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SERVING THE LOCAL 825 MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS VOL. 5 ISSUE 4

Nine grads benefit from biggest payout ever Local 825 awards a record \$90,000 in scholarships



AND THE WINNERS ARE – Nine family members of Local 825 members were awarded \$10,000 scholarships each on June 3 at the East Brunswick Hilton. This was the largest payout ever for the scholarship program and reflects our members’ contributions and hard work to raise money for the cause. Pictured (front

row, left to right), Madeleine Modugno, Taylor Barrett, Marilyn Widman, Taylor Groves, Stephanie Harvey, Tarra Frawley. (Back row, left to right) Jim McGowan, Joe Logan, Greg Lalevee, Jim Singewald, Chris Eugenio, John Wood, John Nacion. (One winner, Elizabeth Mathews, was unable to attend the event.)

CALENDAR

JULY

4 – **Independence Day**
UNION HOLIDAY

13 – **Semi-Annual Meeting**
Hilton East Brunswick
3 Tower Center Boulevard,
East Brunswick, NJ

AUGUST

No meetings scheduled.
Enjoy the summer!

Members discounts available

Summer brings discount opportunities to members. Here are some available now.

Clementon Park & Splash World

A discounted, one-day ticket is \$21.99 plus tax. A season's Pass is \$49.99 plus tax. To purchase tickets, visit www.ClementonPark.com and enter code "IUOE 825." If you have questions, call (856) 783-0263 or visit the Clementon Park & Splash World website.

Morey's Piers

To take advantage of discount tickets, visit www.MoreysPiers.com/corporatepartner and enter your exclusive log-in ID: "825." Purchase and print out your discount e-tickets.

Rockland Boulders baseball

Members are eligible for up to four box seat tickets per home game, subject to availability. Visit www.RocklandBoulders.com for the schedule of home games and then contact the New York office for ticket availability at (845) 674-9020.

VIEW FROM THE TOP

Greg Lalevee, Business Manager



Summer sees jobs increasing ... but more remains to be done

We head into summer with the wind at our backs as construction employment continues to increase.

According to a recent ACCNJ summary, all New Jersey metro areas gained jobs between April 2014 and April 2015. A total of 11,900 jobs were added, a nine percent boost. Atlantic City-Hammonton experienced the biggest gain of 24 percent, adding 1,100 jobs. Newark grew by 14 percent, with 5,600 new jobs, and all other areas registered positive numbers.

TTF and Pipelines on the front burner

There is still much left to do. Despite continuing efforts, there is no funding solution yet for the state's Transportation Trust Fund. And several pipeline projects, which we have reported on previously, are under fire by environmentalists.

On May 29, we waded into the pipeline debate at a spirited discussion hosted by NJ Spotlight. It is essential to have a voice in these conversations to ensure that our interests are represented and we believe we accomplished that goal on that occasion (see story on page 3).

Record year for scholarship awards

Summer also brings the newest crop of graduates. We are very grateful that we were able to award nine \$10,000 scholarships to

each of them on June 3. Thanks to the generosity of our members we were able to raise our payout to the highest it's been in our history (see page 4.)

While we take pride in helping the younger generation, we also remember the contributions of our longest serving members. On May 16 we honored 22 members with their 40-year pins (see page 5). And at our upcoming Semi-annual meeting on July 13, we will honor retired members who have been with us for up to 70 years!

ELEC Launches New Website

We invite you to visit the new ELEC website, which launched in June. Recognizing that more people are accessing the Internet using mobile phones and tablets, ELEC825.org has been developed to display perfectly for any size screen, phone, tablet or desktop.

In addition to updating all information on the site, members can also apply for credentialing reimbursements, simply and easily. Read more about the site on page 7 and then visit it online at www.ELEC825.org.

Finally, we were pleased that this newsletter, first published in April 2011, was selected as the second-place winner in the newsletter category by the NJ Advertising Club at its 47th Annual Jersey Awards.

Enjoy the summer. We look forward to seeing you at the Semi-annual meeting.

