

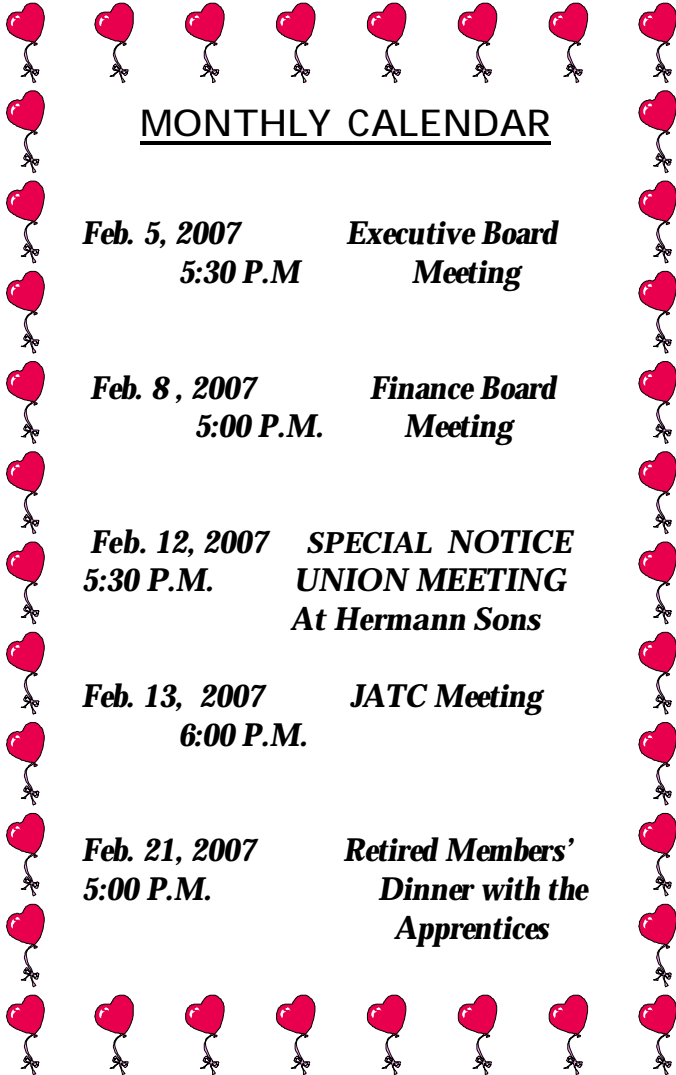


PLUMBERS AND PIPEFITTERS LOCAL 142



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MONTHLY CALENDAR

Feb. 5, 2007 **Executive Board Meeting**
5:30 P.M.

Feb. 8, 2007 **Finance Board Meeting**
5:00 P.M.

Feb. 12, 2007 **SPECIAL NOTICE UNION MEETING**
5:30 P.M. **At Hermann Sons**

Feb. 13, 2007 **JATC Meeting**
6:00 P.M.

Feb. 21, 2007 **Retired Members' Dinner with the Apprentices**
5:00 P.M.



SPECIAL NOTICE MEETING

The February 12th union meeting will be Special Notice to hold nominations for an open seat on the Pension Board.

Section 14 of the by-laws states that nominations be open to all members in good standing for a period of three years.

We will have a regular union meeting on March 12th.

Following the meeting will be a Special Election meeting to elect a member to the Pension Board.



PLEASE CALL MISSED MEETING EXCUSES IN TO JENNIFER AT 226-1244 EXT. 12
If you leave a message, please state your name, what company you work for, the job you're working on, and the REASON you will have to miss the meeting. A valid reason must be given in order to request an excuse.

RETIRED MEMBERS' CLUB

The January dinner with the apprentices was cancelled due to the icy weather conditions .

It has been rescheduled for Wednesday February 21st at 5:00 p.m. An Italian dinner will be provided.

As always, all retirees are welcome to join us.



