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

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## Great Adventure attracts new riders!

### Milling & paving helps park get ready for summer fun



In April our members – instructors and apprentices – helped the state’s largest amusement park, Six Flag’s Great Adventure, get ready for the summer season. In a joint grant-training program together with laborers from Local 172, our eight instructors began training 20 operator apprentices on milling

and paving a section of the amusement park’s massive parking lots in advance of the busy season. The job will be broken up over a three-year period. The first section includes putting down 5,000 tons of blacktop over a five-day period. (See more photos inside on pages 4 and 5.)

# CALENDAR

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

## MAY

### 7 – Fourth Annual Scholarship Fund Golf Outing

Gambler Ridge Golf Course  
121 Burlington Path Rd.  
Cream Ridge, NJ

### 8 – Mother's Day

### 9 – District 3 Meeting

Holiday Inn  
1000 International Drive North  
Mt. Olive

### 11 – District 4

Holiday Inn  
68 Crystal Run Road, Middletown, NY

### 11 – Health Fair

3 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Springfield Hall, 3rd floor

### 21 – Armed Forces Day

### 30 – Memorial Day – UNION HOLIDAY

## JUNE

### 8 – Health Fair

3 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Training Center, Dayton, NJ

### 13 – Semiannual Meeting

Hilton East Brunswick  
3 Tower Center Blvd., East Brunswick.

### 14 – Flag Day

### 19 – Father's Day

### 20 – Summer Begins

### 21 – District 4 Retiree Brunch

10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Homewood Suites,  
Newburgh-Stewart Airport  
180 Breunig Rd., New Windsor, NY

### 29 – District 2 & 3 Retiree Brunch

10 a.m. \$20. Ramada Plaza  
160 Frontage Road, Newark

# VIEW FROM THE TOP

*Greg Lalevee, Business Manager*



## 'Right-to-Work' is election's defining issue for unions

**A**s the Transportation Trust Fund approaches insolvency, we continue to press public officials to work out a solution.

Failure to arrive at a long-term source of state funding also risks losing matching funds we rely on from the federal government. Without state funding, there is nothing the feds can match and that money can go to other states.

This is ironic, because we often hear state politicians call for more money from Washington ... yet here they are willing to risk losing matching funds because they can't agree on a TTF solution.

### Presidential candidates

These concerns have to affect how we think about the upcoming presidential election. While each of us must make up our own minds on who to support, we need to ask, what single issue most directly impacts our livelihoods? And that issue is "right-to-work."

Right-to-work is now a reality in many states. If you don't think this is important, go work in Tennessee or Georgia or Mississippi and see how their working conditions compare to ours. And compare their pay and benefits.

When our International surveyed a sample of our U.S. members, it found that some were supporting the Trump candidacy. That should make us to think carefully about the issues that matter most to us, such as "right-to-work."

### Importance of information

Many people have changed their minds once they are informed about the candidates' positions. So we urge each of you to look carefully at the candidates' position on this critical issue.

While other issues may be important to us – like gun control, taxes and social issues – stop and ask yourself, "Which of those is more important than our ability to support our families?"

That's how important your vote is in the next election.

### Scholarship season

The 2016 scholarship winners will soon be announced. Fund-raising is already under way for 2017 scholarships. Our annual golf outing is taking place in on May 7. And our first Clay Shoot has been sold out, which gets fundraising off with a bang.

We thank all of you who donated blood at our two recent blood drives and encourage you to check the events calendar and attend a health clinic in your district.

Congratulations to two brothers: Matthew Walker Sr., who was recently selected to fill a vacant seat on the Buena Borough Council; and Latham Tiver who will fill a seat on the Burlingtown County Freeholders Board.

We hope to see many of you at the semi-annual meeting on June 13.

Have a great summer.

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# Local 825 unveils new 'face' to turnpike traffic



*Some of region's biggest companies spend thousands of dollars a month to advertise their brands along the New Jersey Turnpike. Local 825 recently unveiled its latest billboard message – Better Building Begins Here – on the grounds of the Dayton Training Center, reaching thousands of motorists who drive by every day.*

## US Senator visits Training Center

**B**usiness Manager Greg Lalevee greeted U.S. Senator Robert Menendez on a visit to the training center in February.

"The Senator came to observe our winter classes in progress," said Greg.

