

# *Your Training Center- Fall/Winter 2003-04 Update*

## **Local Union #12 JATC**

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### **It's time to sign-up for Journeyman Training Classes...**

Another Fall/Winter is rapidly approaching and that means it's time to start thinking about Journeyman update classes. We have a full slate of training options to choose from and this year we have added some additional classes as single day, 8 hr. Saturday modules. At these one-day training seminars, you can take a class in sheet metal estimating, OSHA 10 hour safety, or fire damper installation. Along with our standard slate of AutoCAD, blueprint reading and field sketching, advanced welding certification, TAB, and basic computers, we will again be offering lagging and sheeting, architectural metal and soldering, and a new cycle of service classes will begin with basic electricity.

Refer to the enclosed insert for the registration forms and sign-up quickly because class sizes are limited. Or, go to Local 12's new web site at [www.smlocal12.org](http://www.smlocal12.org) and click on "training schedules-journeyman training classes" to print-out a registration form and mail it into the Coordinators office to get registered.

*It's your training center...put it to good use!*



Scenes from last years lagging and sheeting class.



#### **Special points of interest:**

- August 27- Local 12 night at PNC Park, Pirates vs. Marlins
- Monday Sept. 1, 2003- Labor Day Parade
- Sat. Sept. 20, 2003- Local 12 Trap Shoot

**APPRENTICES:** Don't forget it is **MANDATORY** that you attend the Labor Day Parade. We will assemble in the Mellon Arena parking lot at 9:00 am. We will have tee shirts and hats for all members this year.

*"Self-trust  
is the first  
secret of  
success."*

### **Local 12 played host to the 2003 AFL/CIO Union Industries Trade Show:**

Back on May 2 through the 5, 2003; Local 12 hosted the AFL/CIO Union Industries Trade Show at the new David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

Just about every union made product and building trade was on display over the course of the four day show. Local 12's booth was well staffed with journeymen and apprentice volunteers who demonstrated the skills that make our craft so

unique. We would like to thank all those who gave of their time and talents to make our display a success. Over five dozen copper baskets were fabricated as well as over 350 copper roses. These were given away in hourly raffles over the four days and they were the hit of the show. For a full report on the show, please refer to your SMWIA Journal.

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*Most fish would be bigger if the fisherman's arms were longer.*

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*"...dues should be paid each time the seasons change. Mail \$90.00 in June, September, December, and March."*

*Whether it's the best of times or the worst of times, it's the only time you've got.*

*-Art Buchwald*

## **Big changes are coming to the iTi training curriculum:**

**Starting this year, the familiar green textbooks that you received as apprentices will be replaced with new, updated textbooks that coincide with the iTi's new two year core curriculum. The core will be a DVD based course of study that includes basic layout, fabrication, communication and time man-**

**agement, and safety. Additional items will be issued as modules that can be used by each JATC to suit the industry in their area of the country. 26 are planned at present with additional topics already produced in TAB and Welding.**

## **Dues Reminder-**

The Sheet Metal Workers' Constitution states that dues are to be paid in advance. Please remember that third quarter dues are due by September 30, 2003.

Late payment of dues is one of the most common infractions incurred by apprentices. If your dues are not in the office by the first of the month of each new quarter, you lose your accidental death insurance coverage.

Dues payment by all members is what keeps our local union functioning. It is a habit that must be developed, just like making your car payment or

mortgage.

One simple way to remember when to get your dues in on time is to realize that dues should be paid each time the seasons change. Mail \$90.00 in June, September, December, and March. Mark your wall calendar at home or put a reminder in your checkbook.

If you look at dues on a weekly basis, it is only \$7.50 per week. Set that money aside each week in an envelope and when it comes time to pay, you will have your \$90.00 ready. Please form this important habit and keep your Local strong!

## **Quick Tip...**

To quickly halve a odd number mixed fraction in your head, follow these steps...

Example: divide 9 5/8 in half...

Half of 9 is 4 1/2, forget about the 1/2...

4 is your whole number.

Add the numerator and denominator of the fraction together to get your new numerator... 13

Double the original denominator to get your new denominator...16

Your answer is 4 13/16. It always works!

Try these examples...

