



July 2020

To All Members of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 344

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Members Deaths

Brother, **William F. Klugas**, Membership Number 712945, died 6/13/2020. He was a Life Member Journeyman Plumber.

Health and Welfare

Blue Forms/Open Enrollment: Open enrollment for 2021 will begin on September 15th and end on December 15th 2020. The Benefit office will mail the Blue Enrollment forms at the beginning of September. **This does NOT apply to retirees.**

*****This is a significant change that the membership will need to consider when turning in the Blue Forms either on line, mailing, e-mailing or faxing. By changing the date to September through December 15th, this will ensure that there will not be any delay in paying claims for the 2021 plan year.**

New BCBS cards: New BCBS cards are being mailed Monday, July 20, 2020 by BCBS. New vision information is included on the new cards. **ALL** other information will stay the same. The vision provider will call for benefits & eligibility and then file your claim directly to the claims office to be processed. If provider does not file, you will need to pay up front and mail receipt for reimbursement to the address on the back of your card.

HRA/Heath Assessment- UPDATE: For 2020, the H&W Trustees are waiving the blood draw requirement to receive the 500.00 HRA money and will base it on eligibility for 2020. All "active" members and retirees that are "eligible" for 2020 will receive the 500.00 HRA money in their account and can use to reimburse out of pocket expenses for 2020. You will still have to turn in EOB's and an HRA form in order to receive the money. If you don't have any out of pocket expenses or choose not to use for 2020, the money will rollover each year.

The HRA forms can be found online at pp344.com under "forms". Please make sure that you fill out a form for each person that you are sending in EOB's. Example: You have an EOB for 200.00 and your wife has an EOB for 300.00, You will need to fill out 2 HRA forms and put the EOB's with each form and turn in. Also, make sure the forms are signed by the member.

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

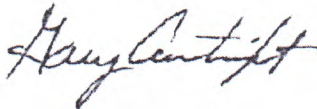
The members can mail, e-mail, fax, or drop by the HRA forms for reimbursement. The deadline to turn in HRA claims is the 6th of each month in order to receive a check on or around the 16th of that same month. If your HRA claim is received after the 6th, it will be processed the following month. The deadline for 2020 claims is March 31, 2021.

Apprenticeship Applications

Applications for the Local 344 Apprenticeship Program are available at the Training Center Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Applicants must be a minimum of 18 years old and have graduated high school or received a GED certificate. Copies of a valid driver's license or birth certificate and high school transcript or GED scores must be included with the completed application in order to be granted an interview.

You can always access our previous newsletters at www.pp344.com

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Gary Cartwright
Business Manager

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