

**NewsLetter**

**VOLUME 36 - NOVEMBER 2017 1301 W. 13TH ST., DEER PARK TEXAS 77536 (713) 644-5521**

**WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THE**

*Grand Opening*

**OF THE KENNETH H. EDWARDS ANNEX BUILDING**



**READ PLEASE**



**----- EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2018 -----**

**----- ALL DUES WILL INCREASE -----**

**----- THEY WILL GO UP \$2.00 -----**

**ACH WITHDRAWAL APPLICATION**

STARTING DATE \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ GIVE  
LOCAL 211 PERMISSION TO DRAFT \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
FROM MY ACCOUNT BETWEEN THE 15<sup>TH</sup> AND 20<sup>TH</sup> OF  
EVERY MONTH.

SS# OR BOOK# \_\_\_\_\_

ROUTING # \_\_\_\_\_

CHECKING ACCT # \_\_\_\_\_

SAVINGS ACCT. # \_\_\_\_\_

**“ISF” FEE OF \$50.00 WILL BE CHARGED FOR ALL  
RETURNS AND INCORRECT ACCOUNT NUMBERS**

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_



We are pleased to announce that you are now able to pay online with your VISA or MASTERCARD, debit or credit card. Log into the website at [www.pipefitterslocal211.com](http://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, 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. Above 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: Pipefitters Local 211 Dues Office, 1301 W. 13th Street, Suite A, 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!



## **FROM THE DESK OF BRYAN EDWARDS**



In the past 2 months many of the members of Local 211, and their families, have been devastated by Hurricane Harvey. These members and their families remain in our prayers still today. I personally have been to several of these members homes along with the UA Journals film crew and had a first hand look at the devastation in the Houston and Beaumont areas. General President Mark McManus sent out a letter asking every local union Business Manager in the U.S. and Canada to send donations to help these UA members in need. This letter spawned off so much generosity, in not only monetary donations, but also hurricane relief supplies. So far Local 211 has been able to help 500 members get back to some kind of normalcy after this devastating storm due to the generosity of almost every local union in the UA. For the first 4 weeks after Harvey hit our area, there were at least 3 big U-Haul trucks full of supplies being delivered to the Houston and Beaumont union halls every week until we ran out of room to store the supplies. These trucks were driven by Business Agents and Organizers from all over the country. May God bless our Brothers and Sisters from abroad for reaching out to help us in a time of need.

I have several very important announcements to make in this Newsletter that you need to be aware of. The 1st announcement is the **union meeting for November will be changed to November 7th at 6:00pm**. The reason for the change is due to the UA Officers training that will be held during the following week out of state. Secondly, I would like to announce a **Save The Date for Wednesday, December 6th from 12:00 noon to 3:00pm for the Pipefitters Local Union 211 OPEN HOUSE**. General President Mark McManus will be attending along with Assistant General President Mike Pleasant, and also the UA General Secretary Treasurer Pat Kellett. Our UA Rep Russell "Corby" Shelton along with many other Officers will be in attendance as well. All Local 211 members and contractors are invited. The monthly Local 211 Retirees meeting will be held in conjunction with the open house. There will be door prizes, BBQ, and a ribbon cutting ceremony by the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce to commemorate the grand opening of our Kenneth H. Edwards Apprentice Annex Building. Please come by and meet several of our UA Officials and many Politicians as well as enjoying good food, prizes, and fellowship. Most local unions in the country never get lucky enough to have the General President visit their union hall, and to have The Big 3 all visit at the same time is truly an honor, so come on out and meet our UA General President Mark McManus.

The **Annual Kids Christmas Party** which has grown to be a huge event in itself will be held this year on **December 9th from 11:00am to 2:00pm**. Every child will receive a free gift and a picture with Santa. There will be games and events for the kids and lunch will be provided.

Due to the Zone 195 (Beaumont) Union Hall flooding during Hurricane Harvey, Todd Longron and Assistant Cassie Bush have relocated to the Health & Welfare building located behind the Beaumont union hall to conduct their daily business. This building is at the same location in the back parking lot. They will work out of this building until further notice.

