

# Local 344

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OF THE PLUMBING AND PIPE FITTING INDUSTRY

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To All Members of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 344

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

## Member Deaths

Brother, **Charles R. Hinkle**, Membership Number 951323, died June 13, 2022. He was a Retired Journeyman Pipefitter.

Brother, **Jimmy R. Vanzant**, Membership Number 1035433, died July 16, 2022. He was a Pipefitter Refrigeration Journeyman.

## All Retirees Luncheon August 31<sup>st</sup>

Local 344 H & W is hosting an all-retirees luncheon from 11:00am to 1:00pm, lunch served at 11:30. Come and fellowship with your Union Brothers and Sisters!

## Health and Welfare Benefits

**Vision Benefits:** All participants are limited to 1 pair of frames and one pair of conventional lenses OR contact lenses (but not both) up to the stated allowable charge once every 12 months.

**Filing Vision Claims:** On the back of your BCBS card it states: Submit all vision claims to: Claims office c/o PP344 H&W fund at 8441 Gulf Freeway, Suite 304, Houston, TX 77017. If the provider won't file the claim directly to the claims office, you will need to pay out of pocket to the provider and either mail your claim to the claims office or you can e-mail your itemized vision claim to the Benefit office at [andrea@local344.com](mailto:andrea@local344.com) and it will be forwarded to the Claims office for processing so you can be reimbursed.

### **The plan will pay up to the following:**

Vision exam: up to \$100.00                      Frames: up to \$200.00  
Single vision Lenses: up to \$185.00              Bifocals and Trifocals: up to \$200.00

OR

Contact lenses: Up to 180.00 once every 12 months.

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*"Unionism has helped to give to everyone who toils the position of dignity which is his due"*



## **Picnic September 17<sup>th</sup>**

Local 344's Family Picnic will be at the Hall, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 2pm. **Apprentice volunteers** will be needed and will receive extra credit for classes. Call Dana at the hall 405-682-4571 x101 to sign-up. Please see the enclosed flyer.

## **Medical Gas Re-Certification Course**

A Medical Gas Installation Re-Cert class will be held September 13 and 15 at the Training Center. Please check your expiration date and contact the Training Center if you need to re-certify.

## **Backflow Repair Course**

A Backflow Repair course will begin September 12 and continue on Monday and Wednesday evenings through September 26. Backflow Testing certification is required to participate in this course. Please contact the Training Center ASAP if you are interested. Space is limited.

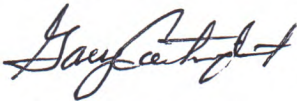
## **Boiler Operator Certification**

A State Boiler Operator certification course will be held September 12, 14 and 19. You must have a minimum of three years experience working on boilers which must be verified by your employer(s). The exam will be held on the last evening.

Call (405)632-5629 to get information on participating in these classes.

Remember you can always access previous newsletters at [pp344.com](http://pp344.com).

Fraternally,



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