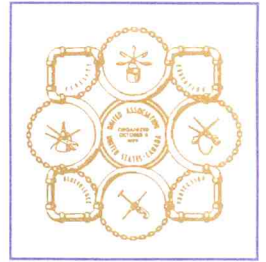


Local 344

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To All Members of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 344

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

IMPORTANT HEALTH & WELFARE INFORMATION

Blue Form Reminder: Forms were mailed to all eligible members earlier this month. Take a moment to complete the form, both sides if applicable, and return to the Benefits Office at 4337 SW 44th St, Oklahoma City, OK 73119. **All information is required and the member must sign the form. You must turn in your blue form to the Claims Office on or before March 31, 2014 in order to receive health insurance for you and/or your dependents.** The Claims Office **WILL NOT** process any claims until this form is signed and received. It is important to return the form as soon as possible. Please make sure you turn in your blue form by March 31, 2014. If not received by that date, dependents up to age 26 will not be covered under the Plan.

To request or to continue coverage for a child who has not attained age 26 as of January 1, 2014, the blue form must be completed and returned with a copy of each dependent's Birth Certificate and Social Security Card before claims will be paid in 2014. **If the blue form and other documents are not received by March 31, 2014, the dependents will not be eligible for coverage in 2014.** The next open enrollment will be December 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015 for the 2015 calendar year.

Dues Increase

Reminder - Dues for active members will increase \$1.00 per month effective January, 2014. There are exceptions for those who are retired or age 65 and older. Detailed information was mailed with the November newsletter. If you have any questions, please call the Union Office at 405-682-4571 ext 10.

Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 344 Scholarship Fund

Reminder - Application requests must be in writing and postmarked by Friday, December 27, 2013. Eligibility Rules were mailed in October and copies are available at the union office.

Central Oklahoma Labor Federation, AFL-CIO \$1,000 Scholarship

As an affiliated Local of the Central Oklahoma Labor Federation, members of Local 344 who are in good standing, or the child or grandchild of a member in good standing are eligible to apply. Applicants must be 24 years of age or younger and attending a two or four year college. Applications are available at the Local 344 Union Office and must be postmarked by March 15, 2014.

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



Plumbers Against Hunger

Please join the Oklahoma City chapter of the American Society of Sanitary Engineering (ASSEOKC) at the Oklahoma Regional Food Bank, **Saturday, December 21 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.** The event is called "Plumbers Against Hunger", and will bring together union and non-union people from different aspects of the plumbing and pipefitting industry for a good cause. The Food Bank is located at 3355 S. Purdue in Oklahoma City. For additional information, contact Kenny at the Training Center (405-632-5629).

OSHA 10 Certification Course Required by July 1, 2014

As per the Local 344 collective bargaining agreement, all members will be required to obtain an OSHA 10 certification by July 1, 2014 in order to continue working in the field. The next class will be held **January 16, 21 and 23 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Union Hall.** You must attend all three classes to be certified.

If you received your OSHA 10 certification through a source other than the Local 344 Training Center, please provide documentation for your file at the Training Center. You can either mail a copy of your card to the Training Center at 5315 S. Shartel, Oklahoma City, OK 73109 or go by and the staff will make a copy.


Code Update Classes Required to Re-new State License

Mechanical and Plumbing Code Update classes will be offered at the Training Center soon. **Effective July 1, 2014**, these classes are necessary in order to renew your state licenses through the Oklahoma Construction Industries Board.

NOTE: If you are interested in participating in any of the above-mentioned classes, please contact the Local 344 Training Center (405-632-5629) or go to the website at www.plumbersandpipefitters.com (*UserID: 344member, Password: local344jetc*) to complete an application online at your earliest convenience. The necessary **paperwork must be completed** prior to the first class meeting in order to ensure that all necessary materials are available.

~ Happy Holidays from the Officers & Staff of Local 344 ~

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