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

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A big year for bridges

This year promises to be super for bridge building



MONSTER CRANE COMPLETES 6,000 MILE JOURNEY to become part of the history of the new Tappan Zee crossing construction. In many ways, its mammoth scale reflects

the broad scope of bridge building projects that will employ Operating Engineers throughout 2014 and beyond. See more about the “super crane” and other bridgework on page 7.

CALENDAR

NOTE: All District Meetings begin at 7 p.m.

MARCH

March 3 – District 1 Meeting

Elk's Lodge 1875, 600 Washington Street, Toms River, NJ

March 5 – District 2 Meeting

Holiday Inn, 2870 Hwy. 35, Hazlet, NJ

March 9 – Daylight Savings

Set Clocks Forward 1 Hour

March 10 – District 3 Meeting

Holiday Inn, 1000 International Drive, Mt. Olive, NJ

March 12 – District 4 Meeting

Holiday Inn, 68 Crystal Run Road, Middletown, NY

March 12 – Blood Bank – 2 – 7 pm

Holiday Inn, Middletown, NY

March 17 – St. Patrick's Day

APRIL

April 7 – District 1 Meeting

Crystal Manor, 210 South Delsea Drive, Glassboro, NJ

April 9 – District 2 Meeting

Ramada Plaza, 160 Frontage Road, Newark, NJ

April 13 – Palm Sunday

April 14 – District 3 Meeting

Russian Hall, 464 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ

April 14 – Blood Bank – 4 – 7:30 pm

Russian Hall, Garfield, NJ

April 14 – SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE

April 15 – Tax Day

April 15 – Passover

April 16 – District 4 Meeting

Holiday Inn, 68 Crystal Run Road, Middletown, NY

April 18 – Good Friday

April 20 – Easter Sunday

VIEW FROM THE TOP

Greg Lalevee, Business Manager



Despite cold snap, climate for jobs is warming up

With January and February behind us, spring promises a better climate all around – for the weather and for jobs. And we are playing a significant role in boosting job promotion.

Development efforts heat up

At our semiannual meeting in January, we collected 400 letters supporting the proposed Spectra AIM pipeline and sent them to FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission). On Feb. 4, along with fellow Business Manager of Local 137 Jeff Loughlin, we met in our Springfield offices with representatives of Spectra Energy to determine how we can work together to advance the project (page 3).

This year's semiannual was the largest turnout of members in years. In addition to my own report on the state of our union, members also heard from our featured speaker, Tracye McDaniel, president of the state's own business development organization, Choose New Jersey.

Billboards break the ice

Local 825 stepped up to help the Choose New Jersey ad campaign during the weeks before and after the Super Bowl XLVIII. Appealing to business representatives from around the country who would be attending the big game, we along with other premier organizations, including such as Horizon Blue Cross and Blue Shield, New Jersey Natural Gas, LIUNA and the IBEW Local 102 placed billboards in highly traveled locations around the Meadowlands.

Our own business development arm – ELEC – continues its campaign to promote development and has a newly hired staff member to help (page 6).

At the same time, we initiated our own billboard campaign to recruit other affiliated or unaffiliated operating engineers to join Local 825. Our first such billboard (page 7) debuts in Long Branch, Monmouth County. Other locations around the state may be added in coming months.

Training triumphs over cold

All of our activity would stand for little if our members were not the best. And as our winter training classes demonstrated, even record cold temperatures couldn't chill their enthusiasm for enhancing their skills and keeping up with the latest in equipment and technology (page 5).

Scholarship deadline April 14

Our scholarship program is our opportunity to give back and help our children and grandchildren get a good start in life, while facing record high tuition costs.

Local 825 members again have approved a generous program of scholarships and grants and are planning fundraisers to keep this tradition healthy (page 8).

Bridges to employment

With all our efforts in place, we look forward to another good year for our members. In addition to heavy highway, pipeline and building construction, we will see more bridges under construction than ever, from the Tappan Zee crossing to Manahawkin Bay, from the Wittpenn and Pulaski Skyway to the Goethals (page 7).

Through it all and with your continued commitment, we will continue to raise the stature of Local 825 and its impact as a positive force in today's labor movement.

