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

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Christie sparks support of 7 unions

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LOCAL 825 TRAINING CENTER HOSTS RALLY



Local 825 members turned out in full force and were joined by six other trade unions in 90-degree heat on June 27 to enthusiastically endorse the reelection of Governor Chris Christie. It was a historic occasion for Local 825, as it marked the first time a New Jersey gov-

ernor had visited the training center. It was historic for Governor Christie as well, marking the first time a Republican governor in New Jersey has ever won such broad support from Labor. Read more and see the photos on pages 4 and 5.



Courtesy of the Governor's Office/Tim Larsen

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Calendar

July 7.13

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

Training Classes

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

July

New Jersey Classes

Sat. 7/13: *NJ Hazmat Refresher
Signal Person Class*

Sat. 7/27: *Rigging Class*

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

VIEW From The Top

Greg Lalevee | Business Manager

A salute to the members of Local 825

With special thanks for your vote of confidence

On June 10, you voted to allow our slate of 18 officers to lead Local 825 for another three-year term.

This is an awesome vote of confidence that affirms what we set out to accomplish in our first three years, and sets the stage for what we will tackle in our next three years.

Beginning in 2010, as we closed a painful chapter in our history, we have focused like a laser on raising the stature of our Local throughout New Jersey and our five counties in New York State.

Pride, Professionalism and Integrity

The reason for this relentless focus is that we will be recognized for who we are and what we offer: a strong belief in ourselves, hard work, the highest level of skills and a dedication to our trade.

Our reputation raises our profile and involves us in business opportunities.

While certain entities have tried to paint union members with a negative brush, we are showing all the good things we do, from our involvement with the Ulster County Sheriff's department, the help we provide the Multiple Sclerosis Society, the scholarships we provide our youth and many other positive things.

Our efforts have been recognized. Prestigious organizations now seek to associate themselves with us. We have been given a seat on the N.J. Transportation Trust Fund Authority's board, elected to the IUOE Executive Board and asked to join the board of the Community Health Charities of New Jersey. We've been recognized by the Newark Archdiocese, NJ SEED, the Essex-West Hudson Labor Council and, this fall, the N.J. Alliance for Action. When the Port Authority wants someone to speak at its events, they invite us.

ELEC is all about business

On the business side, we actively promote Local 825 with the message "On



Time, On Budget, On Target." With your partnership, we started ELEC to pursue business opportunities and advocate for our interests.

We encourage our members to be the best. Technology continues its rapid change. Maintain your training, renew your licenses and credentials and continue to offer the

best work to our signatory contractors.

Building on our base

It's been an honor to serve you during these past three years. In the next three, we must continue to advance our cause. There are several things we can do to maintain our competitive advantage. One is to recognize that technology is taking over. We need to stay on top of training opportunities to sharpen our skills. Another is to maintain your licensing and credentials as mentioned above, so that you're ready to work without delay.

If we do, the jobs will come more quickly, the doors will open wider and our members can hold their heads high and be proud to say, "I'm a Local 825 operating engineer."

We are a Union in the best sense of the word and all of us have worked to make this happen, members, business agents, officers, Everyone. With continued unity, our interests will be served.

Special Milestones

While we thank all our members for their hard work, it is important that we acknowledge special milestones. In our last issue of 825 News, we named each of this year's 115 fortieth anniversary members. In this issue we name those who attained their 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th and 45th anniversaries.

These are members who have dedicated their working lives to our Local. It is important we show them our recognition and gratitude. See who they are and, the next time you see them, be sure to say "congratulations!"

We congratulate our members For their years of dedication

This year, the following members have reached special anniversary milestones:

20 Years

Antonio Afonso
Kenneth Cohan
Jason Horner
Kevin Kerr
Eric Ross
Ion Circiumaru
Heather Coles
Owen Davis
Michael Ferrarie Jr
Merritt Hughes
Dennis Janwich
Gerard Korner
Richard Lucio
Anthony Mancuso
David Morphis
Elvin Motta
Robert Nicolaisen
Doreen Olender
Urbalino Prazeres
Gerardo Primavera
Marc Pullen
Luis Rosado
Francisco Torres
David Wyckoff
Juan Casas
Albert Delorenzo
Robert Donohoe
Greg Grazioso
Richard Mitterando
Michael Monahan
Christopher O'Brien
Todd Quinn
Roberto Zuluaga
George Beach



40-year veteran Ed Cassidy, a mechanic for Schiavone Construction Company in Secaucus, receives his gold pin from (left to right) Joe Ballentine, Jim McGowan, Joe Logan, Bob Davis, John Wood and Greg Lavee. Ed was one of 115 members honored in May. Their names appeared in the June 1 newsletter.

