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

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## Local 825 members take over MetLife Stadium

More than 400 members enjoy change in Semiannual meeting venue



This July's Semiannual meeting was held in the Coach's Club of MetLife Stadium, thanks to a promotional agreement with the New York Jets. Members had the stadium to themselves as they heard the meeting

reports and then got to step onto the playing field. It was a fun change of pace and a chance to catch up with everyone over drinks and snacks. More photos and info from the meeting on page 3.

## CALENDAR

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

### SEPTEMBER

**3 – Labor Day  
UNION HOLIDAY**

**9 to 11 – Rosh Hashanah**

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

**12 – District 2 meeting**  
Ramada Plaza  
160 Frontage Road, Newark

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

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

**18 – District 1 Retiree Luncheon**  
11:30 a.m., Crystal Manor  
210 S. Selsea Drive, Glassboro

**18 to 19 – Yom Kippur**

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

**22 – Autumn begins**

**23 – Sixth Annual Motorcycle  
Poker Run**  
9 a.m. to 11 a.m. registration  
NJ Training Center  
338 Deans Rhode Hall Road, Dayton

**25 – Political Action Committee  
(PAC) meeting**  
6 p.m., Hilton East Brunswick, 3 Tower  
Center Boulevard, E. Brunswick

### OCTOBER

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

**3 – District 2 meeting**  
Holiday Inn, 2870 Route 35, Hazlet

**8 – District 3 meeting**  
Russian Hall  
464 Outwater Lane, Garfield

*(Calendar continued on page 7)*

## VIEW FROM THE TOP

*Greg Lalevee, Business Manager*



# Labor Day reminds us – gains did not come easy

**A**nother Labor Day is near and we look forward to spending an extra day with our families.

It should also be a chance to reflect on what our lives might be like if there had been no labor movement to bring us this national holiday, as well as the many rights we now take for granted.

It should remind us of the importance of labor unity, not just for ourselves but for the next generation, and the generation after that.

Today, we find ourselves in a political atmosphere that is challenging many of these rights.

President Trump has ended “official time” for unions who work for the federal government. The order prohibits union officials from performing official duty – including advocacy for employees – while on the clock. The Supreme Court also decided the landmark Janus vs. AFSCME case, essentially making all public-sector unions right-to-work.

When we look at Congress, we see potential challenges to Davis Bacon.

The lessons are clear:

The best protection workers have is to be part of a strong union, one that knows how to fight and is willing to do so.

The second lesson is to know your elector-

al candidates, and then vote for the ones who have our backs.

### PAC Meeting

Our Political Action Committee (PAC) meeting this year is on Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the East Brunswick Hilton. We host this meeting annually to give members a chance to get to know their candidates and support them on Election Day.

### Scholarship events

The Fifth Annual Poker Run will be on Sunday, Sept. 23. Chris Lalevee and the committee have put together another fun event and we encourage you all to attend.

This year is also our bi-annual Scholarship Dinner Dance on Friday evening Nov. 9 at the Palace in Somerset. A special thanks to all who work on that event and who will attend.

These fundraisers are always vital. This year they take on even more importance, because this spring, more than 40 students applied for help. In response, our members have voted to add an additional scholarship. So next year, we will offer 10 scholarships instead of nine. So please join with us as much as possible at these events throughout the year.

Enjoy your Labor Day weekend and come out to see us at the PAC meeting.

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# MetLife Stadium hosts semiannual meeting



**I**t was a semiannual meeting like no other. Members packed into the clubhouse for the business portion of the meeting and then spilled onto the field for photos afterward.

Business Manager Greg Lavee scored early with a positive report on Local 825 funds. They are strong and solid. Their strength reflects the Local's continued growth in numbers, influence and stature.

Greg reported on the importance of the training center. Summer classes included concrete pouring and pile driving together. New and rented equipment is being added to the training fleet and additional land has been acquired to provide adequate space for training maneuvers.

The apprentice program is robust. Three apprentices have graduated this year, 111 are working toward graduation. At the New York Training Center, a class of 10 apprentices began their training on April 16. And 250 applications will be given out after Labor Day for classes that will begin in 2019.



## Member recognition

On the other end of their careers, long-time Operating Engineers were recognized for their years of service. Sixteen members were honored at the 40th Anniversary dinner held at the end of April at the Hilton East Brunswick. They were:

William A. Gallagher	Thomas V. Wright
Thomas Pedrick	Doug Thormann
Vincent F. Delucca	Richard Felauer
Patrick De La Torre	Robert Parker
Conrad J. Genzanto, Jr.	Albert Suk
Timothy J. Moyer	Robert Perrus
Abdul Muhammad	Thomas A. Krickus
Willie G. Screws	



**William Horvath receives a standing ovation as he is recognized for 70 years of service.**

In addition, other members were recognized with plaques for their years of service. One-hundred-and-two members reached their 45th year of service; 38 have served for 50 years; 16 marked 55 years; 13 served 60 years; eight are 65-year members; and

## Notice of apprentice applications

The following information was posted to our website and Facebook page on Aug. 1. It immediately reached a record number of people and accounted for the largest number of comments and "shares" in our Facebook history.

