

# PLUMBERS & PIPEFITTERS LOCAL 101 NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2022

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## FOOD DRIVE

Local 101 will be holding a Food Drive at the December Union Meeting. We are asking each member to donate at least 1 none perishable food item at this years December Christmas Union Meeting on Wednesday, December 21, 2022. For each food item you donate, you will receive a ticket for a special drawing. Donate as much as you would like. All food donated will be given to Local Food Pantries to help out families this holiday season. Please help to make this a success and start a new tradition for Local 101.



## UNION MEETING AND CHRISTMAS PARTY

Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 101 will be holding the Annual Union Meeting and Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 21st, 2022 @ 7:30pm. The Officers of Local 101 would like to see all members attend.

### LOCAL 101 MEETING DATES AND TIMES

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

December 14th 5:00pm

#### PENSION/ HEALTH & WELFARE MEETING

None

#### JATC TRUSTEE MEETING

December 5th 4:00pm

#### FINANCE MEETING

None

#### UNION MEETING

December 21st 7:30pm

### RETIREE LUNCH

No Retiree  
Lunch in  
December



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# BENEFIT NEWS AND UPDATES

## BENEFIT'S:

### 401(k) Changes

If you wish to make changes to or start your 401(k) please submit your forms by December 15th to be effective January 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you need a form for changing your hourly deduction or investment choice contact the Hall or email Kelly at [kelly@local101.net](mailto:kelly@local101.net). You may also print the forms from the Local 101 website and mail or fax them to us.

### HEALTH & WELFARE FUND:

**2023 Health Insurance Enrollment Forms are due!**  
**Please return by December 15th**



## Bell Ringers Needed

Local 101 will need help ringing the Bell on Saturday, December 10, 2022 from 2pm until 4pm. We will be at the west end Schnucks Market. Please contact the Hall to help out.

## PENSION:

If you are retiring, follow these steps:

1. Notify the Pension Fund about three months before your retirement date, which is always the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. So, if you want to retire 3/1/2023, let us know by December 1, 2022.
2. You will be mailed an application, once you receive, complete, and return the application.
3. Then, you will get mailed your Election Forms from Ekon Benefits, this is where you select what monthly option/amount you want to receive, these forms get returned to the Pension Fund so you can start receiving your direct deposit/check on the first of the month.

You can request an Estimate prior to retiring, just call Kelly in the Benefit Office at Local 101 and she will have Ekon Benefits mail you your ESTIMATED Election forms, which show you all options and amounts available for your retirement.

Normal Age of Retirement changed to age 62 for active/vested participants.

## REMINDERS:

When you have been laid off, it is your responsibility to inform the Hall. Please call to let us know your lay-off date. This includes members who have been traveling.

When working a job that is out of Local 101's jurisdiction, it is not only a courtesy, but also necessary that you call the Business Manager of that particular jurisdiction. Jurisdictional Maps & Local Contact Information are available at our Hall.

A locked Drop-Box is located adjacent to the Administrative Office Doors. Anyone needing to drop off union dues payments, confidential paperwork, etc. after hours is encouraged to use the box as it is checked every morning.

# MEMBERS NEWS AND UPDATES

## Health Fair Attendance Prize Winners:

1. Lonnie Hinds
2. Erika Fuess
3. Jeff Dubach

Thanks to all who came to our Annual Health Fair!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

### RETIREMENT:



Dave Leonard receives his UA Retiree Card from Business Manager Daniel McKenna. Thank you for the Years of Service David, look forward to seeing you at the Retiree Lunches.

### APPRENTICE TO JOURNEYMAN:

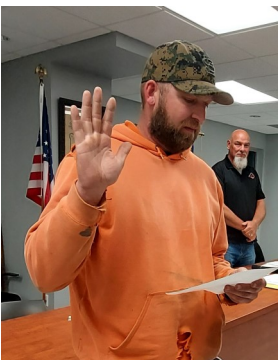


Congratulations to Mike Schrand, Jr. on his completion of his apprenticeship. He is receiving his completion certificate from Business Manager Daniel McKenna.



