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Vancouver—one of the fastest-growing cities in North America—is hosting the IBEW's 38th International Convention this month.

Vancouver, British Columbia, is hosting the 38th International Convention at a time of heightened interest in this prosperous and bustling city on the shores of the Pacific.

The third largest metropolitan area in Canada, rated as one of the most livable cities in the world, Vancouver recently hosted one of the world's biggest gatherings, the 2010 Winter Olympics.

Located on Canada's West Coast, two hours from Seattle, Vancouver's combination of natural beauty, diverse population and a bustling economy

prompted the New York Times to describe the city as: "Manhattan with mountains. It's a liquid city, a tomorrow city, equal parts India, China, England, France and the Pacific Northwest."

It boasts numerous outdoor and entertainment venues, including a downtown sports stadium, Rogers Arena, which is home to the National Hockey League's 2011 Western Conference champions, the Canucks. Stanley Park is one of the city's most popular destinations. The 1,000-acre park—larger than New York City's Central Park—attracts more than 8 million visitors a year.

If you have watched a movie or TV program recently, there is a good chance that you caught a glimpse of Vancouver. It is the third-largest film center in the world—beat out only by New York City and Los Angeles—and is second in television production.



The city's strategic location on the edge of the Pacific Rim has made it one of North America's fastest growing economic centers. The Port of Vancouver does more than \$75 billion in trade with more than 130 countries, which has encouraged a downtown building boom that has been going strong for more than two decades.

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IBEW ALIGHTS ON VIBRANT Vancouver

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With a population of more than 640,000, Vancouver has come a long way from the tiny settlement that was formed to host the terminus of the Canada Pacific Railway in 1886. Vancouver's roots as a wide-open frontier town are still visible.

Lumber, mining, and fishing turned the little town of fewer than 1,000 into a thriving city of more than 20,000 by the turn of the 20th century. By 1911 the population had climbed to 100,000.

Modern Vancouver was founded as a settlement to host the terminus of the Canada Pacific Railway.

With one of the busiest seaports on the West Coast, Vancouver would become Canada's gateway to the Pacific region, servicing the far-flung ports of the British Empire.

In the early 1900s, the provincial government took possession of British Columbia's vast resources and partnered with major business figures—including mining magnate James Dunsmuir and timber industrialist H.R. MacMillan—to help develop them.

The Great Depression hit Vancouver hard, but Canada's entry into World War II laid the groundwork for a rapid recovery, as the shipyards of Vancouver and nearby Victoria began full-time operations to help supply the Allied war effort in the Pacific.

Massive unemployment soon turned into major labour shortages in fields such as forestry, mining and steel.

The end of the war brought prosperity to Vancouver. While maintaining an important place in the economy, traditional natural extraction jobs declined as the service, manufacturing and health-care sectors grew.

Debate over control of the province's natural resources heated up in the 1950s and '60s as the government instituted a system to lease provincial lands to logging firms investing substantial capital in infrastructure—a setup that accelerated the trend toward consolidation in the industry.

And as the United States replaced the United Kingdom as Canada's biggest trading partner, public concern over increasing domination of B.C.'s land and resources by American corporations grew.

One of the biggest battles was the fight to bring the province's energy supply under public control. In 1961, the BC Hydro Act was passed, which amalgamated BC Electric—a private corporation—into a new publicly owned entity, the BC Hydro and Power Authority.

BC Hydro services 1.8 million customers and operates 30 hydroelectric facilities. British Columbia's rivers provide more than 80 percent of the province's power. ■

Local 213: Electrifying Vancouver

The IBEW's relationship with what would become BC Hydro dates back to 1907, when a fledgling Local 213 signed its first agreement with its predecessor BC Electric.

Starting with seven members in 1901, Local 213 today has more than 5,000 working in nearly every sector and industry to make Vancouver one of North America's most dynamic cities.

Mostly linemen back in the early 1900s, today Local 213 represents workers in inside construction, clerical, the cable and satellite industry and manufacturing at more than 170 different employers.

The local has also been a leader in the metro and provincial labor movement.

Until his death in 2010, Business Manager Richard Dowling, a committed and energetic leader who boosted the local's membership by 1,000 under his tenure, served as Eighth District International Executive Committee member.

Local 213 electricians have been a key part of major projects in the city that have recently showcased the IBEW's skills and talents to Canada and the world.

Its members put in tens of thousands of man-hours wiring some of Vancouver's top business and entertainment destinations, including Rogers Arena, the Convention Center, which is hosting the IBEW's 38th convention, and its biggest project ever: the 2010 Winter Games.

Hundreds of members of Local 213 and Vancouver Local 258 helped power up the games, energizing a new light rapid transit system, setting up a broadcast center and refrigeration units to make artificial snow and lighting ski jumps and bobsled tracks.

Currently, more than 100 Local 213 members are at work on BC Place, a new sports arena that will feature the largest cable-supported retractable roof in the world.

Local 213's commitment to quality training and on-the-job excellence goes above and beyond provincial standards. All of its electricians are Red Seal qualified, which means they are recognized by the federal government as the best trained workers in the industry.

"We take our commitment to excellence on the job seriously," says



More than 5,000 Vancouver Local 213 members help keep the city on the cutting edge of innovation and economic growth.



Business Manager Mike Flynn. "Local 213 is known in Vancouver as the place you turn to when you want to get it done right the first time."

Local 213 has also pioneered efforts to help keep signatory contractors competitive through the Electrical Industry Advancement Fund, which gives them a boost in bidding for projects.

"The union continues to look for ways to help us become competitive and offers new approaches to solving problems in the market," says Ron Fettback, general superintendent at Western Pacific Enterprises, a signatory contractor. ■

Local 213's electricians are recognized as the best trained workers in the industry.

High Wire to Hydro, Local 258 Covers Vast Territory

Local 258 has been a force in British Columbia's life since its chartering in 1967. The local represents members in the utility, outside line, manufacturing, utility arborist and traffic control industries throughout the nearly 365,000-square-mile province.

About half of Local 258 members are employed by BC Hydro, the province's publicly-owned utility.

"We represent workers from British Columbia's western border on the Pacific Ocean to Alberta on the east, north to the Yukon down to our southern border with Washington, Idaho and Montana," says Local 258 Business Manager Doug McKay.

From clearing trees on utility rights of way, controlling traffic on construction sites, building and maintaining transmission lines and operating power plants to maintaining locks and dams on the massive 1,200-mile Columbia River, the local's diverse membership is apportioned into six geographically-based units with elected chairs who form the local's executive board.

"We pride ourselves in our service to our members," says Local 258 President Michelle Laurie. That means holding between 25 and 40 membership meetings a month throughout the province. "It's a daunting task," says Laurie, "but our members know who we are."

Members of Local 258 maintain BC Hydro's 30 integrated hydroelectric generating stations, two gas-fired thermal power plants and one combustion turbine station, totaling installed generating capacity of more than 11,000 megawatts. These facilities supply 70 percent of BC Hydro's power and contribute to British Columbia's production of 90 percent of all of Canada's hydroelectric power.

In preparation for the 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games, Local 258 members rebuilt the distribution line along Highway 99 (the Sea-to-Sky Highway) into Whistler Mountain, the site of alpine, Nordic and sliding events. Local 258 members were on around-the-clock standby during the games to ensure there were no power interruptions.

More than 100 local union members installed underground and overhead cables to deliver "greener" power to Olympic venues from normal distribution lines, eliminating the exhaust-spewing generators that have polluted the atmosphere at prior games. Adapting to changing conditions is woven into the local's fabric.

In 1961, privately-held BC Electric and the provincially-owned British Columbia Power Commission merged into BC Hydro. The new entity employed bargaining unit members of several IBEW locals. Local 258 was formed in 1967 to put all bargaining unit members under one roof to negotiate more effectively with BC Hydro. Private sector



Members of Vancouver Local 258 brave brutal winters to maintain transmission lines for BC Hydro.

power line construction maintenance work was still divided between the six locals, but was consolidated under Local 258's jurisdiction in 1987.

Local 258 initiated an aggressive organizing drive and organized 100 percent of the outside sector in the province under one master agreement.

In the mid-1980s, Local 258 took on representation of tree trimmers and some traffic control companies. These two jurisdictions expanded considerably as the local worked to improve training and working conditions in the sectors. In 1990, Local 264, representing manufacturing workers, merged into Local 258.

In a 2007 issue of the IBEW Journal, Leon Arishenkoff, a Local 258 shop steward, discussed the benefits shared by Canada and the U.S. from hydroelectric dams maintained by his fellow union members (See "Union-Made Power Turns Darkness to Dawn on Columbia River"). The 1964 Columbia River Treaty between Canada and the U.S. mandated the construction of three dams to regulate the flow of the river and end the annual threat of flood damage in British Columbia, Washington and Oregon.

One of five Keenleyside Dam lock keepers who maintain the only navigable lock in Western Canada, Arishenkoff says, "The dams provide not only good-paying jobs, but incredible agricultural opportunities in the U.S. and thousands of megawatts of clean energy for both nations." Transmitting those megawatts can be challenging to power line technicians—outside linemen—who often spend brutal winters chipping ice from cables and straddling treacherous terrain to keep power coming.

Local 258 has set a high standard in extensive education of power line technicians. The local opened the Electrical Industry Training Institute and incorpo-

rated it into a limited company in 1997.

EITI provides the only classroom portion of apprenticeship training for power line technicians and for utility arborists in British Columbia, and offers a wide range of safety, substation and generation training. Last year, EITI opened a subsidiary in the U.S.A.

To better embrace the growing diversity of occupations and workers represented, the officers convene shop stewards meetings every two years and strategic planning sessions every four years directly after union elections. The Hotline, Local 258's newspaper, and its Web site keep members connected across the province.

Local 258 enjoys a high-profile, progressive image in the province, encouraging members to engage in politics at all levels within and outside the labor movement.

From winning a United Way Spirit Award for community involvement to its presence at the national day of mourning to commemorate workers killed on the job to a rally on the U.S.-Canada border in support of union members in Wisconsin, solidarity flows through the local union's life. ■

Victoria Local a Key Link, Onshore and Off

The rich history of shipbuilding is written on the shores of Victoria, B.C., Local 230. The lush, coastal capital city of the province sits three hours south of Vancouver across the narrow Salish Sea. Home to nearly 400,000 residents in the greater area, Victoria represents the lion's share of the region's marine marketplace.

That's good news for the local's 1,200 members—a large portion of whom maintain everything from battle vessels for the Canadian navy to the 35 passenger ferries that make up the largest fleet of its kind worldwide.

"We have a very busy seaway keeping us supplied," said Local 230 Business Manager Phil Venoit. "There's a huge array of different crafts in the water, from freighters to cruise ships. And if they have any problems, our guys typically do the work."

And there's plenty of it. The local recently secured a seven-year deal wiring ships for the navy—a massive job that will put 400 members to work until the close of the decade. The local is also lobbying hard for additional jobs from the navy and the nation's coast guard. Of several packages up for consideration, one boasts a \$15 billion price tag.

"If we get that, we'll not only have work, but we'll be boosting our membership significantly just to keep up," Venoit said. "We're not just building ships. We're building careers."

The local is the second oldest in British Columbia and the third oldest nationwide, after Hamilton, Ont., Local 105 and Vancouver Local 213. Chartered in 1902, Local 230 began establishing itself in the marine industry during the shipbuilding boom of the late 1930s.

Construction still accounts for a vast percentage of the local members' employment. About 40 signatory contractors in the area employ hundreds of electricians at



Victoria, B.C., Local 230 members Dale Gallis, right, and Raj Takhar wire a training vessel for the Canadian navy.

companies like Canem Systems, Houle Electric and E.H. Emery Electric, Ltd. Emery has been with the local for 80 years and has provided work for four generations of Local 230 members.

Members recently completed a two-year-long job wiring an acute care hospital facility for contractor Western Pacific Enterprises, which provided more than 500,000 man-hours for the local.

As many locals throughout North America are getting journeymen off the bench thanks to the recovery agreement program—utilizing composite crews with new classifications, including construction electricians and construction wiremen—the leaders of Local 230 have been aggressively pursuing small construction work at chains like Subway sandwich shops and Starbucks coffee stores for most of the past decade.

"In 2003, we saw something of a resurgence in the small works area," Venoit said. The local restructured

its classification ratios to be more competitive and were able to bring in 250 residential wiremen over the past few years.

Local 230 has expanded into such trade classifications as communications, cable television, electrical manufacturing, utility and railway.

The second largest city in the province, Victoria is home to workers who have a history of strong allegiance to the trade union movement. "We don't forget those who helped pave our way," said Venoit.

That sentiment has rung true for generations. In a 1952 Local Lines article published in the IBEW Journal, the press secretary commended the charter members on their tenacity during tough economic times. Announcing an upcoming ceremony for those still living, the writer tells readers of "the great obligation we have toward the men who founded and carried on this local, despite the hostility of governments and employers."

The local celebrates its 110th anniversary next year. "We're proud of our history and excited about the future," Venoit said. ■

IBEW, Rail Unions Awarded \$126 Million High-Speed Train Job

IBEW electricians in Delaware had always taken pride in their overhauls of hard-run Amtrak locomotives. But, in 2000, when Amtrak launched the high-speed Acela, serving passengers on the Northeast corridor, five-year overhauls were assigned to the manufacturer of the new cars, Bombardier.

In July, following months of discussions between Wilmington Local 2270, other railroad unions and Amtrak, the carrier awarded a \$126 million contract to Delaware's organized shops for extensive 10-year overhauls to Acela equipment.

Local 2270 President Frank Gentry said he was "relieved" to win the contract, because it had appeared that furloughs could be announced without new work coming into the Wilmington and Bear, Del., shops. But, even more importantly, says Gentry, the Acela contract will help secure jobs over the long haul. "We can't work on conventional trains forever. High-speed trains are the way of the future, and now we can get in the door on the newest high-tech equipment."

IBEW Railroad Department Director Bill Bohné praises Amtrak CEO Joseph



Sterling Rapposelli, left, and Tommy Rapposelli, members of Bear, Del., Local 2270, maintain Amtrak locomotives. Their shop will play a key role in overhauling high-speed rail cars, work that that was previously outsourced.

Bohné for fulfilling a pledge to permit the union shops to bid against contractors and make their case for efficiency, productivity and quality. "This is not just a victory for Local 2270," says

Bohné. "Amtrak saves money and time by keeping the work in-house."

The Wilmington shop employs 97 electricians. Eighty-seven IBEW members work in Bear. Overhauls, covering 70 train sets and power units, will be completed over the next three-and-a-half years.

"It's a big plus for Local 2270 that our members will replace nonunion workers to overhaul Amtrak's equipment, leading to greater contributions to the Railroad Retirement Fund," says the local's vice president, David Hamm.

Unions, including the IBEW, sheet metal workers, transport workers, International Association of Machinists and the American Railway and Airway Supervisors Association, lobbied the Delaware congressional delegation in support of their members gaining Acela work. They succeeded in winning \$500,000 in state funds to match Amtrak's investment in a feasibility study on building a new high-speed rail facility in Wilmington. The shop would employ 500 to 1,000 outside union trades.

Gentry said he is hopeful that showcasing the union shops' expertise will not only bring back work previously contracted out, but attract new customers. Union members will staff a table at an upcoming railroad conference in New Orleans. "We'll sell our shops," says Gentry.

Staff from the state's three-person congressional delegation toured the shop July 22. Sen. Tom Carper said in a statement that "Delaware has a talented and highly skilled union work force and these workers will be supplied with good jobs for years to come." ■

U.S. Invests in Domestic Train Manufacturing

On Aug. 3, U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood announced that five states will share more than \$336 million in federal funds to purchase next-generation, American-made trains to modernize their intercity passenger rail systems. The funds are another installment in \$10 billion invested by the Obama administration to build a national high-speed passenger rail network.

Under "Buy America" requirements, domestic or foreign firms will be required to locate manufacturing in the U.S. to produce 33 quick-acceleration locomotives and 120 bi-level passenger cars. The trains will be designed to travel more than 110 mph.

In 2009, LaHood secured a commitment from 30 foreign and domestic rail manufacturers to employ American workers and locate or expand their base of operations in the U.S. if they are selected for high-speed-rail contracts.

California, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Missouri will share the latest federal investment. Combined with previous grants, those states and Washington state will receive \$728 million.

Federal Railroad Administrator Joseph Szabo, a former leader of the United Transportation Union, says, "Building a nationwide rail network is critical to America's long-term economic success. More people are choosing to take the train and this year Amtrak is projected to set an all-time record by topping 30 million annual riders."

In June, the transportation department announced a \$562.9 million loan to Amtrak to finance the purchase of 70 high-performance, electric locomotives from Siemens Industry USA, creating 250 new manufacturing jobs in California, Ohio and Georgia.

While prior federal grants under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act didn't require states to put up funds, the latest federal allocations require matching state contributions of 20 percent. By pooling orders for locomotive equipment, states and the federal sector will enable manufacturers to achieve economies of scale. The goal, says FRA's Mike Murray, is to keep plants operating smoothly, create good jobs and not have the starts and stops in production that have characterized U.S. locomotive manufacturing. ■

Transitions

DECEASED John Carr



We regret to report that retired Second District International Representative John Carr died July 25. He was 73.

