

Newsletter

2011 VOLUME II

NEW CLASSES



OSHA 30 classes
Starting in April

Rigging & Signaling class
Date to be announced

Journeyman update classes
Date to be announced
Class sizes are limited
Call today to reserve a space



Apprenticeship Test

May 14, 2011 @8 a.m.
Must fill out an application 2 weeks prior
to the examination.

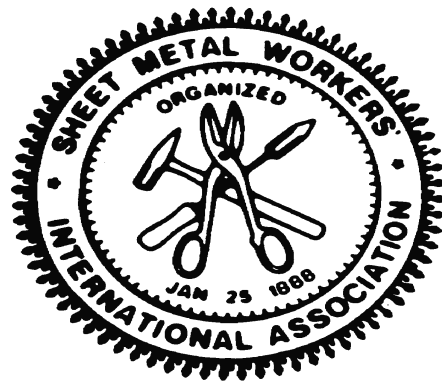
Must bring a valid drivers license and a high school
diploma or G.E.D.



Local #63 welcomes its newest signatory contractor
Worcester Air Conditioning

SHEET METAL WORKERS LOCAL UNION NO. 63

32 Stevens Street Springfield, MA 01104
413-733-8332



Vermont Office 802-658-8332

Worcester Office 508-835-1163

Annuities 413-732-4462

Dues 413-733-8332

JATC/ Health & Welfare – 413-732-4449

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Union Meeting

Union Meetings start at 6 p.m.

The next meeting will be
April 28, 2011

Health & Welfare News



Delta Dental News:

Please note that to qualify for the Delta Dental Rollover Max program, you must receive at least one cleaning or one oral exam in the plan year. If you do not receive a cleaning or exam, you will not be eligible to roll over any of your benefit dollars to the following year. For more detailed information please see pages 24 and 25 of your Health & Welfare Summary Plan Description booklet.



Dependent Age 26 laws take effect January 1, 2011:

Please note that in accordance with the Affordable Care Act, effective January 1, 2011, dependents may be covered up to age 26 regardless of the dependent's living situation, degree of financial independence, or marital or student status. However, it is important to note that, since SMW#63 has elected "grandfathered" status, if a dependent is eligible for their own employment-based health coverage through their employer or through their spouse's employer, the dependent **will not** qualify for coverage under Sheet Metal's "grandfathered" Medical, Prescription Drug, and Dental Insurance Programs.

IMPORTANT:

Should you have a dependent(s) up to the age 26, it is your responsibility to notify the Fund Office at (413) 732-4449 immediately upon which said dependent(s) becomes employed and is eligible for medical insurance through said employer, or through a spouse's employer. Failure to notify this Fund Office could result in denial of claims, loss of coverage and loss of your own coverage.

Annuity Fund News



We are happy to introduce three new investment options to our MassMutual Supplemental Annuity Account:

- Destination Retirement 2050;
- Mid Cap Value (Columbia); and
- Select Overseas (MFS/Harris/AllBer)

You can make any changes to your elections electronically by visiting the MassMutual Journey at www.massmutual.com/retire, or by contacting the Annuity Fund Office.

Winners in the local contest for 2011 Local 63 Apprentice Contest

1st Year

1st Place – Mike Carton
2nd Place – Ian Blackmer
3rd Place - Dan Barrett

2nd Year

1st Place – Ed Johnson

3rd Year

1st Place – Adam Vehr
2nd Place – Denis Popa

4th Year

1st Place – Travis Scheinost
2nd Place – Ed Boyd
3rd Place – Matt Duprey

The following Local 63 Apprentices recently represented our Local in the SMWIA / iTi National Apprenticeship contest held in Las Vegas NV. Travis Scheinost - Industrial Fabrication & Welding, Adam Vehr - HVAC, Jeffery Wright - Testing & Balancing. Each category averaged 60+ competitors. Although Local 63 did not place in the top 5 in the afore mentioned categories our apprentices did make a strong showing overall on a national level and we should all be proud of their accomplishments.

Michael J. LaFleur
JATC Coordinator

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

Our next meeting will be April 12th.

We are hoping to get Larry Larot from Sixteen Acres Garden Center back in for the May meeting.

Don't forget!

After the May meeting, we will have our buffet lunch.

RETIREE NEWS

Members in the
Holyoke Soldier's Home
Albert Cheevers
Keith Smith
Paul Bachand
Send them a card to cheer them up.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Jeff Lawler
Al Dedeurwaerder
Paul Recor
Edmond St. Pierre

Local 63 Top Stories

United We Stand...Divided We?

Despite the roller coaster ride of pundit opinions regarding whether or not the economy is rebounding, recovering, stabilizing or slipping back into recessionary levels, one principle remains undeterred...United We Stand! Our commitment to each other as members of our fraternal organization and the services and benefits available to all have been crucial to our families in weathering these economic times. Many Local and International programs such as: "No Member Left Behind", "Union Plus", "Union Privilege" and "Buy-It-Local" have assisted members and their families in these tough and uncertain times. We've been faced with an organized assault on the Middle Class of America which has been devastating nationwide. The Wall Street idolaters imitating their fictitious hero, 'Gordon Gecko' have targeted our workers, industries, markets and organizations with the sole objective of maximizing the profit of a few (those who need it the least) at the expense of everyone else. Unfortunately, too many of us, our friends and our families, have become complicit with their efforts simply by our apathy. We've empowered their destructive efforts NOT by what we've done so much as by what we have NOT done. Our resolve to combat the annihilation of the middle class must motivate our pursuits. Our efforts and achievements will serve and benefit our members, our families and untold others of similar circumstances where the greed of the 'robber-baron' mentality has been taking some footholds. We cannot give up the fight and idly watch the plundering of our Country and all that We Stand for. We must Unite! We must Organize! We must Act! We must Stand together and save our economy, our Country and our Middle Class. We can do this: one worker, one member, one company, one market-sector at a time, if need be; but, we must keep forging forward. For more information on how you can help contact your Local Organizer, Bob White at boblocal63@att.net.

◀◀◀NOTICE▶▶▶

Any member interested in sitting on the negotiating committee to negotiate our wages only for the second 3 years of our contract, please sign up at our April 28, 2011 monthly Union Meeting.

The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not.
Thomas Jefferson

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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

