

APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

PLUMBERS & PIPEFITTERS LOCAL 101

LOCAL 101 INSTRUCTORS



Local 101 would like to thank the Instructors who work hard to train the next group of members to the Local. It is with their hard work and dedication to the program that the Local is able to continue to strive with quality members. Thank you to the following instructors: Nick Gruchala, Ryley Wallin, Jeff Mitchell, Rich Fuess, Corey Deitz and Luke Gruchala. Not Pictured are Kyle Baer and Rachel LaBlance.

2024 ILLINOIS STATE APPRENTICE CONTEST

We would like to thank and congratulate Justin Sampson (HVAC apprentice) and Trent Allen (Plumbing apprentice) for competing and representing Local 101 at this year's Apprentice Contest. Both of them did a great job in displaying the quality of the apprentices with the Local.



MEETING DATES & TIMES

EXECUTIVE BOARD

APRIL 10TH 5:00PM

PENSION/H & W

NONE

JATC MEETING

NONE

FINANCE MEETING

NONE

UNION MEETING

APRIL 24TH 7:30PM

RETIREE LUNCH

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024

GLAZED HAM

BAKED MOSTACCIOLI

SIDE SALAD

NEW YORK CHEESECAKE

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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.

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.

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.

PENSION:

If you are retiring, follow these steps:

Notify the Pension Fund a minimum of three months before your retirement date, which is always the 1st of the month. So, if you want to retire 12/1/2024, let us know by September 1, 2024.

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.

Health & Welfare

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!

Need to locate a provider? Contact Meritain at 1-866-209-3063 7am to 630 pm.

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.

FUND PROFESSIONALS

Local 101 will have the fund professionals for both the Health & Welfare and Pension Funds at the May Union Meeting. They will be there to answer any questions that you might have with these funds.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Years of Service:



Ronald Brown has 50 years of Service to Local 101. Welcome to the lifetime membership and thank you for your years of service to the Local and the UA.

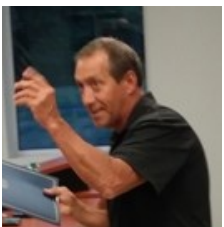


Former Business Manager Scott Deitz has 35 years of service to Local 101. Thank you Scott for your years of dedication.

Retirement:



Anthony Bergmann, former owner of Bergmann-Roscow Plumbing retired on March 1, 2024. Congratulations on the retirement.



Gary Birkner, Gasfitter for Ameren, has retired. Congratulations on the retirement.

A Changing of the Guard



After many decades of service as the Inside Guard for Local 101, Retiree Tom Ott has decided it is time to retire from that position. We would like to thank Tom for his long service as an Officer of the Local and dedicated member.

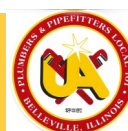
PENSION

If you are retiring, follow these steps:

1. Notify the Pension Fund a minimum of 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.
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EXPIRED CERTS

DAVID BODEN

BRAZE 3/15/24

RANDY CLEVELAND

BRAZE 2/4/24

ADAM JUENGER

BRAZE 2/2/24

PATRICK COLEMAN

SMAW/GTAW 3/6/24

DOUG VANHOOSE

SMAW 1/19/24

CERTIFICATIONS EXPIRING

MEDICAL GAS BRAZE

STEVE BUETTNER	6/1/24
JEFF MITCHELL	6/20/24
BRIAN POIROT	4/25/24

SMAW/GTAW WELDING

CONNOR JEFFERSON	6/5/24
COREY DEITZ	5/2/24
MIKE PETREA	4/6/24
DON STITZEL	4/4/24

INSTRUMENTATION LEVEL I & II

KYLE SIGMAN	4/26/24
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MEDICAL GAS NFPA

LUKE GRUCHALA	4/22/24
SHAWN JONES	6/3/24

UA BRAZING 50/51

AMY EHRET	5/2/24
SPENCER KOHRMANN	5/1/24
GAVIN MODESITT	5/1/24
JUSTIN SAMPSON	5/7/24
HUNTER SCHULTE	6/5/24
JACOB SUDHOLT	6/5/24
RYLEY WALLIN	6/5/24
JOSH WINTERMANN	5/1/24

Local 101 Swearing-In

Local 101 swore in new member and 1st year gas apprentice with Ameren Reginald Clark.. Welcome to Local 101 Reginald.



APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 5PM	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 RETREEE LUNCH GLAZED HAM MOSTACCIOLI SIDE SALAD	19	20
21	22	23	24 UNION MEETING 7:30PM	25	26	27
28	29	30				