



PLUMBERS AND PIPEFITTERS LOCAL 142

Issue 63

September 2006

MONTHLY CALENDAR

Sept. 6, 2006 **Executive Board Meeting**
5:30 P.M.

Sept. 7, 2006 **Finance Board Meeting**
6:00 P.M.

Sept. 11, 2006 **Regular Union Meeting**
5:30 P.M. **At Hermann Sons**

Sept. 12, 2006 **JATC Meeting**
6:00 P.M.

Sept. 20, 2006 **Retired Member's Luncheon**
12 Noon

PLEASE CALL MISSED MEETING
EXCUSES IN TO JENNIFER AT
226-1244
EXT. 12

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

RETIRED MEMBER'S CLUB

September's meal has not yet
been decided on but will be
furnished by Eddie Moran.

All retired members are
welcome to join us.

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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TRAINING COORDINATOR

Begin preparation early to meet your license renewal requirements.

**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:

Sept. 16, 2006

Oct. 21, 2006

Nov. 18, 2006

no class for Dec.

Jan. 20, 2007

Feb. 17, 2006

Mar. 17, 2007

Apr. 21, 2007

May 19, 2007

June 16, 2007

**** APPRENTICESHIP
OFFICE **
226-2661**

ZENITH

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

PENSION

Please remember to inform Zenith anytime you have a change of address. Zenith will always send out a confirmation letter to the pensioners when their checks have been wired to the bank. If the confirmation letter is returned due to an incorrect address, the wire transfer will be stopped until Zenith obtains a current address.



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FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

I know that there are many of us out of work right now and the local will pay our dues, but you must be current on all previous months' dues and assessments before the E-Board can grant your out of work dues to be paid.

It is the member's responsibility to check with the hall and to pay all assessments before requesting to have your dues paid.

~Greg

HEADS BOWED

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of the following brother members who passed away last month:

Frank Marbach Aug. 2, 2006

Charles Macken Aug. 2, 2006

Insurance Claims Info

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.

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>

CREDIT UNION NEWS

Local 142 Federal Credit Union MasterCard

- 9% APR
- No Annual Fee
- 20 day grace period
- Minimum payment 3% of the balance.

o Example: \$5000 x 3% = \$150 minimum payment

Example: \$1000 x 3% = \$30 minimum payment

If you took advantage of a 0% interest card and now owe a balance at a higher interest rate see if we can help be transferring the balance to our card.

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.

You can reach us at 226-4536 or
1-800-687-5838



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BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Plumbers out of work:
Plumbers put to work:
Pipefitters out of work:
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Work outlook: As of this writing, things are still slow. I met with representatives from Zachry, but there is nothing at this time. I'm waiting to hear about the start of a hotel downtown and some other work. Call me if you'd like to go on the road.

The Apprenticeship School starts September 5th and all apprentices must attend the first four nights of school. **NO ONE WILL BE EXCUSED FOR ANY REASON.**

The office will be closed September 4th for Labor Day as this is an official holiday for us all. If you work on that day, it is double time pay.

The August regular union meeting was cancelled due to the lack of a quorum. Union meetings are too important to not have. I guess I can take not having a quorum as a compliment to the way the union is being run. But in order to keep me from getting a fat head, or in my case a fatter head, please come to the union meetings. The membership decides how the union is run, so please attend these meetings so you will have a part in running the union. The meetings are on the second Monday of each month and begin at 5:30 p.m. If we have no quorum by 5:35 p.m., the meeting has to be cancelled according to the rules.

Please come and be on time.

Welders and those who would like to become welders should consider going to Austin on the third Saturday of the month to take the U/A certification test for welding. To travel around the country, other locals are asking for U/A certifications for welders. Austin's Local #286 charges a \$50 deposit to sign up for the test, and once you show up to take it you are refunded your \$50. Please consider getting your U/A certifications.

Plumbers, we are going to need plenty of med gas certified plumbers in the future. With all the hospital work coming up, there will be a demand for those with med gas certs. Contact Eddie in the apprenticeship office to sign up for upcoming med gas classes. If you have already taken the class, please follow through and go to Austin to take the test. Med gas plumbers are in short supply and we need more! Please help us out!

Have a safe and happy Labor Day. This is our holiday. Remember all the people who before us fought and gave so we can have the good life that we have now. Remember to vote in the upcoming election. Make sure you and your family members are registered to vote. Your vote is the most powerful thing you have.

~~Richard

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U/A Scholarships

The United Association is offering scholarship opportunities! Eligibility will be limited to graduating high school seniors and college undergraduates. All children of U/A members who are in good standing with the union are eligible.

Completed applications must be mailed to the Scholarship Fund address (found on the application) and postmarked no later than October 15, 2006.

Applications are available at the union office, or you may call the hall to have one mailed to you.

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 that when you go out on a “short job” and you work 15 days or less, you will not lose your place on the eligibility list. This means that you ***do not*** have to come to the union hall to sign in again if you were on a short job.

You ***DO*** need to let us know the date you were laid off from that job so we can mark you as available on the out of work list. Remember, once you are sent out, unless you communicate with the hall—we assume you are still working.

The same rule applies for those of you who are picking up your travel cards to look for work out of town. When you are sent out by another local, please let us know where you are working and what date you started work so we can put it in our system.



UNION MEETINGS

Brothers & Sisters,

The August union meeting was cancelled because we didn't have a quorum. By our rules, the meeting starts at 5:30 p.m., and if we do not have a quorum by 5:35 p.m. the meeting must be cancelled. Whether a union is good or bad, it is the will of the members as to which way the union will go. The Brotherhood needs each member to voice their opinion and vote their needs. All members need to come to the meetings to learn what's happening to your local first hand. It's your union and your money. Come to the meetings so you can have a hand in running your union.

**Fraternally,
Murry Hughey
Local 142 President**

Section 9 of the by-laws states: The regular meeting of this association shall be held on the second Monday of each month. Meetings shall be called to order at 5:30 p.m. and attendance cards issued to each member until 6:00 p.m. and collected upon adjournment. Special meetings may be called by the President upon written application of the Executive Board or fifty (50) members in good standing. Fifty (50) members shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting and it shall be the duty of every member to attend it. The Secretary-Treasurer shall notify all members in writing of the time and place of such special meetings.

Local #142 Elected Officers

President: Murry Hughey

Vice President: Gerald Potter

Business Manager: Richard Weyel

Financial Sec. Treasurer: Greg Tabor

Recording Secretary: Steve Zimmermann

Inside Guard: Kevin Bryant

Finance Board: Doug Begole, Marty Ceballos, Jerry Truss

Executive Board: Dale Hoff, Dickie Miers, Mark Peterson, Mark Potter

Plumbing Exam Board: Lupe Castillo, Robert Menchaca, Vincent Trevino

Pipefitting Exam Board: Bert Gonzales, Jerry Ross, Eric Rice

A/C Exam Board: Doug Hoegenauer, Tom Petsch, Larry Randolph

Hiring Hall Committee: Doug Begole, Bert Gonzales, Doug Kasper, Maggie Shelton

H&W Trustees: Gerald Potter, Greg Tabor

Pension Trustees: Victor Keller, Gerald Potter

AFL-CIO Delegates: Murry Hughey, Mark Peterson

SA Building Trades Council: Robert Menchaca, Clyde Stern

