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Note to Members: all Structural CBA's as well as Reinforcing & Rigging contracts expire May 31, 2019. We will be communicating updates regarding negotiations on our APP, email blasts, and this article. It is important for all our members to stay informed regarding the contracts and wages - we urge you to also stay in contact with your Business Agent. Stay informed via the IW App, website!

EASTERN MICHIGAN STRUCTURAL WAGE ALLOCATION VOTE on TUESDAY May 28, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Novi, Flint and Lansing Union Halls. In order to speed things up at the door, it would be nice if members brought their new membership cards to be scanned at the door if they cannot produce a paper receipt.

The Union Halls will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday May 27, 2019.

Vacation checks will be mailed out by the Fringe Fund office the morning of Thursday May 30, 2019. If you want your check to be picked up at the Novi Union hall you must call the Fringe Office by 3:00 PM Tuesday May 28, 2018. Checks will be at the Novi Union Hall on Thursday May 30th after 2:00 pm.

PICNIC- PICNIC-PICNIC - Saturday June 22, 2019. NEW LOCATION FOR THE PICNIC will be at the Local 25 Training Center & back lot. Picnic starts around 10:30 am. Lots of new stuff this year including Apprentice Competition, manlift rides for the kids, games & activities, lots of food - hamburgers, hot dogs, ice cream, etc. Please reserve the date on your calendar! Apprentices have a great opportunity to show off the Training Facility to their family! Volunteers are still needed - call your Business Agent.

Steward meeting(s): The Saginaw Steward meeting is Thursday May 30, 2019 at 6:00 pm. The Flint meeting is June 19, 2019 at 5:30 pm. **Stewards Other Notes:** 1) PLEASE be sure to check dues for members and boomers too AND BE SURE ALL BOOMERS HAVE SIGNED BOTH THE RECIPROCAL AND THE ASSESSMENT-TARGETING. 2) The Electronic Steward Reporting forms are online www.ironworkers25.org Log in with your book number, and the password is the last 4 (four) of your social. 3) Please be sure to keep your Union dues paid up to date as it is criteria for working. You can be asked to leave the jobsite if your dues are not current.

EMAIL'S: Please visit our website and add your email to our database so you can be added to our mass email list in order to be kept up to date on your Union Happenings. You only need to add your information once. Thank you!

The 4th Annual Ironworker Benefit Dinner will be Saturday September 7, 2019 and tickets are now available \$20.00 per person. Please call or see any Business Agent to get your ticket! To be held at the Novi Union Hall, 4:00 pm.

The Political Action Authorization Forms have been mailed. Kindly complete this bright orange form, sign & return in the self-addressed stamped envelope as soon as possible. Included in the cover letter is information regarding why funding is so important! Your PAC contributions will help to elect and retain officials who are friends of labor and help to defeat politicians who support policies that undermine the standard of living that we have fought long and hard to achieve. Your cooperation is appreciated.

The IRONWORKERS' APP has been redesigned! If you already have the APP on your phone you will need to log back into it (the APP will guide you how). If you do not yet have the APP please download it to your android or smartphone via the APP Store or Google Play (no charge). Simply search "Iron Workers Local 25" Most of the features from our website is available thru the APP!

By-Laws Vote Results are posted in the member only section of our website www.ironworkers25.org Click the login button at the top left and simply follow the instructions which advises you of your login & password.

APPRETTICES: you must start checking your email on a regular basis; we are now emailing your annual MUST drug screen paperwork and your pay raise slips!!

The Wixom Training Center: 248-960-2130 Normal Business Hours: M-F 8 am to 4 pm.
The Hudsonville Training Center is open. Due to classes being scheduled and having one Instructor; all JIW welding appointments and/or visitors need to call the Wixom Training Center, to set up all appointments. Attention all welders: Please take a picture of the front & back of your welding license with your phone as proof of a current certification and/or renewal. You cannot fax your welding renewals in, please email to wcp@ironworkers.org, and make sure you have ALL the information filled in (including phone numbers) or your renewal will be rejected! If you do not get your new license within a 2-week time frame; members must call the WCP at 202-383-4814. Apprentices must bring their tools with them to class. All 2019 JIW courses, block schedules and rosters are listed online at www.ironworkers25.org. **MUST will only recognize OSHA 10 or 30 hr. courses taken at the Training Center or on the MUST website.** WCC offers an Associate's Degree in Construction Supervision. Call 734-973-3685 or refer to www.wccnet.edu/unions/iron-workers.

Thank you to those members taking advantage of The Welding Incentive Program! We've had a good number of Journeyman take the opportunity to get certified and we are still offering this incentive to our Journeyman! **The Welding Incentive Program** is for Active Journeyman and is an effort to increase the number of certified welders in our local. If you are not current on your welding certificate Local 25 will incentivize you \$125.00 to complete & obtain your Stick Certification and \$150.00 to complete & obtain your Wire Certification. To qualify must be an active Local 25 Journeyman in good standing. Contact the Training Center for more information.

