



JATC TRAINING DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well!!! This past year has been quite a challenge to say the least. The JATC has moved classes around to help with the social distance restrictions; we have been taking temperatures prior to classes and sanitizing the schools at the end of nights.

Our main goal has been to get through this school year so our apprentices can advance through the program. With great effort from the Apprentices and Instructors, we have been able to keep moving forward.

The JATC Committee met and made the decision to not take a new class at this time. There have been quite a few jobs that were cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. They also looked at the number of Apprentices we currently have unemployed. The Committee plans on meeting again in six months to look at the future work and then make a decision if we take a new class this Fall. All applicants we have on file should have received a letter stating that.

We will continue to take applications on the third Monday of every month from 8:00am-Noon. If you know a good candidate for the program, have them visit our website at www.lu354.com. Under the Apprenticeship tab they will find a list of the necessary paperwork needed to apply.

The local has held the last two monthly Union Meetings via virtual. The monthly meetings will continue to be virtual until the restrictions from the pandemic are lifted. If you would like to take part there are 2 ways you can register:

1. Call the Union Hall at (724) 925-7238 and give your email address to Jayne or you can email Jayne at lu354op4@UANET.ORG; once Jayne has your email, she will send you the new link every month to you, or
2. Register for the March meeting at this link:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7671775725319331086>

Virtual Union Meetings will start at 7:00pm on the first Friday of the month.

UA Update:

The UA has cancelled the Apprentice Contest for 2021. For our Instructors, at this time they are still undecided if ITP week in Ann Arbor will take place this coming August.

Weld Practice for any member that wants to practice is available Monday-Thursday from 6:00pm-9:00pm at the East Region Training Center.

The West Region Training Center is only available on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00pm-9:00pm due to class size.

****Reminder**** Face coverings are required when entering the building and temperatures will be taken.

Weld Tests have been scheduled at both schools on Saturday, March 20th starting at 8:00am. If you are interested fill out a test request form and get it sent into the JATC office. These forms are at the schools or can be printed off from the website under Apprenticeship, Forms.

EPRI Rigging for those members that completed their written portion of the EPRI Rigging Exam and still need to complete the practical portion, dates will be set when Local 66 starts their spring training classes.

For the members that are approaching their 5-year recertification, a refresher class is scheduled for April 1st and the exam is scheduled for April 8th. The JATC office will be contacting those of you that are due to expire.

Medical Gas Installer/Brazer Certification for the 5th Year Apprentices has been scheduled for March 2nd at the West Region Training School.

A recertification exam is scheduled for March 11th at the West Region Training School for those expiring in March 2021.

Backflow Certifications class will begin in May if you are interested; call the JATC office to be placed on the class schedule - date and time TBD.