transaction goes through. This makes it easier on us to log every single person paying into the strike fund.

Listed below is the CORRECT direct link to bring you to the ACH payment page: <https://portal.icheckgateway.com/Gen/Default.aspx?P=579a6c64395e4ceaaa5d>

The office staff is doing their best to answer any and all emails that are being sent to PLDF @pipefitters636.org but there's a very high volume. We appreciate your patience; we are trying to answer them in a timely fashion.

If you have questions; you can contact the officers below.

**Business Manager** Sam Cadena, [scadena@pipefitters636.org](mailto:scadena@pipefitters636.org) #248-939-8636

**Financial Secretary-Treasurer/ Assistant Business Manager** Theresa Danko [tdanko@pipefitters636.org](mailto:tdanko@pipefitters636.org) #248-939-5636

**BUSINESS AGENTS JURISDICTIONS**

Larry Krisniski-Western Wayne Cty & Downriver [lkrisniski@pipefitters636.org](mailto:lkrisniski@pipefitters636.org) #248-939-7636

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## Local 174 Plumbers, Pipe Fitters & Service Trades

West Michigan Plumbers, Fitters & Service Trades Local 174

**COOPERSVILLE – SPECIAL CALLED MEETING:** The next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 2 at 7pm at the Assembly Hall, 1008 O'Malley Dr in Coopersville. The Union office will be open until 6:55 for the purpose of collecting dues.

**Attention:** This paper is to serve as the official notice to the membership.

**Contract Ratification:** At the special-called meeting in July the members voted to accept the bargaining committee's recommendation and ratify the new three-year collective bargaining agreement. The new agreement is as follows: 1st year \$2.75/ 2nd year \$2.23 /3rd year \$2.22 \$7.20 over 3years

The only language change is adding essential workers to the 10% hazard pay language. Thank you to the bargaining committee for their work on negotiations and to the members of Local #174 for continuing to prove their value day in and day out.

**Dave Reynolds Memorial Golf Outing:** The Local #174 Golf Outing will take place on Saturday, Aug. 6 at the Falls at Barber Creek. The format will be a four person scramble. Each team must have two Local #174 members. Registration at 8am and shotgun start at 8:30am. The cost is \$65 per person. Contact Cami to sign up. Money must be paid by July 29.

**Muskegon Labor Day Parade:** The parade will start at 11am downtown Muskegon. You can pick up your t-shirt and hat starting at 9am in the parking lot across from the CIO Hall on Western. After the parade there will be a community picnic at Hackley Park.

**West Michigan Labor Fest 2022:** This year's Labor Fest will be held Downtown Grand Rapids from 11am – 5pm at Rosa Parks Circle, 135 Monroe Center Street NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503. Event details can be found at [westmichiganlaborfest.com](http://westmichiganlaborfest.com). We will be meeting at Local 174's booth at 11am for shirts and hats and will be available from 11am – 1pm. Volunteers are still needed to help make this event a success, contact Nathan Phillips for more details.

**Organizing Update:** Brothers and Sisters if anyone has any information about jobsites with non-union plumbing or mechanical contractors, please reach out to me 616-307-8551. I strongly feel that communication from the work force, those in the trenches, is essential for successful Organizing. You may be working on jobsites with non-union employees and more often than none their curious about our pay or "scale" to us.

With our recent July 2022 contract we are at \$39.89/HR on the check, and our total package with benefits is \$64.41 Typically this is the attention getter for the non-union worker, my hopes are to get them in contact with me so I can further elaborate on the benefits of being a Union member beyond the wages, the training, benefit breakdown and representation. The best salespeople for Unions are our members. **Thank you - Brother Johnny Ortiz LU 174 Organizer**

**Hiring Rule Reminder:** As per section 5.8 of the CBA, the 50/50 hiring provision applies only to jobs working under the Local CBA. Any national agreement jobs calling for manpower are not eligible for the 50/50 provision.

**Retiree Breakfast:** The retiree breakfast will be held on Thursday, Aug. 4th at 9am at New Beginnings Restaurant in Coopersville.

**Contract Information:** If you have a change in contact information or to verify your contact info PLEASE CONTACT CAMI so we can keep our system up to date.

**TIC, Aetna, Labor First:** If you have issues with any of our

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Jake Regits-Macomb, St. Clair, Sanilac & Huron Counties [jregits@pipefitters636.org](mailto:jregits@pipefitters636.org) #248-939-6636

Tony Sievert-Oakland County [asievert@pipefitters636.org](mailto:asievert@pipefitters636.org) #248-939-3636

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Rick Fast-Eastern Wayne Cty & Detroit. [rfast@pipefitters636.org](mailto:rfast@pipefitters636.org) 248-939-2636

Val Pod-Organizer [vpod@pipefitters636.org](mailto:vpod@pipefitters636.org) #248-207-4789

fund service providers please contact Ryan Bennett at [rbennett@ua174.org](mailto:rbennett@ua174.org). Please try to remember who you spoke with, this will help the company fix the problem.

**PAC Cards:** Since the elimination of prevailing wage, the race to the bottom on wages and benefits for publicly funded projects has begun. Our political focus over the years to come will be electing people who support prevailing wage and wage standards in general. To do that we need to raise our PAC card participation. We currently have less than half of the local contributing to our PAC. Your PAC contribution DOES NOT COME OFF YOUR CHECK. When you sign the PAC card it allows us to move money from your working dues over to our PAC. Please call Cami today and find out if you have current PAC card on file.

**Medicare Retirees:** Effective January 1st 2021 your insurance premiums will be reduced by approximately 12.5%. New rates are as follows:

Single Medicare \$262.55  
Retiree and Spouse Medicare \$525.09

Retiree and Non-Medicare Spouse \$677.55

**Dispatch:** We will be splitting up the dispatch responsibilities between the business agent and the assistant business manager positions. Each person will be on dispatch for 2 weeks. There is a dispatch email: [dispatch@ua174.org](mailto:dispatch@ua174.org) which both offices have access to. There is a dispatch phone extension that will switch between the two offices depending on who is on dispatch.

