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# United Steelworkers Local 105 Forerunner

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**Meetings & Events**  
**November 2020**

11/16	6pm	Q-C Fed Delegates Mtg @Local 25
11/17	6:20am	Regular Business Mtg
	7:20am	" " "
	3:20pm	" " "
	6:20pm	" " "
	11:20pm	" " "
11/18	12 noon	Local 105-2 (Sivyer Steel)
	3 pm	Local 105-2 (Sivyer Steel)
11/19	4:30 pm	Local 105-1 (Bowe Machine)

**All meetings @ USW Local 105 Union Hall**  
**Unless designated otherwise**

**Plate Mill Dept – Temporary Schedule Change**

After discussions with the company concerning the need to temporarily change the Plate Mill Department to a 3 crew schedule, the company notified the Union that they would temporarily put the Plate Mill on Monday thru Friday schedule starting on Monday - January 11, 2021. This a traditional 8 hour schedule – 11-7, 7-3 and 3-11 shifts with weekend overtime as needed.

The temporary schedule change has been posted in the department along with the dates for the January shift balance. Shift preference can be entered in the shift balance system starting on November 23rd thru December 13th. The shift balance system will be locked on Monday - December 14th and the new shift assignments will be posted on Thursday - December 17th.

The company stated that based on the current business forecast they project the Plate Mill will remain on the 3 crew temporary schedule until the September shift balance. When the temporary schedule ends, the Plate Mill Department will revert back to the 4 crew 7-2-2-3 schedule that they are currently on now.



**Christmas Basket**  
**Collection has kicked**  
**off**

Collections for our annual Christmas Basket program have begun. The collection boxes and forms, seen at right, are out at the gates and the entrance to B800B. The collection boxes are there to collect money to purchase the Christmas Basket food and to turn in requests for the baskets. Basket request forms are due by Dec. 1.

We estimate that the cost per basket will be about \$30, so if we are going to reach our goal of 600 baskets, we will need to raise \$18,000 in total.

I have sent each laid off employee a letter offering them a food basket. They will need to call the Union Hall so we can put them on our list of recipients.

Thank you in advance for your generous donations and support of this employee activity that does so much in helping the less fortunate in our community.



**Local 105  
Nathaniel S. Payne  
Memorial Scholarship**

These educational scholarships, valued at \$500 each will be awarded to any child (natural, adopted, step, foster or grandchild) of a USW member who has been in good standing for a period of 2 years prior to the date of the drawing (except for new hires with less than two years seniority). At the time of application each applicant must be enrolled full-time in this fall's semester or quarter of college and plan to attend full time in the succeeding semester or quarter. Please see application for complete requirements.

Scholarship applications are available at the Union Hall. Completed applications must be received at the hall by Friday Dec. 4, 2020.

**Local 105 Scholarship Applications Received:**

Student's Name	Sponsor	Date Rec.
12 Erica Smith	Gary Smith	11/9/20
13 Emma Jones	Kenneth Peterson	11/9/20

**Medicare Notes & Changes:**

<https://www.medicare.gov/your-medicare-costs/part-b-costs>

**2021**

The standard Part B premium amount in 2021 is \$148.50. Most people pay the standard Part B premium amount. If your modified adjusted gross income as reported on your IRS tax return from 2 years ago is above a certain amount, you'll pay the standard premium amount and an Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA). IRMAA is an extra charge added to your premium.

If your yearly income in 2019 (for what you pay in 2021) was			You pay each month (in 2021)
File individual tax return	File joint tax return	File married & separate tax return	
\$88,000 or less	\$176,000 or less	\$88,000 or less	\$148.50
above \$88,000 up to \$111,000	above \$176,000 up to \$222,000	Not applicable	\$207.90
above \$111,000 up to \$138,000	above \$222,000 up to \$276,000	Not applicable	\$297.00
above \$138,000 up to \$165,000	above \$276,000 up to \$330,000	Not applicable	\$386.10
above \$165,000 and less than	above \$330,000 and less	above \$88,000 and less than	\$475.20

\$500,000	than \$750,000	\$412,000	
\$500,000 or above	\$750,000 and above	\$412,000 and above	\$504.90

**Part B deductible & coinsurance**

In 2020, you pay \$198 (\$203 in 2021) for your Part B Deductible. After you meet your deductible for the year, you typically pay 20% of the Medicare-approved amount for these:

- Most doctor services (including most doctor services while you're a hospital inpatient)
- Outpatient therapy
- Durable medical equipment (DME)

**With Deepest Sympathy:**

The Family of:  
Arliss Stone (Matt Stone's Grandmother)



**Winter Texans  
Alcoa Retiree's  
Group**

The winter Texans Alcoa retiree's group that normally meet at Mr. Gratti's Pizza in McAllen, TX have canceled their rendezvous until further notice. Questions? Contact: Gerry Hueser at 563 340-3132.

**Thanks Received:**

"Thank you for the jacket, and cap at my retirement and the 41 plus years of union solidarity." – Terry Davison (Store Room Retiree)



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