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825Calendar

JULY

- 4 Independence Day**
Union Holiday
- 16 Semi-Annual Meeting:**
Ramada Plaza, Newark, NJ

AUGUST

No meetings scheduled.
Enjoy the summer!

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Labor Day Holiday**
- 5 District 2 Meeting:**
Hotel 304 West 304, Rt. 22-West,
Springfield, NJ
- 6 District 1 Meeting:**
Kerri Brooke Caterers, 755-S,
White Horse Pike, Hammonton, NJ
- 10 District 3 Meeting &
Blood Bank (4-7:30 pm):**
Holiday Inn, 1000 International Dr.,
Mt. Olive, NJ
- 11 PAC Meeting (6-9 pm):**
Sheraton Edison, 125 Raritan
Center Parkway, Edison, NJ
- 12 District 4 Meeting:**
Holiday Inn, 68 Crystal Run Road,
Middletown, NY
- 13 Health Fair (3-7 pm):**
Holiday Inn, Middletown, NY

Local 825's Facebook surges past 400

As our Facebook page breezed past the 400 friends mark, we're targeting 500 by asking more of you to visit the page and click "Like" to receive automatic updates.

We use Facebook to post the latest information on jobs, project and legislative updates, and to share member information and photos.

You can find us by Googling IUOE Local 825 on Facebook. Don't forget to click "Like" at the top of the page to receive updates.

Project approvals and events bring Opportunities for jobs nearer

With the long-awaited approval of the 20-mile Spectra Energy pipeline expansion, the promise of employment opportunities for our members is that much nearer. The project will pay off those who took advantage of this year's pipeline training program at our training center.

The quality of that program even caught the attention of industry-authority Pipeline & Gas Journal. In its current issue, the magazine reported how we created a full pipeline spread over weeks in February and required trainees to lay a 2,000-foot pipeline, from start to finish.



Greg Lalevee
Business Manager

"Every aspect of pipeline construction was in the syllabus, from the proper methods for digging ditches and reading stakes, to tandem carries using two and three side-booms to move fifty-ton bridge beams, river crossings and winching up two-to-one slopes," the magazine reported. The training puts Local 825 members in great position to secure upcoming jobs.

Congratulations to our 112 members who celebrated their 40th anniversary with

Local 825 this year at the East Brunswick Hilton. Their service has helped make us who we are. Our next newsletter in advance
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Funds Office unveils new website

After months of planning, the Local 825 Funds Office has unveiled its own website, which combines information on all our funds, SPDs, forms, eligibility information, updates and photos of events – all in one convenient location: www.825Funds.org.

Our members work hard to build everything from roads and bridges to plants and skyscrapers. In turn, the Funds Office works hard to help members build a financial future for themselves and their family members. The website explains it all and puts everything at your fingertips.

If you need help understanding how your benefits work, completing retirement paperwork, filing a claim,

checking to make sure contributions have been made in your behalf, it will simplify the task.

So try it out. Let us know how you like it. And remember, we're still here for you when you need a personal assist.





Marina Starcic



Domenic Colletti



Megan Rafferty



Jenna Sterling

Announcing our 2012 Scholarship and Grant Winners

This year, Local 825 doubled the number of scholarships and grants it awarded. And the number of qualified applicants also increased by 35% over last year, from 20 to 27. And the winners are:

\$2,500 SCHOLARSHIPS

Four scholarships of \$2,500 scholarships a year for four years were awarded to:

Marina Starcic **Brick Township High School** **Ocean County, NJ**

Marina Starcic, daughter of Denis Starcic, has an outstanding record of academic achievement and community service that embody union values. She earned a GPA of 101.25 at the Brick Township High School and was ranked 2nd among a class of 366.

Throughout her high school career, Marina has earned a number of academic awards, including the Honors Awards and the Outstanding Achievement Award in Chemistry bestowed by the Ocean County Section of the American Chemistry Society. Marina plans to major in Chemistry in college.

Jenna Sterling **Absegami High School** **Galloway Township, NJ**

Jenna Sterling, daughter of Keith Sterling, has an impressive record of academic success, athletic talent, leadership ability and perseverance. In addition to maintaining her high academic record, she won eight medals in rowing competitions, two of which were firsts in her school's history.

