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

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TTF fix comes one day after PAC meeting

New law guarantees long-term TTF funding;
Vote “Yes” on Public Question No. 2.



All of the efforts taken by Local 825 members and ELEC culminated in September with the announcement of a TTF solution. On Oct. 7, legislators passed and sent a bill to Gov. Christie to sign, which he did on Oct. 14. With that, all of the efforts over nearly two years paid off. A corresponding

referendum was placed on the Nov. 8 ballot, asking voters to restrict future TTF funds exclusively for transportation infrastructure. The referendum – Public Question No. 2 – will give us all another important reason to vote on election day. (More details on page 7.)

CALENDAR

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

NOVEMBER

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

6 – Daylight Savings Ends
Turn clocks back one hour

8 – Election Day – VOTE

9 – District 2 Meeting
Days Inn
1260 Route 22 East, Bridgewater

10 – District 1 Meeting
Kerri Brooke Caterers
755 S White Horse Pike, Hammonton

**11 – Veterans' Day
UNION HOLIDAY**

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

16 – District 4 Meeting
Holiday Inn
68 Crystal Run Road, Middletown, NY

**24 – Thanksgiving
UNION HOLIDAY**

DECEMBER

5 – District 1 Meeting
Kerri Brooke Caterers
755 S White Horse Pike, Hammonton

7 – District 2 Meeting
Sheraton Edison
125 Raritan Center Parkway, Edison

12 – District 3 Meeting
Russian Hall
464 Outwater Lane, Garfield

13 – Union Holiday Party
Hilton East Brunswick
3 Tower Center Blvd., East Brunswick

14 – District 4 Meeting
Holiday Inn
68 Crystal Run Road, Middletown, NY

21 – Winter begins

24 – Hanukkah

**25 – Christmas
UNION HOLIDAY**

26 – Kwanzaa

31 – New Year's Eve

VIEW FROM THE TOP

Greg Lalevee, Business Manager



TTF deal paves over two years of detours

The agreement on Sept. 29 to fund the Transportation Trust Fund seemed sudden. But it was the culmination of nearly two years of political wrangling and continual efforts on the part of our leadership, our members and ELEC, our labor-management organization.

Signed into law by Gov. Chris Christie on Oct. 14, the new law brought to an end months of intense lobbying and grassroots marketing to bring our members back to work on jobs that were affected by the July shutdown.

And it placed Public Question No. 2 on the Nov. 8 ballot to keep this fund from ever being used for non-transportation expenses.

Obviously, we urge all of you to vote "yes" on this referendum. Without this restriction, some of the funds could be siphoned off for other uses, as happened in the past. (see page 7 for details).

Key lesson

One key lesson can be learned from this ordeal: the importance of perseverance. It took a sustained effort of meetings, mailings, rallies, ads, social media and personal interactions with friends and families and not giving up until a solution was reached.

Remember this lesson on November 8. Our support for Hillary Clinton has been well thought out, based on issues critically important to all of us. The preservation of prevailing wage legislation and the defeat of so-called "right-to-work" movement are at stake.

Hillary Clinton has said: "I will absolutely

defend Davis-Bacon and the whole range of protections that come from the federal government." There is nothing unclear about that. Vote on November 8 as if your livelihood depends on it. It does.

Scholarship events

The fourth annual Poker Run took place on Sept. 25 and was an enormous success. Aside from being great fun for all who took part, see our photos on page 8, it helped replenish our scholarship fund for next year's students.

Next up is our bi-annual Dinner Dance on November 5. We hope we see you there.

Training activities

We welcomed our brothers and sisters from Dockbuilders Locals in Philadelphia and New York for joint training at our Dayton Training Center in late September and October. (Photos on page 4).

We've broken ground on our new Training Center in Wawayanda. We look forward to an official opening in the spring. More information is on page 5.

This will be our last issue of 825 News for 2016. I want to thank each of you for electing your slate of officers who will serve for the next three years. On behalf of them, I'd like to wish all of you and your families a healthy and happy holiday season and hope you can join us at our holiday party on December 13.

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Members win at annual PAC meeting

The annual Political Action Committee meeting was a “who’s who” of New Jersey politics. Invited candidates from both parties seized the opportunity to mingle with Local 825’s Operating Engineers and officials.

“The real winners tonight are our members,” said Business Manager Greg Lavee. “This is their chance to meet face to face with their legislators. It’s gratifying to see so many of them take advantage of the opportunity.”

