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

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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.

CALENDAR

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

NOVEMBER

3 - Daylight Savings ends. Turn clocks back

4 - District 1

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

5 - Election Day

6 - District 2

FairBridge Hotel
195 Davidson Ave., Somerset

11 - District 3

Holiday Inn
1000 International Drive, Mt. Olive

11 - Veterans Day - UNION HOLIDAY

13 - District 4

NY Training Center
96 Bates Gates Road, New Hampton

28 - Thanksgiving - UNION HOLIDAY

DECEMBER

2 - District 1

Kerri Brooke Caterers
755 S. White Horse Pike, Hammonton

4 - District 2

Sheraton Edison
125 Raritan Center Parkway, Edison

9 - District 3

Russian Hall
464 Outwater Lane, Garfield

10 - Holiday Party

Hilton East Brunswick
3 Tower Center Blvd, East Brunswick

11 - District 4

NY Training Center
96 Bates Gates Road, New Hampton

21 - Winter begins

22 - Hanukkah

25 - Christmas - UNION HOLIDAY

26 - Kwanzaa

VIEW FROM THE TOP

Greg Lavee, Business Manager



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.

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Business Manager, officers installed for new term

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 Lavee 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 Lavee 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.

300 IUOE bikers take to the road for benefit of members' students

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 orga-

nizer Chris Laveve 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.



TRAINING CENTER CALENDAR

NEW JERSEY TRAINING CENTER

All classes start at 7 a.m. unless otherwise noted. Call (732) 798-2170 to have your name put on the class list.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

Signal Person Class

Saturday Nov. 2

Rigger Class

Saturday Nov. 9

8-Hour Hazmat Refresher

Saturday Nov. 16

NEW YORK TRAINING CENTER

All classes start at 7 a.m. unless otherwise noted. (845) 673-3154

Dates to be determined for:

8-Hour Hazmat Refresher

OSHA 30

CPR Certification

40-Hour Hazmat Class

Please contact Craig Boyd 845-673-3154 or Chris Rumsey 845-674-9020 to put your name on a list for a class or certification. Once we have enough members for a class, you will be notified.

Rand CEO backs NY Rt. 17 project

Business Manager Greg Laveve 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.



Annual PAC meeting draws political hopefuls

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.



Anthony Verrelli and Assemblywoman Britnee Timberlake.



Assemblyman Benjie Wimberly with Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin.



Left to right: Ed Kalinowski, Deptford School Board; Latham Tiver, Burlington Freeholder; President John Wood; Matt Walker, Buena Town Council; and Tom Hickson Jr, Pittsgrove Mayor.



Business Agent Lino Santiago, friends and members.



Business Manager Greg Lalevee welcomes NJ Sen. Steven Oroho.



Left to right: Bernadette Baldwin, Tammy Good, Tom Stasicky and Rich Yannetta



Kate Gibbs (center) of ELEC, who is mulling a run for Congress, is joined by Jill Schiff (left) and Abby Adams (right), both of ACCNJ.

Local 825 members vote to endorse these candidates for election

STATE LEGISLATURE

Legislative

District Member Party
2 John Armato **D**
4 Paul Moriarty **D**
4 Gabriela Mosquera **D**
5 William Moen **D**
5 William Spearman **D**
6 Louis Greenwald **D**
7 Carol Murphy **D**
14 Wayne DeAngelo **D**
14 Daniel Benson **D**
15 Anthony Verrelli **D**
17 Joseph Egan **D**

Legislative

District Member Party
18 Robert Karabinchak **D**
19 Craig Coughlin **D**
19 Yvonne Lopez **D**
21 Jon Bramnick **R**
24 Harold Wirths **R**
26 BettyLou DeCroce **R**
30 Sean Kean **R**
30 Edward Thompson **R**
31 Nicholas Chiaravalloti **D**
31 Angela McKnight **D**
32 Angelica Jimenez **D**

Legislative

District Member Party
32 Angelica Jimenez **D**
32 Pedro Mejia **D**
33 Annette Chaparro **D**
34 Britnee Timberlake **D**
34 Thomas Giblin **D**
35 Benjie Wimberley **D**
36 Gary Schaer **D**
38 Lisa Swain **D**
38 Chris Tully **D**
40 Christopher DePhillips **R**

COUNTY AND LOCAL

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 Belling **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 McCormac **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 Kaminski **Council**
South Toms River Tom Rolzhausen **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**



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BETTER BUILDING BEGINS HERE

Local 825's Betsy Ross restores iconic flags

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.

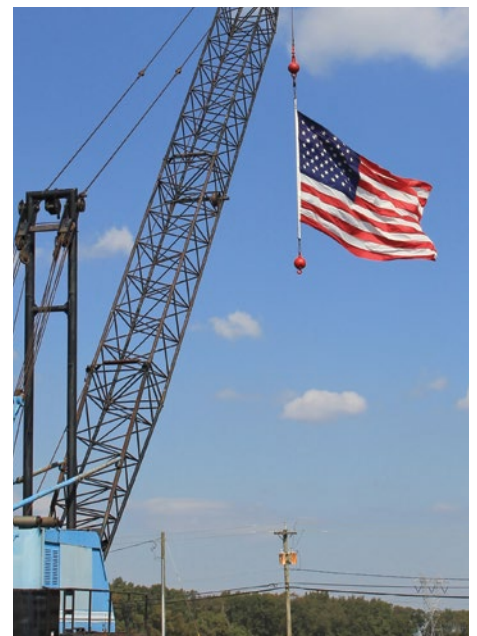
Pauline restored the two flags. The Tappan



Pauline Ferrante at work restoring flag.

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.



Restored flag flies again over Dayton Training Center.