

S.M.W.L.U. #83 NEWSLETTER

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REMINDER: This month's regular meeting is being held at the hall. There will be **two special orders of business** at this meeting. At the last regular meeting held in Glens Falls, there was a motion for the membership to approve the hiring of an independent auditor to review all the accounts held by the union for the last 33 years. The cost of this is not to exceed \$50,000.

The second special order of business will be to again read the charges that have been filed against President/Business Manager, Mark Landau and then elect a trial committee to hear the charges.

From the Desk of Mark Landau

There continues to be some jobs posted on the job bank. Mostly they are for specialty skills such as: Welding, CAD and TAB. Recently one was posted for Local 5 North Carolina who had a need of 20 field installers. It required OSHA 10 and drug testing. We were able to secure 4 jobs for our members who responded quickly – our local actually secured more positions but after some members backed out.

There might be some other opportunities for those that need hours for pension credit, health insurance as well as a pay check. If you are interested in traveling, let Rusty know so he knows to contact you should another opportunity arise.

As in the past 2 springs, the JATC is considering offering welding classes to the membership. If you are interested in taking a welding class, e-mail Angela at angelalu83@nycap.rr.com or call her at 518-489-1377 ext. 5. It is our hope that those that want to hone their skills will do so and possibly take some of the welding positions offered by sister locals. There should be more welding opportunities in South Carolina and Georgia at the power plants in the coming months. Many of those jobs should have some overtime.

You can check out the job bank and any open calls still not filled by going to the SMART website.

We continue to get requests for target monies in order to win more market share and we are pleased to say that we have had some success. Many of them are smaller projects and won't start for a while but we hope there is enough work and monies from our Market recovery systems that we will gain more man-hours and keep reducing the number of members on the out of work list. We can only afford to offer so much per job so that we can still meet our other financial obligations.

STEAK ROAST: Come join the fun! Keep the date free and bring friends and family. We will be holding our annual bake on **September 17, 2016. It is being held in a new location at Duke's Grove, 486 HUDSON RIVER ROAD, WATERFORD, NY.**

The new shipment of short sleeve t-shirts have arrived. There are 2 styles. The 1st 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 draftsman and a welder and the front is the American flag with the sheet metal emblem within it. The 2nd shirt is the ITI welding tee shirt with the logo and local 83 added. We are using this as a way to promote our members and depict our trade as one with craftsmen who train and can supply welders; we don't just hang duct. Hopefully, this will lead to more work opportunities.

IN SYMPATHY:

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Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of Sherman Van Alstyne **(4/27/16)** and Joseph Flynn **(3/27/16)** who passed away recently.
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From the Desk of Rusty Monahan

"Failure is always an option" -Adam Savage. It's in our DNA to always take the safe way. Not willing to put ourselves out there. We were taught these things at an early age, more so today than yesterday. Not speaking out for something you believe in for fear of humiliation, FAILURE. Not taking that job or responsibility for fear of that dreaded word, FAILURE. How many ideas, thoughts, and dreams have been destroyed for fear of failure? That's the word that keeps us from striving for success, FAILURE. It's not an end by any means. The light bulb was accomplished by over ten thousand failures. It was the belief that it could be done that kept Thomas Edison to carry on time and time again. How many of us would have tried that, that many times without giving up. When he was asked "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000

ways that won't work". Which word do we fear most, failure or success? What do we want more failure or success? If the answer is success then don't let failure stand in the way. "Failure is always an option" -Adam Savage.

With the journeymen upgrade classes coming up this summer let's make education part of our success. Collectively let's put together what classes we feel will best suit our needs for a successful union.

I believe we will have a lot of jobs on the job bank this summer. If you will be interested in traveling the proper paper work will have to be filled out prior to taking these jobs. If you can't make it to the hall to fill out the paperwork give me a call and I will do it for you.

From the Desk of Phil Stenglein

Once again I would like to remind or encourage everyone to sign up for the mass texting for Local 83 members through the AFL-CIO. As of this date, we only have 34 members signed up. It is vital that an organization as large as ours be able to communicate with its members efficiently, and effectively. To sign up for this very important item, open up your messaging as if you were going to send a text to someone. Type in "877877" as the number you are texting to. Then, type the message "smwlocal83" and hit: send. You should get a "welcome SMWLocal83 member!" You will be asked for your name and address. Text back the required info and you will be registered! This way we can target specific members to send texts to. For instance, if there is an important school construction project vote coming up in your area, we can send you a reminder to get out and vote. We can use this in so many ways we do not have enough space here. We will only use it for important reminders or news. We will not be texting you every day with useless information. This is very important. Please, if you use your phone to text, sign up for this important source. Thank you! If it doesn't work or you have any questions please call me @ 368-4488.

Just a reminder: pertinent information is available at the Local #83 website at www.smwlocal83.org.

From the Desk of Larry Warzek

Up coming potential classes assuming we get enough Participation.

DETACH AND MAIL back to the JATC

Please indicate the class(es) you intend to take below:

_____ **Welding- Basic/Refresher**

**Starts later in May(8 nights)
Exact date to be determined**

_____ **Confined Space (27 hour)**

**Should start in Early June. Tentatively 5
nights and 1 Saturday.**

_____ **HAZWOPER (40 hour)**

Date to be determined

_____ **30 hours OSHA**

Date to be determined

(The cost of this class is quite expensive so the Local SMACNA group has agreed to split the cost if we can have 15 students.)

_____ **Plate Welding for employment at a nuclear site in South Carolina or Atlanta**
(Must pass background check, take and pass the welding test.)

_____ *** Foreman Training**

An online class (done at home)

_____ ***Supervisory Training**

An online class (done at home)

Name (Print)

Signature

***Requires e-mail address**

Date