

June 5, 2014

“ON THE BRIDGE”

Our sincere condolences go to the Family of Chuck Imber, who lost his Father Charles Sr.. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Family of Roland Denker, who was a 69 year member. Our sincere condolences go to the Family of Hank Dempsey, who was a 42 year member; Our sincere condolences go to the Family of Harold Elvey, who lost his Mother-in-law, Katherine; May they rest in eternal peace.

Under Doctor's Care: John “too tall” Gurtzweiler Jr., Russ Blair, Jackie Blaze, (Joe II's sister, Joe III's aunt) , “Tank” Garcia (Jesse Garcia's son), Gary Hines, Don Clark (Aaron's dad), Russ Eldridge, Bill Vas, Tony Santos, Eugene Ward Sr., Eugene Ward Jr., Lee Curtis, Pete Wenzler, Annie Wenzler, Gus Rahe, Jim Witt Sr., Susan Miller (Frenchy's wife), Mary Crump (Johnny Crump's wife), Don Dubry Sr., Don Dubry Jr., Tim Ruble, Marcos Morales, Ferd Miller, and Jody Valadez (Luis' wife).

Happenings: Congratulations to Dustin and Emily Glass, whose Daughter, Zoe Nichole weighed in at 7lbs, 7oz and was 21 inches long!

Congratulations to Loretta Lively, who celebrated her 67th birthday on May 6th.

Kay Brazier opened up her own restaurant called Zoup, its located at the Talmadge Town Center at 4204 W. Sylvania Ave., Ste. 104. She is open 7 days a week, so stop in and say hello.

Scholarship: Ironworkers Local 55 gives a scholarship to two graduating seniors every year; one for a female and one male. This year the deadline has been extended to June 30th. So if you have a graduating senior who will be starting college this fall, please call the hall ASAP for an application!

Steward reports can now be filled out online! The website is: <https://www.iwdistrictcouncil.com/admin/> Your book number and the last 4 digits of your ss# is the log in information, check it out! Eventually we will do away with paper reports so it's a good idea to get started learning this new system.

Union dues: Just a reminder that it is **your** responsibility to pay **your** union dues. The notice we send out if you are six months behind is a **courtesy** and we are not required to send you a reminder.

Union elections: Don't forget: elections will take place on a specially called meeting on Saturday June 28th from 6:00AM – Noon.

In order to vote, you must be a full dues paying member for the month of June. What that means is, if you are retired and are paying the reduced rate of \$31.50, in order for you to vote, you will have to pay \$35.50 for the month of June.

Wage re-opener: the meeting was held on May 27th and the members voted on the wage package that they thought was best; which includes a \$0.80 increase on your paycheck. We would like to thank the 27 members that took the time to come down and vote.

Food Baskets: Please note that the procedures have changed for our monthly food basket program. In order to be eligible to pick up a monthly food basket, please stop by the hall for a voucher slip. You must be a member of Local 55, in order to receive one. Food baskets are available the third Wednesday of every month, for members in need.

Just a note to make sure you stay current on your MOST drug screens. If a job call comes that requires you to be current, that means current as of right that minute, there is no time to go and get current, you could potentially miss out on jobs.

FYI - Local 55 holds Alcoholics Anonymous meetings in the union hall every Friday evening and is hosted by Ed Alexander. You do not need to be a member in order to participate, everyone is welcome. There is no need to sign up, feel free to just drop in.

Members who are 65 years and older, or are permanently disabled, may be eligible to apply for lifetime membership, call the hall or send DeeDee an E-mail at deedee@iw55.org and she will send you an application. *Please note: this is not an automatic process; you have to ask for the application. Also it cannot be retro-active to when you turned 65 or became disabled and cannot be retro-active if you've already let your book go.*

Please e-mail the hall at deedee@iw55.org if you have children and/or grandchildren who are involved in sports and/or extra-curricular activities, their names, ages, schools and/or teams that they are on so that we may include them in our newsletter. Also feel free to e-mail or call DeeDee if you just want to share some news with us.

Need a reminder when classes are? Or just to receive updates? Contact Phil with your e-mail address and your contact info and send it to IWJATC@IW55.ORG

Journeyman Upgrading Classes: Just a note if you need a class or a certification, Phil is available every day at the apprenticeship school from 7:30am to 4:00pm Monday thru Friday. Just call him up at 419-382-3080 and let him know what you need.

Did you know that you can take the Rigging and Crane class online for your certification? Call Phil at the school to get registered!

Certified welders: Please **DO NOT** forget to turn in your welding work reports **EVERY SIX** months. If you let them lapse, your certification will expire and you will be forced to re-test, call Phil at the school to find out when you are due to turn one in.

Please note that the correct fax number for the **6 month ODOT Welding update** is 614-887-4123 for those of you that fax your own reports in; but even if you do, you should make sure you get a copy to Phil, he keeps these records and will be able to help if an issue arises.

Apprenticeship Applications: The Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee is accepting applications for the apprenticeship program. Applications are being accepted every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday's from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the training center until further notice. There is an application fee of \$10.

If you have an announcement you would like included in this newsletter, simply call the hall or send an e-mail and we will be happy to include it!

May God Bless You and Your Family!
Joe Blaze III