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LOCAL 825 DELEGATES HELP SHAPE IUOE CONVENTION



Local 825 joined with locals throughout the United States and Canada to participate the International's convention. Pictured are: top row, left to right: Matty White, Jim McGowan, Joe Logan, Cesar Gamio, General Secretary Treasurer Brian Hickey, Local 825 Business Manager

Greg Lalevee, General President James Callahan, Local 825 President John Wood, Jim Black, Joe Ballentine, Mike Grace, John LoCrasto, John Walsh and Andy Storno. Bottom row, left to right: Jim Buchany, Mark Longo, Ed Kalinowski and Bob Davis.

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Calendar

June 6.13

10 Semi-Annual Meeting

Ramada Plaza
160 Frontage Road, Newark, NJ

14 Flag Day

16 Father's Day

19 Health Fair (3-7 p.m.)

IUOE Training Center
338 Deans Rhode Hall Road
Dayton, NJ

21 Summer begins

July 7.13

1 District 1 Meeting

Grand Versailles
531 Route 38 West, Maple Shade, NJ

4 Independence Day

Union Holiday

9 Ramadan begins

10 District 2 Meeting

Days Inn
1260 Rte. 22 East, Bridgewater, NJ

15 District 3 Meeting

Holiday Inn
1000 International Drive, Mt. Olive, NJ

15 District 4 Meeting

Holiday Inn
68 Crystal Run Road, Middletown, NY

August 8.13

No meetings during August

VIEW From The Top

Greg Lalevee | Business Manager

Members vote to expand scholarships and swing their clubs to provide funding

With the arrival of spring and summer, we know the next school year can't be far behind. For families with children planning for college, the feeling of pride can be accompanied by a healthy dose of sticker shock as expenses start adding up.

That's why we help, by offering scholarships and grants to our members' families. This year our members approved an Executive Board recommendation to provide six \$10,000 scholarships over four years of college. The support makes it a little easier for our families to meet their financial challenges. This year's winners are announced on Page 3 along with details of the annual scholarship awards dinner on June 3.

Of course, to be able to continue providing this help to future students, we have to periodically raise money to keep the fund healthy. Last fall we hosted a beefsteak dinner fundraiser and a few weeks ago in May we hosted our first annual scholarship fund golf outing in Cream Ridge, N.J. This was truly a great event and you can see plenty of photos to prove it.

Also in May we honored this year's crop of 40-year members, 115 of them, at the East Brunswick Hilton. You can see their names on page 4.



John Wood nominates



Greg Lalevee elected

The International Convention

Every five years our International union convenes to chart its course and identify issues that require our attention to protect our interests. This year, under the theme "Honor the Past. Shape the Future" – we met in Florida and elected our general officers. I was honored to be elected 11th Vice President to serve a five-year term.

Opportunities for work

At last, many of the major infrastructure projects we've advocated for are beginning to come to fruition. The Belmar Boardwalk was completed on schedule, in advance of Memorial Day. The Port Authority approved raising the Bayonne Bridge, overhauling the Outerbridge Crossing, and replacing the Goethals Bridge. Work continues on the Spectra Energy pipeline, a 13-story apartment building has been approved for the Hoboken waterfront and work continues on the Garden State Parkway and N.J. Turnpike.

All in all, 2013 is shaping up to be a better year for construction than we've seen in a while. That doesn't mean we slow down our efforts ... we'll continue working alongside our labor-management arm, ELEC, to continue promoting new projects that will keep more of us working and for longer periods.

New apprentices

Eleven new apprentices began at the Dayton Training Center in April. We welcome them, as follows:

Joseph Egan	Ronald Cain III
Kevin Abreu	Burak Turan
Robert Connolly	Kevin Morrison
Jason Fey	Brian Reynolds
Randy Brown	Robert Walker Jr.
Daniel Richardson	

We will also be greeting an incoming class of 13 apprentices on June 10.



Newark Archdiocese Honors

Archbishop John J. Myers greets Local 825 Business Manager Greg Lalevee at the 20th annual Archbishop's Business and Labor Recognition Reception in West Orange. Greg was recognized for his labor contributions and his work with local 825. The dinner, sponsored by the Newark Archdiocese, raised funds for the CYO/Youth and Young Adult Ministries based at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center in Kearny.

