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

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TZB opens westbound span to New Jersey \$3.98 billion bridge comes in on time and on budget



The first span of the Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge was scheduled to open to westbound traffic on Aug. 25, after four years of construction that began in 2013. The eastbound span will open later this fall and the entire project is scheduled for completion next year, on time and

on budget. More than 6,300 people have contributed to the project – including our members – totaling more than 8 million hours of work. The \$3.98 billion, 3.1-mile long bridge is the largest in the history of the New York State Thruway Authority.

CALENDAR

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

SEPTEMBER

**4 – Labor Day
UNION HOLIDAY**

11 – District 1 meeting
Elks Lodge, 1875
600 Washington St., Toms River.

13 – District 2 meeting
Ramada Plaza
160 Frontage Road, Newark

13 – District 4 Health Fair
3 p.m. to 7 p.m., NY Training Center,
96 Bates Gates Road, New Hampton, NY

18 – District 3 meeting
Russian Hall
464 Outwater Lane, Garfield

19 – District 1 meeting
Retiree Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Crystal
Manor, 210 S. Delsea Dr., Glassboro

20 – District 4 meeting
NY Training Center
96 Bates Gates Road, New Hampton, NY

20 – Rosh Hashanah

**24 – Fifth Annual Motorcycle
Poker Run**

27 – PAC Meeting, 6 p.m.
East Brunswick Hilton, 3 Tower Center
Boulevard, E. Brunswick

29 – Yom Kippur

OCTOBER

2 – District 1 meeting
Kerri Brooke Caterers
755 S. White Horse Pike, Hammonton

4 – District 2 meeting
Holiday Inn, 2870 Hwy 35, Hazlet

9 – District 3 meeting
Holiday Inn
1000 International Drive, Mt. Olive

11 – District 4 meeting
Holiday Inn
68 Crystal Run Road, Middletown, NY

18 – District 1 Health Fair
3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Kerri Brooke Caterers,
755 S. White Horse Pike, Hammonton

VIEW FROM THE TOP

Greg Lalevee, Business Manager



Labor Day reminds us: Stand as one to benefit all

Monday is Labor Day and again we ask that you take a few minutes from your weekend to reflect on the financial and quality-of-life gains we enjoy because of the work and risks taken for us by prior generations.

Think about it. Pass your thoughts onto your children or grandchildren, so they grow up understanding the importance of the labor movement and the actions we must take even today to keep hard-fought gains from being reversed.

One way to help immediately is to visit the Millennium Pipeline webpage and fill out a letter of support. You can sign and submit it from your computer.

This will further support testimony Local 825 and ELEC to approve of the Eastern System Upgrade. This project will provide hundreds of good-paying jobs and property tax revenues worth more than \$10 million upon completion.

This is an election year

Another way to stand up for labor is voting with common sense. Select leaders who engage with us and are willing to understand our issues. This election year every seat in both houses of the Legislature is up for election, as well as the governor's. Think carefully about who will get your vote.

This year's **PAC Meeting** will be a great

opportunity to meet many of the candidates running for office. It will be held at the East Brunswick Hilton at 6 p.m. on Wednesday September 27. We hope to see as many of you as possible.

At our semiannual meeting, we announced our effort to convert the Dayton Training Center into a Technical College so that in the future we lead in technology improvements, not suffer from them. See page 5 for more information on what this can mean to you.

This year's **Clay Shoot** outgunned last year's event, thanks to the work of our many volunteers, especially John Rocco (see photos on page 6). The fifth Poker Run is set for Sunday, Sept. 24. Those of you who've participated in the past know how much fun it is. Ride details are below.

We will celebrate the completion of our Wawayanda Training Center and have scheduled the next District 4 meeting and Health Fair there in September. Watch Facebook for details on a grand opening, when they become available.

We hope you enjoy your three-day holiday. If you're at the shore, be sure to watch for our banner plane towing our Labor Day greetings again this year. More than a million people are expected to line the beaches on that Saturday and Sunday.

