

**The April Union Meeting will be Monday April 28, 2025 at 7:00 pm** and will be in person and zoom. All Union Halls will be open for in-person and Zoom will also be available.

We continue to communicate through the **PUSH NOTIFICATIONS for alerts & emails**. You can download our APP for android on google play or for iphone at the APP store just search "Iron Workers Local 25" Martinez web shop. **Or** sign up via our website ([www.ironworkers25.org](http://www.ironworkers25.org)).

The Saginaw Steward meeting will be Thursday April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. The Lansing Steward meeting will be Monday April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. All are welcome.

**A FRINGE FUND PENSION DEPT REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE AT THE NOVI UNION HALL on Wednesday May 7<sup>th</sup> 2025 from 8:00 am to 12 noon.** If you wish to book an appointment or just have questions, give us a call 248-344-9494.

***June vacation check schedule:***

***The cut off for any early checks before the freeze period takes place is May 7, 2025 and this will be the last early check processing before the semi-annual disbursement for June 7<sup>th</sup> 2025.***

The last day to call to have your June vacation check pulled is Tuesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at **12:00 pm (Noon)**.

Pulled checks will be available at the Novi Hall Thursday June 5<sup>th</sup>, by 2:00 pm.

All other checks will be mailed to you by the end of business day on Tuesday June 3<sup>rd</sup>

***All members that a receive ACH deposits, your vacation check will be transferred on Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.***

All Vacation checks will be dated Saturday June 7, 2025.

**The 2025-2026 JOHN H. LYONS SR. SCHOLARSHIP** electronic application and complete rules; as offered by the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers is available on their website: <https://www.ironworkers.org/s/johnscholarship> Deadline is May 30, 2025.

***BENEFIT FOR LIFE CHANGE:*** Any member experiencing a divorce or a new spouse MUST NOTIFY the Fringe Benefit Office within 31 days; otherwise wait until the next open-enrollment period (April 1-April 30).

***BENEFIT FOR NEW CHILD:*** Any member who has a new born child, or a new dependent child through marriage MUST NOTIFY the Fringe Benefit Office of your new dependent within 31 days; otherwise wait until the next open-enrollment period (April 1-April 30).

**FRINGE BENEFIT OFFICE:** 800-572-8553 or 248-347-3100 and follow the prompts. Hours 7:30 am to 4:30 pm. The mailing address for member BENEFIT related matters is: Iron Workers Local 25 Fringe Benefit Funds, PO Box 99219, Troy MI 48099-9219. Blue Cross Health Claims and Customer Service 877-790-2583. Delta Dental Claims and Customer Service 800-482-8915.

**New SavRx Prescription Service as of 4/1/2025; Customer Service 888-662-4766 open 24/7 every day 365.** To save you more money on your name brand prescriptions please check for manufacturer coupons on your name-brand prescription drugs or ask for generic whenever possible. It will save you and the "Fund" real dollars!

If any member is having problems with the HRA substantiation letters please call Dennis Aguirre.

Check your HRA/Benny Card Balance: [my.wexhealthcard.com](http://my.wexhealthcard.com) (where you can create a log-in)

Check you online benefit information: [ourbenefitoffice.com/iw25/benefits/](http://ourbenefitoffice.com/iw25/benefits/)

**HRA/Benny Card Audit is continuously under way via US Mail – please respond if you have been contacted.**

**You need to save your receipts for three (3) years.**

*Mark your Calendar: The 2025 Iron Worker Picnic will be held on Saturday June 21, 2025 at the Local 25 Training Center, Wixom Michigan. More to come as we get closer!*

**Apprentices:** located under the Apprenticeship Tab you will find "Make-Up Days" & "Welding Test Certifications" where you can electronically schedule your make-up days and welding tests. To view classes at the Local 25 Apprenticeship School, please go to our website ([ironworkers25.org](http://ironworkers25.org)) to view the 2025 Block Schedule, Roster and Raising Gang Schedule. Please make sure to download the TradeSchool Mobile App to submit your monthly work and school hours. These must be submitted monthly. If you have Facebook or Instagram, please give us a follow. Wixom Training Center Phone: 248-960-2130.