A Massachusetts native, Brother Carr joined the labor movement as a member of the unaffiliated International Brotherhood of Telephone Workers Local 2 in Boston. He became a charter member of Local 2222 in January 1971 following a massive push to bring thousands of workers at New England Telephone (now Verizon) into the IBEW.

Throughout the 1950s and 1960s, there were three major campaigns to try to organize members of the independent IBTW union. Carr played a significant role in orchestrating the 1969-1970 campaign that saw more than 30,000 workers choosing among the IBEW, the Communication Workers of America and the United Auto Workers for union representation. At the time, it was the largest National Labor Relations Board election in history for that region, and when the workers voted for IBEW representation, it created 10 new IBEW local unions to represent the telephone workers.

Carr was appointed to the Second District staff the same month as his IBEW initiation. He spent the next 23 years servicing telephone, manufacturing and utility locals. Carr continued to help win bargaining rights for many workers, including hundreds of clerical and technical employees at Connecticut Light and Power. Colleagues say his calm, deliberate demeanor helped win victories for workers.

"John was always a very capable negotiator," said Second District International Representative Ed Collins. "He never lost his cool and always remained steady with his eye on the prize. He became the voice of reason when everyone else might be upset."

"He was IBEW through and through," Collins said. "The membership and their interests were foremost in everything he did."

Brother Carr also served as the co-chairman of the Cambridge-based Northeast Labor/Management Center's board of directors. He was a member of the Army Reserve from 1955 to 1962.

Carr stayed active in union matters following his retirement in 1994, serving on the executive board of Maine's AFL-CIO. "He didn't check his union card at the door when he left the IBEW," Collins said.

In retirement, Carr spent time with his family and enjoyed many outdoor activities, including golf and jogging.

The members, officers and staff of the IBEW send our condolences to Brother Carr's wife, Joan, and their many children and grandchildren. ■

DECEASED Frank Kildau



Retired Sixth District International Representative Frank Kildau died on July 12 at the age of 91.

A native of Silverwood, Mich., Kildau was initiated into Ann Arbor Local 252 in 1946. He served as the local's business manager before being appointed International Representative in 1961. He retired in 1980.

"Frank was a real force in the Sixth District, a great guy and a good, tough representative," says former Sixth District International Vice President Pat Curley.

In 2009, Ypsilanti's historical society published an oral history covering Kildau's experiences in World War II. Kildau, who served in an Army artillery unit in Africa and Italy, recalled seeing a "smirk" on the face of a German pilot who strafed his battalion's position as it battled to take the town of Pisa, Italy. Challenged by the air assault to fight even harder, the battalion succeeded in taking the town and Kildau was designated by his battalion to raise the U.S. flag above its famous tower.

In retirement, Kildau remained in Michigan while wintering in Florida with his wife, Dorothy, who passed away in 2005. He is survived by a daughter, Bonnie Soucie, a son, George, four grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

George, a 38-year member of Local 252, says: "My dad's word was his bond. He was a fair person who would listen to both sides and then render a fair decision."

"He was totally a union man," says Bonnie Soucie, who recalls her father insisting that her mother buy union-made products.

After a heart attack in 1980, Kildau took his doctor's advice and engaged in regular exercise, says George, adding, "He never sat still for too long and was always helping his neighbors."

On behalf of the membership of the IBEW, the officers send our condolences to the Kildau family. ■

Circuits

New Web Site Highlights 'Vivid' Telecom Careers

The telecommunications industry remains strong despite today's weak economy, and the graying of the baby boom generation means new career opportunities are opening up in the industry every day.

The National Coalition for Telecommunications Education and Learning has launched the VIVIDFuture.org Web site to assist anyone interested in working or advancing in the industry.

NACTEL is a partnership between the telecommunications industry and unions working with educators to create and sponsor online education programs that meet the needs of current and future telecommunications professionals.

"Our industry depends on highly skilled workers," says AT&T Chairman Randall Stephenson. "And VIVIDFuture.org is a great training and educational resource for new telecom job seekers as well as those wanting to grow within the industry."

VIVIDFuture.org features a job-matching tool that helps seekers match their skill and education level—along with interests and location—with desired positions.

The site also contains a career-mapping tool that shows new telecom workers the kind of career path they can pursue



The VIVID Future.org Web site helps connect job-seekers with good jobs in the growing telecommunications industry.

with the right training and experience.

The Web site lists more than 300 education and training programs—from cable and satellite basics to broadband fundamentals.

"Our members are continually searching for education that will prepare them for new directions in telecommunications," says IBEW Media Department Director and NACTEL co-chair, Jim Spellane. "The fact that VIVIDFuture.org houses educational resources and lists open telecom jobs makes it a most valuable asset for our industry and for those seeking to enter or advance in this dynamic field."

One member who recently used the Web site to advance his future is Scott Blauth. The East Winsor, N.J., Local 827 member who just earned his bachelor's

degree in telecommunications from NACTEL, says that "VIVIDFuture.org opens up a new variety of jobs for people."

Go to www.vividfuture.org to learn more. ■

Rochester Local Scores Victory for Fair Bargaining

In a victory for collective bargaining rights, members of Rochester, N.Y., Local 36 got Rochester Gas & Electric Co., to reverse its policy regarding the use of GPS tracking devices—a major sticking point between the union and the company for more than a year.

The utility installed the devices in 20 of its service vehicles in 2010 without consulting with the local. "Management told us they didn't have to bargain and it was a done deal," says Business Manager Rick Irish.

Employees were concerned about the lack of any kind of disciplinary policy regarding GPS use, with many questioning the accuracy of the devices.

"There was a lot of unnecessary uncertainty and anxiety because the company didn't sit down with us first," says Irish.

The local accused the utility of refusing to bargain in good faith, filing unfair labor charges late last year. The National Labor Relations Board agreed in a May ruling.

"We will bargain with the union over the installation/activation and use of GPS tracking devices in company vehicles prior to installing such devices," the company—which promptly removed the devices—announced in an official NLRB notice to employees.

For Irish, the settlement is a timely reminder of the importance of having a contract and fair bargaining procedures. "It is simple fact that if they had acknowledged our rights in the beginning and sat down and bargained, it would have saved everybody a lot of time and money," he says. ■

Amid Celebrations, Shipyard Apprentices Face Uncertainty

More than 160 shipyard workers graduated from the Ingalls Shipbuilding's Apprentice School July 9.

Sponsored by Huntington Ingalls Industries, graduates represented 13 different crafts from the Ingalls and Avondale shipyards—including many IBEW members from Pascagoula, Miss., Local 733. The apprenticeship program is a two- to four-year curriculum for workers looking to expand their careers in the shipbuilding industry.

Students take classes while working full time. Management allows them two hours of classwork on company time, but most studies are done off the clock, Local 733 Business Manager Jim Couch says. The curriculum consists of both on-the-job training and classroom time at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

With more than 120 classes available, graduates find shipbuilding positions in everything from electrical engineering to executive management—helping to build America's maritime future.

One former IBEW graduate is Melissa Boykin. A high-school dropout, her professional options were limited. "But I knew I liked to work with my hands, math and solving problems," she says.

So she jumped at the opportunity to enroll in the electrical apprenticeship program. After working for eight years at the Ingalls shipyard at Pascagoula, she entered the school's engineering apprenticeship program. Today she

works as a designer for Huntington Ingalls Industries, drafting plans and doing technical writing for upgrades to Navy ships.

"When I first started working at the yard, I could have never imagined being where I am today," says Boykin. "The shipyard program was my stepping stone to a great career."

But the celebration may be short lived for Avondale employees. The Northrop Grumman facility, located outside New Orleans, is set to shut down by next year, threatening the jobs of more than 5,000 skilled workers on the Gulf Coast.

Cutbacks to the Navy's budget put war ships produced by Avondale on permanent hold, threatening the economic future of a region that was badly battered by Hurricane Katrina and last year's BP oil spill.

IBEW Government Employees Department Director Chico McGill said the skills offered by the program could easily be used to help civilian and other maritime manufacturing efforts.

The Save Our Shipyards blog, published by the AFL-CIO's Metal Trades Department, writes that with the new federal American Marine Highway initiative to help encourage intranational maritime trade, a new market for U.S.-built commercial cargo vessels is likely to open up on American waterways—a niche that Avondale could easily fill.

"The skills these students have gained are invaluable to not only shipbuilding but to rejuvenating our manufacturing sector and we need elected officials to prioritize getting them to work rebuilding a strong economy," says McGill. ■



More than 160 apprentices graduated from the Ingalls Shipbuilding's Apprentice School this summer, but their careers could be put on hold if the Avondale Shipyard goes ahead with plans to shut down.

Correction:

In our August story "IBEW Members Ratify GE Contract" we incorrectly state that under the new GE contract, current retirees will receive an extra pension check each year. They will receive an extra check for this year only. We regret the error.

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Local Lines

Attention Press Secretaries:

Please note that Local Lines will not be published in a combined October/November post-convention issue of The Electrical Worker.

Officers Elected

L.U. 1 (as,c,ees,ei,em,es,et,fm,i,mt,rts,s,se,spa,st&ws), ST. LOUIS, MO—On June 4, Local 1 members headed to the polls for the local union elections. Thanks to all the candidates who ran and congratulations to those elected. Elected were: Bus. Mgr. Greg Booth, Pres. Tom George Sr., Vice Pres. Jim Douglas, Rec. Sec. John Kahrhoff, Fin. Sec. Frank Jacobs, Treas. Dave Roth; Executive Board members Rob Dussold, Ken Landwehr, Steve Muehling, Tim Murray, Paul Reinheimer; and Examining Board members Don Bresnan Jr., Roxana DiMariano and Greg Schwartz. Delegates to the 38th International Convention are: Lou Cunningham, Tom George Jr., George Granicke, Ed Hoock III, Matt O'Neill, Nick Sachse, Dave Stanley and Fritz Uhle.

Thanks to all participants who walked representing Local 1 in the Susan G. Kohmen Race for the Cure in June.

We mourn the death of the following members: Jerry Louks, Arnold Morrison, Salvatore Pusateri, Eugene Bene, Bobby Prince, Larry Riley, Richard Sellman, Buford Capstick, Earl LaRue, Walter Owens, Lawrence O'Brien, Eugene Cooper, James Meyer, Jack Campbell, Steven Hoke, Leslie Jakowski, Norvel Bauman, William Fischer, Kenneth Nicholas, Thomas Hicks, Thomas Kallbrier, Norman Winkel and Kenneth Fitzler.

Matt Gober, P.S.



Children of Local 11 members attend last year's union picnic.

New Picnic Location

L.U. 11 (i,rts&spa), LOS ANGELES, CA—Our Annual Local Wide Picnic is set for Saturday, Oct. 15. The location for this year's event will be the Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area. We have outgrown the previous location due to the popularity of the fun-filled family event. This new location offers many benefits. This year's picnic will be bigger and better than ever with free food, games, prizes, raffles and family friendly fun. Picnic volunteers are needed. Those interested should contact Shomari Davis at davis@joinlocal11.org. All volunteers will receive a free custom picnic T-shirt, while supplies last.

We are proud of the graduating class of 2011 apprentices. Their dedication to the trade and hard work have paid off. A celebration dinner was held at the Universal Sheraton in Universal City for the graduates. Congratulations on behalf of all Local 11 members and staff!

The Local 11 Web site has been upgraded to better serve our members. You can now sign the day book, roll call/re-sign, change your address, request a travel letter, pay your dues, etc. using our automated system. Please visit www.ibew11.org. While there, you can "like" us on Facebook.

We invite you to be active in your union by joining the organizing committees and welfare committees. Details are on the Web site. Work safe!

Bob Oedy, P.S.

Memorial Rededication

L.U. 15 (u), DOWNERS GROVE, IL—Local 15 members attended the IBEW Sixth District Progress Meeting and Women's Conference held in late May in Indianapolis, IN.

On May 1, Pres./Bus. Mgr. Dean Apple and Local 15 members joined hundreds of our union brothers and sisters at Waldheim Cemetery in Forest Park, IL, to attend the rededication of the Haymarket Martyrs Memorial.

On the work front: On the commercial physical side, talks are continuing on the Underground Department reorganization.

The nuclear side is in ongoing discussions about outage agreements, an operations package and the "working foreman" issue. On the fossil side, the Midwest Generation collective bargaining agreement expires at the end of 2011.

Local 15 was honored to award 13 \$500 scholarships this year.

Hope everyone had a great summer!

Doug Vedas, P.S.

IBEW Lifesaving Heroes

L.U. 21 (catv,govt&t), DOWNERS GROVE, IL—Garreth Carpenter and Ronald Shockley hoped for a quiet day after working an all-nighter at AT&T. They were jolted into the spotlight in the quiet Chicago suburb of Park Forest. While in their tent, the University Park technicians heard screams for help. Instantly, they ran to a home just ripped apart by a massive gas explosion. A woman was screaming from her blown-out second floor doorway, too scared to jump. Realizing the grim reality that she had no way out, both men took action immediately. Bro. Carpenter ran to his truck and grabbed his extension ladder as Bro. Shockley took a ladder from a nearby construction crew. Shockley quickly went up the ladder and carried the woman down to safety. Seconds later, Garreth pointed for Ron to look up; the doorway was engulfed in flames and within minutes the house was a complete inferno.

Fire personnel who showed up on the scene heard of our brothers' heroics. They went to look for the two and found them—back working in their tent like nothing happened. In May at the Unit 2 meeting, Garreth and Ronald received our union's highest honor the IBEW Lifesaving Award.

Thomas Hopper, P.S.

Officers and Graduates

L.U. 41 (em,es,govt,i,st&spa), BUFFALO, NY—What a busy time of year. Local union elections, apprenticeship graduation, and some unit contract negotiations upcoming—summer has flown by.

On June 21, we held our local union elections. Congratulations to: Bus. Mgr. Mike Gaiser, Pres. Matt Hilmey, Vice Pres. Shawn Creighton, Treas. Dick Nader, Rec. Sec. Curtis Johnson; Executive Board members Art Chmura, Pete Czaster, Rick Ehlers, Rick Guerra, Greg Inglut, Terry Mays and Jud Payne; and Examining Board members Chris Bove, Bob Esford, Danny Gedraitis, Kevin Hartman and Chris Lozo. Thanks to everyone who ran and everyone who voted.

A shout-out also goes to all Inside and Residential apprentices who graduated this year. Thank you for your effort—you did it!

Inside apprentice graduates are: Pete Campanella, Greg Rusinek, Derek Bodziak, Lynora Zylinski-Sowa, Kathryn Stumberg, Robert Ellis, Greg Klink, Jr., Josh Schoonover, Chris Zaganiaczky, Michael VonStein, Shane Freeland, Jason Braunscheidel, Ryan Moynihan, Vincent Montaldi, Craig Keller, Jesse Sobocinski, Justin Loebel, Craig Gangloff, Mark Burakowski, Brian Liska and Jeff Gee. Residential apprentice graduates are: Jesse General, Jesse Marks, J. Jason Meadows, Scott Merkwa and Todd Michalski.

Local 41 thanks retiring fifth-year teacher John Leitten for his dedicated service. Congratulations, Bro. Leitten, and best wishes for a happy retirement.

Gregory R. Inglut, A.B.M.

Donation to Hospital Campaign

L.U. 43 (em,i&rts), SYRACUSE, NY—Our work picture picked up significantly in mid-June and will continue through the winter. PLA projects mentioned in the March issue for both Utica and Syracuse schools finally started. This has been a big help in putting out not only our members, but traveling brothers and sisters as well.

Local 43 has a long history of partnership with our NECA chapter and also of charitable support in



IBEW Local 1 contingent walks in the Susan G. Kohmen Race for the Cure.

Trade Classifications

(as) Alarm & Signal	(ei) Electrical Inspection	(lctt) Line Clearance Tree Trimming	(mps) Motion Picture Studios	(rr) Railroad	(spa) Sound & Public Address
(ars) Atomic Research Service	(em) Electrical Manufacturing	(lpt) Lightning Protection Technicians	(nst) Nuclear Service Technicians	(rtb) Radio-Television Broadcasting	(st) Sound Technicians
(bo) Bridge Operators	(es) Electric Signs	(mt) Maintenance	(o) Outside	(rtm) Radio-Television Manufacturing	(t) Telephone
(cs) Cable Splicers	(et) Electronic Technicians	(mo) Maintenance & Operation	(p) Powerhouse	(rts) Radio-Television Service	(u) Utility
(catv) Cable Television	(fm) Fixture Manufacturing	(mow) Manufacturing Office Workers	(pet) Professional, Engineers & Technicians	(so) Service Occupations	(uow) Utility Office Workers
(c) Communications	(govt) Government		(ptc) Professional, Technical & Clerical	(s) Shopmen	(ws) Warehouse and Supply
(cr) Cranemen	(i) Inside	(mar) Marine		(se) Sign Erector	
(ees) Electrical Equipment Service	(it) Instrument Technicians				

Efforts are made to make this list as inclusive as possible, but the various job categories of IBEW members are too numerous to comprehensively list all.

the community. Here is a recent example. One of our local hospitals, St. Joseph's, is in the middle of a large renovation project. IBEW/NECA teamed up and donated \$75,000 to a campaign for the hospital's new elevator lobby. As a result, besides getting the work, this new lobby will be named in appreciation of IBEW/NECA.

