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NY Training Center celebrates grand opening New Wawayanda facility impresses members, families



After years of site selection, planning and construction, the New York Training Center in Wawayanda opened its doors as a house-warming party on the last day of September. It allowed members and their families to become acquainted with the state-of-the-art facility. Earlier in the month, the

September District 4 meeting was held there and, because of its success, future district meetings will be hosted there as well. The former Training Center in Middletown, NY, has been closed. See page 6 for photos of the event and for more pictures of the facility.

CALENDAR

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

NOVEMBER

5 – Daylight Savings Time Ends. Turn clocks back.

7 – Election Day. Vote!

8 – District 2 Meeting
Holiday Inn, Somerset
195 Davidson Ave., Somerset.

9 – District 1 Meeting
Kerri Brooke Caterers
755 S. White Horse Pike, Hammonton

**11 – Veteran’s Day
UNION HOLIDAY**

13 – District 3 Meeting
Russian Hall
64 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ

15 – District 4 Meeting
NY Training Center
96 Bates Gates Road, New Hampton, NY.

**23 – Thanksgiving
UNION HOLIDAY**

DECEMBER

4 – District 1 Meeting
Kerri Brooke Caterers
755 S. White Horse Pike, Hammonton.

6 – District 2 Meeting
Sheraton Edison
125 Raritan Center Parkway, Edison

11 – District 3 Meeting
Holiday Inn
1000 International Drive, Mt. Olive

12 – Holiday Party
Hilton East Brunswick, 3 Tower Center
Boulevard, E. Brunswick.

12 – Hanukkah

13 – District 4 Meeting
NY Training Center
96 Bates Gates Road, New Hampton, NY.

21 – Winter Begins

**25 – Christmas
UNION HOLIDAY**

26 – Kwanzaa

31 – New Year’s Eve

VIEW FROM THE TOP

Greg Lalevee, Business Manager



Labor issues are at stake this Election day

November brings political campaigning to a close and ushers us right up to the voting booth on November 7.

At our annual PAC meeting, members had the opportunity to meet and speak with many of the candidates running for office. We began the meeting with a review of the candidates we recommend for your votes, based on their stated positions and on their records on labor issues. This list of recommendations appears on pages 8 and 9.

For governor, we endorsed former ambassador Phil Murphy early, because he clearly stated his view on labor early on. He stands opposed to “right-to-work” legislation and he backed a TTF settlement while Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno took an opposing position.

In other words, she was against the issues that create the most jobs for Operating Engineers. Additionally, she advocated for the option to divert money from the TTF for water and sewer infrastructure. This is the very option that put the TTF into a death spiral years ago and led to its insolvency.

Local races are also important. We urge you to review the list of endorsements, find your local candidates and do your part on Election Day.

Wawayanda Open House

We were happy to host an open house at the new Wawayanda Training Center. We’re proud of the state-of-the-art facility and look forward to using it as much as possible. It will bring essential training programs closer to our members who live in New York and the northern-most reaches of New Jersey.

Poker Run scores again

The 5th Annual Poker Run once again delivered a great day to our members and to the Local 825 Scholarship Fund. Even members who didn’t ride came out to enjoy the barbecue that followed. And not to be caught resting on its success, brother Chris Lalevee is already planning ways to make next year’s event bigger and better. See details and photos on page 10.

Good news for two pipelines

The NJ Pinelands Commission has approved two important pipelines that had been held up by court challenges: the 30-mile long Southern Reliability Line and the 22-mile pipeline to the B.L. England plant in northern Cape May.

For those of you who made your views known, signed petitions and attended meetings, thank you. Keep up the good work. If we don’t advocate for our own interests, we can’t expect others to. Read more on page 12.

Important procedures

Of special note, on pages 3 of this issue, we publish the Procedures for the nomination and election of delegates to the General International Convention ... We ask that you read these procedures carefully and abide by them.

Our annual holiday party will be held on Dec. 12 at the East Brunswick Hilton. So, allow me to wish each of you and your family members a happy holiday season.