We take Apprentice applications year-round! Visit our website ([ironworkers25.org](http://ironworkers25.org)) where you can print your application, make your application appointment & pay the application fee online; you must have an appointment to turn in an application. We take appointments Tuesday – Thursdays! No walk-in foot traffic.

**24/7 CREDIT-DEBIT CARD processing for Union Dues:** Pay via our APP or website [www.ironworkers25.org](http://www.ironworkers25.org). **The phone number is 866-635-2826. Or pay union dues with personal check or money order** and mail to: Iron Workers Local 25 – P.O. Box 965 – Novi, MI 48376-0965. Pay union dues in person at the Novi Union Hall **(M-F) from 8 am to 3 pm (NO Cash).**

The **Iron Workers' Local 25 Novi Chapter Retirees' Club**: The Retirees' Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday May 6, 2025 at **8:00** am in Novi. The Retirees' meeting/luncheon will be Tuesday May 20, 2025 at 10:00 am. All are welcome.

**Completed Applications** for the Local 25 Retirees' Club 2025 Scholarship are due by 5pm April 30, 2025. Any Questions please contact John Miller: **TEXT TO: (734) 812-8036**.

The **West Michigan Chapter** Retirees breakfast will meet Tuesday May 6, 2025 at 9:00 am at Red Rock Grille & Café, 228 N. Ball Creek Rd, NW, Kent City, Michigan 49330. All are welcome.

The next quarterly meeting for the **Bay City Chapter** will be in July 17, 2025; at the Iron Workers Local 25 Saginaw Union Hall, 11 Bridgeview S. Saginaw Mi 48604 at 12:00 pm. All are Welcome.

The **Downriver Chapter** next quarterly Retirees breakfast will be 9:00 am on July 18, 2025 at Mom's Restaurant, 2691 Fort St., Trenton, Michigan, 48183. All are welcome.

**Blue Cross Blue Shield Michigan**: [www.bcbsm.com/behavioral-mental-health/](http://www.bcbsm.com/behavioral-mental-health/) Resources on the home page including In-Person Crisis Care options in many locations throughout the state. BCBS Michigan 877-627-1041, Blue Care Network 800-482-5982 for Substance-use-disorder.

**FindTreatment.gov** where you can search by zip code/city. Or call SAMHSA 800-662-4357. **MentalHealth.gov** provides information & programs about mental health. **Dial 988 (National Suicide Prevention Lifeline) For help 24/7 in a Time of Crisis**. Call or text 988 if you or someone you know is in danger of suicide or experiencing a mental health crisis. You can also [Chat at 988lifeline.org/chat](https://988lifeline.org/chat) (English & Spanish). Whatever you are struggling with, help is available – its free & confidential.

**Suicide Prevention Resources on IMPACT**: <http://www.impact-net.org/safety/suicide-prevention-resources>. US Crisis Text Line: Text **HOME** to 741741 from anywhere in the United States, anytime, about any type of crisis. A live, trained Crisis Counselor receives the text and responds, all from our secure online platform. A volunteer Crisis Counselor will help you move from a hot moment to a cool moment.

**In Memory**: Ronald Ponichter passed away March 31, 2025 at the age of 81. He was the father-in-law of Brad Pierce #1453547 and dearest father to his wife Kristen. Lifetime IW Robert Diabo #564614 passed away March 28, 2028 at the age of 89. He was a 69-year member of Local 711/25. He is survived by his son Lawrence Diabo #1080345. ***Our deep condolences to all of the family and friends as you mourn the loss of your dear loved one(s)!***

This information is as of Submission Time for this Article (April 14, 2025 11:00 am E.S.T.).