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M E S S A G E F R O M T H E *Secretary-Treasurer*

The political season is in full swing in both Maryland and Virginia. It has already been a good start for working families in Maryland—with your support and involvement, our lobbyist John Shields is working hard at assisting in getting overrides of several of Governor Ehrlich’s vetos. The Fair Share Health Care Act, which requires employer companies with 10,000 employees to spend at least 8 per cent on employee health coverage or pay the difference into a state fund that provides medical care for the poor has been passed. This bill was nicknamed the “Wal-Mart” bill because most of their employees can not afford health care and are covered by the state at the expense of the taxpayers. Needless to say Wal-Mart vigorously opposed the bill and Governor Ehrlich sided with them and vetoed the bill. Other bills on which we supported the veto override were the bill to increase the minimum wage by a \$1.00 to \$6.15 per hour, the Elections Voters Rights Act and the Election Law Early Voting Act and all of these bills have passed the Senate and the House.

I want to thank all of our members volunteers in Virginia and Vance Ayres our lobbyist for all the many weekend and evening hours worked to get Governor Tim Kaine elected. As we congratulated him on his victory, Governor Kaine was appointing Danny LaBlanc, the President of the Virginia AFL-CIO as the new Secretary of the Commonwealth. This is a real plus for all the working people throughout Virginia.

Your lobbyist John and Vance can always use support from the rank and file. For updates and information on how you can help contact them at our web site www.dcbuildingtrades.com

In Solidarity

JERRY LOZUPONE

Secretary-Treasurer

Plumbers Five

by Charles William Garity, Assistant Business Manager

A new year is underway. How is our report card grade for what we did or failed to do in the year past. Were we average or above average? As a good friend of mine often says about the term "he's average"; average is being the best of the worst or the worst of the best. Stop and think what this means! If you're average, then you are either at the top of the bottom half of your group or at the bottom of the top half of your group. Our industry can't survive if all we strive for is to be average. Most of us would not choose a day care facility for our children that had a mediocre reputation, nor would we choose a health care facility for our parents that only had a mediocre reputation. Why should we settle for mediocrity in our career?

Recently I was asked by one of our contractors to visit a jobsite to discuss attitude and behavior among the team on this particular project. The issue of concern was parking and break time. Some of the employees on this project were leaving the job to feed parking meters and taking extended breaks and lunch time. In my opening remarks, I

apologized to those individuals of the team to whom my remarks did not apply. However, to those same individuals I admonished them for tolerating such poor behavior. We are our Brothers keepers; more importantly, we are entrusted to preserve our industry. By not taking a pro-active positive position, against poor behavior and performance, we condone such insubordination. So when the project gets behind or when work is poorly performed, everyone takes a share of the blame. We will survive as a team or we will die as a team. Be part of the success of a project, think ahead about your task, make sure you have what you need, advise your foreman of your needs in advance. When you reach in the bin for a hanger or a fitting and there is only a couple left, let your foreman know. Think all the time. When we go on cruise control, we get lazy. Your foreman needs your help. He can't be in all places all the time. This year let us be above average in all of our actions. Be part of the project success, not part of it demise.

Last night, at our Union Meeting, we swore in Brother Jim Killeen as Business Representative/Organizer to fill the unexpired term of Brother Jim Ebel, former Business Representative/Organizer who retired at the end of the year. (see photo). We wish Brother Ebel a long and happy retirement and look forward to Brother Killeen's dedicated service to our Local. P.S. If your name is not JIM, you need not apply!

IMPORTANT: Journeymen working on D.C. Funded Projects will be required to have a current **D.C. Journeyman's license** to work on those projects. **DO NOT PROCRASTINATE!!** Get your D.C. journeyman license now and avoid missing out on future employment opportunities.

Journeymen interested in the following classes: all jurisdiction code classes, welding certification should call the Apprenticeship School at (301) 322-8810 to sign up and receive additional information regarding these classes.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

If you are coming into the Local Union Hall to sign the referral book and you have been separated from your current employment, you **MUST BRING IN YOUR SEPARATION FORM BEFORE** you can sign the referral book.