**New insurance carriers:** Active and NON Medicare Retirees

Aetna: (888) 290-7241  
Save-Rx: (800) 228-3108  
Medicare: Retirees

Labor First: (616) 345-0788

**Metal Trades, Helpers, and Trainees:** Please remember that

if you are working as a Metal Trades, Helper, or Trainee your raises are based on the day you were first dispatched to work at that classification. If you are not sure of your dispatch date, please contact the Union office. **It is up to you to let the Union office know.**

**Labor Councils:** - Kent Ionia - 3rd Wednesday of the month / 5:00pm / Contact Nathan for location

Lakeshore – 3rd Thursday of the month / CIO Hall 490 Western / 6pm

All members are encouraged to become active in our area Labor Councils. Please contact a Union Officer for details. \*The Kent Ionia Labor Council has recently moved from the building on Benjamin and will be rotating meeting locations monthly.

**FRINGE PLAN THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR:** (TIC) West Michigan Plumbers, Fitters and Service Trades Local No. 174 Fringe Benefit Funds

6525 Centurion Drive, Lansing, MI 48917-9275. (517) 321-7502. (855) 40-PLUMB Toll Free

**BENEFITS WEBSITE:** [westmichiganplumbers.org](http://westmichiganplumbers.org) is the TIC website where you can check your contributions and benefit information. Click on benefit inquiry. Your username is your social security number. The password for first time users is K4GHB39 (case sensitive). You will then be prompted to create a permanent password.

**Forms:** The forms for Dollar Bank Reimbursement and Sub Pay are on the [www.ua174.org](http://www.ua174.org) website under the Members Only section and Forms and Links tab.

**Contract Requirements:** Please remember Section 5.7 of our collective bargaining agreement states, "Persons called from the unemployed list will report to work with a UA/WMMCA issued drug card." Section 18.5 states, "... employees... shall be required to maintain the following Safety Training Certifications: First Aid/ (Continued next column)



Sprinkler Fitters Local 704

**DETROIT –** The next regular business meeting will be held Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 5:30 P.M. at the Union Hall. The Executive Board will meet the same evening at 4:30 P.M.

Reminder: Article V, Section 13 of Local 704's Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order. Any project that falls into the jurisdiction of Local 704 shall be manned by not less than two members. Any member violating this By-Law shall be brought before the Executive Board for a trial and be subject to a fine.

Article IX, Section 4 of Local 704's Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order states: Members shall report all job starts to its local union office.

It is the members' responsibility to notify the Union Hall when they return to work.

Mark your calendars for the Sprinkler Fitters Local 704 Golf Outing which will be held Saturday, Aug. 20. This year's outing will be held at Maple Lanes located at 33203 Maple Lane Dr., Sterling Heights, MI 48312. The cost is \$85.00 which includes golf, cart, lunch at the turn and dinner. This year will be a scramble format. Tickets are on sale at the hall now. Any questions please call Greg Herman.

Any retiree who would like to volunteer for picket line duty, please reach out to Rob Williams at the Union Hall.

**Phone numbers to remember:** NASI is 1-800-638-2603 for information regarding Health and Welfare or Pension fund questions.

TIC International: 248-645-6550 for D.C. Fund distribution questions.

Jason May (Merrill Lynch): 248-655-4048 for D.C. Fund Investment questions.

A speedy recovery to all of our sick and injured members.

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CPR, Bloodborne Pathogens and OSHA 10." Please make sure you follow our agreement.

**Out of work list:** Please remember to call extension 17 when you are laid off. You must call line 17 to be put on the available to work list. When you leave a message, please speak clearly. Any member who goes to work without a referral is in violation of our Collective Bargaining Agreement and Article XXXI of our Constitution and By-Laws. Please contact the Union Hall to find out your position on the out of work list.

**Training News:** **FIRST AID:** First Aid/CPR/BBP class will be the second Thursday of the month, from 5:00p-9:00p. The next classes will be held Thursday, August 11, 2022, and Thursday, September 8, 2022.

Open Welding on Wednesday nights is currently cancelled until further notice.

If you have a certification that has expired in the last few months and have questions regarding recertification, please contact the Training Office. Many certifications have extended grace periods on expiration dates.

Please contact Jeff Rumsey or Nicole Schumaker if you have questions. Call the Training Office @ (616) 837-0222 x16 (Jeff) / Nicole @ (616) 837-0222 x30. Or via text Jeff (231) 923-8140 / Nicole (231) 206-4213.

**Union Hall extension numbers:** Ryan Bennett Business Manager ext:12, Nathan Phillips Assistant Business Manager ext. 13, Jason Finch Business Agent ext.14, Johnny Ortiz Organizer ext.15, Lisa Johnson Accounting Manager ext.11, Cami Burris Administrative Assistant ext. 10, Training Dept: Jeff Rumsey ext. 16, Nicole Schumaker ext. 30.

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LANSING – July’s union meeting will be held Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at the Lansing Hall, 5405 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing, MI. 48911 at 7:30pm.

August’s union meeting will be held Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at the Lansing Hall, 5405 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing, MI. 48911 at 7:30pm.

**Adopt-A-Highway:**  
**Battle Creek:** July 16, 2022, Volunteers will meet at 9am at the corner of 11 Mile and East Drive North. Please contact Todd Scarbrough at (616) 893-5354 to sign up.

**Jackson:** July 23, 2022, 8am at the Jackson office. 3101 Allied Industrial Dr. Jackson, MI. Contact Brandon Snyder to sign-up (517) 260-4659 or Joni at the Jackson office (517) 784-1106 ext. 4.

