

# NEWSLETTER

MAY 2025

## MONTHLY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

### MEETING DATES

Executive Board Meeting	May 14th	5:00pm
Finance Committee Meeting	May 28th	6:00pm
Union Meeting	May 28th	7:30pm
Pension & H/W	May 5th	1:00pm
JATC Meeting	None Scheduled	

### RETIREE LUNCHEON

May 15th, 2025 @ Noon

Chicken Cordon Bleu

Rosemary Potato Medley

Green Beans

Pies

Pipe Up! is the official podcast of the UA General President. Join us monthly as we explore the stories, skills, and lives of our diverse membership—from apprentices and seasoned mechanics to veterans and instructors. Dive into plumbing, sprinkler fitting, welding, training, HVAC, and more. Tune in for insights, interviews, and discussions on topics vital to our members and the trade. Have ideas, questions, or want to join an episode? Email us at [generalpresident@uanet.org](mailto:generalpresident@uanet.org) with your local union number, book number, and details about your question or topic.



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## **NOTICES:**

### **401k Fund:**

If you wish to make changes to or start your 401(k), please submit your forms **by June 15<sup>th</sup>** to be effective July 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.

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. So, if you want to retire 12/1/2025, let us know by September 1, 2025.

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](http://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.

**New Insurance Cards were mailed in December they reflect the Vision Benefit, which is Aetna Vision Discount Program.**

## **REMINDERS:**

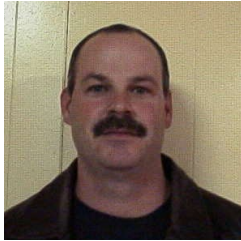
When you have been laid off, it is your responsibility to inform the Hall. Please call to let us know your lay-off date. This includes members who have been traveling.

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.

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

Years of Service



Congratulations to Scott Brasel on his 35 Years of Service to Local 101.



Congratulations to Collin Krill on his 25 Years of Service to Local 101.



Congratulations to Gary Vasquez on his 45 Years of Service to Local 101.

**NEW JOURNEYMEN AND APPRENTICES**



Congratulations to Trent Allen on the completion of his apprenticeship.

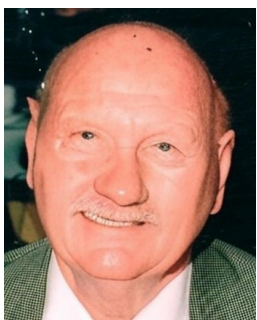


Congratulations to Evan Dorff on the completion of his apprenticeship.



Colin Tabor is a new 4th year apprentice with Ehret Inc. Welcome to the Local!

*~IN SYMPATHY~*



54 year life member Donald Sutter passed away on Sunday, April 20th, 2025. Please keep the Sutter family in your thoughts and prayers.

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## TRAINING NEWS:

### EXPIRED CERTIFICATIONS

Pat Coleman	SMAW/GTAW	2/28/25
Amy Ehret	UA50/51	4/22/25
Josh Wintermann	UA50/51	4/30/25
Bob Vernier	ASSE Backflow	4/30/25

### CERTIFICATIONS COMING DUE

Justin Andracsek	Foreman Certification	5/13/25
Steve Buettner	Med Gas Braze	5/30/25
Adam Fish	Foreman Certification	5/13/25
Nick Gruchala	Foreman Certification	5/13/25
Spencer Kohrman	Foreman Certification	5/13/25
Mike Schrand, Jr.	Foreman Certification	5/13/25
Nick Strubhart	Foreman Certification	5/13/25
Bob Vernier	NFPA Medical Gas	5/5/25
Aaron Von Bokel	Foreman Certification	5/13/25
Jamie Atterberry	SMAW/GTAW	6/30/25
Wes Buehne	SMAW/GTAW	5/23/25
Corey Deitz	SMAW/GTAW	5/1/25
Brandon Fritz	SMAW/GTAW	6/3/25
Derek McKenzie	SMAW/GTAW	6/12/25
Jacob Poirot	SMAW	6/3/25
Ron Stark	SMAW	5/8/25
Matt White	SMAW/GTAW	6/12/25



Journeyman Andy Stephens receives his Department of Labor Completion Certification from Business Manager Daniel McKenna at the April Union Meeting.

# MAY 2025

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

## APRIL 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		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			

## JUNE 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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					

4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Pension/H & W Trustee Meetings 1pm					
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			Executive Board Meeting 5pm	Retiree Lunch Noon Chicken Cordon Bleu		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Last Night Of School					
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Memorial Day Office Closed		Finance Committee 6pm Union Meeting 7:30pm			