



January 2019

To All Members of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 344

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Member Deaths

Brother **Richard 'Neil' Clemens**, Membership No. 918207, died 1/07/2019. He was a Life Member Journeyman Pipefitter.

Health & Welfare

Online enrollments are now available through the PP344 website at www.pp344.com in the benefits section. Your sign is:

USERNAME: last 4 digits of SSN + 1st initial of first name + Full last name in ALL CAPS
PASSWORD: your BCBS ID # (no letters)

Members can fill out all the information as well as add dependents, change address, and update any other information required on the "Blue Form" and can be submitted online. Once completed, you will receive a confirmation number.

The Claims Office requires an updated blue enrollment form each year on all eligible participants. Take a moment to complete the form either online or by mail. To request coverage for a child who has not attained age 26, the enclosed enrollment form must be completed as well as mailing in a copy of each dependent's Birth Certificate and Social Security Card. All forms and supporting documentation must be turned in by March 31, 2019 in order to be covered for the 2019 Plan Year, 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 Benefit Office on or before March 31, 2019 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 fill out online or return the form as soon as possible. **If the Blue form and other documents are not received by March 31, 2019, the dependents will not be eligible until the next open enrollment period.**

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

8th Annual Pipe Trades Against Hunger – Rescheduled

Please join the Oklahoma City chapter of the American Society of Sanitary Engineering (ASSEOKC) at the Oklahoma Regional Food Bank, Saturday, **February 16** from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event is called “Pipe Trades 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).

Continuing Education Courses

Please check the expiration date on your state plumbing and/or mechanical licenses. A Mechanical CEU class will be held Saturday, January 19 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, and a Plumbing CEU class will be held Saturday, February 16 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Both of these classes will be held at the Union Hall. Please call (405)632-5629 to reserve your space today. *If you are not sure if you need to complete a CEU class, check with the Training Center. The information will most likely be in your file.*

Medical Gas System Installation Course

A 40-hour Medical Gas Course will be held January 15 through February 19. This class will meet two nights a week from 5:30 to 9:30. Upon completion of the class and exam, you will be certified in Medical Gas System Installation.

CFC Refrigerant Recovery Course

A Refrigerant Recovery course for HVAC technicians will be held February 21, and continue on March 8 and 9 at the Local 344 Training Center.

The necessary **paperwork must be completed** prior to the first class meeting in order to ensure that all necessary materials (textbooks, exams, etc.) are available.

Remember you may access any of our previous newsletters at www.pp344.com.

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