Two-hundred fifty (250) applications will be available for the Operating Engineers Local 825 Apprenticeship Program class that will begin in the spring of 2019.

Applications must be completed in person during the following dates and times – or until all applications have been exhausted – at the following location:

Operating Engineers Local 825  
Training Center  
338 Deans Rhode Hall Road  
South Brunswick, New Jersey

### Tuesday through Friday (September 4 through 7):

From 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., and from  
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

### Saturday, September 8:

From 8 a.m. to 12 noon

### Monday through Friday (September 10 through 14):

From 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., and from  
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

### Monday, September 17:

From 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., and from  
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

### Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and bring with them:

- A valid driver's license.
- A high school diploma or GED; and must provide high school transcript in sealed envelope from the high school you attended, or GED transcript.
- Military veterans must provide a copy of their DD-214.

three – Ernest Horvath, William Horvath and Robert Kraus – have reached their 70th anniversary.

Greg also addressed a range of challenges that face the union, some political, some economic. But he expressed confidence that with the organization's strength, the board's continued support and the members' active participation, Local 825 will continue to in its leadership position and prosper for years to come.

# Training remains the golden ticket

The Training Centers have been busy this year, training record numbers of members, acquiring new equipment, expanding land and taking steps to be designated a technical college.

## More Hours

Winter training hours doubled over the year before, as 169 members received 24,784 hours of instruction.

## New Classes

A Concrete Pump Class was offered in July and the Dockbuilders joined us again this year for joint Pile Driving classes. We have certified four of our instructors to be able to teach a Spyder Crane manufacturer's certification and additional milling and paving classes are being planned.

## New Equipment

To ensure that we provide the best-prepared operators on any job, new equipment is purchased or rented on a regular basis. Since January, the training fleet has added the following pieces of equipment:



Komatsu WA 200 loader  
Two Komatsu 360 Excavators  
Two Cat 336 Excavators  
A Cat 06 and Komatsu 065 Dozer  
Four Asphalt rollers  
A Skytrak and a CAT Forklift  
Two Volvo tri-axle trucks

## More Land

We are nearly finished with the process of adding land to the Dayton Campus. We are hopeful to have a closing of the property we are acquiring from Dallenbach Sand within a matter of weeks.



*Sean Siano learns to pump concrete from 32 meters from instructor Don McElroy. Fellow student Giuseppe Nardone look on.*

## Pouring concrete from the 35 yardline

Pouring concrete at a distance of 32-meters was made easier thanks to concrete pump lessons on Saturdays in July at the Dayton Training Center.

Concrete pumps reaching a third of a football field, were demonstrated by instructor Don McElroy. Local 825 members Sean Siano watched at close range, then took turns operating the boom.

These pumps are in demand, as they can pour concrete in hard-to-reach places, vertically or horizontally. They can snake into warehouses with low ceilings or beneath bridge decks and avoid overhead obstructions. Their versatility makes them highly sought after and, of course, makes trained operators equally sought after.

The class is just one of the many new programs offered at the Training Center in recent months.



*The 32-meter concrete pumper can penetrate hard-to-reach places at a distance.*



# Training Center moves toward tech college status

The Council On Occupational Education recognized the Dayton Training Center as a “candidate academy.” Applications also have been submitted to the NJ and NY Departments of Education for licensure as a technical college. Their responses are awaited before the end of this year.

As part of this evaluation, the apprenticeship program and current training classes were determined to be equivalent to 167 college credits. This means that anyone who has completed about one quarter of the current training center classes and who then adds another four technical or engineering classes and four general edu-

cation classes, would be eligible to receive an associates degree.

This effort to become an accredited technical college is complex, yet it is unfolding and may hold great promise for our members and our future.

We also remain in talks with a major developer of software for one of the heavy equipment manufacturers to train our trainers on their systems. This discussion has attracted the interest of the US Department of Labor. There is a possibility that the DOL may be willing to provide substantial funding to assist in building this partnership.

## Pile drivers combine for joint classes

Seventeen Dock Builders from Locals 179 in Philadelphia and 1556 in New York joined pile-driving apprentices from Local 825 in July for the fourth year of joint pile driving training.

