

# Local 344

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To All Members of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 344

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

## Member Deaths

Brother **Milton R. Compau**, Membership Number 982166, died 2/25/2024. He was a Retired Life Member Journeyman Pipefitter.

Brother **William D. Tubbs**, Membership Number 1035468, died 2/28/2024. He was a Retired Journeyman Sprinkler Fitter.

## UA Scholarship Fund 2024-2025

Beginning March 8<sup>th</sup>, dependents of UA members who are pursuing a post-high school education at an accredited college or university may apply for a scholarship that range from \$4,000 to \$7,500. The deadline for submitting applications is June 12, 2024. Applications may be submitted electronically through <https://uascholarshipfund.communityforce.com>. Potential applicants can check that website and click on the "Login" icon at the top right corner for additional instructions to access and submit applications. Be sure to click on the scholarship application titled 2024 United Association Scholarship.

## Summer Classes

The Training Center will be having the following classes this summer:

Mechanical CEU  
Plumbing CEU  
Medical Gas (40-Hour)  
OSHA 30-Hour

NOTE: If you are interested in participating in the above-mentioned classes (or any other classes), please call the Local 344 Training Center (405-632-5629) or email Rachel ([rachel@jatc344.com](mailto:rachel@jatc344.com)) or Kristi ([kristi@jatc344.com](mailto:kristi@jatc344.com)) to reserve a space at your earliest convenience. The necessary paperwork must be completed before the first-class meeting to ensure all necessary materials are available.

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*"Unionism has helped to give to everyone who toils the position of dignity which is his due"*

## Mechanical and Plumbing Online CEU

If your Mechanical or Plumbing CEU expires before June 2024, please call the Training Center (405-632-5629) to take the course online.

## April's Membership Meeting is Cancelled

### Health and Welfare

**Vision Benefits:** All participants are limited to 1 pair of frames and one pair of conventional lenses OR contact lenses (but not both) up to the stated allowable charge once every 12 months.

**Filing Vision Claims:** Providers can file vision claims to UHC: If the provider won't file with UHC/shared services, they can file directly to the claims office: Claims office c/o PP344 H&W fund at 8441 Gulf Freeway, Suite 304, Houston, TX 77017. If the provider won't file the claim directly to the claims office or with UHC/shared services, you will need to pay out of pocket to the provider and either mail your claim to the claims office or you can e-mail your itemized vision claim to the Benefit office at [andrea@local344.com](mailto:andrea@local344.com) and it will be forwarded to the Claims office for processing so you can be reimbursed.

The plan will pay up to the following:

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| Vision exam: up to 100.00          | Frames: up to 200.00                 |
| Single vision Lenses: up to 185.00 | Bifocals and Trifocals: up to 200.00 |

OR

Contact lenses: Up to 180.00 once every 12 months.

## Save The Date – Golf Tournament May 18<sup>th</sup>

This year's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament will be at the Winter Creek Golf & Country Club in Blanchard on May 18<sup>th</sup>. More information will be mailed out in April with details and registration forms.

Fraternally,



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