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TRAINING COORDINATOR

****Please call the Apprenticeship School to sign up for a class.
226-2661**

The class schedule for continuing education for 2006-2007 is as follows:

<u>PLUMBING</u>	<u>HVAC</u>
Feb. 17, 2006	Feb. 19, 2007
Mar. 17, 2007	May 19, 2007
Apr. 21, 2007	Aug. 18, 2007
May 19, 2007	
June 16, 2007	

We have scheduled a med gas certification class beginning Wednesday, January 10, 2007. Cost is \$110.



2007 IRS MILEAGE RATE CHANGE

Be advised that the new mileage rate for all business miles is 48.5 cents per mile.

HEADS BOWED

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Brother member *Juan Barrios* who passed away in December.

ZENITH NEWS

To log onto the Zenith website to check eligibility or pension information go to www.zenithadm.com

The user name is your last name and the password will be your social security number without the dashes. To contact Zenith concerning your hour bank, pension, or any other general questions please call:

1-866-777-0142

Blanca—ext. 11-1235

Katie (pension)—ext. 11-1228

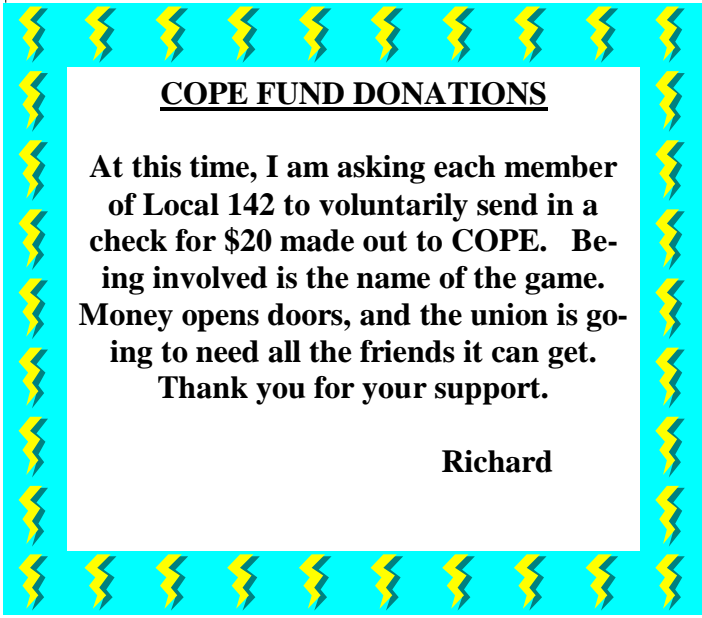
Carol (hour bank)—ext. 11-1239

All claims should be mailed to Zenith at the Houston address:

Zenith Administrators
P.O. Box 721941
Houston, TX 77272

If you have questions, please call Blanca at 1-866-777-0142 ext. 11 1235. This is also the number for your doctors to confirm eligibility.

If you have problems, you can also call Teri at the union hall at 226-1244 ext. 11.



COPE FUND DONATIONS

At this time, I am asking each member of Local 142 to voluntarily send in a check for \$20 made out to COPE. Being involved is the name of the game. Money opens doors, and the union is going to need all the friends it can get. Thank you for your support.

Richard



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FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

Please remember that as of January 1st all dues were increased by \$1.00 by the U/A. This increase was across the board for everyone.

You can call Teri at the union hall office if you have any question of what your new dues amount has changed to.
226-1244 ext. 11

Also remember that if your dues are not paid by the night of the union meeting, you will be considered delinquent.

ATTENTION

Stegemueller, Jett, & Co. recently sent out confirmation letters for the Health & Welfare/Pension to part of the membership. There are quite a few that still have not been returned, and the audit cannot be completed until all confirmations are sent back in. If you haven't done so already, please send yours back in as soon as possible.

If you've misplaced your request, please contact Teri at the union hall office to have another one mailed to you.

