

# Local 344

UNITED ASSOCIATION OF JOURNEYMEN AND APPRENTICES  
OF THE PLUMBING AND PIPE FITTING INDUSTRY

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To All Members of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 344

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

### MEMBER DEATHS

Brother Troy Lee Boydston, Membership No. 844471, died 4/20/2017. He was a Life Member. Brother William Nowak, Membership No. 693511, died 4/20/2017. He was a Life Member. Brother Ronnie Berry, Membership No. 1032727, died 5/9/2017. He was a Retired Pipefitter. We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to the family's of these Brother's .

### \*\*\* SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE \*\*\*

There will be a special meeting for the Local Union 344 membership at 9:00 am on Saturday, June 24, 2017. The meeting will be located at the Local Union Hall, 4335 SW 44<sup>th</sup> St. Oklahoma City, OK. This meeting is being called for the purpose of voting on the ratification of our new contract.

----- I urge ALL members to join this very important meeting -----

### 🏌️ 12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT 🏌️

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 344 Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Trooper Park Golf Course, 2301 SE 29<sup>th</sup> Street in OKC, OK. Registration Forms were enclosed in the April newsletter. If you wish, you can call Amanda Damlo at the Union Office, (405) 682-4571, Ext:101 to register and pay by credit card. Deadline to register is Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

### UA SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The United Association Scholarship Trust Fund is now accepting applications for the 2017-2018 academic year scholarship awards. The fund benefits UA members and their dependents. The eligibility requirements, application and detailed instructions can be downloaded at [www.ua.org](http://www.ua.org). The deadline for submitting applications is 06/15/2017.

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



### CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES (CEU's)

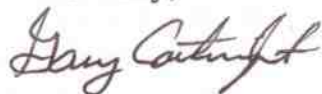
The Local 344 Training Center will hold a Mechanical CEU course on Saturday, June 17, and a Plumbing CEU course on Saturday, June 24. Both courses will be held at the Union Hall. These classes are required by the Construction Industries Board to renew your state license. If you are not sure when your CEU credit expires, contact the Training Center (405-632-5629). If you took the class through the Training Center, the expiration date will be in their records.

### OSHA 30 COURSE

An OSHA 30 course will be held at the Training Center on Monday and Wednesday evenings beginning May 31<sup>ST</sup> and continuing through June 28<sup>TH</sup>. This course is limited to forty students, so contact the staff at the Training Center to reserve your space now.

**NOTE:** If you are interested in participating in the above-mentioned classes, or any other 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: local344jate) 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 all necessary materials are available. Check us out on Facebook, Plumbers and Pipefitters Training Center.

Fraternally,



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The Southwest Pipe trades association is currently looking for an organizer from local 344 jurisdiction. All applicants must be willing to work long hours. All applicants also must possess basic computer skills. They should be able to work basic word, excel and outlook programs.

This position will pay local 344 foreman rate of 40 hours per week salaried. This position will be eligible for the UA officers pension in addition to the local pension. This position will offer seven paid holidays as well as two-week vacation per year. There will be schooling and additional training needed for this position. The Southwest Pipe trades will pay all cost accrued for this training. All applicants must be self-starters and willing to follow directions. All interested applicants must be willing and able to engage random strangers in conversation. All interested applicants must be able to handle rejection with dignity and class. If you are interested in this position send resume to Local 344.

Fraternally yours,

*TJ Dodd*  
President

*J.B. Kirk*  
Secretary/Treasurer

*Darren Jones and Russell "Corby" Shelton*  
International Representative