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SERVING THE LOCAL 825 MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS

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Scholarship funding starts with a bang! Rifle teams head to Lehigh Valley for a real blast.



Sending nine college students away to school each year with a \$10,000 scholarship takes dedication ... and fundraising! One of the more original fundraising efforts to take place to date was the one at Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays this

summer. More than a hundred members took part under beautiful sunny skies. Each got off 100 rounds and tested their marksmanship. Not everyone won a prize but everyone had fun. Story and photos on pages 4 and 5.

CALENDAR

Note, all district meetings begin at 7 p.m. unless noted otherwise.

SEPTEMBER

5 – Labor Day – UNION HOLIDAY

7 – Installation of Officers

7 p.m., Hilton East Brunswick, 3 Tower Center Boulevard, East Brunswick, NJ

12 – District 1 Meeting

Elks Lodge 1875, 600 Washington St., Toms River, NJ

14 – District 2 Meeting

Ramada Plaza, 160 Frontage Road, Newark, NJ

14 – Health Fair

2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Holiday Inn, 68 Crystal Run Road, Middletown, NY

19 – District 3 Meeting

Holiday Inn, 1000 International Drive, Mt. Olive, NJ

20 – District 1 Retiree Luncheon

11:30 a.m., Crystal Manor, 210 S. Delsea Drive, Glassboro, NJ

21 – District 4 Meeting

Holiday Inn, 68 Crystal Run Road, Middletown, NY

25 – 4th Annual Local 825 Motorcycle Poker Run

28 – PAC Meeting

Hilton East Brunswick, 3 Tower Center Boulevard, East Brunswick, NJ

OCTOBER

2 – Rosh Hashanah

3 – District 1 Meeting

Kerri Brooke Caterers, 755 S. White Horse Pike, Hammonton, NJ

5 – District 2 Meeting

Holiday Inn, 2870 Rt. 35, Hazlet, NJ

10 – District 3 Meeting

Russian Hall, 464 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ

10 – Columbus Day

11 – Yom Kippur

12 – District 4 Meeting

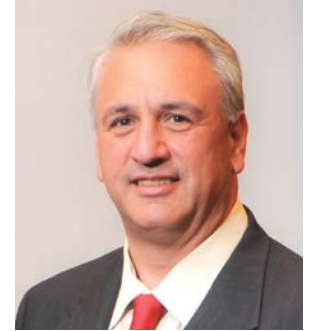
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VIEW FROM THE TOP

Greg Lalevee, Business Manager



Labor Day frames the stark choice we face on Election Day

As we observe Labor Day this year, we think of the generations of workers who struggled before us to win basic rights and fairness for those who followed.

Men and women persevered, and some died, during the labor movement's march to justice, giving us rights that many take for granted today, rights such as the eight-hour day, the 40-day work week, health and welfare benefits ... and basic respect at the bargaining table.

Now – as we enter the final phase of the nation's presidential election season – it is our turn to fight against efforts to chip away at these gains. Rights that have been hard-fought, such as the Davis Bacon Act of 1931, which gave us "prevailing wage" and rights that are jeopardized by the increasing threat of "right-to-work" legislation, which now exists in 26 states.

Our choice on election day is between preserving rights that we have earned and watching them slip away. The choice between Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton couldn't be clearer.

Trump is on record that he "loves" "Right-to-Work" laws. "My position on right to work is 100 percent," he has said. Over the years, casinos and hotels he controlled in Atlantic

City and Las Vegas have paid fees to consulting companies that specialize in defeating union organizing drives.

On the other end of the spectrum, Hillary Clinton addressed the IUOE in October and said, "I will absolutely defend Davis-Bacon and the whole range of protections that come from the federal government." Prevailing wages protects our wages, pensions, and health care, while promoting quality construction, safety, and local businesses.

