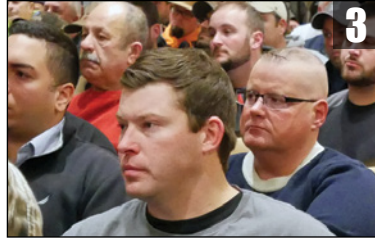


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Dayton center hosts largest group in five years Winter classes offer ways to improve or learn new skills



Milling class participants and instructors take a photo break under sunny skies during the recent cold snap. The winter class is one of 14 held in January and February at the NJ Training Center in Dayton. Front row, left to right: Diane Stephens, Christy Dittman and Lauren Kosonen. Second row: Marianne

Pontano, Richard Callinan, Daniel Tymon, John Ferreira, Blain Palmer, Instructor Robert Mellon, Mike Criso, Derek Dishuk, Ernest Schumann and Eduardo Vargas. Third row: Instructor James Beslanovitz, Kenneth Bowker and (seated above) Instructor Ricky Beniulis. See more photos on pages 4 and 5.

CALENDAR

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

MARCH

5 – District 1 meeting

Crystal Manor
210 S. Delsea Drive, Glassboro

7 – District 2 meeting

Holiday Inn
2870 Rt. 35, Hazlet

11 – Daylight Saving Time begins. Clocks forward.

12 – District 3 meeting

Holiday Inn
1000 International Drive, Mt. Olive

14 – District 4 meeting

HNY Training Center
96 Bates Gates Road, New Hampton
Blood Bank, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

20 – Spring begins

30 – Good Friday. Passover

APRIL

1 – Easter

2 – District 1 meeting

Elks Lodge 1875
600 Washington St., Toms River

4 – District 2 meeting

Ramada Plaza
160 Frontage Road, Newark

6 – Local 825 Scholarship Applications Deadline

9 – District 3 meeting

Russian Hall
464 Outwater Lane, Garfield

11 – District 4 meeting

NY Training Center
96 Bates Gates Road, New Hampton, NY

22 – Earth Day

VIEW FROM THE TOP

Greg Lalevee, Business Manager



Winter classes set record

Learning continues despite record cold

Record cold temperatures did little to keep our members from participating in winter classes in January and February. More than 130 members took advantage of a wide range of courses and our STEAM program got off to a strong start.

STEAM – for Supplemental Training Education And Mentorship – is helping to prepare new trainees for upcoming jobs. The “Mentorship” aspect of this program is very important and we are looking for some of our more experienced members to step up and help guide these trainees.

Guidance can mean many things: encouraging trainees to attend union meetings, getting involved in activities, getting them to the training center, and eventually mastering their craft. We believe interactions like these are important to help build a sense of brotherhood and relationships that can last a lifetime.

The wind at our backs

The new Murphy administration is off and running. It got out of the gate with a number of executive orders and initiatives. One of them directs the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities to fully implement the Offshore Wind Economic Development Act and be-

gin the process of moving the state toward a goal of 3,500 megawatts of offshore wind energy by the year 2030.

Putting this goal into perspective, this would be more energy than is currently generated by the Salem Nuclear Plant, which puts out approximately 2,300 megawatts.

We were happy to attend the signing of this executive order, because the plan will also focus on job growth, workforce development, data collection, determination of facilities and ensuring that natural resources are protected.

Pipeline delays

Although FERC approved the PennEast pipeline in January, the NJ DEP has yet to issue a permit. Anti-pipeline groups and certain state lawmakers have vowed to block construction. We are making our position clear on this and we will be watching developments closely.

ELEC programs

The Market Recovery Program has been responsible to date for 400,000 man-hours of work that would not otherwise have been available to our members. The \$9 million cost to secure these projects yielded wages and benefits worth more than \$27 million – a three-to-one investment benefit.

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Local 825 salutes Christie for jobs

The first semiannual meeting drew a capacity crowd to the East Brunswick Hilton in January as members heard from outgoing Governor Chris Christie and key updates from leadership on funds, training and jobs.

Business Manager Greg Laveeve recapped the many contributions Gov. Christie made to the economy, particularly as it impacted members of Local 825.

Some of these major infrastructure projects were:

- Widening the New Jersey Turnpike between exits 6 and 9 and eliminating “the merge” at exit 8A;
- Raising the Bayonne Bridge to accommodate supertankers from the widened Panama Canal;
- Bridge construction that included the Goethals, Pulaski and Wittpenn, with some of the funding coming from the Port Authority;
- The reconstruction that followed Hurricane Sandy, rebuilding highways, bridges, the Belmar boardwalk and related reconstruction;
- Providing help on energy infrastructure initiatives, including transmission power lines, gas distribution upgrades and pipeline proposals;



Gov. Christie waves farewell to members as Greg presents him with a commemorative plaque.

- And finally, funding the TTF for eight years, after 20 years of failure.

Greg calculated that Gov. Christie’s programs were directly related to Local 825 work hours increasing by 30 percent since 2012 and a 10 percent increase in membership over that period.

Gov. Christie’s address was short but heartfelt as he thanked members for “being there” for him over his time in office. He received a solid standing ovation and shook hands with many of the members before departing.

