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

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Members send nine to college with \$10k each

Scholarship winners, families receive awards at dinner celebration



Local 825 toasts 2017 scholarship winners. Nine students each won a \$10,000 scholarship. Seated front row, left to right, are: Jacqueline Boud, Alyssa Harvey, Abigail Moniz, Maria Crespo and Morgan Conklin. Behind them are: Alexander

Oliveira, Brendan Carlstrom, Zachary Martin and Andrew Santos. Behind them, left to right, are: Greg Lavee, William Brucher, Carla Katz Esq., Willie Vaccarro, Frances Ryan, James Cooney, Esq., Bob Davis, Joe Logan and John Wood.

CALENDAR

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

JULY

**4 – Independence Day
UNION HOLIDAY**

10 – Semi-Annual Meeting

Hilton East Brunswick
3 Tower Center Boulevard
East Brunswick, NJ

AUGUST

No events scheduled.

Honoring Our 40th Anniversary Members

Michael J. Morgan
John F. Amodeo
David Gallo, Jr.
Teddy Pikolycky
Manuel C. Calhanas
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James R. Lyons, Jr.
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William Simmons, Jr.
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VIEW FROM THE TOP

Greg Lalevee, Business Manager



Anniversaries, scholarships and construction mark key milestones

On this page we acknowledge our 24 brothers who were honored for reaching their 40th anniversary as members of Local 825. Their dedicated service is matched by our gratitude for their contribution to our growth and success through the years. We tip our hardhats to them.

We also acknowledge nine young members of union families who each have been awarded \$10,000 scholarships over four years. The competition for these scholarships is real and the criteria are stringent. Every applicant was thoroughly evaluated by the academic team from Rutgers University and each winner was selected based on merit.

It is especially gratifying each year to see these young men and women accept their awards, supported by their proud family members in attendance. To read more about this year's winners, see page 4.

The scholarships would not be possible without the union staff and members who stage a range of fundraising events each year. Perhaps the mainstay of the fundraisers is the golf outing and more than 120 members, friends and sponsors participated in this year's fifth annual outing. Photos from the day on page 5.

This summer, we will open our new training center in Wawayanda, bringing to fruition

a dream that began four years ago. We wanted to own our own center with sufficient space and with visibility from a major highway. All of those objectives are met with our new center.

We congratulate our Funds Office for its launch of a new website. In addition to updating all of the information, covering our benefits and our funds, the new site makes it easy to find the information you need quickly, even from your cell phone. Read more about the new site on page 6.

We also acknowledge the work being done by our team in ELEC. Their advocacy continues to build support for investments in infrastructure, including water, electric, pipelines and transportation. ELEC has developed two web videos that began circulating in June. Read more on page 7.

July Fourth is just days away. It is the day we declared independence from England and one of our most cherished holidays. During periods of stability there is a tendency to take our independence and freedom for granted. We need only look at what is happening in other parts of the world to wake ourselves up, be thankful for what we have and do whatever we can to maintain the pillars of freedom that we celebrate.

Happy Fourth of July. Enjoy the summer.

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Pharmaceutical and elected officials tour training center

Local 825, ELEC host Congressman MacArthur, Sen. Sweeney and industry reps

In May, the New Jersey Training Center hosted a tour by Congressman Tom MacArthur (District 3), Senate President Steve Sweeney and Dean Paranicas of the Health Care Institute of New Jersey (HINJ). The visit was also sponsored by the Pharmaceutical Industry Labor-Management Association (PILMA).

Business Manager Greg Lavee welcomed the speakers and noted the strong ties the pharmaceutical industry has had with labor and its role as a major source of economic opportunity for union workers.



Congressman Tom MacArthur takes control of the crane simulator, guided by Training Director Keith Adolf (left) and encouraged by Business Manager Greg Lavee and Senate President Steve Sweeney.

"There are more pharmaceutical companies in New Jersey than any other state," Greg said. "In addition to developing life-saving cures, the medical technology industry continues to be among the top job creators for our members."

Greg spoke of the continual investment Local 825 makes in training to focus on worker safety and to develop the most highly trained and productive workers available anywhere.

"The comprehensive skills and rigorous training that unionized craft workers develop in order to serve the specialized needs of our industry are critical to developing life-saving medicines and devices that save lives throughout the world," said Dean Paranicas, HINJ president.

MacArthur spoke of his commitment to la-



Observing training, from left to right, Dean Paranicas of the Health Care Institute of New Jersey (HINJ) representing PILMA; Business Manager Greg Lavee; NJ Sen. President Steve Sweeney; and Congressman Tom MacArthur.

bor-management cooperation and of the importance of worker safety and highly skilled jobs as the basis for building strong communities.

