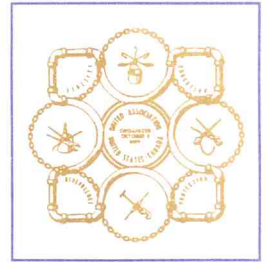


# Local 344

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To All Members of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 344

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

## Member Deaths

Brother **Jack Irvine**, Membership No. 646143, died 01/26/14. He was a Retired Steamfitter and a Life Member.

Brother **Derald Ward**, Membership No. 855771, died 01/28/2014. He was a Retired Pipefitter and a Life Member.

Brother **Norman Miser**, Membership No. 517092, died 02/03/14. He was a Retired Pipefitter and a Life Member.

We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to the families of these brothers.

## Meeting Cancellation

The Election Board will be using our Union Hall for the Municipal Primary Elections on March 4, 2014. Therefore, pursuant to Article 5.1 of our Local Union By-Laws, our March Membership Meeting has been cancelled.

## Local 344 Negotiating Committee

It is time to form our Negotiating Committee for upcoming contract negotiations. If you would like to volunteer to serve on the committee, please call the Union Office at 405-682-4571 ext 10 to place your name on the list.

## Important Health & Welfare Information

**Blue Form Reminder:** Forms were mailed to all eligible members in December. Take a moment to complete the form, both sides if applicable, and return to the Benefits Office at 4337 SW 44<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

## 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. Classes meet three nights for a total of ten hours. You must attend all three sessions in order to be certified. Classes are scheduled for March 13, 18 and 20, and April 21, 23 and 28.

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.

## Continuing Education Classes Required to Re-new State License

**Effective July 1, 2014**, you must complete six hours of continuing education in order to renew your state licenses through the Oklahoma Construction Industries Board. Plumbing Code Update classes are scheduled for March 20 and 25, and April 24 and 29. A Mechanical Code Update class is scheduled for April 3 and 8.

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](http://www.plumbersandpipefitters.com) (UserID: 344member, Password: local344jafc) 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.

## Red Wing Boot Recall

The UA Safety and Health Department has notified us of a safety recall on Red Wing Boots, which we know many of our members wear. The recall, on 45 styles of men's boots, is due to a defect in the steel toe cap, which could fail to protect the individual's foot in the event of an impact. To identify the style numbers included in the recall, please go to <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2014/Red-Wing-Shoes-Recalls-Steel-Toe-Work-Boots/>. It is suggested that consumers stop wearing the recalled boots immediately and return them to a Red Wing store/distributor or contact Red Wing Shoes for a free replacement pair of boots.

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