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NY Training Center

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SRO members hear an upbeat state of the union report

A packed audience at the semiannual meeting heard the latest updates on the state of Local 825 from Business Manager Greg Lalevee and fellow officers.



Greg reported on the increasing strength of the funds. "Your funds are strong and in great financial condition," he said. "This Local is strong. We are growing in numbers, influence and stature."

"We may face a number of challenges," he said. "But we are poised to meet those challenges head on as we look to the future with a commitment to maintain the greatness of this organization."

Long-time members honored

More than 400 Local 825 members were on hand to honor many of the long-term

members who were able to attend. Two of them, T. Allen Jones and Bernard Koerner Sr. were recognized for 70 years of service.

Jack Nacion, who barely retired a few months ago, has accepted the position of JATC Chairman. He replaces long-time chairman Jimmy Leo. Greg thanked Jimmy for his years of service and Jack for agreeing to continue as an active participant.



Bernard Koerner Sr.

TTF projects in gear

Greg reported on the increase in DOT work and bidding of new projects, now that the Transportation Trust Fund is back in action. Paving projects have begun and are being followed by more road reconstruction projects.

Training milestones

The Training Center logged 798 students for 39,050 hours of training between January 1, 2017 and June 9, 2017. The winter classes had 104 students and they received 11,280 hours of training.

A call to veterans

Greg also appealed to members who are veterans to help establish an American Legion Post exclusive to Local 825, similar to one established by member veterans of Local 139 in Wisconsin.

Greg thanked Dave Spece and Jim Beslanovits for working toward this goal. He asked for at least 15 Legion-eligible veterans to join in to make the charter application. Veterans should contact Dave, Jim, Greg or his assistant Kathy Kieck in the Springfield office.



T. Allen Jones

60 apprentice applications ready for distribution

Sixty applications to become a Local 825 apprentice will be available beginning on Tuesday, Sept. 5 for the spring 2018 program class. Applicants must:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Have a valid driver's license
- Have a high school diploma, GED or TASC; and must provide their high school transcript in a sealed envelope from their high school, or a GED transcript
- Military veteran applicants must provide a copy of DD-214

Applications must be completed in person at the Operating Engineers Local 825 Training Center at: **96 Bates/Gates Road, New Hampton, N.Y. 10958**

The 60 applications will be given out according to the following schedule as long as they last.

Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2017 – Friday, Sept. 8, 2017
8 a.m. – 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017
8 a.m. – 12 noon

Monday, Sept. 11, 2017 – Friday, Sept. 15, 2017
8 a.m. – 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 18, 2017
8 a.m. – 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Local 825 hosts IUOE Eastern Training Conference

The International Union of Operating Engineers selected Local 825 to host its Northeastern Training Conference in June, bringing brother and sister trainers from IUOE locals along the East Coast to our New Jersey Training Center in Dayton.

"We were proud to share what we've established here," said Business Manager Greg Lavee. "I think many of them wished they had what we have, how we execute and where we are pointed in the future."

More than 40 representatives attended

Marie Sullivan, Local 15

An owner of the Long Island Storm Women's Basketball Team, Marie praised the conference for providing lots of ideas and information we can take back and work on.

Jeff Vincent, IUOE:

"These attendees are all trainees themselves, so the amount of information people have to share is really helpful."

to learn updates on training, safety and health, to share best practices and to see new equipment in action.

After an introduction and welcome from Greg, the agenda was turned over to Jeff Vincent, Director of the IUOE National Training Fund (NTF). Jeff provided an overview of his organization, including its investment, growth and challenges. Chris Trembl, NTF Director of Construction Training, followed with a report on Construction Training.

Demonstrations of new equipment and technology were provided.

Amanda Jordan of ITI, Houston, demon-

strated a variety of simulators to learn mobile and overhead crane operation, as well as other heavy equipment.