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NJ Training Center

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NY Training Center

Wawayanda location
96 Bates Gates Road
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IUOE Local Union 825 Procedures for the Nomination and Election of Delegates to the General International Convention

I. Appointing An Election Committee

The IUOE Local Union 825 (“Local Union”) Executive Board shall appoint an Election Committee consisting of five (5) members. The Election Committee shall, between all regularly scheduled meetings of the Executive Board, have decision-making authority for all election-related matters vested in said Board, including the authority to make, amend, or modify the election procedures.

II. Combined Notice of Nominations and Election

The Local Union shall give notice of the nominations and election by publishing a Combined Notice of Nominations and Election (the “Combined Notice”) in the November issue of the Local 825 Engineer that will be mailed to all members in good standing. To the extent feasible, the Combined Notice shall appear on the first page of said publication. If such is not feasible, a headline shall state, on the first page of the publication, the page on which the Combined Notice appears.

a. **Notice of Nominations.** The nominations portion of the Combined Notice shall state:

- i. That Delegates are being chosen to elect IUOE Officers at the upcoming Convention;¹
- ii. That the number of delegates to which the Local Union is entitled is based upon the average number of members on which it has paid per capita tax through the month of September of the calendar year prior to the date of the Convention;²
- iii. That, applying this formula, the Local Union is entitled to thirteen Convention Delegates;
- iv. That, in accordance with the Local Union Bylaws, six of these Delegate positions will be filled by those holding Local Union office, *i.e.*, by the Local Union (1) Business Manager, (2) President, (3) Vice President, (4) Recording-Corresponding Secretary, (5) Financial Secretary, and (6) Treasurer;³
- v. That the remaining seven District Delegates shall be elected by secret ballot;
- vi. That each District shall be entitled to send one Delegate to the Convention;⁴
- vii. That the Local Union may send one Alternate Delegate to the Convention for each 5 regular Delegates to which it is entitled.
- viii. That, since the Local Union may send thirteen regular Delegates to the convention, it may also, based on the above

formula, send two Alternate Delegates.⁵ That to be a nominated for District or Alternate Delegate, one must be in good standing at the time of the nomination;⁶

- ix. That no member on dues check-off at the time of nominations will be denied, by virtue of the non-payment of dues, the right to (1) be nominated for, (2) vote in the election for or (3) nominate or second a candidacy for District or Alternate Delegate;⁷
- x. That nominations for District and Alternate Delegates shall take place at the following regular District meetings:
 1. District No. 1: On Monday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. at Grand Versailles, 531 Route 38, West Maple Shade, NJ.
 2. District No. 2: On Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. at Sheraton Edison, 125 Raritan Center Parkway, Edison, NJ.
 3. District No. 3: On Monday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. at Russian Hall, 464 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ.
 4. District No. 4: On Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. at Holiday Inn, 68 Crystal Inn, 68 Crystal Run Road, Middletown, NY.
- xi. That nominations at each District Meeting shall be conducted from the floor and presided over by the President;
- xii. That a nomination must be seconded to be valid;
- xiii. That the nominating member, the seconding member and the nominee must all be affiliated with the District from which the nominee is being selected;
- xiv. That no member can make more than one nomination for each time recognized;
- xv. That all nominating members and seconding members must present acceptable proof of identity, such as a driver’s license or membership card, at the nominations meeting;
- xvi. That nominators shall also be required to submit a written statement with the registration number of each individual that he or she is nominating; That, at the conclusion of nominations, any candidate for District and Alternate Delegate nominated without opposition will be declared to have been elected by acclamation;
- xvii. That, if any candidate for District and Alternate Delegate has opposition, an election by secret mail ballot will be conducted in January 2013;

¹ See Article IV, Section 3 of the IUOE Constitution.

² See IUOE Constitution, Article III, Section 5.

³ See Local Union Bylaws, Article XV, Section 2 (a).

⁴ See Local Union Bylaws, Article XV, Section 2 (b).

⁵ See IUOE Constitution, Article III Section 3.

