

# Local 344

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To All Members of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 344

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

## Member Deaths

Brother **Roy J. Williams**, Membership No. 973172, died 01/08/2014. He was a Retired Pipefitter.

We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Brother Williams.

## Important Health and Welfare Information

**Blue Form Reminder:** Forms were mailed to all eligible active members earlier this month. 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 Benefit Office on or before March 31, 2015 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, 2015. If not received by that date, spouse and 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, 2015, the blue form must be completed and returned and a copy of each dependent's Birth Certificate and Social Security Card must be on file. If married, a marriage certificate must be on file before claims will be paid in 2015. **If the blue form and other documents are not received by March 31, 2015, the dependents will not be eligible for coverage in 2015.** The next open enrollment will be December 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016 for the 2016 calendar year.

Retirees do not need to fill out a blue form this year.

## Dues Increase

Reminder - Dues for active members and retired members who are under age 65 increased \$1.00 per month effective this month (January 2015). Detailed information was mailed with the November newsletter. If you have any questions, please call the Union Office at 405-682-4571 ext 10.

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



## CEU Credit and OSHA 10

As most of you are aware, you must complete six hours of continuing education in order to renew your state licenses through the Oklahoma Construction Industries Board. Currently, most of the Journeyman Upgrade classes (i.e., OSHA 10, Medical Gas, Backflow, CFC Refrigerant Recovery, Boiler Operator, along with re-certs) offered at the Training Center are approved for continuing education credit. In addition, you are required to obtain an OSHA 10 certification in order to work under the Local 344 Collective Bargaining Agreement. **An OSHA 10 class will be held at the Union Hall on January 19, 21 and 26 beginning at 6:00 p.m. If you attend the class sessions on the 19 and 21, you will receive your 6-hour CEU credit.**

NOTE: If you are interested in participating in the OSHA 10 / CEU class (or any other ongoing or upcoming 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.

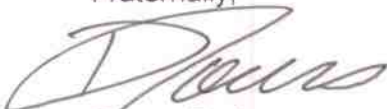
## Local 344 Training Center Facebook Page

The Training Center has created a Facebook Page. If you have a Facebook account, please go to "Plumbers and Pipefitters Training Center" at Facebook.com and *like* our page. Check in periodically for information on upcoming classes, current events and any class cancellations due to inclement weather, etc.

## 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 26 years of age or younger and attending a two or four year college. Applications must be postmarked between January 17 and March 14, 2015 and are available at the Local 344 Union Office.

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**2014 INCOME TAX INFORMATION  
FOR MEMBERS OF PLUMBERS & PIPEFITTERS  
LOCAL UNION NO. 344**

**ACTIVE OR RETIRED MEMBERS WHO REACHED AGE 65 BY DECEMBER 31, 2001**

Paid: 12 Months Dues @ \$19.00 per month..... \$228.00

**ACTIVE OR RETIRED MEMBERS WHO REACHED AGE 65 BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 2002 AND DECEMBER 31, 2006**

Paid: 12 Months Dues @ \$23.00 per month..... \$276.00

**ACTIVE OR RETIRED MEMBERS WHO REACHED AGE 65 BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 2007 AND DECEMBER 31, 2011**

Paid: 12 Months Dues @ \$24.00 per month..... \$288.00

**ACTIVE OR RETIRED MEMBERS WHO REACHED AGE 65 in 2012**

Paid: 12 Months Dues @ \$26.00 per month..... \$312.00

**ACTIVE OR RETIRED MEMBERS WHO REACHED AGE 65 IN 2013**

Paid: 12 Months Dues @ \$27.00 per month..... \$324.00

**ACTIVE OR RETIRED MEMBERS WHO REACHED AGE 65 IN 2014**

Paid \$28.00 per month effective the month following their 65<sup>th</sup> birthday

**RETIRED MEMBERS WHO WERE UNDER AGE 65**

Paid \$28.00 per month effective the month following their retirement date

**ACTIVE MEMBERS WHO WERE UNDER THE AGE OF 65**

Paid: 12 Months Dues @ \$31.00 per month..... \$372.00

**WACO (Working Assessment Check-Off)**

Two and four tenths percent (2.4%) of gross wages for contractors in Local 344's jurisdiction

**NOTE:** If you worked for a contractor(s) out of the jurisdiction of Local 344, you must acquire your working assessments and/or travel card dues from your own records.

If you paid a Reinstatement Fee or Initiation Fee in 2014, these are also deductible.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT CHERYL AT THE LOCAL UNION OFFICE (405-682-4571, Ext 10).**

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