



NewsLetter

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FROM THE DESK OF BRYAN EDWARDS



Greetings Brothers & Sisters of Pipefitters Local Union 211. I would like to thank you for trusting in me as your Manager for the next 3 years. I can honestly say that your trust in me really does mean the world to me and my entire family, so in return I will continue to work as hard as I can to push this Local Union forward in every way possible. I have several important announcements and upcoming events to tell you about in this Newsletter.

The first announcement is, as you all know, every year we have a statewide Apprentice competition with all of the local unions in Texas, which this year was held in San Antonio at Local Union #142. I am proud to announce that Local Union 211 took 1st place in State in pipefitting, 2nd place in HVAC, and 2nd place in welding. Brother David Alexander took 1st place in pipefitting. Brother Jair Dominguez took 2nd place in HVAC, and Brother Raymark Espina took 2nd place in welding. Brother David Alexander then went on to New Orleans for the District 3 contest where he placed 2nd in pipefitting against several different States in the South. Brother David missed 1st place in the entire District by only 2 points. We are so proud of these Apprentices. A huge Thank You goes out to Ira Schramek, Randy Beal, Steve Parker, and all of the Local 211 Instructors of our Apprentice program. Each of them are responsible for making Local 211 shine, and I just want to say Thank You on an outstanding job done. Our training is what sets us apart from the rest of the industry and thanks to them, we are the best!

I recently made a trip to our Harlingen training center in South Texas and I am proud to announce that we have now implemented pipefitting classes where students can take important classes such as print reading, copper sweating, screwed pipe, math, and many more classes. They are tested at the end of the class. Brother Mark Moore is our Instructor at the Harlingen school and upon break out, the students are given a 6" pipe stickrod test, and also the fitter test. Corpus Christi is also firing up HVAC classes next semester. As you can see, our training is expanding and I owe a huge Thank You to Randy Beal, Hector Aguirre, Mark Moore, and of course Ira Schramek for this success and growth in our training department.

Pipefitters Local 211 recently held our very first freshwater fishing tournament on Lake Livingston. Brother Steve Parker, training coordinator in Beaumont, did an outstanding job putting this event together. The members and their families had a great time, and every child received a free rod & reel just for coming out. Next Spring this event will be held on Lake Rayburn, so please join in with us for a great time of food, fun, and fishing with some great prizes and raffle drawings. This leads me to our very first saltwater tournament that Business Agent Mike Trahan is putting together in Galveston Bay on August 24th and 25th. Time is running out, so please call in and let Mike know if you and your family would like to participate. Every child gets a free rod & reel. We will have food at weigh in along with raffle prizes and winners in different categories.

Another upcoming event is of course our annual Labor Day BBQ Cookoff at the Pasadena Fairgrounds. This event will be held on September 1st with free food and free rides for the kids. So please come out and join us, along with all the labor unions, for a great time for the entire family.

In closing, once again thank you for allowing me to serve you as Business Manager of this great Local Union.

May God bless each of you and your families!

*Fraternally Yours,
Bryan K. Edwards
Business Manager*

CONGRATULATIONS JATC GRADUATES

The 48th Annual
Completion Ceremony & Awards Banquet
May 19, 2018



TOP WINNERS

FIFTH YEAR

David Alexander
Jair S. Dominguez
Nestor Martin

FOURTH YEAR

Timothy Cilley
Milton Steve Ortez
Jared K. White

THIRD YEAR

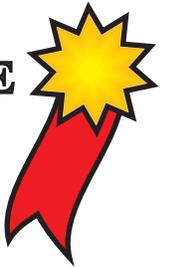
Joseph Boren
Joshua Paradis
Edgardo Villanueva

SECOND YEAR

Brian Schmidt
Roberto Salazar
Charles Fairchild



PERFECT ATTENDANCE



David Alexander
Walter Cantrell
Jose Eduardo Diaz



Maureen Fugate (Zone 195)

CONGRATULATIONS JATC GRADUATES



David Alexander 1st place
Pipefitter in State Comp.



Jair Dominguez 2nd place
HVAC in STATE comp.



Raymark Espina 2nd place
Welder in STATE comp



Zone 195 Graduation Class of 2018



*A Special
Thank
You!*

**DEWALT
&
MILWAUKEE**

Scholarship Golf Tournament

The Local 211 Scholarship Golf Tournament was a huge success. Thanks to everyone who worked the event, sponsored the event, and participated in the event.



