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Business Manager's Message

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*Plumbers Local 27
1040 Montour West
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Coraopolis, PA 15108*

Dear Member,

By this time I am sure that most of you have heard that Ron Reiber has decided to retire effective October 1st after 30 years as a member of Local 27. Brother Reiber spent almost 15 years as a Business Agent and Trustee, and served as Recording Secretary prior to that. On behalf of the entire local, I would like to thank Ron and wish him good luck in his retirement.

According to Local 27 By-laws, the Business Manager may make an appointment to fill the remainder of an unexpired term when a vacancy in the position of Business Agent occurs with 14 months or less remaining on the term. That being said, I feel that it would be too costly to the local to do so being that the term ends in only 3 months. For that reason, Ron's duties will be covered by myself and the other paid officers until a new Business Agent is elected.

Nomination of officers will take place at the regular November union meeting and Election Day will be on Saturday, December 18, 2021. With elections fast approaching, one glaring observation is that Local 27 is in need of an injection of youth. We are an older local like most others. Our average age is 53 and almost 60 journeymen could retire today if they chose to. We need young journeymen to get involved, give back, and become officers so that they can be mentored into our future leaders.

I have good news to report regarding our pension plan. At our September meeting, the Trustees approved a motion to increase the yearly pension benefit amounts by \$40. Members who worked at least 1801 hours will now receive a monthly benefit of \$140 as opposed to \$100 for the years of 2018, 2019, and 2020.

Local 27 Trustees are, and always have been, conservative when allocating pension benefit amounts. We have never over extended ourselves with future promises that could result in an under funded pension plan. We will continue

that way of thinking when investing and allocating in the future.

I cannot stress enough the importance of maintaining certifications. Up to date certifications keep members employed. The union hall frequently receives requests for foremen, service plumbers, welders, medical gas installers, as well as plumbers able to perform backflow tests. Certifications have a shelf life, it is important to keep them current. It creates job opportunities by making us more valuable to the contractor.

Upcoming courses being offered at this time:

10/23 Medical Gas & 11/13 Medical Gas

Backflow Recertification coming soon. Call John Inks-Training Center to register (724)695-9047.

Apprentice Referral

Apprentices are not permitted to solicit work and must call the Business Manager immediately after being laid off. Any apprentice caught soliciting work will be brought before the Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee.

Job Opportunities

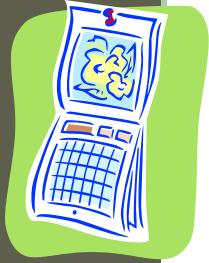
Recently, there have been manpower needs for plumbers in other parts of the country that are offering per diem and overtime. If anyone is interested in travelling, call the hall.

Allegheny County Plumbers—2 available. Apply online.

Allegheny County Housing Authority—3 Boiler Techs needed. Apply online.

City of Pgh. Plumber—City residency required. Apply online.

Housing Authority City of Pgh.—City residency required. Apply online.



Calendar of Events

**Oct
12**

Union Meeting—7:30 PM

Location: Plumbers Local Union #27, 1040 Montour West Industrial Park

**Nov
9**

Union Meeting—7:30 PM—Special Order of Business / Nominations

Location: Plumbers Local Union #27, 1040 Montour West Industrial Park

**Dec
14**

Union Meeting—7:30 PM—NO CHRISTMAS PARTY

Location: Plumbers Local Union #27, 1040 Montour West Industrial Park

**Dec
18**

Union Election—8:00 AM—5:00 PM

Location: Plumbers Local Union #27, 1040 Montour West Industrial Park

The officers and members of Plumbers Local 27 wish to extend their condolences to the families and friends of our deceased members

Member's Deaths

John Mott
September 13, 2021

Daniel Dabulis
September 21, 2021

David Wade
September 27, 2021

Deaths of Member's Loved Ones

Helen Sicilia
Mother of Jon Sicilia

Jane Katko
Mother-in-Law of Charles Norgren

Upcoming Retiree's Club Meetings

**October 27
10:00 AM**

Location: Plumbers Local 27 Union Hall
1040 Montour West Industrial Park, Coraopolis, PA



Retiree's Club Annual Christmas Party

All Local 27 retirees are welcome to attend the Annual Retiree's Club Christmas Dinner at South Hills Club.

