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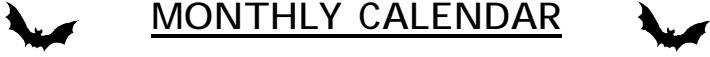


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## MONTHLY CALENDAR



**Oct. 1, 2007**      **Executive Board Meeting**  
5:30 P.M.



**Oct. 4, 2007**      **Finance Board Meeting**  
5:00 P.M.



**Oct. 8, 2007**      **UNION MEETING**  
5:30 P.M.      **at Hermann Sons**



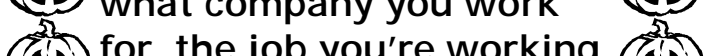
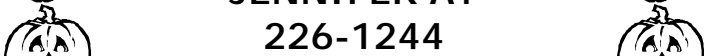
**Oct. 9, 2007**      **JATC Meeting**  
6:00 P.M.



**Oct. 17, 2007**      **Retired Members' Luncheon**  
12 Noon



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.

## Prescription Info

**IF YOU ARE HAVING PROBLEMS WITH YOUR PRESCRIPTIONS, PLEASE CALL NMHC CUSTOMER SERVICE AT 1-866-510-2866.**

## RETIRED MEMBERS' CLUB

The next retiree dinner is set for Wednesday, October 17th at noon.

Also, a big thank you to Martin Tschirhart, Luke John, and Bob Klinksiek for preparing the sausage & sauerkraut last month.

As always, all retirees are welcome to join us.

## DID YOU KNOW...

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

[www.local142.org](http://www.local142.org)



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## TRAINING COORDINATOR

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

### Plumbing Continuing Ed 2007-2008

	Jan. 19
	Feb. 16
Oct. 20	Mar. 15
Nov. 17	Apr. 19
No Dec. class	May 17
	Jun. 19

### HVAC Continuing Ed

Oct. 20, 2007

Jan. 19, 2008

Apr. 19, 2008

July 19, 2008

Oct. 18, 2008

We're going to start a 42 hour med gas certification course Monday, October 15, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. The cost for this class is \$110.00.

For those of you that need med gas continuing education, the first two hours of the 42 hour course is accepted as continuing ed so report to the school at the same time as above. The cost for continuing ed will be \$50.00.

For all of you who are signing apprentice work record cards and are not being truthful about an apprentice's personal characteristics and work habits (on the back) you are only hurting the apprentice, the job, the company, the apprenticeship, and the local. We need honest input to correct bad habits. Please don't be scared to be "the bad guy".

~ ~ Eddie

## ZENITH NEWS

To log onto the Zenith website to check eligibility or pension information go to [www.zenithadm.com](http://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**

Marissa—Insurance ext. 11-1247

Carol (hour bank)—ext. 11-1239

Cindy—Pension Office ext. 11-1226

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

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

If you have questions on your insurance, please call 1-866-777-0142. 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.



## 401K



To access your 401 K information, the website address is:

[www.metlife.gwrs.com](http://www.metlife.gwrs.com)

You will need your SS# and pin #. If you do not have a pin established, you will have to request one and it will be mailed to you.

Great West customer service number is:

**1-877-713-4015**





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## FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

We still have some 2007-2008 membership cards that have not been picked up. At the beginning of the year, it was announced that you could pick your membership card up at the hall, but you had to be current on your dues before we would release it. This still applies.

If you are current on your dues, and have paid your dues by mail, please call Teri and ask that your membership card be sent with your dues receipt. If you come down to the union hall, please ask for your membership cards. I will also have the membership cards available at the next union meeting, but you must be paid through August to receive yours.

The negotiations have been taking longer than usual, and they have taken a toll on our General Fund. We have had to cash in a CD to keep the checking account at an operable level. At the August regular meeting, I asked all members to pay their dues up through July. I once again ask all members to pay dues up through July at the least. As of August 21st, the total outstanding dues and assessments totaled \$97,517.00. If all members would pay through August we would be very close to reaching our cap of \$250,000 and we would be able to take an \$8.00 reduction in our dues.

We all need to do our part in reaching this goal.

**\*\*Dues payments can be made at the union hall office, by mail, dropped off in the drop box at the union hall, or paid on the night of the union meeting.**

## CREDIT UNION NEWS

Catch Our Falling Rates

Just in time for all your holiday shopping, we've lowered our credit card rates!

As a special holiday gift this year, use your Local 142 Federal Credit Union credit card from November 1 - December 31, 2007 and receive a special reduced interest rate of 3.9% on all your purchases until March 2008. Take your Local 142 Federal Credit Union credit card along with your holiday shopping list everywhere you go this year and catch all the savings you can!

All payments will apply to interest, fees, and promotional balances first. Late payments may cause your APR to revert back to the standard purchase rate prior to the end of the promotional period. Cash advances and balance transfers are excluded from the promotional rate. Your APR will revert back to the standard purchase rate disclosed in your credit card agreement at the end of the promotional period. Not all cardholders will qualify for this rate.

Remember Pat, your Personal Automated Teller, extension 20 from the main number or call her direct at 299-0245.

You can reach us at 226-4536  
or 1-800-687-5838  
Marcie— ext. 11  
Hope— ext. 16  
Lisa —ext. 13



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## BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Plumbers OOW: 16  
Plumbers put to work: 15  
Fitters OOW: 24  
Fitters put to work: 28

At the present time, the work outlook is great. Most shops are hiring hands.

Arbitration will begin at 8:00 am on October 9th in San Antonio.

We should know the outcome by the end of that day. Most likely, a special call meeting will be called on the 10th or 11th to report the outcome of the arbitration to the membership. I would like to thank the Negotiating Committee for all the hard work they put in. The committee put up with many issues, but kept their cool and did the best job possible under trying times.

If you're behind on your dues, please try to get caught up to date. The credit union will send your dues in from your vacation fund account if you sign up with them and keep some funds available. Now that times are good, this would be a good time to save some money for bad times. The credit

union is a good place to save money. They have good rates for saving and also for borrowing money. Check out your credit union first.

Greg Tabor and myself will be out of the jurisdiction from October 20-24th. The E-Board will appoint a member to sit in for me.

Richard

### FUNDRAISER

Friends and family of Gilbert Juarez are sponsoring a barbecue plate fundraiser for him on October 20, 2007 from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m.

Plates can be picked up at 15725 Rosa St. located off FM 1937.

If you need directions, please call 627-9536 or 415-0687.

Tickets for Gilbert's fundraiser will also be available at the union hall for \$5.00 each.

Please contact Johnny Perez at 226-1244 ext. 13.

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