

Your Training Center- *Spring/Summer 2005 Update*

Local Union #12 JATC

Special points of interest:

- Sat. May 7 and 14– OSHA 10 hour training at the Union Hall. 8:00 am-1:00 pm. Open to all Journeymen and Apprentices in good standing. **Mandatory for all current first year apprentices.**
- Monday, May 30– Memorial Day Holiday.
- Monday July 4– Independence Day Holiday.



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Winners of Local #12's Apprenticeship Competition:

SMWIA Local Union #12 held it's annual Apprenticeship Competition this past Winter and, as usual, the race was very tight. When the dust settled, the following apprentices were at the "top of the heap". Congratulations to everyone who gave it their all, and special thanks to Len Liebert, Jim Randig, and Brian Olzeweski for helping out with the competition.

Every year, Local #12's JAC has the super-tough job of judging the projects, which consist of shop, drafting, and a written exam. This year was no exception. The first place winners then went on to compete in the Eastern Regional Apprentice Contest that was held in Local #19– Central Philadelphia, PA this year. At that contest, Local 12 took third place in both the Second and Fourth Year. Congratulations to everyone who competed!

Local 12 is proud of you!!!!!!!

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| 4th Year- | 3rd Year- |
| James Bezick-1 | Aaron Betts-1 |
| Dan Haluck-2 | Jim Fullman-2 |
| Russ Weaver-3 | Josh Miller-3 |
| 2nd Year- | |
| Shawn Glinkerman-1 | |
| Greg Krohl-2 | |
| Steve Skowronski-3 | |

At the Regional Contest—Local 19 Training Center:

Left to right– Apprentices Shawn Glinkerman, Jim Bezick, Aaron Betts, and JAC Chairman Bob Greiner at breakfast the first morning of the competition.



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*Wisdom only
comes with
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Journeyman Update classes were very successful this past Fall and Winter:

Local 12 Journeyman Apprentice Training Fund completed a successful Fall/Winter/Spring training season. Classes were well attended and the instructors, as usual, did an outstanding job! Classes that were completed include:

1. Lagging and Sheeting
2. Estimating

3. TAB
4. Service 1 (basic electricity)
5. Advanced Welding
6. Soon to be completed are classes in Auto-CAD and EastCoast CAD/CAM.

Watch for the Fall/Winter news letter for the next slate of classes.

How to check your apprentice grades...

Local 12 has had a long affiliation with Community College of Allegheny County. When an apprentice attends orientation at the start of his/her training at Local 12, you fill out paperwork that registers you as a credit student enrolled at CCAC North Campus. In the past, CCAC has mailed final grades to all apprentices at the end of the school year. To check your grades now, and in the future, you must do it on-line from their web site. If you don't have a computer with internet access at home, you can use one of the computers at the Training Center.

1. Go to www.ccac.edu.
2. On the left side of the page, if you scroll down, you will see a blue rectangular button marked "CCAC Central e-Services". Click on that button.
3. On the left side of the new page that opens, you will see listed "Credit Student". Click on that link.
4. On the new page, look under "Academic Profile". Click on the link that says "Grades".
5. You will be taken to a "Log-in" page. If you did not receive a student I.D. and password by e-mail when you first registered, you must create one by clicking the "Reset or Create Your CCAC Central Username and Password" link at the bottom of the log-in screen. You will then be e-mailed a user name and password. Once you have this, enter them at the log-in screen and click on "Submit". You will be able to access your grades at anytime.
6. If you run into problems, please give a phone call to Sheila Mueller at CCAC. Her number is 412-369-3616.

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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 June 30, 2005.

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!

A professional is one who does his best work when he feels the least like working

Quick Tip...from the desk of Pat Cassidy:

A special shielding gas called "tri-mix" is required for MIG welding of stainless steels. The gas consists of 90% Helium, 7.5% Argon, and 2.5% Carbon Dioxide. This special gas prevents the chromium (a component of stainless steel) from being depleted from the weld pool.

Always remember to use *only* stainless steel wire brushes to clean stainless steel welds to avoid cross-contamination.