Members, partners come together To raise funds for 2013 students



Left to right, John Wood, Greg Lalevee and Jim Kokolas of Calibre CPA



Left to right, Dirk Eggink, Patrick McDermott and Mike Grace



Left to right, John LoCrasto and Jim Black



Left to right, Ray Rider, Mike Ham, Ed Flannagan, John Wood and Andy Storno.

Nearly a hundred golfers from at least five states took part in the first annual golf fundraiser on May 11 to benefit the Local 825 scholarship fund.

The event was held at the Gambler Ridge Golf Club in Cream Ridge, NJ. Each golfer contributed \$200 and additional funds were raised from sponsorships. Several IUOE Locals contributed, as did our industry partners.

"Realizing the high cost of higher education, we've continued to increase the amount of support we provide to our members' families," said Business Manager Greg Lalevee.

Greg singled out the planning team who put the event together, including John Wood, Joe Ballentine, Pat Rafferty, Mike Richardella, Frank DePalma and Andy Storno.

The day began under sunny skies with a "shotgun" start at 1 p.m. As the game neared the end, dark skies loomed overhead. The skies opened up and set off a scramble back to the clubhouse. But even the rain couldn't dampen spirits as some players finished their game while others settled in for food, beverages and generous prizes.

The outing was the second fundraiser in six months for Local 825, following the Beefsteak Dinner last fall in Woodbridge Township and by all accounts was a great success.

"The scholarship program is such a great benefit to so many of our families, we need to make sure we keep the fund healthy for the next generation," said Greg. "And I couldn't think of a better way to do it than this."

Following a comprehensive review of more than 20 applications this year, six scholarship winners and three grant winners have been announced.

The nine winners and their families will be honored at our annual scholarship awards dinner on June 3 in the Sheraton Edison.

Scholarship winners

\$10,000 Scholarships:

(Distributed over four years)

1. Chelsea Vena of Neshanic Station, Hunterdon Central High School, from the family of member Charles T. Vena Jr.
2. Veronica Lynn Geiger-Durso of Howell, Howell High School and from the family of member Linda and Joseph Durso.
3. Elysa Lamperti of Port Murray, West Morris Central Regional High School, from the family of member David Lamperti.
4. Ashley Singewald of Succasunna, Roxbury High School, from the family of member James A. Singewald.
5. Timothy Lattimer of Medford, Shawnee High School, from the family of member Scott R. Lattimer Sr.
6. Antonella Gini of Bridgewater, Bridgewater Raritan High School and from the family of member Hugo Gini.

\$1,500 Award Grants:

1. **Athlete grant:** Rachel Steelman of Mays Landing, Oakerest High School, from the family of member Lewis R. Day.
2. **Service grant:** Nicole Barrett of Neshanic Station, Hunterdon Central High School, from the family of member Glenn Barrett.
3. **Union Appreciation grant:** Timothy Reed of Northfield, Mainland Regional High School, from the family of member Dean Reed.



Following the game, participants from all areas joined together for great food and conversation.

Recognizing 40 years of service

Local 825 honored 115 of our members on May 18 at the Hilton East Brunswick for giving 40 years of service. Sadly, two of our brothers, Lawrence E. Brechka and Michael Petroski, Jr., had passed away previously. Their

names are included in the list below and they were remembered by all of us on the 18th.

Friends and family members attended to watch the members receive their gold cards and pins. Nearly 200 took part.

John Armaniaco
Carl L. Atherton
Sherwood Banning
George A. Baranowski
Frank Benedetti
Lawrence Birkhead
Michael Bogan
George R. Boor
Robert Bourdon
Gregory F. Boutilier
James R. Boyce
Lawrence E. Brechka
Raymond Breneiser
Roger Brennan
Stephen Budnicki
Dennis M. Bulmer
John Bulmer Jr.
Martin Burg Jr.
Norman Burke
Arthur Call
Ralph T. Callowhill
Bart Camarca
Wilfredo Caraballo
Edward J. Cassidy
Willard Chartier Jr.
Gordon A. Cheer
Joseph Connor
Harvey Cooley Sr.
John DeLuca
James M. Dillon
John Doniloski
Steven S. Dudek
Thomas J. Dudek
James Esposito
Glenn B. Ewan
Joseph Falciani
William A. Fanelli
Dennis Finan
Peter Foglio