While candidates were interested in

meeting with and hearing from members, the members were equally interested in asking them about their views on key issues, particularly on fixing the Transportation Trust Fund.

The very next day, a bipartisan TTF solution was announced between Senate President Steven Sweeney, Assembly Leader Vincent Prieto and Gov. Chris Christie.

The ballroom of the East Brunswick Hilton was filled with a steady stream of visitors for three hours.



From left to right, Greg Lavee, Senators Steve Oroho, Dawn Addiego, Steve Sweeney and Assemblyman Craig Coughlin.



Members crowd the East Brunswick Hilton to vote on candidate endorsements



Councilman Mike McGlynn, Essex County Democratic Committee Chairman Leroy Jones, Middlesex County Sheriff Mildred Scott, Assemblywoman Sheila Oliver and Assemblywoman Eliana Pintor Marin.



Business Managers Greg Lavee with Tom Giblin, Business Manager of IUOE Local 68 and a District 14 Assemblyman.

General President Callahan attends installation ceremony

More than 400 members attended the installation ceremony and dinner of the Local 825 slate of officers for the next three years. General President Callahan addressed the group and praised Local 825 for its leadership and involvement. He spoke of the importance of union interests

in the upcoming presidential election and endorsed Hillary Clinton. Business Manager Greg Lavee also encouraged member turnout in the upcoming election and summarized the progress the Local has made in terms of restoring financial stability and growth in membership.



IUOE General President Jim Callahan joins Business Manager Greg Lavee and President John Wood to witness the swearing in ceremony.



Eager applicants camped out days in advance in early September to make sure they were one of the lucky 250 to receive a chance to become an apprentice of Local 825. As usual, all applications were given out by noon of the first day. Selected applicants will begin training classes in the spring of 2017.

Dockbuilders from New York and Philadelphia train in Dayton

A group of approximately 20 trainees were divided into two groups and trained side by side in the last week of September and first week of October at the Dayton Training Center.

Trainers Keith Adolf, Joe Glova, Joe Grace and Rod Piper were assisted by Journeyman Bob Poole. They worked in teams, driving piles and sheets, with about 10 trainees on each team. The trainees were from Dockbuilders Local 179 in Philadelphia and 1556 in New York.

This was the second year Local 825 has hosted and conducted these joint classes.



NY Training Center gets its footing

Progress is steady at the new Wawayanda site. In early September, footings were poured in both the main building and the field house. During the second week of September, the walls were poured and then the frame started to go up.

Trenches were dug for the electric and another for the gas service. The plans are for the

roof to be up before the winter weather sets in. Interior work will be completed during the winter. The target date for completion is this spring.

On hand to inspect the progress in early September were (left to right), Greg Lalevee, John Wood, Terry O'Brien, Craig Boyd, Al Zabicki and David Justnes of RCC, the general contractor.



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

(All classes start at 7 a.m., except CCO, which starts at 8 a.m.)

Rigger Class

Sat., Nov. 12

Signal Person Class

Sat., Nov. 19

NEW YORK TRAINING CENTER

(All classes start at 7 a.m., unless noted otherwise)

70/71 Certification

(Dates to be determined)

For inquiries, call Craig Boyd at 845-596-3666.

OSHA 10 or OSHA 30 Certification

(Dates to be determined)

For inquiries, call Craig Boyd at 845-596-3666 or Chris Rumsey at 845-674-9020

NY Boater Safety Class

(Dates to be determined)

If you're interested, call Craig Boyd 845-596-3666 or the NJ Training Center at 732-798-2170 to have your name put on the list. Classes will be scheduled when enough members are scheduled.

Also call Craig or Chris to put your name on the list for a class or certification that you need to take but is not listed. Once we have enough for a class, members will be notified.

Members vote to endorse Nov. candidates

Local 825 members voted unanimous approval of the list of candidates below at our Sept. 25 Political Action Committee (PAC) meeting in East Brunswick.

Where candidates are also union members, their affiliation is noted in the far right column. Local 825 members who are candidates are indicated in bold type.

In the interest of issues important to our livelihoods, we urge you and your family members to vote on Nov. 8.