Among those included in the opening ceremony were our Local 43 Bus. Mgr. Don Morgan and executive manager for NECA's Finger Lakes Chapter, Marilyn Oppedisano. When visitors to St. Joseph's walk through the new lobby to ride in the elevators, they can feel good knowing that IBEW/NECA made the elevators work ... in more ways than one.

Jim Corbett, P.S.

Election of Officers

L.U. 47 (lctt,mo,o,u&uow), DIAMOND BAR, CA—Labor Day is Sept. 5. Enjoy the day brought to you by organized labor.

Local 47 election results are as follows. Patrick Lavin was elected business manager/financial secretary/convention delegate. Pres./Convention Delegate Ron Delgado, Vice Pres. Tyrone Chamois, Rec. Sec. Chris Avila and Treas. Greg Vetter were unopposed. E-Board members Ron Baker and Chris Longoria won their elections, and Dwight Morgan, Richard Paul, Willie Rios, Hipolito Tavarez, John Baca and Arnold Trevino ran unopposed. Examining Board members Mike Hernandez, Trevor Kirkland and Larry Lopez Jr. were unopposed. In addition, elected as convention delegates were: Mike Moore, Armando Mendez, Randy Helldoorn, Ernie Lopez, Arnold Trevino, John Baca, Chris Avila, Stan Stosel and Bobby Van Noy. Congratulations to all!

The Local 47/Southern California Edison Lineman's Rodeo was held June 4. The winning journeyman team was: Jeff Hinojos, Alex Ramirez, Ted Durnerin; senior team was Jack Flavin, Juan Pulido, Willie Rios; 1st place apprentice was Will Payne; groundman was Chris Sanchez.

Work for our Outside Construction Unit has picked up as contractors staff up for the transmission projects in our jurisdiction.

Local 47 Bus. Mgr. and Seventh District IEC member Patrick Lavin recently met with U.S. Energy Secretary Steven Chu regarding the proposed cross-border transmission lines accessing LNG (liquefied natural gas) transmission lines in Mexico as proposed by Semptra Energy.

We mourn the passing of Ryan Bennett, Pauline Walker and Ron Green. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.

Work safe, live well, work union.

Stan Stosel, P.S.

Nexstar Negotiations

L.U. 51 (catv,lctt,o,rtb,t&u), SPRINGFIELD, IL—We welcome our newest members working at City of Geneseo water/waste water department. Their first contract was ratified June 28.

At the time of this writing, the local was struggling with Nexstar Broadcasting negotiations. Our telecommunication members rejected the company's last, best and final offer. As of press time, the union was preparing to file board charges and had reached out to Nexstar advertisers for their support.

The local union mourns the passing of retired Sixth District Int. Vice Pres. Joseph F. Lohman. Bro. Lohman was a good friend to us, both personally

and fraternally. We have many fond memories of Jeff and our prayers go out to his family.

Construction work continues to pick up and should continue for the remainder of the year.

Work safely today and everyday. Please attend your monthly unit meetings.

Karlene Knisley, B.R.

23rd Annual Crappie Tournament

L.U. 53 (lctt,o,rts&u), KANSAS CITY, MO—Our Outside Line Construction remains slow and it doesn't seem that things are going to improve much for the remainder of 2011. The Line Clearance/Tree Trimming is holding pretty steady.

Our 23rd Annual Crappie Tournament held Sat., May 23, was a great success. Winning teams were: 1st place—Nathan Warstadt and Jason Moppin (Southwest Co-op); 2nd place—Roger Wainright and Gary Spoor (construction); 3rd place—Tim Ward and Jimmy Balance (construction); 4th place—Bruce VanCompernelle and Charlie Owen (Local 53 office); and 5th place—Darin Langford and Cameron Scott (construction). Thanks to all members who participated; some drove a great distance from the co-ops and powerhouses. Special thanks also to everyone who helped clean the fish and cook at the fish fry.

Local union elections were held in June. Elected to office were: Bus. Mgr./Fin. Sec. Bob Stuart, Pres. Steve White, Vice Pres. Tracy Riley, Rec. Sec. John Wilson, Treas. Darlene O'Neal; and Executive Board members Eric Youngmans, Rex Long, Craig Rice, Eric Boyer and Rob Doran. Elected as delegates to the 2011 International Convention, to be held in Vancouver, BC, Canada, were: Bob Stuart, Bruce Vancompernelle, Dexter Drerup, Tracy Riley, Jody Kapp, Mike Costigan and Davy Bardwell. Congratulations to all newly elected officers and delegates.

Work smart and work safe! Attend union meetings and get involved. You are the union!

Robert E. Stuart, B.M./F.S.

Career of Service

L.U. 57 (lctt,mo,o,t&u), SALT LAKE CITY, UT—Bus. Mgr./Fin. Sec. Byron Nielsen has chosen to retire at the end of his current term. Byron was employed by Utah Power & Light, currently Rocky Mountain Power, obtaining the classifications of journeyman lineman, journeyman electrician and relay technician. He joined the staff at Local 57 in 1978 and served as assistant business manager for 24 years. In 2002, Byron was elected business manager and served three terms. Byron's leadership and dedication to the IBEW and Local 57 will be missed. The staff and membership of Local 57 wish Byron a well-deserved happy retirement.

The membership elected then-Senior Asst. Bus. Mgr. Brent Donohue as the new business manager/financial secretary. Brent was employed by Utah Power/PacificCorp. and obtained the classification of journeyman plant mechanic. He was a member of the Executive Board as well as shop steward and negotiator for Power Supply. Brent joined the staff at Local 57 in 1997. During this time Brent obtained a bachelor's degree in labor studies from the National Labor College. His knowledge and experience will continue to move the local forward during these tenuous economic and political times.

Scott Long, P.S.



Local 95 members with P1 Group, from left: Kevin Joyce, John Lundien, Cody Davenport and Scot Amos.

Tornado Aftermath in Joplin

L.U. 95 (em,i,lctt,spa&u), JOPLIN, MO—We thank all locals and members for their support through the tragedy of the fierce tornado that hit in Local 95's jurisdiction. The concern and support shown have been overwhelming. We are proud to be IBEW.

Local 95 members and contractors have worked extended hours relocating businesses, families and friends, and themselves to temporary locations since the May 22 EF-5 tornado hit Joplin. More than 450 businesses were destroyed along with public schools and Franklin Technology Center, which works in conjunction with the Local 95 NJATC. Schools are moving to temporary locations so as to start the school year as planned.

Local contractor P1 Group Inc. and Local 95 members (*see photo*) are working directly with Weston Solutions Inc., for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the 13.7 miles of cleanup, right of way and right of entry permits—which means cutting all wires and cables from debris piles, and identifying that all power is off on damaged properties.

Local 95 thanks the line clearance tree trimmers negotiating committee: Ed Ritter, Frank Henson, James Standlee, Ray Holliday and Mike Banks (Wright Tree and Shade Tree Companies) for the hard work getting a three-year contract ratified during these hard economic times.

The 2011 apprentice graduation was held June 7. Congratulations to the graduates: Cody Gandy, Jesse Hall, Jason Henson, Leslie Logan, Scott Nangle, James Richards and Josh Whetzell.

Ron Lundien, B.M.

Lineman's Rodeo

L.U. 111 (em,govt,lctt,mt,o,rtb,spa&u), DENVER, CO—On June 3, the ballots were counted and the membership of Local 111 elected the following members as delegates to the IBEW 38th International Convention: Timio Archuleta, Bruce J. Lawlor, Kristie J. Knudson, Patrick A. Weak, Tammy D. Theis, Dennis Z. LeTurgez, Mike E. Kosteletzky, Robert L. Estrada and Patrick S. Quinn. Bus. Mgr./Fin. Sec. Michael A. Byrd was elected as a delegate in June 2010.

On June 16, the Xcel Energy Lineman's Rodeo took place at the Materials Distribution Center in Henderson, CO. Congratulations to the linemen and apprentices from Local 111 who placed well in the 2011 Lineman's Rodeo. Twenty-one linemen teams

entered and 23 apprentices.

Top linemen team was the Lipan Distribution Center team of Kevin Hinrichs, Josh Slama and Rick Kernan. A team from Borger, TX, was second. Coming in third place was another LDC team of Brett Bell, Trevor Landis and Mike Pfeifer.

Top apprentice was Jordan King of Hereford, TX. Second place through eighth place were Public Service Company of Colorado (PSCO) apprentices, in order: Mark Thomas, Southwest; Dustan Lenser, Boulder; Marcus Christensen, Transmission; Anthony Narducci, Southeast; Justin Hertz, Trouble Dept.; and Wes Hill, Evergreen.

Mike Kosteletzky, P.S.



IBEW linemen in action at the Lineman's Rodeo in June.

Officers & Delegates Elected

L.U. 125 (lctt,o,t&u), PORTLAND, OR—The 2011 election results for officers and delegates to the 38th IBEW Convention have been counted.

Bus. Mgr. Travis Eri, Pres. Larry Browning, Rec. Sec. Raymond Cowell and Treas. Douglas Shaffer were re-elected. Paul Dietrich was elected vice president in a run-off election for that position.

Executive Board members Joseph Gass, Jim Sweet and Patrick Winter retained their seats, and they will be joined by newly-elected member John Yates. Jeffery Davis, Ryan Hagel, Rick Larson, Clay

Local Lines

Perth and Joe Spears will serve on the local's Examining Board.

By virtue of their positions as president and business manager, respectively, Browning and Eri will attend the convention as delegates. The elected delegates are: Randy Bryson, Joseph Gass, Shane Hester, Rick Main, Donald Rose, Douglas Shaffer, Jim Sweet and Patrick Winter. Rod Derting, Tim Titus and Byron Babka will serve as alternates.

there were 992 ballots received, and 862 ballots were tabulated because 130 ballots were declared void.

Congratulations to our new officers and the elected convention delegates.

Marcy Putman, P.S.

'Movers & Shakers'— Bus. Mgr. Appointed to Council

L.U. 139 (i&u), ELMIRA, NY—Members of Local 139 congratulate Bro. Jeremy Horton for being selected to represent the Third District in the "IBEW Has Talent" contest at the International Convention. Jeremy was selected from more than 40 participants from the Third District. We wish him the best of luck in Vancouver, BC.

We also would like to congratulate our own Bus. Mgr. Ernest Hartman for being selected by New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo as a member of the Southern Tier Regional Economic Development Council. This council is composed of 21 individuals from the local area competing to win a share of \$1 billion in state funding to create and retain local jobs. As stated by Lt. Gov. Robert Duffy, "These are the movers and shakers, the super talented people of the region." Good luck, Ernie—you make Local 139 proud.

To date the work situation has been very stable. We are happy to have the opportunity to supply work for many of our brothers and sisters from other areas of the country.

Dave Blauvelt, P.S.

Celebrating 110 Years

L.U. 163 (ees&i), WILKES-BARRE, PA—Local 163 celebrated its 110th anniversary. Our celebration was hosted by Pres. Tom Raub and included a wonderful meal followed by an evening of acknowledgements and presentations, live music and dancing.

Bus. Mgr. Michael Kwashnik presented service awards to retired members including two 65-year awards—to Bros. Raymond Cronauer and Clarence Cronauer. Training Dir. John Nadolny spoke of our graduating class and the rewards of their hard work. Jason Martin was presented with the Apprentice of the Year award along with a set of Klein Tools. Congratulations to the graduating class of 2011.

Guest speakers included state Rep. Eddie Day Pashinski, Wilkes-Barre Mayor Tom Leighton, state Sen. John Yudichak and special guest IBEW Third District Int. Vice Pres. Donald C. Siegel. All shared their thoughts on the successes of our local union and the work we must do as we face the challenges before us.

Local 163 and its membership are proud to be active members of our community. Our local has been involved in a Historical Society project at Hillside farm and wiring a new concession stand for Parson's little league. Additionally, Local 163 Bro. Jeremy Moderwell was appointed to the United Way board.

Dave Novak, P.S.

Welcome to EWMC Events

L.U. 191 (c,i,mo,rtb&st), EVERETT, WA—The EWMC has some upcoming events at a county near you. We are planning family bowling events in Bellingham and Wenatchee. We have a work party in the planning stages for end of summer at the home of a widow, whose information we obtained through an organizing blitz. It's a great story. We also volunteered at Deaconess Children's Center. Thanks to everyone who volunteered. Please call with any suggestions or ideas for some type of event or someone to help; please call Jodi at (360) 391-9990. Our Electrical Workers Minority Caucus meetings are the third Thursday of every month at the Mt. Vernon Union Hall at 6 p.m. Please come to an EWMC meeting to learn more about what we do. Everyone is welcome!

Local 191 held elections in June. Elections are every three years. Congratulations to all those elected, both the new officers and the returning ones. Election results are posted on our Web site at www.ibew191.com. A special thank-you goes out to all who helped with the elections. We had a good turnout.

Rob "Bulldog" De Velder, P.S.



Local 269 Bro. Gene Kehoe Sr. (center) receives his 65-year service award. From left: Pres. Cliff Reisser and Bros. Joe Kehoe, Gene Kehoe Sr. and Gene Kehoe Jr.

Dinner to Honor Retirees

L.U. 269 (i&o), TRENTON, NJ—The Stone Terrace by John Henry's in Hamilton Township was the site of our 2011 Retirees Awards Banquet. We had 115 members in attendance honoring 63 retired members.

At the banquet, Bus. Mgr. Stephen Aldrich and Pres. Clifford Reisser presented service awards. Gene Kehoe Sr. received a 65-year service award. Blaine Sipler and Charles Walsh received 55-year service awards. Paul Clark, Gerry Hullfish, Tony Jeanette and Mike Keegan received 45-year service pins. Forty-year pins went to: Jim Apgar, Tom Bates, Rudy Brown, Gabby Dibacz, Bill Eggert and Frank Robinson. Awarded 35-year pins were: Wes Howell, Brian Proctor and Mike Layne. Thirty-year service pins went to Gary Amoss and Bob Dombrowski. Gary Amoss, Glen Dobron and Tony Zamparelli received 30-year watches.

The Good of the Union Committee continues its efforts to serve our local community, and a blood drive was held in June. Thirty-one units were collected for The Community Blood Council of New Jersey, our area blood bank that provides blood support to approximately 24 area hospitals in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

The summer brought with it some temporary relief for some members, with jobs at our local universities. We hope our future will begin to look brighter as our economy starts to recover.

D. Brian Proctor, P.S.

Apprentice Graduation

L.U. 309 (i,lctt,mo,mt,o,rts,spa&u), COLLINSVILLE, IL—A graduation party and dinner were held May 14 at Sunset Hills Country Club to honor apprentice graduates in the telecommunications and inside wireman branches. Receiving diplomas were: Nick Doyle, Luke Lednicki, Paul Magruder, Mark Parrott, Carlos Perez, Mike Ratz, Robin Renschen, Emily Riebeling, Josh Ritzheimer, Andy Sternau, Brian Stuart, Cory Swinney, Corey West, Nick Bond, Lamont Edwards and William Nobbe.

The local union election was held June 6. Newly elected officers are: Bus. Mgr./Fin. Sec. Scott Hassall, Pres. Chris Burns, Vice Pres. Mike Hayes, Rec. Sec. Kevin Williamson, Treas. Larry Aleksandrian; Executive Board wiremen—Chris Huckins, Dan Sodam and Josh Wiegers; Executive Board linemen—Quinton Fluss, Brandon Gravot and Dave Hall; Executive Board At-Large—Mike Faust and Chris Snyder; and Examining Board wiremen—Nick Schroeder and Jason Stief. Delegates to the International Convention are: Tim Evans, Chris Huckins, Scott Tweedy and Chris Weir. Congratulations to all officers and delegates.

Our Local 309 PAC Golf Tournament was held June 24. As in previous years, it was well-attended and a big success.

Scott Tweedy, A.B.M.

2010 Retirees Honored

L.U. 351 (c,cs,i,it,lctt,mt,o,se,spa&t), FOLSOM, NJ—At our April 2011 general meeting we honored all our retirees who retired during 2010. Our retired honorees were given IBEW watches engraved with

their names and retirement date. We congratulate them and wish them the very best in their retirement. We hope they all remain active in the local and participate in our many upcoming union functions.

We also held a special remembrance for our Bro. Bobby Carter, who was killed on a jobsite accident. In remembrance of Bro. Carter, a chair was left empty for the group photograph (see picture). Bobby was an awesome guy and a great IBEW member, who will be sadly missed.

Daniel Cosner, P.S.



At April meeting, Local 351 honors retirees. Standing, from left: Pres. Bill Hosey, Dennis James, Bob Quinn, Joe Malecki, Ed Smith, Paul Rynolds, Jim Ellwanger, Joe Murowany, Gordon Araujo. Seated: Dennis Hahn, Joe Sawyer, Charlie Pfrommer, Bus. Mgr. Edward Gant, Joe Ertel, Chuck Schaffer and Tom Kershaw.



Local 357 members Gary Pitts (left) and Terry Large celebrate their retirement.

Brotherhood Golf Tournament

L.U. 357 (c,i,mt&se), LAS VEGAS, NV—On July Fourth we celebrated our nation's birthday by participating in the Boulder City Damboree. It was especially special for us being the birthplace of our local 80 years ago—when the Hoover Dam was built. This gives us an opportunity to educate the community on our deep routes and the benefits of the IBEW.