IMPORTANT: In order to maintain medical eligibility during periods of temporary unemployment, your name must appear on the Local Union referral book **EVERY** 30 days. Failure to meet this obligation may cause temporary interruption of your medical coverage. Please refer to notification from the Medical Fund titled "Summary of Material Modification."

THE TWO-MONTH LOOK AHEAD:

Wednesday, February 8th
Monthly Union Meeting at 5:30 p.m.
at the U. A. Mechanical Trade School
(See Plumbers, p. 3)

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Jim Ebel

Elevator Constructors Local 10

by the Business Office

FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

Remember to call in all your jobs so we can keep prevailing wage where it should be. Also while reporting your job don't forget to include any new equipment so we can stay on top of any prefabrication violations. Remember being a good Union member is a good thing for all of us and for the company. We control our industry because we are good Union members with a strong Union. **BEING A GOOD UNION MEMBER IS BEING A GOOD COMPANY MEMBER!** Don't let anyone tell you any different! You are our EYES and EARS keep the Business Office informed of what is going on.

Thank you for my Christmas present.

Elaine.

OTIS MILEAGE

Effective 1/1/06 the new IRS mileage is \$0.44.5 per mile.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Willie Sollars on successfully passing the mechanics exam, which he took in Florida.

WEBSITE

Please check our website for all current and up to the minute information at www.iuec10.com.

PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGE

The February meeting will have a special order of business of the third reading, discussions and vote of the following proposed change:

ARTICLE V, SECTION 5, PARAGRAPH 2

OLD

For his/her services the Treasurer shall receive a salary of 100 hours per quarter at foreman's rate of pay and appropriate fringes.

NEW

For his/her services the Treasurer shall receive a salary of 125 hours per quarter at foreman's rate of pay and appropriate fringes.

I.U.E.C. LOCAL #10 RUSSELL G. HANSBOROUGH MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Renditions Golf Course
1380 W. Central Avenue
Davidsonville, MD

MAY 5, 2006

8:00 Shotgun Start
SCRAMBLE

\$125.00 per person

Renditions Golf Club requires all players to wear appropriate golf attire. Shirts with collars must be worn at all

times, soft spikes only. This event fills up early, so don't delay in getting your payment in.

For more information contact:
Sonny or Jimmy Demmel
301-459-0497

Get your foursomes together, singles or doubles will be paired up. Make your check payable to: the RGH Golf and mail to:

I.U.E.C. Local #10 – Golf
9600 Martin Luther King Hwy.
Lanham, MD 20706

Golfers Name

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

RETIREES

The second Thursday of each month meet at Tuckers Restaurant off of Pennsylvania Avenue for a 10:00 a.m. breakfast. All retired brothers are welcome to attend.

CONDOLENCES

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to:

Honorary member Terry Rogers on the death of his wife Christine.

Plumbers Five

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February 8, 1910
Boy Scouts founded

February 11, 1847
Birth of Thomas Edison

Tuesday, February 14th
Valentine's Day

February 20, 1962
First Orbit Flight

Wednesday, February 22nd
Executive Board Meeting at
5:00 p.m. at the Local Union
Business Office

Wednesday, March 1st
Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 8th
Monthly Union Meeting at 5:30 p.m.
at the U. A. Mechanical Trade School

March 12, 1912
Girl Scouts Founded

Tuesday, March 14th
Purim

Friday, March 17th
St. Patrick's Day

Monday, March 20th
Spring begins

Monday, March 20th
Vernal Equinox

Wednesday, March 22nd
Executive Board Meeting at
5:00 p.m. at the Local Union
Business Office

Special Order of Business: at the February Union Meeting will be: 1) to vote on the Finance Committee Report, 2) to fund our Political Action Fund in the amount of \$10,000.00 in preparation for the upcoming state and local election cycle, 3) to enact the by-law assessment for the Michael A. Collins annual assessment.

Current Assessments Due: Death #1040, and Michael A. Collins Assessment.

Sheet Metal Workers Local 100

by Robert A. Walter, Business Manager/F.S.