"I have a real agenda for building our country again and putting a lot of Operating Engineer members to work." Her infrastructure investment plan will boost federal infrastructure investment by \$275 billion, which will create good-paying jobs today and drive up wages in the future.

So as we celebrate Labor Day and the benefits we derive from it, think about the rights and benefits you want to leave the next generation on Election Day. For more information about the candidates, visit the IUOE's website, engineersaction.org.

Watch for our banner plane along the Jersey Shore on Saturday and Sunday.

Happy Labor Day to all of our friends and families.

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HAPPY SAFE LABOR DAY FROM IUOE LOCAL 825



Local 825 will soar again this Labor Day weekend with its message to members, friends, families and beach-goers along 127 miles of New Jersey shoreline. As in past years, members are encouraged to capture the flight with photos and post them on Facebook. A flight from Cape May to the Highlands will take place on Saturday and again on Sunday.

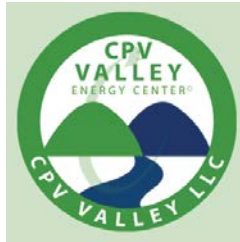
Members provide energy to build NY power plant

CPV Power Plant in Middletown

Construction is under way at the new 720-megawatt energy plant in Middletown, NY.

“When completed, this project will provide enough power to supply 720,000 homes in the lower Hudson Valley,” said Greg Lalevee, Business Manager of Operating Engineers Local 825. “In addition to providing a safe, reliable, clean source of energy, the project is creating between 400 to 500 jobs, including 38 Operating Engineers from local 825.”

The state-of-the-art Competitive Power Ventures (CPV) Valley Energy Center is located 65 miles northwest of New York City in Orange County. The new plant will connect to the



New York Power Authority’s 345kV Marcy South transmission line in Middletown. It will help increase reliability and mitigate rate increases for the new Lower Hudson Valley capacity zone.

Construction is expected to take 32 months, with online operation projected in early 2018.

Powered by clean, efficient Siemens F-class gas-turbine technology, the plant’s low-emissions profile is expected to contribute to the continuing trend of improving air quality in the area. Recognizing the importance of water conservation for future generations, the CPV Valley Energy Center offers an innovative design with advanced air-cooling. Unlike “wet” cooled facilities, the Center uses recycled water from a nearby wastewater treatment facility, reducing water use by



nearly 85 percent.

The construction contract for the power plant, worth approximately \$255m, was awarded to the joint venture (JV) of Skanska, Burns & McDonnell and Ecco Enterprises in July 2015.

“Local 825 is proud to be called upon to take part in this highly efficient, combined-cycle construction project,” Lalevee said. “It is certain to be an important part of the region’s future.”



For Dedicated Service

At the Semiannual meeting in June, Local 825 recognized retirees who were celebrating anniversaries. One of them, pictured here, is Frank Giangrande, who was honored as a 50-year member and presented with a plaque by Business Manager Greg Lalevee and President John Wood.

Members have a blast while raising money for scholarships

First clay shoot likely to become an annual event

More than a hundred members, family members and friends made the trip to Lehigh, PA., on June 28 to take part in the first Local 825 clay shoot to benefit the scholarship fund.

The event, which was suggested by rifleman John Rocco, was a sellout almost from the start as the course limited the number of participants who were able to share in the fun.

The 14-station course was designed around an abandoned limestone quarry that offered a video-game quality to the experience. Participants rode in golf carts from station to station, taking turns at blowing little clay birds to bits as they sailed through the air.

“Sporting Clay shooting is one of the fastest growing sports in the country today,” said Rocco. “The courses are designed for people of all skill levels.”