Lee Fusco
Dennis Gallitano
Richard J. Garofalo
Richard Gentile
Delvin A. George
Ralph Gilbert
Thomas E. Giorella
Frederick Grandin
Joseph R. Guerin
Amos W. Haynes
Dennis Hogan
Glenn Howe
Lee O. Hubbard
Robert Hughes
Leonard R. Hull Jr.
James Hurley
John V. Ingerto
Vincent J. Isabella Jr.
Arthur Jacobs
John Kacsak
William C. Kohmuench Jr.
Joseph R. Kotch
Timothy Lafferty
Francis Lafferty Jr.
Jay Lance
James R. Laughlin
James Leo
Daniel A. Leon
Roy A. Leonard
Kevin Ligouri
George LoForte
James Lyons
Ralph Lyons
Frank A. Magliacane Jr.
Ralph Manfra
Michael L. Mead
Joseph Mennona
Elmer Miller
Michael Moran

William J. Morsch
Roosevelt Morton
George Neilson
Michael A. Novak
Charles F. Ober III
Richard O'Connor
Edward P. O'Herron
Michael P. O'Leary
Brinton G. Osborne Sr.
Larry G. Pelletier
Michael Petroski Jr.
James Price
Alvin P. Price
Samuel Rafferty
John Rohrbach
Thomas W. Rolick
Kevin Russer
Laurence N. Russomanno
Peter R. Salotti
George F. Scanlon
James Schmidt
Stephen M. Shinn
Salvatore Signorelli
Michael Silvio
Steve R. Smith
Phillip Speno Jr.
Cornelius Springeloed
John Stiles
Thaddeus Towns
Louis E. Towns
Duane R. Vandermark
Theodore Vitcusk
Ronald P. Voorhis
Richard Weatherby
Matthew J. White
Joseph T. Whittles
Joseph Yost

Training Classes

All Classes begin at 8 a.m., unless otherwise noted. Call in advance to verify class dates and availability.

June

New Jersey Classes

NJ State Task Force trench training

- June 3-7
- June 10-14
- June 17-21

Sat. 6/8: **Hazmat Refresher**

Mon. 6/10: **Apprentice Orientation**

Tues. 6/11- Fri. 6/14: **30-hr. OSHA**

Mon. 6/17- Fri. 6/21: **40-hr. NJ Hazmat**

Sat. 6/22-Sun. 6/23: **Disaster Site Worker**

New York Classes

Sat. 6/8: **Signal Person**

Mon. 6/10: **NY Hazmat Refresher**

Mon. 6/22: **Rigging Class**

July

New Jersey Classes

Sat. 7/13

- **NJ Hazmat Refresher**
- **Signal Person Class**

Mon. 7/8- Fri. 7/12:

- **Pile Driving class with Local 1556**
- **Soilmec Drill & Foundation class with Local 542**

New York Classes

Wed. 7/17: **NY Hazmat Refresher**

August

New Jersey Classes

NCCCO Training

- Sat. 8/3: **Study Day**
- Sat. 8/10: **Study Day**
- Sat. 8/17: **Study Day**
- Sat. 8/24: **Study Day**
- Sun. 8/25: **Written Test**

Wed. 8/10: **NJ Hazmat Refresher**

Wed. 8/17: **Signal Person**

Sat. 8/24: **Rigging Class**

New York Classes

No classes scheduled

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BENEFITS

Why wellness matters to you

A healthy lifestyle makes you feel better at work, better at home and improves your health outlook for years to come.

A lifestyle based on good choices and healthy behaviors maximizes the quality of life. It helps you avoid diseases, remain fit and maintain physical and mental health.

At Local 825 Funds, we've always promoted wellness and preventive care by offering health benefits programs, annual health fairs, screenings and immunizations.

Now we've added something new, an entire Wellness section to our website. Developed with the help of Debbie Kelly, our Medical Utilization Coordinator, this section collects a wealth of health information especially relevant to our members. It also features a "Health Matters At Work"™ section, described below.

Take a look at the webpage ... go to WWW.825FUNDS.ORG and click the "Wellness" tab along the top of the page. You can also reach out to Debbie if you have a particular question or concern. Her number is 973-671-6740.

Health Matters at Work™

Health and wellness are all about choices we make every day. On our new Wellness web page, you'll find information to help you stay on the right track.

The Health Matters at Work program is a comprehensive web- and workplace-based initiative that helps members and their families learn about prevention of chronic disease, as well as how best to manage chronic health conditions.

Health Matters at Work draws on the educational, service, and programmatic resources available through more than 60 health organizations that are part of the Community Health Charities organization.

We can all make lifestyle choices that help to minimize the risks for chronic diseases, such as diabetes and heart diseases. By choosing to follow a healthy lifestyle, we can add quality and years to our lives.