Local 825 helps Spectra AIM for new jobs

Local 825 and SpectraEnergy Corp. are teaming up again to promote approval of the Algonquin Incremental Market (AIM) project.

The AIM project would expand the pipeline capacity of the existing Algonquin Gas Transmission system – which stretches from Lambertville, NJ, to Boston – to allow regional natural gas supplies from the Appalachian basin to flow into the Northeast, helping to meet the demand for home heating and electric generation while lowering energy costs.

The project includes 21.4 miles of various segments of existing mainline take-up/relay and loop, which includes 1.2 miles of new pipeline beneath the Hudson River using directional drilling, and also the con-

struction of three new meter stations and modifications to existing meter stations.

Reviewing the route

Business Manager Greg Lalevee and President John Wood hosted a meeting with Local 137 Business Manager Jeff Loughlin and Spectra representatives in Local 825's Springfield headquarters on Feb. 4 to review the proposed pipeline route and discuss ways to help the project win approvals and begin construction.

Present for Spectra were Marylee Hanley,

Director, Stakeholder Outreach; Ed Harney, Manager, Rights of Way and Land; and Carolyn Daily Brink.

Promoting approval

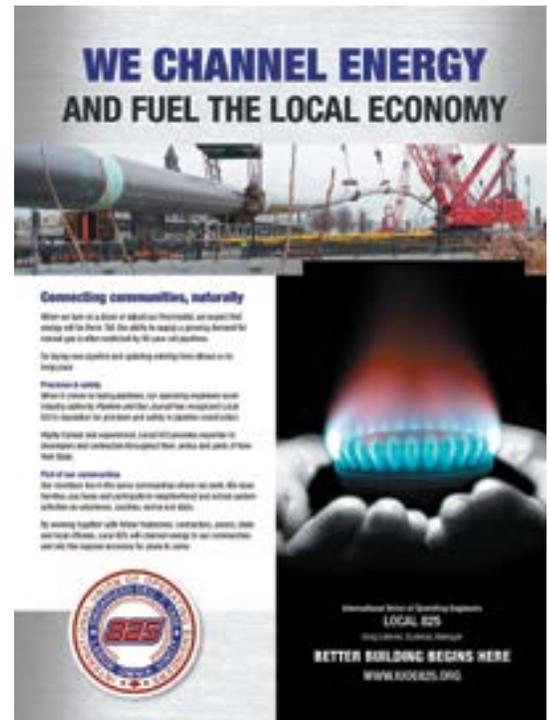
Greg reported that 400 members had signed petitions during the semiannual meeting in January. The letters in support of project approval were addressed and sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

Local 825 and Spectra have a track record of working together, after joining forces successfully in 2011 to support the approval of the pipeline from Linden, NJ, to Manhattan. That project was completed in November.

For more information about the Spectra AIM project, visit www.SpectraEnergy.com and click the tab along the top of the page for "New Projects and Our Process." On the page that opens, click "New Projects in the U.S." and on the next page, click the link for the Algonquin Incremental Market (AIM) Project.



TAKING AIM (seated, left to right): Jeff Loughlin, Local 137 Business Manager; Greg Lalevee, Local 825 Business Manager; Marylee Hanley, Spectra Director Stakeholder Outreach; and Ed Harney, Spectra Manager Rights of Way and Land; (standing): John Wood, Local 825 President.



This is an updated version of our "We Channel Energy" pipeline ad first printed in 2012. This new version uses updated photography and talks about pipeline capability overall.

Local 825 members congratulate our newest journeymen



Thirty apprentices completed their training by the end of 2013 and were sworn in as journeymen during the semiannual meeting. This round of graduates included:

Apprentices:

1. Bob Goller
2. Ryan Bohar
3. Russ Latkovich
4. Bill Delaney
5. Bryan Bell
6. Jeff Durante
7. Matt Adams
8. Herb Staley
9. Joe Thatcher
10. Kelly Raeuber
11. Chris Warren
12. Carmine Caputo
13. Miguel Deocampo
14. Bob Haftek
15. Mark Arthurs
16. Chris McCart
17. Dave Haag
18. Pat Wendelken
19. Anthony Mellone
20. Gary Sherman
21. Chris Hogrelius
22. John Messina
23. Brian Moore
24. Earl Anderson
25. John Ahedo
26. Barry Coverly
27. Chris Moglia
28. Bruce Schumann
29. Brian Yuhas
30. Guillermo Nino

400 members pack semiannual meeting



Members packed the room to be part of this year's semiannual meeting. It was a standing-room-only crowd of 400.