Wyatt Franks of Doosan Bobcat demonstrated a remote-controlled Bobcat, bringing the future into focus.

Other sessions throughout the day included updates in drone technology and developments in credentialing and Training.

Training Director Keith Adolf called the event a great success. Attendees were also complimentary of the conference.

Vinnie Razzano, of Long Island

Grew up helping out in his family delicatessen in the Hamptons and once showed Christie Brinkley and Governor Cuomo how to make mozzarella.



Local 825 members in force.



Marie Sullivan, Local 15.



Vince Razzano of Long Island.



Keith Adolf, Chris Trembl and Dan Sullivan, Local 542.

'Transformational vision' sees Local 825 Technical College

When you look into the future, what do you see?

Some see increasing use of robots, driver-less cars and heavy equipment. Remote-controlled lawn mowers are already in use along the Garden State Parkway.

What will an operating engineer look like ten years from now? We think they will need to be expert in GPS systems, which are showing up on every piece of new equipment: GPS survey, GPS bulldozers, sophisticated computers on cranes and the proliferation of drones.

These systems will be in constant need of troubleshooting and upgrade. Someone will have to know how they operate and how to develop software around them. Why shouldn't that "somebody" be us?

Becoming a technical college

Last fall, we moved forward on a goal to turn our training center into a technical college. Our vision is to be recognized as an institute of higher learning, possibly as early as 2018.

This will make much of our current classroom and apprenticeship work credit-worthy at community colleges. In turn,

this means our members will receive credits at our facilities that will be accepted toward a degree.

We are planning to apply for accreditation as a stand-alone technical college and to have the ability to confer our own associate's degrees.

A major vendor for heavy equipment



software has agreed to train our trainers to educate members on the major software systems being deployed on today's equipment.

What was cutting edge less than ten years ago is now common. As we move into the future, we don't want to be left behind as a union that struggles to survive.

We are determined to be the union that leads and thrives.



TRAINING CENTER CALENDAR

New Jersey Training Center (732) 798-2170
New York Training Center (845) 673-3154
NY, Middletown Hall (845) 674-9020

NEW JERSEY TRAINING CENTER

To register for a New Jersey class, call (732) 798-2170.

SEPTEMBER

OSHA 30 – Must complete 4 Saturdays to complete

7 a.m. start time

- Mod 1 – Sept. 9
- Mod 2 – Sept. 16
- Mod 3 – Sept. 23
- Mod 4 – Sept. 30

Track Hoe / Dozer Machine Class, 7 a.m.
Mon. Sept. 11 through Fri. Sept. 15 and
Mon. Sept. 18 through Fri. Sept. 22

OCTOBER

8-Hour Hazmat Refresher

- Sat., 7 a.m. Oct. 21
- Sat., 7 a.m. Nov. 18

CCO

- 4 Saturdays, 8 a.m. start time
- Sign-up at TSS
Sat. Oct. 7
- TWR at 7 a.m. / TLL at 8 a.m.
Sat. Oct. 14
- OVR at 7 a.m. / LBT at 8 a.m.
Sat. Oct. 21
- LBC & review
Sat. Oct. 28
- Written Test at 7 a.m.
Sun., Oct. 29

NEW YORK TRAINING CENTER

If you are interested in attending an OSHA 10, CPR Certification or NY Boater Safety class, contact Craig Boyd at 845-596-3666 or Chris Rumsey at 845-674-9020.

Also periodically check for updates on
[Facebook.com/iuoe825Training](https://www.facebook.com/iuoe825Training)

Second Clay Shoot Outguns Last Year's Event

The second annual sporting clays shoot held in June got off with a bang, raising more money for the Local 825 scholarship fund and accommodating more sportsmen and women.

Held at on the grounds of the Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays, formerly a limestone quarry, the event quickly sold out as men and women, young and old, members and friends all came together to test their skills and have fun.