Jenna has demonstrated a profound understanding of unionism through her personal essay, her leadership of athletic teams,

her work ethic and her involvement in community service projects. She will attend Old Dominion University to study Communications Disorders, concentrating on Speech Pathology and Audiology.

Domenic Colletti **Allentown High School** **Monmouth County, NJ**

Domenic Colletti, the son of Domenico Colletti, maintains an excellent record of scholastic achievement, athletic talent, leadership and work ethic. He maintained a GPA of 3.87, served as a captain of the Varsity soccer team for four years, served as a volunteer for the local First Aid Squad and CentraState Hospital and for the Green Birds environmental awareness club.

Domenic's essay reflected his deep understanding of union values as well as the tenacity of an immigrant, hard-working family. He will attend the Physician Assistant Program at the Philadelphia University.

Megan Rafferty **Pine Bush High School** **Orange County, NY**

Megan Rafferty, the granddaughter of Daniel Rafferty, has achieved a record of academic excellence while demonstrating great musical ability and service to her community.

In her essay, she demonstrated an understanding of union values. She has volunteered teaching English as a second language to young students and helps care for animals at Pets Alive. A member of the high school jazz ensemble, Megan has also attended the Medical/Science Academy at the New York Institute of Technology. She will pursue a de-

gree in Public Health and plans to become a member of the healthcare professionals' union.

\$1,500 GRANTS

Six one-time grants of \$1,500 each:

In the athlete category, **Michael Mondon** achieved a GPA of 3.78 at Westfield High School. He plans to study biochemistry and pursue a career in medicine. He is the son of Robert Mondon and the grandson of Nicola Fusaro.

Jacob Andrassy of Pennsbury High School achieved a GPA of 3.91. Jacob plans to pursue a degree and a career in Orthodontics. He is the son of member Arthur Andrassy.

In the service category, **Rebecca Jones** of Hopewell Valley Central High School achieved a GPA of 92.4. Her goal is to become a wildlife veterinarian. She is the daughter of member Fred Matthews.

Tyler Holoboski has a distinguished academic record with a GPA of 4.22 at South Plainfield High School. He plans to attend Muhlenberg College and will study science and the art of dance. He is the son of Joseph Holoboski.

In the category of union appreciation, **Johnna Tratta** achieved a GPA of 3.81 at the St. Joseph High School. She will attend Richard Stockton College of New Jersey to pursue a degree in Education, specializing in Elementary Special Education. She is the daughter of Richard Tratta.

Samantha Wacha achieved a GPA of 96.28 at Warwick Valley High School. She plans to pursue a double major in journalism and public relations with a minor in English and aspires to be a published author. She is the daughter of Steve Wach.

Reach new heights with OECP training

The Operating Engineers Certification Program (OECP) is now accepted in New Jersey to test and certify crane operators, giving us a great alternative to NCCCO certification.

OECP is an international program run by Operating Engineers for Operating Engineers at no cost and no additional fees. The only requirement is that you must be a member in good standing with the International Union of Operating Engineers.

What's the difference between NCCCO and OECP? NCCCO is open to any trade and is expensive. Our OECP certification is exclusively for the Operating Engineers and is free to our members.

What is OECP?

OECP began as a very good crane program at Local 12 in Los Angeles. The international recognized its value and adopted it in 2002. In 2008 the program was officially recognized by Federal OSHA and ASME (ANSI) requirements. Local 150 in Chicago adopted it next and has since dropped all other programs. Now Local 825 is the first Local on the East Coast to adopt it.

OECP has set the goal of becoming the best program in the country by making sure that everyone who gets this certification knows the subject inside and out. The source



Al Zabicki: "By remaining proactive we can maintain our superiority in the industry."



The State Police Tactical Unit uses our tower crane to practice high-rise rescues. We're always happy to have them drop into our training center.

material for all programs is the same – ASME B.30's and OSHA Sub part CC Crane and Derricks standard CCO both teach you the answers to their tests – but source materials don't teach you where to find the correct information. Our crane class for OECP teaches the standards and reviews the skills that make good operators. OECP certifies to the employer and the public that the person carrying this card is a safe, competent and accomplished operator who they can trust.

Why OECP?

If the savings don't motivate you, how about pride? You would have the approval of the premier certifying organization in the country, something that not everyone else can get.