Please check your certifications such as Backflow, Med-Gas, Weld, etc. for the expiring dates. If a recertification class is needed please check the website, or contact the Training Center at 517-323-0333.

**Weld Tests are the second Tuesday of each month at the Lansing Training Center.**

Masters test prep is Mondays and Wednesdays every week at the Lansing Training Center.

*CSD-1 class will be held Saturday, August 24, 2022, at 8am (8 hour class) located at the Lansing Training Center. Please sign up online or call Diana at (517)323-0333.*

If you are interested in signing up for classes please go to our website at [www.ua333.org](http://www.ua333.org) or call the Training Center (517) 323-0333.

**PLEASE NOTE FOR ALL CERTIFICATIONS:** Per the UA, as of January 2019, all Braze and Weld Certifications shall be updated within 120 days of their expiration date, or you will lose your certifications. Check the date(s) of your Certifications, if they have expired please contact Diana at 517.323.0333. Though we send out everyone’s continuities to be renewed; between changes in addresses and the Post Office, there is plenty of room for error. Ultimately it’s the member’s responsibility to make sure their certification(s) are current and updated

**NOTICE!!!** The Jackson area Retiree Breakfasts are back!!! The next breakfast will be Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 10:00 am at the Alpha Coney Island at 1188 Jackson Crossing, Jackson, MI **PLEASE NOTE:** This is a new location. Restaurant is located at the west end of the Jackson Crossing shopping center. If you have any questions or need directions just contact Joni at 517-784-1106 ext#4. Please pass the word to fellow retired members.

**Lansing Area Retirees Breakfast:** With the Lansing Hall renovations finally behind us, we are going to host a breakfast at the Lansing Hall for ALL retirees who would like to make the trip. It will be held on August 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at the Lansing Hall. Please call Debra if you are able to attend so that we can plan the food quantities accurately. Thanks and we hope to see you there.

Congratulations to Bryan Schultz on the birth of his son Dominik who was born July 6, 2022.

Sincere condolences to the family and friends of Michael Arbour, who passed away July 6, 2022. Mike was initiated into the Local, June 1982 and retired July 2012. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this very sorrowful time.

**Attention: If you have made any changes with your address, email address, phone number, or there is a birth, death, married, divorce, remarried or to change your beneficiaries. Please contact the Lansing office to give the update and have the necessary documents processed to make the changes.**

“No man is an Island, intire of itselfe; every man is a peece of the Continent, a part of the maine...”

–John Donne (1572 - 1631)  
“Fiction is obliged to stick to possibilities. Truth isn’t.”  
–Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)



**Local 370**  
Plumbers,  
Pipe Fitters  
and HVAC Service

Plumbers, Pipe Fitters and HVAC Service 370

FLINT – The next Membership Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday August 9, 2022 at 7:00pm.**

**Local 370 2022 Golf outing** will be held **Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>** at Flushing Valley Golf course in Flushing. 9:00 am Shotgun Start.

**Upcoming Night Class Schedule**

**CPR/FIRST AID.** September 22, 2022 @ 4:30 pm. Sign up with Kaytlin

Per our **By-Laws Article XV, The Building Tradesman** is hereby adopted and subscribed to as our Labor paper for all members of Local 370. Said paper to be used for all official notification of membership.

**Committee and Board meetings are as follows:**  
Examining Board – Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 4:00pm  
FMR Committee – Tuesday July 12, 2022, at 4:00pm  
PAC committee – Tuesday July 12, 2022, at 5:00pm  
Executive Board –Tuesday July 12, 2022, at 5:00pm  
Building Committee – Tuesday July 12, 2022, at 6:00pm  
Finance Committee -Tuesday July 12, 2022, at 6:15pm  
JATC Committee – TBD

**ALL GM Worksites and others require Must Safety and Drug Testing:** MUST safety modules are only valid for 4 years. Call the hall to sign up for the MUSTSAFE.com website and complete all 18 safety modules. Members will not be eligible to work at any job site requiring them until all 18 modules are complete and are current on their drug test. If your drug test is expired, you must take one before you can be dispatched to any GM work. Drug tests are only valid for 1 year. Call The hall and we will print you a drug test authorization form

Local 370 office hours 7:30am – 4:30pm.

Sub/Sick checks will be processed 8:00am – 11:30 am and 1:30pm – 4:15pm daily.

**Attendance award** drawing for membership meeting information. Members present must have dues paid to date to claim award. Monthly award is \$150.

**Attention All Active Members in Good Standing** The Joint Apprentices and Training Committee voted to reimburse any active member of Local 370 who takes and passes any training, testing or certification that may be required to perform their work. This includes Rigging, Med-Gas, Backflow or any work-related training or certification expense. Members will be reimbursed after successful completion and verification of the cost. Lost wages will not be covered by the JATC. Plumbing license renewal is still the responsibility of the member. If you have any questions, please contact local 370 JATC.

**Mobile App.** Our mobile app. is now available for download on your cell phone. Go to the app store and search **UA Local 370.** Download the app and sign in. You can read the latest Building Tradesman article, see upcoming meeting dates, or pay your dues. This is a work in progress, and we will add more content to the site as we move forward.

**Our web site is up and running.** Check it out at [uaocal370.org](http://uaocal370.org).

We are now able to accept Visa, Master Card, Discover and American Express for window dues. If you want to take advantage of this service there will be a \$1.00 per month charge added to the monthly window dues fee and a 3% fee for all other transactions.

Plumbing, Mechanical and Residential Code Books are now available at the hall. The books are \$75.00 each.

Remember to keep your dues current. Any member failing to pay for 3 months shall stand suspended, unable to vote for a period of 1 year or run for office for a period of 2 years and subject to a \$50.00 reinstatement fee. Dues must be paid in 3-month increments according to our bylaws. Dues will be accepted up to 6:45 on union meeting nights.

