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

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Local 825 gives a 190,250 lb. lift Engineers play pivotal role in Wittpenn construction



Under the guidance of lead supervisor Tony Paglia, Local 825 operating engineers added 153-foot-long double beams – each weighing 190,250 pounds – to the Wittpenn Bridge during the final days of August. Veteran crane-man Edd McHugh (inset photo) applies the gentle touch that hoists the beam

and maneuvers it into place high above the Hackensack River. The Route 7 bridge is a major connector between Routes 139 and 1&9 Truck to the east, and the New Jersey Turnpike Interchange 15W and Newark/Jersey City Turnpike to the west. Read more on page 7.

CALENDAR

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

NOVEMBER

Nov. 2 – Daylight Savings ends, set clocks back

Nov. 4 – Election Day

Nov. 5 – District 2 Meeting
Days Inn, 1260 Rt. 22 East, Bridgewater

Nov. 6 – District 1 Meeting
Kerri Brooke Caterers
755 S. White Horse Pike, Hammonton

Nov. 8 – Dinner Dance
Hilton East Brunswick
3 Tower Center Blvd, East Brunswick

Nov. 10 – District 3 Meeting
Holiday Inn, 1000 International Drive, Mt. Olive

Nov. 11 – VETERAN'S DAY – UNION HOLIDAY

Nov. 12 – District 4 Meeting
Holiday Inn, 68 Crystal Run Road
Middletown, NY

DECEMBER

Dec. 8 – District 1 Meeting
Kerri Brooke Caterers
755 S. White Horse Pike, Hammonton

Dec. 10 – District 2 Meeting
Sheraton Edison
125 Raritan Center Parkway, Edison

Dec. 15 – District 3 Meeting
Russian Hall, 464 Outwater Lane,
Garfield

Dec 17. – District 4 Meeting
Holiday Inn, 68 Crystal Run Road,
Middletown, NY

Dec. 21 – First Day of Winter

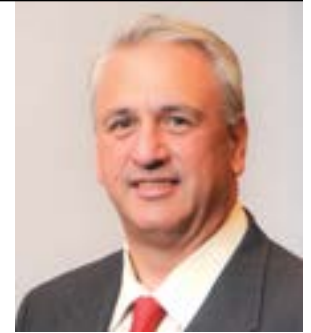
Dec. 25 – Christmas

Dec. 26 – Kwanzaa

Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve

VIEW FROM THE TOP

Greg Lalevee, Business Manager



Your vote matters on Nov. 4

There are many reasons to vote this Election Day.

The economy in general is better than it has been in recent years but it still could be so much better. Don't be lulled into complacency.

Issues like Davis Bacon are constantly debated and require our continued focus to prevent changes that would weaken our efforts to support a fair structure of wages and benefits.

The Transportation Trust Fund is beginning to get attention but a funding solution must become a reality. We need to keep pushing on this and to elect candidates who understand the importance of this issue to our members.

Vetting candidates

We spend months vetting candidates throughout the year to see if their statements are supported by their voting records. We see which candidates share compatible views with our own and which ones are willing to meet and hear us out.

Our elected representatives make the decisions over which projects get funded and which don't. Who do you want making those

decisions for you? Don't turn your vote over to someone else who shows up to vote while you stay at home. The stakes for us are that high.

Poker Run success

In other news, this year's Poker Run was a great success, based on the number of riders we had and the day we enjoyed. The weather couldn't have been better, sunny and in the 70s, with great scenery followed by a great cookout and camaraderie throughout. We are also bringing back the annual dinner dance to benefit the scholarship fund on Nov. 8. See details on page 2.

Apprentice applicants

Our apprentice application process took place on Sept 2. Hundreds of prospective applicants lined up for one of 200 applications. Every application was given out and completed within hours on the first day they were available. Those who will be chosen will begin their apprenticeships in the spring.

Don't forget to vote on Nov. 4. Then, I hope to see you at the dinner dance Nov. 8.

Yours in solidarity.

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Key candidate endorsements for 2014 elections

