



# 825News

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

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## 825Calendar

### NOVEMBER

- 7 District 1 Meeting:**  
Kerri Brooke Caterers –  
Hammonton, NJ
- 9 District 2 Meeting:**  
Days Inn – Bridgewater, NJ
- 14 District 3 Meeting:**  
Holiday Inn – Mt. Olive, NJ
- 16 District 4 Meeting:**  
Knight's Inn – Newburgh, NY

### DECEMBER

- 5 District 1 Meeting:**  
Grand Versailles – Maple Shade, NJ
- 7 District 2 Meeting:**  
Holiday Inn – Hazlet, NJ
- 12 District 3 Meeting:**  
Russian Hall – Garfield, NJ
- 14 District 4 Meeting:**  
Holiday Inn – Middletown, NY

## First PAC meeting draws full house

**O**n September 8 we held our inaugural PAC meeting at the Sheraton Edison Hotel. About 250 members were present to talk politics and hear first hand from several candidates who attended. Demonstrating that we are more concerned about issues than parties, our candidates came from both parties. Assemblyman (Asm.) Joseph Cryan (D), Asm. John Amodeo (R), Sen. Steve Oroho (R) and Sen. Paul Sarlo (D).

Each candidate spoke about pertinent legislation, such as the developers' fee, urban revitalization, the importance of voting and which districts are being targeted by each party. After their remarks, Business Manager Greg Lalevee reviewed our preliminary endorsements and members voted on them.

The mood was positive and we are considering making this an annual meeting.

*Turn to page 3 for State Senate and Assembly endorsements.*

## Vote on Nov. 8 and help elect people who will listen to our concerns

**O**n November 8, each of us has the opportunity to exercise one of the most cherished aspects of our citizenship in this great country – our right to vote.

The issues we face individually and as a group of Operating Engineers could not be more important this election. Organized labor is under assault. The economy is in the doldrums and recession is threatening a double-dip.

Our elected representatives make decisions every day over what projects get funded – what gets built, where and when.

At our first annual PAC meeting on September 8, our members packed the Sheraton Edison Hotel to get a preview of our endorsements and hear from several candidates first-hand. We enjoyed a lively discussion about the issues. Some of the candidates who attended were: Assemblymen Joseph Cryan and John Amodeo, and Senators Steve Oroho and Paul Sarlo. See Mark Long's more detailed report of the event at left.

Don't pass up this opportunity to elect the



**Greg Lalevee**  
Business Manager

people who have demonstrated that they understand how important these decisions are to our needs and livelihoods. We want to elect people who will listen to our concerns, speak to us when we call and are willing to visit with us and hear first hand from our members.

Every seat in state government is up for election this year. As we do every election, we have thoroughly evaluated the candidates and offer our endorsements.

On Page 2 you will find our endorsements for County and Municipal elections. On Page 3 are our endorsements for state Assembly and Senate candidates, district by district. In all cases we've tried to select the people who we believe have demonstrated genuine interest in our issues. While your vote is a personal decision, we ask that you and your family members give strong consideration to these candidates, as each is in a position to advance our cause and improve our livelihoods.

Whatever else you do on November 8, don't forget to vote.

## Local 825 goes the extra (127) mile(s) for Labor Day

*This Labor Day weekend Local 825 went the extra mile to wish shore-goers a Happy, Safe Labor Day weekend. In fact, we went an extra 127 miles (twice), as we flew our holiday banner the entire length of the New Jersey shoreline, from Cape May to Sandy Hook and back again. The flights took place on Saturday, taking advantage of the best beach day of the weekend before clouds gave way to rain on Sunday and Monday.*



# Endorsements: County & Municipal

NJ County	Office	Candidate
Atlantic County Hudson County	Executive – R Executive – D	Dennis Levinson Tom DeGise
Atlantic County Atlantic County Bergen County Bergen County Burlington County Burlington County Essex County	Freeholder – D Freeholder – D Freeholder – D Freeholder – D Freeholder – R Freeholder – R Freeholder – D	Frank Sutton Doug Dickenson Joan Voss David Ganz Leah Arter Joe Howarth Brendan Gill
Burlington County	Surrogate – R	George Kotch
Mercer County	Sheriff – D	Jack Kemler
East Hanover Dover Roselle Sayerville Woodland Park	Mayor – D Mayor – D Mayor – D Mayor – R Mayor	Joe Panullo James Dodd Jamel Holley Kennedy O'Brien Keith Kaczmark
Clementon Bloomfield Bloomfield Galloway Township	Council – D Council – D Council – D Council	Bill Dougherty A Local 825 member Eli Chalet Carlos Bernard Jim Gorman
Buena Vista Mullica Township Middle Township	Committee Committee Committee	Sue Barber Ed Hagaman Bill Sturm
NY County	Office	Candidate
Ulster County	Executive – D	Mike Hein
Ulster County	Legislator – D	Jeanette Provenzano
Andes	Supervisor	Martin Donnelly
Davenport	Supervisor	Maria Kelso

## Rooted in Labor, Committed to Job Growth



### Senate President Steve Sweeney (D)

represents the 3rd Legislative District, which includes portions of Gloucester and Cumberland counties and all of Salem County.

