**Local 776 Newsletter**

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**Retiree Breakfast**

The next retiree breakfast is scheduled for December 9th.

The breakfast will be at **Westgate Lanes** beginning at 9 am.

**Local 776 Christmas Party**

The Local 776 Christmas Party will be on Saturday December 10th from 1-4pm at Westgate Lanes. Please call Melissa to sign up!

**Fraternal News**

* **Deaths:** It is with great sadness to report that Brothers William Boughan and James Hempker have both passed away. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Boughan and Hempker families.
* **Death Benefit:** We are on Death Benefit #359 James Hempker. Death Benefits can be paid over the phone, in person or online at [www.ualocal776.com](http://www.ualocal776.com).
* **Congratulations:** Congrats to Travis Hawkins and Jason Weatherholtz on topping out from the apprenticeship!
* **Welcome New Members:** Nick Phillips, Austin Beck, Ethan Shane and Noah Morrow were all initiated in November. If you are working with them, please welcome them into our local!
* **Sympathies:** Ramona Murray – Mother of Mark and Wife of Guy Murray, Wanetta Dotson – Mother of Rick Dotson and Heston Cuffy – Bother of Stephen and Son of Horace Cuffy have all passed away. Our sympathies go out to the Murray, Dotson and Cuffy families.

**Future Events to put on the Calendar**

* **Union Meeting:** Wednesday December 21st 2022 at 7pm
* **UA Weld Test:** Saturday December 17th, 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.

* **Social:** The next retiree breakfast is scheduled for December 9th at Westgate Lanes at 9am. The Local 776 Christmas party is scheduled for Saturday December 10th at Westgate Lanes.

**JATC**

* **Applications:** The deadline for applications is January 27, 2023. If you know anyone that is interested in the apprenticeship, please have them go online to [www.ualocal776.com](http://www.ualocal776.com) and fill out an application.

**Business Manager Comments**

Starting the first of the year we will now be using Delta Dental for our dental insurance. The health trustees decided to make this change based upon the large number of issues that we were having with Anthem Dental. Everyone should be receiving new cards in the mail again, both from Delta and from NWOA. Please keep your eye out for this mailing.

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Please keep your eyes out for mailings from Northwest Ohio Administrators for the annual open enrollment packets. These need to be filled out and sent back in by everyone regardless of any changes to your status or not.

The JATC held their open house for national apprenticeship week, and it was a great success with large numbers of people walking through as well as several schools. I would like to thank the following members for helping prepare and give tours on the day of the event: Kiel Dennison, Jason Newell, Irv Coats, Mike Knisley, Jaret McKinley, Dustin Shonk, Chuck Hoersten, Mackenzie Phelix, Shaun Ricker, Tim Taylor, Katelyn Morrow, Blake Brickner, Josh Wehri and Craig Wiggins. Without your help this wouldn’t have been possible!

The UA offers several different kinds of Journeyman upgrade classes such as CWI training that are free to members. The only cost would be your food, exam expense, and hotel for the week. If you are interested in obtaining your CWI or seeing the list of classes, please contact Jason or Kiel!

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