



# 825News

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

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## 825Calendar

### 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 (4-7:30pm):**  
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 (3-7pm):**  
Holiday Inn, Middletown, NY

### OCTOBER

- 1 District 1 Meeting & Blood Bank (4-7:30pm):**  
Holiday Inn, 109 9th Ave., Runnemede NJ
- 3 District 2 Meeting & Blood Bank (4-7:30pm):**  
Holiday Inn, 2870 Highway 35, Hazlet, NJ
- 8 District 3 Meeting & Columbus Day:**  
Russian Hall, 464 Outwater Lane, Garfield NJ
- 10 District 4 Meeting:**  
Holiday Inn, 68 Crystal Run Road, Middletown, NJ
- 11 Blood Bank (3-7pm):**  
Runnemede Inn & Suites, Runnemede, NJ

## On Labor Day we salute members' service at work and in the community

**T**his Labor Day we recognize all our members for the work they do as operating engineers and for the constructive roles they play in their communities.

Through hard work and skills acquired over years of training and experience, our members have been part of some of the region's biggest construction projects dating back more than fifty years.

Being an operating engineer is one of the most exciting jobs in the construction industry, – representing the ability to move tons of steel, excavate huge areas, mill stone into new roadway – and it



is one of the most important, as entire projects and the jobs of thousands of other workers ride on our abilities.

Through good economic times – and more recently through a weak economy – our members continue to maintain their pride, look forward to their next assignments and serve as good neighbors in the communities they call home.

These are the reasons we recognize our men and women who build our buildings, roads and bridges, who dig our quarries and maintain the equipment that makes

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## Local 825 to greet shore beachgoers



**F**or the second year, Local 825 will deliver an aerial greeting to beachgoers from Cape May to the Highlands. Two flights will make the 127-mile trip on Saturday, Sept. 1.

If you spot either flight, sign onto Facebook and tell us where and what time you saw our greeting. Also, if you capture it in a photo with a time and date stamp and add it to our Facebook page, we'll award an iPod Nano for the best photo submitted.

## Habitat for Humanity

**O**ur members are getting more involved in the well-known "Habitat for Humanity," which helps rehab or build homes for families in need.

"We have a history of involvement with churches, schools and county fairs," said Al Zabicki, Local 825 training director. "When two of our members asked us to help on a job for Habitat, we were happy to check it out."

The members, Joe Mennona and Mickey Barna, began volunteering with Habitat when they retired. Together with friend Hank D'Onofrio, a retired sheetmetal worker from Local 28 in New York City, they have worked on Habitat projects in New Jersey, Mississippi, Louisiana, Jamaica and India.

Joe, Mickey and Hank are affiliated with the Western Monmouth Habitat for Humanity chapter located in Freehold.

To volunteer to help the Western Monmouth Habitat or participate in their golf outing at the Spring Meadow Golf Course on Sept. 24, call the chapter at 732-308-3400.

# TrainingClasses

Classes up through December 31, 2012 at the NJ Training Center, unless otherwise noted.

**COURSE DATE** **TIME**

## 8-Hour HAZMAT Refreshers

(Only if you have already taken the 40 Hour class)

### NEW JERSEY TRAINING CENTER

(732) 798 - 2170 All Start Times are 7 a.m.

Saturday: **Sept. 15, Oct. 13, Nov. 17, Dec. 1**

### NEW YORK TRAINING CENTER

(845) 692 - 3393 All Start Times are 7 a.m.

Wednesday: **Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 5**

## 40-Hour HAZMAT Classes

(Last in 2012)

### NEW JERSEY

Monday, **Nov. 26** – Friday, **Nov. 30** 7 a.m.

## OSHA 30 (Last in 2012)

Saturdays: **MOD 1-Oct. 6; MOD 2-Oct. 13;**  
**MOD 3-Oct. 20; MOD 4-Oct. 27**

## CCO Study Days & Test Dates

(Last in 2012)

Saturday: **October 6, 13, 20, 27 (study)** 8 a.m.

Sunday: **October 28 (test)** 8 a.m.