Not worried about that? How about survival? Over the years, heavy equipment has gotten a lot easier to run but the rules and the operational aids have become much more complex. Now it seems everyone is – or thinks he is – an expert on cranes. Sometimes it seems like everyone is telling the operator his job and his responsibilities.

Remaining proactive

From the beginning, the IUOE has remained successful because its founding members did a job and did it well. They

learned about steam and how to fire boilers. Some became mechanics and studied the internal combustion engine. In the years that followed, friction machines gave way to hydraulics. As times changed, so did our members, by taking new classes and staying one step ahead. All along there were people and groups waiting to step in, should the Operating Engineers stumble. Today is no different. By remaining proactive we can maintain our superiority in the industry.

Need an invitation?

So why haven't you signed up? Need an invitation? Okay here it is. We want you to be the top-shelf operators, the people who run big rigs every day, doing complex tasks with millions of dollars' worth of equipment on projects that run into the billions. We want the next generation, the up-and-comers, men and women out there doing the job every day who want to take their place in the Local 825, alongside the generations who have gone before them.

Take advantage and sign up today.

*Al Zabicki,
Local 825 Training Director*

Special thanks to Ed O'Herron, OECP instructor, for preparing this article.



OECP ensures that everyone who gets this certification knows the subject inside and out.

HealthTips

By Christine Medich, Funds Administrator

Dates to Remember

September 10:

District 3 Blood Bank

4 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn,
1000 International Drive, Mount Olive.

It will be followed by the District 3 Meeting.

September 13:

Middletown Health Fair

3 p.m. – 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Middletown, N.Y



Lalevee to serve on health board

Community Health Charities of New Jersey – a non-profit organization that provides access to more than 37 leading charities, encompassing almost every well-known disease or disability – has asked Greg Lalevee to join its board of directors.

“CHC of New Jersey supports these charities, which in turn provide research, patient services and outreach to our members and everyone else in New Jersey,” said Greg. “Everyone of us, or someone we know, has been affected by at least one of these worthy causes. They do important work to improve our health and quality of life.”

Through this affiliation, members will also soon have access to CHC’s health services program “Health Matters at Work,” which provides a regular flow of information to encourage better health management. For example, members will receive regular information about important medical conditions that affect employees and their families. Watch for more information to come.

Our annual 40th Anniversary Dinner honored 112 members this year on May 19 at the East Brunswick Hilton. Nearly 200 members, family members and well-wishers took part to offer their friendship and congratulations as the honorees received their gold cards and pins.

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TrainingClasses

All classes are held at the New Jersey Training Center, unless otherwise noted.

COURSE DATE

TIME

O.E.C.P. Classes

Operating Engineers Certification Program is a Crane Operator Certification

STUDY DATES

8 a.m.

Saturday: **June 2, 9, 16**

WRITTEN TEST

8 a.m.

Saturday: **June 30**

PRACTICAL TEST

8 a.m.

Saturday: **July 28**

OSHA 30

Saturdays: **MOD 1-July 7; MOD 2-July 14;**
MOD 3-July 21; MOD 4-July 28

CCO Classes

STUDY DATES

8 a.m.

Saturday: **August 4, 11, 18, 25**

TEST

8 a.m.

Sunday: **August 26**

HAZMAT 8-hr. Refreshers

NEW JERSEY

7 a.m.

Saturday: **July 14, August 11, September 15**

NEW YORK

7 a.m.

Monday: **July 16**

Wednesday: **August 15, September 12**

Wednesday: **August 15**

NJ Training Center (732) 798-2170

NY Training Center (845) 692-3393

REMINDER: Schedule Is Subject To Change.

Contact The Training Center To Verify Class Availability.

Global Container Terminals Expansion

Marine terminal operator Global Container Terminals Inc. received approval to build a state-of-the-art, multi-million-dollar expansion of its 70-acre container terminal on the Bayonne waterfront.

The expanded facility is scheduled to open in 2014 and is designed to handle the largest container vessels, even before the Bayonne Bridge is raised, since ships going to Global Container's facilities don't pass under the bridge. In addition to construction jobs, the terminal project is expected to create new high-technology longshoremen jobs over the next three years.

American Dream

Regulators report progress with environmental reviews that would allow the \$2 billion development of the American Dream retail and entertainment complex in the Meadowlands to move forward with an indoor water and amusement park on 5.5 acres of wetlands. Triple Five, of Edmonton, Canada, has said the amusement and water parks are key to rebooting the long-stalled project.

