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

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## Candidates seek Local 825 support Election Season: Members endorse 118 for office



Business Manager Greg Lavee discusses issues with State Senate President Steve Sweeney (center) and Assemblyman David Rible, right. More than a hundred candidates from New Jersey and New York met with our members to boost their election chances on November 2. The annual Local 825 Political Action Committee (PAC) meeting drew approximately 400 engineers who wanted to hear the

candidates' positions on regulatory issues and transportation infrastructure funding, issues that are vital to our union and to our livelihoods. Held on September 23 at the East Brunswick Hilton, this was the local's best-attended PAC meeting ever, which shows the importance that candidates place on our votes. Read more and review our endorsements on page 3.

# CALENDAR

## NOVEMBER

### 1 – Daylight Savings Ends

Turn clocks back one hour

### 2 – District 1 Meeting

Elks Lodge 1875  
600 Washington St., Toms River

### 4 – District 2 Meeting

Days Inn  
1260 Rt. 22 East, Bridgewater

### 9 – District 3 Meeting

Russian Hall  
464 Outwater Lane, Garfield

### 11 – Veteran's Day

### 12 – District 4 Meeting

Holiday Inn  
68 Crystal Run Road, Middletown, NY

### 26 – Thanksgiving

### UNION HOLIDAY

## DECEMBER

### 6 – Hanukkah

### 7 – District 1 Meeting

Kerri Brooke Caterers  
755 S. White Horse Pike, Hammonton

### 9 – District 2 Meeting

Sheraton Edison  
125 Raritan Center Parkway, Edison

### 14 – Holiday Party

East Brunswick Hilton  
3 Tower Center Blvd., East Brunswick

### 16 – District 4 Meeting

Holiday Inn, 68 Crystal Run Road,  
Middletown, NY

### 22 – Winter Begins

### 25 – Christmas

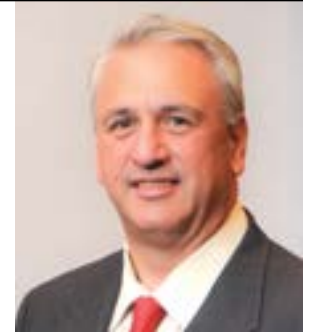
### UNION HOLIDAY

### 26 – Kwanzaa

### 31 – New Year's Eve

## VIEW FROM THE TOP

*Greg Lalevee, Business Manager*



## Nov. 2 is our opportunity to take a stand

**E**lection Day is our day to register our approval of candidates who we agree with on issues important to our livelihoods.

At our PAC meeting in September, our members voted to endorse 118 candidates. This list appears on page 3 and we recommend that you find the races that impact you. A lot of thought and analysis goes into these endorsements. We are proud that they include candidates of both political parties. The selections are made on the basis of who we believe will best represent our interests and our values.

We applaud those candidates who attended and spent time with us at our PAC meeting. We also applaud the 400 members who attended the meeting, voted on the endorsements and spent time getting to know the candidates. It was our most successful and best-attended PAC meeting held to date.

### Poker Run & 2016 scholarship applications

This year's Poker Run was also the best yet. More than 200 members got to ride, play their poker hands and enjoy a cookout at the end of the road ... raising money for our Scholarship Fund along the way. See the photos on page 4.

Applications for 2016 scholarships are now available on our website for children and

grandchildren of our members. High School students who will graduate in 2016 can compete and nine will be eligible to win a \$10,000 scholarship over their four years at college.

### Training is the future

Our vision for training continues to unfold. The specs for a new training center in Wawayanda, NY, are going to bid; new equipment is coming into the NJ Training Center; and registration is opening up for upcoming classes and our annual winter classes.

Take advantage of the investments we're making to give our members every opportunity to stay on the cutting edge and ensure their competitiveness for the future. Training info and training calendar are on page 6.

### ELEC on the air

Many members have seen our TV commercial developed by ELEC that is airing for the two-month-period leading up to Thanksgiving. The ad promotes Local 825 and cites its collaboration with union contractors to build "monuments to the future." It shows the contributions we make and it communicates our willingness to collaborate to help build economic opportunities. Story is on page 7.

Please exercise your vote on Nov. 2. Then, enjoy the entire holiday season to come!

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# Annual PAC meeting draws top officials and candidates

## Members question views on regulations and TTF

The 2015 PAC meeting attracted its largest crowd ever, in terms of members and candidates.

Estimates were of 400 members and 100 candidates who attended the gathering in September at the East Brunswick Hilton.

