

# Newsletter

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The kids Christmas Party was held on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Winners for the raffle were:

First prize \$200 Charles Dupre  
Second prize \$100 Al Szymonik  
Third prize \$50 Joseph Frade

The donated Hess truck was won  
by the Boutin family



SASMI unemployment forms  
**WILL NOT** be mailed until  
the middle of February.



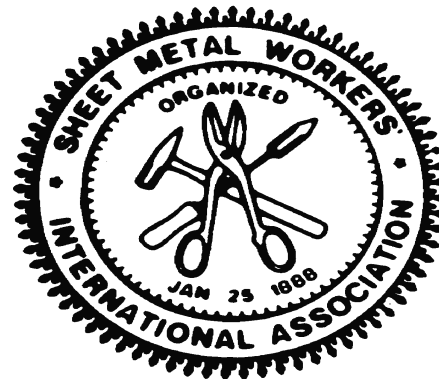
The Union is urging all members to call  
your State Representatives  
to support **Bill 3656**.

This bill is being presented by  
State Representative Angelo Puppolo  
on our behalf. It will greatly help our industry.

## 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  
February 25, 2016

## John Jr.'s Corner

To My Brother's & Sisters,

I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday.

I wanted to start out by saying thanks to everyone who helped out with the children's Christmas party, it was a huge success. I don't like to mention names because I always forget someone but I have to give a big thanks to Dave Lachapelle for playing Santa, it is a huge commitment and he does a fantastic job. Thank you again Dave.

I am glad the holiday season is over. It is a huge distraction and very hard to focus on important business. Things are slow right now in Central/Western Ma. That is expected at this time a year. There are some big projects coming our way. The CRRC building is scheduled to break ground in April. There is a PLA on that project. The old Westinghouse Building has some construction happening now. The Amherst Science Building is bidding this month. The Pope Frances High School (Cathedral High School) should be bidding late this spring. We also had an agreement on that project when it originally came out. In the Worcester area, there is some big work at Holy Cross that is coming up. We have an agreement with them to build all union. Nelson Place School is a big job that will be bidding soon. So I have faith that there is light at the end of the tunnel this coming spring.

Another topic I wanted to throw out there is TABB. We are in somewhat of a demand for Air Balancers. We cannot supply contractors with properly trained Balancers who can get a set of drawings, go to a job site and perform the work. If anyone is interested in this very important aspect of our trade, please contact me. If we get a decent reply, we will hand this list to the JATC to see if we can send you for training to perform this type of work.

In ending, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. And as always, thank you for having me as your Business Agent!

Have a safe winter.  
Fraternally,

John Scavotto, Jr.



Happy New Year!

I would like to thank everyone who helped at the children's Christmas party, Al Szymonik, Gerry Labrecque, Dan Mulcahy, John Scavotto Jr., Carol Grandmont, Tina Randall and especially Santa, Dave Lachapelle. Without all your help, the party would not have been such a big success and great day for the kids.

The new year is bringing many new projects and a brighter outlook for our local and members. The MGM project is finally starting to move forward. Major projects will need stewards. We want to run a stewards class. We would like to have 15 members take the class, so if you are interested, please call the hall to put your name on the list. There is a lot to know about being a steward other than just job security.

If anyone has any questions or concerns, my door is always open and my phone is always on. Thank you for your support.

Fraternally,

John Scammon

**Harry Bridges**

"The most important word in the language of the working class is solidarity."

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

The next retiree club meeting will be  
February 9th at 10 a.m. in the hall.  
Hopefully, the lights will be on.

President Russ Pepe and Vice President Jim  
Beggs look forward to seeing everyone.

**RETIREE NEWS**

Deceased

Ed McHugh 10/11/15  
Alfred Dandro 11/14/15  
John Beggs' son – John Jr.  
Russ Pepe's wife - Antonette

The retiree club is looking for new members. If you are retired, please consider joining. We meet once a month on the second Tuesday at 10 a.m. We have speakers at most every meeting. The dues are \$10 for the year. That covers the banquet we have in May and a reduced ticket price for our December Christmas meeting that we have at Donovan's Pub. There are no meetings during the summer.

Come in for the coffee & donuts...stay for the opportunity to converse with other retirees.



Some retirees come in on Monday & Tuesday mornings to work on projects in the shop.  
If you have a project you want to work on, consider joining them.  
They are here from 8 until 11:30.



**CLASSES STARTING IN JANUARY**

Sheet metal welding certification and weld test

Classes held on January 12, 13, 14 from 5 – 8 p.m.  
Testing on January 15, 3 - 8 p.m.  
Testing on January 16, 7 – 12 a.m.



Structural welding certification class and weld test

Classes held on February 9, 10, 11 from 5 – 8 p.m.  
Testing on February 12, 3 – 8 p.m.  
Testing on February 13, 7 – 12 a.m.



OSHA new required class for confined space – 3 hour class  
OSHA 10 and 30 classes  
Rigging & signaling – 4 hour class  
Lead & silica awareness & Hazard communication – 2 hour class

**Call Helene to sign up (413) 732-4462**

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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) 732-4462**