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This publication serves as Sheet Metal Workers' Local 100's official mode of communication for notices to the membership of dues increases, special meetings, and other information concerning Local 100.

MESSAGE FROM BUSINESS MANAGER/FINANCIAL SECRETARY ROB WALTER

As the New Year begins, employment throughout Local 100 remains good and this promises to be another good year for the local.

The Washington Nationals Stadium project is still up in the air at this date. Several large projects are pending such as the Harbor Place Hotel and Conference Center, the Eli Lilly Plant, the Coors Brewery job and the Phillip Morris job. The Baltimore Area still remains busy and all the other areas are holding their own.

In the Spring we will begin contract negotiations in Cumberland, Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

There will be elections in Maryland this year for the state races for Governor, House of Delegates and Senate. All members of the U.S. House of Representatives and one-third of the U.S. Senate will be up for election as well.

The James E. Killeen Golf Tournament is scheduled for September 15, 2006 to raise money for Local 100's Scholarship Fund.

Our organizing program continues to be aggressive. Through our organizing efforts and with the Coalition for Fair Contracting we have successfully brought a few non-union companies into compliance with Davis-Bacon. These companies have had to pay substantial payments to workers for under payment of wages.

I would like to congratulate the Norfolk Area on receiving their JATC Gold Accreditation. All six areas of Local 100 have now received the highest level of accreditation.

We look forward to 2006 with promise and this looks to be a good year for Local 100.

Remember our work is dangerous, please work safely. God Bless America.

GENERAL MEETING, AREA MEETINGS, RETIRED CLUB MEETINGS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Please read this information carefully so that you will be aware of all upcoming important business to be held and plan on attending these meetings.

General Meetings & Washington, D.C. Area meetings: Meetings will be held at the union hall, 4725 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, Maryland on the 4th Friday of every month at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted: The January 2006 meeting will be held on January 27, 2006 and the February 2006 meeting will be held on February 24, 2006.

Baltimore Area: The next regular meeting for the Baltimore Area will be Wednesday, February 8, 2006, beginning at 8 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 7910 Harford Road

Cumberland Area: The next Cumberland Area meeting will be held on Friday, February 10, 2006, at the Cumberland Eagle's Club, at 7:30 p.m.

Norfolk Area: The February meeting will be held on Monday, February 13, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. at 1500 E. Littlecreek Road, Room 308. The Norfolk Area office has moved. The building is the same only the room number has changed. Please make note of the new address: Sheet Metal Workers' Local 100, Norfolk Area Office, 1500 E. Littlecreek Road, Room 308, Norfolk, VA 23518. Phone and fax numbers remain the same.

Richmond Area: Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. at 3204 Cutshaw Avenue.

Roanoke Area: Meetings are held on the 3rd Friday of every month at 8:00 p.m. at the Union Hall, 2101 Dale Avenue, S.E.

RETIRED CLUB NEWS

Baltimore Retiree Meeting: The Retirees' Club would like to congratulate Gary Campbell, Mike Chick and Jan

Lowe on their recent retirement. We wish them a long, happy and healthy retirement. We would also like to extend a cordial invitation to them to join us at our next Retirees' Club meeting.

Richmond Retired Club: Richmond Area Retired Club meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Retired club meetings begin at 10:30 a.m. at 3204 Cutshaw Avenue.

Washington, D.C. Retirees' Club: Washington, D.C. Retirees' Club as of January 1, 2006, the retiree's club membership dues will be \$20 per year. Make checks payable to Retirees Club Washington, D.C. and mail to 4725 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, Maryland 20746. The next meeting will be held at the Union Hall on Monday, February 13, 2006 at 12 noon.

CONGRATULATIONS APPRENTICES!