After meeting with members, the officials tried their hands on the crane simulator and then toured the Training Center grounds, where apprentice training was taking place.

The tour allows industry officials to see firsthand the skill levels and training union workers bring to the specialized construction needs of the biotechnology industry.

PILMA periodically conducts tours of union training facilities – often with an elected official – to discuss the importance of the pharmaceutical industry to the economy, the high-quality jobs that it provides and the important role that labor plays in preparing its workforce through apprenticeship and certification programs.

HINJ, a New Jersey trade association for the biopharmaceutical and medical technology industry serves to build awareness of this industry's impact on quality of life and economic well-being.



The visitors observed members, apprentices and journeymen and women participating in training exercises.

Latest ad promotes members' concern for the environment

WE SAVE WATER OUR MEMBERS PREVENT SPILLS AND BRING CLEAN WATER TO YOUR TAP

Our members share concerns for conservation. It bothers us that up to 130 million gallons of New Jersey's drinking water are wasted every day due to aging underground pipes.

WE PROMOTE CONSERVATION.

Local 825 Operating Engineers are trained to install water infrastructure efficiently and without impacting the environment. In New York, we are part of a team that will save 130 million gallons of drinking water every day, delivering clean water to millions of homes throughout the region.

We believe in conservation and renewal that will only come with a commitment to infrastructure upgrades, before a serious or prolonged water shortage forces us to act.

ON TIME. ON BUDGET. ON TARGET.

Developers and contractors turn to Local 825 Operating Engineers to get big things done safely, on time and on budget. Our members are experienced, licensed, credentialed and ready to work, day one.

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Greg Lavee, Business Manager
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The Local 825 advertising program extended its ad series with the addition of its newest ad: "We Save Water."

The ad focuses on efforts to update the state's water infrastructure while, at the same time, showing the positive results of our work. In addition, it refers to our efforts as focused on conservation, reflecting the true character of our members.

For too long, the media refers to opponents of pipeline construction and development as "conservationists" and "environmentalists." This unfairly casts a positive light on opponents and leaves everyone to assume that our members must not be conservationists.

"This is unfair and not true," said Greg Lavee, "since our members are just as much interested in preserving the environment as any other group."

"We feel that this advertising, which extends the theme we adopted in 2011, shows the true, positive character of our members and the positive contributions we make to the communities we live and work in," Greg said.

Previous ads have similarly addressed union involvement in local communities, with headlines such as, "We Build Bridges," "We Pave the Way," "We Channel Energy," and others.

Nine win \$10,000 toward college dream

Students, families gather to accept scholarship awards

Nine children and grandchildren of Local 825 members joined with directors and Rutgers judges to accept the scholarships they were awarded.

Each scholarship is for a total of \$10,000 over a four-year period.

"This is the third year our award levels

have been this high," said Business Manager Greg Lavee. "It is through the generosity of our members and supporters, as well as those who volunteer to run our fund-raising events throughout the year."

The awards dinner is the culmination of a year-long-member fundraising program and an evaluation process conducted by a team from Rutgers University. Each of this year's winners accepted their awards and expressed gratitude to the members of Local 825 who make the awards program possible.

More than 30 students applied for the awards.

Also attending the celebration dinner at the East Brunswick Hilton were the Rutgers University team that administers the scholarship program on behalf of Local 825.

The evaluation team, led by Carla Katz, Esq, and Professor James Cooney, Esq of Rutgers' Department of Labor Education And Research Now department, also included Francis Ryan and William Brucher. Together, they evaluated the applicants and their submissions, including transcripts, SAT scores, essays and recommendation letters.

The winners and their profiles appear below.

Jacqueline Boud



The daughter of Ralph Boud of Point Pleasant Borough, Jacqueline graduated from Point Pleasant Borough High School. She was awarded the Student Athlete Scholarship. She plans to attend Gettysburg College in the fall to study political science and psychology and to eventually work for the FBI.

Brendan Carlstrom



The grandson of Dennis Bulmer and a resident of Atlantic Highlands, Brendan graduated from Henry Hudson Regional High School and was awarded his scholarship based on his understanding of union values. Brendan will attend the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and plans to study sports management. His career goal is to work for a major sports organization or network.

Morgan Rae Conklin



The daughter of Kevin Conklin of Wantage, NJ, Morgan graduated from High Point Regional High School and was awarded an academic scholarship. Morgan will attend the University of New Hampshire's College of Engineering and Physical Sciences to study environmental or ocean engineering.