Build the Bridge Now seeks action on new Tappan Zee Crossing

Completed in 1955, the Tappan Zee Bridge was built with a 50-year life span to handle a maximum of 80,000 cars a day. Now, seven years past its intended life cycle, the bridge accommodates 140,000 vehicles per day and is no longer able to safely meet traffic demands.

A broad, statewide coalition of major employers, transportation professionals, civil engineers, and labor organizations representing more than 300,000 employees and more than 15,000 employers is calling for a new Hudson River crossing to be started this year.

Called Build the Bridge Now, the coalition is urging workers, citizens and motorists in the tri-state region to voice support to begin construction. See what you can do to help, visit www.BuildtheBridgeNowNY.org.

825 Ad campaign aims to build bridges with key audiences

Local 825 has launched an ad campaign to enhance its reputation among the general public and key audiences. It shows both the value of our skills and also the roles we play in our communities.

We intend to break the stereotypes of the past, to build a better understanding of who we are, and to show the value of our labor.

The first ad, "We Build Bridges," cites our part in completing the six-year, \$500 million reconstruction of the Route 52 Causeway and Bridge between Somers Point and Ocean City. This job was completed five months ahead of schedule, in time for the Memorial Day weekend.

The ad ran on the back cover of four key

newspapers in Atlantic and Cape May counties, including the Ocean City Sentinel, the Mainland Sentinel, the Upper Township Sentinel and the Cape May Star and Wave. The same ad ran on June 11 as a full page in NJ BIZ, which circulates to key business leaders throughout the state.

Three more ads are planned. "We Channel Energy," which will feature pipeline construction; "We Touch the Sky," featuring highrise construction, and "We Pave the Way," featuring highway construction. Like the first ad, these all will feature both our unique skills and accomplishments alongside the contributions we make as involved citizens in our communities.

WE BUILD BRIDGES AND BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER

Connecting our communities comes naturally to us

The Route 52 Causeway that opened five months ahead of schedule is just one way that Local 825 members connect people.

As part of the team that built the four-lane marvel in record time, our heavy equipment operators helped pave the way for 40,000 cars a day during summer to enter Ocean City.

Connecting communities comes naturally to us because we're involved every day of the year – as workers, volunteers, coaches, moms and dads. Many of our 6,500 members are residents of the communities where they work. Our children go to school with your children. Perhaps we attend the same church or synagogue you do.

Safety. On Budget. Ahead of Schedule.

Local 825 Operating Engineers are proud of our communities and proud of our work.

We are proud to have been part of such a team effort – which united contractors, unions, state and local officials and others – to complete the Route 52 Causeway. **Safely, on budget and ahead of schedule.**

International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 825

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Better Building Begins Here

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of Labor Day will honor them, along with other brothers and sisters who have achieved multi-year anniversaries.

Funds Office Unveils Benefits Website

Our Funds Office has launched a comprehensive website. It provides you with easy access to information on all of our funds, including eligibility, forms, SPDs, provider networks, questions and answers, and more. See page 1 for more information and visit the site at www.825funds.org.

Building Bridges

With the opening of the Rt. 52 Causeway and Bridge connecting Somers Point to Ocean City, we launched an ad program. The first ad in a planned series is headlined “We Build Bridges.” It tells the world about how our members connect to our communities and about the quality of work we perform, citing our role in completing the six-year-

Muck Ruckus To Benefit NMSS



Last year, Local 825 helped to raise \$250,000 for our local chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society by donating our labor to help construct the mud-filled obstacle course.

This year the event is called the Muck Ruckus and it will be held in West Orange’s South Mountain Reservation. If you’d like to participate – either by providing labor or running in the event – watch our Facebook page for more information.

long project – safely, on budget and ahead of schedule in time for the Memorial Day weekend. See the ad on page 5.

Scholarships & Grants Awarded

Since members voted to increase the scholarship and grants program, this year saw a 35% increase in qualified applicants – from 20 last year to 27 – as four scholarships and

six grants were awarded to family members of our local. See the winners and whose families they’re from on Page 2.

The summer season is in full gear and we’re pleased that many of the projects you pushed for are finally coming to fruition.

Greg Lalevee
Business Manager