**Local 776 Newsletter**

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**SPECIAL NOTICE SPECIAL NOTICE SPECIAL NOTICE**

**Congratulations to all elected officers! If you were elected, please plan to be at the July 13th, 2022 Union meeting for Officer initiations.**

**Fraternal News**

* **Death Benefit:** We are on Death Benefit #351 Bill Darst. Death Benefits can be paid over the phone, in person or online at [www.ualocal776.com](http://www.ualocal776.com).
* **Congrats & Good Luck!!:** Apprentice Mackenzie Phelix placed 1st at the District 2 competition for HVAC! This means that Mack will be competing August 15-19th in the international apprentice competition in Ann Arbor, MI!

**Future Events to put on the Calendar**

* **Please Note:** The July Union Meeting date has been changed to **July 13th** to allow for the Delegates to attend the 2022 OSA State convention.
* **Please Note:** The August Union meeting has been moved to **August 24th**
* **Retiree Breakfast:** The next retiree breakfast is scheduled for September 9th at Westgate Lanes at 9am.
* **Union Meeting:** Wednesday July 13th, 2022 at 7pm
* **UA Weld Test:** Saturday July 23rd, 2022 at 8 A.M.

Please call Melissa no later than noon the Thursday before to sign up and to check on the status of the test session.

* **First Night of School:** The first night of school for the 22-23 school year is scheduled for September 6th, 2022.

**Business Manager Comments**

The Golf outing was June 11th at Colonial Hills Country Club, and it was another successful year! We had 20 teams sign up and it was a beautiful day for golfing! I would like to especially thank Mitch Frese for organizing the outing this year, and Ralph Calvelage and Billy Farler for cooking. Great job Guys!

Some people have been asking about the summer picnic. It has always been past practice not to have a summer picnic on years when a banquet has been held. This year will be no different and we will forgo the picnic due to having the banquet in April.

Everyone should’ve received a letter in the mail explaining the random selection program that our new DISA drug testing policy uses. If anyone has any questions on this new policy, please don’t hesitate to contact myself or Irv Coats.

July 1st is the start of the new pay scale for Building Trades members. We have new pay sheets and business card sized wage cards for anyone that would like one. All you need to do is stop by the hall and pick one up.

Officer elections were held in June, and I would like to introduce the new Local 776 Officer team to you:

**President**: Matthew Cunningham **Vice President**: Matthew Chiles

**Business Manager**: Brad Wendel **Business Agent**: Irv Coats

**Recording Secretary**: David Spitnale **Inside Guard**: Paul Lindsay

**Executive Board**: Jeremy Deaton, Jason Newell, Billy Farler and Nick Butorac

**Examining Board**: Rich Moores, Tim Taylor, John Miller, Kiel Dennison

**Finance Committee**: Cory Zeigler, Ben Fleagle, Eric Leugers

Congrats to everyone and Thank you for choosing to be involved in your local!

Lastly, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy 4th of July!!!

Fraternally,

Brad P. Wendel

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Business Manager/ Financial Secretary - Treasurer