

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

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As has been the custom for many years, we will hold our holiday party in Glens Falls following the regular meeting which will be held at the Eagles Club on November 19, 2015. Please note that Tom Woods and a representative from Nationwide will be present to make a presentation on planning for retirement.

It has come to the body's attention that a previous apprentice member, Reginald Skeete, is in a financial bind because he has yet to receive approval for social security/disability. The membership made a donation to assist him. At the Christmas party, Mark Landau will raffle off a black dress vest with the International Sheet Metal logo in an effort to raise additional funds so that Reggie will be able to purchase some Christmas gifts for his children. If any other member has an item that they would be willing to donate to raffle as well, please bring that item with you to the meeting. We will also be passing the hat for those who want to help Reggie out.

Our December meeting will be held at the Local #83 Union Hall/Training Center on December 17th, and once again, Annette from Distinctive Catering will be providing the food and drinks. Please make every effort to come enjoy a meal and catch up with old friends and co-workers.

From the Desk of Mark Landau

Just a reminder that Tuesday, November 3th is election day. Please exercise your right to have your voices heard and go to the polls. Enclosed with this newsletter, you will find a list of those candidates that have been endorsed by either Local #83 and / or labor Councils.

In previous notices, we made you aware that we will be terminating our association with Rose & Kiernan our fund consultants and moving Yaeger & Flynn Associates, Inc. They will be taking over effective January 1, 2016, and their responsibilities will include being the organization that will administrate the Local #83 HRA. Until December 31, 2015, you will still make application to R & K flex for reimbursement for the expense incurred during the 2014 – 2015 timeframe. Any claims submitted for the 2014 period that was not received in 2015 by R & K will not be processed by any organization effective January 1, 2016. Additional information as well as claim forms to be used after January 1, 2016, will be mailed out to the membership prior to 1-1-2016.

As of 1/1/2006 we will still be using Blue Cross Blue Shield of Northeastern New York for health insurance coverage. Your prescription coverage will also remain with Express Scripts but through the Blue Shield network not through Rose & Kiernan. As a result, effective 1-1-2016, you should destroy your old prescription cards and only use your new card. (This new card will be a combination health insurance AND prescription drug card. You will not receive a separate card for prescription drug coverage.) Please hold on to your old cards through December 31, 2015, in case you need them to fill a prescription.

From the Desk of Rusty Monahan

Journey man upgrade classes are being offered. With the slowdown in work, now would be a good time to take a class. Learning should happen every day. Knowledge found is better than knowledge given. If you have any suggestions for classes to improve our union, they will be considered.

trade union (Noun): An organization whose members belong to the same trade and that acts collectively to address common issues.

In other terms, it is a group of people with the same set of values, principles, and core beliefs. Sometimes we forget. It's easy to point out misdirection instead of directing. It's easier to listen to others give misguided information about what we are, than it is to correct it. It's time we take a leadership role in our union not to stand idly by and wait for someone to do it for us. The road we walk is our choosing. We see so much work that could be ours, and work that is ours being done by others. We all know someone working in these companies, approach them and talk about the benefits of being union. Help Phil try to organize - it's all our responsibility to do so. Let's grow our union. We can't rely on one man to do it alone.

As Election Day comes closer we are providing you with the following list of endorsement so you might consider voting for candidates who are union friendly. We encourage you to exercise your right to vote on November 3, 2015. Refer to the enclosed list of those candidates that have been endorsed by the Labor councils in our jurisdiction.