Now, 80 years after the Hoover Dam's construction, we find ourselves with history repeating itself. Our nation needs infrastructure and jobs just as it did in the 1930s, and working people are finding that they are being taken advantage of in terms of working conditions and wages.

We do have the joy of celebrating another anniversary next month, with our 10th annual Brotherhood Welfare Golf Tournament. It will be held Saturday, Oct. 22, at Palm Valley Golf Course. At press time, there are still a few openings for those who are interested.

Finally, we thank and congratulate Bro. Gary Pitts and Bro. Terry Large on their retirement. Together they have 26 years on staff. We appreciate their service, representation, and continued dedication to Local 357.

Don't forget to come to our annual picnic Oct. 1 at Floyd Lamb Park.

Aaron L. Jones, P.S.

Kudos to Volunteers

L.U. 359 (u), MIAMI, FL—We have been busy here with contract negotiations with Florida Power & Light and also with the "munis" we represent, especially with the City of Lake Worth, which claims a financial emergency with no funds to offer pay increases. They keep trying to deny benefits to our members that we negotiated in previous contracts.

This is a common story across the country—municipal, state and local government entities trying to avoid negotiating in good faith with workers.

Remember who these people are at election time. We will support those who support us, but our enemies we will defeat.

Local 359 elections resulted in a few new faces. Doug Sawyer goes from treasurer to vice president, and Walter Lamb is the new treasurer. We have some changes on the E-Board: the Underground rep is Justin Stockton, who was also elected System Council rep for the Underground Dept. Delegates to the International Convention are: Bus. Mgr./Pres. Dwight Mattox, Steve Flynn, Alice Keller, Doug Sawyer; and alternate Kevin Buchwald.

Our Community Affairs directors have been busy. Alice Keller coordinated a group of 30 volunteers for a big Habitat for Humanity project.

Also, our nuclear plant members participated in a United Way project with our coordinator Eddie Nettles. Forty Local 359 volunteers helped refurbish a mental health facility and we also had groups from T&D, who provided heavy equipment. Hats off to all volunteers.

The System Council is negotiating with the Florida Power & Light group. We need to support this committee by staying united and providing information on issues if asked.

Steve Flynn, F.S., P.S.

Bus. Mgr. Maraia Retires

L.U. 363 (catv,em,govt,i,t,u&ws), NEW CITY, NY—Hello to our fellow brothers and sisters from Local 363. Our congratulations go to former Bus. Mgr. John Maraia, who announced his retirement effective July 1, 2011. We extend our gratitude to Bro. Maraia for his dedicated service to Local 363. John has served our local for 40-plus decades, in many capacities—as a journeyman, shop steward, foreman, general foreman, assistant business manager and, finally, as business manager for the last seven years. We were fortunate to have such a strong leader to carry us through the most difficult economic and political times our union has ever seen. We at Local 363 thank John and wish him and his wife, Christine, a long and happy retirement.

Our Executive Board unanimously voted to appoint Sam Fratto III as Local 363 business manager for the remainder of the unexpired term. Sam has been a fixture in the labor movement for more than 24 years, since first being appointed as a business representative in 1987. He was previously elected business manager of former Local 631 in 1992, prior to a merger with Local 363. We are sure that our union will continue to move forward and gain strength under Sam's strong leadership.

Kevin Keeley, P.S.



Current Local 363 Bus. Mgr. Sam Fratto III (left) and retired business manager John Maraia attend a union clambake.

Retiree Awarded Trophy

L.U. 379 (i,o&rtb), CHARLOTTE, NC—Many know retired Bro. Tony Quarino from his days with the Preferred Electric shop, where he worked for 11 years. In the past eight years however, Tony has built a reputation as an award-winning turkey call maker.

In 2010, Bro. Quarino was awarded a first-place trophy for his decorative set of turkey calls at the National Wild Turkey Federation Convention held in Nashville, TN. In February of this year at the NWTF National Convention, he received another first-place award, this time for his one-sided turkey box call.

Since entering competitions, our brother has received more than 50 other NWTF awards at the nationals in Nashville, the Midwest Call-Making Competition in Wisconsin, and the North Carolina and Southeast competitions in Raleigh, NC. Tony and his wife, Rosemary, currently live in historic Waxhaw, NC, where he continues with his passionate hobby making some of the finest turkey calls around!

Circuit 379 open for now. ...

Guy B. DePasquale, P.S.



Local 379 retiree Tony Quarino displays his first-place NWTF trophy.

Apprentice Graduation

L.U. 413 (em&i), SANTA BARBARA, CA—Congratulations to our 2011 graduating inside apprenticeship class (see photo). Chris Thomas was named Outstanding Graduate and Jack Bean received the Dedication Award. Jack Bean and Cory Philley garnered the Community Bank Achievement Award. The future of our industry is certainly in excellent hands!

Newly elected officers for Local 413 are: Bus. Mgr./Fin. Sec. Chuck Huddleston, Pres. Joseph M. Furino, Vice Pres. Rockie Ginter, Rec. Sec. David Poorbaugh, Treas. Jon Paola; Executive Board members David Beyea, Roger Cheatham, Fredy Gutierrez, Don Hay and Rikki King; and Examining Board members Tim Bennett, Brian Gregory and John Hughes. Elected for a three-year term, the officers were installed in July. Thanks to the outgoing officers for their service to Local 413.

Chuck Huddleston, B.M./F.S.



Local 413 celebrates the graduation of apprentices. From left: Bus. Mgr./Fin. Sec. Chuck Huddleston, Ben Young, Ryan Weaklim, Joseph Torres II, Chris Thomas, Jack Bean, Brad Campbell, David Petersen, Cory Philley, Ramon Zepeda, Training Dir. Brian Gregory and NECA Chapter Mgr. Shari Brunner.



Local 531 congratulates the 2011 apprentice graduating class.

Progress Meeting

L.U. 449 (catv,em,i,o,rtb,rts,spa&u), POCATELLO, ID—The Eighth District Progress Meeting, held in Sun Valley, was a success. A lot of good information was given out by the International. Congratulations to our own Mike Miera and his band for representing the Eight District in the IBEW Has Talent event at the convention in Vancouver.

I wish to thank all the contractors and their employees who have helped in getting the information to fill out the Davis Bacon survey that the Department of Labor is conducting this year. It is a huge undertaking, but it has to be done to keep our prevailing wage up and give our contractors a level playing field with the nonunion. Failure to do the reporting can be devastating to the members and the contractors on Davis Bacon jobs.

Thanks also go to our JATC Training Dir. John Baker, his staff and the apprentices for their hard work and dedication in getting our new training center up and running.

Congratulations and best wishes to Ronald Parsons and Aaron Witherspoon on their retirement.

Remember that with the fight against the middle class, it is no time to become complacent. Fiscal irresponsibility was created by those who say they are being responsible.

Chris Lochridge, A.B.M.

'Bringing Back Lost Projects'

L.U. 495 (em,i&o), WILMINGTON, NC—Morgan Mechanical Contractors Inc. and members of IBEW Locals 495 and 342 (Winston-Salem, NC) completed a new McDonald's in Surf City, NC, and also the renovation of another in Wilmington, NC. We look forward to Morgan coming back into our jurisdiction very soon to start work on a new McDonald's in Hampstead, NC, and another renovation in Carolina Beach, NC.

Additionally, our members saw the completion of a Habitat for Humanity House, which was dedicated June 11, for the Blevins family (Rachael, Christina and Laura) in Newport, NC. With the tough economy, work had stopped on this project for a while; however, the electrical side stayed ahead of all other crafts. Special thanks to Local 495 member

Gary Ball for coordinating the project and to Dan Able for getting the final finishing touches completed to have the house ready for the dedication.

Graham Blackburn, B.M.



Members of IBEW Locals 495 and 342 working with Morgan Mechanical Contractors Inc. completed several McDonald's projects.

Community Involvement is Key

L.U. 531 (i), LAPORTE, IN—In the summertime we again step up our efforts in community involvement. In June, Local 531 and our Building Trades participated in a street collection for United Way at one of the busiest intersections in our jurisdiction. We also participate in a United Way Dodge Ball Tournament, Rebuilding Together, Relay for Life and Habitat for Humanity. We provide electrical support for many community festivals, and we are always ready and able when asked by our friendly politicians for a helping hand on projects that need our expertise.

We had an entry in the LaPorte Fourth of July parade and as always we were well-received. Parades and marches are an excellent way to keep our organization in the hearts and minds of the public. Our participation in such events serves as a reminder that we are their neighbors, friends and family. Community involvement is key. It is of utmost importance that we are seen as volunteering our time for the good of the communities where we live.

Congratulations to our 2011 apprentice graduates. [See photo at top.] The new journeymen are: Jonathan Baburek, Thomas Foreman, Dave Harmon, James Harrington, Prentiss Hervey, Jon Iacovetti, Daniel Minix, Jeremy Rayner, Kris Reed, Michael Rose, Rick Sojka, Troy Swanson and Joshua Werth. May you all have long and rewarding careers.

Dean F. Harmon, P.S.

Gary Winfield Retires

L.U. 547 (rr), GALESBURG, IL—Bro. Gary Winfield recently announced his retirement. Bro. Winfield began work for the Burlington Northern Railroad in Cicero, IL. He served Local 547 as president for two terms. He also was local chairman and Executive

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Board member. Additionally, he was on the Executive Board of the System Council and a delegate to the International Convention. Bro. Winfield served later in his career as an advisor to many local officers and was well known in his day to never be intimidated while fighting for the local's causes.

Local 547 officers and members wish Gary a long and happy well-deserved retirement. The local extends deepest gratitude for his dedicated service on behalf of the membership.

Terry R. Pind, R.S.

Solar Project at Quarry

L.U. 551 (c,i&st), SANTA ROSA, CA—As we head into the summer season, our work picture and books are still moving slowly. Although our contractors have picked up work here in the North Bay, it is still slower than we have seen in past summers when our books were usually clear. We hope the Geothermal Plant will get rolling by fourth quarter, which will put our members to work.

Napa Electric finished a project to give title to a local quarry to be the reportedly first in the world to go 100 percent solar. On May 11, Mark West Quarry flipped the switch to remove grid power and had full quarry operation. The system is capable of generating 1,165,000 kilowatt hours. Approximately 200 dignitaries and guests were in attendance for the ceremonial switch.

Denise D. Soza, P.S./B.R.

Solar Conference in Raleigh

L.U. 553 (i,mt,o&ws), RALEIGH, NC—A national solar conference sponsored by the American Solar Energy Society took place in Raleigh May 17-21.

Green energy technology is an industry impor-

tant to the IBEW and is to be taken seriously. We must work to harness this market rapidly before we lose it. I saw this situation for myself when I attended the conference with the goal of representing Local 553 and the IBEW at the event. We need to act before roofing contractors and other trade contractors win this market.

The jurisdiction has more electrical contractors coming to the area. More opportunities are being developed.

At press time, the local also was making preparations for our 2nd Annual Cookout, which we hope many of you had a chance to attend.

Recently, the local had a very unfortunate occurrence on a line project with a line contractor. One of our members, Tim Moldenhauer, was seriously injured. The local's thoughts, prayers and best wishes are with our brother and his family as he recuperates.

David A. Ingram, P.S.



IBEW Local 553 member David Ingram (right) speaks with UL Business Dev. Mgr. Daniel Burrell at ASES National Solar Conference.



Local 557 members working for Nelson Electric at White Pine Middle School, from left: Scott McFarland, Bernie Atwater, Chad Throop, Scott Sova, Keith Mercier and Ben Small.

Success Story

L.U. 557 (i,mt,rts&spa), SAGINAW, MI—In summer 2009, a major bond vote was held in the Saginaw Township. Township schools hoped to pass a \$40 million bond to perform needed work on aging schools over a three-year period.

With the aid of many Local 557 members, the bond passed. This step was just the starting point for our local. The first year, six electrical projects were to be completed. Local 557 was fortunate to perform the work on two of the six. Thanks to top-notch quality work performed by our membership, we gained five of the six electrical projects the next summer. Our local is very proud that in the summer of 2011, all the electrical work done at the Saginaw Township schools was done 100 percent union labor. Our local successfully gained the entire market share in one of the largest school districts in Michigan.

How did we manage to be so fortunate? Simply by utilizing our quality IBEW work force. Our local proved that by completing work on time and under budget, you can still achieve a good name and earn repeat business. In all, nearly \$3 million worth of electrical work was done at the schools. Our local was proud to have \$2.4 million worth of that work, leaving only \$400,000 left over for the nonunion side.

If there are some skeptical members who don't think that hard work and staying on top of something can pay off these days, look no further than the countless local members who were proud to work on these local projects. This was a truly successful venture for Local 557.

Evan Allardye, P.S.

Protect California Green Jobs

L.U. 569 (i,mar,mt,rts&spa), SAN DIEGO, CA—On June 10, our local was proud to hold our annual apprentice graduation ceremony. We had 85 Inside Wireman and 10 Sound graduates. More than 500 guests attended. Along with proud families and friends, many dignitaries attended including U.S. Rep. Bob Filner. Award

winners were as follows: Outstanding Inside Wireman Graduate—Tony McCowen; Outstanding Inside Wireman Graduate runner-up—Scott Mitchum; Outstanding Sound Technician Graduate—John Todd; Lifelong Learning Award recipient—Marvin Allen; JATC Scholarship winner—apprentice Ronnie Maynard; and IBEW Volunteer Service Award recipient—Amy Robersshaw. Congratulations to award recipients and to all apprentice graduates.

We continue working to protect California green jobs by opposing Sempra Energy's proposed cross-border transmission line to connect energy projects in Mexico with California's grid. This undermines U.S. environmental and labor standards and outsources jobs. Our jurisdiction includes Imperial County, a hard-hit region with 28 percent unemployment. Fortunately, Imperial has plentiful renewable resources for green energy projects that can put members to work. We are working with elected officials, community partners and locals statewide to prioritize California green energy and create jobs. During this recession, outsourcing even one job, as Sempra is proposing to do, is one job too many.

David Taylor, P.S.

Paperfest Festival a Success

L.U. 577 (em&i), APPLETON, WI—Local 577 once again volunteered union labor to power the Paperfest Festival held at Sunset Park in Kimberly, WI. Paperfest is a fun, family oriented festival that raises money for nonprofit and civic organizations in Fox Valley. Spanning four days each July, it offers fun for all ages through games, sports, music and food.

This year marked the 14th consecutive year Local 577 members have volunteered their time and expertise in building and maintaining temporary power panels/generators for the celebration. A special thank-you to Local 577 members who volunteered their time for the Paperfest Festival. [See photo on pg. 11.]

June was election of officers in Local 577. Elected to three-year terms were: Bus. Mgr. Greg Young, Pres. Dan Rickel, Vice Pres. Brian Mason, Rec. Sec. Jamie Darkow, Fin. Sec. Tom Schlender and Treas. Steve Schanke. Elected to the E-Board were: Kevin Johansen, Joe Welcing and Jim Gorski. Elected to the Exam Committee were: Gary Weber, Rick Schmidt, Jeremy Clark, Bob Hoetchl and Jerry Booth. Congratulations to all.

Dan Rickel, B.R.

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San Diego Local 569's 2011 apprentice graduating class. Photo courtesy of MH Photography.



Local 577 Paperfest Festival volunteers, from left: Steve Schanke, Tony Hardy, Bill Becher, Jerry Booth, Dave VandeVyver, Dan Rickel and Dennis O'Kane.

Scholarship Winners Announced

L.U. 595 (c,govt,i&st), DUBLIN, CA—Congratulations to the 2011 Thomas J. Sweeney Scholarship Awards recipients: Alicia Marie DeSoto Burrue, Erik Leyva, Kyle Murray, Amanda Owyong, Austin Price, Caitlin Denning, Gabrielle Koizumi, Paige Perkett, Cody Walker, Cheyenne Barnard, Alicia Bernardino, Devin Bratset, Karim Torres, Maxwell Kellogg, Vito Lee and Joanna Tran-Fitts. The recipients are Local 595 members or their dependents.

We concluded our elections in June. Congratulations to newly elected officers, sworn in at the July union meeting.

The first annual IBEW 595 Safety Fair was held at our union hall in early June. An enthusiastic crowd of more than 200 participated, despite unseasonably wet weather that Saturday. Participants attended safety seminars and visited booths to learn about the latest safety tools and equipment available in the industry. [Photo, below.]

Fantastic graduation ceremonies recently were held for our East and West apprentices in both the Inside and Sound and Communication programs. We wish these new graduates great IBEW careers.

Members voted at our wage allocation meeting in May to put \$1.15 to our Health Reimbursement Account, \$0.60 to Health and Welfare, and \$0.50 on the check.

We look forward to a new semester of journeyman and installer upgrade classes including the CALCTP (California Advanced Lighting Controls Training Program) certification class at our Training Center. We encourage all members to sign up for this continuing education in our fast-changing industry.

Tom Mullarkey, B.R.

Annual Steak Stag

L.U. 601 (i&rtb), CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, IL—Our local just held its annual steak stag at our local hall and the turnout was great. Bob Woodard was in charge of the steak stag with our apprentices helping with the



Local 595 members take Hilti certification class at the local's recent Safety Fair.

preparation and cleanup. We thank the committee and their helpers for the great job they did. The steaks were cooked to perfection. In addition to the great meal we enjoyed, there were drawings for prizes. Several of our retired members came out to enjoy the food and the great time. It was great to see them.