Members wishing to take the U.A. welding certification test contact business agent, Zack

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**Local 671**  
Plumbers &  
Pipe Fitters

Plumbers and Pipe Fitters 671

MONROE – The next Regular Union meeting is scheduled for **Aug. 4, 2022. There will also be an E-Board meeting at 5pm on Aug. 4. If any member would like to attend, please contact the Union Hall prior to the meeting.**

**ATTENTION:** This paper is to serve as official notice to the membership.

Also, please refer to our website <https://www.unitedassociationlocal671.com/> and its calendar for the latest updates.

**Retirees:** To all retirees, we are having retiree luncheons once again. The last Thursday of the month at 12 noon. This next luncheon is July 28. Please come out and enjoy lunch with all of your fellow retirees and widows. We look forward to seeing you soon.

**Scholarship:** The committee met Tuesday, July 5, an awarded Kali Wickenheiser and Jillian Molnar each \$1,000 to go toward their secondary education. Congratulations to both winners and good luck in college. I would also like to thank the committee (Justin McManaway, Vinnie Fenech, Ken Urbaniak and Matt Menard) on a job well done.

**Entertainment Committee:** We would like to thank all of our Sponsors and everyone who played in the Local 671 Scholarship Golf Outing held on July 9<sup>th</sup>. The event was a great success, we had beautiful weather, and everyone had a good time. We would like to thank everyone who helped with the event; we can’t do it without your help.....Mike Jewell, Justin McManaway, Vinnie Fenech, Colleen Martin, Brian Martin, Ashleigh Menard, Melanie Menard, Jessica Stone, Tawni Fenech, Scott Livermore, and Jackie Hauser.

The **Local 671 Annual Picnic** will be held on **Aug. 27.** It is also a great time and a good opportunity to catch up with old friends. We are always looking for new volunteers to ensure that it is a success. Please contact Vinnie if you would like to help out! **WE NEED NEW PEOPLE TO HELP MAKE THE EVENT A SUCCESS! THE HANDFUL OF RETIREES WHO HAVE HELPED EVERY YEAR ARE GETTING TIRED!**

**Mobile App:** Our Mobile App titled “UA Local 671” is available in the App Store for iPhone or Android. The Username for Local 671 Members is your last name and your book number (UA Card Number). The Password is just your book number.

**In Closing:** We are continuing to make improvements to our Union Hall and schools. We are currently remodeling and updating the weld shop, we just finished putting in a new parking lot. Our future plans have us putting on a new roof over the union offices and installing an outdoor shelter for our annual picnic. If anyone is interested in volunteering and helping with some of these projects, please feel free to contact me. We always can use an extra hand. Thank you and as always, I hope you continue to have a safe and healthy summer.

Mike Jewell: Cell (419) 262-8503 email: [mike@uaocal671.com](mailto:mike@uaocal671.com)  
Vinnie Fenech: Cell (734) 693-4082 email: [vinnie@uaocal671.com](mailto:vinnie@uaocal671.com)

Carly Neely: Insurance Line (734) 241-6180 email: [carly@uaocal671.com](mailto:carly@uaocal671.com)  
Local 671 Fax: (734) 242-4692

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Desrochers for application and testing dates.

Local 370 ball caps and winter fleece caps are available at the union offices. Ball caps \$10.00 and fleece caps \$5.00. Pocket Tee shirts are available for \$10 dollars each. Hooded sweat shirts and long sleeve pocket tee shirts are available. The sweat shirts are \$30 and the long sleeve tee shirts are \$15. Golf polo and golf wind shirts are available for \$25.

If you shop on the internet, SHOP UNION MADE, log on to [www.shopunionmade.com](http://www.shopunionmade.com).

T.I.C. fringe administrators’ toll free number is 1-888-797-5862.

“The least I can do is speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves.”

–Jane Goodall (1934 - )

“If you want to catch something, running after it isn’t always the best way.”

–Lois McMaster Bujold,



**SETTING PIPING** for the Variable Air Volume system in a mechanical attic at the Caro Psychiatric Hospital project is Matt Klump of Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 85. He’s employed by Remer Plumbing and Heating.



**Local 85**  
Plumbers & Steam Fitters

Plumbers and Steamfitters 85

SAGINAW – The next Union Meeting will be on Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at the Union Hall located at 3535 Bay Road starting at 7:00 PM.

The next Northern Informational Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Northern Facility located at 2476 Industrial Dr. in Grayling, Michigan.

**Ladies Auxiliary:** We are always looking for new members for our Ladies Auxiliary. If you or a family member are interested in joining, please contact Sue Najawicz at (989) 781-4277.

The Annual Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 13, 2022 at the Clare County Fairgrounds located in Harrison, Michigan from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. After being postponed for the past two years during Covid, I look forward to getting together for this great event. Volunteers are needed! Please call the hall at (989) 799-5261 ext. 8510.

The Annual Golf Outing will be held on Sunday, August 7, 2022 at the Tamaracks Golf Course in Harrison, Michigan with a shotgun start at 8:00 am. This event requires preregistration and is limited in space. No walk-ons allowed.

**Please note:** Our new mailing address for all correspondences has changed to 3535 Bay Rd. Saginaw, MI 48603.

**Contact Information:**  
Justin Pomerville, Business Manager (989) 799-5261 x 8513 [jpomerville@uaocal85.org](mailto:jpomerville@uaocal85.org)  
Jamie Badour, Business Agent (989) 799-5261 x 8515 [jbador@uaocal85.org](mailto:jbador@uaocal85.org)  
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Please check the [uaocal85.org](http://uaocal85.org) or our Facebook page for the most up-to-date information.

The new website is up and running. Please check out [www.uaocal85.org](http://www.uaocal85.org). Click on Local 85 Members to access members only information. Login information is username: first initial with full last name. Password is 00 with your UA Card Number. If you should have any difficulties logging in, please call Kristin at (989) 799-5261 ext. 8511.

