

Your Training Center- *Fall/Winter 2007-08 Update*

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Local Union #12 JATC

Special points of interest:

- Monday Sept. 4, 2007- Labor Day Parade. Meet in the Mellon Arena parking lot at 9:00 am: **Mandatory for all apprentices!!!**
- Sept. 8, 2007- Union Clay Pigeon Shoot
- Local 12 Picnic- 4 Seasons Lodge: Sept. 15, 2007. Graduating Apprentices will receive their CCAC Certificates and their State Completion Certificates.



An error is not a mistake until you refuse to correct it!



APPRENTICE APPLICATIONS ARE ON-LINE NOW!

July 1st, 2007 marked a milestone for Local #12 JATC. For the first time, our apprenticeship applications for our yearly testing can be filled out on-line. In order to complete an on-line application, the candidate needs to have a valid e-mail address and internet access.

To start the application process, go to our web site: www.smlocal12.org. At the top of the page, click on "Links" then click on "Go to our Application page".

Once you are on the Application page, you will be asked to REGISTER. Click on the register link and fill out the information including your current e-mail address. You will then be e-mailed a temporary password. Return to the Application page and log-in using your temporary password. You will then be asked to change your temporary password to a new, permanent password. You will notice that this page is a secure web site, so that any information entered is kept strictly confidential.

After you are logged in, you can leave and return to your personal application web page as many times as needed to complete the application process. Once the on-line application is completed, the candidate will be notified by the Coordinators office of the testing date and location of the test site. The candidate will also be asked to remit the \$25.00 test fee so the receipt can be issued for admission to the test.

The Joint Apprenticeship Committee is excited about this new application process! Coupled along with our aggressive marketing and recruitment campaign, we hope to double the size of our test base in just a few years. To meet this objective, we ask for your help!

If you know of anyone who is looking for a good career, please direct them to our web site and mention the on-line application process to them. Of course, if someone does not have an e-mail address or internet access, they will still need to come into the office and make application in person. We take applications Monday-Thursday from 9:00am to 1:00pm, year-round. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the Coordinators Office at 412-828-1386.



Journeyman Class Schedule For 2007-08...

This years Journeyman Class schedule includes the return of the complete three-part Service class. This class is limited to only 10 students, so register ASAP! Note also that we expect you to take all three when you sign up, so it is quite a commitment, with the class beginning in Sept. and running until June.

New for this year is the introduction of an advanced AutoCAD class (AutoCAD 2007) and a TIG welding class. The AutoCAD is open to anyone who has previously completed the AutoCAD LT

course. The TIG welding class will incorporate both aluminum and stainless steel welding along with polishing and graining of stainless.

We will also be offering a Basic Computer class due to popular demand.

As always, all classes are free thanks to your contributions to the JATF!

Two New Training Labs at Local 12's JATC:

Over the Summer, two new labs were built to enhance the training experience of Local #12's apprentices and journeymen. First, a new architectural lab was installed. In the past, the roofing mock-ups were stored outside of the training center and brought indoors during various training classes. Over time, the weather and constant use took it's toll and the mock-ups began to rapidly deteriorate. Now, new, permanent mock-ups are in place inside the school and they should last indefinitely. These new architectural mock-ups allow the student to build flat lock, standing seam, shingle, and parapet roofs with coping. Siding and sheeting mock-ups are also in place.

Second, a residential lab has been added to our service facility. This lab will allow the student access to a typical home installation set-up. Joist panning, wall stacks, and floor grilles can be installed, along with the typical furnace-type sheet metal fittings. The student will also be able to run thermostat wiring, gas piping, and electrical service lines.

In addition to the two new training labs, a new, larger drafting/theory classroom has been set-up to facilitate an even larger apprentice/journeyman class schedule.

Dues Reminder-

"...dues should be paid each time the seasons change. Apprentices should mail \$92.25 in June, September, December, and March. Mark your wall calendar at home or put a reminder in your checkbook. "

The Sheet Metal Workers' Constitution states that dues are to be paid in advance. Please remember that fourth quarter dues are due by September 30, 2007.

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.

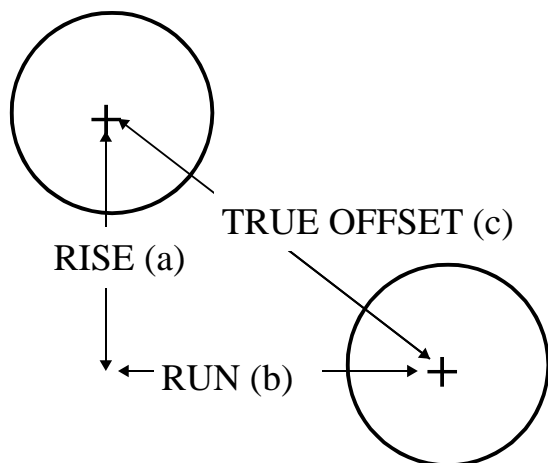
Dues payment by all members is what keeps our local union functioning. It is a habit that must be developed, just like making your car payment or mortgage.

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. Apprentices should mail **\$92.25** 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 \$7.68 per week. Set that money aside each week in an envelope and when it comes time to pay, you will have your money ready. Please form this important habit and keep your Local strong!

(Note: Journeyman dues are \$94.50 per quarter)

A tip from the desk of Len Liebert:



Remember: When ordering round offsets, the shop only needs one dimension other than diameter and finished length: TRUE OFFSET.

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

Remember to keep up your welding certs....

When you receive a call from the Training Center that you need to re-certify your AWS/iTi welding certs, please take care of it as soon as possible.

Very soon, our Training Center Welding Facility will be providing pressure-vessel certification through Hartford Steam Boiler (HSB). Watch the Newsletter for more details!



Success is a ladder that cannot be climbed with your hands in your pockets.

Focus on....Stacy Molchany

Stacy is the new face in the Local 12 offices.

She started full time on July 1st, 2007.

Stacy was born in L.A., but was raised in Eugene Oregon. After high school, she graduated from the University of Oregon with a Bachelors degree in Sociology. She has worked as a substitute High School teacher and a bartender. She has lived for a time in Europe and Chicago but she moved to Pittsburgh in September of 2006,

one year after getting married.

When Stacy is not working for Local 12, she likes to read, bake, do yoga and kickboxing, as well as spend time with her husband and two dogs, Heather and Bailey (a lab and cocker spaniel).

Stacy really loves working at Local 12 because she gets along so well with her co-workers and she enjoys meeting and helping the membership with their needs.

Whether you think you can or can't, either way you are right.



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Time Record Books >>>>>

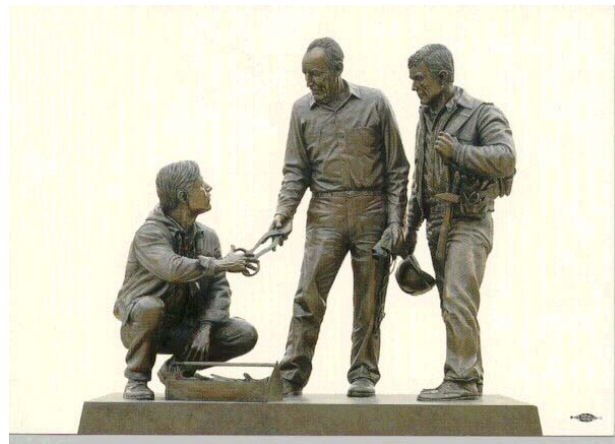
As agreed to in the apprentice rules and regulations, under "Policies and Procedures", section G-

"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.