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Roundtables and rallies put pipelines front and center

Local 825 weighs in on the issues

With more than a dozen pipelines proposed or approved, the topic has stirred passions from all sides.

The Plumbers and Pipefitters LU 322 hosted a rally in June to support South Jersey Gas' amended application to the New Jersey Pinelands Commission for a 22-mile, 24-inch high-pressure gas pipeline project.

Local 825's Greg Laveve voiced his support at the rally, as did NJ Energy Coalition officials.

NJ Spotlight on pipelines

Days earlier, at a roundtable discussion in Mercerville, Greg and other panelists debated the need for the growing number of pipelines being proposed. For consumers and businesses, they may mean cheaper electricity and heat, thousands of new jobs, and the potential to convert large fleets of vehicles to a less-polluting fuel than gasoline. To environmentalists, pipeline expansion is seen as a threat to water supplies and the environment overall.

How do you heat your homes?

Greg Laveve participated in the lively debate and laid out Local 825's perspectives. He stated that nearly two-thirds of NJ homes are



Greg Laveve appears on NJTV as he joins with Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 322 and other business leaders to support construction of the BL England pipeline.

heated by natural gas, placing the state fifth in the nation in per capita use.

He also pointed out that additional pipelines would alleviate spikes in prices, which hurt consumers and businesses. With a more abundant supply of natural gas flowing through pipelines, the volatility experienced could be significantly reduced.

Greg also knocked down the argument that pipeline jobs "are just temporary."

"Our members have raised families and sent kids to college based on jobs that are temporary. These jobs have significant benefits that are very real to us."

Making New Jersey more competitive

Thomas Bracken, who heads the NJ Chamber of Commerce and ForwardNJ, stated that

business people are interested in reducing the high cost of energy to help make New Jersey more competitive.

"Right now our gas comes from the Gulf and the biggest part of its cost is transporting it here. Meanwhile, we have the ability to get gas from next door in Pennsylvania and reduce our costs substantially."

Pipelines provide a less expensive way to transport natural gas and oil and are far less prone to accidents than alternate modes of transport, such as road, rail or barge.

In addition to Greg, the other panelists included:

Matthew P. Tomich, Vice President of Energy Vision. He discussed alternative forms of energy, such as wind, solar and renewable gas but conceded that not one of those is in a position to take the place of natural gas or oil today.

Two environmentalists on the panel were Maya van Rossum of Delaware Riverkeeper; and Doug O'Malley, Director, Environment New Jersey.

Van Rossum argued against pipeline development, saying that "New Jersey doesn't need the gas" and that the promise of jobs doesn't justify "the harm that is inflicted on our communities."

The roundtable was presented by NJ Spotlight and jointly sponsored by Local 825, The William Penn Foundation, PennEast Pipeline and WHYY public radio.

Cranes rise on 'Dream-scape'

After years of announcements, lawsuits, plan revisions, and efforts to arrange tax-breaks and investor funding, the first tower crane was assembled at the Triple Five American Dream project in the Meadowlands.

In June, the state Economic Development Authority (EDA) gave the developers until additional time to update its application for grants, since the project's site plan has grown more than 25 percent since its first approval. The grant could be worth up to \$390 million.

"The process has taken longer than any-

body thought it would," said Jon F. Hanson, Governor Christie's adviser on sports and entertainment projects. "But there haven't been any obstacles that they haven't overcome."

Hanson said that once approvals are obtained, up to \$600 million in bonds can be sold. "That will be a very important step and after that of course they still have to build it."

Triple Five officials have said the complex should open either by the end of 2016 or in the spring of 2017.



Record \$90,000 payout sends nine to college

Helping member families afford the high cost of tuition

Members have always been generous but this year's scholarship awards set a new record. For the first time, scholarships totaled \$90,000 and will help nine families.

"This year was the first that we did away with the one-time grants and moved every winner to a full, four-year scholarship," said Greg Lalevee. "Given the ever-increasing cost of higher education, we felt this was warranted."

