**Local 776 Newsletter**

**April 2025 Newsletter Issue #230**

**SPECIAL NOTICE SPECIAL NOTICE SPECIAL NOTICE**

**Secret Ballot Vote**

Wednesday April 16th, 2025

For **Delegates** for the 2024 OSA State Convention

& **Wage Appropriations**

**POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 3:30 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.**

**1300 Bowman Rd. Lima, OH 45804**

Should a tie result, a runoff election will be held on Wednesday April 23rd, 2025 at 1300 Bowman Rd., Lima. Ohio

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**Boot Vouchers**

Boot Vouchers are in and will expire at the end of April if you have not picked yours up or used it!

Please call Melissa to see if you have a boot voucher here for pickup.

**Fraternal News**

* **Death:** I am saddened to report the death of Brother Larry Ellerbrock. Brother Ellerbrock was initiated into the UA on May 8, 1968, and he retired September 1, 2004. Larry passed away on March 23, 2025 at the age of 80. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Ellerbrock family.
* **Death Benefit:** We are on Death Benefit #375 Larry Ellerbrock. Death Benefits can be paid over the phone, in person or online at [www.ualocal776.com](http://www.ualocal776.com).
* **Congratulations!** Brother Terry Leppla and his wife had a baby girl and named her Emma.

**Future Events to put on the Calendar**

* **Union Meeting:** Wednesday April 16th, 2025 at 7pm
* **UA Weld Test:** Saturday April 26th, 2025 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.

* **Golf Outing:** This years Local 776 Golf outing is set for June 7th with a shotgun start at 8am. You can sign up by calling the hall anytime after April 1st. Teams must be signed up no later than May 23rd. The cost this year will be $45 for non-members, $15 for members and retirees will be free again!
* **Boot Vouchers:** Boot Vouchers are in! This year we have added Goodyear Shoe Repair in Wapakoneta as one of the places that will accept the voucher. Please remember that your death benefits must be up to date before you are eligible to receive your boot voucher. These vouchers expire April 30, 2025, so please pick yours up before it expires.

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* **Last night of Class:** The last night of Apprenticeship classes is April 17th!
* We will be cleaning the weld lab April 14th-17th, so please call before you come in to practice.

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**Business Manager Comments**

In April we will have a secret ballot vote for delegates to the OSA state convention and for appropriations of wages. I plan to circulate a letter to the jobsites explaining all the options for the vote. Please keep your eyes out for that letter and please feel free to ask if you have any questions.

Also, I would like to congratulate the three apprentices that are representing Local 776 this year for the OSA state Apprenticeship Contest. Dylan Gonterman will be going as the welder, Nick Barrett will be going as the pipefitter and Ben Dues will be going as the HVAC Service Tech. These guys will compete at Local 189 at the end of April. All three are excellent craftsman and they will represent Local 776 very well. Bring home the gold!

Brad

**Chewy’s Corner**

The answer is always no, if you do not ask questions. We all do not know everything about fitting/welding, it is always changing, we must adapt to each individual situation daily. I always urge apprentices to ask questions when instructions are not clear, that mentality goes for Journeymen as well.  Knowledge is power.

In solidarity.

Thanks, Chewy

Fraternally, Fraternally,

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