⁶ Pursuant to Article VII, Section 6 of the Local 825 Bylaws, any member who has not paid their dues and assessments within thirty (30) days after they become due will not be considered to have been in good standing. For example, if the nominations meeting is held in December of this year, a candidate for Delegate to the IUOE Convention must have had his dues and assessments paid though November 2012 to be eligible for nomination.

⁷ See Section 401(e) of the LMRDA.

- xviii. That at such election District and Alternate Delegates shall be selected at large;
- xix. That a background check shall be conducted of each member elected by acclamation, and of each candidate in the January 2013 election, and that the results of said background check will be a factor in determining eligibility to serve as or run for District or Alternate Delegate.⁸
- b. **Notice of Election.** The election portion of the Combined Notice shall state:
- i. That the Local Union is entitled to send six Officer, seven District and two Alternate Delegates to send to the Convention;
 - ii. That, unless all District and Alternate Delegates to which the Local Union is entitled have been elected unopposed and by acclamation during the nomination process, an election will be conducted by secret mailed ballot;
 - iii. That the ballots will be mailed to the membership no later than a date given;
 - iv. That, in order for a ballot to be counted, it must be received, no later than a date given, at the post office box designated for said purpose;
 - v. That a member must request a duplicate ballot no later than a date given;
 - vi. That, in order to be eligible to vote, a member must be in good standing at the time of the election;
 - vii. That to be in good standing a member's dues must be paid in full no later than November 30th, 2012;⁹
 - viii. That members may be elected Delegate by a plurality (i.e., by receiving a greater number of votes than those received by their opponent) and need not win by a majority;
 - ix. That in the event of a tie, selection will be made by coin toss;
 - x. That the Local Union Bylaws prohibit candidates from acting as their own Observers, but that each candidate may have a member in good standing as of the time of the election act as Observer;¹⁰
 - xi. That such Observers shall have the right to observe all aspects of the election, including the printing, preparation and mailing of the ballots, the transporting of the ballots from the post office to the place where the ballots will be counted and the counting and tabulation of the ballots;
 - xii. That the ballots will be tabulated at a time, date and place given.
- b. **Undeliverable Mail.** Each day during the balloting period, the Election Committee shall open the post office box designated for undeliverable mail. The undelivered mail shall be removed from the post office box and transported to the Local Union. The Local Union shall make a good faith effort to obtain current addresses for those members whose ballots have been returned. If an alternate address is obtained, a duplicate ballot shall promptly be mailed to those members.
- c. **Control Number.** A control number shall be assigned to each eligible voter and indicated, alongside the voter's name, on the voter eligibility list. It shall be used solely for the purpose of verifying that blank ballots, or blank duplicate ballots, are sent only to eligible voters.¹¹
- d. **Ballot Package.** The Ballots shall be printed, with a complete ballot package mailed to each member in good standing. The ballot package shall consist of, as further described below, (1) the ballot; (2) the ballot return envelope; and (3) the secret ballot envelope:
- i. **The ballot**, in addition to containing the names of the candidates for office, shall be accompanied by voting instructions. Said instructions will inform members, among other things, that after voting they are to place their ballot into the secret ballot envelope, and, in turn, place the secret ballot envelope into the ballot return envelope for mailing.
 - ii. **The ballot return envelope** shall (1) be addressed to the post office box designated to serve as the depository for ballots cast; (2) contain a postage stamp or pre-paid postage permit; (3) contain appropriate space in the upper left hand corner of the envelope for the voter to indicate name and address and to affix signature; and (4) bear, also on the upper left hand corner, the control number of the voter to whom the ballot package was sent.
 - iii. **The secret ballot envelope** shall be free of anything that would indicate what control number or other indication of voter identity corresponds to what cast ballot. Its purpose is to facilitate a numerical control system (as recorded on the ballot return envelope) under which each eligible voter may cast a single ballot, while preventing the disclosure of which cast ballot corresponds to which control number and thus which voter.
- e. **Log Books**
- i. **Undeliverable Mail.** The Election Committee shall maintain a log of all undeliverable mail. The list shall contain the following information: (1) the date on which the post office box designated for undeliverable mail was opened, (2) the number of pieces of undeliverable mail retrieved from the post office box, (3) the names of the members for whom correct addresses were found, (4) the names of the members for whom correct addresses could not be found, and (5) the number of duplicate ballots mailed each day with respect to members for whom updated addresses were found.

