



# PLUMBERS AND PIPEFITTERS LOCAL 142

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## MONTHLY CALENDAR

**July 4, 2006**      **Independence Day**  
**Union Holiday—Office will be closed**

**July 5, 2006**      **Executive Board**  
**5:30 P.M. Meeting**

**July 6, 2006**      **Finance Board**  
**6:00 P.M. Meeting**

**July 10, 2006**      **Regular Union**  
**5:30 P.M. Meeting**  
**at Hermann Sons**

**July 11, 2006**      **JATC Meeting**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**July 19, 2006**      **Retired Member's**  
**12 Noon Luncheon**

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU

The family of Steve Vasquez Jr. wish to thank everyone for their kindness and support at the barbecue fundraiser which was held in Steve Jr.'s name.

To apply for  
unemployment benefits,  
please call the Texas  
Workforce Commission  
at 258-6600.

## RETIRED MEMBER'S CLUB

Thank you to John Cermin and Eddie Carlson for furnishing the June meal. Everything was delicious!

July's meal will be catered by Sharon Wootan, so please call the hall to RSVP!

As always, all retired members are welcome to join us.

## 401 K INFO

To access your 401K information the website for MetLife is:  
[www.retirelink.metlife.com](http://www.retirelink.metlife.com)

The user name is your social security number and the PIN is the last four of your social.

When you log on for the first time, you will have to create a new PIN.



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## TRAINING COORDINATOR

Begin preparation early to meet your license renewal requirements.

\*\*Please call the Apprenticeship School to sign up for a class. 226-2661

The class schedule for continuing education for 2006-2007 is as follows:

July 15, 2006  
Aug. 12, 2006  
Sept. 16, 2006  
Oct. 21, 2006  
Nov. 18, 2006  
\*\*no class for Dec.\*\*  
Jan. 20, 2007  
Feb. 17, 2006  
Mar. 17, 2007  
Apr. 21, 2007  
May 19, 2007  
June 16, 2007

There will be an HVAC continuing education class on Aug. 12, 2006 and a med gas continuing ed class on Aug. 8, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. The cost will be \$50.00 for the med gas and \$80.00 for the HVAC class.

If you are interested in taking a basic welding class, we are looking to set one up in August. The cost will be \$100.00 so contact us to get signed up.

**\*\* APPRENTICESHIP  
OFFICE \*\*  
226-2661**

## ZENITH

To log onto the Zenith website to check eligibility or pension information go to [www.zenithadm.com](http://www.zenithadm.com)

The user name is your last name and the password will be your social security number without the dashes. To contact Zenith concerning your hour bank, pension, or any other general questions please call:

**1-866-777-0142**

**Blanca—ext. 11-1235**

**Katie (pension)—ext. 11-1228**

**Carol (hour bank)—ext. 11-1239**

## PENSION

Please remember to inform Zenith anytime you have a change of address. Zenith will always send out a confirmation letter to the pensioners when their checks have been wired to the bank. If the confirmation letter is returned due to an incorrect address, the wire transfer will be stopped until Zenith obtains a current address.



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## FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

At the request of the bookkeeper, Teri, and the credit union there will now be some changes in the way dues are paid through credit union accounts. Changes are as follows:

1.) If a member who is having their dues paid through the credit union becomes unemployed for more than 30 days, they will be dropped from the dues check off. When the member returns to work, he or she should request a new dues payment request form at the time you pick up your new work order. Example: If you were laid off in May, your May monies will be paid in June when the May monies hit the credit union provided that there is money there.

2.) If a member does not have enough money in the credit union to pay the current month's dues, the next month we will attempt to take it out for 2 months. If a member is more than 2 months behind, he or she will be dropped from the credit union dues check off. This will create less confusion on our part in dues payments when members are unemployed. Remember that if you are unemployed for more than 30 days and are in good standing with the local, you can request to have your dues paid by the local. It will be your responsibility to fill out the dues payment request forms monthly when you are unemployed.

When members are about to go delinquent on their dues, statements are mailed out. These statements show how much you owe at the time of the mailing. They are not receipts, so please do not mistake them as receipts or discard them in the trash before opening them.

If you have recently moved or have changed your phone number, please call the hall to update your information.

## Insurance Claims Info

All claims should be mailed to Zenith at the Houston address:

**Zenith Administrators  
P.O. Box 721941  
Houston, TX 77272**

**If you have questions, please call Blanca at 1-866-777-0142 ext. 11 1235. This is also the number for your doctors to confirm eligibility.**

**If you have problems, you can also call Teri at the union hall at 226-1244 ext. 11.**

## U/A Website

Be advised that the U/A has changed the way members are able to access the "members only" area of the site.

You will no longer need to get a password from the local. Now you'll use your U/A card number and choose your own password to gain access.

<http://uanet.org>

## CREDIT UNION NEWS

- Open a Hobby Fund CD
- Minimum of \$50
  - One year maturity
  - Unlimited deposits
  - One withdrawal is allowed during the one year term with no penalty
  - Withdrawals reducing the balance below \$50 closes the CD
  - More than one withdrawal results in a penalty of 30 days interest
  - One Hobby Fund CD per member per year
  - Pays the same as our 6 month CD

Remember Pat, your Personal Automated Teller is available 24 hours a day. Call the office and select extension 20 or call direct to 299-0245. The very first time you call press "2" to get set up.

**You can reach us at 226-4536 or  
1-800-687-5838**



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## BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

### Work Outlook:

Work is still slow, but the talk is that it will pick up soon. Hopefully it will be sooner than later.

Tuesday, July 4th is a holiday, but Monday the 3rd is not. The hall will be open on the 3rd but will be short staffed. We will be closed on the 4th.

At the last meeting, the membership voted to put the pay raise into the benefits. The raise will begin on July 1st.

This 4th of July please remember what a wonderful land we live in. We have our ups and downs, but it is a great country. Remember the fine young men & women helping to keep us safe and free. Have a safe and happy 4th!

~ ~ Richard

## U/A Scholarships

The United Association is offering scholarship opportunities! Eligibility will be limited to graduating high school seniors and college undergraduates. All children of U/A members who are in good standing with the union are eligible.

Completed applications must be mailed to the Scholarship Fund address (found on the application) and postmarked no later than October 15, 2006.

Applications are available at the union office, or you may call the hall to have one mailed to you.

PLEASE CALL MISSED MEETING  
EXCUSES IN TO JENNIFER AT 226-1244  
EXT. 12

## STORK REPORT

Congratulations to Jacob Quinones and his wife on the birth of their daughter, Alyssa Isabel, born 6-2-06. Baby Alyssa weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. We wish you all the best!

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