



September 2018

To All Members of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 344

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Member Deaths

Brother **Lester 'Dale' Williams**, Membership No. 1065978, died 8/15/2018. He was a Retired Journeyman Plumber.

Brother **Kelly D. Shields**, Membership No. 711957, died 8/21/2018. He was a Life Member Journeyman Steamfitter.

Local Picnic September 15th

The local picnic will be Saturday, September 15th. Mark your calendar and plan to bring the whole family for a day of fun. Flu shots will be available again this year. We will need volunteers for the Picnic! If you are interested, please contact Dana at 405-682-4571. Volunteers will receive extra credit for class!

H&W Benefits Update

Health Assessments:

The phone lines to make appointments will open September 1, 2018 for October 4th Assessment. You **MUST** call and schedule your Personal Health Assessment (no walk-ins allowed) Call 1-800-993-8244 Sat, October 6, 2018 from 7:00 am to 11:00 am – Deadline to Schedule is October 4th Make up Health assessment will be on: Sat, December 1, 2018 from 7:00am to 11am- Deadline to schedule is Nov 29th.

We strongly encourage everyone to go online and fill out your information before the draw. It makes the process faster. The link is: <https://portal.careatc.com/Pha/PatientQuestionnaire>

If you do NOT have access to the internet, there will be i-pads available onsite, but can slow down the check-in process. EOB lookup – mylaborbenefits.com

Teladoc: This benefit is available to ALL ACTIVE members and eligible dependents. You will have access to 24/7/365 access to U.S. board certified doctors and pediatricians by phone or online video. Please visit the Teladoc website or call 1-800-Teladoc (835-2362) to set up your account today. The doctors can treat many conditions such as sinus problems, bronchitis, allergies, cold and flu symptoms, ear infection, and respiratory infections plus more. There is NO cost to the member for a Teladoc visit.

Amplifon Hearing Health Care: Plumbers and Pipefitters has partnered with Amplifon Hearing and entitles you to a hearing health discount program. Please call 1-888-408-5947 to set up an appointment or visit online at www.amplifoneusa.com/pplocal344. The program allows a hearing aid low price guarantee, risk-free 60-trial, free 2-year supply of batteries, and one year follow up care, free.

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

If you get a call from American Income Life asking to set up an appointment in your home, this is not a requirement. You are still covered under the no-cost \$2,000 AD&D active policy.

2018-2019 UA Scholarship Trust Fund Recipients

We extend our congratulations to Taylor DiGiacinto and Sylvia Walters from Local 344!

2016-2017 Western Oklahoma Building Trades Scholarship

Local 344 members and their dependents are eligible to participate in this scholarship. The application will be available online starting October 1st. The deadline to submit completed applications will be April 1st. The information for students to apply will be on the Oklahoma City Community Foundation Website <https://occf.academicworks.com> and get prepared. Questions? Please contact the scholarship staff at scholarships@occf.org or call Rick Fernandez at 405-606-2919.

Courses Offered at the Training Center

The following courses are offered at the Training Center, on a rotating basis, depending on the interest and needs of the membership. Courses are generated once the minimum number of participants required to be cost effective is reached.

Plumbing Code Update (CEU)
Mechanical Code Update (CEU)
Medical Gas Systems Installation
Boiler Operators Course and Licensing Exam
Backflow Testing
Backflow Repair
Backflow Surveyor
CFC Refrigerant Recovery
OSHA 30
Unlimited Mechanical License Exam Prep

NOTE: If you are interested in participating in the above-mentioned classes (or any other classes), please call the Local 344 Training Center (405-632-5629) or email Beverly (beverly@jatc344.com) or Rachel (rachel@jatc344.com) to reserve a space 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.

Always remember you can access any of our previous newsletters at www.pp344.com.

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