Prior to the public portion of the meeting, members voted to endorse 118 candidates from around the state and our five counties

in New York State. The list of endorsements appears on this page.

Following the vote, members met with the candidates, asking questions and expressing opinions about issues such as their views on regulations that affect building and construction, and about how they would address the shortfall in the state's ailing Transportation Trust Fund.

"The evening was about our members having an opportunity to meet their elected representatives first hand," said Greg Lavee, who also serves as Local 825's PAC Chairman.

The meeting drew many of the state's top elected officials, including Senate President Steve Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Vincent Prieto, State Senator Dawn Marie Addiego, Assembly members Donna Simon, David Rible, Wayne DeAngelo, Ronald Dancer, Ralph Caputo, Assembly candidate Nicholas Chiaravalloti, Somerset County Republican Chairman Al Gaburo, Middlesex County Sheriff Mildred Scottt and many others, including several freeholders and candidates.

Coverage of the event appeared in [Politickernj.com](http://Politickernj.com).



More than 100 candidates came to meet our members face to face.



ELEC's Kate Gibbs is a candidate for Burlington County Freeholder, along with her running mate, former Navy SEAL Ryan Peters.

## Members endorse candidates based on the issues

### NEW JERSEY

OFFICE DISTRICT NAME - PARTY UNION AFFILIATION

NJ Senate 5 Senator Nilsa Cruz-Perez - D

NJ Assembly 3 John J. Burzichelli - D

NJ Assembly 3 Adam J. Taliaferro - D

NJ Assembly 4 Paul D. Moriarty- D AFTRA/SAG

NJ Assembly 4 Gabriela M. Mosquera - D

NJ Assembly 5 Arthur Barclay - D

NJ Assembly 5 Patricia Egan Jones - D

NJ Assembly 6 Louis D. Greenwald - D

NJ Assembly 6 Pamela R. Lampitt - D

NJ Assembly 7 Herb Conaway, JR. - D

NJ Assembly 7 Troy Singleton - D UBC 715

NJ Assembly 8 Maria Rodriguez-Gregg- R

NJ Assembly 8 Joe Howarth - R

NJ Assembly 11 Eric Houghtaling- D IBEW 400

NJ Assembly 12 Ronald S. Dancer - R

NJ Assembly 12 Robert D. Clifton - R

NJ Assembly 14 Wayne P. Deangelo - D IBEW 269

NJ Assembly 14 Daniel R. Benson - D

NJ Assembly 15 Reed Gusciora - D

NJ Assembly 15 Elizabeth Maher Muoio - D

NJ Assembly 16 Donna M. Simon - R

NJ Assembly 16 Jack M. Ciattrelli - R

NJ Assembly 17 Joseph V. Egan - D IBEW 456

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## Members endorse candidates based on the issues *(Continued from page 3)*

**NJ Assembly 17** Joe Danielsen - D  
**NJ Assembly 18** Nancy J. Pinkin - D  
**NJ Assembly 18** Patrick J. Diegnan, Jr. - D  
**NJ Assembly 19** Craig J. Coughlin - D  
**NJ Assembly 19** John Wisniewski - D  
**NJ Assembly 20** Jamel C. Holley - D  
**NJ Assembly 20** Annette Quijano - D  
**NJ Assembly 21** Nancy F. Munoz - R  
**NJ Assembly 21** Jon Bramnick - R  
**NJ Assembly 22** Jerry Green - D  
**NJ Assembly 22** Jim Kennedy - D  
**NJ Assembly 24** Gail Phoebus - R  
**NJ Assembly 26** Bettylou DeCroce - R  
**NJ Assembly 28** Ralph R. Caputo - D  
**NJ Assembly 28** Cleopatra G. Tucker - D  
**NJ Assembly 29** Eliana Pintor Marin - D  
**NJ Assembly 29** L. Grace Spencer - D  
**NJ Assembly 30** Sean T. Kean - R  
**NJ Assembly 30** David P. Rible - R  
**NJ Assembly 31** Angela V. McKnight - D  
**NJ Assembly 31** Nicholas Chiaravalloti - D  
**NJ Assembly 32** Vincent Prieto - D  
**NJ Assembly 32** Angelica M. Jimenez - D  
**NJ Assembly 33** Raj Mukherji - D  
**NJ Assembly 33** Annette Chaparro - D  
**NJ Assembly 34** Sheila Y. Oliver - D  
**NJ Assembly 34** Thomas P. Giblin - D *IUOE 68*  
**NJ Assembly 35** Shavonda E. Sumter - D  
**NJ Assembly 35** Benjie E. Wimberly - D  
**NJ Assembly 36** Marlene Caride - D  
**NJ Assembly 36** Gary S. Schaer - D  
**NJ Assembly 37** Gordon M. Johnson - D  
**NJ Assembly 37** Valerie Vainieri Huttle - D  
**NJ Assembly 39** Holly Schepisi - R  
**NJ Assembly 40** Scott T. Rumana - R  
**NJ Assembly 40** David C. Russo - R  
**County Executive Hudson** Tom DeGise - D  
**Freeholder Atlantic Distict 5** Tom Willett - D *IBT 331*  
**Freeholder Bergen** Tracy Zur - D  
**Freeholder Bergen** Steve Tanelli - D  
**Freeholder Burlington** Kate Gibbs - R *ELEC 825*  
**Freeholder Burlington** Ryan Peters - R  
**Freeholder Camden** Susan Shin Angulo - D  
**Freeholder Camden** Bill Moen - D  
**Freeholder Camden** Jeffrey Nash - D  
**Freeholder Camden** Jonathan L. Young, Sr. (1Yr.) - D *UBC 225*  
**Freeholder Cumberland** Jim Quinn - D  
**Freeholder Cumberland** Joe Derella - D  
**Freeholder Gloucester** Robert M. Damminger - D *USW 8-991*

