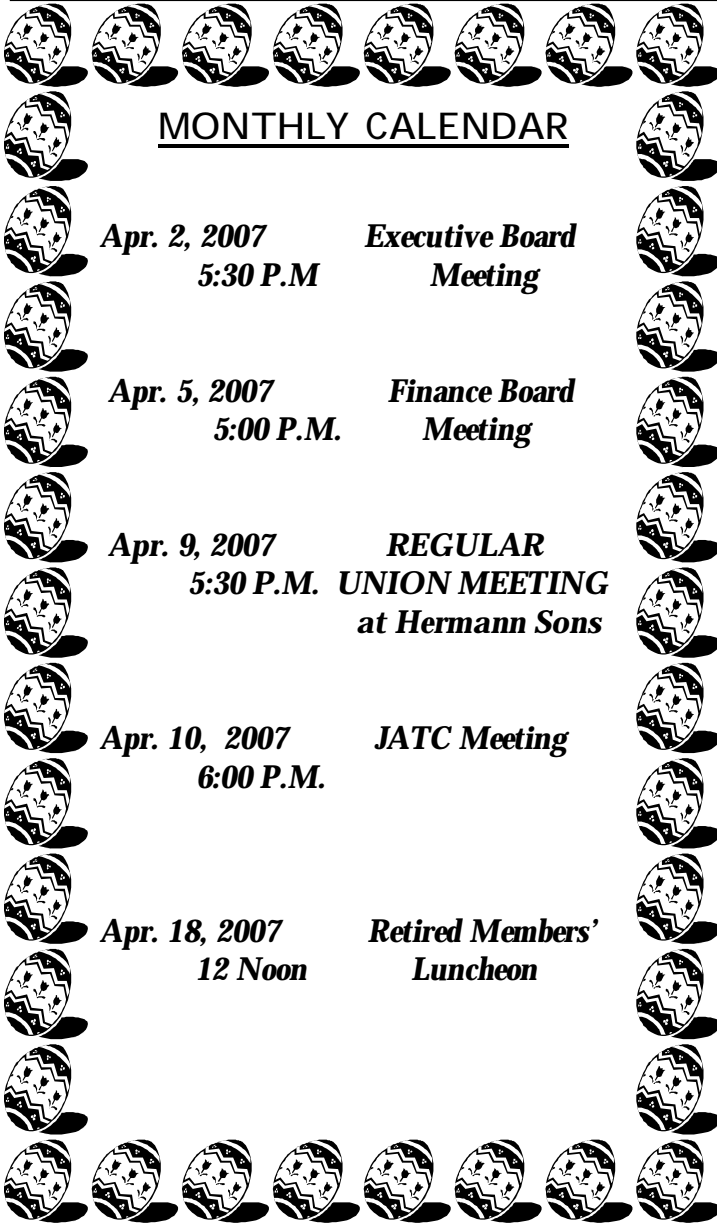




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MONTHLY CALENDAR

Apr. 2, 2007 **Executive Board Meeting**
5:30 P.M.

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

Apr. 9, 2007 **REGULAR UNION MEETING**
5:30 P.M. **at Hermann Sons**

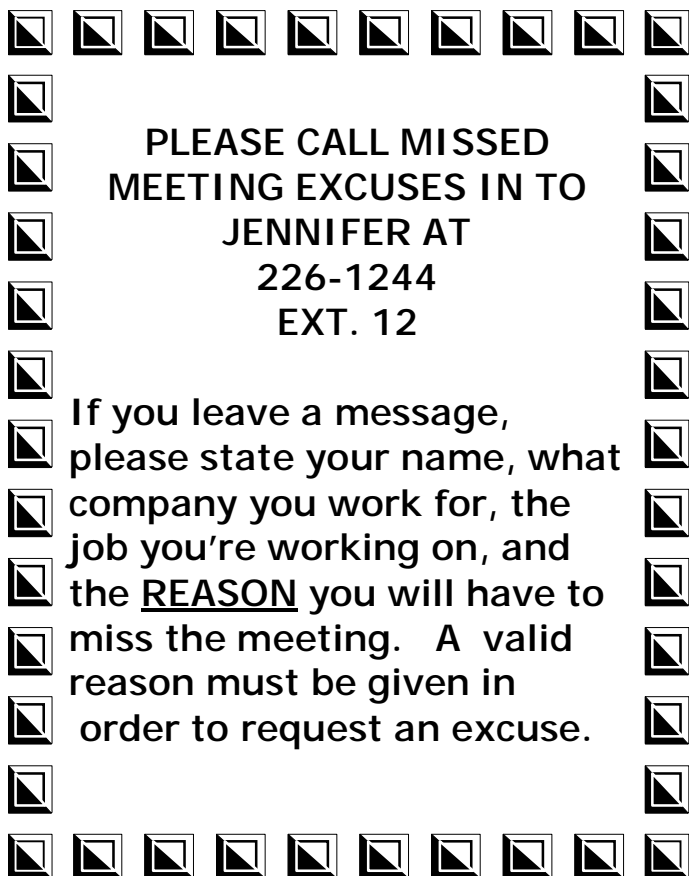
Apr. 10, 2007 **JATC Meeting**
6:00 P.M.