— Christine Medich



ELEC

ELEC expands credentialing efforts

ELEC's role is to foster collaboration between Local 825 and its participating employers to win construction projects and create jobs.

ELEC reimburses members who obtain licenses and security clearances, such as TWIC, SWAC and the Delaware Valley Safety Council clearance.

Participating employer partners include: Associated General Contractors of New Jersey (AGCNJ); Building Contractors Association of New Jersey (BCANJ); Construction Industry Council of Westchester & Hudson Valley; and the Construction Contractors Labor Employers of New Jersey (CCLENJ)

Expanding the program benefit

The program has been so well received, ELEC is expanding it to include licenses for the New Jersey and New York state crane licenses, if the operator has completed Operating Engineers Certification Process (OECF) training through the International Union of Operating Engineers.

The state crane licenses benefit covers new licenses and any full year remaining on an existing five-year license. For example, a five-year crane license in New Jersey costs \$250. If you renewed your license two years ago, you may be reimbursed \$150 for the remaining three years.

ELEC will also reimburse for future successful CCO recertifications.

At ELEC, we are working to promote employment opportunities for you and your fellow members. For example, we are actively involved with our contractor partners on Legislation in New Jersey that would expand the Contractor Registration Act, the Work Zone Safety Act and Public Utility Construction projects.

Do your part by keeping your licenses and clearances up to date, and then get reimbursed for doing so.

— Mark Longo



825.Briefs

EPIC, with Local 825 Help, Nails Belmar Boardwalk

Local 825 member Walter Kuhlthau drove the first pile on January 9. Five months and 2,886 piles later, EPIC Management completes the the 1.3 mile boardwalk, with the help of our operating engineers and the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters, in plenty of time for the summer season.

Belmar was the first community to start and complete its boardwalk after Hurricane Sandy ravaged the New Jersey shoreline.

Mayor Matt Doherty and council members presented Epic Construction workers with a resolution commending their work and a ceremonial check for getting the work done before April 30.

"Green" training growing in importance



There is a growing movement toward "sustainability" and "LEED Green" Certification and Local 825 are staying ahead of the curve by training

members to be qualified.

So far this spring, 50 members participated in a two-day Green Awareness class and 10 members took part in a three-day LEED Green Associate Class and took a one-day exam offsite. Held at the N.J. Training Center in Dayton, the sessions were paid for through a grant from the N.J. Department of Labor.

The Green movement means integrating sustainable practices into our operations to lessen any negative impact of our work on the environment.

These practices include maximizing the energy efficiency of existing equipment, specifying the most efficient systems available, using renewable and sustainable fuel sources and conserving water.

This is an important issue for builders and contractors because they are constantly under pressure to meet stricter sustainability standards. Bid specifications for new buildings increasingly are including sustainability requirements.

As a result, when they look for operating engineers, they'll want those who are LEED certified. We want them to know that our members are qualified to help.

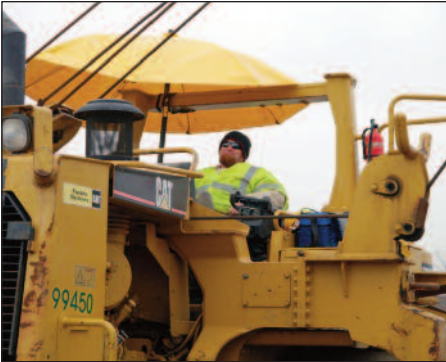
As this is an area that will only grow in importance, watch for more training programs to be offered in the future.



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Better Building Begins Here

Port Authority gives nod to 3 bridge overhauls

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey was granted approval to overhaul three bridges that connect Staten Island with the Garden State.

The projects include the construction of a replacement to the Goethals Bridge, originally built in 1928, overhauling the Outerbridge Crossing and raising the roadway of the Bayonne Bridge.

Gov. Chris Christie and New York's Gov. Andrew Cuomo jointly announced their approval of the bridge reconstruction in April and work could begin as early as this year.



The \$2.5 billion in projects is expected to create 5,000 construction jobs and more than \$600 million in wages. They will secure the Port of New York and New Jersey's role as the premier port and economic engine of the East Coast and will provide New Jersey residents with modern bridge spans that will improve safety and benefit commuters for years to come, Gov. Christie said.

The costs involve \$1.5 billion for the Goethals Bridge, \$1.2 billion for the Bayonne Bridge, and a contract is to be awarded for the Outerbridge project.