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

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## College bound: nine winners honored!

### \$10,000 scholarships awarded to deserving students



Nine students, the children and grandchildren of Local 825 members, received a financial boost in June as they were awarded \$10,000 scholarships for their achievements in academics, service, labor understanding and sports. Together with Local 825 officers, from left to right, are:

Jim McGowan, Jack Nacion, Neely Campbell, Anthony Tagliaferro, Raquel Roque, John Wood, Colette Bilynski, Samantha Lunt, Gina Mastroianni, Shannon Picklo, Joe Logan, Isabella Scarpone, Joseph Hammel and Greg Laveve.

## CALENDAR

Note, all district meetings begin at 7 p.m. unless noted otherwise.

### JULY

**4 – Independence Day –  
UNION HOLIDAY**

**11 – District 1 Meeting**

Kerri Brooke Caterers  
755 S. White Horse Pike, Hammonton

**13 – District 2 Meeting**

Days Inn 1260 Route 22 East,  
Bridgewater

**18 – District 3 Meeting**

Russian Hall, 464 Outwater Lane,  
Garfield

**18 – District 4 Meeting**

Holiday Inn  
68 Crystal Run Road, Middletown, NY

### AUGUST

**No meetings scheduled**

## VIEW FROM THE TOP

*Greg Lalevee, Business Manager*



## The long, hard road toward a TTF solution

**W**hen we began advocating for a funding solution for New Jersey's TTF two years ago, we didn't expect a quick fix. Neither did we expect that elected officials would take us to the brink of bankruptcy before they would seriously address the problem.

Yet that's where we find ourselves, as this newsletter goes to press.

For the past year, together with our labor-management arm ELEC, we have been advertising public education messages and conducting advocacy activities throughout social media.

We are proud of our members who have helped us along the way. To all of you who signed and sent postcards to legislators and the governor, to those of you who "talked it up" with your family members and friends, we say "thank you!"

We also appreciate the efforts of NJ Senate President Steve Sweeney, State Sen. Paul Sarlo (D 36th) and State Sen. Steve Oroho (R 24th) for their efforts at crafting compromise proposals and tax fairness bills to get this done.

On the other side, efforts were obstructed by State Sen. Jennifer Beck (R 11th) and

Sen. Jeff Van Drew (D 1st).

In the tradition of Samuel Gompers, we will remember our friends and our adversaries in the next election.

We hope that by the time you read this, we will have arrived at a solution. But if not, we will continue our efforts. A strong, vibrant trust fund is essential to our livelihood and it keeps the door open for our state to receive federal matching funds. We look forward to updating you during our district meetings in July.

### Presidential politics

As the dates draw nearer for both political parties to host their conventions, we reiterate our support for Hillary Clinton. This is based on the issues important to us as Operating Engineers, which she supports.

On the contrary, a vote for Donald Trump would be a vote for Right to Work and against Davis Bacon. In short, it would undo the collective bargaining strength we have fought for and kill it.

### Independence Day is July 4

Have a happy and safe Fourth of July holiday!

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# Nine win \$10,000 and are college bound!

## *Members' families come together to celebrate awards*

**L**ocal 825 members kept alive the tradition of awarding scholarship to family members with a dinner in their honor in June.

This is the second year that scholarship commitments totaled \$90,000, matching the record established last year. Each scholarship is for \$10,000 over four years.

Business Manager Greg Lavee and Local 825 officers congratulated the winners and their families during a ceremony at the East Brunswick Hilton.

Also attending were the Rutgers University team that administers the program, including Carla A. Katz, Esq. and Prof. James Cooney. They evaluated the winners based on SAT scores, high school grades, letters of recommendation and individual essays.

Six individuals were cited for academic

achievement. Three others won in the categories of athletic achievement, community service and understanding and appreciating unionism.

This year's winners are:

### **Academic Achievement**

- Joseph Hammel of Watchung and a graduate of Watchung Hills Regional High School. He is the son of Kevin Hammel.
- Samantha Lunt of Washington Township and a graduate from Washington Township High School. She is the daughter of James Lunt.
- Shannon Picklo of Manalapan and a graduate of Manalapan High School. She is the daughter of James Picklo.
- Raquel Roque of East Brunswick and a graduate of East Brunswick High School. She is the daughter of Maria and Jose Roque.
- Isabella Scarpone of Middletown, MA, and a graduate of Masconomet Regional High School. She is the granddaughter of Joseph Scarpone.

- Anthony Tagliaferro of Monroe Township and a graduate of Monroe Township High School. He is the son of Nancy and Andrew Tagliaferro.

### **Outstanding Student Athlete**

- Collette Bilynsky of Flemington and a graduate of Gill St. Bernard's School. She is the daughter of Paul Bilynsky.

