



**Local Lodge S6
Leadership Connection
Proudly Serving
Our Membership
9/8/23**



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING REMINDER

The next General Membership meeting is next Saturday, September 16th. The meeting starts at 9:30 AM. We encourage all our members to attend.

MERRYMEETING TRAIL RECOMMENDED BY ADVISORY COUNCIL

The proposed 26-mile Merrymeeting Trail seeks to make the unused Augusta Lower Road rail corridor an asset for the region. It will connect the Androscoggin River Bicycle and Pedestrian Path in Topsham, downtown Bowdoinham, Richmond, Gardiner, and the Kennebec River Rail Trail to Augusta. These downtown connections will make it easy for people using the trail to access downtown and visit local businesses. Local S6 voiced support for the project, seeing it as a huge asset to our communities and local businesses across the state. The trail won the endorsement of the State Advisory Council tasked with making recommendations for the old rail corridor’s future use. Special Thanks to the LS6 Womens Committee for making the lodge aware of the project and suggesting we support it.

LOCAL S6 INSTAGRAM

We now have a Local S6 Instagram! If you are on the app follow us at: [iamlocals6](https://www.instagram.com/iamlocals6). We will be cross-posting information on Instagram and Facebook with links to our website.

FREE RETIREMENT SEMINAR - AUGUSTA ELKS LODGE

David Godfrey with Gateway Retirement Solutions will be providing a free seminar on retirement, financial planning, and estate planning at the Elks Lodge in Augusta on 10/4/23 at 6:00 PM. This is an open seminar available to anyone who is interested. To attend, you must call ahead at 1-888-247-8711. You need to leave your name and the number of people who will be attending with you. Seminars like this one will be held on a monthly basis, so if you cannot attend this event, there will be more opportunities in the future.

In Solidarity, Local S6 Leadership
All updates can be viewed on the LS6 Website: <https://iams6.org>
All updates can be viewed on the Official LS6 Facebook Page: [Local-S6](https://www.facebook.com/Local-S6)

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Benefits Alert

The Annual Enrollment period for Dental, A&S and Long-Term Disability will be from:
August 15, 2023 to September 30, 2023

(YOU DO NOT NEED TO SUBMIT AN ENROLLMENT FORM IF YOU ARE ALREADY IN THE PLANS)

➤ DENTAL PLAN – Local 6, Local 7, and BMDA

Members enrolling at Annual Enrollment have the following waiting periods:
12 months for Major Services, Coverage C.

Dental coverage will be effective October 1, 2023 if the enrollment form is postmarked by September 15th. It will be effective November 1, 2023 if postmarked between September 16th and September 30th. To apply for coverage, complete the dental enrollment form. Domestic Partner coverage is available. Please refer to benefit overview for Plan design and applicable waiting periods.

No Change in Dental Premiums

	Current Weekly Deduction	New Weekly Deduction
Member Only	\$10.96	\$10.96
Member +1	\$20.95	\$20.95
Member +2 or More	\$30.07	\$30.07

To make dependent changes or terminate coverage:

Annual Enrollment is the time to make changes to your Dental Plan, you can add or remove dependents or drop the coverage. Because dental deductions are taken pretax, changes can only be made at Annual Enrollment and are otherwise restricted throughout the year unless a qualifying event takes place.

DENTAL PLAN ENHANCEMENTS

- 4 Cleanings per calendar year. These may be any combination of routine or periodontal and are all covered at 100% coverage with an in network dentist.
- Health through Oral Wellness (HOW program) – Achieve and maintain better oral wellness.
- Rewards for Good Oral Health (Double-Up Max) - Allows participants to earn \$250 per calendar year for use in future benefit periods.
- Extensive Network and deep discounts to make the most of your Dental Benefit.
(Handouts are available at your Union Hall)

➤ A&S (STD) AND LTD PLANS – Local 6, Local 7, and BMDA

A&S (STD) Plan = \$400 for the first 26 weeks and \$540 for the second 26 weeks

LTD Plan = 62% of monthly income up to \$2,800

ANOTHER YEAR OF NO INCREASE IN PREMIUMS

	Current Weekly Deduction	New Weekly Deduction
A&S (STD) Only	\$6.53	\$6.53
A&S (STD) and LTD	\$13.85	\$13.85

To apply for coverage:

Complete the enrollment form along with a Personal Health Statement (Evidence of Insurability). This coverage is underwritten and there is no guarantee it will be issued. Coverage cannot go into effect until you have received underwriting approval. Coverage will be effective the first of the month after approval from Hartford Life. You must have the A&S (STD) to be eligible for the LTD. *(Plan descriptions are available at your Union Hall)*

YOU MUST BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING TO APPLY FOR THESE BENEFITS

Enrollment forms are available at your Union Hall and should be mailed to:

Cross Benefit Solutions, 2367 Congress Street, Portland, ME 04102

(Questions? Call Cross Benefit Solutions at 1-207-523-2471)