Judged by the number of members who participated in this year's semiannual meeting, the event and reception that followed were a big success.

Approximately 400 members filled the East Brunswick Hilton's meeting room to hear state of the union reports from Business Manager, Greg Lavee, John Wood, Bob Davis, Jim McGowan and Joe Logan.

Choose New Jersey

Business Manager Lavee introduced guest speaker Tracye McDaniels, president of Choose New Jersey, who shared what steps her group has taken to attract economic development and jobs to the Garden State.

A public-private partnership, Choose New Jersey has launched an aggressive campaign to recruit business and employment development along with corporate and organizational support from groups such as Local 825, IBEW Local 102, LIUNA, New Jersey Natural Gas and Horizon Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Jersey.

Remembering Pat Campbell



Greg took time to remember former Business Manager Pat Campbell, who passed away on December 22. Pat served as the Business Manager from 1977 until 1998 and

confronted a unique set of challenges during his tenure. Greg recounted many of his contributions that still benefit members today.

Apprentice program

Greg reported that there are currently 87 apprentices. Thirty apprentices graduated from the program this year. Twenty-six new apprentices entered the program in 2013, 21 from New Jersey and five from New York.

Following the address, 30 apprentice graduates were sworn in as journeymen and were awarded commemorative plaques for their achievements.

The meeting was followed by a social hour that allowed the 400 members to connect with co-workers.



Tracye McDaniels, president of Choose New Jersey, addresses our members and shares a number of activities her group has undertaken to attract businesses to New Jersey and promote employment growth.



To see 24 photos from our meeting and the reception that followed, visit our Facebook page and scroll down the timeline to January 14.

Record cold snap fails to put training on ice

Record low temperatures couldn't freeze the enthusiasm for training as 60 members took advantage of winter classes at the NJ training center during January and February.

"Until February 3, every class that had been scheduled took place as planned," said Al Zabicki, training director.

Two field trailers were placed on the training grounds near the pipeline and paving classes to allow members to take periodic warm-up breaks.

"What really impacts us is the extreme cold and frost," Zabicki said. "That makes it tougher on the equipment, tougher on the



members and tougher to test someone if there's two feet of frost in the ground. And rain forces us to go indoors."

Indoor and outdoor classes

Indoor classes were as much a part of the training regimen.

In addition to the standard courses in paving, milling, asphalt rolling, pile driving, guard-rail pounding, pipeline and a basic crane class, this year's sessions included two new offerings, thanks to equipment provided by Volvo Equipment.

The Volvo PL3005 is a pipe-laying machine

that works like a crane on an excavator body. The arm is attached to the upper works of the machine, allowing it to rotate 360 degrees, which can't be done on a side boom.

The Volvo EC340 is an updated excavator that offers newer features and both pieces of equipment offer enhanced maneuverability, which is good for use in close quarters, such as transfer yards and boring pits.

Construction updates: New Jersey

With the delivery and installation of roof panels, ductwork, wiring and windows were installed by the end of January. Sheet-rocking and indoor work began in February,



with furnishing to follow. Completion date is now tentatively set for late March.

Construction updates: New York

With site preparation, berms and a retention pond completed, a drilling rig dug a well and architectural plans were presented to the local planning board in late January. The planning board required noise testing and approval will be sought pending test results.

Once approval is granted, an official groundbreaking will be scheduled for work to begin.