5 13/16 ÷ 2 = 2 29/32

7 7/8 ÷ 2 = 3 15/16

Exercise your mind twice a day...it's good for your brain muscle . Y

## Golden Rules For Living...

If you open it, close it.  
 If you turn it on, turn it off.  
 If you unlock it, lock it up.  
 If you break it, admit it.  
 If you can't fix it, call in someone who can.  
 If you borrow it, return it.  
 If you value it, take care of it.  
 If you make a mess clean it up.  
 If you move it, put it back.  
 If it belongs to someone else and you want to use it, get permission.  
 If you don't know how to operate it, leave it alone.

If it's none of your business, don't ask questions.  
 If it isn't broke, don't fix it.  
 If it will brighten someone's day, say it.  
 If it will tarnish someone's reputation, keep it to yourself.

## Simple, right?




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*How come we  
 drive on a  
 parkway and  
 park on a  
 driveway?*

## Focus on: Rich Wolf

Local Union #12 is fortunate to have the best instructors in the industry, both for apprentice training and journeyman instruction. As someone who has done both, Rich Wolfs' career has spanned twenty four years. Rich began as an apprentice for Kir-Con (now Pryco) in 1979 and after serving a 5 year apprenticeship, spent twenty-two successful years as a bench mechanic with 14 years as shop steward. Rich began his teaching career in 1990 as an apprentice night school instructor, and for 14 years he taught all facets of the trade- layout, drafting, shop work, and welding, at our satellite school in Johnstown.

Then in 2001, when Local #12 made the transition to full-time concentrated training, Rich applied and was accepted as one of three full-time instructors.

Rich has also served as a member of the Executive Board, Vacation Committee (9 years), Youth to Youth Committee, and Scholarship Committee. Rich is a staunch family man who has been married for 22 years and has four children.

As part of his Teacher Training through the iTi, Rich has completed all six years- basic, four years of advanced and APD, and to cap off his education, on June 28, 2003, Rich received his Bachelors Degree in Labor Studies and Labor Education from the National Labor College- the George Meany Center for Labor Studies in Silver Springs

Maryland. As a full-time teacher for Local #12's accredited training program, Rich spends his days (and most evenings) writing lesson plans and teaching shop, drafting, and AutoCAD. We in Local 12 can be truly thankful we have a mechanic like Rich Wolf to educate our future members.

As Rich puts it..."Next to raising my four children, I have yet to find anything more rewarding and satisfying than working with people who are willing to learn."

Thanks Rich!



2003 National Labor College graduates from Local #12: Left to right- Gary Bateykeffer, Rich Wolf, Bill Yester, Dan Buckley

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**"Heroes are  
 people who rise  
 to the occasion  
 and slip quietly  
 away"**  
 Tom Brokaw

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***Sheet Metal Workers Local Union #12 is now on the internet!***

***Stop by and let us know what you think. Your input would be appreciated as our web site grows.***

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## **Time Record Books >>>>**

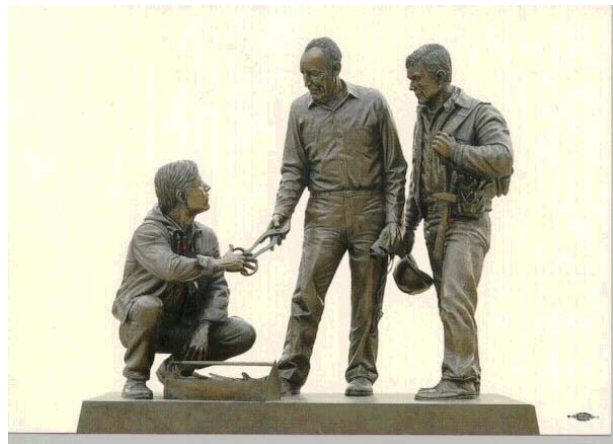
As agreed to in the apprentice rules and regulations, under "Policies and Procedures", section G-

"Work record books must be maintained and turned in **monthly**. Failure to do so can result in loss of scheduled pay increases."

Now that apprentices are in school every seven weeks, it should be a simple matter to bring your time books into the office and make copies to be placed in your file. It is a simple habit to form and will prevent your pay from being set back.

It's no fun getting an unexpected pay cut...just ask those apprentices who fall behind with their work records!

**WORK RECORDS ARE VITAL TO DOCUMENT YOUR EDUCATION...TURN THEM IN ON TIME!!!**



**Knowledge is never lost if it is passed on.**

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