Apr. 18, 2007 **Retired Members' Luncheon**
12 Noon

UAPP 142 Health & Welfare Fund Benefit Modifications

Please note: At the Health & Welfare Committee meeting on March 6, 2007, it was reported to the committee by John Gandy of Segal Company that some changes needed to be made to the Health & Welfare plan. The committee had hoped to wait until July 2007, but unfortunately, the modifications cannot wait. Effective April 1, 2007, the modification to the plan will be as follows:

	Revised	Current
Lifetime Maximum	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Calendar year deductible	\$200	\$200
In patient hospital deductible	\$200	\$100
Accident benefit 100%	\$250	\$500
PPO reimbursement	80%	90%
Non-PPO reimbursement	60%	75%
Out of pocket limit	\$4,150	\$4,150



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

Thank you to Tino Zatarain & his wife for providing last month's sausage dinner. Everything was delicious. The next retiree dinner is set for Wednesday, April 18th at noon. The meal will be furnished by Robert Cermin & will be catered by Grady's. 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>
Apr. 21, 2007	May 19, 2007
May 19, 2007	Aug. 18, 2007
June 16, 2007	

Apprentice interviews will be April 17-19, 2007. If you wish to submit a letter of recommendation, we need them here by March 30, 2007.

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.

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

Stork Report

Congratulations to Michael Crow and his wife on the birth of their first daughter **Catelyn Marie**, born March 8, 2007. Baby Catelyn weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz & was 19 3/4 in. long.

We wish you all the best!



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FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

This year is a very important year as our current contract with the MCA expires June 30, 2007. It is very important that all members stay current on union dues—your voting eligibility depends on it.

Over the past few months, I've noticed that the delinquent notification list has gotten longer. Every month, notices are sent out in the mail to members who are about to go delinquent, and every month we have 15 to 30 members go delinquent. **DO NOT LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE BY GOING DELINQUENT.** This is your money that we'll be voting on in the future.

Dues payments are your responsibility to pay and there are several ways to make these payments. Payments can be mailed, dropped off in the night deposit box, made at the union meeting, or through the credit union. If you choose to make your payment through the credit union, you must fill out a payment release form at the credit union or at the union hall.

There are also several members who owe monies to the market recovery fund. I have made several attempts to make collections by mail and requests to appear before the E-Board. If you owe market recovery monies and you are not making substantial attempts toward making payments, you may have charges filed against you. Please make market recovery payments when notices are sent to you in the mail.

~Greg

CREDIT UNION NEWS

If you missed the Annual Meeting you missed good food and prizes. The Hall has agreed to host it again next year and we hope to see you then. The Directors for 2007 are:

- Tim McGrath-Local 67, Chairman
- Tracy Gillis- Local 87, Vice-Chairman
- Marcia Burleson-credit union, Secretary
- Richard Weyel-Local 142, Director
- Tom Potter-Local 142, Director
- Greg Tabor-Local 142, Director
- Walter Dill-Local 142, Director
- Mark Potter-Local 142, Director
- John Garza-Local 67, Director

Open a Hobby Fund CD in 2007 for the holiday and hunting season. 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.

Our MasterCard is a low 9% APR with simple interest. That means you only pay the interest that is due on the balance on your account since your last payment. There's been a lot of talk in the news about funny ways credit cards charge interest. But not us! We charge simple interest, we always have, and we always will! Looking for a car? Call us to see if we can meet or beat any deal you can get anywhere else.

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.

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. Hopefully, by spring or early summer work should pick up. There has been no word yet on Toyota. We will soon have a need for welders with U/A certs as well as med gas plumbers.

Please note the modifications to the Health & Welfare plan on page one of this newsletter. If you have any questions about the changes, please contact Teri at the union hall at 226-1244 ext. 11.

On April 1st, a letter will be sent out to the MCA from Local 142 requesting to open negotiations for a new contract effective July 1, 2007. Your negotiating committee has already met a couple of times to discuss what Local 142 will be asking for. If you have a suggestion, please let your committee know soon.

During the month of April, the union hall will be closed half a day on Friday, April 6 and closed all day on April 27th. I will be at an all day meeting April 10th with the Southwest Texas Pipe Trades and Texas MCA. I'll also be in the apprentice interviews on April 17, 18, & 19. The week of April 23-27, I will be out of town for the Southwest Texas Pipe Trades meeting. The E-Board will appoint an elected officer to represent the union in my absence.

As always, I can be reached on my cell phone at (210)872-6603.

~~Richard

DID YOU KNOW...

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

www.local142.org

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 * union hall office with changes of *
 * address, new phone numbers, general *
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