### **Outstanding Student Service**

- Neely Campbell of Fairless Hills, PA, and a graduate of Pennington School. She is the daughter of Robyn and James Campbell.

### **Outstanding Understanding/ Appreciation of Unionism and the Labor Movement**

- Gina Mastroianni of Hopewell Township and a graduate of Hopewell Valley Central High School. She is the granddaughter of Anthony DiCaro.

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



**Collette Bilynsky**



**Neely Campbell**



**Joseph Hammel**



**Samantha Lunt**



**Gina Mastroianni**



**Shannon Picklo**



**Raquel Roque**



**Isabella Scarpone**



**Anthony Tagliaferro**

## **40-year members honored**

Sixteen members were honored in May on the occasion of their 40th anniversary with Local 825. Honored were:

John P. Allen, Jr.  
William C. Bachor  
Pedro J. Bruno  
William J. Davidson  
Zeffery B. Davis  
Charles Denker  
Thomas A. Elias  
William A. Goldsborough  
Wilfrido A. Guzman  
Michael M. Isabella  
John A. Lloyd  
Robert B. Mannon  
William O'Rourke  
Wallace Reidida  
Lynell Robinson, Jr.  
Lance J. Summerson



# Golf outing becomes a tradition, raises v

**A**fter four years, the Local 825 golf outing has become a tradition for the families, children and grandchildren of Local 825 members.

This year, approximately 120 golfers participated in a day at the Gambler Ridge Golf Club to have fun and help raise funds. The day began with lunch before a motorcade of golfcarts sped along the trails to be in position for the 1 p.m. shotgun start.

The golfers and a record number of sponsors alike helped to keep the Scholarship Fund in healthy shape for future years, while spinning off nine \$10,000 awards this year. After their 18 holes, the golfers returned to the clubhouse for dinner and awards.

The outing is one of the key fundraising events held each year. Three other fundraisers are scheduled this year:

- First Clay Shoot, June 28, SOLD OUT
- Motorcycle Poker Run, Sept. 19
- Local 825 Dinner Dance, Nov. 5

Here are a selection of photos of our members, friends and sponsors who joined us on the links.





# valued scholarship funds





# Annual Safety Day draws crowds to Lawrenceville construction site

Local 825 participated in Annual Safety Day in April, the Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey (ACCNJ) event held at sites across the state.

The event was held on the construction site of the new Bristol-Myers Squibb building in Lawrence Township, Training Director Keith Adolf addressed Operating Engineers, members of Laborers Local 472 and others.

Keith did a great job and was assisted by Willy Vaccaro. His talk covered hand signals, rigging, blind spot awareness, spotters/oilers and related safety topics.

Other sponsors and participants included Torcon, Inc, Crisdel Group and State Line Construction Company, Inc.



## Boater Safety Class

The maiden voyage of Local 825's first Boater Safety Class took place on May 14 with all hands on deck. Turnout was impressive, according to Training Director Keith Adolf.

"In recognition of the increasing number of jobs that take place on or near the water,

we want our members to be fully trained on how to stay safe at all times," Keith said.

The course covered boat classifications by the US Coast Guard, basic safety regulations, waterway navigation, weather observation, chart familiarization, responsibilities of boat operators and safety on the water.

## TRAINING CENTER CALENDAR

### Remember: Always ...

- ✓ Check your expiration dates on your certifications.
- ✓ Check with the Training Center a week prior to classes to make sure the schedule hasn't changed.
- ✓ Notify the Training Center if you cannot make a session you signed up for, so your spot can be offered to someone else.

### NEW JERSEY TRAINING CENTER

#### 8 Hour Hazmat Refresher

July 16, Saturday, 7 a.m.

Sept. 17, Saturday, 7 a.m.

#### 8 Hour Hazmat Refresher Night Class

(must attend all four nights, 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)

Aug. 15 through 18, Monday through Thursday

#### CCO Class

July 9, 16, 23, 30 (four Saturdays), 8 a.m. each day

July 31, written test, Sunday, 8 a.m.

#### Rigger Class

Aug. 13, Saturday, 7 a.m.

#### Signal Person Class

Aug. 20, Saturday, 7 a.m.

#### OSHA 30 - Saturday Classes

(must attend all four classes) –

7:00 AM Start Time

Sept. 10, Mod 1

Sept. 17, Mod 2

Sept. 24, Mod 3

Oct. 1, Mod 4

# Efforts will continue until TTF solution is achieved

ELEC has sustained a continual barrage of educational and awareness programs over a two-year period to influence a positive outcome in transportation infrastructure funding.

Those efforts continued through June, as the state's Transportation Trust Fund neared "empty."

