

Union Meeting

February 10th

Retiree Meeting

February 15th

IATC Meeting

February 8th

February 2022



UA Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 7 Newsletter

Happy New Year Brothers and Sisters!

As we start 2022, we're pleased to report the Local 7's employment has remained strong. Moving forward, we will be planning for the future of green energy and new technology, as this is imperative for not only survival, but to thrive. With the prospect of Albany's nano college being awarded the National Semiconductor Technology Center for computer chip manufacturing, this will possibly create future opportunities in all industries. As proven by Plug Power's announcement to build a 200,000 square ft. fuel cell assembly plant, located at the Vista Tech campus in Slingerlands, this will create nearly 700 new jobs. As Local 7 continues to bring new training opportunities to all members, we must continue to improve our skillsets to meet the demand of new technology, thus ensuring job security.

Union Dues - Reinstatement and Reinitiating:

It is every members responsibility to stay current with your union dues. Local 7 policy going forward will be strictly by the UA Constitution as shown below:

The order of payment for dues-suspended members to return to good standing has been reversed. Local Unions must collect the \$50 reinstatement fee from such members before their back dues may be accepted. This change is designed to reduce the number of cases where a Local Union collects back dues from a dues-suspended member but neglects to collect the reinstatement fee.

When a member goes suspended for owing over 3 months dues, the General Office will not accept a per capita payment for the member's 4th previously unpaid month unless it is accompanied by the reinstatement fee. As a reminder, a suspended member will not return to good standing until the reinstatement fee and all back dues have been paid.

As of January 1st, 2022, monthly dues for retired members with 40 continuous years of service, will now be \$10.

Apprentice Training:

The Apprentice Training Fund welcomes Omar Rivera and Luke VanAllen to the committee. "I am confident in my decision to appoint Omar and Luke as I believe they both have the qualities and dedication of future leaders. Along with Bryan Lydon, Omar and Luke have a commitment to excellence that is second to none. Brother Seth Madden has been appointed as Training Coordinator and has come at the perfect time to train our apprentices for long and sustainable careers. Christine Fass has been promoted to Assistant Training Coordinator. Christine brings years of experience and will be an asset in her new role." - Edward Nadeau

In Memoriam

Kenneth Brockway Jr.	Peter Fiorello	Randall Karl	Mark Lapierre	Kevin Yerden
Kim Bylsma	Patrick Hawkins	Joseph Kelly	Peter McAllister	Ralph Zeto
Joseph Faranda	John Jacobie Sr.	Michael Klink	Joseph Rao	Paul Zito
Patrick Farrell	David Johnson	Clarence Labrie	James Sarnowicz	

Scholarship Applications:

The Richard P. Walsh/John P. Elacqua Memorial Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce applications for scholarship awards. Applications will be available March 1st 2022 through April 30th, 2022 for the 2021-2022 academic years. Scholarship awards are for undergraduate and graduate studies in the amount of \$500.00 per semester. Please be advised Undergraduate scholarships are for a maximum of four years of study leading to a bachelor's degree. Graduate scholarships are for a period of not more than one year within a two year period immediately following the earning of an undergraduate degree. Graduate school scholarship applications are not confined to the March 1st – April 30th time period. To get a scholarship application, please call Brenda at (518)-785-9808, ext. 10



Apprentice Applications:

On the **FIRST THURSDAY** of every month between 9AM and 4PM we are accepting Apprenticeship Applications.

REQUIRED: Applicants must be 18 years or older and **MUST** bring a copy of High School Transcript or GED with official test results. Veterans are encouraged to apply and bring a copy of DD214. For further questions, contact Christine at (518)-785-9808, ext. 22.

Apply every day online at UAlocal7.org under "How to Apply", found through the Training tab.

Roll on Over to Guptill's for a Local 7 Roller Skating Day!

Local 7 will be hosting a family roller skating day at Guptill's Arena on February 26th from 12:45 PM – 4 PM.

Food Will be Served from 2:30 – 3:30 in the Guptill's party room!

Contact Justine at (518) - 785-3440 x 17 or jkoerner@ualocal7.org to sign up. Tickets must be picked up at the Union Hall and shown for entry. **4 ticket max per member.**



We look forward to continue bringing friends and families together throughout the year! Make sure to download the Union Strong App and follow us on Facebook to stay up to date on all upcoming news and events!