## Member Education

Saturday: **October 6** 9 a.m.

## Catch up with fellow members on Facebook



If you haven't yet signed onto Facebook, you're missing out on frequent news, photos and messages from other members and their families.

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

If you're not a Facebook member, join first by going to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and follow the directions to start your own page. Then in the Facebook search bar, enter IUOE-Local-825. When our page opens, click "LIKE" at the top.

# Recognition for service

We salute our members for the contributions they make day in, day out, for years. Our annual 40th Anniversary Dinner honored 200 members, family members and friends took part to offer their congratulations as the honorees received their gold cards and pins.

## 40th Anniversary Dinner Awardees

Eric J. Anderson	Robert Haight	Edward L. Patton
Thomas E. Anderson	George Harrell	Ronald M. Petillo
Charles A. Battles	William Hartrum, Jr.	Sebastiao Pinho
Willie Belcher	Michael E. Harvan	Matthew Pinto
Joseph Beresh	Walter K. Hatch	Rod Portine
Richard Bjornsen	Robert Hegarty	William F. Prahst
Joseph Board	Frank Hoffmann	Frederick Ricci
Michael Buyl	Harold K. Kagan	John Riley
George Campanella	Thomas J. Kaminski	Michael Rummell
Vincent J. Carpentier	Henry J. Keller	Michael J. Ryan
John Carter	David Ketschek	Eugene Saloman
Paul Casper	John F. Kimsey	Timothy Shinn
Rogert A. Chrzan	Walter J. Konefal	Kenneth Shinn, Jr.
Michael Copelton	Edsin R. Laing	James Sisco
Thomas F. Corbutt	Michael LaMorgese Jr.	Douglas D. Smith
William N. Corl	David Lawler	Dennis Smith
Richard Cowan	Joseph J. Legowski	Charles R. Smith
Dominick Critelli	John J. LoCrao Jr.	Thomas Spezzaferro
Thomas P. Cypert	Arthur J. Loree	Clinton Sprague Jr.
James E. Daly	William Losty	William Stackles
Patrick Daly	Oliver P. Mackey Jr.	Richard J. Stinson
William Davidson	Theodore Malpezzi	James Syanovitz
Raymond Dawson	Anthony Marchitto	Paul E. Tantum Jr.
Larry D. DeMark	Donald G. Marino	John Tims
Lonney D. DiMarco	Joseph J. Masterson	Anthony R. Tomae Sr.
Richard Dinger	Pete Matrafailo	Phillip Travers
John G. Dunkley	Frank L. McGuire	Robert Underhill
William Ewan	Gerald E. Melvin	Justin W. Vannatta
Howard Ferguson	Michael T. Messina	William M. Van Pelt
George W. Ferguson	Charles Metaxas	Michael Vitale Jr.
Douglas A. Fox	Donald L. Miller	Roger Whitford Sr.
John Franciosa	James Miller	Richard L. Whorley
Ray George	William Mitschele	Douglas Williams
Anhony Gilday	Alan Nicol	James M. Wilson Jr.
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## NY Training Center

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# BenefitsCorner

## Remember these dates

**D**on't forget, on **September 10** there will be a **Blood Bank in District 3** from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 1000 International Drive, Mount Olive. It will be followed by the District 3 Meeting.

And on September 13 there will be a **Health Fair** from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Middletown, N.Y.

In October there will be a Blood Bank on the 1st; and a Health Fair on the 11th. See the calendar on page 1 for details.



Christine Medich

## 825Briefs

### On the job: Spectra pipeline project breaks ground

After months of meetings, reviews, challenges, and finally, approval, the Spectra Energy pipeline expansion project is on the way to becoming reality.

Local 825 operating engineers joined a small army of tradesmen to begin the project, to deliver energy supplies to help fuel the local economy.

The project will also bring essential new construction jobs to our region and our members will share the benefits.



### 15-acre site on the Passaic River

Groundbreaking took place in Newark on a 15-acre site on the Passaic River that will be redeveloped into a warehouse and distribution center. The site, at 60 Lister St., was formerly home to the Sherwin Williams paint company.