CREDIT UNION NEWS

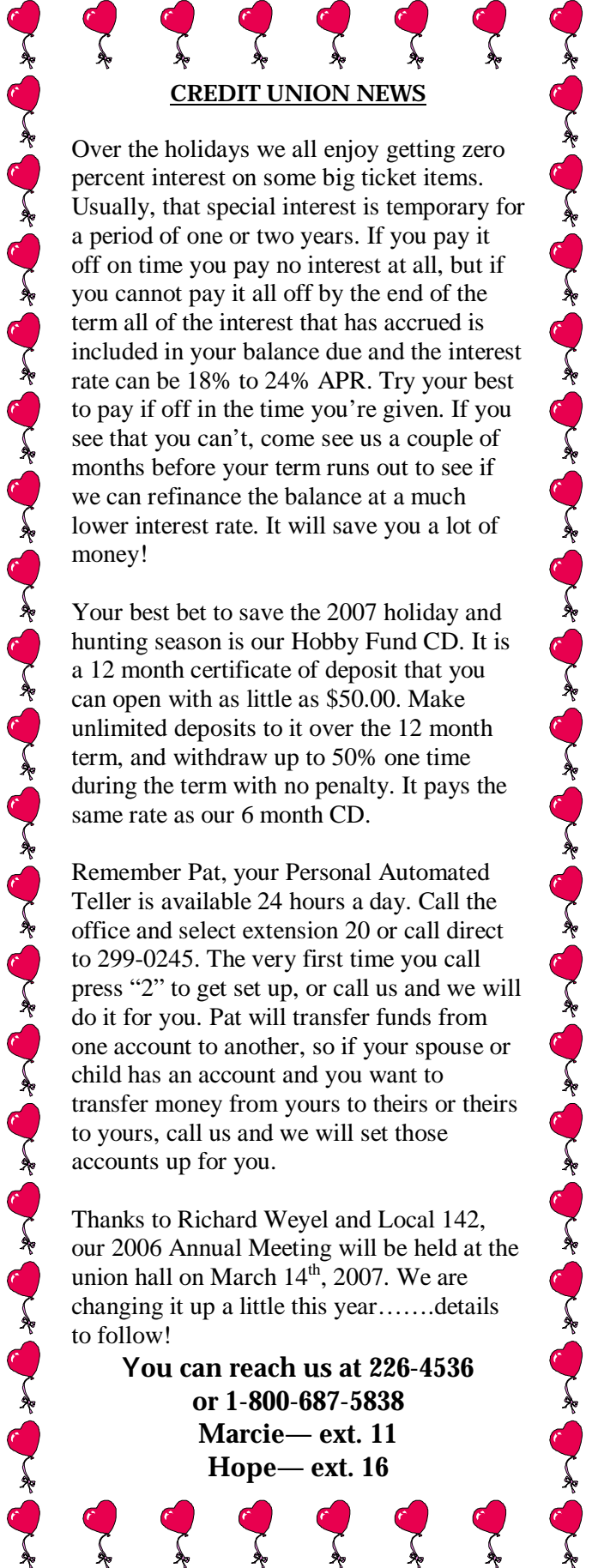
Over the holidays we all enjoy getting zero percent interest on some big ticket items. Usually, that special interest is temporary for a period of one or two years. If you pay it off on time you pay no interest at all, but if you cannot pay it all off by the end of the term all of the interest that has accrued is included in your balance due and the interest rate can be 18% to 24% APR. Try your best to pay it off in the time you're given. If you see that you can't, come see us a couple of months before your term runs out to see if we can refinance the balance at a much lower interest rate. It will save you a lot of money!

Your best bet to save the 2007 holiday and hunting season is our Hobby Fund CD. It is a 12 month certificate of deposit that you can open with as little as \$50.00. Make unlimited deposits to it over the 12 month term, and withdraw up to 50% one time during the term with no penalty. It pays the same rate as our 6 month CD.