Our work situation is not looking much better. There are 35 members on book one and 196 travelers on book two. Due to the slow recovery of our economy, it may be a while before all of our members are back to work.

Dan Hatter, P.S.



Local 611 Bus. Mgr. Mark Trujillo (right) is sworn in to office.

Election of Officers

L.U. 611 (catv,es,govt,i,lctt,o,spa,t&u), ALBUQUERQUE, NM—Local 611 election results are as follows: Bus. Mgr./Fin. Sec. Mark Trujillo, Pres. Carl Condit, Vice Pres. Joseph Blea, Rec. Sec. Clifford Trujillo, Treas. Bobby Martinez; Examining Board members Rodney Becenti, David Griego, Jose Martinez Jr., Eugene Romero, Edward Tafoya Jr.; Executive Board members Rita Beebe, Sherry Mouton, Bob Porter, Alan Shepherd, Richard Traczyk, Daniel Trujillo and Pete Trujillo. Delegates are: Jim Baca, Carl Condit, Shannon Fitzgerald, Chris Frentzel, Richard Sandoval, Ed Tafoya, Alex Trujillo, Daniel Trujillo and Mark Trujillo. All those elected were sworn in on July 16. Congratulations to all.

Alan Jander and Aubree Espinosa received the IBEW Local 611 Apprentice Achievement Award for the 2010-2011 school year. The criteria for the award are that an apprentice must attend at least six union meetings, must be a member in good standing and have either a 92 percent or above average or perfect class attendance. Great job, guys.

Local 611 extends condolences to the families of the following members who recently passed away: Willie W. Canon, Roy D. Fancher, Clarence J. Exon, Otis

Henson, Guadalupe L. Moya, Rex Ward, Robert A. Martinez, William L. Shortz and Elvis H. Bennett.

Darrell J. Blair, P.S.

Apprenticeship Class of 2011

L.U. 617 (c,i,mo&st), SAN MATEO, CA—Congratulations to the graduating Apprenticeship Class of 2011! The local welcomes to its ranks: new inside wiremen Edgar Alcantara, Ryan Alcon, Scotty Allen, Arley Arnold, Daniel Brown, David Brown, LeBron Brown, Justin Clark, Latanna Edwards, Juan Felix, Kevin Garibaldi, Michael Giusti, Nicholas Herbert, Stephen Hill, Dustin Katz, Ronald Labayan, Jared Lamb, Mitch LeBlanc, Gabriel Lopez, Jessie Magana, Jonathan Marcal, David McMurdo, Mayo Ortiz, Ramon Regoso, Leah Sachs, Sara Serrano, Eric Sloan, Abraham Talakai Jr., Perry Thompson, Christian Thomsen, Stephen Weikel and David Wilson; and new Sound and Communications installer Brian Dragges. Scotty Allen received special recognition as Outstanding Electrical Apprentice of the Year. We are proud of you sisters and brothers!

From June 11-19, the apprentice-built Solar Trailer was on display at the San Mateo County Fair under the leadership of Leah Sachs. The local enjoyed its annual picnic on Aug. 20 and the Sixth Annual Day at the Range on Aug. 27. None of these events could enjoy the success they do without the incredible generosity and commitment of the volunteer brothers and sisters who staff them. The membership recognizes their efforts and hard work with heartfelt gratitude and a big round of applause!

Dan Pasini, V.P.

Work Picture Promising

L.U. 639 (i&rts), SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA—The local held elections for officers, and ballots were counted June 18. Congratulations to those elected: Bus. Mgr./Fin. Sec. Mark Simonin, Pres. Mark Satterfield, Vice Pres. Brett Malone, Rec. Sec. John Ponzetti, and E-Board members Tim Friend, Tom Monroe, Jeff Mosher and Sean Perry. At this writing, the position of treasurer had not yet been filled. Also, a big thank-you to Paul Lord for his dedication as election judge and to election tellers Jesse Campos and Clint Cochran.

The work horizon looks promising in our jurisdiction for the rest of the year and into the beginning of 2012. At press time, there is a good possibility of dispatching some traveling brothers and sisters late this summer and into fall when the California Valley Solar Ranch project breaks ground.

On Labor Day this year take a moment to think of the sacrifices many brothers and sisters who came before you made so that your family could enjoy the quality of life you have today. It was less than 100 years ago that men, women and children died trying to organize and start unions to improve their quality of life. That truly deserves more than a moment of

thought. Don't drop your guard; the Republican agenda is trying to turn back the clock 100 years by throwing working families under the bus again.

John Ponzetti, P.S.

Refinery Project a Success

L.U. 649 (i,lctt,o,rts,spa&u), ALTON, IL—Local 649 is proud to announce that we are building a new union hall. We should move in by early 2012. Thanks for a job well-done go to members of the Building Committee: David Mahanay, Phil Davidson, Dave Burns, Scott Frenz, Sean Gregory, Jeff Frankford, Alan Uzzell, Pres. Mark Woulfe, Bus. Mgr. Jack Tueth and Asst. Bus. Mgr. Charles Yancey.

As the Coker and Refinery Expansion Project at the ConocoPhillips Refinery nears completion, Local 649 enjoys full employment. At press time, more than 300 travelers are currently working here. We thank all the traveling brothers and sisters who are helping or have helped make this project a success. Bus. Mgr. Tueth expressed his gratitude by grilling bratwursts for the travelers who cleared through for July.

Increased pressure in the slow economy from the nonunion and the Carpenters' fake electricians union continues to keep Organizer Alan Rubenstein busy. Local 649 is very active, picketing and salting the rat contractors and hand-billing the businesses that hire them. Bro. Loren Kulp deserves special recognition for salting a Carpenters Local 57 contractor.

Charles Yancey, A.B.M.

Apprentice Graduation Banquet

L.U. 915 (i&mt), TAMPA, FL—Our 2011 JATC Banquet and Completion Ceremony was held in May and chaired by Bro. Randall King. We had a combined class of 17 graduating to inside journeyman wireman status.

Two graduates had perfect attendance for all five years of apprenticeship: Jeffery Marotta and Robert Scanlon. Sean Sonderath had perfect attendance his third, fourth and fifth years. Mark Brady had perfect attendance his fourth and fifth years.

We had two graduating apprentices, representing their respective graduating classes, who were recognized as leaders—academically, on the job, and on the local union level. The JATC recognizes the exceptional attitude, skill and knowledge that propel an apprentice to the top of the class. The outstanding



Local 915 graduating apprentices: from left, front row (kneeling), Mark Brady, Robert Scanlon, Tyler Morrow, Sean Sonderath; middle row, Travis Peterson, Geoffrey Martin, Richard Velez Jr., Jeff Steinbach, Alan Bell, Kristofer Gusha; back row, Jeff Marotta, Jeff Davis, Ryan McGinnis, Fernando Guillen, Ben Lomsak, Wesley Bland and Jonathan Fielder.

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apprentice for the December 2010 class is Mark Brady and for the April 2011 class, Jeffery Marotta.

This year's Brad Felker Memorial Award recipient has overcome many obstacles in his life and has become a fine example of what true dedication and loyalty exemplify; he is a great role model, a valuable asset and represents the IBEW with character. This award goes to Jeff Davis.

Local 915 extends our best wishes to all the graduating apprentices for a successful, prosperous career.

Theresa King, P.S.

Contracts Ratified

L.U. 965 (em,govt,ptc&u), MADISON, WI—The members at Rock Energy Cooperative ratified a new four-year agreement effective June 1, 2011. The agreement includes wage increases in each year of the agreement.

On June 23, 2011, the members at Everbrite manufacturing voted to accept a last, best and final offer given by management. The new five-year contract includes significant increases in medical premiums, reduction in floating holiday, reductions in pension contributions, loss of paid lunch period and no wage increase in year one followed by small increases in wages each of the next four years.

On June 30, 2011, the votes were counted and the members accepted the agreement with Alliant Energy/Wisconsin Power & Light effective through May 31, 2014. Among the many changes are: a small increase in overtime pay to offset the loss of meal allowances, more medical costs being transferred to the employees, elimination of company sponsored life insurance for retirees, and changes to the "Reduction in Forces" process. The agreement also included small wage increases in 2012, 2013 and 2014.

Kurt Roberts, P.S.

Solar Technology Training

L.U. 1015 (em&i), WESLACO, TX—Members of IBEW Local 1015 completed a 48-hour PV 400 Utility Scale PV System Design & Installation course held in June at the Rio Grande Valley/Laredo JATC. The course was provided by Imagine Solar.

It was a great experience in training members and provided hands-on training labs that allowed participants to install a grid-tied PV system, conduct site assessments, and learn the technical

aspects of photovoltaic modules.

Solar training is very important for Local 1015, as this specific type of work is in our jurisdiction and will grow even larger in our area. Thanks to training like the PV 400 course, members will be prepared to take on job assignments in such work.

Training is the key within the IBEW. Likewise it is what qualifies contractors and their employees to perform all aspects of electrical industry work. Training brings expanding work opportunities, allowing us to provide a total package as none other: "We are the IBEW." Thank you to Imagine Solar for giving Local 1015 the opportunity in training our qualified work force in emerging solar energy technology.

Ray R. Duran, Training Dir.

60-Year Member Honored

L.U. 1049 (lctt,o,u&uow), LONG ISLAND, NY—At our June general meeting, we celebrated the 60-year membership anniversary of Bro. Walter Anketell. Bro. Anketell worked as a Local 1049 line clearance tree trimmer for 50 years and has continued his IBEW career in our Flagging Division. Bus. Mgr. Robert Shand presented Walter an IBEW gold watch. Int. Rep. Richard M. Redmond presented him a 60-year pin and a letter from Int. Pres. Edwin D. Hill. Town of Babylon Supervisor Steve Ballone presented Walter with a proclamation.

We concluded negotiations for our members in the Gas Craft Division. The new three-year agreement, valued at a 12.6 percent increase, includes general wage increases and an increase in the employer-funded Health and Welfare Funds. We introduced a new 401(k) plan, a new three person open trench agreement and a new laborer rate. The contract was overwhelmingly ratified by the affected membership.

As expected, National Grid recently announced the future closing of the Far Rockaway and Glenwood Landing Power Stations. Fortunately, at our last Utility contract negotiation, we were able to negotiate enhancements to the seniority and lay-off provisions of the Utility Agreement. As of this writing, we are awaiting a decision from the Long Island Power Authority as to the awarding of the new Maintenance Service Agreement.

Please note that due to the International Convention, our September general meeting will be held Sept. 13 at 7 p.m.

Thomas J. Dowling, R.S.



Local 1015 members completed a solar PV course. From left, front row, kneeling: Angel Castillo, Roy Hernandez, Ray R. Duran (JATC training director), Ronnie Flores, Pablo Puente, Sergio A. Salinas, Adrian Cantu, Leonel Alvarado. Back row: Jonathan Robles, Rigoberto Gonzalez, Jose Calderon, Paul Sivy, Rafael Martinez, Jorge Cepeda, Guadalupe Hernandez III, Sergio Cavazos, William Balsells, Gerardo Negrete, Eduardo Gonzalez, Horacio Garcia, Aaron Bazan, Silvestre Barrera, Guadalupe Hernandez Jr., Francisco Hernandez, David Vasquez and Miguel Sanchez.



Local 1393 journeyman lineman Mark Davis displays IBEW logo on his fishing boat.

Kudos to Recent Retirees

L.U. 1307 (u), SALISBURY, MD—Local 1307 recognizes seven members who retired March 1: Barbara Powell, Brenda Riley, Patrick Sharkey, Charles Turner, Gerald Wheatley, Wade Willey and Brian Satterwhite.

Sister Powel started at Delmarva Power as a junior clerk in 1971 and later held clerical associate II and service associate jobs.

Sister Riley began at Delmarva Power in 1966 as an intermediate senior clerk. She later worked as a senior clerical associate and as a service associate specialist.

Brother Sharkey started work in 1988 as a groundman. He completed the apprentice lineman program and became a journeyman lineman in 1998.

Brother Turner started as a groundman with Delmarva Power in 1976. Charlie completed the apprentice lineman program and became a journeyman lineman. He later held a trouble serviceman position.

Brother Wheatley began at Delmarva Power as a laborer in 1980 and became a meter reader.

Brother Willey started at Delmarva Power as a coal handler in 1971 and subsequently worked as an engineering fieldman for many years.

Brother Satterwhite started as a meter reader with Delmarva Power in 1979. Brian transferred into the line crew, completed the apprentice lineman

program and became a journeyman lineman. He was later awarded a trouble serviceman position.

Best wishes to these members for a long and happy retirement.

Edward D. Sparks, P.S.

Brother Displays Union Pride

L.U. 1393 (catv,lctt,o,t&u), INDIANAPOLIS, IN—Bro. Mark Davis displays his union pride every time he enters fishing tournaments—he wrapped his boat with IBEW logos. [See photo above.] "The reason I wrapped my boat was to bring the trade more into the public eye; I am very proud to be a journeyman lineman," Davis says.

Vectren Energy Delivery closed 16 of 29 field offices in April. Local 1393 is currently challenging this action with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission as it relates to safety for the customers and members.

The current work outlook is very good for our construction members out of the hall. Any members wanting to work right now have been dispatched.

Robert C. Fox, P.S.

Memorial Golf Tournament

L.U. 1439 (u), ST. LOUIS, MO—The 16th Annual Tom Kraus Memorial Golf Tournament was held Saturday, June 11. Sunshine, 80 degrees, a light breeze—it was wonderful watching and playing golf at Sunset Lakes Golf Course. We heard comments such as, "This is the best weather ever..." and, "Did Kraus order this weather from heaven?" We believe he did and everyone enjoyed it.

Our players stepped up and donated big time. Some 124 golfers had a great time; they also bought "Pot of Gold" tickets and participated in the Skins Game, where most winners donated their winnings back to Hope Lodge! IBEW Local 1 sponsored our Margarita Hole, and we collected a tidy sum for the "IBEW Relief Fund" as well.



Local 1307 members help restore power after a major snowstorm hit the Washington, D.C., area.



Trophy winners at Local 1439's Tom Kraus Memorial Golf Tournament, from left: Rich Gragg, Adam Rutz, Terry Wall and John Seiter.

Our volunteers are terrific. They cooked brats and pork steaks; helped set up and tear down; brought coolers and ice, etc.

Those talented Jefferson County boys—Rich Gragg, Adam Rutz, John Seiter and Terry Wall—won 1st Place “A” Flight with a cool 58. And our own Mike Walter, John Desmond, Doug Mueller and Matt Kopecky won 1st Place “B” Flight with a 73.

We presented a check to Hope Lodge for \$5,691.60. Thanks to all participants for their support of the tournament. I know Tom Kraus is proud of our camaraderie and solidarity. Our contributions to local charities set us apart. We couldn’t do it without you—see you next year!

Mike Walter, B.M.

Amtote & Racing Industry

L.U. 1501 (ees,em,mo,pet,rts&t), BALTIMORE, MD—Our members employed by Amtote, who work in the racing industry, take pride in the fact that Harry Straus invented the Tote and Oscar Levy invented Automatic Odds, which revolutionized wagering. Since 1933 the firm has been headquartered in Maryland and provides pari-mutual machines and operators at racetracks and off-track betting around the world. The invention, marketing and servicing of Amtote machines throughout the industry is part of the American expertise that helped make America great, providing good jobs for our members and a decent standard of living for their families.

The decline in betting has been an industry-wide problem, which in most states was met with the introduction of slots at racetracks. The state of Maryland stood and watched. The change of fortune at the tracks in neighboring states was dramatic. The infusion of slot money meant richer purses and upgraded facilities. Despite this, Maryland decided to operate free-standing gambling parlors with legislation to provide slot proceeds for refurbishment of race track properties. Time will tell if this was a wise decision that will sustain racing in Maryland.

Recently, a local news reporter disclosed that communities adjacent to racetracks in Maryland received millions in yearly stipends from racetrack revenue. Bus. Mgr./Pres. Dion F. Guthrie said this information should have been made public earlier, as it would have helped the racetrack’s cause in gaining slots.

Thomas J. Rostkowski, R.S.

Full Employment

L.U. 1579 (i&o), AUGUSTA, GA—It is my pleasure to report that Local 1579 has full employment. It has been at least 20 years since this has happened.

Our work situation is continuing to improve and we expect it to get even better. Units 3 and 4 at Plant Vogtle will continue to slowly ramp up. The MOX Project at Savannah River site is expected to increase to as many as 200 by next summer.

With all the work coming to Augusta, Bus. Mgr. Ken Ward recognizes the need for continuing education classes for our members. Our new training facility, which is currently under construction, will make more training available and provide valuable ongoing instruction for our members in today’s ever changing world.

As the IBEW and Local 1579 move into the future, ask yourself a question. Ask yourself what you can do to help out your union and organized labor? The answer is simple for most: give eight for eight, don’t participate in negative talk, and if you don’t

agree with your IBEW brother, don’t tear him down. Talk to this person, you may find out that he is right. Until next time, God bless.

Will Salters, A.B.M.

Retired Member Honored

L.U. 1739 (i&o), BARRIE, ONTARIO, CANADA—Recently retired member Peter Marrin is pictured in the photo below receiving congratulations from Bus. Mgr. Tom Leduc for his years of service to the IBEW and Local 1739. Peter was a foreman for many years at Molsons in Barrie. The local wishes Pete a happy and healthy retirement.

