

### **NewsLetter**

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### **ELECTION NEWS**











Bryan Edwards was sworn in as Business Manager at the last Union Meeting held on November 15th, 2016. Bryan will be the new Business Manager of Local 211 once Kenneth Edwards retires on December 31st, 2016.



#### FROM THE DESK OF BRYAN EDWARDS



Well it is the holiday season once again and I hope that everyone had a safe and happy Thanksgiving. I would also like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year as well. As most of you know we are losing a true leader due to retirement at the end of this year. Our Business Manager will be leaving us and we here at Local 211 will miss Kenneth so very much. His knowledge and leadership was second to none. Local 211 was so very fortunate to have Kenneth Edwards as Business Manager for the past 12 years, and also a full time officer for the past 35 years! I was fortunate to have presented him with his 50 year watch at the Local 211 50 year member ceremony which was just recently held at Local 211. On another note, I am proud to say that the work remains really good, even through Thanksgiving week. Local 211 even has an abundance of work in the Corpus Christi area as well as the Harlingen area at this time. Our man hours are pushing 4 million for the second year in a row! The year 2017 should be a great year for work as well, with numerous big projects on the horizon.

In closing I would like to make a commitment to all the members of this great local union that I will work as hard and as long as necessary to make this local succeed. This local union has fed 3 generations of the Edwards family and I will not let it down. Although we are losing an awesome leader, we will still succeed with hard work and determination. Brother Kenneth Waybright will be taking my place as Business Agent at the first of the year and I put my confidence in him fully. We have a great staff in place in all positions and I will be successful because of all the help and support they give me. I do wish Kenneth Edwards a happy and long retirement because he truly deserves it for all that he has done with his career.

Merry Christmas And Happy New Year to all, and may God Bless all of you and your families.

### UNION MEETINGS

The next Union Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at the Houston Union Hall, 1301 West 13th St., Deer Park, TX at 6:00 p.m.

Zone 195 Informational Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Beaumont Union Hall.

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OCAL 211 PERMISSION TO DE BOM MY ACCOUNT BETWEEN VERY MONTH.	AFT S N THE 15 <sup>10</sup> AND 20 <sup>70</sup> OF
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We are pleased to announce that you are now able to pay online with your VISA, MASTERCARD, or DISCOVER debit or credit card. Log into the website at www.pipefitterslocal211.com. There will be a \$3.00 service fee added to your transaction. We are no longer accepting credit cards by phone. Of course you still have the option of mailing in your dues or paying at the window or signing up for ACH. ACH allows us to directly debit your bank account once a month between the 15th and 20th for that month's dues. No service fee will be added to an ACH transaction. On the left you will see an ACH enrollment form. You may complete it, cut it out, and drop it by the dues office or mail it to: Pipe fitters Local 211 Dues Office 1301 W. 13th Street, Deer Park Texas 77536. As you know, our system automatically adds fines to your account if you become delinquent on the 1st of the month. Please keep up with your dues! The dues office phone number is (713) 644-2395. Thank you.

#### OCAL 211 RETIREE'S CLUB



The Retiree's Club meets one Wednesday per month. The schedule for December thru April is as follows:

Deember 14

February 22

April 26



WHEN:

**DECEMBER 10, 2016** 

WHERE:

PIPEFITTERS LOCAL 211

1301 W. 13th Street, Deer Park, Texas 77536

TIME:

11:00AM until 2:00PM

WHO CAN COME:

ALL Local 211 Members and their Children & Grandchildren

It will be so much fun! Bring your children to see Santa and receive a free picture with Santa Claus. Every child will receive a free toy. There will be a station set up for letters to Santa, a Petting Zoo, a Bounce House, Games, Cookie Decorating Station, Food, Drinks, and a cake to celebrate Jesus' Birthday.

Join Us For Lots of Family Fun!





Pictured from L to R Bottom Row: Walter Tapley, Jimmy Tapley, Michael Worrell, Kenneth Jolley, & Vernon Yellott. 2nd Row L to R: Ross Smith, Rodney Clark, Jessy Green, Hardford Whittaker, James Mitchell. & Larry Jordan. 3rd Row L to R: Randy Gressett, Murray Hadley, Lynn McDaniel, Lawrence Cornelius, Glenn Gross, Robert Schweer, George Higgins, & George Richie.