An ironworker by trade, Sen. President Sweeney has been a strong advocate for organized labor and the rights of workers. He has sponsored laws to raise New Jersey's minimum wage and create the state's Paid Family Leave program. In 2010, Sen. Sweeney helped design and pass thirty bills, known collectively as "Back to Work NJ," that aimed to help create jobs and economic growth in New Jersey.

First elected to the Senate in 2001, he became Senate President in January 2010.

### Senator Donald Norcross (D)



represents the 5th Legislative District, which includes parts of Camden and Gloucester counties.

Sen. Norcross is the past president of the Southern New Jersey AFL-CIO

Central Labor Council, a post that he had held since 1995. He is vice president of the Southern New Jersey Building Trades Council. He began his career as an electrical apprentice and rose through the ranks of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers to become assistant business manager of Local 351.

### Assemblyman John F. Amodio (R-2)

representing the state's 2nd Legislative District, sponsored Assembly Bill A321, the "Invest in New Jersey First Act," which requires preference in awarding certain contracts for critical infrastructure projects.



A New Jersey licensed crane operator and member of Local 825, Amodio served as the Lead Engineer on the Ocean City bridge replacement project.

# Endorsements: Local 825 State Senate & Assembly

District	Party	Senate	Assembly	Assembly
<i>* indicates incumbent candidate</i>				
1	D	Jeff Van Drew*	Nelson Albano* #UFCW	Matt Milam
2	R		John Amodeo* #IUOE	
3	D	Steve Sweeney* #IW	Celeste Riley*	John Burzichelli*
4	D	Fred Madden*	Paul Moriarity*	Gabriela Mosquera
5	D	Donald Norcross* #IBEW	Whip Wilson*	Angel Fuentes*
6	D	James Beech*	Lou Greenwald*	Pamela Lampitt*
7	D		Troy Singleton*	Herb Conoway*
8	R	Diane Allen		
8	R	Dawn Addiego*	Scott Rudder*	Chris Brown*
9	No endorsements			
10	No endorsements			
11	No endorsements			
12	R	Sam Thompson*	Ron Dancer*	Rob Clifton
13	No endorsements			
14	D	Linda Greenstein*	Wayne DeAngelo* #IBEW	Dan Benson*
15	D	Shirley Turner*	Bonnie Watson Coleman*	Reed Gusciora*
16	R		Pete Biondi	
17	D	Bob Smith*	Joe Egan* #IBEW	Upendra Chivakula*
18	D	Barbara Buono*	Peter Barnes*	Pat Deignan*
19	D	Joe Vitale*	John Wisniewski*	Craig Coughlin*
20	D	Ray Lesniak*	Joe Cryan*	Annette Quijano*
21	R	Tom Kean, Jr. *	Jon Bramnick*	Nancy Munoz*
22	D	Nick Scutari*	Jerry Greene*	Linda Stender*
23	No endorsements			
24	R	Steve Oroho*	Allison McHose*	Gary Chiusano*
25	No endorsements			
26	R	Joe Pennacchio*		
27	D	Dick Codey*	Jack McKeon*	Mila Jasey*
28	D		Cleopatra Tucker*	Ralph Caputo*
29	D	Teresa Ruiz*	Grace Spencer*	Albert Cutinho*
30	R		Dave Rible*	Sean Kean*
31	D	Sandra Cunningham*	Charles Mainor*	Jason O'Donnell*
32	D		Vincent Prieto*	Angelica Jimenez
33	D	Brian Stack*	Reuben Ramos*	Sean Connors*#PBA
34	D	Nia Gill*	Tom Giblin*	Sheila Oliver*
35	D	Nellie Pou*	Shavanda Sumnter*	Benji Wemberly*
36	D	Paul Sarlo*	Gary Schaer*	Marlene Caride*
37	D	Loretta Weinberg*	Valerie Huttle*	Gordon Johnson*
38	D	Bob Gordon*	Connie Wagner*	Tim Eustace*
39	No endorsements			
40	R	Kevin O'Toole*	Scott Rumana*	



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## Better Building Begins Here

## Local 825 piles on to benefit Multiple Sclerosis



**W**e are proud that we earned the “Presenting Sponsor” designation of the first annual Northeast Mud Run sponsored by the New York Metro Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. The charity needed tons of dirt to pull off its first in Jersey City event on August 20. We were there to get the dirt and our members volunteered to construct the elaborate obstacle course required by the run.

Construction involved building the 10K course into a muddy landscape of obstacles such as “Leap of Faith,” “Gorilla Ropes” and “The Mountain” with challenging timbers, rope bridges and creeks,

tunnels; rope swings and the Original Mud Run's trademark obstacle: the Mud Pit.

On the day of the event, hundreds of weekend warriors -- including a team from Local 825 -- slogged their way through the course, having fun and getting filthy for a great cause. The unforgettable experience raised approximately \$250,000 for the MS Society.

Stay tuned for a repeat performance next year and an even bigger team from Local 825.

### IUOE Local 825

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#### Mail or E-Mail: Your choice counts!

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Go to our homepage, [www.IUOE825.org](http://www.IUOE825.org), and click on the "F" under the greeting from Greg Lalevee. Once on our Facebook page, click on the “Like” button to receive periodic updates.