I am proud to announce that since January 1st of 2017, Local Union 211 has signed contracts with 9 new contractors. That is amazing and something that I love to announce in meetings that I go to around the country. The signing of 9 contractors in 9 months is a tribute to how the staff of 211 is hustling on a daily basis and I thank them for their efforts.

The work in all areas of our jurisdiction is doing very well and the future work is looking even better.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving and may God Bless each of you and your families.

In Solidarity,

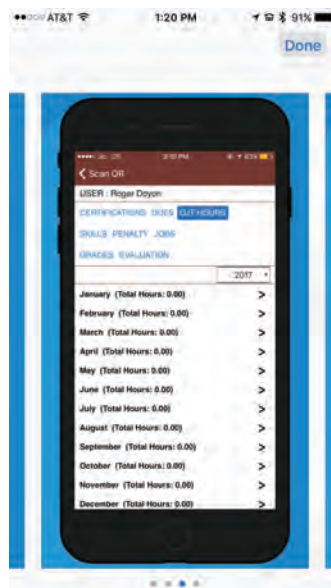
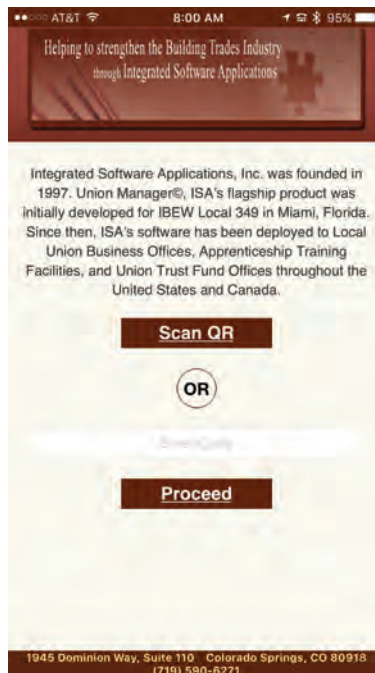
Business Manager  
*Bryan K. Edwards*



# ATTENTION MEMBERS:

You can now download the UA QR Reader from the app store and check your paid thru date. Just go to the app store and search for "isagr" and download to your android, iphone, or ipad. When you open the app you should see the screen in the picture below. Click on Scan QR and allow access to your camera. Place your phone over the QR bar code on the back of your card and it will scan it and let you know what month your dues are paid through. You can also see a list of the skills we have on your record, update your address and pay dues on your phone, although you will need to use your assigned password that you have always used to pay online. Enjoy!

**WHENEVER YOU TRAVEL YOU MUST LET THE HALL KNOW SO WE CAN CHECK YOU OUT. UNLESS WE DO THAT, THE OTHER LOCAL CANNOT CHECK YOU IN.**



CONGRATULATIONS  
50 YEAR MEMBERS







## ATTENTION APPRENTICES & JOURNEYMEN



**Please check with the school office for your OSHA, EPA, Foreman, NITC, EPRI ETC cards if yours is older than 6 months!**



HEALTH AND  
WELFARE

NEWS

This year has been a year of hardships for many. Let's make 2018 a better year. It is the time of year again for your Mandatory 2018 Annual Demographic Form update.

For new members and current members who are updating your 2018 Annual Form adding dependants, please make sure you include the required documents. Your dependants **will not** be covered without the required legal documents, such as Certified Marriage Licenses and Birth Certificates. Please send your Divorce Decree if a divorce happens or you will be responsible for non-legal dependants paid claims. Current members please update your 2018 form to avoid delays in claim processing.

We receive many calls on accident claims not covered or being questioned. **No accident claims will be processed if accident details are not submitted in writing.** Your information is always confidential.

Important phone numbers to store on your cell phone:

To locate a provider - 1-800-810-2583

Zenith American/Pipe Fitters Trust Fund Office - 713-219-1200, 8:00am to 4:30pm

Save RX - 1-800-228-3108 (you can call for RX status)

These phone numbers are on the back of your BCBS card. It is important that you review your explanation benefits and let us know of any services that are not yours.

All of the above is in your PSD (Plan Summary Description) booklet. You may log into Zenith-American.com to view or download copies, or to learn more about your plan, your hours, your medical billed claims, and your yearly IRS 1095B forms.