Remember Pat, your Personal Automated Teller is available 24 hours a day. Call the office and select extension 20 or call direct to 299-0245. The very first time you call press "2" to get set up, or call us and we will do it for you. Pat will transfer funds from one account to another, so if your spouse or child has an account and you want to transfer money from yours to theirs or theirs to yours, call us and we will set those accounts up for you.

Thanks to Richard Weyel and Local 142, our 2006 Annual Meeting will be held at the union hall on March 14th, 2007. We are changing it up a little this year.....details to follow!

**You can reach us at 226-4536
or 1-800-687-5838
Marcie— ext. 11
Hope— ext. 16**





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BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Work outlook:

At the time of this report, things are still very slow. Contractors say that the work is coming, and I hope that they're right. In the meantime, Local 286 in Austin has been very helpful by working our brothers.

We are still having a hard time getting in touch with some of you brothers and do not have good phone numbers or correct addresses for a lot of you. Please remember to contact us with any updates to your numbers and addresses. If you have a cell phone, please update that with us as well. This would also be a good time to make sure that your beneficiary card is updated at the hall.

This year our contract is up for renewal. Your negotiating committee will soon be meeting and will need your suggestions for the new contract. Please write your ideas and wishes down and drop them off at the hall. This will be a tough contract, so we'll need all of the members' input.

I will be out of the area on February 9th at a Business Manager's meeting in Houston. It will only be for one day, so no one will be sitting in for me. As always, however, I can be reached by cell phone.

ON DUES—Brothers, according to our Constitution and By-laws it's every member's duty to pay their dues on time. The Local allows members ninety days to pay dues. When you go over the ninety days, you are delinquent and suspended from all benefits, rights, and privileges. To be reinstated, a member then has to pay all back dues plus a \$75.00 reinstatement fee. If a member goes over six months without paying dues, they are dropped from the U/A. To get back in the union after being dropped, a person has to go before the E-Board to request to be re-initiated. Re-initiation fees can be up to \$1,200.00 plus all back dues that you owe. Remember, a union contractor cannot work a non-union employee. What it boils down to is, if you are dropped from the U/A then you can lose your job.

Our Financial Secretary-Treasurer Greg Tabor does a great job trying to reach members by phone before they go delinquent, but remember—**it is your responsibility and obligation to pay your dues on time.**

Thank you.

~~Richard

Union Hall E-mail

Remember, you can e-mail any of us at the union hall office with changes of address, new phone numbers, general inquiries, or to check on your dues.

Richard: rweyel@local142.org

Teri: terih@local142.org

Jennifer: jfloyd@local142.org

For apprenticeship questions or to schedule a continuing education or med gas class:

Eddie: emoran@local142.org

Jeanelle: jtabor@local142.org

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DID YOU KNOW...

The newsletter is posted each month on the Local 142 website.

www.local142.org

To apply for unemployment benefits, you may call the Texas Workforce Commission at 258-6600.

CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Contract negotiations will begin in the spring. If you have any thoughts or suggestions for the committee to review, please send them to Richard at the union hall office.

401 K INFO

To access your 401K information the website for MetLife is: www.retirelink.metlife.com

The user name is your social security number and the PIN is the last four of your social.

When you log on for the first time, you will have to create a new PIN.



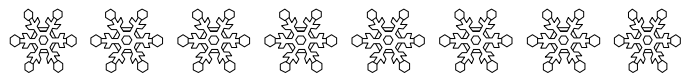
NOTICE

Please remember to update the union hall office when you have a change of address or a new phone number.

We have been experiencing some difficulty reaching members by phone when we have a job to offer or information about your dues.

We also have receipts and other items we've mailed out returned to us because of incorrect addresses.

It's also important that you update your information with the credit union and with the Zenith office as well.



U/A Website

Be advised that the U/A has changed the way members are able to access the "members only" area of the site.

You will no longer need to get a password from the local. Now you'll use your U/A card number and choose your own password to gain access.

<http://uanet.org>

