

Local 344

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To All Members of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 344

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Dues Increase

In accordance with the amendments enacted at the 39th Convention of the United Association, union dues will be increased \$2.00 per month effective January 1, 2018. There are exceptions to this increase, so please refer to the enclosed list to determine your dues for 2018. If you have any questions, please call the Union Office at 405-682-4571 ext 101.

Annual Turkey Giveaway

Holiday turkeys will be given out after the regular membership meeting Tuesday, December 5TH.

Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 344 Scholarships

We will be awarding ten \$1,000 college scholarships for the 2017 Fall Semester. Members, their spouses, sons and daughters who are full-time students (12 hours or more) are eligible. Eligibility and application rules are enclosed.

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 graduate high school in 2018 or before and be attending a two or four year college or graduate school. Applications are available at the Union Office.

Reminder - Personal Health Assessments/Benefit Fair/Flu Shots

The final 2017 Personal Health Assessment for members and spouses eligible on the PP344 Health Insurance is scheduled for Saturday, December 2, 2017 from 7:00am to 11:00am at the Local 344 Union Hall, 4335 SW 44th Street, Oklahoma City. **You MUST call and schedule your own Personal Health Assessment.** Deadline to schedule is November 30, 2017.

Please join us for our 1st Annual Benefit Fair. There will be informational booths with giveaways from our vendors. Delta Dental will be offering free oral exams to **ALL** members. Morgan Stanley, the new investment advisors for the Annuity Fund, will be set up and willing to answer any questions regarding your investments. PICMED will be set up to administer flu shots. Informational booth from CVS/Caremark, Teladoc and Amplifone will be available. Please plan to attend between 11:00am and 2:00pm.

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

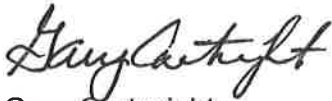


7th Annual Plumbers, Pipefitters and HVAC Against Hunger

Please join the Oklahoma City chapter of the American Society of Sanitary Engineering (ASSEOKC) at the Oklahoma Regional Food Bank, Saturday, December 9 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event is called "Plumbers, Pipefitters and HVAC 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).

~ Happy Thanksgiving to You and Your Family ~

Fraternally,



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Please note that there are exceptions to this increase. These exceptions are included in the following complete list of dues.

If you were age 65 by December 31, 2001, your dues will remain \$19.00 per month.

If you reached age 65 between January 1, 2002 and December 31, 2006, your dues will remain \$23.00 per month.

If you reached age 65 between January 1, 2007 and December 31, 2017, dues will remain \$24.00 per month.

If you reach age 65 January 1, 2018 and after, your dues will be \$24.00 per month effective the month following your 65th birthday.

If you are Retired and under the age of 65, your dues will be \$31.00 per month.

If you are still active and eligible for work, and under the age of 65 on December 31, 2017, your dues will increase to \$34.00 per month.

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**Eligibility Rules
Plumbers & Pipefitters Local Union No. 344
Scholarship Fund**

Education is foremost for young people to realize their goals in life. Also, praise and encouragement is due to those raising families who have decided to return to school and earn higher degrees. The membership of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union No. 344 wishes to encourage all students to work hard toward whatever their career goals may be. Therefore, they have generously given their permission to award ten \$1,000 scholarships for the 2017 fall semester.

Local 344 members, their spouses, sons and daughters who are **full-time students** (12 hours or more) and are completing the fall 2017 semester at an accredited college/university are eligible. Both undergraduate and graduate students are eligible.

Application requests must be in writing. Students may apply by stating the following in their written request:

- 1) The college/university they are attending
- 2) The 2017 fall semester completion date
- 3) The address to mail the application

Requests must be postmarked by Friday, December 29, 2017.

The application forms must be filled out and postmarked by Friday, February 2, 2018. The applicant will automatically be disqualified if all information is not included. Specific instructions will be mailed with requested scholarship application.

Winners will be notified by letter, following final selection, to the address provided on the application.



Ho! Ho! Ho!
Santa's Coming!

It's time for the
Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 344
Annual Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, December 16, 2017
10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Local 344 Union Hall
4335 Southwest 44th
Oklahoma City, OK

Bring the kids to see Santa!

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