

MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

PLUMBERS & PIPEFITTERS LOCAL 101

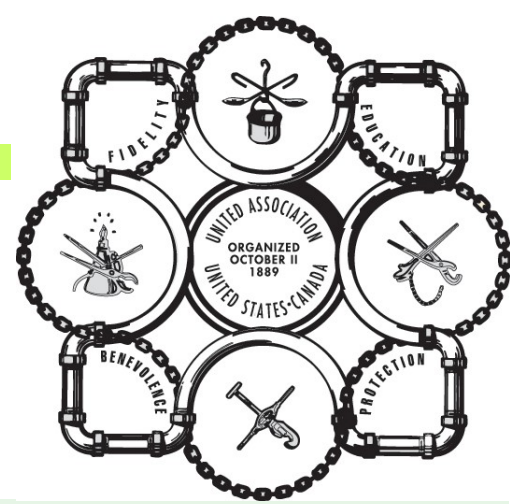
LOCAL 101 GIVES BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

Local 101 would like to thank all the members who donated to the Christmas Food Drive. The Local was able to give food this year to two food banks. The Local gave food again this year to the Interfaith Food Pantry in Belleville along with the Food Pantry in Smithton. It is great to see the Local embrace and help to give back to the communities that we serve. If you know of any Local food pantries that are in need of food this year, please let us know. We would love to add more pantries to our donations. Also remember to bring non-perishable items to the Union Meetings. We will be making donations again in July.



Business Manager
Dan McKenna dropping
off food to the Smithton
Food Pantry.

Business Agent
Matt Biekert dropping off
food to the Interfaith Food
Pantry.



MEETING DATES & TIMES

EXECUTIVE BOARD

MARCH 13TH 5:00PM

PENSION/H & W

NONE

JATC MEETING

MARCH 4TH 4:00PM

FINANCE MEETING

NONE

UNION MEETING

MARCH 27TH 7:30PM

RETIREE LUNCH

THURSDAY, MARCH 21 @ 12PM

CORNER BEEF

CABBAGE

BOILED POTATOES

DESSERT

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401(k) Changes:

If you wish to make changes to or start your 401(k) please submit your forms by March 15th to be effective April 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.

HEALTH &

WELFARE FUND:

2024 Health Insurance Enrollment Forms Please return ASAP.

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.

Contract Negotiations

Our current contract will expire on June 30, 2024 with the Great Southwestern Illinois PHCC. The negotiating team has started the talks with the contractors. If you are interested in the progress of these negotiations, please come to the Union Meeting to get monthly updates. The negotiating team for Local 101 is Business Manager Dan McKenna, President Matt Biekert and Vice President Gabe Prange.

Current Contract Allocation

Current Wage:	\$44.00
Current H & W:	\$11.40
Current Pension:	\$ 7.00
IAF/Training:	\$ 1.40
Totals:	\$63.80

2024 Dues

pay online on our website!

2024 MONTHLY UA DUES RATES:

\$36.00	Active Members
\$32.00	Active Ameren Employees
\$29.00	Retirees
\$10.00	Retirees (40 –49 years of membership)
\$0.00	Retirees (Lifetime Member 50+ years)

New Contractor and New Members

New Contractor

Local 101 would like to welcome T.M. Weir Heating & Cooling to Local 101.

New Journeyman



Coty Frieman, is with T.M. Weir Heating & Cooling. Welcome to Local 101.



Brant Huff, Started with Bel-O Sales and Service. Welcome to Local 101.

~IN SYMPATHY~

Sandra Prost, wife of member David Prost, passed away peacefully at her home on Friday, February 23, 2024. Please keep his family in your prayers.

BENEFIT NEWS

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!

CitizensRX is our Pharmacy Plan effective 1/1/2021. REMINDER: You do not have to do mail order; you can go to your local pharmacy to get all prescriptions.

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.

PENSION

If you are retiring, follow these steps:

1. Notify the Pension Fund about 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.
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.



THE TRAINING NEWS



EXPIRED CERTS

RANDY CLEVELAND
BRAZE—2/4/24

LUKE GRUCHALA
BRAZE—11/17/23

ADAM JUENGER
BRAZE—2/2/24

JEFF MITCHELL
BRAZE—12/21/23

JACOB RUSSELL
UA50— 11/9/23

DOUG VANHOOSE
SMAW—1/19/24

CERTIFICATIONS EXPIRING

MEDICAL GAS BRAZE

DAVID BODEN	3/15/24
SHAWN JONES	3/13/24
BRIAN POIROT	4/25/24

INSTRUMENTATION LEVEL 1 & 2

KYLE SIGMAN	4/26/24
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MEDICAL GAS NFPA

LUKE GRUCHALA	4/22/24
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UA PE1 CERTIFICATION

SCOT BLOOM	4/8/24
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UA 50/51 BRAZE CERTIFICATION

AMY EHRET	5/2/24
SPENCER KOHRMANN	5/1/24
GAVIN MODESITT	5/1/24
JUSTIN SAMPSON	5/7/24
JOSHUA WINTERMANN	5/1/24

UA WELDING SMAW/GTAW

WES BUEHNE	4/24/24
PAT COLEMAN	3/6/24
COREY DEITZ	5/2/24
BRANDON FRITZ	5/1/24
CONNOR JEFFERSON	5/17/24
RACHEL LABLANCE	3/20/24
MICHAEL PETREA	4/6/24
KYLE SIGMAN	4/10/24
RON STARK	5/9/24
DON STITZEL	4/4/24

MARCH 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 JATC Trustee Meeting & Interviews 4pm	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Executive Board Meeting 5pm	14	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21 Retiree Lunch Noon Corned Beef & Cabbage	22	23
24	25	26	27 Union Meeting 7:30pm	28	29	30
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