We are extremely proud and send out congratulations to Christopher M. Jones who works for Stromberg Metal Works for becoming a Journeyman effective January 1, 2006. Christopher is also participating in the Eastern Regional Apprenticeship Contest January 19-21, 2006 held at the Training Center. We also want to acknowledge Shaun P. Brien who works for Comfort Control and Carrie A. Nicholas who works for Environmental Balancing Corporation for their participation in this month's apprentice contest.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with profound sadness that we inform you of the passing of:

Brother John M. Holzinger
(retired)

Brother Raymond Jenkins, Sr.
(retired)

Brother Howard O. Laster
(retired)

Brother Joseph L. Meise
(retired)

Brother Harold (Casey) L. Prior
(retired)

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Our deepest sympathies are extended to the family and friends of these departed Brothers. Through this article Local 100 attempts to notify the membership of deaths of members in a timely manner. If we have overlooked anyone that you know is deceased, please contact the local's office.

SERVICE PINS

Brother Robert F. Wilson received his 25 Year Service Pin and Brother Winston Powell received his 40 Year Service Pin.

Congratulations to these good brothers for their years of service to our trade.

Contact Wanda in the dues office to request a service pin or for information on service pins, call 301-568-8655, ext. 114 or 800-492-8004, ext. 114.

SNOW POLICY

Our snow policy for the general meeting and Washington, D.C. Area meetings is to follow the Prince George's County School System. If Prince George's County Schools are closed the day of a scheduled general meeting/Washington, D.C. Area meeting, then the meeting will be cancelled.

Washington, D.C. Area Training Center's Snow Policy. The training center follows the Prince George's County Community College closing policy. If *Prince George's County Community College* is closed due to snow, no classes will be held day or evening.

Baltimore Area Snow Policy: In the event of inclement weather, the Baltimore Area will follow the Baltimore County School System. If Baltimore County closes school on a meeting date due to inclement weather, then our meeting for that evening would also be cancelled.

LAST DAY TO PAY DUES

The last day that dues can be paid January 2006 will be by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 31, 2006. If your December 2005 dues are not paid by 5:00 p.m. on January 31, 2006, you will be recorded suspended and you will

be required to pay a reinstatement fee and one month's dues to reinstate your membership (in accordance with the SMWIA Constitution and Ritual).

DUES PAID IN 2005

All journeymen members of Local 100 paid \$1,092 in dues for 2005. If you have any questions about this or need additional information, please contact the dues office at 301-568-8655, ext. 114.

DUES INCREASE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2006

The following dues rates will be in effect for January 2006 dues:

Journemen

All Areas – \$96 per month beginning January 2006 dues

1st year apprentices

All Areas – \$29.25 per month beginning January 2006 dues

2nd thru 4th year apprentices

Washington Area – \$70.75 per month beginning January 2006 dues

2nd thru 4th year apprentices

Baltimore Area – \$64.25 per month beginning January 2006 dues

2nd thru 4th year apprentices

Cumberland Area – \$62.75 per month beginning January 2006 dues

2nd thru 4th year apprentices

Norfolk Area – \$56.75 per month beginning January 2006 dues

2nd thru 4th year apprentices

Richmond Area – \$60.75 per month beginning January 2006 dues

2nd thru 4th year apprentices

Roanoke Area – \$58.75 per month beginning January 2006 dues

Classified/Specialty Workers

All Areas – \$45 per month beginning January 2006 dues

All other dues classifications will remain the same amount per month.

SHEET METAL WORKERS' LOCAL 100 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Important—This is the last time this application will appear in the *Craftsman* for this competition year. If you would like to apply for a scholarship, please do not hesitate in mailing in this application today.

Sheet Metal Workers' Local 100 is pleased to be able to announce the 16th Annual Sheet Metal Workers' Local 100 Scholarship Competition. Awards under this program will be granted in Spring 2006 for the 2006-2007 school year.

Eligibility for the competition is limited to the children, stepchildren and spouses of active members and retired members of Local 100 engaged in the building trades or production industry.

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SHEET METAL WORKERS' LOCAL 100 SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

Please send a scholarship application and information packet to:

Applicant's Name: _____
(first) (initial) (last)

Mailing Address: _____
(street address/p.o. box)

(city) (state) (zip)

I hereby certify that I am the (check one):

- Son/stepson
- Daughter/stepdaughter
- Spouse

(name & Social Security number of parent-member of Local 100)

(applicant's signature) (applicant's Social Security No.)