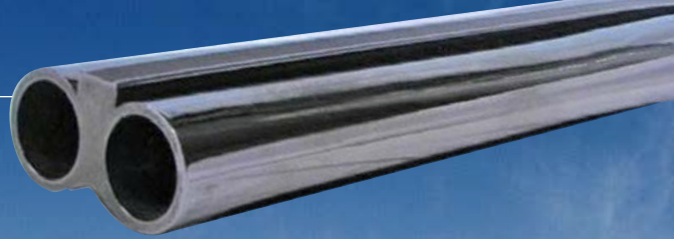
At each stop, clay pigeons were sprung from different directions, two at a time. At most stops, shooters had six shots. That gave plenty of opportunity to hit the targets, and to account for sore shoulders afterward.

Everyone got 100 shots. And, while some hit more pigeons than others, everyone had fun.

A generous lunch was provided after the shoot and awards were given for individual and team accomplishments. Greg Lalevee was on hand to congratulate the prizewinners and to thank all the members who had volunteered to make the event a reality.

It may be too early for a prediction, but lots of folks were talking about a repeat performance next year.





RCC on track to build Wawayanda Training Center

Local 825 awarded Railroad Construction Company of Paterson the contract to build the new New York Training Center in Wawayanda.

“Construction is expected to begin by late

summer, starting on the well pump house and field office buildings,” according to co-training director Al Zabicki.

“Our expectation is that by early spring 2017, the main building and all additional

site work will be completed.”

Completion of the 3.2 acre retention pond has been completed. All work on the pond was done by the instructors, apprentices and journeyman, Al said.

Apprentice hopefuls to line up for aps

Two-hundred and fifty applications will be given to hopeful apprentices for classes that will begin in the spring.

All applications must be completed in person at the training center, 338 Deans Rhode Hall Road, South Brunswick, NJ.

The schedule will continue as long as applications last, from:

- Tuesday, Sept. 6 through Friday, Sept. 9, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

- Saturday, Sept. 10, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.
- Monday, Sept. 12 through Friday, Sept. 16, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 19, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

All applicants must:

- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Have a valid driver's license.
- Have a high school diploma or GED; and

must provide high school transcript in a sealed envelope from the high school attended or GED transcript.

- Military veterans must provide a copy of their DD-214.

Applications will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Once the 250 applications have been given out, the schedule will end. If all applications are given out on the first day, the subsequent dates will no longer be applicable.

TRAINING CENTER CALENDAR

Remember: Always ...

- Check your expiration dates on your certifications.
- Check with the Training Center a week prior to classes to make sure the schedule hasn't changed.
- Notify the Training Center if you cannot make a session you signed up for, so your spot can be offered to someone else.

NEW JERSEY TRAINING CENTER

(All classes start at 7 a.m., except CCO, which starts at 8 a.m.)

OSHA 30

Saturday Classes (must attend all four classes) – 7:00 AM Start Time

Sept. 10, Mod 1; Sept. 17, Mod 2; Sept. 24, Mod 3; Oct. 1, Mod 4.

8 Hour Hazmat Refresher

Sat., Sept. 17
Sat., Oct. 15
Sat., Nov. 19
Sat., Dec. 3

Basic Equipment Training

Each class is two weeks. Please select which machine you prefer:

- Combo Hoe or Loader: Mon., Aug. 22 through Friday, Aug. 26 AND Mon., Aug. 29 through Fri., Sept. 2.
- Track Hoe and/or Dozer: Mon. Sept. 12 through Fri. Sept. 16 AND Mon. Sept. 19 through Fri. Sept. 23.

CCO Class

Four Saturdays: Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22
Written Test, Sun. Oct. 23.

Rigger Class

Sat., Nov. 12

Signal Person Class

Sat., Nov. 19

OSHA 30 - Saturday Classes

Saturday Classes (must attend all four classes) – 7:00 AM Start Time

Sept. 10, Mod 1
Sept. 17, Mod 2
Sept. 24, Mod 3
Oct. 1, Mod 4

NEW YORK TRAINING CENTER

(All classes start at 7 a.m., unless noted otherwise)

70/71 Certification

(Dates to be determined)

For inquiries, call Craig Boyd at 845-596-3666.