Pictured above are Business Manager Bryan Edwards, Business Agent John Guyon, and special guest Sylvia Garcia, Texas Senator - District 6



1st Place



2nd Place



3rd Place



**Shotgun Winner
Bo Smith
W.W. Mechanical**

Scholarship

golf ournament

TEAMS





**The Pipe Fitters LU 211 Community Service Fund Committee is pleased to announce
The Winners Of The 2018 Scholarships**



Benjamin Noah Beal
Son of Randel Beal
TAMU - Galveston



Andrea Ashford
GD of Terry Baldwin
Ashford University



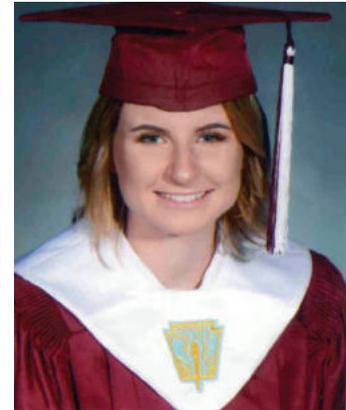
Abigail Dillow
GD of Tommy Pilgreen
Sam Houston State



Lauren Taylor
Daughter of Terry Taylor
TAMU - College Station



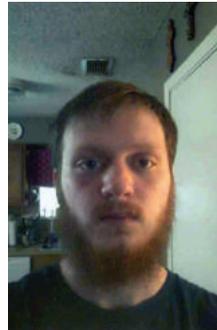
Hunter Adelgren
Son of Dana Adelgren
Lone Star College



Haley Danford
GD of Doyle Danford
Concordia University



Haley Migl
GD of Bernard Migl
TAMU - College Station



Caleb Soileau
Son of Brian Soileau
Sam Houston State



Tyler Migl
GS of Bernard Migl
OSU-OKC



Luis Gomez Jr.
Son of Luis Gomez Sr.
San Jacinto Central



Brittany Dennis
Daughter of Michael Dennis
TAMU - College Station



Lauren O'Keefe
GD of Ace Coody
College of the Mainland

**The Community Service Fund
Committee Members are
Ace Coody, Bob Chase,
Curtis Vice, Cris Lauck, &
Kevin Bickerstaff.
Thank you to the
committee members
for the work they put
into the scholarship
process.**

Financial And Health & Welfare Update

The finances of Local Union 211 are doing great at this time and have been for the past 3 years. Of course a big reason for this is a spike in the man hours that have been worked in the past 3 years. Three years ago Local 211 worked an astonishing 4.2 million manhours followed by the next 2 years at 3.8 million manhours. This, with the combination of having our Apprentice School in the same building sharing the bills and expenses is the reason why our funds are doing so well.

The report of the health & welfare is unfortunately not so great. I remind you, this is a nationwide issue due to the rising cost of healthcare. Although the trustees have had to make some unpopular decisions to try to stop huge losses, it has only slowed the losses a bit. The trustees recently opened up bids on everything from healthcare providers to Administrators, to even our legal advisors. Although the current providers rates amazingly dropped due to the bid process, Local 211 is still seeing some substantial losses due to some high cost claims, cancer being one of them. I assure you that the trustees are meeting more now than ever before to try and fix this healthcare problem. It is the trustees fiduciary duty, by law, to make sure this health & welfare plan is sound. Pipefitter Local 211 still has one of the best insurance plans around and the trustees plan to keep it that way.

News Flash! **Ace Coody is Retiring**



Brother and Local 211 President, John "Ace" Coody, will be leaving us due to a very well deserved retirement. It has been an honor and a priveledge to have worked with Brother Ace for the last 15 years here at Pipefitters Local Union 211. I worked with and around Ace Coody at the fab shops, and in the field before becoming a Business Agent and it has been a pleasure working with him for the past 25 years whether in the field or in the office. President Ace Coody has done so much more than being the President of this Local Union. He taught OSHA 10 classes, lead block walking, and headed up several special events such as the annual Labor Day BBQ, and also our annual Golf Tournament for our Local 211 Scholarship fund.