25 Years

Eric Anderson Jr
Thomas Banchi III
Jeffrey Bischoff
Michael Bittner
Matthew Bohm
Thor Bowser
Theodore Brandt
Nino Bruno
Robert Caffro
Richard Callinan

Jerry Campora
Peter Cerniglia
Chao-I Chen
Melvyn Clifford
Raymond Congelli
Gary Creasy
Michael Dear
Michael J. Demarco
Wallace Drew
Dennis Edgerly
Lawrence Edwards

Thomas Erdek
Antonio Estanqueiro
Richard Flynn
Michael Forni
Carl Fourre Jr.
John Fredette
James Freeman
William Gardella
Richard Gida
John Giordano
William Glatt

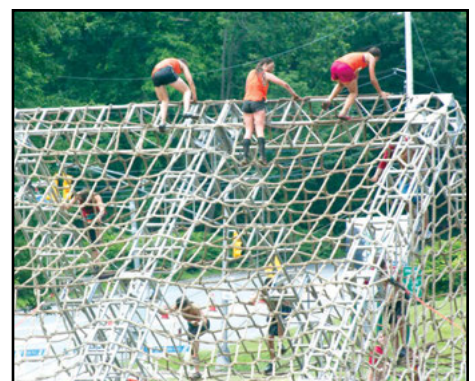
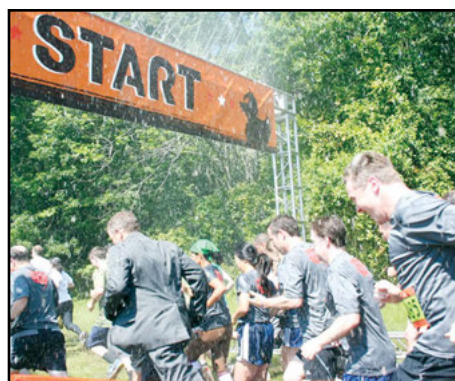
Kenneth Guiles
Paul Habura
Leon Harrison
James Hazard
Donald Heal Jr
Michael Hoolihan
Gary Hopf
Steven Joseph
Paul Kalnas
Joseph Kane
Edward Katt
Ronald Kehl
Michael Kelly
Scott Kotteles
Raymond Kronmaier
Ronald Leeds Jr
Darrin Leppin
Howard Lynch
Neil Mackie
John Maio
Phillip Maio
Albert Marchitto Jr
Steven Marciniak
Victor Matson
Andrew Miller
John Mize
Gavin Monaghan
James Mulvan
John Nacion
Richard Nadeau Jr
Sean Noonan
Brinton Osborne
Norman Parker III
Jeffrey Pellingier
George Pierce

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MuckFest 2013



For the third straight year, our members volunteered their time, expertise and heavy equipment to set the stage for the local MS Society's largest annual fundraiser in the fight against multiple sclerosis. Our members dug the trenches and helped construct the course under the leadership of Bill



LaCass. Bill and a Local 825 running team also took part in the event, which drew 2,500 participants to West Orange's South Mountain Reservation, raising more than \$255,000. When it was over, Local 825 was there to restore the park to its pre-event condition.

Training Center hosts



More than 500 members of seven labor unions converged on Local 825's training center in Dayton to proclaim their support for the reelection of Gov. Chris Christie.

Included were members of the IBEW Locals 102 and 164, the Steamfitters Local 475, the Cement Masons 29, the Elevator Constructors Local 1 of New York and New Jersey, Plumbers Local 24 New Jersey and the Sprinkler Fitters UA Local 696.

Introduced by Business Manager Greg Lavee, Christie thanked the members for their support and told them, "For the last four years all I've cared about is trying to get you guys back to work."

The governor was praised by each of the seven unions that were present for his commitment to the people of New Jersey and its labor workforce. Speakers cited his determination to get federal support following Hurricane Sandy, his push for raising the Bayonne Bridge, his promotion of development in Atlantic City and his efforts to expand the N.J. Turnpike and Garden State Parkway, along with a host of other infrastructure projects.

In addition, they noted Christie's efforts to attract and retain private industry. As more than one speaker put it, public projects are not enough to ensure full employment...the private sector must also have a chance to succeed.

Christie's remarks were cut short by a sudden downpour. It may have cooled the temperature but it did nothing to dampen the crowd's enthusiasm, or Christie's. In a driving rain, he waded into the crowd to shake hands and take pictures with members and their families.



Christie support rally



District Health Fairs Focus on Member Wellness

Most of us don't think about our health until we feel ill or have an accident. Preventive care is important because it may identify health care issues early when they can be more effectively treated and avoid costly complications.

The IUOE Local 825 Welfare Fund wants to see you stay healthy and encourages members and their eligible dependents to make use of their benefits and attend their district's health fair and SMAC Blood Clinics.

District 2 recently held its health fair at the Dayton training center. The event was well attended and members took the opportunity to have health screens and obtain vital health information, as shown in the photos on this page.

They also learned about the two remaining SMAC Blood Clinics for 2013. They will be held as follows:



- Wednesday, September 18, 2013 – Holiday Inn, Middletown, NY
- Thursday, October 17, 2013 – Runnemede Inn and Suites (formerly Holiday Inn), Runnemede, NJ

The Health Fairs begin at 3 p.m. and end at 7 p.m.

