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HAPPY THANKSGIVING & MERRY CHRISTMAS
FROM OUR 211 FAMILY TO YOURS



LOCAL 211 - HOUSTON



ZONE 823 - HARLINGEN



ZONE 195 - NEDERLAND

Happy Thanksgiving!



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FROM THE DESK OF BRYAN EDWARDS



As we reach yet another holiday season, I would like to wish all of the members and their families a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas. As we reach the end of a prosperous 2018, we look forward to an even more successful New Year. Even though the commercial work was slow this year, we were blessed with an abundance of industrial man hours that kept us near, yet again, 4 million man hours for 2018. Pipefitters Local 211 has once again led the UA in man hours in the South, and that is something we should all be very proud of. I truly believe that this upcoming year will be an even more successful year than 2018 was.

Pipefitters Local Union 211 has several events throughout the year that enables us to come together as a brother and sisterhood, to have fun and maybe even see friends that we may have worked with many years ago. Local 211 has added 3 new yearly events this past year that were very successful and lots of fun, for not only the members, but also their families. These events will be shared in our Newsletter, on our Facebook page, and on our Website. These yearly get togethers include our 4th of July fireworks celebration event at our Deer Park location, with free hot dogs, drinks, and desserts. We have added a Spring freshwater fishing tournament at Lake Rayburn. We have also started an annual Summer saltwater fishing tournament on Galveston Bay. This was a HUGE success! The Labor Day BBQ cookoff at the Pasadena Fairgrounds on the Saturday before Labor Day is always a big event, and then last, but certainly not least, is our famous kid's Christmas party, which seems to grow bigger every year. The kid's Christmas is our next event and will take place at our Deer Park location. As always, every child will receive a free toy and food will be served along with many free activities for our member's kids and grandkids. This year the kid's Christmas will be on December 8th from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Please come out and enjoy watching your kids and grandkids have a great time.

The reason we have added to our events is simply to unite the membership and allow the retirees and working members an opportunity to relax and enjoy themselves in a fun-filled environment. This is also a great time to get to know the Officers of Local 211, so we can become a much closer union.

I would like to report that the finances of Pipefitters Local Union 211 are doing great! Local 211 has been blessed with not only a shiny new state of the art apprentice school, but also a union hall that is talked about all over the country, as being one of the best in the UA. We are proud of our facility and I am happy to report that financially our general fund keeps growing every month. Local 211 is in great shape and should stay that way for the foreseeable future.

In closing, I truly wish all of the members and their families a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a Healthy & Prosperous New Year! I hope to see you at our Kid's Christmas Party on December 8th.

Take care, stay safe, and may God bless each and every one of you, as well as your families!

**Fraternally Yours,
Bryan K. Edwards
Business Manager**



Ira Schramek is Retiring



Congratulations brother Ira Schramek on your well deserved retirement. I would like to say that Local 211 was truly blessed for the past several years by having Ira as our Apprentice Coordinator. Ira has been a tremendous leader, and during his reign as Apprentice Coordinator our apprenticeship more than doubled in size! Brother Ira has also been a Local Union 211 trustee for the health & welfare and DCRP funds for several years, and always fulfilled his fiduciary duties while serving as a trustee.

I had the privilege to work around Ira at both ADA and Farmers fab shops and I remember that any fabrication of exotic alloys, or any critical fabrication that was to be done involved Ira's fabrication skills. I personally can say that Ira is one of the best craftsmen that Local 211 has ever had. I also will ad that brother Schramek has always been a loyal and dedicated member of Local 211. And in addition, Ira is a great person and a great friend. We here at Pipefitters Local Union 211 will truly miss his professionalism and his dedication to our local union. I wish brother Ira and his lovely wife Pam a well deserved long and happy retirement, because it is truly well deserved.

Bryan Edwards & The 211 Staff



HEALTH AND
WELFARE



Brothers, Sisters, and Families

Leticia and I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a Happy & Prosperous New Year filled with good health for you and your family. As most of you know, Local 211's Health Care has suffered along with the rest of our Nation, and it has been necessary for the Fund Trustees to make unpopular decisions pertaining to our benefits. With these upcoming changes, you need to know there are cost saving things that you, the consumer can do in order to use your insurance to the best efficiency possible. If currently eligible, you should receive a new card from BCBS.

Please be sure to follow these instructions:

Be sure you submit your 2019 Annual Demographic forms before the end of this year,

Be sure to send in the Spousal Affidavit with your Demographic form,

Be sure the H&W Dept. has your correct address and contact information,

All eligibility questions should be directed to Zenith American, or you can call this office with any additional questions,

All insurance questions will be directed to BCBS (such as who are in-network providers, or any coverage questions), or you can call this office with any problems you may have.

In closing, we would ask all members to finalize any outstanding claims forms from this year before the end of 2018.