NJ	US Senate	Cory Booker	Essex County	Freeholder, At Large	Brendan Gill- D
CD-1	US Congress	Donald Norcross -D	Mercer County	Sheriff	Jack Kemler
CD-2	US Congress	Frank LoBiondo- R	Passaic County	Freeholder, at Large	John Capo-R
CD-3	US Congress	Tom MacArthur - R	Somerset County	Freeholder, At Large	Peter Palmer-R
CD-4	US Congress	Chris Smith -R	Somerset County	Freeholder, At Large	Brian Levine-R
CD-5	US Congress	Roy Cho - D	Union County	Sheriff	Joe Cryan-D
CD-6	US Congress	Frank Pallone - D	Union County	Freeholder, at Large	Charles Tomaro-D
CD-7	US Congress	Leonard Lance - R	Union County	Freeholder, at Large	Carol Barrett-D
CD-8	US Congress	Albio Sires - D	Carteret	Mayor	Dan Rieman- R
CD-9	US Congress	Bill Pascrell - D	Ewing	Mayor	Bert Steinman- D
CD-10	US Congress	Donald Payne - D	Haledon	Mayor	Domenick Stampone- D
CD-12	US Congress	Bonnie Watson Coleman -D	Linden	Mayor	Richard Gerbounka- I
Bergen County	Freeholder, at Large	Joan Voss- D	Woodland Park	Mayor	Keith Kazmark- D
Bergen County	Freeholder, at Large	David Ganz- D	East Hanover	Council	Michael Martorelli- D
Burlington County	Freeholder, at Large	Bruce Garganio- R	New Brunswick	Council	Kevin Egan- D
Burlington County	Freeholder, at Large	Mary Ann O'Brien-R	Somers Point	Council	Kirk Gerety- R
Camden County	Freeholder, at Large	Ian Leonard- D	Washington Twp (Glouces)	Council	Al Frattali - D
Essex County	Executive	Joe DiVincenzo-D	Buena	Board of Education	Matthew Walker, Local 825 member
Essex County	Freeholder, District 4	Leonard Luciano- D	Delsea	Board of Education	Mario Christina

November 8 Dinner Dance to boost Scholarship Fund

On the heels of a successful Poker Run fund raiser, Local 825 is planning a Dinner Dance to benefit the Scholarship Fund.

“Not everyone rides a motorcycle and we have members who’d like an entertaining evening with their spouses or significant others,” said Melissa Kulas.

Local 825 now has three very different types of scholarship fundraisers to offer members: a golf outing in the spring, the Poker Run in the fall and the dinner dance in November. There may be some members who go to all three but probably most members will find one or two events that they prefer.

“We want to raise money while offering

something that appeals to everyone and promises a good time and good value in exchange for the ticket price,” Melissa said.

In recognition of the increasing cost of higher education, the former \$1,500 grant awards have been eliminated and all awards will be worth \$10,000 over four years, for a total of nine scholarship awards in 2015.

The deadline for tickets was Oct. 24 but if you’re interested in attending, contact Melissa at (973) 671-6911.

The Dinner Dance will take place beginning at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 8, at the East Brunswick Hilton, 3 Tower Center Blvd., East Brunswick, NJ.



Second Poker Run comes up all aces

Great weather, great ride, great cause and no bluffs

The second annual Poker Run got off to a roaring start on the morning of Sept. 26 as 147 riders on 140 bikes rolled out of the New Jersey Training Center parking lot.

Riders headed south on their 70-mile trek to the Ancient Order of Hibernians Hall in South Amboy. In all, it was a 50 percent increase in participants over last year's 98 riders.

Along the way, many of the riders stopped at the Mount Mitchill Scenic Overlook to take in the view of the New York skyline and Sandy Hook Bay. The site is also home to a 911 Memorial sculpture of an eagle flying away from Ground Zero with a mangled steel I-Beam from one of the World Trade Center towers clutched in its talons.

Many thanks to everyone who helped organize and stage this event. And thanks to the participants and sponsors, the event raised funds for our scholarships through the registrations and sale of sponsorships.

All in all, it was a winning hand.





TRAINING CENTER CALENDAR

The following schedule is subject to change. Always contact the training center to verify dates, times and availability.
NJ Training Center (732) 798-2170;
NY Training Center (845) 374-2559.

NEW JERSEY TRAINING CENTER

NOVEMBER 2014

Rigging Class

- Sat. 11/1

OECP Written Test

- Sat. 11/1

8-HR. Refresher

- Sat. 11/22

OSHA 30

Mod 1

- Sat. 11/1

Mod 2

- Sat. 11/8

Mod 3

- Sat. 11/15

Mod 4

- Sat. 11/22

Must Complete ALL 4 Days To Receive Card

DECEMBER 2014

8-HR. Refresher

- Sat. 12/6

8-HR. HAZMAT Refresher

- Sat. 10/11



ELEC targets Transportation Fund

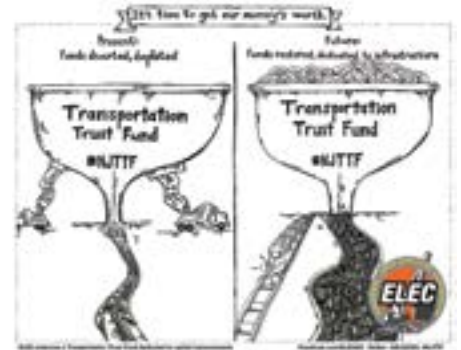
In its drive to help rebuild the nearly bankrupt Transportation Trust Fund, ELEC's social media campaign has been aggressively calling for action, with a series of political-style cartoons bringing light to the issues.