Brother John Ace Coody did so much more for Pipefitters Local Union 211 than just the President's job, and he has been a vital part of our success. I just want to say "Thank You Ace Coody" for your loyalty and dedication to the members and this great Local Union! Brother Ace did so much for Local 211 and it has not gone unnoticed. We truly appreciate all he has done. Ace, you deserve to rest and play golf now, so please relax and enjoy what you worked for all these years, Brother.

Thank You Ace, for a job well done!
Bryan Edwards & The 211 Staff

From Ace:

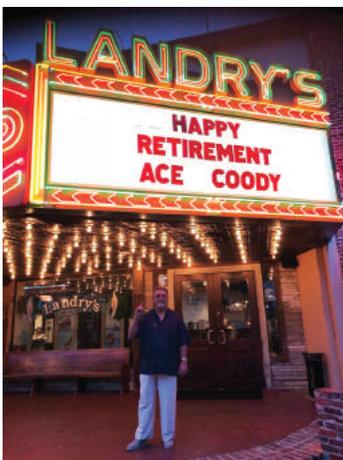
Hello Members, it is with both pleasure and sadness that I announce my retirement from Local Union 211. I have been honored to represent our Local Union 211 as President and Fund Coordinator for the last Fifteen Years. I've made lots of friends and good memories and I thank you all.

I can look back and say proudly, throughout the years, that some of my accomplishments are:

- **Obtaining Union jobs for our members**
- **Project Manager of our New Buildings**
- **Serving as the Health & Welfare Coordinator**

I can say that I have left Local Union 211 in better shape than it was when I began in 1968. Starting from my Apprenticeship through current day is 49.5 years of service.

I thank all Local Union 211 Members, Friends and Family for your support throughout my time. Aloha!!!



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!



LU 211
BBQ
COOKOFF
9/1/18

September 1st from 9:00am until 6:00pm
at the Pasadena Convention Center / Campbell Hall
7902 Fairmont Parkway
Pasadena, TX 77507

We will be serving brisket, sausage, and all the fixins' from 11:00am until 1:00pm or until all of the food is gone. There will be games, rides, and a petting zoo. All members & their immediate families are welcome.

It's going to be a blast!



COMING SOON

1st ANNUAL SALTWATER FISHING TOURNAMENT

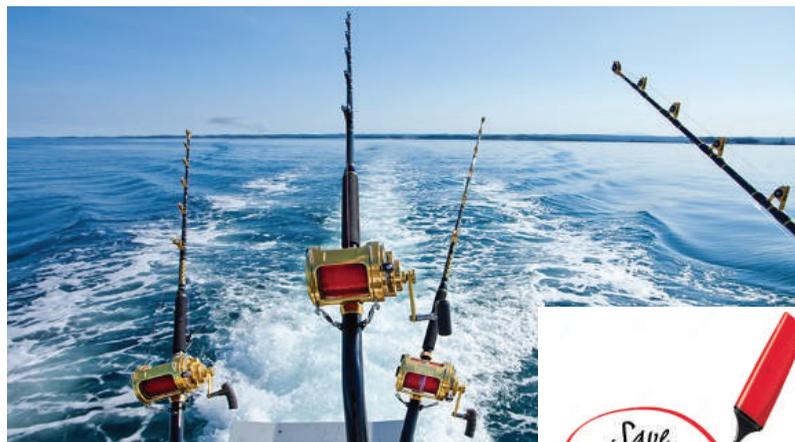


August 24th & 25th, 2018



Starting at 5:00pm

San Leon, Texas



You Should Have Received A Flyer In The Mail. If Not, Contact The Hall

1ST ANNUAL 211 / 195 FRESHWATER FISHING TOURNAMENT

*Laissez Les Bon
Temps Rouler!*



*Thank you
for being here.
See you next year!*



In Memoriam

*Michael P. Armstrong
Thomas W. Brister Jr.
Dennis Ray Brooks
Robert L. Chambers
James J. Creamer
Billy C. Dunn
John F. Edge
Chester Foret
Dave Green
Murray Hadley
Parker Johns*

*Clem Lednicky
James M. Lee
Don Lee Morton
Charles D. Nicholson
Harry D. Odell Jr.
Hubert L. Shepard
James E. Sims
Hugh W. Stanley
Ronald D. Stewart
D. B. Thompson
Euel E. Watts, Jr.*

*Stanley W. Burke
Carlos Bert Haynes
Frank M. Parsley Jr.
Willis Terrell
Bobby R. Whitton*

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