TRAINING CALENDAR

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

New Jersey

MARCH

8 Hour Hazmat Refresher:

- Saturday 3/8
- Wednesday 3/12
- Saturday 3/22

Signal Person:

- Saturday 3/15

CCO:

- Saturday 3/8
- Saturday 3/15
- Saturday 3/22
- Saturday 3/29
- CCO Written Test on Sunday 3/30

APRIL

8 Hour Hazmat Refresher:

- Saturday 4/5
- Thursday 4/10
- Saturday 4/19

Rigger Qualification:

- Saturday 4/19

OSHA 30:

- Tuesday 4/1 thru Friday 4/4

New York

MARCH

8 Hour Hazmat Refresher:

- Saturday 3/8
- Wednesday 3/12

OSHA 30:

- Tuesday 3/4 thru Friday 3/7

Signal Person:

- Wednesday 3/19

Rigger Qualification:

- Saturday 3/22

40 Hour Hazmat:

- Monday 3/24 thru Friday 3/28

APRIL

8 Hour Hazmat Refresher:

- Saturday 4/5
- Thursday 4/10
- Wednesday 4/16
- Saturday 4/26

Rigger Qualification:

- Tuesday 4/22

Signal Person:

- Tuesday 4/29



To see more photos of our winter training classes, visit our Facebook page and scroll down the timeline to January 16.

Your annual doctor visit is your key to good health

Many people do not think about visiting the doctor when they are well, but an annual visit to the doctor is just as important as one when you are sick.

An annual visit is a preventive measure and will help your doctor establish a baseline record of your general health. If there are any significant changes, your doctor will be able to consult previous notes and address these issues. An annual visit allows your physician to catch problems at an earlier stage and often makes treatment easier.

Although it is generally up to the patient to take responsibility for making lifestyle changes, taking medications as prescribed and seeking additional screening, an annual visit is the ideal opportunity to ask questions



and address any concerns.

Time is often limited during appointments, but there are several things you can do to make your annual visit a productive one:

- Write down any questions that you may have prior to your visit. Bring a notebook and pen to write down answers and ask your provid-

er to explain in terms that you understand.

- Review and update your family health history.
- Bring a current list of all medications (including over-the-counter and supplements) that you are taking.
- Depending on your age and gender, be prepared for recommendations for screenings such as mammograms, prostate screening and colorectal screening. Use the “Seeing Your Doctor Soon?” button to learn more about the screenings you may need.

Additional resources are available on the Community Health Charities website at www.healthcharities.org, where you can access the health information and services of the nation’s most trusted health charities.

Debbie Kelly

ELEC Update

Labor-Management promotes common issues



ELEC continues to target project owners to demonstrate the value of Operating Engineers and union contractors. In addition to its aggressive marketing campaign in business and trade publications and industry events, ELEC is also preparing an expanded push into digital media communications.

ELEC has established a political presence and advocates for highway funding, prevailing wages and other vital issues to elected officials at all levels of government.

Next mission: market recovery

ELEC has developed a two-prong strategy to expand work opportunities through “market recovery,” focusing on building projects that previously went to non-union contractors and workers. To achieve this, ELEC is:

- Studying the potential benefits of helping to underwrite part of an employer’s costs. Other trades have used this strategy successfully. We have tried it recently on three projects and will evaluate the results.
- Retaining a land-use attorney to engage

developers very early in project planning. Since Operating Engineers are usually the first trades needed in a project – for demolition and site preparation – it is critical to be present early in the planning process to pursue more opportunities.

ELEC names business development specialist

The Engineers Labor-Employer Cooperative (ELEC) has named Kate Gibbs to spearhead its Business Development efforts, according to ELEC Executive Director Mark Longo.



“We’re very pleased to have Kate on board and look forward to her help in moving forward with our programs,” Mark said.

Ms. Gibbs joins ELEC

after serving five years as Executive Director and Fundraiser for a successful political organization and event planning and membership-relations consultant for a statewide trade association.

She has established a strong record of building networks, establishing strategies and tactics that include branding, communications and social media in pursuit of prior organizational goals. With her background in politics, public affairs and organizational management, Ms. Gibbs is uniquely suited to help ELEC achieve its core objectives of creating jobs for Local 825 members and its union contractors.

Ms. Gibbs graduated cum laude in 2008 with a BA in Public Communications and Political Science from The American University in Washington, DC. She is currently working toward an MBA with a concentration in Finance from the Drexel University LeBow College of Business and is set to graduate in March of this year.