Sen. Menendez was impressed with the extensive operation and the variety of equipment we have and the classes that were simultaneously under way.

"He was particularly interested in the pipeline training we do," Greg said.



### *Golfing for a cause: Scholarships!*



The Fourth Annual Golf Outing to benefit the Local 825 scholarship fund takes place on Saturday, May 7 at the Gambler Ridge Country Club, 121 Burlington Path Road, Cream Ridge.

The \$200 per golfer entry fee includes lunch, dinner, beverages, golf cart and a day on the links. Lunch starts at 11:30 a.m. Golf starts with a shotgun at 1 p.m. and dinner follows the game.

## Two members selected for public office

**M**atthew Walker Sr. and Latham Tiver have been selected to fill positions recently vacated by the prior office-holders.

Both Walker and Tiver have been active and held public offices in their communities previously.

"His experience as a five-year member of the Buena Regional School Board will help him in his new duties as a councilman," said Buena Mayor David Zapariello.

A Navy veteran, Walker's selection was unanimous.

Meanwhile, Tiver was selected to fill a vacated position on the Burlington County Freeholders Board.

Both Tiver and Walker will occupy these positions until the next election, when they will run to keep the offices they hold.



*Walker, second from left. Photo: Sean Fitzgerald*



# Check out the new rides at Great Adventure

## *Members pave the way for this season's visitors*

**T**he parking area at the 66-acre Great Adventure amusement park will be new this summer, thanks to a generous training grant that allows apprentices from Local 825 and Laborers 172 to put a fresh face on an old parking lot.

The jobs training grant was awarded by the NJ Department of Labor, according to Greg Lalevee.

"We're grateful to the DOL for the grant, and also to our Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno for checking on it through the submission process," Greg said.

Greg also expressed gratitude to Larry Hess of CJ Hess, the contractor on the project.

Our eight instructors and a small army of apprentice operators and laborers got an intensive training workout as they put down 5,000 tons of blacktop in April, the first of three sections that will be paved over a three-year period.

The eight Local 825 instructors included: Chris Delaney, Jim Beslanovitz, Glen Horishny, Dave Spece, Rob Melon, Rickey Beniulis, Willy Vaccaro and Efrain Crespo.

Local 825 apprentices included:

Richard Beniulis	Daniel Morton
Richard Coletta	Edward Pierson III
Christopher Cooper	Steven Pires
Mark Davis, Jr.	Keith Pollock
Dabuek Forne	Scot Price
Thomas Hickson, Jr.	Patrick J. Rafferty
Joseph Iorio	Daniel Richardson
Christopher Lopiccolo	Alexander Romanenko
Michael Lopiccolo	Ernest Schumann
James McMaster III	Joshua Tennyson
Joseph McNally	Robert Walker, Jr.
Kevin Morrison	Sean Wall



# Training Center Updates

## Ship ahoy!

The first Local 825 Boater Safety Class is getting ready to sail in recognition of the many jobs that have resulted from the bridge projects throughout the state.

The course will cover: boat classifications by the US Coast Guard; basic safety regulations; waterway navigation; weather observation; chart familiarization; responsibilities of the boat operator and safety on the water.

Space is limited so please call the training center at (732) 798-2170 and ask to put your name on the list.

## Apprentice classes

Two apprentice classes will be taking place simultaneously. The first class began on March 7 with five New York operator apprentices. The second started a month later, on April 4 in New Jersey, with 30 operator apprentices and five apprentice mechanics. In total, there are 40 apprentices in training. Additional applications will be given out in September.

## Perfect together

Local 825 & OSHA will conduct a joint training class for compliance officers dealing with cranes in the construction industry. The classes will be held from June 28 to June 30.

## Training the future

Training Center instructors continue to train the future of Local 825. The instructors have

enrolled in classes required through the National Training Fund to maintain their current certifications or acquire a new one.