Local 825 officers celebrated the recipients and their proud family members at the East Brunswick Hilton with a dinner and awards ceremony on June 3.

The winners were selected in keeping with the spirit of unionism, reflecting a pro-labor and community-service emphasis. Scholarship applicants are evaluated based on their SAT scores, grades, letters of recommendation and an essay that outlines their aspirations and how union values have influenced their lives.

This year's winners are:

- Taylor Groves of Millville, daughter of **Donald Groves, Jr.**
- Madeleine Modugno of Basking Ridge, granddaughter of the late **Emil Modugno**, who was a 40-year member
- Christopher Eugenio of Perth Amboy, son of **Rui P. Eugenio**
- Elizabeth Mathews of Denville, daughter of **Roland Mathews**
- James Singewald of Succasunna, son of **James A. Singewald**
- Stephanie Harvey of Berlin, daughter of **Kevin Harvey**
- Marilyn Widman of Hopewell, daughter of **Carl Widman**
- Taylor Barrett of Readington, daughter of **Glenn Barrett**
- Tarra Frawley of Newfoundland, daughter of **Thomas Frawley Jr.**

For more information about each of this year's winners, visit the scholarship page on our website, www.iuoe825.org/scholarships.

The scholarship program is administered by a team of educators from Rutgers University, including Dr. Tracy Chang, Carla A. Katz, Esq. and Prof. James Cooney.



John Nacion, Greg Lalevee and Prof. Jim Cooney exchange comments with the members and their families

Third golf outing scores big for scholarship fund

More than 130 golfers took part in our third annual golf outing at Gambler Ridge Golf Club on May 10 to help raise funds for this year's scholarship awards.

The day started under cloudy skies but soon gave way to sun and beautiful spring weather. It was the first year that play was not interrupted by rain and some said this was because we gave everyone an umbrella!

Following lunch, golfers, friends and sponsors loaded up their golf carts and headed for the links. Everyone was a winner because they enjoyed the day. But the real winners, of course, are our children and grandchildren who benefit from the funds that were raised.

The annual golf outing has become a staple in our effort to provide this level of financial support to our members' families. Along with other events, such as the bi-annual dinner dance and the motorcycle Poker Run, these events also help to replenish the fund and keep it healthy for future children and grandchildren of Local 825 members



Taylor Groves



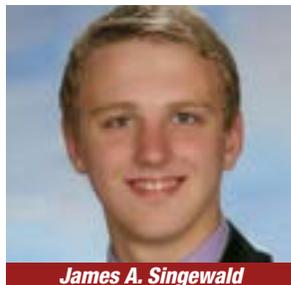
Madeleine Modugno



Christopher Eugenio



Elizabeth Mathews



James A. Singewald



Stephanie Harvey



Marilyn Widman



Taylor Barrett



Tarra Frawley

A night of music and memories that began in 1975

22 members recognized for 40 years of service

It was a night to remember, where years melted into memories and members were recognized for 40 years of service to their union.

Twenty-two 40-year veterans, spouses and friends joined together for an evening dedicated to the achievement of a milestone. It was a chance to catch up with each other, remember how many things had changed over a lifetime and how many things had remained the same, like the rewards of brotherhood.

The evening began with a reception of cocktails and hors-d'oeuvres and was followed by dinner and music from the band, Noble Productions.

Greg Lalevee, John Wood, Bob Davis, John Nacion and Jim McGowan congratulated each honoree as they were called individually to receive their 40-year pins and to be thanked for their loyalty.



The honorees were:

- Tony Azevedo
- Robert Bieljeski
- Salvatore Brescia
- Roger E. Clark
- Wilbur Crudup
- Julio DeMatos
- Paul F. Filippi
- Dennis J. Florian
- Thomas C. Freeman
- Theodore B. Haven
- Edward Hogrelius
- Joseph T. Logan Jr.
- John J. Lombardo
- Arthur A. Mazzarella
- Frank Mazzola
- Harry B. Murtha Jr.
- Richard P. Noonan
- Lewis M. O'Rourke
- Jeffrey K. Payton
- Frank A. Rice
- Scott M. Sager
- Ricky J. Tomasello



Crane operators compete in first TC Rodeo

Training Center instructors laid out a course in May for crane operators to challenge their skills.

