**Local 776 Newsletter**

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**Attention**

The next Retiree Breakfast is scheduled for October 4th beginning at 9:00 A.M. at Westgate Lanes.

**Fraternal News**

* **Death Benefit:** We are on Death Benefit #369 Gary Stoner Sr. Death Benefits can be paid over the phone, in person or online at [www.ualocal776.com](http://www.ualocal776.com).
* **Welcome:** Corbin McKinley, Henry Pergram, Carl Grose, Garrett Hough and Matthew Kennedy were sworn in at the August union meeting.If you are working with any of these new members, be sure to welcome them to Local 776!

**Future Events to put on the Calendar**

* **Union Meeting:** Wednesday September 18th, 2024 at 7pm
* **Local 776 Retiree/Graduation Banquet:** Saturday October 19th, please call Melissa to sign up. The deadline to sign up is Wednesday October 2nd, 2024.
* **UA Weld Test:** Saturday September 28th, 2024 at 8 A.M.

Please call Melissa no later than noon the Thursday before to sign up and to check on the status of the test session.

**JATC**

* Congratulations to Bijoy Padinjarethala on graduating from the Instructor Training Program in Ann Arbor!
* First night of class will be Tuesday September 3rd, 2024 at 6p.m.
* **Journeyman Upgrade Revit Class**: September 10-October 3, 2024. Limited class size. Please call Kiel or Melissa to sign up.

**Business Manager Comments**

First, I would like to thank everyone that showed up for the Labor Day parade! It was nice to see so many people come out to walk for labor! I would also like to thank Mike Ciminillo and Jim Morrison for doing the cooking, the food was delicious! Lastly Kiel Dennison and Jason Newell for getting everything ready and throwing everything together for this day! Thanks everyone!

I would like to congratulate Ben Dues and Patrick Boldt for their accomplishments on making it to the National Championships for Service Titan. This is a national competition that is open for anyone to compete (union and non-union) and prove their abilities in the service industry. Patrick also competed last year and took home the Gold medal for the apprentice level! Only the top 10 in their category can move on to the National Competition, so this is quite an accomplishment. Good job to you guys and good luck!!!

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