Congratulations to Adam Fish on his completion of his apprenticeship. He is receiving his completion certificate from Business Manager Daniel McKenna.

### SWEARING IN:



Joshua Wintermann being sworn in by President Matt Biekert. Josh is a 2nd year pipefitting apprentice with Hayes Mechanical. He is working at Prairie State Energy Campus. Welcome to UA Local 101 Josh.

# TRAINING NEWS

## EXPIRED CERTIFICATIONS

|                 |       |          |                 |       |          |
|-----------------|-------|----------|-----------------|-------|----------|
| Deeja Cole      | UA50  | 6/13/22  | Blake Deering   | UA50  | 6/13/22  |
| Evan Dorff      | UA50  | 5/22/22  | Amy Ehret       | UA50  | 10/21/22 |
| Nick Gruchala   | UA50  | 5/18/22  | Luke Gruchala   | Braze | 5/18/22  |
| Scot Luchtefeld | UA50  | 11/22/22 | Jack Lugge      | UA50  | 5/22/22  |
| Braden Meyer    | UA50  | 6/13/22  | Gabe Prange     | Braze | 11/12/22 |
| Bob Vernier     | Braze | 11/1/22  | Aaron Von Bokel | UA50  | 10/28/22 |

## CERTIFICATIONS

### WELDING SMAW/GTAW

|                  |            |                |           |
|------------------|------------|----------------|-----------|
| Jamie Atterberry | 12/30/2022 | Wes Buehne     | 1/17/2023 |
| Connor Jefferson | 12/30/2022 | Derek McKenzie | 1/14/2023 |
| Alan Noll        | 2/23/2023  | Mike Plunkett  | 1/19/2023 |
| Brad Quirin      | 2/4/2023   | Doug Vanhooose | 1/19/2023 |

### MEDICAL GAS BRAZE

|                |            |                 |          |
|----------------|------------|-----------------|----------|
| Steve Buettner | 12/6/2022  | Randy Cleveland | 2/5/2023 |
| Wayne Downing  | 2/11/2023  | Adam Juenger    | 2/3/2023 |
| Jeff Mitchell  | 12/22/2023 | Mike Schrand    | 1/3/2023 |

### INDUSTRIAL RIGGING

|               |           |             |           |
|---------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| John Humphrey | 1/23/2023 | Gabe Prange | 1/23/2023 |
|---------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|

### BRAZE UA 50 & 51

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Mike Schrand, Jr. | 12/13/2022 |
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## CONTINUE EDUCATION

**Please make sure to get signed up for the Plumbing Continue Education. We have classes scheduled for:**

**Monday, December 12th, 2022 @ 5pm**

**Saturday, January 7th, 2023 @ 8am**

**Contact Rich to get signed up.**

# DECEMBER 2022

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

|               |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| November 2022 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 30            | 31 | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |
| 6             | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13            | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20            | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27            | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1  | 2  | 3  |

|              |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| January 2023 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Su           | Mo | Tu | We | Th | Fr | Sa |
| 1            | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  |
| 8            | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15           | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22           | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29           | 30 | 31 |    |    |    |    |

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|---------------|---|----|--|------------------|----|----|
| 4             | 5                                       | 6  | 7  | 8                | 9  | 10 |
|               | JATC Meeting &<br>Interviews 4pm        |    |  |                  |    |    |
| 11            | 12                                      | 13 | 14   | 15               | 16 | 17 |
|               |   |    | Executive Board<br>Meeting @ 5pm           | No Retiree Lunch |    |    |
| 18            | 19                                      | 20 | 21   | 22               | 23 | 24 |
|               |   |    | Union Meeting<br>Christmas Party<br>7:30pm |                  |    |    |
| 25            | 26                                      | 27 | 28   | 29               | 30 | 31 |
| Christmas Day | Offices closed<br>Christmas<br>Observed |    |  |                  |    |    |