**Freeholder Gloucester** Giuseppe (Joe) Chila - D *IBEW 351*  
**Freeholder Gloucester** Jim Jefferson (2Yr.) - D  
**Freeholder Middlesex** Ronald Rios - D *IAM/TCU*  
**Freeholder Middlesex** H. James Polos - D  
**Freeholder Morris** John Cesaro - R  
**Freeholder Morris** Christine Myers - R  
**Mayor Hamilton** Kelly Yeade - R  
**Council Absecon** Frank Phillips - R *Teamsters 331*  
**Committee Buena Vista Twp** Teresa Kelly - D *CWA 1039*  
**Council Galloway Twp** Jim Gorman - D *IUOE 68*  
**Council Galloway Twp** Rich Clute - R *IW 350*  
**Committee Hamilton Twp** Art Schenker - R *UA 322*  
**Committee Mullica Twp** Ed Hagaman - R *CL 255*  
**Mayor Deptford** Paul Medany - D *UA 322*  
**Council Deptford** Tom Hufnell - D *IBT 830*  
**Council Deptford** Joe Scott - D *IBT 830*  
**Mayor Metuchen** Peter Cammarano - D  
**Mayor Wood-Ridge** Paul Sarlo - D  
**Council Lawrence** Cathleen Lewis - D  
**Committee Cranford** Thomas Hannen, Jr. - D  
**Committee Cranford** Patrick Giblin - D  
**Mayor Pt. Pleasant Beach** Stephen Reid - R  
**Committee Merchantville** Daniel Sperrazza - D  
**Board of Ed Piscataway** Atif Nazir *IUOE 68*  
**Board of Ed Delsea Regional** Bill Coffin *LIUNA 172*  
**Board of Ed Delsea Regional** Bob Scavelli *UFCW*

### NEW YORK

**County Executive Ulster County** Mike Hein - D,WF  
**Justice Town of Thompson** Steven N. Mogel - D,WF,EJ  
**Supervisor Town of Thompson** William J. Reiber - D  
**Supervisor Town of Clarkstown** Alex Gromack - D,C,I,WF  
**Ulster Co. Legislature District 2** Chris Allen - D,WF  
**Ulster Co. Legislature District 4** Jim Maloney - R, C, I  
**Ulster Co. Legislature District 5** Peter Loughran - D  
**Ulster Co. Legislature District 6** David Donalson - D,WF  
**Ulster Co. Legislature District 9** Herbert Litts - R,C,I  
**Ulster Co. Legislature District 11** Richard Gerentine - R,C,I  
**Ulster Co. Legislature District 13** Kenneth Ronk - R,C,I  
**Ulster Co. Legislature District 14** Craig Lopez - R,C,I  
**Ulster Co. Legislature District 15** TJ Briggs - D,C,I  
**Ulster Co. Legislature District 18** Richard Parete - R,WF,I  
**Ulster Co. Legislature District 20** Hector Rodriguez - D,WF  
**Ulster Co. Legislature District 22** John Parete - D,WF  
**City of Kingston Alderman Ward 5** William Carey - D,I  
**City of Kingston Alderman Ward 6** Tony Davis - D, WF  
**City of Kingston Alderman Ward 7** Maryann Mills - D,WF  
**City of Kingston Alderman Ward 8** Steven Schabot - D,I  
**City of Kingston Alderman Ward 9** Deborah Brown - R

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# 3rd Poker Run gives Scholarship Fund a boost

## *More than 200 ride for fun and funds!*

**T**his year's Poker Run fundraiser for the Local 825 Scholarship Fund was a blast, and a big success.

Poker Run organizer Chris Lavee reported there were 31 more bikes this year, bringing the total to 201 vs. 170 last year.