The new Facebook page is live. If you are currently on the Local Eighty-Five Facebook account, invites were sent to have you join the new site. UA Local 85 page is our public Facebook account. UA Local 85 Members Group is our new members only Facebook. On this page, we will have important messages and reminders specific to our membership. Please like both and let us know what you think.

**JATC News:** Congratulations to our newest Journeymen Doug Fishell, Nathaniel Seath, Mason McSweyn, Cody Arney and Tyler Machelski!

Plumbing Code Updates will be offered as soon as the information and material are available. You should renew your Michigan State Plumbing license as normal and plan on attending the update class as soon as offered.

**GOD BLESS ORGANIZED LABOR AND THE LABOR MOVEMENT!**

**SUB Fund:**

**Print Unemployment Payment History** located underneath the Certification Tab when logged into your MiWAM account. Deadline for submittals is Noon on Thursday in order to receive a check that Friday. Checks will be mailed out on Friday. No in-person pickups allowed. If a holiday falls on a Friday, checks will be issued on Thursday and deadline will be moved up to Wednesday by noon.

**Where to submit documents:** Address: UA Local Union 85 SUB, 3535 Bay Road, Saginaw, MI 48603 Fax: (989) 791-3468 Email: [SUB@uaocal85.org](mailto:SUB@uaocal85.org)

**SUB Application for Benefits:** Must be on file in order to receive SUB Check. Available at the Hall.

**90 Day Rule:** The weeks you are claiming must be submitted within 90 days of the first Monday following the week in which you are eligible to receive a State benefit per the Plan Documents.

**Taxes:** There are no taxes taken out of SUB Fund Checks, however they are taxable wages and you will receive a W-2 at the end of the year. If you want taxes withheld from your SUB Fund Check, please indicate the dollar amount for Federal and State on each SUB submittal.

**NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS: Address & Phone Update:** Please call the Union Hall to update any address or phone number changes at (989) 799-5261.

**Beneficiary Cards:** Please call the Union Hall for any changes in beneficiary information at (989) 799-5261.

**Website Address:** Please visit [www.uaocal85.org](http://www.uaocal85.org).

**Insurance:** When you are working out of another Local’s jurisdiction it may take up to 90 days for your Insurance and Pension to be reciprocated back to Local 85, which may cause problems with your Health Insurance. **ALWAYS SAVE YOUR CHECK STUBS** and fax them in to the hall at 989-791-3468 with the local you are working out of indicated. We will fax them down to BeneSys to keep your insurance up to date.

**RETIREE LUNCHEON:** All retiree luncheons are postponed until further notice. Please check the [uaocal85.org](http://uaocal85.org) or Facebook for all up-to-date information.

**Fraternally,**  
Justin M. Pomerville  
Business Manager/Financial Secretary, Local Union 85



**WORKING ON 4-INCH copper piping** that will be used in the water softening system at the Caro Psychiatric Hospital are (l-r) Clint Claypool (foreman) and Terry Kubczak of Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 85. They’re employed by Remer Plumbing and Heating.



**WORKING ON A CHILLED water pipe** at the Caro Psychiatric Hospital project are Josh Musinski and Justin Behmlander of Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 85. They’re employed by Remer Plumbing and Heating.



## Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers

### BAC Local 2

#### WARREN – JULY 2022 CHAPTER MEETINGS

**HOUGHTON CHAPTER:** Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 7:00 PM, 37737 Highway 26, Toivola, MI 49965

**MARQUETTE CHAPTER:** Monday, July 18, 2022 at 6:00 PM, 119 S Front Street, Marquette, MI 49855. BBQ Dinner served from 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**SAGINAW CHAPTER:** Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 7:00 PM, 1300 W. Thomas Street, Bay City, MI 48706

**TRAVERSE CITY CHAPTER:** Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 7:00 PM, 1231 Hastings Street, Traverse City, MI 49686

#### THE SEMI-ANNUAL UNION MEETING

will be held on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022 at 10 AM at BAC Local 2's Lansing office at 3321 Remy Drive, Lansing, MI 48906

**ALL CHAPTER MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED (EXCEPT FOR THE MARQUETTE CHAPTER MEETING LISTED BELOW) FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2022 DUE TO THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING.**

#### AUGUST 2022 CHAPTER MEETINGS

**MARQUETTE CHAPTER:** Monday, August 15, 2022 at 6:00 PM, 119 S Front Street, Marquette, MI 49855 BBQ Dinner served from 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**DEATHS REPORTED.** Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of **Sister Fernyn Blundell** (Tile Finisher) who passed away on April 15, 2022. Sister Blundell had been a member for 2 years.

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of **Brother Jeffrey Charleston** (Bricklayer) who passed away on May 12, 2022. Brother Charleston had been a member for 3 years.

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of **Brother James Jackimowicz** (Bricklayer, Cement Mason and Stone Mason) who passed away on June 04, 2022. Brother Jackimowicz had been a member for 54 years.

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of **Brother Richard Jacobs** (Bricklayer) who passed away on March 28, 2022. Brother Jacobs had been a member for 66 years.

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of **Brother Lionel Malbouef** (Bricklayer) who passed away on June 22, 2022. Brother Malbouef had been a member for 56 years.

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of **Brother William Vandermay Jr** (Bricklayer) who passed away on December 29, 2021. Brother Vandermay had been a member for 65 years.

**WEBSITE UPDATES.** Be sure to check out our new website at <https://www.bricklayers.org> and our app, which can be found in the IOS and Andriod app stores by searching for Bricklayers Local 2.

**MEMBERSHIP GOLF OUTING.** Local 2's 9th Annual Membership Golf outing will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2022 at Hawk Meadows Golf Course in Howel, MI.

Registration is based on a first-come, first-serve basis. Payment **MUST** be submitted with registration, otherwise we reserve the right to cancel your team if we are overbooked. One person on each team **MUST** be a current, good standing BAC Local 2 member.