OFFICE DISTRICT NAME - PARTY UNION AFFILIATION

President U.S. Hillary Clinton - D

Vice President U.S. Tim Kaine - D

U.S. Senate NY Charles Schumer - D

Congress NY-17 Nita Lowey - D

Congress NY-18 Sean Patrick Maloney - D

Congress NY-19 John Faso - R

Congress NJ-1 Donald Norcross - D *IBEW 351*

Congress NJ-2 Frank LoBiondo - R

Congress NJ-3 Tom MacArthur - R

Congress NJ-4 Chris Smith - R

Congress NJ-5 Josh Gottheimer - D

Congress NJ-8 Albio Sires - D

Congress NJ-9 Bill Pascrell - D

Congress NJ-10 Donald Payne, Jr. - D

NEW JERSEY LOCAL

State Senate LD 18 Patrick Diegnan, Jr. - D

Assembly LD 18 Robert Karabinchak - D

Assembly LD 29 Blonnie Watson - D

Freeholder Atlantic Steve Stokes *UBC 255*

Freeholder Bergen Thomas Sullivan - D *IBEW 164*

Freeholder Bergen Germaine Ortiz - D

Freeholder Bergen Mary Amoroso - D

Freeholder Burlington Latham Tiver - R *IUOE 825*

Freeholder Camden Ed McDonnell - D

Freeholder Camden Carmen Rodriguez - D

Freeholder Cape May Gerald Thornton - R

Freeholder Cape May Marie Hayes - R

Freeholder Cumberland Darlene Barber - D

Freeholder Cumberland Jack Surrency - D

Freeholder Gloucester Dan Christy - D *UBC 255*

Freeholder Gloucester Frank DiMarco - D

Freeholder Mercer Anthony Verrelli - D *UBC 254*

Freeholder Middlesex Kenneth Armwood - D

Freeholder Middlesex Charles Kenny - D

OFFICE DISTRICT NAME - PARTY UNION AFFILIATION

Freeholder Middlesex Blanquita Valenti - D

Freeholder Monmouth Matt Doherty - D

Freeholder Monmouth Thomas Arnone - R

Freeholder Morris Kathryn DeFillippo - R

Freeholder Morris Thomas Mastroangelo - R

Freeholder Morris Douglas Cabana - R

Freeholder Passaic Pat Lepore - D *IBT 802*

Freeholder Passaic Terry Duffy - D

Freeholder Somerset Patricia Walsh - R

Mayor Absecon Frank Phillips - R *IBT 331*

Mayor Vineland Anthony Fanucci - NP

Mayor Washington Twp Joann Gattinelli - D

Mayor Elizabeth Chris Bollwage

Council Monroe - Ward 1 Marvin Dilks - D *IUOE 825*

Council Fairfield Michael McGlynn - R *IUOE 68*

Council Buena Borough Matthew Walker - R *IUOE 825*

Committee Pittsgrove Township Thomas Hickson - D *IUOE 825*

Council Rutherford Mark Goldsack - D

Council Totowa John Capo - D *BAC 4*

Council Pompton Lakes Christian Barranco - R *IBEW 102*

Council Somers Point Dennis Tapp - R *IBEW 351*

Council Eastampton Anthony Zeno - D *IBEW 456*

Council South Amboy Ward 1 Brian McLaughlin - I

Council Washington Twp Thomas Sparacio - D *OPCMIA 592*

Council East Rutherford Joel Brizzi - D

Committee West Amwell Eric Richard - D *AFT/AAUP 6324*

Council Ewing Jennifer Keyes-Maloney - D

Board Of Education Deptford Ed Kalinowski *IUOE 825*

Board Of Education Hillside Dahlia Vertreese *IUOE 68*

Board Of Education Greater Egg Harbor Thomas Dawson, Jr.

Board Of Education Greater Egg Harbor Lisa Tilton

Board Of Education Greater Egg Harbor Michael Baldwin, Sr.