In recent months, ELEC has conducted highly targeted social media campaigns aimed at individuals who would be most likely to benefit from innovative proposals state legislators Paul Sarlo (D-36) and Steven Oroho (R-24).

"Potential beneficiaries of their proposals include the state's entire middle class, senior citizens, farmers and supporters of locally-grown foods," said Mark Long, ELEC Director.

"At the same time, we're also targeting

TTF opponents," said Kate Gibbs, who is responsible for ELEC's business development programs. "We constantly remind vocal opponents, like "Americans for Prosperity," that the TTF benefits all New Jerseyans."

"There is a strong tradition of TTF support by conservatives in New Jersey who understood the impact these programs had on commerce, as well as on employment."

Advertising messages have continued on cable TV and social media.

"Many of these efforts will continue until we achieve the needed funds," said Kate. "We encourage all our members and their families to take part in online discussions, especially on Facebook and Twitter, about New Jersey's infrastructure."

## Support builds for TTF



**Corey Booker Tom Bracken Greg Lalevee**

Greg Lalevee has teamed up with Democrat Senator Cory Booker and NJ Chamber of Commerce President Tom Bracken, in a pointed Op-Ed published by the state's largest newspaper, the Star-Ledger and on its website, NJ.com.

In no uncertain terms, the three let everyone know there is a steep price to be paid for doing nothing.

### Excerpts from the Op-Ed include:

"We are already paying a steep price because of the decay — a price that too often gets ignored in debates over infrastructure investment from Trenton to Capitol Hill. Officials need to get control of this problem — now — before it grows even worse, cripples our economic growth, and further endangers public safety. The long-term costs of further deferral vastly outweigh the short-term costs of actually addressing the problem.

"Investing in our infrastructure isn't money out the door — it catalyzes economic growth and provides dividends for decades. Upgrading infrastructure creates jobs and grows our economy — data show that for every billion dollars invested in infrastructure, over 20,000 jobs are created.

"The value of freight shipments from New Jersey businesses are set to double in value over the next three decades. In order to keep up with the pace of this growth, we're going to need to keep up the pace of our infrastructure development. We can't do that without a robust transportation trust fund.

"Charting the course forward for a sustainable transportation trust fund is a big first step in ensuring that New Jerseyans can work and travel safely and our state's businesses can compete.

"The time to act is now! Taxpayers can't afford anything less."

**Engineers Labor Employer Cooperative ELEC**

Something to think about if you like local food.

"I don't think of any group that could be more affected by a change in that policy than farmers, who put their whole life stock-and-trade into banks of land they grow and build businesses on. So many of them begin to build this on top of it and then if they try to pass it on to the next generation, if they don't get it right in terms of what the current business could be for them, many of them, the business, can't continue to farm." — Agriculture Secretary Douglas M. Ross

**Estate Tax Reform Will Help NJ Family Farms**

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shared a link.

"a tax paid by those who use the roads (including those out-of-state) is fairer than a property tax increase to fund the repair and maintenance of roads and bridges."

**Oroho Supports Tax Reform that Saves #NJTTF**

To me our choice is simple: Either we pay 100 percent of the cost to maintain our roads and bridges through increased property taxes, or we pay 65 percent of the cost and let those out-of-state who use our roads pay for the rest through a...

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10,657 people reached

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Share with seniors that you know.

"Right now, the state income tax for a retired married couple filing jointly kicks in after their income exceeds \$20,000. Under bipartisan legislation (S998) that has passed the Senate's budget panel, retired couples wouldn't be hit with state income taxes until they receive \$100,000 in income (after a three-year phase in)." — Economic Monitor, NJ.com

**Tax Reform Will Help NJ Seniors and Fund NJTTF**

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41,841 people reached

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Please share with your cycling friends

**INFRASTRUCTURE NEWS**

**NJ's Transportation Trust Fund Helps Build Safe Roads for Cyclists - ELEC 825**

There's nothing like a good bike ride on a beautiful spring day along perfectly paved roads with smooth, wide shoulders. But all it takes is one pothole and a flat to ruin...

ELEC 825

53,700 people reached





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## Jeff Rausa wins second crane rodeo

Challenging crane operators to stay at the top of their game, the Second Annual Crane Rodeo was held at the NJ Training Center.

The Crane Rodeo is a timed event consisting of eight different crane tasks. Events are all timed. Whoever has the lowest combined time at the end of the drills is declared the winner.

This year's winner was Jeff Rausa, who is shown in the center of the photo. To his left are: instructor Chris Szpila and James Harkins. To his right are Anthony Nappi and instructor Joe Grace. Not shown in photo are Randy Brown, Steven Kelly and Kevin Grace Jr., who also participated.