### CRAFTWORKERS NEEDED.

We need Skilled Bricklayers, Restoration workers and Caulkers in Metro Detroit. If you are available for work, or know anyone who is skilled in our crafts, contact your Field Representative on their cell phone. You can also have those who are interested call either the Warren office (586) 754-0888 or the Lansing office (517) 886-9781.

**SIGNING BONUS FOR SKILLED CRAFTWORKERS.** Local 2 will pay up to \$2,000 as a **Signing Bonus** for skilled Journey Level craftworkers who come to work for one of our Union Contractors. Also, Local 2 members working with the tools and non-supervisory members can get the same amount as a **Finders Referral Bonus** for each new skilled craftworker who they refer, if they work for at least a month for our Union Contractors. For more details and information, call your Field Representative or either the Warren office (586) 754-0888 or the Lansing office (517) 886-9781. You can view the full Signing Bonus policy on our website.

**ASPEEDY RECOVERY.** A speedy recovery is wished to all those who have been sick or injured. Let's keep them all in our thoughts and prayers.

**\*IMPORTANT CHANGE Regarding Union Dues\*** All Local 2 Members are now eligible for a Union Dues discount, regardless of what month you are paid through currently. This offer is a great way to catch up on your monthly window dues by taking advantage of this annual dues discount.

We are making available to ALL Local 2 members the opportunity to pay for 6 months of union dues and receive credit for 12 months. An entire year for half the price!!

**BAC LOCAL 2'S TRAINING CENTERS.** Both Local 2 Training Centers are open to our members. To make your appointment for your annual RESPIRATOR FIT TEST or for other scheduled appointments at the Warren or Lansing Training Center, please contact Howard Hipes directly at (517) 749-1102.

Go to <https://www.michiganbricklayers.org> to view the Apprenticeship and Training website and register for future 2022 online training classes.

**DETROIT IMI TRAINING CENTER.** To schedule appointments at the Metro Detroit Training Center, please contact Howard Hipes directly at (517) 749-1102.

**APPRENTICE WORKSHEETS.** Turning in monthly worksheets is a requirement of your apprenticeship. Apprentice Worksheets **MUST** be filled out completely and submitted online. They can be found at [www.michiganbricklayers.org/membersresources](http://www.michiganbricklayers.org/membersresources). For more information on the Training Centers visit [www.michiganbricklayers.org](http://www.michiganbricklayers.org)

**MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE.** During this COVID-19 pandemic, the IUBAC Member Assistance Program has a number of services available for free or at a discounted rate to BAC members and their families. These confidential services can be seen at <http://bit.ly/MAP-BAC> and are also available via telephone at



## Local 169 Boilermakers

### Boilermakers Local 169

**ALLEN PARK** – Our next membership meeting will take place on **August 12**. It will be in Area 1 at the Boilermaker Union Hall. Located at 1755 Fairlane Drive, Allen Park, MI 48101. Current Union dues for 2022 are \$52.35 in accordance with the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers Constitution. The Union Hall accepts, Visa, Mastercard, and Discover. Payments can be made both at the Union Hall and over the phone.



**BOB HUTSELL** OSHA 10 and OSHA 30 safety training can now be taken online. Please visit our website – [www.boilermakerslocal169.com](http://www.boilermakerslocal169.com) – for more information.

**Save the dates:** Area 1 Annual Picnic will be

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(888) 880-8222 and ask for membership assistance Monday – Friday 8 am – 8 pm. These services were established and are intended to help get us through difficult life situations.

**FACEBOOK.** "Like" Local 2 on Facebook "Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Union, Local 2 of Michigan."

**E-MAIL ADDRESS.** Local #2 wants to use every means possible to communicate with you. Sometimes we have time sensitive information (such as job openings, picket lines, funeral arrangements and other such communications) that would be most efficiently done via e-mail. Please submit your address by sending an e-mail to [information@bricklayers.org](mailto:information@bricklayers.org) and in the subject line place "Local #2 e-mail address" then type your name, phone number and e-mail address in the body of the communication. We appreciate your time and effort in helping us accomplish this task.

**BAC 2 MI TEXTING PROGRAM:** We have been communicating by text message more frequently with our membership lately. We encourage our members to sign up to receive our text messages by

- texting **2MI** to **877877**
- You'll receive a confirmation text asking for your member number (IU#)
- Respond with your six-digit IU number and you will receive Local 2 Text Messages going forward!

#### PENSION AND HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION

BAC of Michigan Health & Welfare Fund – (248) 828-6000  
Michigan BAC Pension Fund (Outstate) – (800) 531-2244  
Metro Detroit Bricklayers Pension & Vacation Fund – (248) 813-9800

Cement Pension & Holiday Funds – (248) 645-6550  
CALL-A-DOC – (800) 835-2362  
International Pension/Annuity Fund – (888) 880-8222 or (202) 638-1996 ([bacbenefits.org](http://bacbenefits.org))

*"Don't fall before you're pushed."*  
– English Proverb

**July 23** at Camp Dearborn, 1700 General Motors Drive, Milford, MI 48380. Starts at noon. Please bring a side dish to share, all meat will be provided.

**Area 3 Annual Picnic** will be **August 27** at Lake of Dreams Campground, 1000 South Fenmore Road, Merrill, MI 48637

**Labor Day:** This year's Labor Day Parade is currently scheduled to take place on **Sept. 5, 2022**. Further information to follow

**Retirees:** Retiree luncheons have resumed. The **Area 1** Retiree luncheon is held on the first Wednesday of every month at 11:00 am at the Brown Derby Bar, 10661 West Jefferson, River Rouge, MI.

**Area 2** Retirees are holding luncheons on the first Thursday of every month at 11 am at Whitlow's Forerunner Restaurant located at 4610 Airline Rd, Muskegon MI. All retirees and members from all areas are welcome to attend.