OSHA 10 or OSHA 30 Certification

(Dates to be determined)

For inquiries, call Craig Boyd at 845-596-3666 or Chris Rumsey at 845-674-9020

NY Boater Safety Class

(Dates to be determined)

If you're interested, call Craig Boyd 845-596-3666 to have your name put on the list. Classes will be scheduled when enough members are scheduled.

Also call Craig or Chris to put your name on the list for a class or certification that you need to take but is not listed. Once we have enough for a class, members will be notified.

ELEC helps build jobs out of little plastic blocks

150-acre Legoland — third in U.S. — means jobs in NY region

ELEC staff has been working with local governments, contractors and the Orange County Industrial Development Agency to encourage LEGOLAND to locate its newest theme park in Goshen, NY. This is a huge project that will favorably impact union contractors, Local 825 Operating Engineers and children of all ages.

Internationally, LEGOLAND operates in England, Germany, Denmark and Dubai. There are only two other LEGOLANDs in the United States. Each is more than 100-plus acres, featuring more than 50 rides, shows and attractions. The first U.S. site was in California. LEGOLANDS is now also located in Florida. The new Goshen site continues the expansion as the popular children's toy is quickly becoming an entertainment giant.

This popular family theme park will include rides and attractions, an aquarium, theaters, restaurants, a hotel, and other fa-

cilities to be built in two phases.

"Just thinking about being involved with this project brings a smile to my face," said Greg Lavee, Local 825 Business Manager and ELEC Chairman. "Not only for the jobs it will bring to Local 825 and to the region but for the joy it will bring to so many visitors for years to come."

"A development of this size and scope is going to involve important infrastructure work, too – water, sewerage and road improvements. These that will all involve union contractors and Local 825 members."

Mark Longo, ELEC Director, credited staff members Kate Gibbs and Daniel Ortega for their collaborative support provided to the local governments and contractors to promote this project and for their work in spurring toward approval.

"This is what ELEC is all about," Longo said, "bringing labor and management together to stimulate development and create long-term work opportunities for union contractors and members of Local 825."

While most LEGOLANDs are planned in the 100-acre-plus range, phase one of this project will cover 150 acres. In total, 500 acres have been purchased in anticipation



This LEGO Man is on his way to Goshen in Orange County, NY

of further growth. Total investment for the project is estimated to be within \$250 million and \$500 million.

The site of the proposed LEGOLAND includes a cluster of adjacent lots along Harri-man Drive, off exit 125 on Route 17. LEGOLAND had focused its search on the region because of its proximity to New York City. Ideal properties were 150 to 200 relatively flat acres that were close to highways.

County officials have said a theme park in Orange County would bring in taxes and opportunities for restaurants and small businesses. Capital investment in the project would run hundreds of millions of dollars, according to economic development experts.

After opening, LEGOLAND New York will employ 500 full-time workers and up to 800 part-timers, 300 of them working year-round and 500 working seasonally during summer and peak periods. In addition, the construction project is expected to provide 800 jobs, including 35 Operating Engineers from Local 825.

The project is slated to begin construction this fall 2016 with an anticipated completion date in early 2019.



California's Legoland was the first in the United States and opened in



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BETTER BUILDING BEGINS HERE

From bikes to ballrooms

OE's will ride again on Sept. 25

The fourth annual Poker Run is set for Sept. 25 and has become a favorite ride for members and friends. It caps off the summer and ends in a laid back, old-fashioned barbecue with lots of bikes parked outside. If you've ridden before, you know the drill. If you haven't and you'd like to sign up, contact Chris Lavee in Springfield HQ.

Dinner & Dancing on Nov. 5

It's been two years since the last Local 825 Dinner Dance but the wait for a repeat will soon be over. The next gala fundraiser for the Scholarship Fund will be held on Saturday, Nov. 5, at the East Brunswick Hilton. Hold the date on your calendar and look for more ticket information soon on the IUOE825.ORG website and Facebook.