Training Director Keith Adolf thanks all the members who participated in winter classes this year. He also expressed gratitude to everyone involved with the Grant Job at Great Adventure, the Instructors who taught their respective classes and the contractors who donated equipment.

### Pile Driving

Joe Glova

### Casagrande Drill

Brian Bogie

### Bauer Drill Rig

Dave Hand  
Warren Kuhlthau

### Basic Cranes

Joe Grace  
Chris Szpila  
GPS & Rover  
Efrain Crespo

### Pipeline

Tom Calhoun  
Chester Swiernik  
Adam Snover  
Henry Barry  
George Wallis  
Todd Claypotch

### Log Truck

Jeff Zuill

### BROKK

Rod Piper  
Tom Lewicki  
Dan Seig  
Paving:  
Dave Spece  
Chris Delaney  
Glen Horishny  
Rickey Beniulis  
Jim Beslanovitz  
Rob Melon  
Willy Vaccaro

## TRAINING CENTER CALENDAR

**Always check your expiration  
dates on your certifications**

### NEW JERSEY TRAINING CENTER

#### MAY

Sat. 14 – Rigger Class

Sat. 21 – 8 Hour HAZMAT

(No Refresher for June)

Sat. 21 – Signal Person Class

#### JULY

Sat. 16 – 8 Hour HAZMAT

### NEW YORK TRAINING CENTER

#### MAY

OSHA 10 – MUST Attend Both Classes

Thurs. 19 – 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. AND

Sat. – 21, 7 a.m.



## Wawayanda Update

We've completed site excavation for the building area of the Wawayanda facility, including the slopes and removal of excess material.

Excavation of the parking lot and roadway were completed in April and then stones were put down.

The site went to bid with three contractors and we are awaiting announcement of who will win the bid.



# Members donate blood generously

**M**embers have given “the gift of life” at two blood drives so far this year. In February, more than 60 donors showed up in Springfield. The professionals of Community Blood Services collected 49 units that day. In March, members donated generously in Middletown, NY, on the 16th. They collected 67 units.

The contributions help reverse a downward trend over the recent past. Members were motivated by the knowledge that donations save lives. Thanks to all who took time to donate!

The photos shown here were taken at the Springfield blood drive.



## Real men don't skip doctor visits!

### *National Men's Health Week is in June*

**A**ccording to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, men are 24% less likely than women to have visited a doctor within the last year. Though National Men's Health Week is celebrated in June, bringing attention to men's health issues is a year-round effort. It's important for men of all ages to eat healthy, be physically active, have regular check-ups, get vaccinated, refrain from smoking, sleep well and manage stress. Men have a higher death rate for most of the leading causes of death,

including heart disease, cancer, high blood pressure, chronic lower respiratory disease; diabetes, HIV infection and suicide.

#### **So, Man up!**

Historically, men have not been comfortable discussing issues about their health, resulting in shorter and less healthy lives for men in the United States compared to women.

But times are changing and so are men! Start to actively manage your health. Get engaged with your doctors start taking your health more seriously.

*This information was provided through our partnership with the Community Health Charities of New Jersey.*

### *Health fairs set for May, June*



Our Welfare Fund wants you to use your benefits to stay healthy.

The Annual health fairs include health screenings for cholesterol, triglycerides, glucose levels and PSA (prostate specific antigen) testing for men.

You also have the opportunity to meet with representatives from our provider partners who attend to provide information and answer questions.

If you plan to attend, 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

The next Health Fairs are scheduled for:

**MAY 11 – 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.,**  
Springfield Hall, 3rd floor

**JUNE 8 – 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.**  
Training Center, Dayton, NJ



# Social Media delivers our messages to target audiences

ELEC continues to advocate for infrastructure and funding for New Jersey's Transportation Trust Fund. In the first quarter of 2016, ELEC reached nearly 500,000 politically active New Jerseyans with substantive, fact-based articles promoting infrastructure and the TTF. Our campaign generated over 47,000 clicks, which shows that people are interested in discussing infrastructure and the future of the state.

Popular topics in the first quarter included a review of presidential candidates and their position on infrastructure, county-level breakdown of TTF funding of local projects, and an analysis of the TTF's over reliance on bond debt.