**Area 3** retirees' lunches are on the third Wednesday of every month. Next luncheon is **July 20** at 11 am. the luncheon will be at the 702 Bar located at 702 Jefferson Avenue, Midland, MI 48640

The **Area 4** retirees' lunches are on the first Tuesday of the month at 11 am in Rapid River at Jacks Restaurant 7898 S. Main Street, Rapid River, MI. Area 4 retirees also meet in Marquette on the second Tuesday of the month at 11 am at Crossroads Bar on the corner of County Rd 553 and County Road 480.

Hoodies have been restocked and are available in sizes ranging from medium through 3XL. Cost is \$40.00. Payments can be made with cash, check, or credit. If you live out of the area and would like to order one, please call the hall. Additional shipping charges will be added. Baseball caps are also available. Varsity jackets are available by special order. Please contact the Union Hall for details.

Our two-week apprenticeship training session will be this August. The Commonarc test will follow. Apprentices should plan accordingly. Apprentices will be notified of times and dates.

CommonArc testing will be taking place this year on August 15-August 17, 2022, at the union hall. Any journeyman interested in testing should contact B&G Processing at 586-477-1562

Due to continued demand, the Boilermakers Local 169 Welding Committee will be holding a stainless steel and Inconel weld certification test with B&G Processing. All carbon steel, certified tube welders are encouraged to participate. Boilermaker signatory contractors are seeing an increased demand for these welding skills as we continue working in emerging industries.

As our industry changes, we must continue to develop the skills that make us the best choice for our owners and contractors, just as we have done for over 125 years. Further details will be forthcoming.

*"We live in a society exquisitely dependent on science and technology, in which hardly anyone knows anything about science and technology."*  
–Carl Sagan (1934 - 1996)

*"How beggarly appear arguments before a defiant deed!"*  
–Walt Whitman (1819 - 1892)



## Local 514 Cement Masons & Plasterers

### Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons Local 514

**DETROIT** – The next membership meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. We will practice social distancing for everybody's safety. Come and fellowship with your brothers and sisters.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the retirees that you all are safe and well.

#### Membership gold cards- Congratulations!

Joseph Damron-25 Years  
James Miller-25 Years  
Jose Salinas-25 Years

Please activate your Blue Cross Blue Shield account. To activate your Blue Cross member account online go to [bcbsm.com/register](http://bcbsm.com/register) and select register now.

It is important for all members to keep the Local updated on addresses, email and phone numbers. If you need to change an address or add an email and phone number, please call the Local at (248) 548-0800.

Lawrence Nemeth is the Apprenticeship Coordinator; he can be reached at (313) 350-0389.

Attention all Apprentices now you will need to go to the website: [www.micementplasterertraining.com](http://www.micementplasterertraining.com) to enter your work hours. When you get to the website click the link "About" and then click on "Apprentice monthly work form instructions." You will be able to put in your hours so Larry can keep track for your raises. Any questions please feel free to contact Larry with any questions you might have.

If you are a Military Veteran, please contact the Local so we can update our records. Please call (248) 548-0800.

The Local's website is: [www.opcmiami.org](http://www.opcmiami.org).

Please refer to website for updated information.

OPCMIA Local 514 has a satellite office in Flint, Michigan. We welcome Member and Contractors in the Flint area to handle their business transactions at: 2630 Grand Traverse, Flint, MI 48503. Appointments may be made by contacting Business Agent Mike Stanfield at (517) 719-2316, or Business Manager Henry Williams at (313) 215-5063.

Members working for non-signatory commercial contractors are having a negative impact on our market share. The work forecast this year looks better

than last. Members working non-union will be brought up on charges and fines will be enforced. Let's work together to secure our future!!

We must stay vigilant in our effort to promote our trade. If you are working in a crew of 5 or more an Apprentice must be on the crew. Help out! Call the Local at (248) 548-0800. Training is the key to our future!

Please make sure your modules and drug test are up to date, there are some plant jobs that do require the MUST modules. You can go online at: [www.must-online.org](http://www.must-online.org) Call the Local if you need a drug form sent out.

Please make sure that we have all of your current contact information, address and phone number so we can keep the fund offices updated for your health care and pension and also if you are having your vacation checks mailed out. If you have moved, please contact the Local and we will change your addresses with all of the fund offices.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PLASTERERS AND DETROIT COMMERCIAL CEMENT MASONS:

You can track your annuity fund status at the Wells Fargo website. You may do so by logging on to: [www.retirement.wellsfargo.com](http://www.retirement.wellsfargo.com) or call (866) 640-5138, you can also call the fund office at (248) 645-6550 with any related questions.

**PLASTERERS AND CEMENT MASONS** It is your responsibility to fill out reciprocity forms if you plan on working out of the Local 514 area. This will ensure that your hours are sent back to your home fund. If you have any questions, or need any forms, please contact the Local. Please make sure your beneficiary information is up to date. Any changes to your beneficiaries can be made at the Local.

If you have questions concerning your pension benefits, **ROAD BUILDERS** can call: Toll Free at 1-877-876-9357 or (517) 321-7502. **PLASTERERS' AND COMMERCIAL CEMENT MASONS** can call: (248) 645-6550 for pension and annuity, and Toll Free 1-877-876-9357.

All **Plasterers and Cement Masons** can contact (517) 321-7502 for health & welfare information now through Outstate Michigan Trowel Trades Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan. **For the INTERNATIONAL PENSION** Call 1-888-880-8222

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Outdoors

Rails to trails connect Michigan

By Dan Spiegel  
Heritage Trail Coordinator,  
Michigan Department of  
Natural Resources



With more than 13,000 miles of state-designated trails that provide access for everyone to enjoy the great outdoors, Michigan is becoming known nationally as the "Trails State."

Many of these trails are built on abandoned railroad corridors. These popular and safe pathways are fondly known as "rail-trails," and Michigan has more miles of them than any other state.

