There are new OSHA requirements that take effect Jan. 1, 2014. See the classes needed to keep in compliance

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The apprentice exam will be June 14. If you know someone who wants to take the exam, have them fill out an application.

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If you have not received your pictures from the kids Christmas party, come to the hall to pick them up.

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Please classes for mandatory license updates

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Clambake date; July 19th
The Clambake is Saturday, July 19th. We need volunteers for Friday, July 18th at the hall and for Saturday at the Ludlow Fish & Game Club. Please consider helping out at this function. Call the hall at 413-733-8332 to volunteer.

The Retiree Club took a tour of the new Putnam High School for their March meeting. The tour was a spectacular success. After the tour, they were treated to a luncheon cooked and served by members of the culinary class at Putnam. Everyone raved about the food and service. You can make reservations for lunch at Putnam by calling the school.

JATC Sheet Metal Pro Calculators are available at the Union Hall for $55 each. Call Helene to place your order.

**Beneficiary Cards**
If you have had a change of circumstances, consider coming into the hall to update your beneficiary cards. It takes 5 minutes.

We now have **HCRA** applications available for retirees.

**IF YOU ARE UNEMPLOYED, SIGN UP FOR CLASSES NOW WHILE YOU HAVE THE TIME**

Recent retirees can now file SASMI Severance applications at any time.

Massachusetts License review classes for the J1 Exam will be running March 24th thru March 26th (3 consecutive evenings from 5-8 p.m.) and continue on Monday, March 31st and April 1st. Call to reserve a spot.

JATC is running classes for Fire Life Safety Technicion #1 on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 5-8 p.m. starting April 8th for 3 consecutive weeks. Following the end of these classes, you will be able to schedule an online test to certify you as a technician with ICB-TABB. Call Helene to register.

Connecticut License review classes for the SM2 Exam will be held on 4 consecutive evenings beginning May 5th through the 8th. Call Helene to confirm a spot.

"Although it is true that only about [13 percent] of American workers are in unions, that [13 percent] sets the standards across the board in salaries, benefits and working conditions. If you are making a decent salary in a non-union company, you owe that to the unions. One thing that corporations do not do is give out money out of the goodness of their hearts."

Molly Ivins
****RETIREE’S CLUB****

The next retiree club meetings will be 4/8/14 and 5/13/14
The April speaker is Atty. Gina Barry.
She will discuss estate planning.
The banquet will follow the May meeting and we will break for the summer.

RETIREE NEWS
Members in the Holyoke Soldier’s Home
Albert Cheevers
Recently Deceased
Larry Calhoun
James Kelly
Peter Kelley
Former Union Secretary Catherine Stamm

Any questions concerning the OSHA, 1st Aid or CPR classes, call Ken Henderson at 413-244-7636.

The new OSHA regulations state that everyone MUST be trained in the New Hazardous Communications Standard and Lead Exposure. The three hour classes are now forming.

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APPRENTICES WHO ARE COMING OUT OF THEIR TIME MUST HAVE A JOURNEYMAN’S LICENSE TO GET JOURNEYMAN’S PAY.

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RIGGING & SIGNALING CLASSES ARE BEING SCHEDULED.

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OSHA 10 AND OSHA 30 MUST BE UPDATED EVERY 5 YEARS IN CONNECTICUT. WE ARE OFFERING UPDATE CLASSES. PLEASE SIGN UP IF YOUR CARD IS UP FOR RENEWAL.

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WE ARE SCHEDULING CPR AND FIRST AID CLASSES. WE NEED TO FILL THE CLASS BEFORE A DATE CAN BE SET. CALL TODAY TO RESERVE A SEAT IN THE CLASS.

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ADVANCED WELDING CERTIFICATION CLASSES ARE NOW FORMING

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THERE WILL BE A $25.00 DEPOSIT FOR ALL CLASSES THAT WILL BE REFUNDED UPON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE.
JOURNEYMEN COURSES AVAILABLE

Basic Welding • Advanced Welding • Leak Testing • Soldering

Certified Welding Sheet Metal or Structural Certification

OSHA 10 – Rhode Island & Connecticut License

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

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