We continue to encourage members to participate in online discussions on Facebook and on news websites. Since you work on our roads and bridges every day, you have a unique perspective that we'd like to share.



## ELEC launches major push to 'Fix the TTF NOW!'

### *Events, meetings, social media and TV advertising*

New Jersey's TTF is the number-one job creator for Local 825 members and the impending bankruptcy threatens our economy and the well-being of members and contractors alike.

Although existing TTF-related projects have continued to employ our members, we

have seen a slowdown in projects being bid by NJDOT.

Watch for our TV spot again in May and June as we push for a TTF solution. We began the year with a strong digital and social media campaign, using banner ads and sponsored opinion pieces on influential New Jersey and national websites.

ELEC's new TV commercial promotes the image of our members working to keep our



roads safe: through rain, snow, sleet and darkness of night. The commercials appear in news, political and business programming, urging citizens to tell their elected officials to "Fix the Transportation Trust Fund NOW."

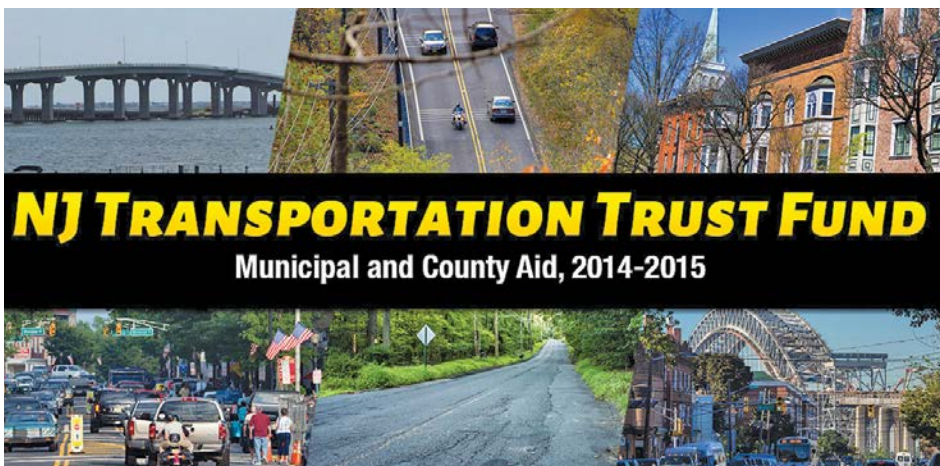
Overall, the campaign effort continues to build support for the Transportation Trust Fund while discrediting false claims by The Reason Foundation that NJ roads cost \$2 million per mile.

### **On the RoadToRepair**

ELEC also launched a new website – RoadToRepair.com to spread the message and to collect signatures calling for a solution to the Transportation Trust Fund. The signatures will be sent to public officials. It is important that every member (and family members) visit this site and sign the online petition.

We encourage members to participate in online discussions on Facebook and on news websites where New Jerseyans are discussing the state of our roads, bridges, and tunnels.

In addition, it helps greatly to "Like," "Share" and – in the case of Twitter users – to "Retweet" RoadToRepair messages and posts.







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**BETTER BUILDING BEGINS HERE**

## 2016 summer discounts now available

**T**his is the time of year that we are able to pass along discounts to area amusement parks, baseball games and events. Last year, we passed along discounts from Morey's Piers, Clementon Lake and the Rockland Boulders baseball team.

For the latest discount programs to be offered this year, visit Local 825's Facebook page or website ([www.IUOE825.ORG](http://www.IUOE825.ORG)).

First available offering this year is from:

### **Morey's Amusement Piers & Water Park**

If you purchase tickets before June 17 you get the best price. For complete information and to take advantage of this offer:

Visit [www.MoreysPiers.com/corporate-partner](http://www.MoreysPiers.com/corporate-partner). Enter your exclusive log-in ID: 825

Purchase and print discount e-tickets

Tickets have no expiration date and can be used on any day, any season.

Your E-ticket link will be valid through September 18, 2016. Print out your ticket and redeem it at any cash booth.

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