Another good rule of thumb when welding stainless steel is to match the filler metal to the base metal. For example, if you are welding type 316 stainless, use type 316 filler wire.

...more contest pics...



On the left– 3rd year apprentice Aaron Betts finishes up his oval-to-round project. Aarons project was tied for 1st place.

On the right– Local 19's beautiful training center sheet metal shop.

Focus on: Lori Chute...

Lori's wonderful smile is usually the first thing a member sees when entering Local #12's Union Offices. She has been working as Office Manager since July 1st, 2002. With 26 years of experience in accounting and office work, she is more than qualified to handle the day-to-day finances like payroll, bill paying, and dues management that are all part of the business of Local Union #12. She also handles the finances of Youth to Youth, Relief and the Activities Fund. This past September, she, along with Jenn Gent, also took over most of the office duties for the Journeyman Apprentice Training Fund as well.

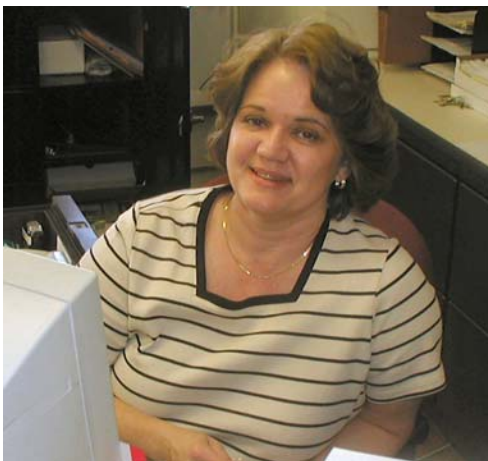
Lori began her career after business school at Union Oil in Houston, Texas. She will be celebrating her and husband Kurt's 25th wedding anniversary on June 3, 2005. They have two sons– Brandon, 20 and Ryan, 18. They share their home with "Gunner", their pet Yorkie. Her hobbies include reading and walking.

When asked what she likes most about working for Local 12, Lori says "...the day to day variety of my work, along with the people I work with and the union members I deal with."

Local 12's Officers and members certainly appreciate all the hard work that Lori does for us every day.

THANKS LORI ☺

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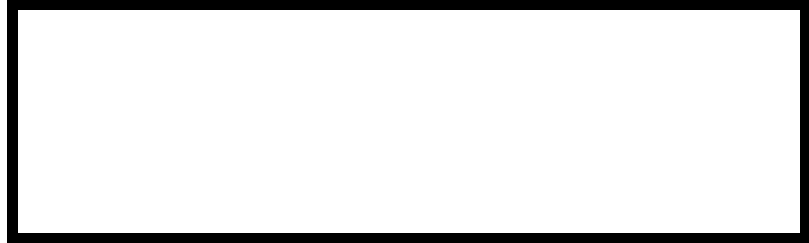


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Sheet Metal Workers Local Union #12 is now on the internet!

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

***Visit us at www.smlocal12.org.
Check out our "Links" page if you are looking for Union-
made goods and services***

Time Record Books >>>>

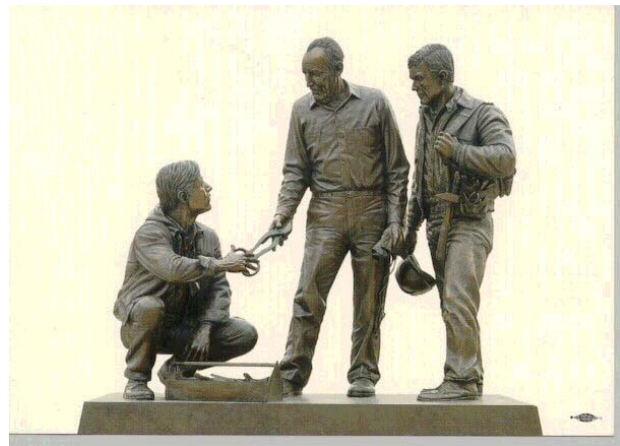
As agreed to in the apprentice rules and regulations, under "Policies and Procedures", section G-

"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.