

# Local 344

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To All Members of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 344

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

## **Meeting Cancellation**

Due to the General Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, our Regular Membership Meeting has been cancelled. I hope to see you at the December meeting.

## **Local Union Death Benefit**

At the October 7 Membership Meeting, membership voted to pay the Death Benefit premium for each and every member of Local 344 from the General Fund until October, 2015. The premium is \$12.57 per eligible member per month.

## **Free Flu Shots**

Arrangements have been made with the Visiting Nurse Association to administer free flu shots for members and eligible dependents. The shots will be given on a first come-first served basis. No appointment is necessary.

**Saturday, October 25, 2014**

**9:00 am to 12:00 noon**

**Local Union Hall**

**4335 SW 44<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Oklahoma City, OK**

## **Candidate Endorsements**

The General Election is November 4<sup>th</sup>. Enclosed is a list of candidates who have been endorsed by Local 344. It is extremely important that we elect those who will support legislation and issues that create jobs and help working families. For information regarding early voting and absentee ballots, go to [www.elections.ok.gov](http://www.elections.ok.gov). **Please Vote November 4<sup>th</sup> !**

## **2014-2015 Western Oklahoma Building Trades Scholarship**

Local 344 members and their dependents are eligible to participate in this scholarship. The application is available at the following website: <http://occf.org/wobt>. Deadline to apply is October 31, 2014.

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

## OSHA 30 Class

An OSHA 30 class will be offered at the Local 344 Training Center in the next few months. This class is more comprehensive and in-depth than the OSHA 10 class.

## CEU Credit to Renew Your State License

As most of you are aware, Effective July 1, 2014, you must complete six hours of continuing education in order to renew your state licenses through the Oklahoma Construction Industries Board. Currently, most of the Journeyman Upgrade classes (i.e., Medical Gas, Backflow, CFC Refrigerant Recovery, Boiler Operator, along with re-certs) offered at the Training Center are approved for continuing education credit. The next opportunity for both Plumbing and Mechanical CEU credit will be **November 5 and 10** at the Union Hall. *This is an OSHA review and will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.* **You must attend both sessions in order to receive 6 hours credit.**

NOTE: If you are interested in participating in any of the above-mentioned classes (or any other ongoing or 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: local344jatc) 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.

Fraternally,



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# Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 344 Candidate Endorsements

## STATEWIDE RACES

U.S. Senate  
CONNIE JOHNSON

U.S. Senate  
MATT SILVERSTEIN

Governor  
JOE DORMAN

Lt. Governor  
CATHY CUMMINGS

State Superintendent of Public Instruction  
DR. JOHN COX

## STATE SENATE

SD 5 Curtis McDaniel  
SD 6 Joe Hill  
SD 8 Selina Jayne-Dorman  
SD 26 Kevin Black

SD 40 John Handy Edwards  
SD 42 Charles Thompson  
SD 44 Michael Brooks-Jiminez  
SD 48 Anastasia Pittman

## STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HD 3 James Lockhart  
HD 6 Chuck Hoskin  
HD 10 Anthony Tucker  
HD 12 Wade Rousselot  
HD 16 Jerry Shoemake  
HD 17 Brian Renegar  
HD 32 Michial Poteet  
HD 43 Sarah Baker  
HD 45 Claudia Griffith  
HD 46 Scott Brockman  
HD 49 Jessica Pfau  
HD 56 David Perryman

HD 62 John Dunaway  
HD 63 Juan Rodriquez  
HD 65 Toni Hasenbeck  
HD 83 Ed Holzberger  
HD 85 Cyndi Munson  
HD 86 Will Fourkiller  
HD 87 Collin Walke  
HD 93 William Lee Molden  
HD 95 Mark DeShazo  
HD 97 Mike Shelton  
HD 99 George E. Young