Enclosed you will find the results of the special meeting that was held on May 31, 2016, at which the membership, attended by only 31 members, approved the recommendation from the negotiating committee to approve the contract changes that they negotiated.

Subsequently, the membership allocated those monies, and in addition, moved money out of the health fund into wages and into the Local #83 annuity fund. The insurance fund trustees have their quarterly meeting this month and will discuss if any changes will be required due to the about $250,000 cut in funding for the last six months of the year.

**Help us help you. We need your current e-mail, address and cell phone number.**

**WORK AVAILABLE:** At the last union meeting, there was a discussion about the Local #83 by-laws, and the lack of members adhering to those bylaws. One of the bylaws requires members to contact the union hall when they are laid off or when they return to work. We are asking the membership to adhere to those rules so that we are able to contact those who are unemployed as work becomes available. At this point, there continues to be work out of town either on the Job Bank or in Buffalo. If you are interested in going out of town, please contact Rusty Monahan or Mark Landau, and we will assist you in gaining employment at those sister locals.

**TRAINING**

Please be advised that we have gotten enough members to agree to attend the confined space class. It will be held on July 19, 20, 27 and 29th from 5pm – 9pm with the hands-on, practical to be held on July 30th from 8am – 5pm. As was noted before, this is a 24 hour class, and we believe that there will be many instances where that training will be required at Global Foundry site. We still have some space in the class available. If you are interested in taking the class, please contact Angela at 518-489-1377 ext. 5 or email her at angelalu83@nycap.rr.com.

As always, a $100 deposit is required, and it will be returned upon the completion of the course. Please be advised that if you miss any nights, you will not be eligible to receive your certificate or your $100 deposit back.
Not too long ago, we sent out the newsletter asking members to apply for other classes, and so far, the only one that has received any interest is the welding class. Before a date can be set, we need a few more people to sign up. Otherwise the class will not be held. If you are interested, please call Angela immediately and send in the $100 deposit. For any class, please make a check out to SMWLU#83 JATC and note in the memo section which class your deposit is intended for. In the fall, it is our intention to offer another Haswoper 43 (43 hour) class so that when Global Foundries starts back up hopefully before the end of the year, our members are ready and able to man that work and won’t be given to another trade.

TOOLS

Mark Landau recently contacted Midwest Tools and asked them once again to manufacture some off-set tongs with a 1” throat. They agreed to do so, and we now have those available for sale. The cost is $29. The company is now going to market this, and if they get enough interest, they are considering manufacturing this as a normally carried item.

After receiving numerous requests, we are now carrying 2 varieties of straight snips: 11” by Weiss which costs $18.85 and cuts up to 22 gauge Metal, and a 12” Claus titanium which cuts up to 21 gauge and costs $33.25.

SHIRTS

Now that the warm weather is here, keep in mind that we have t-shirts available. There are 2 styles. The first has a front and back logo with the memory of Mike Hauf design on the sleeve. The back is the old style which depicts ductwork, a drafts man and a welder. The front is the American flag with the sheet metal emblem within. The second one is the iTi welding tee shirt with the logo and local 83 added.

STEAK BAKE

If you have not marked your calendar yet, please do so. The Local #83 Steak Bake will be held on September 17th, and for those members that purchase a ticket and attend, the $40 ticket price will be reimbursed by the Local.

DUES

Please check your dues receipt to see if your dues are current. If not, please send a check in or pay by credit card. Remember, if you go suspended, you are no longer eligible for SASMI underemployment or insurance benefits for the next period. We again request that you please put the last 4 numbers of your social security number or your IA number on the memo portion of your check for your dues. Putting your number in the memo portion of the check will help out so that the dues is not applied to the wrong member.

Wishing you a safe and happy summer!

Mark B. Landau
President/Business Manager

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