



# PLUMBERS AND PIPEFITTERS LOCAL 142

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## MONTHLY CALENDAR

**Oct. 2, 2006**      **Executive Board Meeting**  
5:30 P.M.

**Oct. 5, 2006**      **Finance Board Meeting**  
5:00 P.M.

**Oct. 9, 2006**      **Regular Union Meeting**  
5:30 PM  
**at Hermann Sons**  
525 S. St. Mary's St.

**Oct. 10, 2006**      **JATC Meeting**  
6:00 P.M.

**Oct. 18, 2006**      **Retired Member's Luncheon**  
12 Noon

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

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

## Union Hall E-mail

Remember, you can e-mail any of us at the union hall office with changes of address, new phone numbers, general inquiries, or to check on your dues.

Richard: [rweyel@local142.org](mailto:rweyel@local142.org)

Teri: [terih@local142.org](mailto:terih@local142.org)

Jennifer: [jfloyd@local142.org](mailto:jfloyd@local142.org)

**For apprenticeship questions or to schedule a continuing education or med gas class:**

Eddie: [emoran@local142.org](mailto:emoran@local142.org)

Jeanelle: [jtabor@local142.org](mailto:jtabor@local142.org)

## RETIRED MEMBER'S CLUB

October's meal will be chicken fajitas with all the trimmings and will be furnished by Hank Brown and Walter Weidner.

Please call the hall to RSVP if you are planning to attend the luncheon. All retired members are welcome to join us!



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## TRAINING COORDINATOR

\*\*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:

### PLUMBING:

- 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

### MED GAS:

- Oct. 18, 2006

### HVAC:

- Nov. 18, 2006
- Feb. 17, 2007
- May 19, 2007
- Aug. 18, 2007

### **\*\*\* UA STAR TESTING \*\*\***

*We have set a date for the UA Star Test to be given on Saturday, December 2, 2006 at 8:00 am. The cost of the test is \$125.00 (non-refundable) and must be paid by Friday, November 3, 2006. Plumber, pipefitter, HVAC mastery, or residential-light commercial and commercial refrigeration tests are available and will test together.*

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



## ZENITH NEWS

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.



# PLUMBERS AND PIPEFITTERS

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

Effective Nov. 1, 2006 all members about to go delinquent on their dues have up to the night of the union meeting to make a payment. If payments are not made by the night of the meeting, you will be considered delinquent. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Section 133 of the UA Constitution and By-laws states that monies must be forwarded no later than 48 hours past the last day of the calendar month.

The UA is not very strict with this rule, but in order for us to send our cash sheets in on a timely manner we must set a deadline.

All members are responsible for paying their dues. Out of work members must be current on all dues and assessments before the E-Board will approve your dues to be paid by the local.

~ ~ Greg

### 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.

### CREDIT UNION NEWS

Our Hobby Fund CD is a 12 month certificate of deposit that you can open with as little as \$50.00, Make unlimited deposits to it over the 12 month term, and withdraw up to 50% one time during the term with no penalty. It pays the same rate as our 6 month CD.

Open one now and when hunting season comes around next fall you'll already have the money put aside.

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.

As always we will try our best to meet or beat competitor loan rates. See us for that new car!

Christmas Loan Special: \$1200.00 for 12 months at 9% APR. Payments \$106.00 per month. Offer good through December 31, 2006.

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



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## BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Plumbers out of work:  
Plumbers put to work:  
Pipefitters out of work:  
Pipefitters put to work:

Work is still slow as we're waiting for jobs to start.

By now, most of you know that Local 142 lost James McGinnis. Jim passed away on September 14, 2006. Big Jim was 66 years old and was a member of Local 142 for 45 years. Jim served the local in many ways as an officer and as Business Manager. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Local 142 Credit Union for many years. Jim made improvements to the pension for our membership. On a personal note, Big Jim was always kind and helpful to me. He took time to talk to me and gave me some good advice. Jim's heart was always in making Local 142 better. We will all miss this fine man. Please keep Jim and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Please check to make sure you are registered to vote. This November will be an important election. We have a chance to get people who are our friends elected this time. We have voter registration cards at the hall if you need one. Make sure your families are registered as well. Remember, people who show up make the decisions.

Eddie and I will be in Dallas on October 18, 19, & 20 for a U/A meeting. The E-Board will have someone sit in for me.

Thank you.  
Richard

## HEADS BOWED

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of  
**James McGinnis**  
who passed away on  
September 14, 2006.

## PLUMBERS & PIPEFITTERS

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### 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.

### 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.

### \*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\*

Please remember that when you go out on a “short job” and you work 15 days or less, you will not lose your place on the eligibility list. This means that you ***do not*** have to come to the union hall to sign in again if you were on a short job.

You ***DO*** need to let us know the date you were laid off from that job so we can mark you as available on the out of work list. Remember, once you are sent out, unless you communicate with the hall—we assume you are still working.

The same rule applies for those of you who are picking up your travel cards to look for work out of town. When you are sent out by another local, please let us know where you are working and what date you started work so we can put it in our system.



**CHRISTMAS IN APRIL**

**Volunteers are needed for Rebuilding Together. If you are interested in donating some of your time, we will meet on October 21, 2006 at 6:00 am at Lanier High School. Please bring any hand tools that you have.**

**CAN YOU HELP?**

Information is needed from the membership from anyone who may have worked with or around Rudy Santos from 1973-1980 intermittently on the following jobsites:

1. Unrecalled Cement Plant in Gonzales, TX
2. Gulf Refinery in Baytown, TX
3. Lackland AFB in San Antonio, TX
4. Lone Star Brewery in San Antonio, TX
5. Methodist Hospital in San Antonio, TX
6. Southwestern Bell Buildings in San Antonio, TX
7. Trinity University in San Antonio, TX

**If you have any information, please contact Jason Johnson, Paralegal, with the Law Offices of Baron & Budd, P.C. in Dallas, TX at 1-800-222-2766.**

**NOTICE**

**Please remember to update the union hall office when you have a change of address or a new phone number.**

**We have been experiencing some difficulty reaching members by phone when we have a job to offer or information about your dues.**

**We also have receipts and other items we've mailed out returned to us because of incorrect addresses.**

**It's also important that you update your information with the credit union and with the Zenith office as well.**

**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>



