

Newsletter

2015 VOLUME I

Winners for the drawings at the Children's Christmas Party were:

1st Prize \$200 ~ Larry Provost

2nd Prize \$100 ~ Sue Adams

3rd Prize ~ Mike LaFleur

Hess Truck ~ Genevieve Grandmont



Thanks to Al Szymonik, Sherry Geissler and her daughter, Mark Andrews, Gerry Labrecque, Dan Mulcahy, John Scammon, Dave Lachappel, John Scavotto and Carol for helping to make the Kid's party a success.



The Apprentice exam will be May 16th



Nominations for the upcoming elections will be at the May 28th body meeting.



Elections will be held in June.



Putnam Vocational High School is looking for someone to teach basic machinist skills.

Call John Scavotto for information



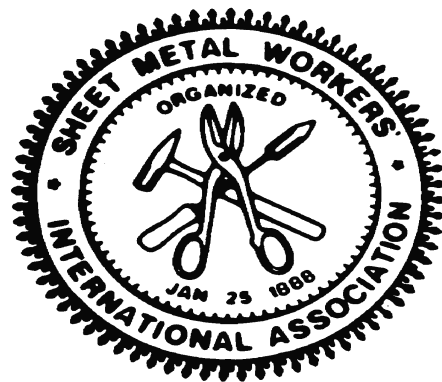
The Clambake is July 18th

We need volunteers & donations. Call today!

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Union Meeting

Union Meetings start at 6 p.m.

**The next meeting will be
APRIL 23, 2015**

MAYDAY RALLY

MAY 1, 2015

4-6 P.M.

Worcester Memorial Auditorium

This RALLY is being organized by the Worcester Community Labor Coalition. It will be held in the Worcester Memorial Auditorium in Lincoln Square. There are 3 hotels and 2 major housing projects that are going non-union. The rally is to bring attention to worker's rights and to push the need for local jobs going to local people.

Call John Scavotto for more information or to sign up to go to the rally.

We need your support!

Visit our new Facebook page at WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/SMARTLU63

We encourage all members to share photos of job sites, shop fabrication and Union events.

We would like to thank the following volunteers who helped shovel the Union Hall roof.

Anthony Wallace, Jim Gossett, Kristina Gossett, Henry Garcia,

Al Evans, George Kasay and Drew Farnham.

If you do not have a sheet metal license, sign up for a class. Get your license!

Taking a withdrawal card **Does Not** give a person the right to work in a non-union sheet metal industry job or for another trade doing sheet metal work. You can still be brought up on charges being out on a withdrawal card.

John Scavotto has invited Shawn Mcgee to give a short presentation at the April body Meeting on the following:

Union Plus Mortgage Program Overview:

At the next membership meeting April 23rd our Union Plus Mortgage coordinator Shawn McGee from Wells Fargo will give a presentation on the unique financial benefits that are included with a Union Plus Mortgage. Free home buyer workshops are available to learn more about becoming a homeowner with a Union Plus Mortgage.

Homebuyer Workshops will include:

Learning about mortgage programs to help you buy a home:

- Mortgages with little or no money down
- Financing the funds needed for fix-up or renovations
- The ins and outs of buying and selling at the same time
- Credit repair and financial counseling

Through this program with Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, home buying and refinancing are made easier and more affordable for our Union members, their children and parents. You will also find out about the Union Plus Mortgage which provides the following benefits for every mortgage offered by Wells Fargo:

- A \$500 gift card for a purchase or refinance
- \$500 first time homebuyer award
- 6 Month Mortgage assistance in the event of Strike, Unemployment or become Disabled

You can reach Shawn at Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, 44 Park Street, Andover, MA 01810

Tel (781) 640-3415 || Email: Shawn.P.Mcgee@wellsfargo.com

Our labor unions are not narrow, self-seeking groups. They have raised wages, shortened hours and provided supplemental benefits. Through collective bargaining and grievance procedures, they have brought justice and democracy to the shop floor.

JOHN F. KENNEDY, speech, Aug. 30, 1960

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

The next retiree club meeting will be
April 14th at 10 a.m. in the hall.

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

RETIREE NEWS

Congratulations to John Evans
who received his certificate
for 70 years of service in the
Sheet Metal Union Local 63.

The banquet will be held on Tuesday May 12th.

If you are injured when working, the insurance that you file under is **Workers' Comp.**

That is coverage through your employer who is the contractor.

You must also **call the 3rd party administrator** (855-858-1104) to notify them that you are collecting wages under Workers' Comp. They need this information to calculate your hours to keep your health insurance in force.



Some exciting projects are in the works for 2015. Hopefully they will start up soon.

1. Changchun: I have reached out to them and it seems that everything is on track and moving forward.
2. The Casino: yes it is coming and there is a PLA in place.
3. Union Station...or Non Union Station: the PLA was voted down and we are now putting tremendous pressure on the politicians. If it goes bad, be prepared to picket.
4. We have landed Lunenburg H.S. and Milford Elementary School.
5. U-Mass: several projects are coming up.
6. Holy Cross College: Heart Center has been promised to be 100% Union by Holy Cross itself.

Please try to attend body meetings. It is vital to our fraternity. Remember, coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success!

Fraternally yours,
John Scavotto, Jr.



As per our by-laws, if a person is asked to picket and refuses, he/she will be assessed a fine of \$130.
The \$130 will be given to an out of work member who agrees to picket in your place.

If you refuse to pay the fine, you will be brought before the Executive Board.



Anyone interested in running for a position in the upcoming elections **MUST**
have his/her dues paid through June before nominations.



If you are having issues receiving unemployment benefits, call John Scavotto.

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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

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

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