Rail-trails tend to be long, linear trails that connect communities. They also have a fundamental connection to the past. Beginning in the mid-19th century, railroads were built through Michigan's interior, creating a conduit for settlement and development.

Many of Michigan's towns and cities, some of which are now gone, were established along these rail lines. This historical connection makes Michigan rail trails a great place to discover our state's early history.

This year, people enjoying the Mike Levine Lakelands Trail State Park, a 34-mile rail trail in Livingston, Ingham and Jackson counties, will discover stories ranging from muck farmers growing onions to World War II German prisoners of war.

In November 2021, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Heritage Trail Program installed 11 signs interpreting the natural and cultural history along the trail. This year, a 12th interpretive sign will be added once the trail is extended 3.7 miles to Blackman Township near the city of Jackson.

The Mike Levine Lakelands Trail is popular with locals and visitors looking to stretch their legs, ride a bike or simply enjoy the outdoors.

"While many areas of the trail are rural, they attract a huge variety of hikers, bikers and equestrians," Nick Van Bloem, Michigan Department of Natural Resources trails specialist for southeast Michigan said. "The variety of uses means it's a great place to teach children how to ride a bike, train for a marathon, or ride your horse from your farm to the trails in Pinckney Recreation Area."

The Lakelands Trail is also a



AN INTERPRETIVE SIGN about seasonal farm labor, located along the Mike Levine Lakelands Trail near Stockbridge in Ingham County. MDNR photos

backbone for trail connectivity in southern Michigan.

"The original trail has been expanded both east and west and will be the centerpiece for connections encompassing Jackson, Ingham, Livingston, and Oakland counties," Van Bloem said. "It's also a desired connection point as local municipalities add more regional trails."

One ambitious project connecting trails is the Great Lake to Lake Trail Route No. 1. The 275-mile route unites individual local and regional trails from South Haven to Port Huron and includes the Mike Levine Lakelands Trail.

The trail's namesake is local philanthropist Mike Levine. A longtime user and supporter of Lakelands Trail State Park, Levine generously provided the means to finish trail extensions and improvements. His support for trails also includes other segments of the Great Lake to Lake Trail Route No. 1.

"Mike set a goal to ride his bike across the state on this trail. Being the type of person who strives to solve problems, he combined his persuasive and philanthropic traits to assist multiple communities along the

route," Van Bloem said. "The Mike Levine Lakeland Trail State Park now bears his name in recognition of his longstanding efforts."

Since 2015, the DNR's Michigan History Center has helped dozens of communities across the state identify and share their history through its Heritage Trail Program.

The addition of heritage interpretation enhances the trail experience by strengthening the connection between people and the place. It provides context and shares the stories that make a location special. It also makes the trail more appealing to people who value culture, and it creates new economic opportunities as it encourages people to explore the towns along the trail.

The Heritage Trail Program held the first Lakeland Trail community meeting for the interpretive sign project in December 2018, at the Hamburg Township Hall. Thanks to a grant from Levine, Josh Kaminski – then a graduate student in Eastern Michigan University's Historic Preservation Program – worked on the project for two years, researching, gathering images and

writing text for the signs.

"What I found to be most memorable was the amount of support and dedication that the community gave towards planning this," Kaminski said. "People stepped forward with excitement and were eager to share their stories. That level of care is inspiring."

The Mike Levine Lakelands Trail is not the first trail in Michigan to embrace history.

The Iron Ore Heritage Trail

in Marquette County opened in 2008. Now 47 miles long, it connects communities forged in the heyday of Michigan iron mining. It provides dozens of interpretive signs, artifacts and artwork to share their story.

The Iron Ore Heritage Trail's impact on the region inspired the DNR to create the Heritage Trail Program.

Michigan's first rail-trail, the Haywire Grade, is also in the Upper Peninsula. To celebrate the Haywire's 50th anniversary in 2020, the Heritage Trail Program partnered with the Manistique area community to create and install 11 customized interpretive kiosks and 34 mile-markers.

Another notable example is Kal-Haven Trail State Park. Opened to the public in 1989, the trail runs 34 miles between Kalamazoo and South Haven on a railroad corridor built in 1870.

In 2015, the Michigan History Center selected Kal-Haven to be the pilot project for the new Heritage Trail Program. This led to a three-year collaborative effort with the local community to identify and interpret the history along the trail.

The 2019 result was 31 interpretive signs, a mobile app designed for increased accessibility and a multi-sensory display.

"Ever since the installation of the Heritage Project on the Kal-

Haven Trail, our guests will almost always comment on the panels they've seen along the way by saying, as we had hoped, 'I had no idea this was here before,'" said Jeff Green, chairman of the Friends of the Kal-Haven Trail.

"Once the project was installed, we had an uptick in traffic to our Facebook and web pages," Green said. "We have also noticed a definitive increase in visitor traffic. Rarely does a busy day on the trail go by that we don't see guests stopping to read the heritage panels."

Back on the Mike Levine Lakelands Trail, the new interpretive signs share the history of the land and the stories of people who once lived there. Trail users will cross over the Huron River, where they can learn about how it formed and the important role it played in the life of the Potawatomi.

Trail users will also get a glimpse of what life was like 140 years ago in communities including Stockbridge, Gregory, Hamburg and Munith. They will discover remnants of the railroad era and learn how it transformed the area in the 1880s.

Other stories told along the Lakelands Trail include those of novelist Mary Clavers, photographer Daisie Chapel, seasonal farm laborers and the Jackson prison.

The 12 new signs are in addition to five that the Motor Cities National Heritage Area had previously installed on the eastern section of the trail. With 17 interpreted historic stops, the trail is an outdoor recreation and cultural destination for all to enjoy.



AN INTERPRETIVE SIGN at the old Roots Station site along the Mike Levine Lakelands Trail in Leoni Twp. in Jackson County.

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