4th Row L to R: Donald Ellis, Nemo Lovelady, Joseph Rucka, Bernard Rybiski, Rodney Smith, Donald Pettit, Gary Gray, & Darrell Zumwalt.

Top Row L to R: Kenneth Edwards, Clent Brown, Jimmy Byrd, Coy Read, Verney Duplechain, John Stevens, & Roger Langley. Also pictured are Non-Recipients Ace Coody & Bryan Edwards.

Not Pictured are: James Andrus, Robert Ballard, James Bond, Robert Bradford, Jerry Brunet, Donald Bullard, Robert Carr, David Casey, Mitchell Casey, Ronald Celeste, Tony Cloud, Thomas Cochran, Doyle Enice, Carl Fischer, John Fitch, Jerry Foster, Jerry Franklin, Jerry Ganze, Clarence Gardovsky, Ronnie Gillespie, Francis Gooch, Loyd Hamilton, Jerry Haynes, Terance Hill, Richard Hobbs, Daniel Hodge, Leonard Landriault, Ovey Lavergne, Clem Lednicky, Reynaldo Little, Robert Magee, William McCluskey, Harry McKelvy, Robert Penn, Jules Richard, Lewis Richardson, Eugene Richmond Robert Rogers, Thomas Self, David Smelscer, Edwin Stahl, Clifton Stroud, Grayson Switzer Jr., Florin Vrazel, & James Wilfer.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL RECIPIENTS!

### Kenneth Edwards Retirement Celebration November 2nd, 2016



Receiving Proclammation from Senator Sylvia Garcia



Congressional Certificate from Congressman Gene Green



Receiving Proclammation from Mayor Sylvestor Turner's Rep



**Receiving Resolution from** Rep. Dist. 145 Carol Alvarado



Receiving Presentation from UA Gen. Pres. William Hite



Local 211 Building Dedication Kenneth Edwards School Annex



Congressional Certificate from



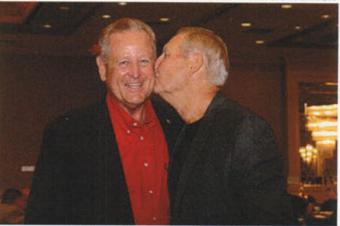
U.S. Capitol Flag from Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee



LU211 President Ace Coody & JATC Coordinator Ira Schramek



Wife Becky, Great Granddaughter Eva, & Daughter Janice



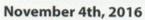
Kenneth will be sorely missed by all.



























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### **MEMBERS**

### FOCUSING ON LIFETIME MEMBER CLENT BROWN

Brother Clent Brown joined Local 211 as a Pipefitter in 1966. On December 22, 2016 he was presented with his 50 year membership certificate. In 2011, at the age of 80 he became Councilman Brown for the City of La Marque, Texas. You see, Clent Brown was retired but wanted to be involved and help his community. He has been impactful in 4 key areas of city government. Beautification of the City, Remembering the City's History, Honoring others and actually getting things done, and looking towards the Future. He has been honored with the North Star Community Leadership Award by the Chamber of Commerce, recognized by the Land & Sea Services for his hard work and dedication, and featured in the Amoco FCU Newsletter. He accomplished all these things way after he retired from being a Pipefitter and we are so proud of his accomplishments.

Today we honor Councilman Clent Brown.



## Grant Approval

on

September 20, 2016

by the Board of Trustees for the purpose of providing financial assistance to Joint Apprentice/Training Comm. LU 211

in the amount of \$ 162,851.00

to increase education and training for apprentices and journeyman of the United Association

Grant ID #: 12755

Grant Amount Received To Date: \$890,712.25

Christopher A Haslinger

Christopher A. Haslinger Chairman Michael R. Cables

Michael R. Cables Co-Chairman



# In Memoriam

James Bland Jr.

Jimmy Childs

Charles M. Davi

Thomas B. Dickerson

Otis E. Drake

J. L. Finley

Lewis N. Hatchell

Daniel W. Hodge Jr.

William E. May

Ronald Nations

Gene Rogers