III. The Procedures for Election by Mail Ballot

- a. **Post Office Boxes.** The Local Union shall rent two post office boxes with a U.S. Postal facility located in Springfield, New Jersey. One post office box shall serve as the depository for ballots cast. The second post office box shall serve as a depository for ballots returned as undeliverable due, for example, to improper address.

⁸ The purpose of the background ground check is to determine whether any candidate for Delegate was convicted of any felony, or convicted of any of the crimes enumerated in Section 504 of the LMRDA, during the past thirteen (13) years. In addition, the background check will determine whether any of the nominees for Delegate have any connection to organized crime.

⁹ See Local Union Bylaws, Article VII, Section 2 (b).

¹⁰ See Local Union Bylaws Article XV, Section 3.

¹¹ The control number serves as an additional source of identification in the event the voter neglects to print his name and his signature was illegible on the ballot return envelope. None of this information violates the member's right to a secret ballot. The secret is not who voted, but how someone voted.

- ii. **Duplicate Ballots.** The Election Committee shall maintain a log of all duplicate ballots requested. The log must contain the (1) date of the request; (2) the name, and address of the member making the request; (3) the reason for the request, and (4) date the duplicate ballot was mailed to the member.
- f. **Retrieving and Transporting the Ballots**
- i. **Retrieving the Contents of the First P.O. Box.** The Election Committee and the designated observers shall go to the U.S. Post Office to pick up the ballots on the date that the ballots are to be counted. The Election Committee shall retrieve the entire contents of the P.O. Box and ask the postal clerk on duty for all ballots that may not have been placed in the P.O. Box after it had reached capacity.
 - ii. **Retrieving the Contents of the Second P.O. Box.** The Election Committee, in the presence of the observers, shall open the second P.O. Box and retrieve any undeliverable envelopes. The Election Committee shall ask the postal clerk for any other envelopes returned as undeliverable.
 - iii. **Written Certification.** The Election Committee shall request a written Post Office certification indicating the total number of ballots received during the election period.
 - iv. **Transporting the Ballots.** Only the Election Committee Members shall transport the ballots from the U.S. Post Office to the venue where they will be counted. The Election Committee shall maintain custody and security of the ballots at all times. Observers may follow the Election Committee Members in their own vehicles. No observer, however, may ride in the same vehicle as any member of the Election Committee. Counting shall commence immediately upon the ballots arrival at the designated venue.

IV. Ballot Counting

- a. **Removal and Counting.** The Election Committee shall remove and count the envelopes from the U.S. Postal Service mail sack, placing the envelopes in piles of one hundred. The Election Committee shall announce to everyone present the total number of: (1) envelopes picked up from the post office, (2) envelopes returned as undeliverable on the day of the tally, if any, (3) envelopes returned as undeliverable throughout the entire election process, and (4) updated addresses the Local Union was able to find, confirmation that duplicate ballots were sent to those members. At the conclusion of the announcements, the Election Committee shall set aside all undeliverable envelopes.
- b. **Checking the Voter Eligibility List.** The Election Committee shall cross check the name and control number on the ballot return envelope against the name and control number on the voter eligibility list, placing a check mark next to the members name on the voter eligibility list. If a member's name does not appear on the voter eligibility list, or there is any discrepancy

between the information on the ballot return envelope and the information on the voter eligibility list, the envelope in question shall be designated a challenged ballot, and the envelope shall be set aside. If two envelopes are received from a particular member, the first envelope received from that member is the only envelope that shall be opened and the Election Committee shall place a note on the second envelope stating that the ballot is voided.