(today's date)

Reinforced Iron Workers Local 201

by Kevin G. McVeigh, Business Manager

Our work continues to pick up. Our contractors picked up another job that we originally lost for the Tidewater project in Alexandria which stills has 5,000 tons of rebar left to be placed. We are hoping that the DC city council will finally decide to build our Nationals Baseball Stadium sometime in the near future.

With the new year comes elections with a big race for Maryland Governor. Our members did a great job getting Gov. Kane elected in Virginia and now we need to step up again to elect a Governor in Maryland that will fight for working families.

This is a reminder to check your check off assessment as of the first week of January to make sure that only 5% is held. We contacted every contractor of the change. If you have any questions please contact the hall.

Once again this is a reminder with the new year comes tax time—the following are the tax deductions for 2005: Dues @ \$33.00 x 12 months; 7 death assessments @ \$18.00 each; check off was 6% of your gross income. If you were initiated or reinstated those fees are also a tax deduction. Safety equipment purchased; and all tools, gloves, carharts, as well as work boots.

Local union dues will be increased by \$1.00 for journeyman and apprentices effective January 1, 2006. The dues will be \$34.00 for journeyman and \$29.00 for apprentices. This was a decision made by our International.

This is the second notice that our Annual Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2006 at VFW Post 9619 in Morningside, Maryland. If you plan to attend please let us know early so we can make sure to have all service awards and pins for the banquet. If you are not sure of your years as a member please contact the Union Hall.

The following members will go suspended as of January 31, 2006 for being 6 months in arrears on paying dues: Erin Cruz, Enos Franklin, & Daniel Torres.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Wednesday, February 01, 3:00 p.m.
J.A.T.C. Meeting

Wednesday, February 08, 12:30 p.m.
Retirees Meeting

Wednesday, February 08, 2:00 p.m.
Stewards Meeting

Wednesday, February 08, 5:00 p.m.
Executive Board Meeting

Friday, February 17, 7:00 p.m.
Local 201 Membership Meeting

Saturday, April 1, 6:30 pm till 12:00
Local 201 Annual Awards Banquet

Nuestro trabajo continúa recoger. Nuestros contratistas recogen otro trabajo que perdimos originalmente para el proyecto de agua de marea en Alexandria que tiene todavía 5,000 toneladas de la izquierda de rebar para ser colocado. Esperamos que el ayuntamiento de DC decida finalmente construir nuestro Estadio Nacional del Béisbol alguna vez en el futuro cercano.

Con el año nuevo bienen las elecciones con una carrera grande para el Gobernador de Maryland. Nuestros miembros hicieron un trabajo magnífico para elegir a el Gobernador Kane en Virginia y ahora nosotros necesitamos ascender otra vez para elegir a un Gobernador en Maryland que luchará para las familias trabajadoras.

Este es un recordatorio de verificar su cancela la evaluación al la primera semana de enero para cerciorarse que sólo 5% es tenido. Avisamos a cada contratista del cambio. Si usted tiene cualquiera pregunta avisa por favor el vestíbulo.

Una vez más esto es un recordatorio con el año nuevo viene tiempo de impuesto—el siguiente es las deducciones del impuesto para 2005: Dues a \$33.00 X 12 meses; 7 muertes a \$18.00 cada; check off a 6% de sus ingresos brutos. Si usted fue iniciado o fue reintegrado esos honorarios son también una deducción de impuesto. El equipo de la seguridad comprada; y todas sus herramienta, los guantes, carharts, así como también botas de trabajo pueden ser dedusidas.

Los dues de la unión serán aumentados por \$1.00 para el jornalero y aprendices efectivos el 1 de enero de 2006. Los nuevos dues serán \$34.00 para el jornalero y \$29.00 para aprendices. Esta fue una decisión hecha por nuestro Internacional.