Frank Kastle, P.S.



Local 1739 Bus. Mgr. Tom Leduc (left) congratulates retired Bro. Peter Marrin.

Union Workers Rally

L.U. 1837 (rtb&u), MANCHESTER, ME—The so-called “right-to-work” bill in New Hampshire, House Bill 474, passed the full House and Senate this past spring but was vetoed by Democratic Gov. John Lynch. In session after session since that veto, House Speaker William O’Brien—a staunch advocate of this union-busting bill—refused to call a vote to try to override the veto because he was unable to line up the support he needed to win.

Union members from IBEW Local 1837 and other local unions turned out in force at the State House in Concord week after week to lobby their legislators and attend rallies with allies protesting the state budget and attacks on collective bargaining. Although Speaker O’Brien called the summer recess without taking a veto override vote, union members braced for continued attacks on workers this fall.

Meanwhile, Maine’s Republican Gov. Paul LePage continued to voice his support for right-to-work (for less) bills even after his party’s leadership in both the House and Senate showed little interest in moving the bills through committee and recessed until 2012. IBEW Local 1837 members were also active at the Maine State House, where they attended pro-worker rallies and lobbied their legislators on a variety of issues.

Matthew D. Beck, Organizer



IBEW Local 1837 members join thousands at a rally outside the New Hampshire State House.

Retirees

Luncheon and Golf Outing

RETIREES CLUB OF L.U. 1, ST. LOUIS, MO—We had a rainy and busy spring, with a luncheon meeting on May 18 and a golf outing on May 24.

Our meeting was enjoyed by all, with an informative presentation by a speaker from the Missouri University Labor Education Program. The speaker presented powerful evidence that “right-to-work” (for less) laws are harmful to the economy of states that have them. The attempt to pass this anti-worker legislation has been thwarted for now, but anti-union legislators will try again.

At the meeting, Pres. Richard Weller announced that Vice Pres. Richard King was elected chairman of the St. Louis AFL-CIO Labor Council retirees organization. The meeting ended with lunch and beverages, with social time to renew old friendships.

At the May 24 golf outing in Forest Park, golfers enjoyed good weather, food and refreshments. Money was raised for the Relief Committee.

A spirited Local 1 election of officers and delegates was held June 4, resulting in the election of many new officers, board and committee members. Retirees observed with interest and pride democracy in action.

We extend heartfelt sympathy to members of Joplin, MO, Local 95, who suffered from the tornado that hit on May 22. The Local 1 retirees are making a donation to Local 95.

At this writing, 2011 meetings were scheduled for: July 20, Sept. 21 (luncheon) and Nov. 16.

Don Appelbaum, P.S.



Local 1 Retirees Club Pres. Richard Weller (left) and Vice Pres. Richard King.

Special Olympics & Golf Outing

RETIREES CLUB OF L.U. 3, NEW YORK, NY, CENTRAL FLORIDA CHAPTER—The Central Florida Chapter of the IBEW Local 3 Retirees Club held their annual golf outing in conjunction with Flagler County Special Olympics and participated in their 2nd Annual Golf Outing at the Ocean Course of Hammock Beach Resort in Palm Coast, FL, on June 5.



Local 3, Central Florida Chapter, Retirees Club team members, from left: Treas. Joseph Golan, Trustee John Greco, and Vice Chmn. Harvey Lydecker.

The members also sponsored the third hole for the Flagler County Special Olympics in addition to participating with a team for the event.

Joseph P. Golan, P.S.

Annual Picnic

RETIREES CLUB OF L.U. 3, NEW YORK, NY, NORTH FLORIDA CHAPTER—On Friday, March 11, the North Florida Chapter of the IBEW Local 3 Retirees Club held their annual picnic. Our guest of honor was retired Int. Treas. Emeritus Tommy Van Arsdale, former Local 3 business manager. Approximately 80 members and their spouses attended and everyone had a good time. The weather was perfect.

Bob Rosenhouch, Chmn.

Trip to Long Island Center

RETIREES CLUB OF L.U. 3, NEW YORK, NY, NORTH NEW JERSEY CHAPTER—The retired members spent four days at the Educational and Cultural Center in Cutchogue, NY, in mid-June. [Photo, below.] Activities included fishing, swimming, games, golf, etc. There was also a barbecue in the evening. Everyone had a wonderful time. The newly renovated facilities are gorgeous, with a great view of the bay.

Abe Fichtenbaum, P.S. Pro Tem

‘We Are One’ Rallies

RETIREES CLUB OF L.U. 3, NEW YORK, NY, SOUTH-WEST FLORIDA GULF COAST CHAPTER—On May 10, the SWFL Chapter, along with trade unionists from other southwest Florida unions, carried signs, posters and the American flag in front of the Collier



Local 3, North New Jersey Chapter, Retirees Club members visit the Long Island Educational Center.

Retirees



Attendees gather at 2nd Annual Golf Outing of the Local 3, SWFL Gulf Coast Chapter, Retirees Club. Standing, in front row foreground, are former Local 3 presidents Ed Cleary (fourth from right) and Dennis McSpedon (fifth from right).

County Government Complex in Naples, FL, to voice opposition to the most anti-middle-class legislative session in Florida history. Local 3 and the SWFL Chapter know retirement does not mean leaving problems to someone else. The "We Are One" Rally means everyone stands together. Due to the success of this event, more rallies are planned.

On April 27, the 2nd Annual Golf Outing was held at the Raptor Bay Golf Club in Bonita Springs, FL. Attended by more than 40 IBEW members, all had a good time.

Christmas Party: On Dec. 8, the SWFL Chapter will hold its third annual Christmas party at the clubhouse of the Raptor Bay Golf Club located at the Hyatt Regency in Coconut Point, Bonita Springs, FL. All SWFL Chapter members, along with other Local 3 and IBEW members, are encouraged to attend for a great holiday celebration. For information and to receive a flyer, contact party Chmn. Hank Schwietering at e-mail: capguns1@embarqmail.com.

George Dondero, P.S./Chmn.

L.I. Educational Center Trip

RETIREES CLUB OF L.U. 3, NEW YORK, NY, SUFFOLK CHAPTER—Our Chapter was invited for a three-day stay at the Long Island Educational and Cultural Center in Cutchogue, NY.

When we arrived, we were greeted by the Pension Dir. Thomas Gallagher. He spoke to us about how important it is that the retirees stay politically active. We were then given our room assignments.

We had a very busy schedule for the next three days. We enjoyed swimming, water aerobics, tai chi, a barbeque and make-your-own ice cream sundaes. In the evening we made our own entertainment, card games, left right center, and our own horse racing game. It also gave us a chance to meet with old friends.

Our chapter chairman, Jack Foley, discussed all the upcoming events. We are hiring a bus for the Labor Day parade, the holiday party, the end-of-year barbeque, and our Annual Food Drive to help those less fortunate.

We thank the entire staff at the Educational Center for all their hard work to make our stay fun and safe.

Harvey Goldman, P.S.

Trip to L.I. Educational Center

RETIREES CLUB OF L.U. 3, NEW YORK, NY, WESTCHESTER/PUTNAM CHAPTER—Early in June our chapter had a four-day stay at the Long Island Educational Center in Cutchogue, NY. We met with Pension Dir. Tom Gallagher, who addressed our members regarding the recent attacks on unions, our benefits, Social Security, and the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

This beautiful facility, with gorgeous accommodations, beach and pool, is a wonderful benefit offered to our retirees, through Local 3. Every aspect of our stay was well thought out, starting off with a buffet breakfast each morning, a barbecue and a last night get-together.

As a token of our appreciation, the Westchester/Putnam retirees donated an American flag and pole for the new Educational Center conference room.

Many thanks to our chapter officers for the time and effort they put into making this wonderful place available. Thank you to our food planner, Charlie McCay, and his volunteers for their service and time. And of course, a huge thank-you to Local 3 for supporting all of us and showing the retirees that we are still a viable part of this great union and that the years we gave to our trade are appreciated.

*Robert J. Cuneo, P.S.
John B. Rich, P.S.*

Summer Luncheon

RETIREES CLUB OF L.U. 11, LOS ANGELES, CA—Our summer luncheon was a hit! Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make it a memorable occasion. Harvey "Butch" Bachand and his wife, Sharon, catered the event. Our club is fortunate to have such a talented team with a passion for gourmet cooking. The food was exceptional! Everyone had a great time!

The Retirees Club meets the second Wednesday of every month, 10 a.m., at the Electrical Training Institute in the city of Commerce. All Local 11 retired members are invited to join our club. Please attend one of our upcoming meetings.

We are happy that our treasurer, Richard Dulac, is recovering nicely from his knee replacement surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Club Pres. Marty Cohen says Richard is his right-hand man and jokes that he has a lot of work for Richard when he returns. Marty remains active with the District 4 Welfare Committee and helps the committee by selling T-shirts at the District 4 meetings. Marty rarely misses a monthly union meeting.

Thank you to all the Retirees Club members for setting such great examples for our active members. God bless!

Bob Oedy, P.S.



Local 26 Retirees Club members and friends send out raffle tickets. From left: Kathleen LeHew, Al Hicks, Rick Warner, Amanda LeHew, Ralph Moore and Jim Handley.

ing a book of six tickets for \$5 (two books for \$10), please let us know. The Grand Prize Drawing in November will award five cash prizes.

Thanks to volunteers who helped label envelopes and send out raffle tickets to approximately 8,000 members in a record two days. Special thanks to R. Warner, A. Hicks, J. Papa, R. Stokes, T. Watson, D. Bissell, Mrs. J. LeHew and her daughter, D. Hockman, J. Handley, R. Griffis, Mrs. J. Winegard, S. Holcomb, T. Gough, L. Purnell, H. Becker, Mr. & Mrs. R. Moore, and S. Walker.

Members went on two cruises: to the Mediterranean in May, and the Caribbean in September.

Our Annual RMC Crab Feast is in October. It takes the place of our regular meeting and has been moved to a restaurant near Annapolis. We were sad to leave Mayo Beach, but economics prevailed. We always have a good time.

Susan Flashman, P.S.

Pin Party Luncheon

RETIREES CLUB OF L.U. 58, DETROIT, MI—Greetings from all the retired brothers and sisters of Local 58. The ranks of our association have dropped over the years, even with the new retirees who have joined.

We recently elected our club officers and board of directors. Elected were: Pres. John Ahern, Vice Pres. Charlie Mott, 2nd Vice Pres. Elaine Crawford, Treas. Ray Owen and Sec. Dennis McCann. Board of Directors: Bob Barrett, Dan Bott, Mary Lou Diamond, Dan Diamond, Tom Donahue, Mike Hogan, Rick Koerber, Frank Maisano, John McFeely and Larry Page. It was moved and seconded that all officers and board members be elected by acclamation. The motion passed. Congratulations to all officers!

Our Pin Party Luncheon was held Saturday, April 30. Some 235 members and guests attended this year. We had 19 50-year members, 13 55-year

members, two 60-year members, 15 65-year members, and one 70-year member take part this year.

The 70-year member is Bro. Al Paul. He became a member of



Local 58 retiree Al Paul and wife Mary Patricia.

Local 58 in 1940 and proved himself time and again to be an honorable union member. We wish only the best for Bro. Paul and his lovely wife, Mary Patricia. Congratulations to all pin recipients.

Frank A. Maisano, P.S.



Local 3, Westchester/Putnam Chapter, Retirees Club members and spouses.

Club Meetings Resume

RETIREES CLUB OF L.U. 90, NEW HAVEN, CT—On June 7, the Retirees Club met at our regular monthly meeting to hold an election of officers. As in the past, by unanimous vote, the four incumbent officers were re-elected. They are: Pres. Giro Esposito, Vice Pres. Fred Ciastko, Sec. Hugh McGuire and Treas. Robert Gallagher.

Since this was the last meeting for the current year, we had our annual pizza party for the 36 attendees.

Our new year begins at our next meeting Sept. 6, 2011, at 1:30 pm. We still meet at 2 North Plains Industrial Rd., Wallingford, CT.

We hope to see some new people stop by and join us. Available at that next meeting and at subsequent meetings, Local 90's newsletter, The Synergy, will be distributed to retirees in attendance. This will give us all a better understanding of what's happening on the active side of Local 90.

Keep safe and healthy, and enjoy the summer.

Richard Launder, P.S.

'Join Us in September'

RETIREES CLUB OF L.U. 99, PROVIDENCE, RI—We celebrated our annual May breakfast at the Marriot Hotel. The event was sponsored by our generous local and it was well-attended. Our guests included Providence Mayor Angel Tavares, Rhode Island Secretary of State Ralph Raimondo, and then-Local 99 business manager Allen P. Durand. The president of the Providence City Council presented a plaque to our Retirees Club, which was graciously accepted by our Vice Pres. Sam Bedrosian.

Local 99 held its election of officers. The membership elected a new business manager, Michael K. Daley, and a new president, James B. Jackson. We wish the officers success in their endeavors. We thank previous business manager Allen Durand for his support of our club; our membership has grown considerably.

At this writing, Bro. Robert Beardwood had several summer fishing trips planned; these are always a fun time. Our club held its last meeting of the season in June and will restart in September, same date, time and place.

We are saddened by the recent passing of Bros. Thomas Poland, Alfred Trottier and George Bell. May they rest in peace.

Hope everyone enjoyed a safe and happy summer. We hope to see you in September.

Raymond Germershausen, P.S.

July Casino Trip

RETIREES CLUB OF L.U. 130, NEW ORLEANS, LA—On June 16, we had our quarterly meeting. Everyone enjoyed the food, snacks and beverages.

We also had one of our famous casino trips. On July 23, 50 adventurous individuals visited the Hollywood Casino in the city of Bay St. Louis, MS. Everyone had a wonderful time playing the machines and receiving an extra bonus.

We congratulate Local 130 Bus. Mgr. Clay J. Leon III and all new and returning officers.

We mourn the loss of the following brothers: Warren Ayo, Weldon L. Bossier, Edward T. Desporte, Melbourne E. Joseph (former business manager), Ernest A. Klimm Jr., Wilson LaGraize, Reginald J. McCoy, Roland H. McElroy, Harold W. Nienaber Jr.,



The Local 134 Retirees Club recognizes the service of longtime members.

Samuel W. Price, Warren L. Seher and Fred Schmidt III. May their souls rest in peace.

Hope everyone had a wonderful Fourth of July. Until our next meeting, God bless America.

George Clesi, Pres.

Anniversary Greetings

RETIREES CLUB OF L.U. 134, CHICAGO, IL—Congratulations to all 50-, 55- and 60-year members. Thank you for your contributions to your country and your union.

Congratulations to: Norbert Bechtold, William Beymer, Fred Biddle Jr., John Bolger, Larry Bruchausser, Charles Canon, Matt Cashman, Dennis Connelly, James Cobett, Marty Crehan, Lee Dahl, Robert Domke, Edwin Ernst, Walter Felde, Richard Folen, Joseph Gagliano, Bernard Gartland, Donald Grey, Robert Haas, Leroy Herrick, Thomas Ibata, George Kanary, Richard Kanaszyc, Rich Kapelanski, Evans Kapsimalis, John Keating, Ted Kelly, John Klus, Hubert Kubowicz, Charles Lebensorger, Rich Markiewicz, George Mascenic, Thomas Maurer, Jerome McEvilly, Richard McKillip, Joseph McNiff, Albert Mosser, Roy Murray, James O'Brien, John Okeefe, Abert Oprisko, Chuck Osswald, William Palcek, Joseph Paleka, Vincent Passi, Nick Pinto, Larry Proskan, Tim Reid, Manuel Rosone, Kent Rouse, Thomas Ryan, Gene Sawyer, Wilbert Scheer, Henry Schoening, Richard Sears, Fred Seidel, Charles Sembeninni, Al Sienkiewicz, Lee Skinkys, Richard Small, Ralph Spears, George Stathakes, William Suffield, Karl Szersba, Harry Tongren, James Tregay, Maurice Unger, Eugene Zackey, Robert Zerfass, Richard Zittler. Special kudos to Board members Hugh Oconnell and Len Eggert; past Board members Joe McCormick and Fred Steinken; and past presidents Robert Regosh and George Menton.

We welcome all Local 134 retirees to club meetings, held at the union hall on the second Wednesday of each month, beginning at noon.

Louis Rodriguez, P.S.

2011 Grandchild Scholarships

RETIREES CLUB OF L.U. 164, JERSEY CITY, NJ—The Local 164 Retirees Association's 2011 Grandchild Scholarship was presented to five winners, grandchildren of members of the association. This was our second year giving out scholarships. The monies raised were generated by a raffle of a trip to

Hawaii or cash. We also had a very successful Golf Outing with many donors helping make this scholarship a worthwhile endeavor with financial assistance to the lucky grandchildren.

The Retirees Association's other yearly events include a coat drive, New York Yankee trips, golf league, fishing trips (fresh and salt water), Atlantic City and Pocono casino trips, monthly luncheons, seminars and much more. With more than 200 members, this very active group is never idle.

Please view our award winning Web site at www.LU164Retirees.squarepins.org.

David Judovin, P.S.



Local 164 Retirees Association's 2011 Grandchild Scholarship winners include, from left: Matt Olsson, Laura Hopkins and Amanda Abbott. Winners not pictured: Kaitlyn Tythall and Kayleigh Burke.