Bikers and riders rode through the

Jackson Township/New Egypt area, a 60-mile ride, starting between 9 and 11 a.m. and rolling to a stop around 1 p.m. at the Moose Lodge for a barbecue of burgers, hotdogs and salads, while a 250 lb. pig – cooking from the night before – was carved to pieces.

Prizes were awarded for the best poker hand, the second-best hand and even the worst hand! Participants voted on trophies for best bikes.

Our DJ played Rock 'n' Roll and also took turn on guitar, jamming with some of our members. Everything wrapped up by 5 p.m. Chris thanked everyone for their participation, including the many who helped organize the event and others who pitched in to help cook and clean up.

The event left the Scholarship Fund in better shape and the participants looking forward to a fourth Poker Run a year from now.



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## Young workers look to the future

**S**teven Davis, Ryan Spirito, Kevin Young and Eddie Fisler (left to right) took part in the recent power-building workshop called “Young Workers Common Sense Economics” at IBEW 456.

More than 50 young workers representing all sectors of the labor movement participated in the conference, sponsored by the New Jersey State AFL-CIO and its affiliates.

The training brought together young workers from all sectors of the labor movement to provide lessons that cultivate economic awareness, leadership skills, and solidarity.



# Training is the future and the future is training

## *New equipment arriving*

Local 825 has been steadily building a fleet of new equipment to keep our members on the cutting edge.

Tom Lewicki grapples with the controls of the new Log Truck, sinking his claws into mats as he practices loading and unloading them.

This is just one of the new machines available for member training.

“When the contribution to the training fund was raised five years ago, it was to improve the New Jersey training center, upgrade the fleet and our technology, and establish a new New York training center with highway frontage.”

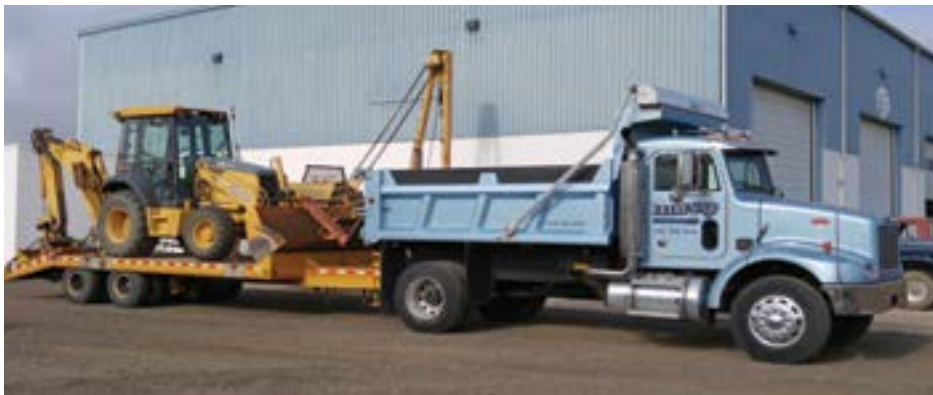
“What we’re seeing now is that vision being realized,” Greg said.

Some of the other recently acquired pieces include:

The BROKK 100 demolition robot is on loan from the International;

- Peterbuilt Automatic dump truck
- John Deere 310 combo hoe
- Caterpillar C4 Crawler Drill
- Skid Steer

“The equipment represents an investment in our members,” said Keith Adolf. “This equipment is here to help them become the best. The rest is up to them to sign up, come down and use it.”



## Training Center Update – Wawayanda

Work continues on grading, building berms and swales.

We installed a culvert pipe from the swale to the retention pond. We’re also screening topsoil and grading stone. The

stamped prints for the first phase of construction were submitted to the town of Wawayanda for review and copies were delivered to Springfield for preparation of the bidding process.

## TRAINING CENTER CALENDAR

Always check your expiration dates on your certifications

### NEW JERSEY TRAINING CENTER

All classes begin at 7 a.m.