Esta es la segunda nota que nuestro Banquete Anual de Premios será aguantado sábado, el 1 de abril de 2006 en el Post de VFW 9619 en Morningside, Maryland. Si usted planea asistir por favor dejenos saber temprano para que podamos tener todos los pins y certificados para los que tienen mas de 5 años de servicio. Si usted no está seguro de sus años como un miembro avisa por favor el Vestíbulo de la Unión.

Los miembros siguientes serán suspendido de el 31 de enero de 2006 por estar 6 meses atrasados en pagar sus dues: Erin Cruz, Enos Franklin, y Daniel Torres.

EL CALENDARIO DE REUNIONES Y EVENTOS

Miercoles 1 de Febrero, 3:00 p.m.
J.A.T.C.

Miércoles, 8 de Febrero, 12:30 p.m.
Reunion de los Jubilados

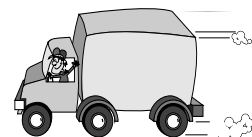
Miércoles, 8 de Febrero, 2:00 p.m.
Reunion de los Shop Stewards

Miércoles, 8 de Febrero, 5:00 p.m.
Reunion de la Junta Ejecutiva

Viernes, 20 de Febrero, 7:00 p.m.
Local 201 Reunion de los Miembros

Sabado, 1 de abril, 6:30pm – 12am
Banquete Annual de Premios de Local 201

MOVING?



REMINDER: PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR LOCAL UNION OF ANY ADDRESS CHANGE.

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In addition to an informational application, eligible applicants will be required to supply current SAT/ACT or entrance exam scores, high school transcript and GPA, financial statement, two letters of recommendation and proof of college acceptance.

This program offers a one-time scholarship award that may be used to meet educational expense at the school of your choice. It is required that winners be enrolled as full-time students (as defined by the school) and that they be enrolled as such for the fall 2006 semester.

To receive an application and information regarding the competition, the application on page 5 should be completed and sent to: Sheet Metal Workers' Local 100 Scholarship Competition, P.O. Box 67, Suitland, MD 20746. **The deadline for requesting the application and information for the competition is January 31, 2006.**

NEW RULES FOR THE RELIEF FUND EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2006

At a recent executive board meeting, the board passed a motion that will change one of the existing relief fund rules. This rule change will result in a straightforward, easy to explain three month process for relief fund: Laid off the previous month, call in and apply for relief fund for the current month and pay dues for the current month, receive the next month's dues from the relief fund if eligible (or receive dues for whatever is the next month due for that person).

Under the old relief fund rules: You must call before the 2nd Friday of the month to apply for that month's relief fund. Under the new relief fund rules: You must call before the last working day of the month to apply for that month's relief fund.

Under the old relief fund rules: You must be unemployed and listed on the unemployment list one month or more prior to the 2nd Friday of the relief fund month. Under the new relief fund rules: You must be unemployed and listed on the unemployment list for the entire month you are requesting relief fund

(e.g. requesting January 2006 relief fund, you must be unemployed from January 1st through 31st).

This change will become effective for January 2006 relief fund. The following is an example of how this will affect relief fund requests:

Members calling to request relief fund for January would be able to call from January 2nd through January 31, 2006. When they call they will be told they are applying for January's relief fund, that they must have been laid off prior to January 1st and that their January dues must be paid to be eligible, and that if they meet the other relief fund requirements relief fund will pay their February dues (or whatever is the next month due for that person).

It is very important under the new system that a person who is laid off and needs relief fund call in right away for the next month's relief fund.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT LOCAL 100'S RELIEF FUND RULES FOR RELIEF FUND EFFECTIVE 1/1/06

1. All active building trades journeymen, apprentices and specialty workers who are able to accept employment are eligible.
2. The members must be unemployed during the entire period they are requesting assistance from the relief fund, and have their name recorded on the unemployment list for one month or more.
3. If a member is referred for work in the member's home area, the member must accept the job. Refusal to accept employment in a member's home area will make the member ineligible for relief fund.
4. If a member is referred to work and accepts the job, but is not hired due to failing a drug test, the member will be ineligible for relief fund.
5. **The deadline for requesting assistance from the relief fund will be the last working day of every month.**
6. It is the member's responsibility to contact the business office every month they need assistance from the relief fund.