'Gifts to Give' Drive

RETIREES CLUB OF L.U. 223, BROCKTON, MA—The Local 223 Retirees Club was named as an underwriter of Gifts to Give, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency that serves needy children in southeastern Massachusetts. See Web site www.giftstogive.org/underwriters.html. Our club has donated more than \$50,000 in goods and services to this worthy organization. Hats off to Ed Cayton, Hugh Murray and Sonny Wise for regularly volunteering at the Gifts to Give mill in New Bedford.

At our club's June meeting Rene Milot, of Bankers Life & Casualty Insurance Co., gave an informative presentation on long-term health care insurance and proposed changes to Medicare Part D. Rene will also be at our Sept. 7 meeting to further inform us of those changes.

In order to raise funds for our treasury, the September meeting will feature a pizza luncheon and yard sale. We requested an rsvp by Aug. 31 (508) 947-8555 to let us know how many will attend.

Burt Bouldry, Pres.

Picnic at Settlers Park

RETIREES CLUB OF L.U. 291, BOISE, ID—The June picnic was held in Meridian at Settlers Park with 43 in attendance, including several guests. It was a beautiful, windy day. The weather was a lot better than for the last few picnics. It still required a light jacket for most of us but then, as you see in the picture, we had a couple of die-hard retirees who decided to forego jackets and just enjoy the sun, which has been in rare form this year.

A few of our members are struggling with health issues, and we pray for their speedy recovery.

Congratulations to Joe and Linda Sirani, who are expecting grandchild No. 8.

We feel for our brothers and sisters who are currently unemployed in our industry and hope they will be back to work soon. Let us all pray for our country and everyone who is struggling in this economy. Defend and protect the rights for us to be union members!

Joe Sirani, Pres.



Greetings from Local 291 Retirees Club.

Retirees

Welcome to New Members

RETIREES CLUB OF L.U. 306, AKRON, OH—A long, hot summer was more than expected after our long, cold winter!

Retirees attended the local golf outing and annual picnic at the Akron Zoo in great numbers and enjoyed every moment.

We welcome Bros. Donald Combs, Gerald Starkey, Leonard Bolls and Barry Fredholm to the retiree fraternity. May you enjoy good health and good fortune!

We look forward to a large contingent of both retired and active members at the Labor Day parade in Barberton this year.

Pray for our troops and their safe return home.

We mourn the loss of retired Bro. Pat McShane and his oldest son, Rev. Father Patrick McShane, who predeceased him this year. Our condolences to their family.

Stay well and keep smiling!

Bob Sallaz, P.S.

70-year Pin Presented

RETIREES CLUB OF L.U. 313, WILMINGTON, DE—For our last spring meeting until September, club Vice Pres. Al Shields gave out service pins to all those eligible who attended.

At this writing, our club Pres. Moe McKinley is sick and we send our get-well wishes.

Walter Kachmar received his 70-year pin (*see photo*). Walt was foreman and assistant business agent during his working years. When he received his pin, someone said from the floor, "Walt, how come you look younger than the rest of us?"

Other service pins were also presented. The late Bill Alexander's 65-year pin was sent to his son due to Bro. Alexander's recent passing. Most recipients got their pin mailed to them. The 55-year pins were sent to Pete Hazzard and George Mulshenock Jr. The 50-year pins were sent to Carl Barker, Larry Hahn Jr., Buddy Harden and Norm Hastings. A 50-year pin was presented to Ed Davis Jr. in person.

It's good to see these pin presentations and the brothers who have achieved their well-deserved retirement, as it seems pensions and health care programs are being attacked. It proves that unions are the only way to save the working people.

Greg Stilwell, P.S.



Local 313 retiree Walter Kachmar (center), a 70-year pin recipient, with local Pres. Paul Campbell (left) and Bus. Agent Doug Drummond. Retiree Vince Jankowski shot the photo.

Local 400 Mourns Sal Ruggieri



Sal Ruggieri

RETIREES CLUB OF L.U. 400, ASBURY PARK, NJ—Local 400 mourns the loss of retired member Salvatore "Sal" Ruggieri, who passed away April 9.

Sal was 79 years old and a Local 400 member for 56 years. He was one of the most knowledgeable electricians you could have on the

job and was an asset to Local 400 and the electrical industry. He had the ability to get along well with both members and contractors while he shared his knowledge with everybody. Sal was assistant general foreman at the Oyster Creek Nuclear Power Plant from 1965-69, and general foreman at the Nestle's Freeze Dried Coffee Plant in the 1970s.

Whenever anyone needed to know anything about electrical work, electronics, designing or even inventing something, Sal was the man to ask. He served in the Korean War and worked with wiring and explosives prior to his indenture into Local 400 in 1955. He retired in 1993. Sal was way ahead of everybody—35 years ago he engineered and installed one of the first ever solar panels on his home.

Besides all of Sal's electrical and mechanical qualifications, he was a good husband, father and, most importantly, a great human being. He will be missed but not forgotten.

Rich Fogacci, P.S.

Albuquerque Retirees Report

RETIREES CLUB OF L.U. 611, ALBUQUERQUE, NM—The big news was the local union election in June. Bro. Mark Trujillo was elected business manager/financial secretary. Carl Condit was re-elected as the president. Also elected were: Vice Pres. Joseph Blea, Rec. Sec. Clifford Trujillo (Mark's brother) and Treas. Bobby Martinez. We offer our best to Bus. Mgr. Trujillo and all officers. It's a tough job and they deserve our support and respect.

The retirees of Local 611, retirees of other crafts, plus several unions participated in the annual Fourth of July parade in Rio Rancho, NM. Local 611 retirees and retirees from IBEW Denver

Local 68 built and decorated the float while several unions followed the float in the parade, chanting and carrying banners. Local 611 was the main contributor in building the float and also for the barbecue afterward, which was held at the home of Local 611 member Chris Chavez.

We offer our condolences to the families of the following members who have passed on before us: Eugene Getz, James E. Smith, Herman L. Sieboldt, Willie "Bill" Canon, Roy D. Fancher, Clarence J. Exon, Otis Henson, Guadalupe L. Moya, R. Rex Ward and Robert A. Martinez.

Remember to call our brothers and sisters who are ill or unable to get around a call.

Tracy Hall, Pres.



Local 611 retiree Joe Romero helps carry IBEW Local 611 banner in Fourth of July parade. Bro. Tracy Hall, riding on the float, took pictures.

Retirees Picnic a Big Success

RETIREES CLUB OF L.U. 613, ATLANTA, GA—We held our 1st Annual Retirees Picnic on June 22 and it was a total success. We thank Local 613 for providing both the food and some wonderful prizes. There were 300 plus in attendance this year and we look forward to future picnics.

We sadly mourn the members we lost since our last meeting.

Blake McLeod, Pres.



Annual Retirees Barbecue

Local 595 retirees attend an Annual Retirees Barbecue, from left: Retirees Club Pres. Les Bridge, Ted Wallis, 2nd Vice Pres. Al Real, board members Walt Corvello and Jim Abreu, Frances Michel, board members Jack Bollinger and Mary Albrecht, Eddy Veloza, board members John Jagels and Toni Moynihan (partially obscured), Nick Florio, Dave Stage and board member John Gray.

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Members for Whom PBF Death Claims were Approved in July 2011

Local	Surname	Date of Death	Local	Surname	Date of Death	Local	Surname	Date of Death	Local	Surname	Date of Death	Local	Surname	Date of Death	Local	Surname	Date of Death
1	Campbell, J. D.	10/26/10	18	Miners, L. T.	10/1/10	77	Lightfoot, T. R.	2/12/11	134	Mann, L. G.	6/1/11	304	Potts, M. E.	3/6/11	481	Frakes, J. E.	6/5/11
1	Cooper, E. M.	5/27/11	20	Davidson, J. A.	12/29/10	77	Linscott, H. R.	5/9/11	134	McClain, D. W.	5/13/11	306	Bocko, D. G.	3/23/11	481	Lohman, J. F.	5/27/11
1	Fitzler, K. J.	6/22/11	20	Hammer, T. J.	5/26/11	77	Skaw, F. M.	6/17/11	134	McEvilly, J.	5/10/11	309	Augsburger, W. F.	6/1/11	481	Taylor, W. I.	5/10/11
1	Hicks, T. R.	6/17/11	20	Parker, J. E.	5/27/11	77	Woods, W. B.	1/31/11	134	Michael, R. L.	3/15/11	309	Bangle, R. S.	5/8/11	483	Wild, R. A.	6/1/11
1	Jakowski, L. L.	6/5/11	20	Whaley, G. C.	6/19/11	80	Taylor, J. L.	3/25/11	134	Montwid, J.	5/17/11	317	Butcher, J. L.	4/11/11	486	Calvin, A. C.	2/23/11
1	Kallbrier, T. D.	6/18/11	22	Hawkins, D. E.	5/27/11	82	Garrett, G. L.	5/9/11	134	Nelson, D. J.	5/25/11	322	Hokanson, C. O.	5/18/11	486	McGee, T. A.	10/25/10
1	Meyer, J. K.	5/29/11	25	Krantz, J. P.	5/8/11	84	Teague, H. L.	11/20/10	134	Punchard, F.	6/18/11	332	Howard, S. P.	4/13/11	494	Berger, H.	5/18/11
1	Nicholas, K. S.	6/14/11	25	Lebohner, R. G.	3/13/11	86	Foley, B.	5/5/11	134	Rodriguez, J.	5/21/11	332	Lamothe, C. W.	6/1/11	494	Johannsen, J. W.	5/15/11
1	Prunty, J. C.	5/2/10	25	Raynor, B. T.	5/29/11	90	Cave, R. E.	11/26/10	134	Sanders, R. W.	6/25/11	339	Sures, J. P.	3/16/11	494	Kiehnau, G. W.	9/11/10
1	Riley, L. M.	5/12/11	25	Ridgeway, A. S.	6/7/11	90	O'Shea, M. R.	4/17/11	134	Santeler, J. M.	5/2/11	340	Gostovich, P.	6/5/11	494	Mras, H. F.	5/8/11
1	Winkel, N. J.	6/21/11	25	Rosner, M. J.	9/27/10	90	Piekarski, T.	7/4/11	134	Tansor, A. J.	5/15/11	340	Wheeler, L.	5/22/11	494	Napierala, P. E.	6/8/11
2	Kuehner, G. H.	5/29/11	26	Beckwith, W. G.	6/28/11	90	Robinson, D. L.	6/8/11	134	Wendling, R. J.	6/8/11	343	Haack, K. E.	6/7/11	494	Webb, R. T.	4/6/11
3	Amato, N. J.	5/29/11	26	Leary, E. W.	4/1/11	90	Shea, W. F.	11/3/10	134	Woods, D. R.	3/24/11	343	Lieser, C. O.	1/1/11	502	Connor, T. H.	5/7/11
3	Blanchard, T. F.	5/25/11	26	Parthree, G. N.	5/16/11	96	Belmonte, O. J.	4/27/11	134	Wygona, S.	4/2/11	343	Waller, C. R.	5/27/11	502	Stewart, R. A.	5/25/11
3	Brandler, A.	4/10/11	26	Pitkin, S. D.	2/13/11	97	Belowich, M. J.	4/27/11	134	Zuber, B. S.	5/5/11	349	Fink, C. W.	4/25/11	505	Spears, K. N.	3/27/11
3	Carroll, R. J.	1/8/11	26	Williams, T. F.	6/4/11	97	Rapp, W. C.	6/30/11	136	Ingram, S. C.	5/17/11	349	O'Moore, R.	4/19/11	508	Boyer, B. G.	5/31/11
3	Chionchio, J.	6/28/11	32	Jutte, D. B.	6/14/11	98	Condi, V. A.	5/27/11	136	Myers, G. L.	6/15/11	349	Portales, J.	4/28/11	520	Mullen, C. E.	5/22/11
3	DeBellis, M. A.	6/11/11	35	Marsh, H. J.	3/21/11	98	Harvey, K.	5/21/11	139	Overacker, B.	4/18/11	349	Shomer, E. E.	3/18/11	530	Houle, R.	9/20/10
3	Gennosa, J. B.	10/1/10	35	Overbaugh, J. T.	6/10/11	98	Nowak, A. P.	6/23/11	141	Straub, K. R.	10/9/10	351	Clause, D. C.	3/8/11	531	Conn, C. A.	6/19/11
3	Hodinka, Z.	3/29/08	38	Genther, R. A.	6/4/11	98	Reach, J. F.	12/13/10	145	Roman, G. W.	6/3/11	351	Scalfo, H. P.	4/29/11	532	Ratzlaff, W. H.	4/24/11
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Fraternity and Challenge in Vancouver



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The 38th IBEW Convention opens in Vancouver at a historic moment of global economic crisis and upheaval. Thousands of our members have already faced months and even years of unemployment. An intensified political debate is raging over how working families will survive the immediate turmoil. But the debate goes further—to the question of how our workers in the U.S. and in our host nation will achieve the kind of stability and security that is essential to maintain our democracies.

The values and ideals of the IBEW are under assault, not just in the chambers of Congress or Parliament, but in our states and provinces and our popular media and culture. Our corporate adversaries openly proclaim that economic recovery depends upon weakening the hand of organized workers to hold employers accountable for decent pay, working conditions and respect on the job.

Prior conventions, too, have spanned periods of boom and bust and political polarization. Six conventions were held in the midst of economic recessions and panics and eight, including our founding convention in 1891, within a few months of other downturns.

This month, our delegates come together once again carrying the frustrations, the pain and the hopes of their brothers and sisters who are out of work. In fact, many of our delegates are themselves unemployed.

We are confident that our delegates—democratically-elected by their peers and fully aware of the complex challenges facing their members and our union—will approach their responsibilities with the seriousness that our times demand and make a full report to their co-workers upon their return home.

Delegates will critically review our union's laws and constitution to ensure that they are modern and relevant guides to carrying out the mission of our Brotherhood.

They will consider and debate resolutions on a wide range of issues that will help identify our priorities and set our strategies for the next five

years in organizing, political and legislative matters, internal affairs and developing relationships with our labor and community allies.

Official proceedings are only one aspect of an IBEW convention.

In September 1929, one month before the events that cascaded into the crash of the U.S. stock market, the 20th IBEW Convention convened in Miami. The IBEW Journal stated: "The occasion has far more important results than the visible accomplishments will indicate. Corridor conversations will develop new ideas, will exchange new methods, and will generate that fraternal spirit which is so essential to the continued, smooth running of a democratic organization. *It will not be forgotten that a union is more than an economic instrument, it is a fellowship.*"

We wholeheartedly agree with our predecessors. We have scaled back some of the social events of this year's convention for financial considerations. But fellowship will be alive and thriving in the beautiful city of Vancouver.

Amid handshakes, hugs and the high-fives, dedicated union activists will proudly trade not just the pins of their local unions, but their experiences in the struggle for economic and social justice across North America.

"Brotherhood Beyond Borders," our convention's theme, is more than a slogan. It is a call to renew and strengthen the unity that has shaped the IBEW into one of the most effective and powerful labor organizations in the world.

Renewing IBEW's unity means mentoring and nurturing our next generation of leaders. We have made a special attempt to bring young IBEW members to Vancouver as delegates and guests. Our Brotherhood needs their vitality and passion for fair play and economic justice. No less, our veteran members need to pass on their legacy—the lessons learned through years of representation and advocacy on behalf their members.

No doubt, our adversaries will ridicule our work in Vancouver and our mission to better the economic circumstances of our members and spread our bonds of solidarity.

Our adversaries will never understand or appreciate the real history of workers in the U.S. and Canada. It is a history that flows with all of the force of the Columbia River, the natural wonder that our brothers and sisters on both sides of the border boldly harness so skillfully for power to sustain our citizens and our economies. It is a history that was gloriously personified in the past year as members of IBEW locals in the U.S. and Canada met at the border to stand up for the rights of workers in Wisconsin and other states who are facing attacks on their rights to bargain collectively with their employers.

History flows forward. On to Vancouver. ■

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Letters to the Editor

Are You With Us?

The corporate friendly politicians continue to bulldoze over American workers of the middle and lower class. They continue to show they have NO respect for anyone who cannot afford to be one of their rich neighbor\$. Laws and rules are ignored or changed to favor the wealthiest and the heck with the poor, the weak, the less fortunate. It appears we are just in their way.

Remember the previous administration's reckless, could-care-less-about-you words (in regard to the invasion of Iraq): "You are either with us or against us!" That slogan seems to be the headline of their agenda. We need to stop falling prey to their fear tactics and lies. We the people need to ask ourselves WHO really is AGAINST us and who honestly is for you and I, for Medicare, Medicaid, food and medical programs for everyone in need. Who is more concerned about cutting back or completely cutting out these programs and wants to give the wealthy more wealth?

We must remember it is the big corporations that have the power to create jobs, to put us Americans back to work, but choose to give CEO's big bonuses instead. Remember, we still have the right to vote, which just happens to be another area corporate friendly politicians are attacking us on. I believe it is time to seriously think about the best interests of families and their future, not one-issue agendas. I don't believe in abortion or taking away the right to bear arms and those agendas continue to sway voters. Neither of those issues have been changed by Democrats or Republicans and my guess is never will be. Thank you for taking the time to understand the direction, motivations and intentions of both parties. We need to ask ourselves: Which one is self-serving and which one is about family?

