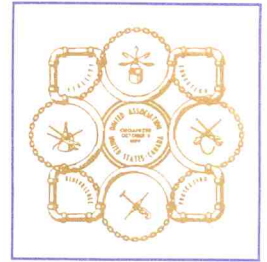


# Local 344

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

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November 2013

To All Members of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 344

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

## Member Deaths

Brother **Darrell Ussery**, Membership No. 1437606, died 10/30/13. He was a Pipefitter. We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Brother Ussery.

## Local Union Death Benefit

At the November 5th Regular Membership Meeting, membership voted to pay the Death Benefit premium for each and every member of Local 344 from the General Fund until October, 2014. This means you will only be responsible to pay monthly dues until October, 2014.

## By-Laws

Amendments to our By-Laws were adopted at the November Membership Meeting. Copies will be available by the next Membership Meeting.

## Dues Increase

In accordance with the amendments enacted at the 38<sup>th</sup> Convention of the United Association, union dues will be increased \$1.00 per month effective January 1, 2014. There are exceptions to this increase, so please refer to the enclosed list to determine your dues for 2014. If you have any questions, please call the Union Office at 405-682-4571 ext 10.

## Annual Turkey Giveaway

Holiday turkeys will be given out after the regular membership meeting Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Final 2013 Personal Health Assessments

Personal Health Assessments for members and spouses eligible on the PP344 Health Insurance are scheduled as follows:

**Date:** Saturday, December 7, 2013  
**Time:** 7:00 am to 11:00 am  
**Location:** Local 344 Meeting Hall, 4335 SW 44<sup>th</sup> Street, Oklahoma City

You **MUST** call and schedule your Personal Health Assessment. Please call 1-800-993-8244.

**Deadline to schedule will be Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Please note: This is a make-up day. If you have already received your Personal Health Assessment in 2013, please do not schedule another assessment.**

## Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 344 Scholarships

We will be awarding ten \$1,000 college scholarships for the 2013 Fall Semester. Members, their spouses, sons and daughters who are full-time students (12 hours or more) are eligible. Eligibility and application rules were mailed with the October newsletter. Deadline to submit a written request for an application is December 27, 2013.

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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 are currently being offered through the Training Center.

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.

NOTE: If you are interested in participating in the above-mentioned class, 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: local344jtc) 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.

## Plumbers Against Hunger

Please join the Oklahoma City chapter of the American Society of Sanitary Engineering (ASSEOKC) at the Oklahoma Regional Food Bank, Saturday, December 21. The event is called "Plumbers 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).

## Plumbers and Pipefitters Apprenticeship

Applications will be available at the Plumbers and Pipefitters Training Center (5315 S. Shartel, Oklahoma City) between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Friday. Applications may be obtained in person, by mail, fax, e-mail or requested from the web site ([www.plumbersandpipefitters.com](http://www.plumbersandpipefitters.com)). The applicant must return the application, *with required documents*, before the deadline for the next interview session in order to be considered.

Qualifications are as follows: Minimum **18** years of age prior to being accepted into the Program; must be a high school graduate or have a GED and provide **transcript**.

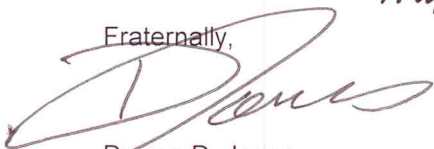
We anticipate accepting 10 to 15 apprentices this year. Applicants will be selected based on highest qualifications without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, or national origin. The P.H.C.C. Contractors, party to the Plumbers and Pipefitters J.A.T.C. Agreement, are Equal Opportunity Employers.

## Wage Rates

1 <sup>st</sup> Year - \$15.17	4 <sup>th</sup> Year - \$21.23
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year - \$18.20	5 <sup>th</sup> Year - \$22.75
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year - \$19.71	Journeyman - \$30.33

*~ Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family ~*

Efraternally,



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