TWIC cards are good for 5 years. If you obtained your TWIC prior to 2014 you may need to reapply. Check your own card to be sure it is still valid. TO RENEW OR APPLY FOR THE FIRST TIME, call 855-347-8371 OR GO TO <https://www.tsa.gov/for-industry/twic> IMPACT will reimburse your fee, simply mail a copy of your TWIC card AND paid receipt to the Novi Office (reimbursement will take 4-6 weeks).

Pay union dues with credit-debit card 24/7 by calling 888-386-8173 and follow the prompts. OR PAY at www.ironworkers25.org Any member payment for multiple members, fines, suspensions, withdrawal deposits, **SHOULD NOT use this process. Whenever possible we are emailing you, your dues receipt.**

Pay union dues with personal check or money order and mail to: Iron Workers Local 25 - P.O. Box 965 - Novi, MI 48376-0965. PLEASE include your book number on the face of the check/money order. Pay union dues in person at the Novi Union Hall (M-F) from 8 am to 3 pm (NO Cash). After-hours use the outdoor-dues-collection box.

Pay a year's dues or more (\$429.00 Journeyman) (\$426.00 Apprentice) and you will get a (1) one-month dues paid for by Local 25. (Get the 13th month free). This is intended to encourage members to pay their dues in a timely manner. The one month will be credited in the month following your actual 12-month payment.

FRINGE BENEFIT OFFICE: 800-572-8553 or 248-347-3100, press 1 for Member and follow the prompts. Benesys office hours 7:30am to 4:30pm. The mailing address for member BENEFIT related matters is: Iron Workers Local 25 Fringe Benefit Funds, PO Box 99219, Troy MI 48099-9219. **Please NOTE: Your monthly Union dues should still be mailed to PO BOX 965, Novi MI 48376-0965.**

Novi Dispatch number 248-305-9282: M-F 7 am to 10 am. Local 25 Active Members, Apprentices and Probationary should call each day you are out of work. OR use our website to sign up for the out of work list: www.ironworkers25.org

Other Phone Numbers: Pay dues: 888-386-8173, Training Center: 248-960-2130, Credit Union: 248-344-2560, Lansing: 517-882-3078. Flint: 810-742-3820. Saginaw: 989-755-9091. Grand Rapids: 231-342-3358. **Call before you go:** The Lansing, Flint & Saginaw offices are manned by one Business Agent each who are in the office by appointment or by chance. Please call before you drive there.

"MUST" DRUG TESTING IS ONLY FOR LOCAL 25 MEMBERS! WE CANNOT ISSUE DRUG TESTS FOR TRAVELERS- they need to call their own home local for drug testing. If you are a Local 25 member and need an authorization to drug test call the hall. IF POSSIBLE, call the Hall for drug test forms before 2:00 PM. When you happen to call between 2 and 4pm near the close of business we run into snags verifying a fax has been received at the testing facility. That could be an issue for you, when you travel to a facility after our business hours only to find the fax transmittal has failed. We can mail you a drug test form also, it is good for 2 weeks once we print it, and that way you have the drug test authorization in hand! Please make sure you have 18 MUST Mods completed and you are current with your drug test! This is needed for Plant work. If you have problems viewing your mods please call the hall or any Business Agent for assistance. **Reminder we do not use Concentra for MUST drug testing** because they are no longer union friendly.

The West Michigan Retiree breakfast is held on the first Tuesday of each month at 9:00 am @Whitlow's 4610 Airline Rd., Muskegon MI 49444. The next Ironworker Retiree Gun Lake Casino breakfast will be Tuesday June 11th, 2019 at 11:00 am as usual. Please join us!

The Novi Retiree Club membership/luncheon meeting is the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am at the Novi Union Hall. Lunch is always provided for a very nominal charge! The next luncheon will be May 21, 2019. All retirees are encouraged to attend. Please come out for lunch, learn & comradery.

Local 25 Retiree Club is holding a Scholarship Fund Golf Scramble June 13, 2019 at Green Hills Golf Course Pinconning MI. \$60.00 per person includes cart. \$100.00 Hole Sponsor (sign for tee box). Remember a loved one

\$ 50.00 (sign for tee box with remembrance). This is considered a Charitable Contribution! Anyone can sponsor a hole or remember a loved one! For more information contact Dallas Compeau 989-737-5518. Foursomes are already filling up, please call soon!

Michael Moses #964171 Lifetime Rigger is 6-weeks into recovering from successful surgery & staff infection. Thank you to all members for your well-wishes, concern & love!

Diversified Members Credit Union: 248-344-2560 - Located at 25880 Novi Rd. Saturday hours 9am - noon in addition to our regular weekday hours. Services available: debit or credit cards, interest bearing checking accounts, IRAs, CDs, Benefits Plus program, **HOME MORTGAGES**, low interest loans and part of Co-Op Shared Branching. We have other branch locations in Detroit and Clawson.

Home Mortgages for Union Families: Learn more about the unique benefits available to union members, their parents and children. **CALL 866-802-7307**, M-F 8am - 10pm EST, Sat 9am - 5:30pm EST www.unionplus.org

Bereavement(s). Joseph Smith #626153 of Byron MI passed away April 29, 2019 at the age of 85. He was a 54-year member. ***Our sympathy to all of the family and friends as you mourn the loss of your dear loved one(s)!***