- c. **Secret Ballots.** Once the Election Committee verifies the eligibility of each member, the ballot return envelopes shall be opened and the secret ballot envelopes shall be removed. The ballot return envelopes shall be set aside. In order to maintain member rights to secrecy, under no circumstances shall a ballot be counted if the ballot or secret ballots envelop contains the control number or other indication of the identity of the voter who cast the ballot.
- d. **Counting the Ballots.** The ballots shall be counted once all secret ballot envelopes have been set to the side. Tabulation may be made in one of two ways:
 - i. **If by computer.** Each ballot shall be scanned, and the scanner shall record the appropriate markings on each ballot. In the event that a member signs or otherwise indicates his or her identity on the ballot, or in the event that the intent of the voter cannot be determined, the ballot will be voided.
 - ii. **If manually.** The members of the Election Committee shall divide into teams of two; one member shall call off the name of each candidate who received a vote, and the other member shall record the votes received by each candidate on the tally sheet.
- e. **Results:** After all of the ballots have been counted, the Chairman of the Election Committee will announce the results, and the results of the election will be certified.

V. Post-Election Process

- a. **Record Keeping.** All ballots and all other records of the election shall be maintained by the Local Union for a minimum of one year, as required by Section 401 (e) of the LMRDA.
- b. **Protests.** Any member in good standing who wishes to protest the conduct of the nominations and election must follow the election complaint procedures contained in Article XIII, Section 13 of the Local Union Bylaws, and Article XVII of the International Constitution. In the event that the Local Union receives an election protest, the results of the election shall remain in effect unless and until the protest is upheld, and a decision made either by the Local, the International or the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Labor-Management Standards (OLMS), to have the election rerun. The election results shall not be overturned unless an investigation into the election protest discloses violations that could have affected the outcome of the election.

N.Y. Training Center opens its doors to members and families

The new Local 825 Training Center in Wawayanda was officially opened to members and their families with a sumptuous buffet and ice cream cart on the last day of September.

It was cool enough for fall clothing and skies were cloudy but the rain held off and everyone had a chance to inspect the new facilities. Outside, a large tent added to the festive atmosphere and offered protection if the rain came (and it didn't).

The freshly paved parking lot was nearly full. Members were impressed as they walked through the new shop, modern training classrooms and union offices for dispatch and agents. There are also rooms for apprentices, journeymen and women and breaks.

"Members heard about our plans and reports about this place over the past three years, as we passed from planning phases to construction," Greg Lalevee said. "We wanted to invite them to see everything first hand and to appreciate what we have built."

Many members brought their families and some brought "next generation" engineers, who were given a chance for some hands-on experience.

Following the open house, the Wawayanda team continues to work on completion of a punch list to obtain a final certificate of occupancy. Included in these final activities will be fencing, landscaping, paving, water-treatment ponds, bio-retention swales and perimeter drains.

The New York location brings training closer to members who live in the northernmost counties of New Jersey and the five counties of New York. It has replaced the former facilities at Middletown and upcoming district meetings will be held there.



Candidates mingle with members, share ideas

The annual Local 825 PAC meeting took place during the last week in September and was visited by a steady stream of political hopefuls, both incumbents up for reelection and candidates seeking office.

This year, every seat in state government, including the governor's, is up for grabs. The candidates were met by an interested and enthusiastic contingent of Local 825

members, who took advantage of the opportunity to speak informally and test their views on important labor issues.

Just prior to admitting the candidates, members voted on a list of endorsements that had been screened and shared with the group by Business Manager Greg Lalevee.

The candidates who earned endorsement are listed here.