#### NOVEMBER

- 7 – HAZMAT 8-HR Refresher
- 7 – OECF Written Test
- 21 – OECF Practical Test
- 21 – Rigging Class

#### DECEMBER

- 5 – HAZMAT 8-HR Refresher
- 12 – OECF Written Test

***Winter’s coming: sign up now for classes!***

If you want to attend a class this winter, call the Training Center to make sure your name is added to the list.

So far, scheduled classes include:

- Basic Crane Class
- Pile-Driving Class
- Pipeline: Sideboom, Angle Blade Dozer, Excavator Class, Log / Grapple Truck
- Black top classes: Paving, Milling, Rolling & Transfer machines
- Casagrande Drill
- Bauer Drill Rig

# ELEC unveils ‘monumental achievements’ TV spot Reaching 2 million homes in NJ and NY

To continue building a strong advocacy profile on behalf of union contractors and members of Local 825, ELEC has launched its first TV campaign.

Playing in more than 2 million homes throughout New Jersey and our five New York counties, the spot features the “monumental work and achievements” of our members.

The spot is currently airing through mid-November on such programs as Fox & Friends; the O’Reilly Factor; Reporters Round Table and On-The-Record with Michael Aron; NJTV News with Mary Alice Williams; One-On-One with Steve Aduato; Caucus New Jersey; NJ Capitol Report; Market Watch; News; Power & Politics.



## ELEC adds two member reimbursements

### **New ELEC website streamlines reimbursement process**

ELEC’s popular reimbursement program expanded to include up to \$100 toward the CDL-required D.O.T. physical and the HAZWOPER 8-Hour Refresher, when costs are incurred outside of the Training Center.

Applying for reimbursements has never

been easier, thanks to the new ELEC website. Simply go to [ELEC825.ORG/members](http://ELEC825.ORG/members), click on “Submit Your Reimbursement,” and log in to complete your form.

- The D.O.T. physical is required once every two years. While the costs of these physicals may vary depending on the physician used, reimbursement will be made up to \$100.
- The 8-hour HAZWOPER refresher is required every year. Although this can be taken at the Training Center, it can also

be taken more conveniently online. The charge of \$44.95 is reimbursed under the new ELEC program. The online address – [www.SafetyUnlimited.com/online-courses](http://www.SafetyUnlimited.com/online-courses) – will be posted on the ELEC website.

ELEC already reimburses for TWIC, SWAC, Delaware Valley Safety Council and for licenses from the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators for New Jersey and New York (if members have completed OECP training).

## ELEC & Local 825 members boost \$905 million upgrade

Advocacy work on the part of ELEC and Local 825 members, in collaboration with PSE&G and a coalition of supporters, helped win BPU approval of a gas modernization plan to replace aging pipeline infrastructure.

The gas modernization plan allows PSE&G to spend \$905 million over the next three years to replace up to 510 miles of natural gas mains and 38,000 service lines with plastic piping.

In addition, the money will allow installation of elevated pressure systems that can better support high-efficiency appliances and

excess flow valves that automatically shut off when a service line is damaged.

“ELEC and Local 825 had filed a ‘motion to intervene,’ in the approvals process,” said Kate Gibbs. “This ensured that our voice would be heard in deliberation proceedings.”

The Gas System Modernization Program is a further step in a series of modernization programs, including PSE&G’s Energy Strong work that is focused on building resiliency into its systems to withstand the devastation that can be caused by severe weather events.





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**BETTER BUILDING BEGINS HERE**

# Transportation funding the focus of panel

**B**usiness Manager Greg Lavee took an active role in a transportation panel on the first of a two-day business summit in Atlantic City, sponsored by the NJ Chamber of Commerce.

Focused on how to replenish the state's \$1.6 billion Transportation Trust Fund, the

summit heard a variety of suggestions, including raising the gas tax.

The summit was held to identify ways to improve the state's economy and its competitive standing compared with Pennsylvania and New York.



## ***ELEC & Local 825 host NJSEED***



Local 825 hosted trustees and members of NJSEED, the New Jersey Society for Environmental, Economic Development, for its September business meeting. Following the meeting, the visitors took turns using the backhoe and crane simulators and taking a tour of the training site.

Pictured from left to right are: Michael McGuinness, Daniel Ortega, Erin Rice, Kate Gibbs, Charlene Brown, Joe Grace, Keith Adolf and Aidan Sander of NJ Seed.