The event was staffed by many volunteers of Local 825, who made sure everything ran smoothly and safely. Business Manager Lalevee thanked John Rocco and his committee for staging the event and ensuring its success.

Here are some of the photos from this year's Sporting Clays shootout.



Get ready to ride in 5th Poker Run Sept. 24

The fifth annual Poker Run is coming on Sunday, Sept. 24. This event continues to grow in popularity each year and finishes with an awesome barbecue at the end of the ride.

Chris Lalevee heads the run and is the man to see for ticket information.

A special thank you to Chris and all who volunteer for our scholarship events to make them as successful as they are.

ELEC promotes infrastructure, wins water victory

The ELEC labor management team has established itself as an effective advocate for our members and contractors.

Its 2016 Road to Repair campaign was recognized as a driving force behind passage of the new Transportation Trust Fund package and public question that secured gas tax revenues for capital transportation projects.

In 2017, ELEC shifted its focus to water and energy infrastructure. The Water Quality Accountability Act – which will generate water and sewer projects for our union contractors and members – was signed into law by Gov. Christie in July.

Sponsored by Sen. Christopher “Kip”

Bateman, the new law will improve the safety of New Jersey’s drinking water by holding public water systems accountable for infrastructure improvements.

Sen. Bateman’s bill will also require public water systems to establish a cyber-security program, formulate plans to make infrastructure improvements and schedule inspections, maintenance and repairs to keep our systems safe for future generations.

Thanks to the ongoing efforts of Mark Longo, Kate Gibbs, Daniel Ortega, ELEC has become recognized as a leading voice of infrastructure and labor issues in our area.



Market recovery pays dividends

ELEC’s union contractors also continue to benefit from an expanding Market Recovery Program. Designed to help them win contracts in specific private-sector markets, the program has succeeded in increasing union market share and creating jobs.

As of July, approximately 75 contractors have successfully used the program. Approximately one-third of their jobs may be attributable to the grant program.

As of the same month, ELEC paid out about \$2.5 million in grants, securing more than 100,000 man-hours of work. This translates into \$7.8 million in wages and benefits for members. For every \$1 ELEC put out in grants, our members received more than \$3 back in wages and benefits.

Currently, we have \$4.5 million in grants awaiting bid results. These jobs would represent an additional 166,000 man-hours of work.

ELEC reimbursement program grows

ELEC continues to expand its credential reimbursement program. In the first six months of 2017 more than \$88,000 was returned to members, about 35% more than last year.

“The program has been a great success,” said ELEC director Mark Longo. “Since the start of the program, ELEC has reimbursed members nearly \$500,000.”

In 2017, ELEC added new credentials eligible for reimbursement. These were NCCCO, New York and New Jersey crane licenses, OSHA ten-hour certifications for construction, general industry, maritime and disaster site workers.

Safe Crane effort adds to “win” column

In 2016, ELEC began a “Safe Crane” initiative. Working with the Training Center and Legal Counsel, we have developed a model ordinance for towns and cities. This ordinance will ensure that only responsible contractors and operators are able to receive permits to operate cranes within their municipalities.

In the first half of 2017, ELEC added 16 towns and one county to its “win” column for adopting a safe crane ordinance.





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BETTER BUILDING BEGINS HERE

Wawyanda campus – complete and operational

The new Wawayanda campus is now complete, operational and buzzing with activity.

Its address is: 96 Bates Gates Road, New Hampton, NY 10958.

We are working to schedule a grand opening celebration to let everyone experience the new grounds. Watch for more information as we set a date and time.

Meanwhile, we have already planned to distribute 60 apprentice applications from there beginning Sept. 5 (see schedule on page 3) and we expect the usual enthusiasm from OE hopefuls. This will be the first time apprentice applications will be given out from our New York region and we look forward to a robust response.

On September 13, our Funds Office will host the District 4 Health Fair from the new building, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

We are proud of our new facility, which was years in the planning and we look forward to putting it to its intended use to benefit our members.