NEW YORK LOCAL

State Senate NY-38 David Carlucci - D

State Senate NY-39 Bill Larkin - R

State Senate NY-42 John Bonacic - R

State Assembly NY-99 James Skoufis - D

State Assembly NY-100 Aileen Gunther - D

State Assembly NY-122 Cliff Crouch - R

County Court Judge Orange Judge Robert H. Freehill - R

County Court Judge Sullivan Judge Frank Labuda - D

TTF solution caps prolonged lobbying campaign

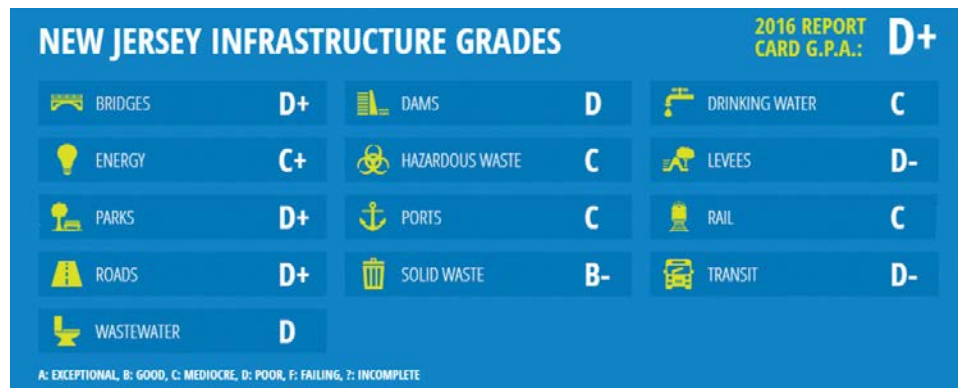
The stalemate over TTF funding ended on Sept. 29, one day after the Local's PAC meeting.

While Business Manager Lalevee issued a statement thanking Gov. Christie, Sen. Steve Sweeney and Assemblyman Vincent Prieto, he also praised Local 825 members for a tireless campaign that included rallies in Trenton, postcard mailings and individual lobbying in local government meetings.

Greg's statement welcomed the solution for the relief it would bring to New Jersey's workers, residents and ailing infrastructure system.

"Our construction workers and engineers play a pivotal role in keeping New Jersey's complex transportation system – the lifeblood of our economy – in top shape."

This agreement provides essential, dedicated, and long-term revenue for the TTF that ensures our transportation system can compete in a 21st century economy, and will help avoid



Continual posts on Facebook reminded voters how important infrastructure is to our economic health. One post from the American Society of Civil Engineers graded New Jersey's infrastructure and received more than 1,700 "Likes" 575 comments and 600 shares. One post, which showed how much time and money are wasted sitting in traffic received more than 2,000 likes, 300 comments and 600 shares.

another catastrophic transportation shutdown.

It also contains sensible tax cuts that will help all New Jerseyans, keep people

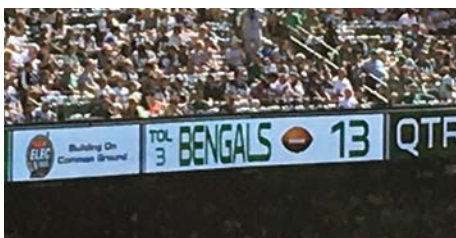
and business in our great state, and offer additional tax cuts for our seniors, lower income families, and veterans.

ELEC, Jets play ball to build awareness

ELEC scored a promotional win in September as it unveiled an advertising campaign that puts the labor-management organization and Local 825 in the big leagues.

ELEC and Local 825 logos appear on the scoreboards in MetLife Stadium when a either team scores, becoming visible to tens of thousands of fans and also millions more watching the game on big screens at home or other locations.

A huge outdoor sign welcomes fans as they enter and leave the stadium and promotional messages are broadcast during the game, all highlighting the work of ELEC and Local 825.



ELEC and Local 825 appears on scoreboard.



Pyramid sign greets fans as they enter and leave MetLife Stadium.

TTF fix requires vote on how funds will be spent. Vote 'YES' on Public Question No. 2

Because TTF funds have been diverted to non-transportation uses in the past, a question (Question 2) will be placed on New Jersey's ballot on Nov. 8.

The question is intended to ensure that future TTF funds are used for their intended purpose and would prevent the Legislature from diverting part of the money to other purposes.

"Obviously, we will advocate for a 'yes' vote on November 8 to dedicate TTF funds to transportation infrastructure use only," said Greg Lalevee. "This will help keep the fund healthy and avoid the depletion we've seen in the past."



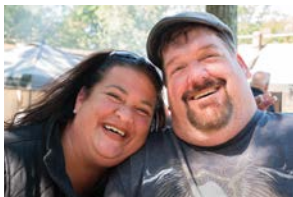
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BETTER BUILDING BEGINS HERE



Poker Run means good times

The fourth annual Poker Run, benefiting Local 825's scholarship fund, enjoyed its biggest crowd to date on September 25. Bikes numbered 229, many with passengers.

The BBQ following the ride fed 340 people at the Jackson Moose Lodge. A 300-pound pig cooked overnight and was served with enough burgers, hot-dogs, beans and salads to feed an army.

Local 825 riders were joined by brothers and sisters from the Dockbuilders, Pipefitters, Iron Workers, Local 15 Operating Engineers and retired Local 825 members. Thanks to all who participated and volunteered to help.