Following his address, Greg and Pres-



Members give Gov. Christie a standing ovation following his last address as New Jersey’s 55th governor.

ident John Wood presented him with a commemorative plaque with an engraved bulldozer in recognition of the major construction projects that were approved during his administration.

Christie connected with the members as he recalled his first job pumping gas in Livingston at age 15, working through school and remaining employed until now ... when he joked he may have to go on unemployment until he decides what his next job will be.

The July semiannual meeting will be held July 9 at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford.

2018 sights turn to tunnel, energy and major projects

Although it was believed a funding agreement was in place months ago, the Gateway Tunnel project is once again in negotiations to determine a cost-sharing formula among New Jersey, New York and the Federal government.

At December’s Gateway Development Corporation board meeting, Local 825 and ELEC testified in support of the much-needed mega project. While the two states had agreed to split half the cost of the project, it was thought the Federal government would fund the other half. The Trump administration has dismissed that plan and we are hoping to negotiate a solution to allow the project to begin.

Pipelines bottleneck

While two pipelines recently cleared regulatory hurdles, major work is still being delayed.

FERC approved the Millennium Pipeline’s



Greg Laveeve joined with Governor Phil Murphy and other officials in Trenton to generate 3,500 megawatts of offshore wind energy by 2030. The plan will focus on offshore wind development, job growth, workforce development, data collection, determination of facilities and ensuring that natural resources are protected.

Eastern System Upgrade but it still needs a permit from the NY Department of Environment and Conservation.

FERC also approved the PennEast pipeline but the NJDEP has not yet issued necessary permits.

All approvals are in place for the BL England pipeline but anti-pipeline litigation keeps it from moving forward.

Similarly, anti-pipeline groups have filed litigation against the Southern Reliability Link, which has otherwise received all necessary approvals. It is our belief that this project will begin work in the near future.

PSE&G’s phase 2 gas line modernization is awaiting approvals. ELEC has been granted “intervener” status in support of the project, which gives us the right to review and comment on all BPU status updates.

NJ Training Center hosts largest group in five years

Milling and Paving jobs build STEAM

This January's brutal cold snap did nothing to slow Local 825 training classes at the Dayton Training Center.

More than 130 operators participated in a range of 14 classes, which included milling and paving, basic crane, spider crane, pile driving, pipeline, angle-blade dozer, side boom, Brokk robotic and GPS classes on the dozer, excavator and rover.

The number was the largest in several years.

Training Co-director Willie Vacarro credited 17 instructors who helped to make the training possible. They were:

- Robert Mellon & James Beslanovitz, teaching the milling machine
- Glen Horishny & Richard Beniulis, teach-

ing the paving machine

- Chris Delaney & Joe Graham, teaching the blacktop roller
- Dave Spece & Eric Anderson, teaching the transfer machine
- Efrain Crespo, teaching the GPS class for the dozer, excavator & Rover
- Thomas Newman, teaching the angle-blade dozer
- Terrence O'Brien & George Wallis, teaching the excavator
- Richard 'Bucky' Rocco, teaching the side booms
- Matt Knoll, teaching the log truck
- Joe Glova & Chris Szpila, teaching basic crane
- Joseph Juzefyk, teaching the Bauer drill rig
- Bobby Lane, teaching the Junttan machine
- Pat Muscattell, teaching the Casagrande Drill

- Dan Seig, teaching the Helical Piles class
- (George Wallis, Joe Glova, Chris Szpila and Dan Seig are full-time instructors, all other names are seasonal instructors.)

By far, the department with the largest number of participants this year was Paving, which includes the paving machine, milling machine, roller and transfer machine, accounting for approximately 68 participants. Of these, 28 are part of the new STEAM program (Supplemental Training Education And Membership).

The STEAM program was designed to fill the high demand for skilled milling and paving Operating Engineers. It also provides the opportunity for greater diversity in jobs for minorities, women, veterans and children and grandchildren of members.





TRAINING CENTER CALENDAR

NEW JERSEY TRAINING CENTER

(732) 798-2170. All classes start at 7:00am unless noted otherwise.

8-Hour Hazmat Refresher

- Sat., March 10
- Sat., March 24
- Sat., April 28

CCO

4 Study Saturdays, 8 a.m. start time

Sign-up day & TSS

- Sat. March 3
- Sat. April 7

TWR at 7 a.m. / TLL at 8 a.m.

- Sat. March 10
- Sat., April 14

OVR at 7 a.m. / LBT at 8 a.m.

- Sat. March 17
- Sat., April 21

LBC & Review

- Sat. March 24
- Sat., April 29

Written Test at 7 a.m.

- Sun., March 25
- Sun., April 2

OSHA 30 Class

(Must attend all 4 days) – 7 a.m.

Start Time

- Tues., March 6 – Mod 1,
- Wed., March 7 – Mod 2,
- Thur., March 8 – Mod 3,
- Fri., March 9 – Mod 4

40-Hour Hazmat Class

(Must Attend All 5 Days) – 7 a.m.