TRAINING CENTER CALENDAR

New Jersey Training Center (732) 798-2170
New York Training Center (845) 673-3154

NOVEMBER

Sat. 4 – Signal-person calls

Sat. 11 – Rigging class

Tues. 14 – Apprentice interviews

Sat. 18 – Hazmat refresher, 8 hours

Also periodically check for updates on [Facebook.com/iuoe825Training](https://www.facebook.com/iuoe825Training)



2017 Endorsements

KEY:

Office **District/ Jurisdiction** Name (Incumbents in CAPS) **Party** *Union Affiliation*

NEW JERSEY

Governor **NJ** Phil Murphy **D**

State Senate **2** Colin Bell **D**

Assembly **2** John Armato **D** *UA 22*

State Senate **3** STEPHEN M. SWEENEY **D** *IRONWORKERS 399*

Assembly **3** JOHN J. BURZICHELLI **D**

Assembly **3** ADAM J. TALIAFERRO **D**

State Senate **4** FRED H. MADDEN JR. **D**

Assembly **4** PAUL D. MORIARTY **D** *SAG/AFTRA*

Assembly **4** GABRIELA M. MOSQUERA **D**

State Senate **5** NILSA CRUZ-PEREZ **D**

Assembly **5** ARTHUR BARCLAY **D**

Assembly **5** PATRICIA EGAN JONES **D**

State Senate **6** JAMES BEACH **D**

Assembly **6** LOUIS D. GREENWALD **D**

Assembly **6** PAMELA R. LAMPITT **D**

State Senate **7** TROY SINGLETON **D** *UBC 715*

Assembly **7** HERB CONAWAY, JR. **D**

Assembly **7** Carol Murphy **D**

State Senate **8** DAWN MARIE ADDIEGO **R**

Assembly **8** JOSEPH HOWARTH **R**

Assembly **8** Ryan Peters **R**

State Senate **11** Vin Gopal **D**

State Senate **13** DECLAN O'SCANLON **R**

State Senate **14** LINDA R. GREENSTEIN **D**

Assembly **14** WAYNE P. DEANGELO **D** *IBEW 269*

Assembly **14** DANIEL R. BENSON **D**

Assembly **15** REED GUSCIORA **D**

Assembly **15** ELIZABETH MAHER MUOIO **D**

State Senate **17** BOB SMITH **D**

Assembly **17** JOSEPH V. EGAN **D** *IBEW 456*

Assembly **17** JOE DANIELSEN **D**

State Senate **18** PATRICK J. DIEGNAN, JR. **D**

Assembly **18** NANCY J. PINKIN **D**

Assembly **18** ROBERT KARABINCHAK **D**

State Senate **19** JOSEPH F. VITALE **D**

Assembly **19** Yvonne Lopez **D**

Assembly **19** CRAIG J. COUGHLIN **D**

State Senate **20** Joe Cryan **D**

Assembly **21** JON M. BRAMNICK **R**

State Senate **22** NICHOLAS P. SCUTARI **D**

Assembly **22** JAMES J. KENNEDY **D**

State Senate **23** Christine Lui Chen **D**

Assembly **23** Laura Shaw **D**

Assembly **23** Charles Boddy **D**

State Senate **24** STEVEN V. OROHO **R**

Assembly **24** Hal Wirths **R**

Assembly **26** BETTYLOU DeCROCE **R**

State Senate **27** RICHARD J. CODEY **D**

Assembly **27** MILA M. JASEY **D**

Assembly **27** JOHN F. McKEON **D**

State Senate **28** RONALD L. RICE **D**

Assembly **28** RALPH R. CAPUTO **D**

Assembly **29** ELIANA PINTOR MARIN **D**

Assembly **29** Shanique Speight **D**

State Senate **30** ROBERT W. SINGER **R**

Assembly **30** SEAN T. KEAN **R**

Assembly **30** NED THOMSON **R**

State Senate **31** SANDRA B. CUNNINGHAM **D**

Assembly **31** NICHOLAS A. CHIARAVALLI **D**

Assembly **31** ANGELA V. McKNIGHT **D**

State Senate **32** NICHOLAS J. SACCO **D**

Assembly **32** VINCENT PRIETO **D**

Assembly **32** ANGELICA M. JIMENEZ **D**

State Senate **33** BRIAN P. STACK **D**

Assembly **33** ANNETTE CHAPARRO **D**

Assembly **33** RAJ MUKHERJI **D**

