

MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER

Local 101 Will be Holding Illinois Backflow Classes

Starting this August, UA Local 101, will become the ERTC Southern Illinois Training Center. Local 101 will be hosting the Illinois EPA Training for the Cross-Connection Control Device Inspectors. This training will be replacing the Classes usually held up at SIUE in February. A few of the changes to the classes will be as followed. Local 101 will hold 3 classes per year as compared to only 1 held each February. The planned dates will be May, August and December/January each year. In addition to having 3 opportunities the classes will no longer be day time classes, these will be offered in the evenings over a 2 week period. Starting with the 2024 classes, it is the hope of Local 101 to also offer a 2nd backflow certification through ASSE. Any UA member wanting to get the ASSE Certification would be required to attend a 3rd week of evening classes. Any member interested in taking the 1st offering of this class in August of 2023, please contact Rich to get signed up. Seating for the 1st class will be very limited due to it being a trial run of the program.



3 Generations of Poirot's

Jacob Poirot was sworn in at the April Union Meeting. In attendance was his Grandfather Don Poirot, His father Brian Poirot and Uncle Mark Poirot.

RETIREE LUNCH May 18th @ Noon

Burgers
Loaded Potato Salad
Pork N Beans
Cherry and Apple Pie

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LOCAL 101 MEETING DATES AND TIMES

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

May 10th 5:00pm

PENSION/ HEALTH & WELFARE MEETING

May 8th 1:00pm

JATC TRUSTEE MEETING

None

FINANCE MEETING

May 24th 6:00pm

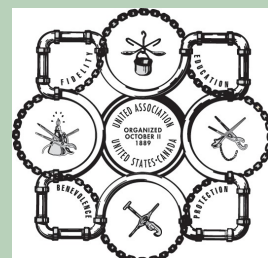
UNION MEETING

May 24th 7:30pm



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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 June 15th to be effective July 1st. If you need a form for changing your hourly deduction or investment choice contact the Hall or email Kelly at kelly@local101.net. You may also print the forms from the Local 101 website and mail or fax them in.

PENSION:

If you are retiring, follow these steps:

Notify the Pension Fund at a minimum three months before your retirement date, which is always the 1st of the month. So, if you want to retire 3/1/2023, let us know by December 1, 2022.

You will be mailed an application, once you receive, complete, and return the application.

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 is age 62 for active/vested participants.

If you are an active participant in our health insurance, do you know you can go to www.meritain.com create a log in/password and see your claims status, insurance card, EOB's, locate a provider. Check it out sometime!

Vision Benefits go through Meritain, NOT EYEMED, your vision provider should NOT call Eyemed, but Meritain for vision benefits/claims processing. Eyemed is only on your insurance card to provide discounts.

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

~In Sympathy~

~In Memory~ Life member, Larry Brown passed away on March 31, 2023 at age of 86. Larry was initiated into Local 101 on 11/24/1959.

Sympathy to Brad Quirin & Family, his wife, Jennifer passed away on April 20, 2023.

NEW MEMBERS



Welcome Journeyman Plumber Dylan Richards to Local 101. Dylan started as a Plumber with Ehret Inc., on April 10th. Welcome to UA Local 101 Plumbers and Pipefitters!



Welcome Journeyman Plumber Zachary Frerker to Local 101. Zachary started as a Plumber with Kohnen Air Conditioning and Heating Inc., on April 10th. Welcome to UA Local 101 Plumbers and Pipefitters!

RETIREMENTS!!



Tim Schrand retired from Plumbers and Pipefitters on January 1st, 2023 with 28 years of service to the Local. Thank you for your years of service and enjoy your retirement!!



Jeff Thorton retired from Plumbers and Pipefitters on April 1st 2023 with 15 years of service to the Local. Thank you for your years of service and enjoy your retirement!!



TRAINING NEWS



EXPIRED CERTIFICATIONS

Kyle Sigman	SMAW	4/10/23	Dave Boden	Braze	3/15/23
Adam Fish	UA50/51	3/4/23	Gabe Prange	Rigging	1/23/23
Mike Shcrand Jr.	UA50/51	12/13/22			

CERTIFICATIONS

WELDING SMAW/GTAW

Jamie Atterberry	6/30/23	Wes Buchne	5/18/23
Connor Jefferson	6/15/23	Derek McKenzie	7/14/23
Mike Plunkett	7/19/23	Doug Vanhooose	7/19/23

MEDICAL GAS BRAZE

Steve Buettner	6/5/23	Luke Gruchala	5/18/23
Jeff Mitchell	6/22/23	Mike Schrand	6/28/23
Gabe Prange	5/10/23		

FOREMAN CERTIFICATION

Eric Deering	5/1/23	Bruce Rakers	5/1/23
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BRAZE UA 50 & 51

Scot Luchtefeld	5/11/23
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CONGRATULATIONS

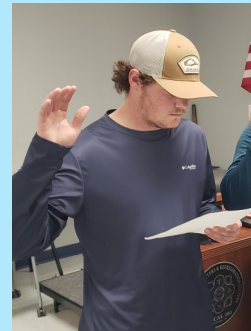


Caleb Davinroy has completed his apprenticeship with Local 101 and is now a Journeyman with Bel-O Heating and Cooling. Way to go Caleb!