Start Time

- Mon., March 19 through Fri., March 23

NEW YORK TRAINING CENTER

(845) 673-3154. The New York Training Center is now offering classes on two new machines:

- The 360 Forklift, being taught by Casey Green.
- The Spyder Crane, being taught by Don Newman.

OSHA 30 Class

(Must attend all 4 days) – 7 a.m.

Start Time

- Tues., April 17 – Mod 1,
- Wed., April 18 – Mod 2,
- Thur., April 19 – Mod 3,
- Fri., April 20 – Mod 4

40-Hour Hazmat Class

(Must Attend All 5 Days) – 7 a.m.

Start Time

- Mon., April 23 through Fri., April 27

Interested members should contact Craig Boyd @ (845) 673-3154 to register.

Training Center hours hit 54,848

Local 825 training centers in New Jersey and New York were busy during 2017, providing 54,848 hours of training to apprentices and members alike.

As classes continue, work also continues to have the NJ Training Center designated a two-year technical college by the end of 2018. An application to the Council on Occupational Education was submitted in December.

The innovative move is being prompted by

rapid changes in technology, which include the shift to GPS and introduction of Artificial Intelligence technology.

Greg Laveve compares the changes in the industry to watershed moments in the past, such as when gas and diesel engines replaced steam, and when hydraulics replaced cables.

Advance thinking and preparation will position Local 825 to remain strong as the industry evolves around it.



Four new members of Local 825 completed their apprenticeships in 2017 and were sworn in during the semiannual meeting. From left to right are: Keith Leady, Vincent Kyzima, Frank Dinger Jr. and Jessica Sandberg.

Scholarship deadline: April 6

The deadline to apply for a 2018 Local 825 scholarship is fast approaching.

If you have a child or grandchild who will graduate high school in June and is college bound, you owe it to your family to apply by April 6.

Each year for the past three years, Local 825 members have awarded \$10,000 to

nine student applicants. Winners are recognized in June.

Local 825's students are also eligible to apply for several other scholarships offered by our allied labor organizations. Deadlines and details for these vary and may be reviewed on the IUOE225.ORG website.

ELEC achievements earn recognition

Business Manager and ELEC Chairman Greg Lavee praised ELEC for becoming an industry and public opinion leader that proactively advocates for members and signatory contractors.

Greg also praised ELEC's expanding Market Recovery and Member Credentialing programs.

The Market Recovery Program, established to help union contractors level the field against the stiff competition from non-union competitors has been responsible to date for 400,000 man hours of work that would not otherwise have been made available to our members.

While the cost to secure these projects were slightly more than \$9 million, the resulting wages and benefits resulting from it has totaled more than \$27 million – a three-to-one investment benefit.

The credentialing program has returned \$150,000 to members during 2017 and \$570,000 since its inception.



MRP PROJECT – The Amazon Warehouse being constructed in West Deptford Township by Petillo Construction Inc. was assisted by a Market Recovery Program grant from ELEC.]

ELEC drives on a widened road

ELEC's Road to Repair initiative, which began to fight for a TTF solution, has a new look:

The updated Road to Repair logo now includes symbols for water-sewer and energy, reflecting its expanded scope. In addition to an expanded industry focus, Road to Repair is also expanding geographically, moving

into the Albany and Hudson Valley areas to promote projects in New York.

"Our vision is now focused on finding solutions to the next frontier of infrastructure challenges and expanding our influence in New York State," ELEC Director Mark Longo explained.



ELEC Legislative Update

WQAA and RAP become law

The Water Quality Accountability Act (WQAA) was signed into law. This requires all water purveyors to have asset management plans and to perform proactive maintenance, requirements that will translate into jobs for members.

The Recycled Asphalt Pavement (RAP) law also was signed into law, allowing our contractors and quarries to use RAP unbound, as a surface material for parking lots, farm roads or pathways, in quarry reclamation, underneath guardrails or mixed with other materials as a base or sub-base material, subject to Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) standards.



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BETTER BUILDING BEGINS HERE

Congratulations in order ...

Kate Gibbs, who has served as a Burlington County Freeholder since 2016, was elected unanimously by her peers to serve as Freeholder Director in 2018. During her state-of-the-county remarks, she called on the board to set an example by performing their duties as public servants, not politicians.

Kate also was selected as one of South Jersey BIZ magazine’s “2018 Women to Watch”



Kate Gibbs

in its February issue and has been named “Legislator of the Year” by the National Association of Women Business Owners, South Jersey Chapter.

Michael Makarski, formerly the Senior Director of Public Affairs for MWW Public Relations, has joined the ELEC team and will lead External Affairs, including communications, government affairs and issue-advocacy campaign management.



Michael Makarski

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Meanwhile, the Member Credentialing program has returned \$150,000 to members during 2017 and \$570,000 since its inception. Keeping our members’ credentials up to date helps us to fill jobs immediately.

Blood Bank and Scholarships

We have a blood bank coming up at our New York Training Center on March 6, for anyone within a reasonable drive from there. You never know whose life you may be saving when you donate blood.

And April 6 is the cut-off to submit an application for a Local 825 scholarship. If you have a child or grandchild who is college bound this fall, this could be worth \$10,000.

After this winter, we’re all looking forward to the coming of spring!