Mark Longo

2014 is shaping up to be huge for bridge-building jobs throughout our area

As the 30-story-high “Left Coast Lifter” completed its 6,000-mile journey and sailed into New York Harbor on in January, it set the stage for large-scale bridge construction projects to follow.

The powerful 400-foot floating crane had been named for its work on the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. One of the largest cranes in the United States – able to lift up to 1,750 tons – it is being renamed (at least

unofficially) the “I Lift New York,” as it will be used to hoist sections of the new Tappan Zee crossing into place and, later, to dismantle the old bridge.

The Tappan Zee Bridge project currently employs more than 100 Operating Engineers. The \$3.5 Billion project will continue to ramp up, with several more cranes joining the project this spring.

Although the largest in scale, many other

important bridge projects will also employ Operating Engineers this year. These include:

- The \$1.1 billion Bayonne Bridge, which has started the road-raising project.
- The \$700 million Goethal’s Bridge renovation, which has begun its preliminary work.
- The Manahawkin Bay Bridge and Route 72 causeway, which is picking up more workers as caisson work begins.
- The Pulaski Skyway re-decking is starting up under the direction of Schiavone and CCA Civil.
- The Route 7 Witt Penn Bridge connecting Kearny with Jersey City continues to progress.

Fortunately, bridges only make up a portion of our work. But the unprecedented scope of projects taking shape in a matter of months augurs well for the entire construction industry throughout 2014 and beyond.



The Tappan Zee Bridge



The Route 7 Witt Penn Bridge

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Appealing to Operators

Engineer Jared McCaffrey makes his advertising debut on Local 825’s new billboard advertisement, which was posted in February in Long Branch, Monmouth County.

The outreach is intended to ensure all Operating Engineers know that “Better Building Begins Here” and that we look out for our fellow workers.

NJ Turnpike coasts to completion

A \$2.5 billion project to widen the toll road between Exits 6 and 9 is on schedule for completion in 2014. Thomas Feeney, a spokesman for the Turnpike Authority, said the new roadway is due to open by the summer.



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BETTER BUILDING BEGINS HERE

Scholarship apps due April 14

Members offer financial lifeline to aid students

Multiple scholarships and grants are available this year to help children and grandchildren of Local 825 members meet the growing cost of a college education.

Local 825 members have once again approved six scholarship awards of \$10,000 over four years. Applicants must be a class of 2014 graduate and be accepted at a four-year college or university.

In keeping with the spirit of unionism, the scholarship and grant application process reflects a pro-labor and community-service emphasis.

Other union-sponsored scholarships are available to our family members. For complete details on all available scholarship and grants opportunities, go to IUOE825.org, click on the Public Affairs tab and selecting Scholarships in the dropdown menu.

Keeping the “fun” in “fundraising

Awarding scholarships and grants is a noble activity but it is costly. So each year we look for ways to raise money in ways that members want to participate.

Mark these dates

- May 10 – This year, we’ll host the Second Annual Spring Scholarship Golf Tournament at Gambler Ridge Golf Club, 121 Burlington Path Road, Cream Ridge, N.J. The cost is \$200 per golfer and there are a number of sponsorships available as well.
- Sept. 28 is the Second Annual Poker Run motorcycle rally, following rave reviews of last year’s event.
- Nov. 8 see the return of Local 825’s Dinner Dance, to be held at the Hilton East Brunswick.

If you know of anyone who would like to take part and help our scholarship fund continue to grow, visit our website for more information.

Rat Patrol sniffs out cheesy practices



The Local 825 “Rat Patrol” rolled out of Springfield in January and has been paying visits to non-union job sites and even some union sites using OEs who are not our members. The goal is to let the non-compliant contractors know we are looking for fairness for Operating Engineers.

The “RatPat” caught the attention of Q104.3 FM radio’s Maria Milito in January and she gave our members several shout-outs on the air.

The Rat Patrol actually began its mission during the second half of 2013. During that time, our business agents signed 122 new agreements. That record of organizing is nothing to sniff at.