Marissa Crespo



The daughter of Manuel Crespo of Long Branch, Marissa graduated from Trinity Hall. She was awarded an academic scholarship. Marissa will attend Lafayette College

and major in Computer Science and Economics. Her career goal is to work in computer programming for a technology company or investment bank company.

Alyssa Harvey



The daughter of William Harvey, Alyssa graduated from Delaware Valley High School and was awarded an academic scholarship. She plans to attend West Chester University in the fall to study biology and business. Her ultimate career goal is to work in the field of cancer research, forensic science or in the pharmaceutical industry.

Zachary D. Martin



The son of Kevin Martin of Fredon and a graduate of Kittatinny High School, Zachary was awarded an academic scholarship. He plans to attend Lafayette College to study electrical and computer engineering and aspires to develop revolutionary software and hardware

Abigail Moniz



The daughter of Gilbert Moniz, Abigail is a graduate of Gateway Regional High School. A resident of Woodbury Heights, she has been awarded an academic scholarship.

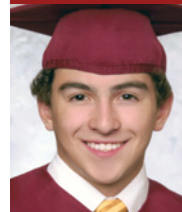
She will attend Rowan University and plans to major in elementary education and mathematics. Her career goal is to work in the field of education.

Alexander Oliveira



The son of Alirio Oliveira of South River, Alexander graduated from South River High School and has been awarded an academic scholarship. He will attend Rutgers Business School in the fall and intends to earn an MBA in business and go on to a career in business.

Andrew Thomas Santos



The son of Rui Santos and a resident of Hillsborough, Andrew graduated from Hillsborough High School and is the recipient of the Student Service Scholarship. He plans to attend Temple University and will study Biology, with a goal of working in the field of medicine.

Fifth annual golf outing tees off under sunny skies

More than 120 golfers, sponsors and fans once again assembled at the Gamblers' Ridge Golf Course in Cream Ridge, NJ, on June 11 to take part in the fifth annual outing to benefit the Local 825 Scholarship Fund.

The day came off under beautiful, sunny skies and temperatures in the 80s. The original date of the event in May was canceled due to rain. Some things, like good weather and golfing, are worth waiting for!

"The popularity of this day has made it an annual event. Everyone has a great time and it has become a major source of funding the scholarship program," said Greg Lavee, prior to the event.

After lunch in the clubhouse, the golfers got off on a 1 p.m. shotgun start. After 18 holes, they returned to the clubhouse for dinner and awards.

In addition to enjoying a fun day, the golfers raised money for the Local's scholarship fund. This is the biggest fundraiser out of three each year, according to Local President John Wood.

The other events include a Sporting Clays shoot, held in the closing days of June (we'll have photos next month); and the annual motorcycle Poker Run in September.



Funds Office unveils new ‘mobile’ website

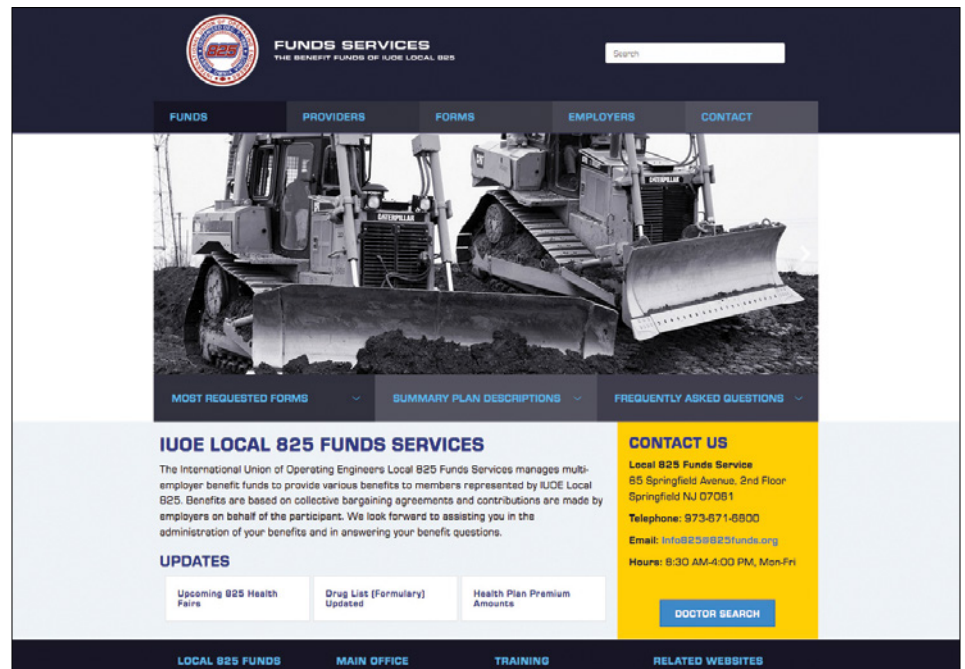
Local 825 members will find information easier with the introduction of the new Funds Office website at www.825FUNDS.ORG.

