

Newsletter

2011 VOLUME III

NEW CLASSES

CLASSES ARE LIMITED
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STRUCTURAL WELDING CERTIFICATION
AUG. 15th – 18th (4:30 – 7:30)
WELD TEST - 8/20 and 8/21

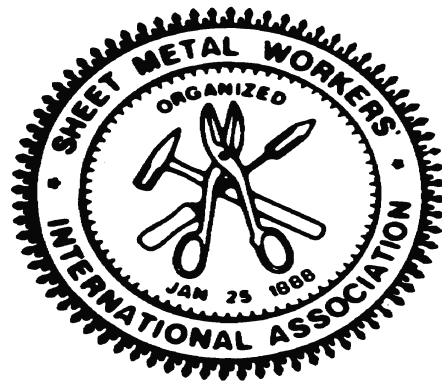
R.S.V.P. *SPACE IS LIMITED!*



The **CLAM BAKE** was held on July 16th. Thanks to all the members who volunteered their time, it was a **HUGE** success.

SHEET METAL WORKERS LOCAL UNION NO. 63

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Union Meeting

Union Meetings start at 6 p.m.

The next meeting will be
September 22, 2011

Health & Welfare News

The Trustees of the Health & Welfare Fund met at a Trustee Meeting on May 11, 2011 to address the Fund's buy-in rates, which, in many instances, have been in effect since May of 2004.

After careful review, it was determined financially prudent to implement adjustments to the current buy-in subsidies. For more information, please contact the Health & Welfare Fund office at (413) 732-4449.

Annuity Fund News

Retirement Plan Investment Update Retirement Services – April 2011 © 2011 Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, Springfield, MA. All rights reserved. www.massmutual.com MassMutual Financial Group is a marketing name for Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company (MassMutual) [of which Retirement Services is a division] and its affiliated companies and sales representatives. 4/11 RS-15312-00

Select Aggressive Growth Fund (Sands/Delaware) is now Select Growth Opportunities Fund (Sands/Delaware). Effective April 1, 2011, MassMutual renamed Select Aggressive Growth Fund to Select Growth Opportunities Fund. The name change to this Fund also applies to the separate investment account (SIA) that derives value from the Fund and serves as the corresponding investment option in some retirement plans. This is a name change only; there has been no change to the management approach employed by the Fund.*

Why did we make this change?

MassMutual determined that this new name offers a more accurate representation of the Fund's investment approach. Specific details about the investment strategy in use by the Fund are available in the MassMutual Select Funds prospectus and summary prospectus (dated April 1, 2011). The prospectus and summary prospectus are available on RetireSMARTSM, MassMutual's plan participant Web site, at <http://www.retiresmart.com>. These documents are also available to the public at <http://www.massmutual.com/retire/investments>.

Do you need to do anything?

No. MassMutual handled every aspect of this change.

What will participants notice in their accounts?

This change has no impact on the current value of participant accounts and will not increase the investment option's fees or expenses. Participants will likely only notice the change to the name of the investment option (indicated above). For more information, call 1-800-743-5274 and speak with a MassMutual customer service professional.

Effective 6/1/11 the Select Destination Retirement Income Fund investment funds have changed their name to read RetireSMART In Retirement Fund. No action is required by the member.

Effective 7/11/11 the Select Mid Cap Growth Equity (Wellington/Turner) investment fund was replaced by the Select Mid Cap Growth II (T.Rowe Price/Frontier) investment fund. No action is required by the member.

This information may or may not apply to your personal portfolio.

If you have any photos involving members, projects, etc. please forward them to the Bob White (Organizing) for inclusion in the website and / or photo archives to be treasured by all at the next Local Anniversary Dinner Dance. Traditionally a photo montage is developed for display at the DD. Our 110th Anniversary will be celebrated sometime in 2013.

"The labor movement was the principal force that transformed misery and despair into hope and progress. Out of its bold struggles, economic and social reform gave birth to unemployment insurance, old-age pensions, government relief for the destitute and, above all, new wage levels that meant not mere survival but a tolerable life. The captains of industry did not lead this transformation; they resisted it until they were overcome. When in the thirties the wave of union organization crested over the nation, it carried to secure shores not only itself but the whole society." **Martin Luther King Jr.**

*****RETIREE'S CLUB*****

The next retiree club meeting will be
September 13th.

Back by popular demand: Larry Lirot..the garden guy

If you are a retiree, car-pool and check out this club.

The cost is just \$10 per year. We have donuts,
coffee and a guest speaker for each meeting.

RETIREE NEWS

Members in the
Holyoke Soldier's Home
110 Cherry Street, Holyoke, MA 01040

Albert Cheevers
Keith Smith
Paul Bachand

Send a card to cheer them up.

Bill Armstrong is home and would love to
have visitors.

The JATC is now offering the following **SAFETY** classes

CPR-First Aid-AED Class - 1 day class, 6-7 hours. A \$25.00 Deposit is required and will be returned upon completion of the class.

Rigging/Signaling - 1 day class, 5-6 hours.

OSHA 10 - 2 day class, Friday evening and following Saturday to complete.

OSHA 30 - 4 days of classes to complete.

Please call Helene to sign up, 413-732-4449. You will be mailed a postcard with the date(s) when they are determined.

*** * * * INSTRUCTORS NEEDED * * * ***

THE JATC IS LOOKING FOR INSTRUCTORS FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR TO POSSIBLY TEACH WELDING, SHOP LAYOUT, DRAFTING, AND BLUE PRINT READING OR ARCHITECTURAL. PLEASE CALL HELENE BY SEPTEMBER 5, 2011 AT 413-732-4449 TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE POSITION.

REMINDERS

Club 63 Annual Dues are due by August 31st. Individual dues remain at \$35.00. Group discounting is available. For more information call (413) 244-7334. Complete details of the Club benefits are also available at the Union Office in Springfield.

We have **HIGH VISIBILITY** tee shirts at the Union Hall for \$10.00

**Sheet Metal Workers Local Union 63
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JOURNEYMEN COURSES AVAILABLE

Basic Welding • Advanced Welding • Leak Testing • Soldering

Certified Welding Sheet Metal or Structural Certification

OSHA 10 – Rhode Island & Connecticut License

CAD • Basic CAD Drafting

(Minimum 6 people for 10 weeks x 2 nights per week)

To Sign Up Call the JATC at (413) 732-4449