The event was proctored by Keith Adolf and Joe Grace, with assistance from Bobby Kennedy. The participants included Frederick Angle, Anthony Cortese, John Dzwieski, Mario Fonseca, Thomas McAleer Jr. and Frederick Stansfield III. After an intense but fun program, Anthony Cortese was declared this year's winner, with



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Truck overturns, unloads cement, KO's power

It was the end of April when the lights went out. A truck carrying bags of cement careened out of control at the bend in Springfield Ave. and overturned in front of union headquarters, knocking out a utility pole and the power along with it. No serious injuries were reported. The hall closed for the day and ran off a generator for a few days after that until utility crews installed a new pole.



District 2 & 3 Health Fair draws members and families to HQ Springfield

Springfield HQ hosts District 2 & 3 health fair

Springfield headquarters hosted the District 2 & 3 Health Fair. Under sunny spring skies, the event was well attended and appreciated by members and their family members.

Members are encouraged to take advantage of our union health benefits, practice preventive care and healthy living. The fairs include screenings for cholesterol, triglyceride and glucose levels and PSA testing for men. In addition, many of our providers are on hand to provide information about how your benefits work and answer questions.

Mark your calendar for the remaining 2015 health fairs and blood banks:

SEPTEMBER 16 – Health Fair 3-7 pm, Holiday Inn, 68 Crystal Run Road, Middletown, NY

OCTOBER 5 – Blood Bank, 7 to 7:30 p.m., Kerri Brooke Caterers, 755 White Horse Pike, Hammonton

OCTOBER 7 – Blood Bank, 4 to 7:30 p.m.,

Holiday Inn, 2870 Hwy. 35, Hazlet

OCTOBER 12 – Blood Bank, 4 to 7:30 p.m., Holiday Inn, 1000 International Drive, Mt. Olive, NJ

OCTOBER 14 – District 1 Health Fair, Kerri Brooke Caterers 755 White Horse Pike Hammonton, NJ



New ELEC website: mobile and member friendly

Reaching more users, making reimbursement easier

Responding to the ever-increasing use of smart phones and tablets to access the web, ELEC has re-launched an all-new www.ELEC825.org.

The new site – which displays perfectly on Smartphones, tablets, laptops and desktops – provides valuable and timely information to Local 825 members, signatory contractors, developers, and public officials looking for more information about ELEC.

Online reimbursement

Of particular interest to Local 825 members, the new site now allows credentialing reimbursements to be processed online for

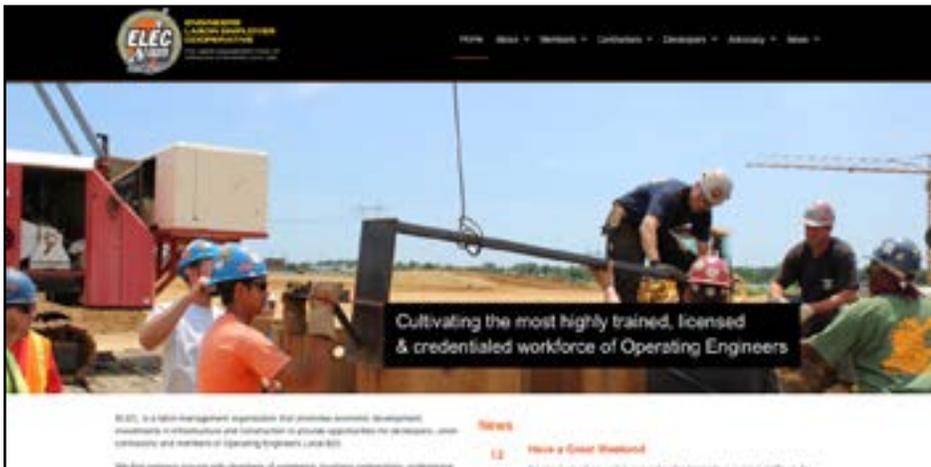
SWAC, TWIC, Delaware Valley Safety Card, Certified Crane Operator’s Licensing, and OECF.