Wednesday—December 8, 2021

12:00 PM—4:00 PM

Cost—Club members—\$5 / Spouses & guests \$35
Non-club members—\$35

RSVP Required—Please contact Joseph Kutschbach
412-487-2119 by November 19th.

Special Order of Business

There will be a Special Order of Business at our regular union meeting of Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 7:30 PM for nomination of officers for the following positions, all of which are 3 year terms. This meeting will be held at Plumbers Local Union 27, 1040 Montour West Industrial Park, Coraopolis, PA.

- President
- Vice President
- Recording Secretary
- Business Manager
- Business Agent Zone 1
- Business Agent Zone 2
- Business Agent Zone 3
- Executive Board (4)
- Inside Guard
- Finance Committee (3)
- Examining Board (3)
- Conference Committee (3)
- Delegate to Allegheny County Labor Council (2)
- Election Committee (4)

Election Day

Saturday, December 18, 2021

Plumbers Local Union #27 Headquarters

1040 Montour West Industrial Park, Coraopolis, PA 15108

Polls will be open from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

In case of a tie vote, a run-off election will be held on Saturday, January 8, 2022 at Plumbers Local 27 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Each nomination must be made specifically for the office to which the candidate aspires and in the case of the three elected Business Agents, the zone to which the candidate intends to run for. Any member seeking a Business Agent's position must declare which of the three zones the agent is seeking to serve at the time the member is nominated for the position. The zones shall be as follows:

Zone 1 – Western and Southern Allegheny County, Washington, Greene, Beaver and Lawrence Counties.

Zone 2 – Eastern and Northern Allegheny County, Butler, Armstrong, and Clarion Counties.

Zone 3 – Erie, Crawford, Mercer, Venango, Forest, Warren, and McKean Counties.

UA Constitution—

Eligibility for Office in Local Unions SEC. 121

No member shall be eligible to be nominated for office in any Local Union unless he shall be a journeyman member and shall have been a member of the United Association and the Local Union in good standing for at least a period of two (2) years immediately prior to the election. Any journeyman member who owes or has paid a reinstatement fee within a period of two (2) years immediately prior to the date of the election shall not be eligible to be nominated for office in any Local Union.

Eligibility to Vote at Local Union Election SEC. 124

No member shall vote at any election of any description unless he has been a member in good standing in the Local Union where the vote is being taken for a period of one (1) year immediately prior to the date of election. Any member who owes or has paid a reinstatement fee within a period of one (1) year immediately prior to the date of election shall not be eligible to vote in any Local Union election.

Message from Retiring Business Agent, Ron Reiber...

Dear Member,

I have been contemplating retirement for the past year and made it official on September 30th. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members of Local 27 for allowing me to represent you as your Business Agent for the past 15 years. It has been a pleasure getting to know many of our members and their families. It was also great to see young apprentices turn into productive journeymen and foremen, other members move into supervisory rolls and also others able to retire with grace & dignity.

I was given the opportunity in 1989 by Leo and Pat Bigley to join the Local through a PWSA Program. I then worked at AJ Demor for 15 years with many intelligent plumbers, John Joyce, Phil Brandi, Sr., and Jim Smith, Sr. just to name a few.

I would like to thank Tom Bigley for giving me the nudge to get involved with the political side of the union. Local 27 Business Agents and Managers have had a long standing reputation of being well represented and respected by other locals across the country. I believe a few of the reasons are because we have always demonstrated the ability to be compatible, find common ground, and have had smooth transitions in our leadership roles. As officers, there will always be decisions made that may not be appealing to an individual, but are necessary for the union as a whole.

Thanks to our current agents, T.J. and Bill for their dedication, hard work and friendship, also Keith Yeager, our Organizer, who has really been aggressive learning all the aspects of his position. Thanks to Ed Bigley for his knowledge, friendship and humor over the years and who has really excelled in his new position as our Business Manager.

Thanks to all our teachers that put in countless hours training our apprentices and journeymen. Last, but not least, our secretary and friend, Cathy Derosky, who has been very helpful to all of us in the office on a daily basis and to all of our members for nearly 30 years.