Kevin J. Peterson
Local 160 member, Minneapolis

Valuing Our Elders

It has come to my attention there are certain local unions that are not giving the help and respect that is due their retirees. This should never be part of any IBEW local union agenda.

This has never been the case with my local, Local 611 in Albuquerque, N.M., which has always gone beyond the call to support the retirees in the best possible way, both physically and financially when needed. In fact, our retirees are invited to represent the local in various functions and events, and some of the officers have volunteered their services to help build our retirees float for the Fourth of July parade.

We should never forget the knowledge and experience our retirees have contributed to the working class. We retirees at Local 611 want to say thank you to Local 611 union officers for their continued support, appreciation and understanding of our needs.

Tracy Hall
Local 611 retiree, Albuquerque, N.M.

Political Sacrifices?

I am writing in response to the recent budget crisis and the lack of attention given it by the IBEW. I feel the way to resolve the problem is everybody should give. It should start with our elected officials. They need to reduce their pay by 25 percent. They need to reduce their staffs by 50 percent and we need to reduce their benefits. Let them have Medicaid and Medicare for their insurance. They can be responsible for paying the cost of supplemental insurance like we do. Retired officials can take a pay cut too. Let's get rid of all the fringe benefits.

If they want to cut our benefits and income and protect the billionaires in this country, then they need to give too.

Does IBEW have the courage to stand up and let this be known? Will IBEW bring this to the attention of our members and the public by using paid advertising to get the word out? I feel 85 percent of the people feel this way and are ready for somebody to make this suggestion. This would strengthen our union and increase our membership.

I have been an IBEW member since 1963. The way things used to be done in our union was with a kick-butt attitude and a strong resolve to get things accomplished. Our politicians need to know that unions are still strong in this country and they represent the working class. Our voice needs to be heard so these bums can remember who they work for.

Lennoth Greenwood
Local 2 member, St. Louis

Who We Are

If you have a story to tell about your IBEW experience, please send it to media@ibew.org.

77 Years After Bloody Mill Strike, Remembering the Slain

The roof of the Chiquola Mill in rural Honea Path, S.C., has almost collapsed. The once-sturdy façade is slowly falling apart, littering the unkempt grounds with chunks of brick and mortar. Soon the old textile facility, which was shuttered in the 1980s, will be completely torn down.

But what some residents overlook as a rotted relic was the site of a heated worker strike September 6, 1934, when a standoff pitting a group of police and deputized citizens against 300 striking mill workers turned fatal.

After a fitful skirmish, six workers were shot dead and many more were wounded. A seventh was shot in the back and—as local legend has it—crawled to his home in the nearby mill village and collapsed on his porch, his final words to his wife being, "They died for the rights of the working man."

"Bloody Thursday," as it became known, was no isolated incident. The textile strikes of that year saw 400,000 workers from the South, New England and the Mid-Atlantic walk off the job for 22 days to demand better wages and working conditions.

Charlotte, N.C., Local 379 member Nick Brown works in the local's satellite office 115 miles away in Greenville, S.C. The 51-year-old assistant business manager and organizer is studiously familiar with the history of the strike and massacre at the Chiquola Mill, and how its aftermath has been either ignored or championed by area residents—depending on where their sympathies lie.

"When they tear the mill down, a part of our labor history is also going to be ripped away, and people will forget what once happened here," Brown said.

That's why he organized a service project in April to nearby Dogwood Park in Honea Path, where a modest but dignified stone memorial listing the names of the slain strikers sits in a quiet, meditative area of the park. Etched across the top are those solemn words: "They died for the rights of the working man."

Brown was joined by Local 379 Business Manager Bob Krebs; Guy DePasquale, executive director of the Local 379 Historical Society; John Murphy, lead organizer for many local unions in the South; as well as local activists and various family members. Many of the volunteers traveled about three hours south from Charlotte, N.C.—the local's charter city. The volunteers spent hours pressure washing the stone,



Members of Charlotte, N.C., Local 379, alongside family members, spruced up a memorial honoring striking textile workers who were killed September 6, 1934.

trimming hedges around the site and spreading new mulch in the area.

Afterward, the volunteers walked to the nearby mill site where the event unfolded 77 years ago this month. Though only about a quarter of the structure remains, Brown said he always feels a deep sense of reverence when he sees the Chiquola Mill, which he's visited several times over the past few years.

"Before an organizing blitz in the area in 2008," he said, "I brought all the IBEW activists out to see it. Starting there brought us a spirit of unity and strength. It reminded us that we're doing what we're doing for a good reason. It gave us more passion and sense of purpose for that week."

The Local 379 volunteers took photos and video of the April cleanup and reported back to members at the next local union meeting. Local leaders also made a presentation to the state's AFL-CIO executive board. DePasquale said events like Bloody Thursday contributed to shaping life in modern-day America's workplaces.

"It's critical that people from the area and beyond understand," DePasquale said, "that the violence from the Chiquola incident would help inspire the passage of the Wagner Act a year later"—formally known as the National Labor Relations Act, which dramatically strengthened workers' rights on the job. "It also prompted President [Franklin D.] Roosevelt to pass the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938," which established a national minimum wage and outlawed many forms of child labor.

Brown said efforts like the monument cleanup help members understand and preserve union history. "We need to

talk about the challenges of the movement and the sacrifices that people made to move forward. If we don't talk about it, the other side defines us. The people at the Chiquola Mill—these were not bad people. These were working people."

Krebs, the business manager, said the volunteers may make the cleanup effort an annual event. "It's one thing to go and fix up a monument, but the history behind it is what really counts. These guys put their lives on the line and paid the ultimate price. Some folks today don't realize just how bad people back then had it, and how hard they had to struggle. But you see something like this, and it hits home."

The aftermath of the national textile strike in 1934 was a blow to unionism in the South. Union density in South Carolina, which has right-to-work laws on the books, remains below 5 percent.

Still, Brown and his colleagues remain undeterred.

"There are a lot of people who would love to see a growth of the movement in the area—we just run up on challenges to get a lot of things moving forward. There are still people here who are afraid to organize, people who are told that if they talk union they'll lose their jobs."

"John F. Kennedy said, 'Any dangerous spot is tenable if brave men will make it so,'" Brown said. "This summarizes to me the willingness of the labor movement to continue defending the rights of working people from the very beginning. And seemingly small gestures—even helping maintain a memorial—can carry a lot of meaning."

"The challenge isn't over by a long shot," he said. "It goes on." ■

Verizon Strikers Fight for All Working Families

Forty-five thousand Verizon workers from Massachusetts to Virginia, members of the CWA and IBEW, who struck on August 7 at the expiration of their contract, knew they could end up in unprecedented financial hardship.

Shortly after the strike began, the company told the news media that strikers didn't understand the "economic realities" of the marketplace for landline telephone services.

But who knew better than the men and women on the picket lines how non-union Verizon Wireless was taking market share away from the copper landline sector where they have invested years of skills and training? Who knew better than they that—with a diminishing union density at Verizon—their unions would be squeezed hard for concessions?

No, it wasn't lack of understanding that led to the nation's largest strike in four years. The almost 13,000 IBEW members and 32,000 CWA members who voted nearly unanimously to authorize the strike had no alternative but to fight. And they knew it wouldn't be easy.

Workers follow their employers' finances like they follow the stats of their favorite teams. Verizon bragged about \$10.2 billion in profits in 2010. And everyone knew the company had shelled out \$258 million in bonuses to a handful of executives in the past four years. Not only did Verizon not pay corporate income taxes, the company received a nearly \$1 billion tax benefit from the federal government.

Despite this excess, after a few months of talks, Verizon was still dug in, insisting upon 100 concessions that would set collective bargaining back nearly 50 years for unions at the corpora-



A group of members from East Windsor, N.J., Local 827 on the picket line.

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tion. The cost of the concessions equaled the \$1 billion of their tax benefit.

Those concessions open the door to more outsourcing of work. Retirees and active workers would be slammed with major hikes in health care insurance costs. Highly-skilled workers who brave winter storms and extreme summer heat to keep Verizon's customers in telephone services could now be scheduled unlimited overtime, but denied Sunday premium pay or extra pay for nighttime shifts. New workers would have no defined benefit pension plan. All told, active workers could see their pay eroded by up to \$20,000 per year.

IBEW International President Edwin D. Hill said, "If Verizon had shown any good faith effort to negotiate honestly, our members would still be on the job. Instead, they turned their backs on any attempts to reach a reasonable settlement. We cannot stand by while one of the richest, most successful corporations in the world joins the race to decimate the middle class of this country. We remain ready to meet with Verizon to work out a fair agreement, but at this point, we had no choice."

The Verizon strike is unresolved as of this printing. But the contours of this

conflict are clear. If Verizon wins, all working families will lose. Yet another group of stable workers will be thrown onto the heap of economic uncertainty. With fewer financial resources and a more tenuous relationship to work itself, they will be less able to make the kinds of contributions to their communities that they have proudly rendered for generations.

In 2011, full victory is hard to achieve. But, history has shown that organized, proud and forward-looking trade unionists can challenge unabashed corporate arrogance and influence the terms of their futures. The Verizon workers are determined to wield that influence.

Some of the news media following the strike understand the juncture it represents. An editorial in the Pocono Record states: "We support the tens of thousands of striking Verizon Communications workers. They're not asking for more. They just want to hang onto pay and benefits they have. ...Union workers sensibly recognize that hard times are not the time to ask for more. But they justifiably stake a claim to their company's strong performance. Union workers helped Verizon get where it is today. The least this thriving company can do is to continue offering its workers a good wage and benefits package." ■

In Memoriam continued

Local	Surname	Date of Death	Local	Surname	Date of Death
665	Ransom, R. D.	12/13/10	1701	Wilson, J. A.	5/31/11
666	Bowe, D. L.	6/15/11	1701	Worthington, D. L.	5/1/11
673	Egeland, M. R.	4/26/11	1739	Gadd, M. S.	5/3/11
681	Pettyjohn, B. O.	6/13/11	1759	Perkins, J. A.	6/26/11
688	Hoover, R. C.	5/20/11	1852	Menti, A.	9/11/10
692	O'Leary, D. C.	5/13/11	1908	Welch, G. B.	5/20/11
700	McCutcheon, O. S.	5/16/11	2150	Buntrack, G. W.	4/22/11
701	Machtemes, G. J.	5/20/11	2166	Robichaud, R. J.	6/10/11
702	Braddy, S. N.	5/15/11	2230	Johnstone, D.	4/28/11
702	Lazenby, B. J.	6/9/11	2286	Bridgwater, F. S.	2/17/11
702	Yeargin, W. E.	5/30/11	2286	Hennesy, R. E.	5/30/11
716	Babcock, M. H.	6/20/11	2286	Lawrence, J. V.	5/15/11
716	Brown, R. E.	6/6/11	I.O. (214)	Cotterill, R.	5/28/11
716	Owings, J. M.	5/16/11	I.O. (280)	Hunt, C.	5/22/11
716	Udemi, A. M.	5/27/11	I.O. (292)	Senger, W. P.	9/19/10
716	Waldrop, J. C.	1/27/11	I.O. (1194)	Otoole, T. G.	6/8/11
721	Morrison, L. B.	5/13/11	I.O. (1788)	Dales, P. V.	5/15/11
725	English, J. E.	4/5/11	I.O. (2337)	Jones, H. A.	5/12/11
725	Ferguson, E. D.	5/31/11	Pens. (293)	Milhoan, W. E.	5/8/11
728	Bartel, B. R.	1/10/11	Pens. (640)	Ostrander, D. D.	5/13/11
728	Huffstutlear, K. M.	5/8/11	Pens. (894)	Howard, B.	5/19/11
728	Rumsey, J. A.	6/13/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Bailey, M. E.	11/3/10
728	Sullivan, B. P.	5/10/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Barnum, L. C.	3/4/11
738	Cox, J. L.	4/22/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Bawdon, H.	3/6/11
738	Miller, F. G.	5/22/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Becker, W. H.	3/1/11
743	Oakwood, W. R.	5/2/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Beringhaus, E. J.	4/5/11
756	Littlefield, J. K.	5/17/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Blitler, R. H.	5/1/11
768	Ford, R. J.	1/8/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Blanchard, C.	4/23/11
769	Beaver, R. P.	1/1/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Blevins, D.	3/12/11
769	Schweitzer, J. A.	5/10/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Brown, P. A.	4/22/11
804	Finley, J. E.	10/13/10	Pens. (I.O.)	Brown, J. L.	12/5/10
816	Drew, A. D.	6/16/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Bunce, E. W.	6/8/11
816	Story, W. C.	4/19/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Burke, D. A.	3/2/11
852	Yarber, J. W.	5/26/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Carroll, H. W.	6/9/11
855	Dietz, M. J.	6/28/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Chapin, E. F.	12/21/10
861	Raimor, O. R.	5/16/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Crocker, E. J.	3/17/11
865	Anthony, J. M.	4/12/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Derrick, J. M.	5/9/11
876	Boynnton, M. J.	6/25/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Donohue, W. L.	6/15/11
903	Baldrige, J. A.	6/25/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Dulaney, P. O.	12/27/10
903	Rouse, C. A.	5/18/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Faultersack, V. V.	5/27/11
915	West, N. F.	6/20/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Frye, D. W.	6/3/11
932	Bradley, E. C.	5/15/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Gortney, P. W.	11/30/10
934	Hilton, W. C.	5/7/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Gregorson, D.	3/25/11
940	Beinbrech, R. D.	5/26/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Heissler, D. G.	5/10/11
948	Sweet, W. G.	5/4/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Hoban, J. E.	5/2/11
970	Harris, G. M.	3/1/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Jewell, R. A.	5/18/11
972	Johnson, J. A.	5/5/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Krance, J. M.	5/12/11
993	Kowall, D.	2/18/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Lofton, J. C.	1/27/11
995	Matherne, A. A.	5/22/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Marsh, J. W.	3/8/11
1077	Burris, H.	5/10/11	Pens. (I.O.)	McBain, J.	5/1/11
1105	Legg, P. E.	4/22/11	Pens. (I.O.)	McCarlie, W. F.	2/3/11
1141	Calvert, M. D.	5/8/11	Pens. (I.O.)	McGill, J. R.	3/22/11
1141	Hixson, D. M.	6/11/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Meehan, W. E.	5/4/11
1141	Murphy, M. J.	5/19/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Minervini, A. P.	3/24/11
1181	Thacker, E. P.	4/4/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Okil, M.	4/17/11
1186	Cortez, A. T.	4/7/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Ossler, R. F.	3/27/11
1205	Friedman, L.	5/21/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Paszak, J.	6/7/11
1205	Googe, D. S.	6/2/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Richter, R.	3/28/11
1205	McCarty, H. H.	3/16/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Roberts, R. W.	5/30/08
1208	Anderson, H. E.	1/1/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Rudolph, R.	3/15/11
1220	Stryszak, E. W.	1/15/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Ruter, C. R.	6/4/11
1245	Miller, H. W.	6/19/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Searles, W. V.	4/29/11
1245	Murphy, R. E.	2/18/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Sellers, L.	2/15/11
1245	Ragland, A. F.	5/17/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Shelton, P. W.	3/10/11
1249	Belcer, J. W.	6/11/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Shimana, O.	4/21/11
1249	Davidson, C. R.	6/6/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Smitt, C.	5/17/11
1249	Gavin, J. W.	4/3/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Sovold, A. R.	5/23/11
1253	Keiner, B.	5/18/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Spolarich, P.	5/24/11
1319	Speer, K. N.	10/4/10	Pens. (I.O.)	Stacy, E.	5/11/11
1393	Daggett, E. O.	6/12/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Steeck, P.	6/4/11
1393	Hammerlund, H. H.	6/15/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Thornley, G. G.	6/16/11
1523	Robinson, E. E.	4/15/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Tompkins, G. F.	5/10/11
1531	Fowler, E. H.	6/8/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Urquhart, W. G.	5/21/11
1547	Bay, T. C.	5/1/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Varchetto, A.	6/14/11
1547	Butler, M. D.	6/10/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Vest, J. W.	4/17/11
1547	McConnell, F. F.	6/1/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Wadsworth, W. S.	8/27/10
1547	Meeks, T. J.	5/3/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Walters, D. E.	5/12/11
1547	Olson, L. E.	8/20/10	Pens. (I.O.)	Warner, E. A.	3/25/11
1547	Swenor, K. R.	3/2/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Wood, B. E.	6/22/11
1579	Padgett, H.	6/7/11	Pens. (I.O.)	Wood, E. A.	4/25/11
1666	Minnig, M. W.	4/23/11			

Verizon: The Facts



Verizon is demanding \$1 billion in concessions from its workers, which would reduce their take-home pay by around \$20,000 a year.

But...

- Verizon is recording record profits. The Wall Street Journal reported in July that the company "isn't under any financial stress."
- Verizon reported \$10.2 billion in profits in 2010, and its net income for the first half of this year was \$6.9 billion.
- The company handed \$258 million in salaries and bonuses to five top execs in the past four years.
- CEO Lowell McAdam's compensation works out to \$55,000 a day.
- After reporting \$24.2 billion in pre-tax income for 2009 and 2010, Verizon paid no income tax, earning it a place on the Washington Times' 'Tax Evaders' Wall of Shame.'
- Verizon recently announced it tripled its profits in the first quarter of this year.