7. Requests can be made by phone or by mail. All requests will be kept confidential.
8. Once a member is determined to be eligible, the member's monthly dues will be paid by the relief fund and a dues receipt will be sent to the member. No checks will be issued to the member.
9. If there is a question regarding a member's eligibility for the relief fund, the business manager will make the determination for eligibility.
10. Member must be current on dues. The member must be paid through the month in which he/she is applying to be eligible for relief fund.
11. Member may only collect relief fund six (6) times during a one-year period (January-December). This rule is retroactive to January 1, 2003.
12. New members or members who transfer into Local 100 must have three (3) months good standing in Local 100 before becoming eligible for relief fund

Per IRS regulations, you will be issued a 1099 miscellaneous form in January from Local 100 if you receive \$600 or more from the relief fund during the previous year.

WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA NEWS

Training Center Information. The Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee is currently seeking applications for the apprenticeship program Monday-Friday 10:00 am to 4:00 p.m. Must be 18 years of age, physically fit to perform the work of the sheet metal trade and pass a drug test. For further information and test dates, contact the Training Center on Ext. 3.

Attention Journeymen: You need to come in before your certification expires or you will have to retest. It is the welder's responsibility to keep their certification updated. If you weld, you may call and ask for the Welder Certification Maintenance Form (BC2103) and have your foreman complete it and fax back to the Training Center. If you are a member of the American Welders

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Society (AWS) you can send in a check to Milo Chaffee in the amount of \$10 payable to (AWS) along with your update card. Updates need to be in before your certification expires.

Interested in improving your skills contact the Training Center at 301-568-8655 Ext 3 for below classes:

- Auto CAD I – April 2006 (14 weeks) (prerequisite Sketching Class)
- Auto CAD II – January 2006 (20 weeks)
- GMAW MIG – July 2006 (10 weeks)
- GTAW TIG – September 2006 (10 weeks)
- Service Class – January 2006 (20 weeks) \$25 Test Fee
- Stick Welding – January 2006 (20 weeks)
- Sketching Class – January 2006 (10 weeks)
- TAB Class – 2006 (pending)

The Training Center is in need of Air Condition Units for the Service Class. Anyone wishing to donate a unit or know where AC Units can be obtained on a donation basis, please contact the Training Center

Reminder: Apprentices need to apply for apprentice license call State of Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation Contact Per-

son Patricia McCray 410-230-6159 to receive an application.

CREDIT UNION NEWS:

Telephone: 202-829-5404 (phones open at 9 a.m. Monday-Friday)

Fax: 202-723-3190

The Audio Response System number is 1-800-724-7573

Credit union hours: Monday through Friday 9 a.m. through 12 p.m. & 1 p.m. through 3:30 p.m.

E-mail address: Information@ibew26fcu.com

Signature Loan sale so sweet we can only run it for 28 days. During the month of February we have a sweet-heart of a deal for you with a signature loan sale at 8.9% APR. Signature loans up to \$10,000 with an additional \$5,000 with a qualified co-applicant. (All loans

subject to approval). Pay off credit card balance left from Christmas, consolidate bills into one payment, move a loan from another financial institution to the credit union, think of a project to spruce up your home. Loan applications can be faxed, mailed or filled out in the credit union office. During the winter months if there is inclement weather call the credit union office to be sure we are open regular hours. That is when it is helpful to have an ATM/POS card to access your account!

BALTIMORE AREA NEWS

Important Phone Numbers:

Baltimore Union Hall: 410-732-1849 or 800-307-2124

Decision-Science (Baltimore Health Fund): 410-254-9595 or 800-367-7848

National Pension Fund: 800-231-4622

SMW+: 800-831-4914

NORFOLK AREA NEWS

Phone: 757-587-5566 or 800-386-9119

The Norfolk Area office has moved. The building is the same only the room number has changed. Please make note of the new address:

Sheet Metal Workers' Local 100
Norfolk Area Office
1500 E. Littlecreek Road, Room 308
Norfolk, VA 23518

Phone and fax numbers remain the same.

