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Dear Brothers & Sisters:

*******PLEASE READ*******
*******IMPORTANT NOTICES*******

Please be advised that the REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING of Local Lodge #13 will be held on **Friday, December 10, 2010 at 8:00 P.M.** at the Frank Donlon Hall, 2300 New Falls Rd., Newportville, Pennsylvania. The traditional Christmas refreshments will be served immediately following the meeting.

*****NOTICE*****

This meeting notification is available on the Boilermakers Local Lodge No. 13 website www.boilermakers13.org

We will also be glad to e-mail the meeting notice to you if you provide us with an e-mail address.

To receive the Monthly Meeting Notice via e-mail send your e-mail address to Tina Gushue at blrmkrs13@comcast.net

*****UPSTATE MOST 5 HOUR REFRESHER COURSE*****

An Upstate MOST 5 Hour Refresher Course will be held on Saturday, January 15, 2011 at the Moose Lodge 1207, 425 Exeter Avenue, West Pittston, PA 18643 at 8:00 a.m. If you are interested in attending this class call Tina at the union hall and reserve a spot. Seats are limited.

Fraternally yours, Michael Impagliazzo, President – Local Lodge No. 13

FROM THE DESK OF THE BUSINESS MANAGER

*****Dues Increase*** As of January 1, 2011, monthly union dues will increase to \$39.50 per month. Remember to put your registration number on your check. Due to security concerns please do not put your social security number on your check, only your registration number. Local #13 will no longer be able to cover members who allow their dues to go into arrears! A \$500.00 reinstatement fee will be imposed. It is your obligation to the union to pay union dues on time.**

*****Vacation Checks***** Please be advised that vacation checks will be mailed on Friday, December 3, 2010 unless you opted to pick up your vacation check between the hours of 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*****No phone calls pertaining to vacation checks will be accepted*****

*****Wagon of Fun and Wheelbarrow of Cheer tickets***** are available for sale. If you have seen them over the past few years, you know they get bigger and better each year. **Each one is now worth over \$1,500.00.** See your steward or contact the office. Tickets are only \$1.00 each and it benefits the Sick & Distress Fund. **Drawing will be held at the December Regular Monthly Meeting on December 10, 2010. See enclosed flyer for more details.**

*****Our Annual Family Christmas Party***** will be held on **Sunday, December 5, 2010 from Noon to 4:00 p.m.** at the Newportville Fire House, 2425 New Falls Road (across the street from the union hall). Mark your calendars, every child 12 and under receives a gift from Santa. **Flyers were recently sent out. If you plan on attending and have not sent back your response, please contact the union hall immediately.**

*****Help Needed***** We are joining Joseph Conti, a retired boilermaker and Nitalias Blankets to collect soft warm blankets, knit cap's or slipper socks to be donated to St. Jude's Hospital, Philadelphia Children's Hospital and St. Christopher's Hospital. Joe's granddaughter, Nitalia, was diagnosed with brain cancer. We ask that everyone who attends the Family Christmas Party bring a blanket, knit cap or slipper socks as a donation. Donations will also be accepted at the December union meeting. If you would like more information, see www.nitaliasblankets.com

*****Testing for the Jeffrey C. Davis and Boilermakers #13 Academic Scholarship*****

Testing will be on **Saturday, January 29, 2011, with a snow date of Saturday, February 5, 2011.** Applicants are only able to apply for one of the scholarships, the academic scholarship or the Jeffery C. Davis Scholarship, not both. **Please make sure you complete and return the correct application that your son or daughter is applying for.** Applications were mailed recently. If you have not received both, please contact the hall and we will be glad to mail you another application. **All applications must be returned to the union hall by January 11, 2011.**

*****Boilermakers Local #13 Academic Scholarship***** This scholarship is worth \$8,000.00 and is for seniors going into an accredited College or University in fall of 2011.

*****Jeffrey C. Davis Vocational Scholarship***** This Scholarship is worth \$2,400.00 and is for seniors going into studies at any accredited vocational and/or Technical studies at any accredited vocational and or technical school. This year the Trustees are pleased to announce an addition to the Davis Scholarship. As there have been years where there have been no qualified applicants for this award, the Scholarship Committee has opened up eligibility to graduates of the Boilermakers Local 13 Scholarship program who plan to attend or are currently attending graduate or professional studies at an accredited college or university. **These awards will be made if there are not a sufficient number of applicants for the vocational scholarship.**

*****Pennsylvania AFL-CIO 2011 Scholarship Essay Contest***** Scholarships will be offered by the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO in three categories; Graduating High School Seniors, students attending an accredited, post-secondary institution, and Affiliated Union Members Attending an Accredited Institution. First award is \$2,000.00, second award is \$1,000.00 and the third award is \$500.00. If interested, please contact the hall and we will have an application mailed to you. **The deadline for submitting the application is January 31, 2011.**

*****Scholarship Memorial Cards***** are available from the office. These cards can be obtained by sending a check payable to the Local #13 Scholarship Program, for \$10.00 either with the name and address where the card is to be sent, or have the card forwarded to your home to have available for services. A memorial page will appear in the 2011 Scholarship Program in honor of those we would like to remember.