If you're planning to attend a health fair or blood clinic, don't forget these important reminders:

- You must fast for six hours prior to your blood being drawn
- You must present a doctor's prescription for any additional tests desired
- Eligible dependents must be at least 18 years of age

We want you to use the benefits you've worked for over the years to stay healthy!



Anniversary from page 3

Jeffrey Quick
Troy Rankins
Joseph Sandor
Jeff Schalkoff
Anthony Schepis
Patrick Shand
John Sharra III
Edward Stec
Keith Sterling
Joseph Stolarick
Chester Swiernik Jr
Douglas Taylor
Mark Thackray
Fred Vanauken
Scott Weir
Douglas Weston
Carl Widman
Charles Williams
Steve Wolk

Michael Wyant
Michael Yencarelli
Paul Zachariev
Peter Zuk III

30 Years

Jose S Adelino
Howard C Benerway
Joseph J Bevilacqua Jr
Roger A Borman
Kenneth M Bunnell Jr
Michael Bylina
Robert K Calhoun Jr
John Carlon
Brian Carter
Matthew Chasmar
William J Christiana
Cynthia J Cooke
Timothy M Criswell

Julio Dejesus
Robert J Eccles
Michael Fleming
Guy Fredenburg
Edward J Garibotto
John C Gravatt
Stephen J Hannigan
Raymond L Hetu
Glen J Horishny
Paul C Johnson
Richard Kunzig
James Lagrutta
John L Latkovich
Arthur J Lewis
Robert S Macrane
Rudolfo Martinez
Brian Mcmillen
Gary D Mireau
Bruce C Napiorkowski
Philip R Overton

John H Paquet
Charles M Perna
Paul Pine
James I Poquette
Jerry W Roebuck
Glenn A Rolland
James J Sherwood
Alfred J Sturm
Jeffrey B Suydam
Gary J Thornton
Steven R Wray
Edward Zecchino

35 Years

Patrick De La Torre
Conrad J. Genzanto Jr.
Timothy J. Moyer
Abdul Muhammad
Clarence E. Scott
William A. Gallagher

Thomas A. Krickus
Willie G. Screws
Louis Searles
Thomas V. Wright
William Barto
George M. Hollenbeck
Thomas Pedrick
Bruce W. Reitano
Ernest K. Settles III
Doug Thormann
Gary E. Burchak
Norman Card
Richard Felauer
Robert Parker
James W. Rickline
Albert Suk

45 Years

Joseph A. DiAntonio
Richard Neidermaier

Winning students and families honored at June 3rd Scholarship Awards Dinner

It was all about the families and their student winners who came to collect their prizes and be honored by fellow members of Local 825.

As we announced in our last newsletter, six \$10,000 scholarships were awarded to Veronika Lynn Geiger-Durso of Howell, Antonella Gini of Bridgewater, Ellysa Lamperti of Port Murray, Timothy Lattimer of Medford, Ashley Singewald of Succasunna and Chelsea Vena of Matawan.

Three grants of \$1,500 each were awarded to: Nicole Barrett of Neshanic Station, Timothy Reed of Northfield and Rachel Steelman of Mays Landing.

The Local 825 Scholarship and Grant Program is administered by Dr. Tracy Chang of Rutgers University. Dr. Chang joined in the

dinner to congratulate the winners and addressed the students and their families. She explained how the applications were independently evaluated by three Rutgers faculty members in order to arrive at the final selections.

The winners and their families were greeted by Business Manager Greg Lavee. In announcing the awards, Greg was joined by President John Wood, Jim McGowan, Bob Davis and Joe Logan. The winners each expressed gratitude to Local 825 and its members for the financial assistance.



Nicole Barrett



Antonella Gini



Veronika Geiger-Durso



Tim Lattimer



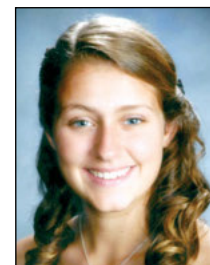
Ellysa Lamperti



Timothy Reed



Ashley Singewald



Rachel Steelman



Chelsea Vena

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14,300 jobs added

New Jersey's unemployment rate continued to inch down in May, as employers grew payrolls in a robust burst of hiring.

The Garden State added a net total of 14,300 jobs in May, according to preliminary survey data released by the state Department of Labor and Workforce Development. Meanwhile, a separate survey of New Jersey households showed the state's jobless rate falling to 8.6 percent, from 8.7 percent in April. (Story courtesy of the Star Ledger)



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Bayonne Bridge Begins Reconstruction

Local 825 was well represented on June 26 as Governor Chris Christie and Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Chairman David Samson announced the go-ahead for the Bayonne Bridge reconstruction, which will raise the bridge roadbed by 64 feet to a total of 215 feet above the Kill Van Kull at high tide, allow supertankers to pass beneath it on their way to the terminals in Newark and Elizabeth.

The project had been on the boards for three years and has been supported consistently by Local 825 leadership, including Greg Lavee, John Wood, Mark Longo, John LoCastro and Jim Black, who were on hand for the ceremony. The project is estimated to generate 6,000 construction jobs.



Courtesy of the Governor's Office/Tim Larsen