Assembly **34** THOMAS P. GIBLIN **D** *IUOE 68*

State Senate **35** NELLIE POU **D**

Assembly **35** SHAVONDA E. SUMTER **D**

Assembly **35** BENJIE E. WIMBERLY **D**

State Senate **36** PAUL A. SARLO **D**

Assembly **36** MARLENE CARIDE **D**

Assembly **36** GARY S. SCHAEER **D**

State Senate **37** LORETTA WEINBERG **D**

Assembly **37** GORDON M. JOHNSON **D**

Assembly **37** VALERIE VAINIERI HUTTLE **D**

State Senate **38** ROBERT M. GORDON **D**

Assembly **38** TIMOTHY J. EUSTACE **D**

Assembly **38** JOSEPH A. LAGANA **D**

Freeholder **Atlantic County** JOHN CARMAN **R** *UBC 255*

Freeholder **Bergen County** JOAN M. VOSS **D**

Freeholder **Bergen County** DAVID L. GANZ **D**

Freeholder **Burlington County** LINDA HUGHES **R**

Freeholder **Burlington County** BRUCE GARGANIO **R** *UBC 255*

Freeholder **Camden County** JONATHAN YOUNG, SR. **D** *UBC 255*

Freeholder Camden County LOUIS CAPPELLI, JR. D
Freeholder Cumberland County CAROL MUSSO D
Freeholder Cumberland County Jack Surrency D
Freeholder Cumberland County George Castellini D
Freeholder Essex County - At Large BRENDAN GILL D
Freeholder Essex County - At Large PATRICIA SEBOLD D
Freeholder Essex County - At Large RUFUS JOHNSON D
Freeholder Essex County - At Large LEBBY JONES D
Freeholder Essex County - D1 Bobby Mercado D
Freeholder Essex County - D2 WAYNE RICHARDSON D *LIUNA 55*
Freeholder Essex County - D3 BRITNEE TIMBERLAKE D
Freeholder Essex County - D4 LEONARD LUCIANO D *AFT 481*
Freeholder Essex County - D5 Carlos Pomares D
Freeholder Gloucester County JIM JEFFERSON D
Freeholder Gloucester County LYMAN BARNES D
Freeholder Gloucester County HEATHER SIMMONS D
Freeholder Mercer County LYCYLLE R.S. WALTER D
Freeholder Mercer County JOHN A. CIMINO D
Freeholder Middlesex County CHARLES E. TOMARO D
Freeholder Middlesex County LESLIE KOPPEL D
Freeholder Middlesex County SHANTI NARRA D
Freeholder Passaic County BRUCE JAMES D
Freeholder Passaic County THEODORE O. "TJ" Best D
Freeholder Passaic County ASSAD AKHTER D
Freeholder Salem County CHARLES HASSLER D *IBEW 94*
Freeholder Salem County Jesse Stemberger D
Freeholder Somerset County BRIAN LEVINE R
Freeholder Somerset County Brian Gallagher R
Mayor Edison THOMAS LANKEY D
Mayor Gloucester Township DAVID MAYER D *AFT 2373*
Mayor Guttenberg WAYNE ZITT D
Mayor Hillside Dahlia Vertreese D *IUOE 68*
Mayor Morristown TIMOTHY DOUGHERTY D *IUOE 68*
Mayor Park Ridge KEITH MISCIAGNA D *IBEW 164*
Mayor Parsippany JAMIE BARBERIO R
Mayor Woodland Park KEITH KAZMARK D *AFT 2360*
Mayor Atlantic City FRANK GILLIAM D
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5th Poker Run Biggest and Best Yet



With the temperatures tipping 80 under a clear blue sky, more than 400 motorcycles of every make and model, and many one-of-a-kind bikes, raised a cloud of dust as they roared out of Deans Rhode Hall Road on their 30-plus-mile journey to Jackson Township.

In addition to riders, there were volunteers on hand at the Training Center from Local 825 and ELEC to complete registrations and help the run get off on time.

Event organizer Chris Laveve was delighted with the turnout and thanked everyone involved, including sponsors who donated funds to offset the cost of prizes.