Endorsed candidates

OFFICE	NAME	LOCATION
Mayor	Gary McCarthy	Schenectady
City Council	Leesa Perazzo	Schenectady
City Council	Karen Zalewski-Wildzunas	Schenectady
City Council	John Polimeni	Schenectady
City Council	Ed Kosior	Schenectady
City Court Judge	Mark Caruso	Schenectady
County Legislature	William Levering	Schenectady – District 3
County Legislature	Thomas Constantine	Schenectady – District 3
County Legislature	Gary Hughes	Schenectady – District 2
Town Board	Heather Gray	Glenville
Town Council	Jared Hickey	Glenville
Town Board	William McPartlon	Niskayuna
Town Board	Lisa Weber	Niskayuna
Town Justice	Stephen Swinton	Niskayuna
Town Supervisor	Joe Landry	Niskayuna
Town Justice	Camille Siano Enders	Duanesburg
Town Supervisor	Steve Tommasone	Rotterdam
County Legislature	Doug Bullock	Albany – District 7
County Legislature	Allison McLean Lane	Albany – District 14
County Legislature	Ralph Signoracci	Albany – District 18
County Legislature	Tim Nichols	Albany – District 19
County Legislature	Joseph O'Brien	Albany – District 25
County Legislature	Bryan Clenahan	Albany – District 30
County Legislature	Paul Miller	Albany – District 32
County Legislature	Matt Miller	Albany – District 36
County Sheriff	Craig Apple	Albany
Supervisor	Paula Mahan	Colonie
Town Board	Tim Lane	Colonie
Town Board	Bill Carl	Colonie
Town Board	Paul Rosano	Colonie
Town Council	Al Maikels	Guilderland
Mayor	Joanne Yepsen	Saratoga Springs
Commissioner of Public Safety	Dr. Christian Mathiesen	Saratoga Springs
Commissioner of Public Works	Bill McTygue	Saratoga Springs
Town Supervisor	Cynthia Young	Malta
Town Council	Patrick Nelson	Stillwater
Mayor	Rodney Wiltshire	Troy
City Council	Anastasia Robertson	Troy – District 2
City Council	Robert Doherty	Troy – District 4
City Council	David Bissember	Troy – District 5
City Council	Anasha Cummings	Troy – At large
City Council	Peggy Kownack	Troy – At large
City Council	Carole Weaver	Troy – At large
County Sheriff	Pat Russo	Rensselaer
Town Board	Tracey Rex	Schodack

Beneficiaries

If you've had any changes in your life and wish to change your beneficiaries, please contact the Union Hall to update your paperwork.

From the Desk of Larry Warzek

As the work slow down continues, in an effort to make members more employable, we have offered 1 journeyman upgrade welding class as well as an OSHA 10 class. We previously sent out a notice for people to sign up for additional classes which included plate welding, testing & balancing, OSHA 30, Foreman Training and Instruction for the MA licensing exam. If you are interested in taking any of those courses and/or traveling to Locals where they are in need of additional manpower, please fill out the enclosed form and return it by November 9, 2015. On that form, we have also provided a place for you to list any other classes that you would be interested in taking. Once we process and see how many people are willing to take each course, we will schedule classes based on having an adequate number of people willing to enroll. We need a minimum of 4-5 students to make it cost effective to offer that training. As always, a \$100 deposit is required for each class once you are notified that the class will be given.

From the Desk of Phil Stenglein

SALTING - Now that work has slowed down, we will be looking for volunteers who qualify to help our cause by being union SALT's in non-union shops. The members must be pre-approved prior to searching for non-union positions. Approval not only comes from our local, but must be acquired from the national as well. Please contact me to discuss this further.

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

Cut on dotted line below and mail in to the hall

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

Tool Hook Up (12-15 hrs.) _____ Date to be determined

Welding- Basic/Refresher (8 nights) _____ 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.

First Aid/CPR _____ Date to be determined

Plate Welding for employment nuclear site in South Carolina or Atlanta _____ Date to be determined

*** Foreman Training _____ An online class (done at home)**

***Supervisory Training _____ An online class (done at home)**

Name (Print)

Signature

***Requires e-mail address**

Date

DUE TO NEW ACA (Affordable Care Act) Regulations and Reporting Requirements, Members and their dependents who have health insurance coverage through LU 83 will be receiving important documents (1095-B and 1095-C) that will be required filings with your 2015 Income Tax Returns.

These forms require social security numbers of your dependents. This is information that LU83 has not needed in the past, but will now need prior to 12/31/15.

Please contact Donna at 518-489-1377 to provide those numbers, or you can mail them to the union hall by completing this form below and sending it back to the union hall.

Member Name: _____

Member Address: _____

Dependents:

Spouse Name: _____

Social: _____

Children(s) Names and Social(s):