The new site is specially designed to be viewed and easy to read on smart phones. In addition, it updates information on all of the funds, including forms, links and photos.

“The prior site served us well for six years but it was time for an upgrade,” said Chris Medich, Funds Administrator. “Nearly half of our members are accessing the site from their cell phones and we believe that number will continue to grow.”

“We wanted to make it easy for members to find information and easy to read once they found it,” Chris said. “Early reactions have been very positive and we’re still monitoring to make sure everything works as intended.”

Chris thanked Susan Yannetta and Dave Daleo for their dedicated focus to developing and completing the site.



NY training center ready for grand opening

A dream that began in 2013 and took shape over the next four years has become a reality.

Grand opening plans for the all-new Local 825 Training Center in Wawayanda are under way and the official opening date will be announced soon.

“The need for a new training center was driven in part because the existing center in Middletown was leased. Also, its limited acreage restricted the kind of training that could be done there,” said Greg Lalevee.

Scouting for property began with the objective of finding acreage along a major road, providing visibility, like the visibility the NJ Training Center enjoys along the Turnpike in Dayton. The Wawayanda site fits that description. It sits on I-84 and encompasses more than 70 acres, with approximately 25 acres available for training activities.

Construction began last fall. By December the buildings were enclosed. Work continued through the winter.

The new center includes three buildings:



a main building, housing union offices, dispatch and agents. The other side houses training classrooms, a shop and break room for apprentices and journeymen and women, according to Training Director Al Zabicki, who coordinated the project.

There is a separate field office for the instructors who work outside and a container complex to store supplies for the equipment.

A pump house is above the well that supplies water to all the facilities.

“The New York location is intended to bring training closer to members who live in the northernmost counties of New Jersey and the five counties of New York,” Greg said.

Watch the Local 825 Website and Facebook for information on the opening celebration as it becomes available.

Prior success fuels new drive for infrastructure investment

Following last year's successful campaign to support the New Jersey gas tax and dedicate it to infrastructure, ELEC is shifting its efforts to building public awareness and support for other key pieces of infrastructure for the state and region: water and energy.

"The Road to Repair campaign will stress the importance of keeping drinking water safe, storm sewers modernized and repaired and our energy grid resilient to storms and up to the demands of our modern lifestyles," according to Kate Gibbs, Business Development.

ELEC is preparing a series of animated web videos that will, in laymen's terms, break down the challenges that our water and energy infrastructure face and the need to invest in them, Kate said.

If you have not already done so, please follow the Road to Repair page – at facebook.com/pg/roadtorepair – and like and share posts with your family and friends.

The first video will focus on water infra-



Doing so will **improve efficiency** and **protect the environment**

Video frame explains need for infrastructure investment in simple terms.

structure. The second will focus on energy infrastructure. These will run alongside con-

tinued posts that advocate for transportation and public transit.

Local 825 at work on New Rowan dorms

The construction project at Rowan, which ELEC had worked on in its earlier stages, is now taking shape.

In May and June, Local 825 cranes were at work lifting in steel beams and precast wall panels on the \$145 million multistory dormitories on 8.3 acres off of Rt. 322, Main Street and Carpenter Street.

The plan calls for 1,400 dormitories in two connected buildings of four and seven stories.

The two buildings will total 310,000 square feet and connect via bridges. One will house a 550-seat, two-story dining facility. Other student amenities will include study areas, a game room and laundry.

Rowan has 4,319 dorm beds on campus and 1,500 to 2,000 off-campus rental units. Enrollment is currently around 15,000 students. That number is expected to grow to 25,000 by 2023.



Veteran crane-meister Ed McHugh deftly guides heavy precast sections into place.



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Bridges Mark Milestones

The first span of the new Goethals Bridge (top) is now open and the second will open next year. The \$1.5 billion cable-stayed bridge is the first Port Authority bridge to be completed since 1931, when the Bayonne Bridge was completed. Meanwhile, the Bayonne Bridge (bottom) also celebrated its own milestone, as the U.S. Coast Guard certified its new navigational clearance at 215 feet – equivalent to the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge – allowing the world's largest container ships to travel beneath it to port terminals. The Bayonne Bridge's lower roadway removal was completed seven months ahead of a revised year-end schedule to increase clearance capacity and allow for the largest vessels.