It's flu season so make sure to get your flu shots at Walgreens for \$5. Make sure they file with Save RX.

We are here to assist you. Let's make 2018 a smoother year!

# Zone 195

From the Desk of Todd Longron:

On behalf of Zone 195, I would like to send out a **BIG THANK YOU** to The United Association and all our Brothers and Sisters who generously gave donations to our members during this recovery time from Hurricane Harvey.

On September 28, our staff here at Zone 195 and a few of our local members got together with Brent Coon & Associates to hand out 1000+ links of sausage, boudain, and drinks to the Harvey victims of Vidor, Texas. All generously donated by Brent Coon himself. It feels good to be able to lend a hand and give at a time when you know the people in our communities need it the most.

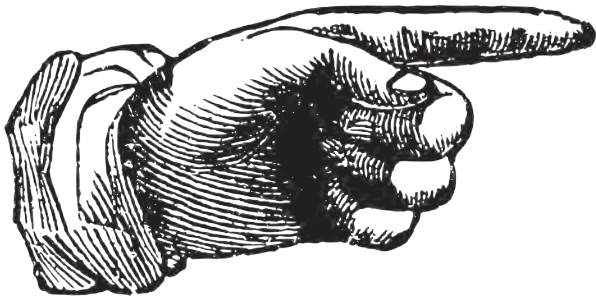


# UNION MEETINGS

Union Meetings are held on the second Tuesday, every other month, at the Houston Union Hall, 1301 West 13th St., Deer Park, TX at 6:00 p.m.

Zones 195 & 823 Union Meetings are held at the Beaumont Union Hall and Harlingen Union Hall in unison with the Local 211 Meeting via video teleconferencing.

## Please Notice This



**THE NOVEMBER UNION MEETING  
WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 7TH**

*Retirees Club*



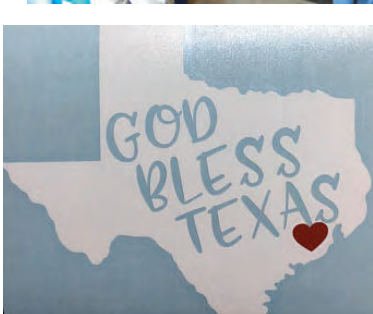
**THE RETIREES THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 15TH, AND THE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 6TH.**



# Hurricane Harvey Relief



Hurricane Harvey was an extremely destructive Category 5 Hurricane that hit the Texas Gulf Coast starting on August 25th and continued to pound the coast through August 28th dumping 52 inches of rainfall on Houston and the surrounding areas. Harvey has been classified as the worst historical natural disaster in our area. Local 211 along with many other Local's as well as the UA & AFL-CIO rose to the occasion and jumped in to help our member's by donating supplies and money to those affected by this disastrous storm. The amount of damage varied from moderate to total devastation. Relief efforts are still ongoing as our member's struggle to put their lives back together. Below are some pictures that were taken of some of the relief efforts in Houston and the Beaumont areas.





# LOCAL UNION 277 *Open House*

Wednesday December 6th, 2017  
Noon to 3:00pm



Honorary UA Guests:

Mark McManus, Patrick Kellett, Michael Pleasant, and Corby Shelton

## COME CELEBRATE WITH US

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





**WHEN:** DECEMBER 9, 2017

**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 Bounce House, Games, Cookie Decorating Station, Food, Drinks, and a cake to celebrate Jesus' Birthday.

**Join Us For Lots of Family Fun!**

# In Memoriam

Thomas H. Berry  
Robert E. Bradford  
Hoover Cochran  
Rodolfo Flores  
Ray E. Gondron  
Richard S. Hadley  
Robert E. Harris  
Allen D. Howell  
Kenneth G. Jolley  
Don L. Martin  
Thomas Mayer

Robert H. McElroy  
James J. Murray Jr  
Lael A. Osteen  
Robert J. Poe  
Corey Raab  
John Repasky  
Isaac Roberts  
Steven R. Roloff  
Thomas Schneider  
Milton Richard Smith  
Thomas Thompson

J F Wheeler Jr.  
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