Seventh 825 Poker Run draws full house

Blue, sunny skies open up for popular scholarship fundraiser

The annual Poker Run got off under cool temperatures and cloudy skies. But that all changed as the bikers pulled away from the Training Center at 11 a.m. The clouds opened up to a blue, cloudless sky. Estimates put riders around the 300 mark. Everyone followed the Run route and began pulling into the Rahway Yacht Club as early as 12:30. They spent the rest of the afternoon enjoying the barbecue and time with friends. Photos on pages 4 and 5.
Elections have consequences.
Let’s make them positive!

We have a date with the future on Nov. 5. Election Day 2019 gives us an opportunity to select candidates who will represent us in deeds as well as words.

As we do every year, we reviewed voting records – not just rhetoric – of our elected officials. We’ve interviewed many of them and hosted them at our annual PAC meeting (story and photos on page 6). This gathering allowed our members to hear first-hand from incumbent and hopeful candidates alike and to quiz them about issues important to us.

Endorsements
Members voted to endorse the candidates who appear on page 7. This list reflects careful and deliberate evaluation. We want candidates who do more than just understand our issues – we want them to vote accordingly and we will monitor their votes.

Key issues include job creation in energy and infrastructure, particularly when it comes to restarting some of the pipelines projects that anti-pipeline opponents have tied up in the courts. We’re also interested in hiring of apprentices on federal projects and continued support for prevailing wage protections provided by the Davis Bacon Act.

A case in point is the confirmation of Eugene Scalia as U.S. Labor Secretary. We voiced concern over him in our last newsletter. As a practicing attorney, Scalia had been a consistent proponent of deregulation and the AFL-CIO branded him a union-busting lawyer. Unfortunately, the US Senate voted along party lines to approve him in September.

7th Poker Run a Success
The seventh annual Poker Run took place on September 29 and was a roaring success. Early morning clouds gave way to bright, sunny skies and temperatures in the 70s. The Rahway Yacht Club, our new destination and barbecue site, was more than comfortable and reminded some of our older members of events held there in the past. See photos on pages 4 and 5.

Holidays Ahead
As we enter the last two months of the year, we look forward to the holidays that begin with Veterans Day and Thanksgiving in November and lead up to Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa. In advance, we wish you and your loved ones a peaceful end to 2019 and we look forward to our Local’s 100th anniversary in 2020.
More than 400 Local 825 members filled the banquet room at the East Brunswick Hilton to witness IUOE General President James Callahan swear into office Business Manager Greg Lalevee and his team of officers for the next three-year terms. President Callahan congratulated the officers and addressed the members at the meeting and during the reception that followed.

Greg reported on the success of the Local’s funds and the growth in membership over the past eleven years. He reflected on the local’s many successes and expressed his gratitude to the members for their continued confidence in his leadership.

He also announced that the Council of Occupational Education has approved the New Jersey Training Center’s application to become a technical college. Official approval from the state is still needed and a response is expected by the end of this year. It is part of the Local’s continuing efforts to prepare its members for the changes that are taking place in equipment throughout the construction industry.

IUOE General President Jim Callahan with Business Manager Greg Lalevee and the officers at the annual IUOE Convention this June.

2020 Irish Grand Marshall

IUOE General President James T. Callahan will lead a march up Fifth Avenue in 2020 but this march will be to honor the Irish patron Saint Patrick.

The New York Saint Patrick’s Day Parade is the world’s oldest and largest civic parade. It celebrates the faith of Ireland, Irish heritage and culture. Callahan will lead the 259th parade on March 17, 2020.

Jim was selected by the parade’s board of directors and is the grandson of Irish grandparents who emigrated from counties Limerick and Kerry in the early 1900s. He also serves as the President of the New York Friends of Ireland.
The 2019 Poker Run benefitting the Local 825 scholarship fund got off with a roar on the next-to-last day in September.

After disappointing weather the year before, the sunny skies were welcome to this year’s event. Estimate put this year’s ridership in the neighborhood of 300 bikers. Many more members and family members attended the barbecue at the Yacht Club.

The food was plentiful, and the music kept everyone entertained. Race founder and organizer Chris Lalevee was on hand to greet the riders and thank all the staff members who helped out with the registration tables in the morning and with the Yacht Club bash that closed out the day.

Many members who were not able to attend responded on Instagram and Facebook that they will not miss the Eighth Annual Poker Run next year.

All proceeds benefit the Local 825 Scholarship Fund.
Rand CEO backs NY Rt. 17 project

Business Manager Greg Lalevee and Business Agent Tim Muller welcomed CEO Paul Adler of Rand Commercial and members of his staff to the New York Training Center in September.

They discussed a variety of infrastructure projects, equipment issues and potential opportunities, including the Route 17 Interstate 86 conversion, which is needed to support increasing traffic resulting from major development in the area.

This project includes reconstructing Exit 4 with new bridges, ramp improvements and additional bridge replacements along NY 17. Progress has remained halted over funding and engineering challenges.
Scores of political hopefuls from state, county and local levels representing counties throughout the 26-county Local 825 area made their pitch to members in September. The annual Political Action Committee meeting has become a “must” for candidates who want the backing of our Operating Engineers.

Business Manager Greg Lalevee, President John Wood, Business Agents and members of the board turned out to greet the candidates and discuss issues important to the economy and to labor.