“We’re proud of the new site,” said Kate Gibbs, who spearheaded development of the site. “It offers one-stop shopping for anyone involved in labor-management activities.”

“Plus the online reimbursement application for licenses and credentials is a significant convenience for members and will simplify the entire process of getting reimbursed.”

Another feature of the site is that postings to Twitter and Facebook will appear instantly on the homepage, providing immediate updates to the website.

Visit the new www.ELEC825.org today for your reimbursements and read about what ELEC is doing to promote construction and economic development in the region.



Quinipiac poll marks public shift toward gas tax

A Quinipiac poll in May has revealed that the number of New Jersey voters who would support raising the gas tax to fix our aging transportation infrastructure has hit 50 percent for the first time.

This is significant because, for months, ELEC and Local 825 have focused on raising awareness of the need to find a long-term solution to replenishing the Transportation Trust Fund.

While we have NOT called for a gas tax increase, we HAVE been saying we’re open hearing a range of fiscal solutions to the problem that affects our livelihoods.

According to NJ.com, “A coalition of business and labor groups has also started a major PR campaign to replenish the fund. While they did not name ELEC, or Local 825, both groups have been conducting social media campaigns devoted to this cause.

TRAINING CENTER CALENDAR

All schedules are subject to change. Always contact the training center to verify dates, times and availability. For updates, Visit the Local 825 Training Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/IUOE825Training and click “LIKE” toward the top of the page.

If you are unable to attend a scheduled class, please call us so we can fill that spot.

NJ Training Center (732) 798-2170;
NY Training Center (845) 374-2559.

NOTE: Practical courses for the Steel Erection Class and the Rubber Tire Excavator Class Setting Barriers are completed. If anyone wants to run through the course content again before we schedule a class, call the NJ Training Center.

All classes in July and August will take place at the NJ Training Center.

NEW JERSEY TRAINING CENTER

JULY 2015

8-HR. HAZMAT Refresher
• Sat. 11, 7 a.m.

OSHA 10
Mod 1
• Thurs. 16, 7 a.m.
Mod 2
• Fri. 17, 7 a.m.

Signal Person Class
• Sat. 18, 7 a.m.

AUGUST 2015

CCO Study Days
• Sat. 1,8,15,22
- Mobile cranes start at 8 a.m.
- Tower & Overhead cranes start at 7 a.m. on August 8 & 15

CCO Written Test
• Sun. 23, 8 a.m.

8-HR. HAZMAT Refresher
• Sat. 8, 7 a.m.



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The NJ Training Center adds a John Deere 190D w Excavator to its fleet.

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Dominican College honors Lalevee



Congratulations to Greg Lalevee for accepting the “Person of the Year” award on behalf of all members of Local 825 from Dominican College of Orangeburg, Rockland County.

Greg was cited for his outstanding leadership, community commitments, and his philanthropic spirit at the College’s 43rd Annual Grand Reception on May 1.

The dinner was followed by a silent auction and raised funds to support a college expansion, academic programs and technological advancements.

Dominican College offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in liberal arts and a variety of disciplines. It was founded in 1952.

Giving back: Members volunteer for Kingston playground



Local 825 members pitched in to help build a new playground for kids at Forsyth Park in Kingston.

Business Agent Mike Ham organized members after being contacted by Kingston Mayor Shayne Gallo.

Since the job called for replacing the original Kinderland, which was built in the early 1990s, Local 825 members demolished and discarded the old equipment, then did site excavation and prep work to allow more than 70 other volunteers to put things in place.

Mike applauded the members for their sense of commitment to the community.