INITIATED MEMBERS



Steve Houston, journeyman, for Hendrick Plumbing gets sworn into Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 101. Welcome to the Local Steve.

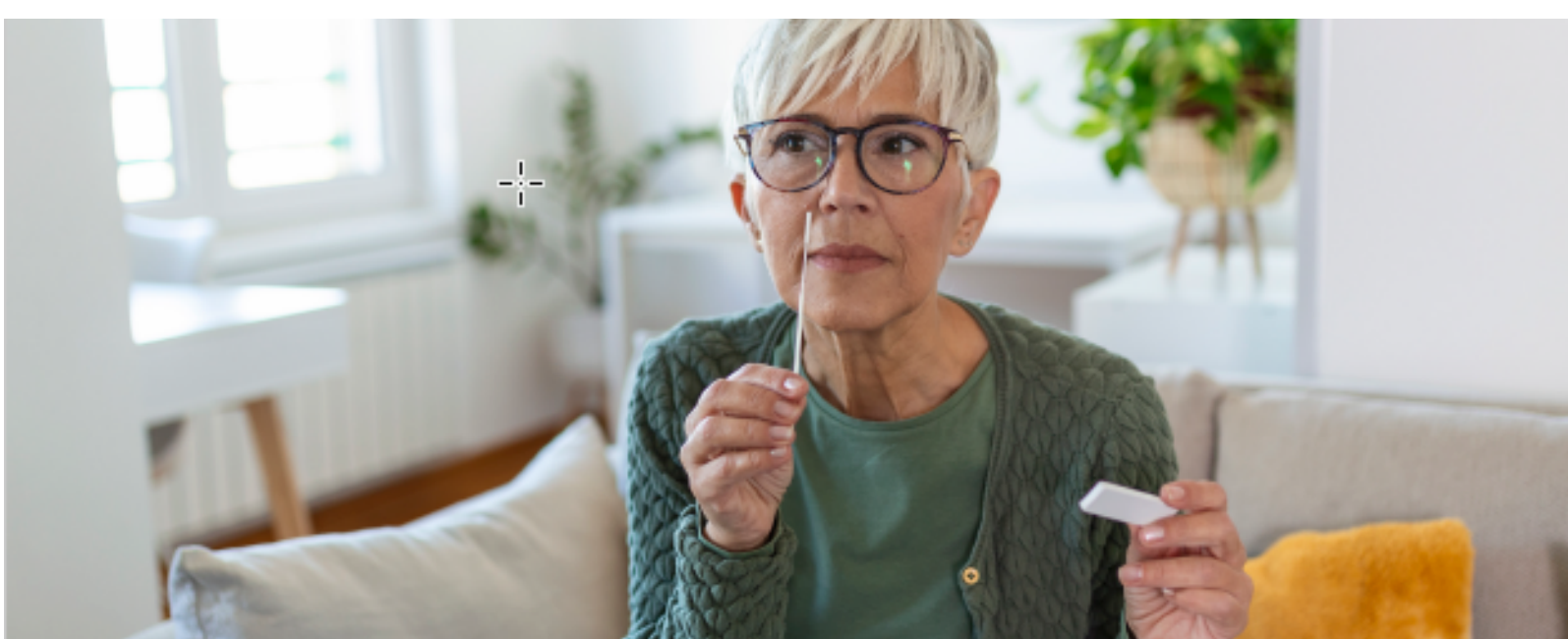


Jacob Poirot, apprentice, for Icon Mechanical gets sworn into Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 101. Welcome to the Local Jacob.

NEW APPRENTICE



Welcome Apprentice Gasfitter Reginald Clark to Local 101. Reginald started as a Gasfitter with Ameren on April 3rd. Welcome to UA Local 101 Plumbers and Pipefitters!



COVID-19 Coverage Changes

Important changes to COVID-19 test and vaccine coverage

The COVID-19 public health emergency is ending on May 11, 2023. There are some important updates you'll need to be aware of on how your COVID-19 tests and vaccines will be covered after that date.

COVID-19 laboratory testing



On or after May 12, 2023, COVID-19 laboratory tests administered by a provider will be covered under your plan's outpatient testing benefit. This means you will be responsible for paying any cost-share portion based on the terms of your plan.

COVID-19 vaccine and boosters

COVID-19 vaccines and boosters administered on or after May 12, 2023 will be subject to your plan's routine vaccination benefit. However, you may not owe anything if you receive your vaccine or booster at a pharmacy which hasn't yet run out of its government-funded vaccine supply.

For more information, please contact us at the number on your ID card.

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Changes coming on May 12, 2023

Coverage for COVID-19 over-the-counter (OTC) test kits will end on May 12. If you have a flexible spending account (FSA) or a health savings account (HSA), you can use those funds to purchase OTC test kits.

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MAY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 H & W / Pension Trustee Meeting 1pm	9	10 Executive Board Meeting 5pm	11	12	13
14 Mother's Day	15	16	17	18 Retiree Lunch Burgers Potato Salad Pork n Beans Pies	19	20
21	22	23	24 Finance Committee 6pm Union Meeting 7:30pm	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day Offices Closed	30	31	2023		
April				June 2023		
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