Prizes included: “best hand” (a \$200 Amazon gift card); “second-best” received a \$100 gift card and “worst hand” won a \$25 Visa gift card. The “best bike” show was a tie for first that ended in a coin toss. Trophies were given to the top three winners.

“There were more than 400 people altogether,” Chris said. “There were lots of passengers on bikes and plenty of people that didn’t ride who joined us for the BBQ afterwards.”

Food was plentiful – burgers, dogs, chicken, salads and soda – and the Moose Lodge was as accommodating as always. One of our members, DJ George Baranowski, donated his talent, time and equipment playing music for the fifth year in a row.

Chris gave special shoutouts to: the Training Center staff for setting up and breaking down the event start; the Applegarth Fire Company; Tara’s Tavern; and Am Vets of Jackson, who provided stops along the ride.

While everyone had a great time, Chris is already looking ahead to next year to keep the event growing.

“We’re looking into incorporating a car show next year,” he said, tipping his hand.



Edison becomes 18th town to adopt safe crane ordinance

The Township of Edison became one of the latest municipalities to pass a “safe crane” ordinance to promote safe and experienced crane operation. Edison was one of many municipalities targeted by ELEC’s safe-crane-ordinance initiative.

“Unlicensed and inexperienced crane operators aren’t just a nuisance – they pose a real threat to residents, property and other workers,” said Greg Laveve, who also serves as ELEC Chairman.

“When contractors lift HVAC units and equipment that weigh tons, it’s critical that trusted, licensed and well-trained operators

be at the controls.”

ELEC’s safe-crane initiative began in 2016 and involved working with our Training Center and legal counsel to develop a model ordinance for towns and cities to address a spate of accidents involving non-union contractors.

In New Jersey, residents and contractors need a permit to perform even to fix a toilet. Yet the state doesn’t require contractors to inform municipalities when they will be bringing in cranes, even though the risks are far greater.

Edison becomes the eighteenth municipality to approve the ordinance.



Mission accomplished: Rowan development opens

A major portion of the Rowan Boulevard re-development project was officially opened in a ribbon-cutting ceremony in late August.

The project brings to fruition ELEC advocacy work undertaken by approximately 18 months ago. Headed by Mark Longo, Director, and Kate Gibbs, Business Development, the ELEC team helped to promote the development and obtain project approvals, clearing the way for Local 825 members to take part in the construction.

The \$110 million phase of development added 557 beds to Rowan Boulevard, a 17,700-square-foot fitness center for the university, 43,000 square feet of retail space, a 934-unit parking garage and 37 luxury apartments spread across four buildings. An additional 30,000 square feet of classroom space was also added for the College of Communications and Creative Arts.

In the photo above, Glassboro Mayor Leo McCabe is joined by state Senate President Steve Sweeney, Rowan University President Ali Houshmand and Nexus Properties Chief Operating Officer Dante Germano, the developer, at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.





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Why Are These Men Smiling?

(From left to right) Guillermo Nino, John Allen, Robert Walker and Chris Bohlke each hold two tickets for the Oct. 1 Jets game against the Jaguars. The quartet won the tickets as part of a drawing at the Local 825 PAC meeting just days earlier at

the East Brunswick Hilton. And their good luck wasn't over yet. At the game on Sunday, they got to see Chandler Catanzaro kick a 41-yard field goal with 28 seconds left in overtime, winning the game for the Jets 23-20 over the Jacksonville Jaguars.



Two pipelines clear hurdles

Two pipelines that had been ensnared in legal challenges have taken a step forward.

The NJ Pinelands Commission approved the 30-mile long Southern Reliability Line pipeline that will stretch from Chesterfield Township, across part of the Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst and end in Manchester Township.

Executive director, Nancy Wittenberg held that the 30-mile pipeline conforms to the commission's Comprehensive Management Plan.

Although the decision will probably be challenged in court, the project is moving closer to an inevitable approval and construction start date.

The commission had previously approved a 22-mile pipeline to the B.L. England plant in northern Cape May, which also had been entangled in the courts.