The Morris Companies, longtime re-developers of Brownfield sites, will build the 350,000-square-foot center, targeting one or two businesses. The project is expected to bring more than 400 construction jobs in addition to 200 permanent positions, according to Newark officials.

# LEGISLATIVE & PUBLIC AFFAIRS UPDATE

By Mark Longo, Director of Public Affairs

## NJ extends project deadlines at public colleges & universities



Mark Longo

Legislation sponsored by Senator Raymond Lesniak and Senate President Steve Sweeny became law in May to extend the deadline for the state's public colleges and universities to enter into public-private partnerships for new, on-campus capital construction projects.

The new law extends until August 1, 2013, the deadline for institutions to apply to the state's Economic Development Authority (EDA) for a public-private partnership on projects to build, renovate or expand on-campus buildings and facilities. The prior deadline was this past February 1.

### Among the projects that will be impacted by the new deadline:

- Montclair State University: Cogeneration heating, cooling and electricity plant, plus distribution system;
- The College of New Jersey: Campus Town project;
- New Jersey City University: 300-400 bed residence project;
- Ramapo College: Final paperwork on 5 megawatt solar installation, new roofs and cogeneration heating, cooling and electricity facility;
- William Paterson University: 100-300 bed residence project

## Development projects also get a reprieve

The Assembly approved legislation sponsored by Majority Leader Lou Greenwald to promote job creation and economic development by extending the life of development projects that had been stalled by the economic downturn. The bill would extend permit approvals for development projects until December 31, 2014. Under current law, the approvals expire on December 31, 2012.

## TTF Renewal

Gov. Chris Christie signed into law legislation to create a \$3.2 billion fund for capital transportation projects that are funded equally by the State and federal government. The legislation was sponsored by Deputy Assembly Republican Leader John Amodeo, R-Atlantic (and also a retired member of Local 825), and Assembly Republican Whip Scott Rumana, R-Passaic, Bergen, Essex and Morris.

The bill requires that all debt service be paid with already constitutionally dedicated funds (Motor Fuels Tax, Petroleum Products Gross Receipts Tax and Sales Tax). Funds received from toll road authorities or other State agencies cannot be used to pledge for the payment of transportation bonds.



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## Better Building Begins Here

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our work so incredibly powerful.

In this Labor Day issue of 825 News, we pay tribute to these members and in particular, those 111 members who achieved their 40th anniversary this year. See who they are on page 2.

Also in the article at right, we announce that we are opening the application process for 2013 apprentices through mid-September.

*And don't forget our annual PAC meeting.* This year it's on Sept. 11 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Sheraton Edison, 125 Raritan Center Parkway in Edison.

There are no better union members than those of Local 825. To all of you, thank you for the roles you play in making our lives and our communities better, every single day.

**Happy Labor Day!**

Greg Lalevee  
*Business Manager*

## 2013 selection process for new apprentices begins this September for two weeks

**S**eventy-five (75) applications are being made available for the Operating Engineers Local 825 Apprenticeship Program class that will begin next spring. Applications must be completed in person at the Local 825 Training Center, 338 Deans Rhode Hall Road, South Brunswick, N.J., on any of the following times:

- Saturday, Sept. 8, from 8 a.m. - 12 noon.
- Monday, Sept. 10 through Friday, Sept. 14, from 8-11 a.m. and from 1-3 p.m.

- Monday, Sept. 17, from 8-11 a.m. and from 1-3 p.m.

#### *Applicants must:*

1. Be at least 18 years of age
2. Have a valid driver's license
3. Have a high school diploma or GED; and must provide transcripts (high school and any post-high school education and training, if applicable)

Military veterans must provide a copy of their DD-214.



*Breaking ground on solar farm project in Hackensack. From left to right: Chip Gerrity of IBEW Local 94; Greg Lalevee of IUOE Local 825; N.J. Gov. Chris Christie; Ralph Izzo, PSE&G Chairman; Fletch Creamer of Creamer Construction; and Tony Oliveira of N.J. Laborers Local 472.*