The fund will be billed excess fees on all 2018 claims in the year 2019.

Fraternally,

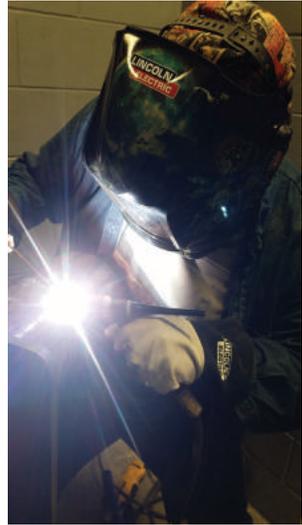
Mark Baker

Local 211 President & Fund Coordinator



TRAINING

**HERE'S WHAT IS
HAPPENING IN
OUR EVENING
CLASSES...**



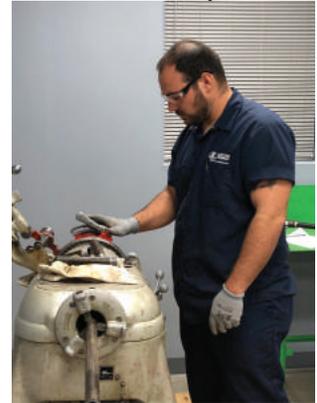
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**Daniel Davila and Devin Custer
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**Larry Vera
GTAW**



**David Quintero
Basic Welding**



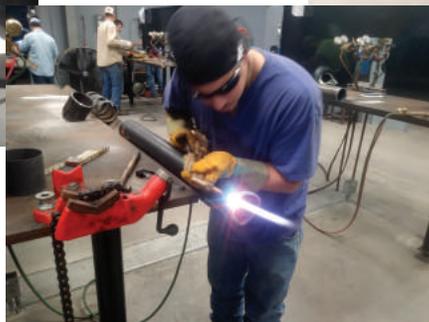
**Stephan Diel and Alex Compton
General Pipe**



**Mathew Moon
Templates and Fab**



**Jake Weaver
GTAW**



**Milton Ortez
Templates and Fab**



**Stuart Desadier
Basic Welding**



WHEN: DECEMBER 8, 2018

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!

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.



If you haven't updated your beneficiary card in a while, please do so. You don't want your benefits going to someone that you don't approve of. Either call the dues office & update it, or print a copy of this one, fill it out, and mail it back to the Local. Thanks!

Card No. _____
LAST (PRINT) _____ FIRST _____ MIDDLE _____ SSN/SIN _____

United Association of Journeymen & Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry of the United States and Canada

BENEFICIARY OF BURIAL EXPENSE
(Mail completed for to your local union)

To the Secretary of Local _____ City _____ State _____

In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution of the United Association of which I am a member, I hereby designate _____ as the person to whom shall be paid any "Burial Expense Benefit" to which I may be entitled at the time of my death. This individual will be responsible for the payment of my funeral expense. I understand that if the aforementioned party does not assume responsibility for my burial expense, the benefit will be paid to the party who does or the party who is more equitably entitled.

WITNESS: _____ Dated this _____ day of _____ (day) (month) (year)

(Member's Signature)

Form 26 - Rev. 07/07

IF YOU ARE ON AUTOMATIC ACH WITHDRAWAL, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS IS CORRECT IN OUR SYSTEM AS ALL RECEIPTS ARE NOW EMAILED TO YOU. PLEASE MAKE SURE WE HAVE THE CORRECT EMAIL ADDRESS IN OUR SYSTEM!

ACH WITHDRAWAL APPLICATION

STARTING DATE _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

E-MAIL _____

I _____ GIVE LOCAL 211 PERMISSION TO DRAFT \$ _____ FROM MY ACCOUNT BETWEEN THE 15TH AND 20TH 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 # _____

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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. 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!



golf Tournament



Local 211's Annual Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament will be held on April 12th, 2019 at Battleground Golf Course. Please **SAVE THE DATE!**

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We are proud supporters of Pipe Fitters Local 211, and remember, there is a system in place to compensate you for work injuries, and you can always turn to Williams Kherkher to ensure that your rights and the rights of your family are protected.

If you or someone you know needs help, call us immediately to discuss your case for free. At Williams Kherkher, you don't pay anything until you've been compensated.



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In Memoriam

N. L. Andrus

Jake Battistoni

Tommy G. Benson

Ismael Cantu

John Roland Chambles

Doyle Copeland

Edward L. Davis

William T. Fox

William B. Greenlee

George E. King

Charles Krzesiowski

Leonard B. Landriault

Dean W. Moellenkamp

Clemeal W. Monteau

Charles C. Newman

Kenneth H. Platt

Guinn A. Rawlinson

Fed Wayne Sanford

John D. Saunders

Michael G. Sharp

Thomas J. Shipp

Bennett R. Sims

Gene Smith

Fed D. Spencer

Kent W. Stockton

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