**Local 776 Newsletter**

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**SPECIAL NOTICE SPECIAL NOTICE SPECIAL NOTICE**

**At the May 18, 2022 Union Meeting** under Business for the Welfare, the President will call for nominations from the floor to elect Local Union Officers. This election will be held by secret ballot vote on Wednesday June 15th, 2022 at 1300 Bowman Rd. Lima, OH.

**POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 3:30 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.**

Should a tie result, a runoff election will be held on Wednesday June 22, 2019 at 1300 Bowman Rd., Lima. Ohio

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The Retiree Breakfast that was scheduled for **June 10th** at Westgate Lanes has been moved to **June 3rd** due to our apprentice (Mackenzie Phelix) competing at the District 2 competition in Louisville Kentucky the week of the 10th.

**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).
* **Congratulations:** Brothers Nathan Preston (welder) and Mackenzie Phelix (MES) just finished representing Local 776 at the 2022 Ohio State Apprenticeship contest! Both Nathan and Mack performed extremely well and did a great job! Mackenzie won first place in the HVAC portion of the contest and will be competing at the district competition in June at Louisville Kentucky! We are extremely proud of both of you guys!!!

**Future Events to put on the Calendar**

* **Please Note:** The July Union Meeting date is being changed to **July 13th** to allow for the Delegates to attend the 2022 OSA State convention.
* **Retiree Breakfast:** The next retiree breakfast is scheduled for June 3rd at Westgate Lanes at 9am.
* **Golf Outing:** June 11th at Colonial Hills Country Club, call Melissa to sign your team up
	+ $15 for members, $45 for non-member, Retirees are FREE!
* **Union Meeting:** Wednesday May 18th, 2022 at 7pm
* **UA Weld Test:** Saturday May 28th, 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.

**JATC**

* **Classes:** The JATC has been consistently scheduling Orbital Welding classes. At this point, the May class is full, and we are accepting members for the June class. The June class will be held from 6-10 pm on June 21st, 22nd and 23rd. The testing for that class will be at the June UA Weld test session on Saturday June 25th. Please call Jason Newell to sign up for the next available class if you are interested.

**Business Manager Comments**

I would like to announce that the pension trustees met this month and have decided to send a one-time payment of $1500 to all retirees and beneficiaries in pay status! We are able to make this payment due to the extreme healthiness of the plan. If you are eligible for this payment, you will be receiving it on June 1st, 2022.

The Retiree/Graduation Banquet was held on April 9th and turned out very nice! I would like to thank all the retirees for their years of service and congratulate the apprentices for making it to this point in their career, both very big milestones! I would also like to thank everyone that helped with planning or setting up the banquet including President Matt Cunningham and Melissa Selby. Without your help, we couldn’t have made this happen.

Lastly, I would like to personally congratulate both apprentices for competing at the state competition and representing Local 776 well. Both Nathan and Mackenzie were very professional and worked very hard during that week. Seeing moments like this make you realize how bright the future of Local 776 really is!

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