*****Beneficiary Cards***** - It has been brought to our attention that many of our members have not filled out beneficiary cards. If you have recently married or divorced it is imperative that your beneficiaries be updated. Protect your loved ones by filling out beneficiary cards for Annuity and Pension/Health & Welfare. Contact our office and we will be glad to send them to you.

*****Jobsite Theft***** This office has been notified of instances of jobsite theft on several construction sites. Please be advised that jobsite theft, violence, acts of sabotage and serious and chronic violations of the referral rules **may be cause for permanent removal from all boilermaker out-of-work lists.**

*****Cell Phones for Soldiers*** - Boilermakers Local Lodge No. 13 is a collection site for cell phones for soldiers.** Drop off any old cell phones that you are not using at the union hall. We will then forward them to the Cell Phone for Soldiers office. Their goal is to help our soldiers serving overseas call home by providing prepaid phone cards.

*****Dermatology Treatment*** Local Lodge No. 13 has been in contact with one of our own scholarship winners from 1986, Dr. Robert Willard (son of Bob Willard). Dr. Willard is signatory with Cigna and is located at the Dermatology & Mohs Surgery Center, 610 Farm Lane, Doylestown, PA 18901 (215) 345-6647 and the website is www.doylestownmohs.com**

*****Sexual Harrassment*** Local #13 has received complaints of sexual harassment on some of our jobsites. Sexual harassment is unlawful and violates Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitutes sexual harassment when submission to or rejection of this conduct explicitly or implicitly affects an individual's work performance or creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive work environment. **No one should be subjected to sexual harassment and it will not be tolerated by the Boilermakers' Organization. We must respect each other. If you feel you are being sexually harassed please inform the Business Manager Immediately.****

*****Annual Routine Physical*** - Please be advised that the Boilermakers National Health and Welfare has increased the no-deductible annual physical from \$150.00 to \$300.00 per year for active members and retirees covered by the Health and Welfare Active (G-plan) and Retiree plan. For your consideration, Industrial Healthcare Center at 1854 New Rodgers Road (Rt. 413), Levittown, PA (215) 750-6426 will perform the following services for the "No money out of pocket price of \$300.00". Comprehensive Physicals, Laboratory Testing, PSA, Fecal Occult Blood Test, Chest X-Ray, CBC with Differential, EKG with Interpretation, Urinalysis, Vision Testing and a Whisper Hearing Test. Please request the Boilermakers Annual Physical when making an appointment.**

*****Retired Boilermakers from the Maryland and Northern Delaware areas*** meet monthly for a breakfast gathering at the Elkton Diner in Elkton Maryland at 8:00 a.m. on the first Wednesday of every month. The Elkton Diner is located at the Big Elk Mall in Elkton on the Northeast corner of Routes 40 and 213. If interested, contact Ron Demmler (410) 398-1348 or Lloyd Seal (302) 328-6470 or Bill Twupack (410) 378-2236 or email rdemmler30@comcast.net**

*****Retired and Active Boilermakers from Northumberland and Surrounding Counties*** meet the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. at the El-Rancho Restaurant on Route #11, Northumberland, Pennsylvania. If interested, contact Ron Olson at (570) 765-2567 or (570) 743-6971.**

*****Upstate retired Boilermakers*** meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month for breakfast at 8:00 a.m. at the Perkins just off the Buckhorn exit of route #80 (between Bloomsburg and Danville). If interested contact Lester Yarnell at (570) 864-3350.**

*****Social Gathering***** Several of our members have been attending a social gathering in the Scranton/Clark Summit area. They meet at Gin's Tavern in Factoryville, PA and will be meeting at 1:30 p.m. on **March 19, 2011** If you are interested, please contact Rich Kelley at (570) 689-9380, Mike Mongiello at 570-842-2638 or Joe Harvey at (570) 836-2487.

*****Rigging Safety Alert***** Highlines are dangerous!! Even to a trained eye highlines can appear to be safe when they are not. Always double check your rigging!

*****Welding, Cutting and Burning Safety Alert***** - Breathing welding fumes is hazardous to your health, especially hexavalent chromium (Cr(VI)) compounds which are present in stainless steels. These fumes are potential human carcinogens and exposure to these fumes should be minimized. Be sure to protect your health by properly ventilating your work area and breathing zone. The use of proper respirators will also minimize your risk. Take the time to work safely!