As in the past, members voted to endorse a slate of candidates (see facing page). Endorsement candidates were selected for their level of commitment to infrastructure, labor issues and a diverse mix of energy, all areas that create good jobs and improve the region’s economy and quality of life.

The meeting was held at the East Brunswick Hilton.
Local 825 members vote to endorse these candidates for election

STATE LEGISLATURE

Legislative District 2
Member John Armato D Party

Legislative District 18
Member Robert Karabinchak D Party

Legislative District 1
Member William Parenti D Party

Legislative District 14
Member Jamillah Beasley-McLoed D Party

Legislative District 5
Member KeithMisciagna D Party

Legislative District 19
Member Craig Coughlin D Party

Legislative District 6
Member William Spearman D Party

Legislative District 21
Member Jon Bramnick R Party

Legislative District 7
Member Louis Greenwald D Party

Legislative District 27
Member Gabriela Mosquera D Party

Legislative District 13
Member William Moen D Party

Legislative District 28
Member Yvonne Lopez D Party

Legislative District 14
Member Wayne DeAngelo D Party

Legislative District 30
Member Harold Wirths R Party

Legislative District 18
Member William Parenti D Party

Legislative District 31
Member Nicholas Chiaramonti R Party

Legislative District 10
Member Joseph Egan D Party

Legislative District 32
Member Angelica Jimenez D Party

LOCAL AND COUNTY

Jurisdiction Name Office
Cumberland County Celeste Riley Clerk
Hudson County Tom DeGise Executive
Bergen County Germaine Ortiz Freeholder
Bergen County Mary Amoroso Freeholder
Bergen County Tom Sullivan Freeholder
Burlington County Latham Tiver Freeholder
Burlington County Lee Schneider Freeholder
Camden County Carmen Rodriguez Freeholder
Camden County Ed McDonnell Freeholder
Camden County Melinda Kane Freeholder
Essex County Romaine Graham Freeholder
Middlesex County Clary Azcona-Barber Freeholder
Middlesex County Charles Kenny Freeholder
Middlesex County Kenneth Armwood Freeholder
Monmouth County Dominick DiRocco Freeholder
Monmouth County Thomas A. Arnone Freeholder
Somerset County Patricia Walsh Freeholder
Sussex County Anthony Fasano Freeholder
Cumberland County Christopher Jennings Freeholder
Cumberland County Darlene Barber Freeholder
Gloucester County Frank DiMarco Freeholder
Gloucester County Dan Christy Freeholder
Hudson County Frank Schillari Sheriff
Sussex County Mike Strada Sheriff
Somerset County William Parenti Sheriff
Buena Matt Walker Council
Carteret Vinnie Bellino Council
Carteret Jorge Diaz Council
Dumont Dominick Panefile Council
Demarest Jim Carroll Council
Fairfield Michael McGlynn Council
Park Ridge Keith Misciagna Mayor
Irvington Jamillah Beasley-McLoed Council

Jurisdiction Name Office
Deptford Ed Kalinowski School Board
Deptford Twp. Paul Medany Council
Deptford Twp. MacKenzie Bellinger Council
Deptford Twp. Tom Hufnell Council
Franklinville Twp. Scott Quick Council
Franklinville Twp. Lena Jester Council
Hoboken Migdalia Pagan-Milano Ward 1 - Council
Hoboken Nora Martinez DeBenedetto Ward 2 - Council
Hoboken Michael Russo Ward 3 - Council
Hoboken Reuben Ramos Ward 4 - Council
Hoboken Phil Cohen Ward 5 - Council
Hoboken Cristin Cricco Powell Ward 6 - Council
Lawrence Twp. Mike Powers Council
Lawrence Twp. John Ryan Council
Lawrence Twp. Cathleen Lewis Council
Woodbridge John McCormack Mayor
Woodbridge Lizbeth DeJesus Council
Woodbridge Brian Small Council
Woodbridge Kyle Anderson Council
Woodbridge Greg Ficarra Council
Wood-Ridge Paul Sarlo Mayor
Wood-Ridge Catherine Cassidy Council
Wood-Ridge Joseph DiMarco Council
Ocean Twp. Amy McGovern School Board
Parsippany Robert Kaminiski Council
South Toms River Tom Rolzihausen Council
Totowa John Capo Council
Pitts Grove Tom Hickson Jr. Committee
Frankford Twp. Nick Civitan Committee
Union Twp. Clifton People Council
Union Twp. Suzette Cavadas Council
Westfield Robert Garrison School Board

www.IUOE825.org Pride, Professionalism and Integrity
Local 825 member Joe Cacioppo worked as a steward on the Tappan Zee Bridge replacement project. Every day he looked up at the huge, 30-foot-long American flag that hung from the Rockland County side. Over the months and years, the elements took their toll and tattered its edges.

Joe brought its condition to the attention of the superintendent, who agreed to replace it. Joe was given the old flag and knew immediately what he would do with it.

His wife’s mother, Pauline Ferrante, was an established seamstress. Years earlier – before getting married and raising a family – she had studied at New York’s famed Traphagen School of Fashion.

Pauline agreed to take on the project of restoring the flag. Her craftsmanship was so fine that she was entrusted with a second flag, which had hung from a crane at the New Jersey Training Center in Dayton.

Pauline restored the two flags. The Tappan Zee flag now hangs in the New York Training Center; the Dayton flag is back at home, waving high above the New Jersey Training Center.

To express the Local’s gratitude, a plaque was prepared and will be presented to her by Business Manager Greg Lalevee.