



# PLUMBERS & PIPEFITTERS LOCAL 773

37 Luzerne Rd., Queensbury, NY 12804  
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## Newsletter

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### NOTICE OF MEETING

#### FOURTH MONDAY

**Meeting Date:** 1/22/24

**Place:** Local 773 Union Hall

37 Luzerne Rd.

Queensbury, NY 12804

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.



### OFFICERS

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### From the Recording Secretary

The January Union meeting will be a Regular meeting held on the fourth Monday, January 22, 2024 at 6:30pm at our Glens Falls location.

### From the Business Manager

Happy New Year, Brothers and Sisters! I hope you all had wonderful holidays with your family and friends and I am wishing everyone the happiest and healthiest 2024 possible.

As we move into the new year, please know that there are travel opportunities available for those who are interested. Please don't hesitate to reach out to Business Agent Brian Kill for a list of work that is ready and waiting to be filled. As always, we are doing our due diligence to help secure work in our jurisdiction for our members.

My door is always open, and my phone is always on. Should you have any questions or concerns, please reach out!

### From the Union Office

With tremendous sadness we share that Local 773 lost two Brothers last month. First, Brother Billy Kitchin, who transferred from Local 21 in 2015 after nearly 15 years of Brotherhood with them, passed away on December 4, 2023 with 22 total years of membership. Second, Brother Ken Williams, our longest living life member of 74 years, passed away peacefully in his sleep on December 16, 2023. Many of us have fond memories of these gentlemen. *Billy and Ken, may you rest in peace and may we find comfort in our memories of your Brotherhood.*

**Brother William "Billy" Kitchin**  
*Initiated July 1, 2015 (773)  
22 year UA Member*



9/25/1963 - 12/04/2023

**Brother Kenneth R. Williams**  
*Initiated August 8, 1949  
74 year Life Member*



4/14/1932 - 12/16/2023



## From the Benefits Office



### **Welfare Fund**

Health & Welfare Account statements for January 2023 – December 2023 will be mailed to participants by January 31, 2024. We encourage you to review your statement, compare it with your personal records, and contact the Benefits Office immediately if you notice any potential discrepancies.

The Welfare Fund mailed out 1099-MISC forms to all members with Life Insurance benefits totaling \$75,000. This will account for respective imputed income per IRS regulations. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

In the past, the Welfare Fund sent out 1095B Forms indicating insurance coverage and dependent information. Effective January 1, 2019 Congress reduced the penalty to zero, meaning individuals will not be penalized for not having insurance. Because there is no penalty, the IRS has indicated that the Welfare Fund must only provide these forms upon request. If you would still like a copy of your 1095B Form, please contact the office and we will forward it to you within 30 days of your request.

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A quick peek at what the membership at Local 773 was able to provide this holiday season to children, families and seniors in our community. You brought smiles to the faces of 14 children across 11 families, and also to 63 seniors in the North Country!

#### **WCKM Operation Santa Clause**



#### **Family Service Association of Glens Falls**



#### **Champlain Valley Senior Community (Willsboro)**



## From the Training Office

A reminder that if you are interested in ANY training classes, please contact Training Coordinator Jake Ringer or Alexis in the Training Office. With enough participation, we can get any class scheduled that you would like or there may be Regional Training opportunities available through the U.A. You may also visit our website to express your interest in classes.

The January UA Weld Test Day at our Glens Falls Authorized Testing Facility is scheduled for Saturday, January 20th. If you are interested in coming in to take a test, you must call the office to sign up by the close of business the day before, or reach out to Training Coordinator Jake Ringer on his cell phone at 518-307-9424. **Reminder: it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to keep your Welder continuity up-to-date EVERY 6 MONTHS. If you are unsure of your expiration date or simply need a continuity form, please call the Training Office!**



## From the Training Office CONTINUED

A busy ending to 2023 and a great start to 2024 out in the community for our Apprentices, Instructors and Training Coordinator. Check it out!



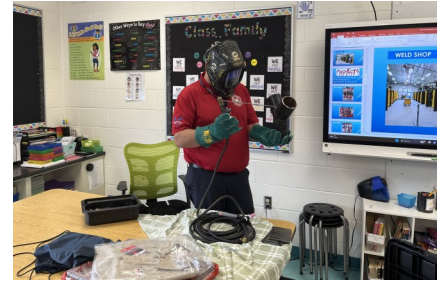
**Fort Ann Central School**

December 6, 2023 · 🌐



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Our third career exploration day brought Jacob Ringer, Training Coordinator for the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry, Local 773, and Andrea Chowske, Nutritionist at Glens Falls Hospital, to our fourth graders! Students learned about a career in welding and got to see the equipment up close. They also learned what a nutritionist does and how to make good food choices! Thank you to Ms. LaVine and Mr. Woodell-Freire for organizing this event! 🤝👏



**Chapman Museum**

December 19, 2023 at 1:20 PM · 🌐

**HELPING YOUR  
COMMUNITY**



When the Chapman Museum staff noticed an issue with the heating system we reached out to the local plumbers and steamfitters union. They jumped at the chance to help!

A fourth-year apprenticeship class, their training coordinator Jake Ringer, and instructors Ron Gordon and Dan Lauderbaugh took the time to troubleshoot, repair, and upgrade several parts of the system. One air eliminator was upgraded with a drain to protect the collection storage area and avoid a potential disaster.

THANK YOU, UA PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 773!



**Local Union 773**

January 6 at 11:22 AM · 🌐



From our Training Department:

This past Tuesday evening, January 2nd, our 2nd year (Glens Falls) Apprentice class who recently finished Water Supply training under the instruction of Alex Stewart, were lucky to receive the opportunity to visit the impressive water treatment plant in the Town Of Queensbury.

P.E./Water Superintendent & Director of Wastewater, Chris Harrington, graciously took the time to welcome our group, first providing them with a sit down, educational overview of what the facility does, and how they operate controls put in place to ensure safe potable water for residents of not only the Town of Queensbury, but several other municipalities as well. The Apprentices then went on a guided tour throughout the plant to see all operations.

We cannot thank the Town Of Queensbury Water Department enough for welcoming us to their facility. A tremendous thank you goes out to Mr. Harrington for his valuable time and for leading the tour.

Personally, I have accompanied our Apprentices on several tours of facilities in our area, and I have never met anyone as knowledgeable on the material they were explaining and made us feel as welcome as Mr. Harrington did.

-Jake



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Scan the QR code



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Don't forget, Local 773 has FREE tickets available to our members **who are current on their membership dues** to Adirondack Thunder home games on a first come, first served basis.

Call or stop by the Union office to get some tickets today!

### Updated Membership Information Needed

It is vital that Local 773 know how to reach our members. If you have moved, or if any of your personal information has changed recently, please complete the following form and mail it to :

UA Local #773, PO Box 312, Glens Falls, NY 12801

Name:

Old Address:

City, State, Zip:

New Address:

City, State, Zip:

New Home Phone:

New Cell Phone:

Effective Date of change (s):