*****Jobsite Injuries***** Local #13 has seen an increase in jobsite injuries and accidents. Please take the time to work safe and don't take any safety issue for granted. Insist on making sure that your work area is safe. Good housekeeping is a good place to start. Also, follow all lock out and tag out procedures and read the work permits each time you enter a vessel or confined space. **Take the time to work safely!** If you do get hurt it is imperative that you **immediately** notify the jobsite superintendent and the steward of all injuries no matter how minor the injury. This important step helps protect your ability to a workmen's compensation claim. **Please notify the union hall immediately of any unpaid medical bills that you may receive due to a result of a workmen's compensation injury. DO NOT MAKE ANY DEALS WITH CONTRACTORS.** I would also like for all members to contact me (James W. Banford, Jr.) personally about all injuries, no matter how minor you may think they are. **Please work safely!**

Fraternaly yours, James W. Banford Jr., Business Manager/Secretary Treasurer

*****Notices from the Training Coordinator*****

*****M.O.S.T. 5 Hour Refresher Course***** Will be held at the union hall on **Wednesday, December 29, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.**

*****Safety Training Alert***** Please be advised effective January 1, 2007 the MOST safety training requirement for the Philadelphia Area Refineries is only good for one (1) year. You will be required to take the 5 Hour MOST safety refresher course every year.

*****M.O.S.T. Drug Testing Facilities***** The M.O.S.T. program has changed some of the facilities that you can go to for a drug test. Please call the drug testing facility before going for your drug test to make sure that the facility is still on the list of M.O.S.T. approved collection sites. **Also, all Boilermakers must assume that they will be drug & alcohol tested when signing up on all jobs** and they must assume that there will be random drug & alcohol testing as well during such jobs.

*****RIGGING TRAINING CLASS***** A Rigging Module #4 class will be held at the union hall on Friday, December 3, 2010. **The class will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m.** Please call Tina Gushue at the union hall if you are interested in attending.

*****Local #13 Common Arc Welder Testing***** There will be Common-Arc Testing at the Boilermaker Local Lodge 13 Union Hall from **Monday, January 31, 2011 through Friday, February 4, 2011.** The type of testing will be GTAW/SMAW - Carbon Tube, Stainless Tube, and Inconel Tube. If interested please call Tina at the Union Hall to setup a time and date for testing. **You must specify when calling which test you would like to take.**

*****Need for Asbestos Trained Boilermakers***** Local No. 13 is in need of boilermakers with asbestos training in both Pennsylvania and Delaware. Please contact the union hall to make arrangements to receive asbestos training so we can hold onto this valuable part of the boilermaker work.

*****Field Supervisor / Foreman Training Module***** In the near future local #13 will be holding a field Supervisor / Foreman Training Module. The module will last 2 days at 8 hours (16 hours total). If interested contact Tina at the union hall.

*****Planning and Scheduling Course***** For those who are interested Local #13 has set up a planning and scheduling course. Please contact Tina at the union hall if interested.

*****Journeyman Training***** Anyone interested in training classes for welding, rigging, blueprint reading, scaffold erection, hydrowash, steel erection, and steward training contact Tina at the union hall.

*****Project Management Program***** Please be advised that **MOST** has started a Project Management Program for Boilermakers. Members will be selected to participate in the program based on their work history and potential to become leaders in the boilermaker trade. The Project Management program is open to all boilermakers who demonstrate exceptional abilities and are recommended by either a contractor or the union. Participants must have three (3) letters of reference from sources other than the Business Manager of the local and/or your current employer. Applications are available at the union hall upon request. **If you applied in the past and did not get accepted, you must re-apply again!!**

The following member passed away;

Donald Brooks passed away October 31, 2010. Cards can be sent to Donald's son Donald F. Brooks, Jr., 947 Hessian Avenue, Westville, NJ 08093-1722

Nicholas Fetchko passed away November 20, 2010. Cards can be sent to his parents George and Frances Fetchko, 219 E. 21st Street, Northampton, PA 18067

Anyone interested in receiving obituary notices via email please send your email address to Business Manager James W. Banford Jr. at jbanfordjr@comcast.net

Please remember in your prayers our sick member(s)

Richard Crouse	3604 Rossmere Road	Port Charlotte, FL 33953
Troy B. Dixon	5034 Hunters Court South	Bensalem, PA 19020
Phillip Hill	3900 Truro Drive	Anchorage, AK 99507 phil_hill13@yahoo.com
Joseph M. Matonti III	59 Frederick Road	Coatesville, PA 19320-1645 jmato3@comcast.net
Larry Namiotka	14021 Church Hill Road	Clarks Summit, PA 18411 MUCKK147@aol.com
Rick Roos	485 Knox Run Road	Morrisdale, PA 16858

*******SPECIAL NOTE******* Any sick member requesting that their name and address be included on the sick list will need to sign an Authorization Form. Please contact Tina at the union hall if you would like an authorization form mailed to you.

Note: These members are not all collecting Sick & Distressed benefits. They are listed so you may keep in touch and let them know you are thinking of them. If you are collecting Sick & Distress benefits and are ready to go back to work, please notify the union hall. Failing to do so in a timely manner could jeopardize your last benefit check.