Unlike standard photos or color artwork, the cartoons are designed in black and white as illustrations and can be seen on websites frequented by politicians, the "politically aware," and the media – sites like NJ Spotlight, PolitickerNJ, NJ Biz, Facebook, Twitter, Google, and more.

ELEC is also spearheading adoption of the Twitter hashtag #NJTTF, which has been picked up and adopted by Assemblyman Vincent Prieto, members of the media, and others.

The efforts are paying off in terms of awareness and recognition for ELEC. More than 10,000 people view our postings weekly and page "likes" are approaching 1,700.

If you haven't joined us already, please do (Facebook.com/ELEC825, Twitter @ELEC825) and help us spread the word!"



Daniel Ortega brings leadership experience



Daniel Ortega brings leadership experience to ELEC that combines campaign and intergovernmental affairs management with service as an appointed official.

Initially, he will work with municipal officials

in areas of the state that are experiencing a higher level of development activities to identify potential opportunities for our union contractors and Local 825 members.

Before joining ELEC, Dan served as

Deputy Chief of Staff to Assemblyman Carmelo Garcia of Hoboken and as a Field Coordinator for Compassion and Choices of Camden.

An accomplished consultant and advisor, he has developed teams of field staff members, volunteers and canvassers, directed get-out-to-vote efforts, monitored campaign activities to ensure compliance with local, state and federal laws and developed and managed social media activities for municipal, state and congressional elections.

Prior experience includes having served as Chief of Staff to the Mayor of West New York; Communications Specialist to the

West New York Board of Education; and Executive Director of the Bergen County Democratic Organization.

He was elected to state committeeman of the NJ Democratic State Committee and served from 2005 to 2010. He was appointed and served as a commissioner of the Hackensack Housing Authority from 2006 to 2010; and of the Bergen County Housing Authority from 2007 to 2010.

Dan earned a BA in political science from William Paterson University in 2006 and an MS in administrative science from Fairleigh Dickinson University in 2010. He is a resident of West New York.

Benefits Corner

New program covers Shingles vaccine

Our new vaccination program is now available through CVS/Caremark and it can help you and your family avoid preventable illnesses.

Your best shot!

Vaccines for the flu and pneumonia are your best shot for staying a step ahead of these seasonal illnesses. And now even the Shingles vaccine is available as a covered benefit. The Local 825 Welfare Fund is covering the

cost of all these vaccines for all eligible members and their eligible dependents over the age of 18 through the CVS/Caremark Vaccine Program, **with NO copayment.**

A CVS near you

Members eligible for Level 1, 2, 3, or 4 health benefits and their eligible dependents can obtain the vaccines at a local CVS Pharmacy and more than 50,000 additional participating pharmacy locations.



Christine Medich

Before you go ...!

Be sure to call ahead to make an appointment (if necessary). You will need to bring your prescription card and photo ID. If you need assistance in finding a participating pharmacy, call CVS/Caremark Customer Service at 888-771-7281.

Crane operators lift double beams into position on new Wittpenn Bridge

Working together with Ironworkers and members of Structural Services, Local 825 operating engineers have been connecting the towers supporting the new Wittpenn Bridge across the Hackensack River, from Jersey City to Kearny.

The 153-foot-long double beams each weighed approximately 190,250 pounds and took hours to prepare, position, hoist into place and lock in. The work took place in late August under late-summer, sunny skies.

The Wittpenn Bridge carries Route 7 traffic over the river and serves as a major connector between Routes 139 and 1&9 Truck to the east, and the New Jersey Turnpike Interchange 15W and Newark/Jersey City Turnpike to the west.

The work was completed safely and on time.





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One of our members' vintage bikes at September Poker Run

Apprentice hopefuls line up for applications

The value of union membership was demonstrated once again on September 2 as hundreds of prospective applicants waited for hours to be one of 200 to secure an application for entry into the Local 825 apprentice program.

With hundreds of apprentice hopefuls lining the parking area of the New Jersey Training Center with chairs, headphones and a tent, the atmosphere took on the festive feel of a rock concert.

“For those among us who may sometimes take their membership for granted, the value of this membership is demonstrated every time we open up for new applicants,” said Al Zabicki, training director.

Out of the two weeks originally set aside for the application process, every application was given out on a first-come, first-served basis and completed within hours of Sept. 2, the first day they were made available.

The applicants who are selected will become part of the Spring apprentice program.



Applicants line the entrance to the Dayton Training Center under sunny skies on Sept. 2