Local 825 veteran trainers Joe Glova and Rich Kaminski shared skills and put the

trainees through exercises designed to teach them the trade and enable them to fill jobs in their respective states. Training Director Willie Vaccaro thanked all the trainers for sharing their years’ of experience and congratulated the members on their completion of the training.



## TRAINING CENTER CALENDAR

### NEW JERSEY TRAINING CENTER

All classes start at 7 a.m. unless otherwise noted. (732) 798-2170

### SEPTEMBER

OSHA 30

Must attend all four Saturdays – 7 a.m. start time

8 – Mod 1

15 – Mod 2

22 – Mod 3

29 – Mod 4

### OCTOBER

CCO

Four study Saturdays – 8 a.m. start time

6 (Saturday) Sign-up & TSS

13 (Saturday) TWR at 7:00 AM /  
TLL at 8:00 AM

20 (Saturday) OVR at 7:00 AM /  
LBT at 8:00 AM

27 (Saturday) LBC & Review

28 (Sunday) Written test

### NOVEMBER

Signal Person Class  
3, Saturday

Rigger Class  
10, Saturday

### NEW YORK TRAINING CENTER

(845) 673-3154

If you are interested in attending an OSHA 10, or a CPR Certification class or a class that is not listed, please contact either Craig Boyd 845-673-3154 or Chris Rumsey 845-674-9020. Once we have enough members for a class, you will be notified.

*Thanks to Melanie at the New Jersey Training Center for providing some of the photos on page 4, and all of them on pages 5 and 6.*

# Tower crane landmark dismantled

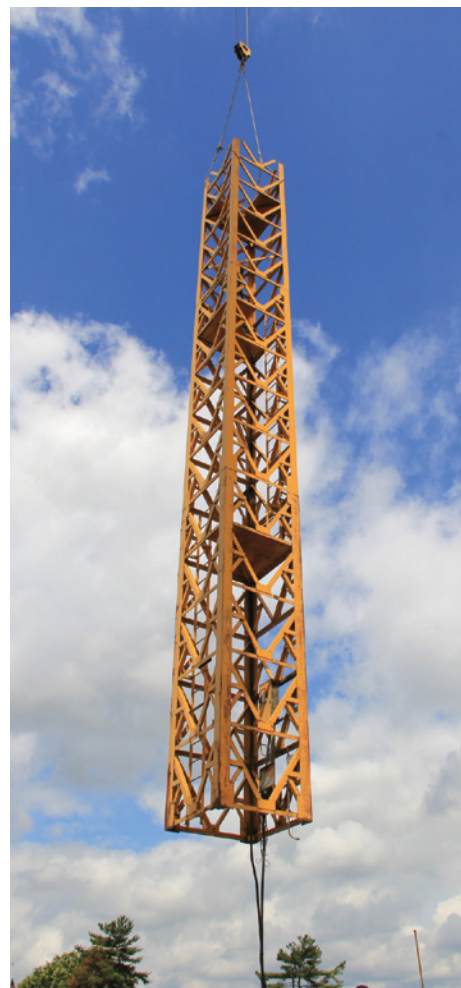
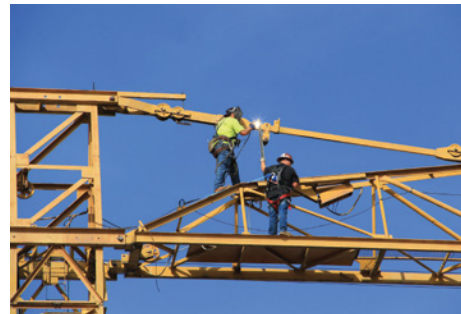
**T**he tower crane that beckoned to Turnpike motorists for 36 years is now part of Local 825 history.

On the last day of July, AmQuip – “the crane people” – methodically dismantled the crane that had loomed over the Dayton offices since 1982.

A 1969 Richier Tower Crane, it was donated for training by Tower Cranes of America. Said to be the Local’s first crane, it was used for much of the 1980s until it grew obsolete. Parts became scarce, making it impossible to maintain.

It served as a landmark and was also used up until recently by NJ Task Force One for training and rescue exercises. First responders practiced being lowered from a state police helicopter onto the boom and then hoisted up again to simulate emergency operations.

Newer equipment will take its place, including a Potain self-erecting tower, coming soon.





# It's six years later ... do you know who ELEC is?

In 2012, Local 825 members voted to create ELEC – Engineers Labor Employer Cooperative – to help stimulate economic development and create jobs.

The local's own labor-management organization, ELEC has been paying dividends ever since.

Its advocacy for TTF funding, for pipelines, for nuclear power plants, for "market recovery" projects and currently its Safe Crane initiative, ELEC has created jobs and been responsible for hundreds of thousands of work hours over its six years.

Under the direction of Mark Longo, business development is headed by Kate Gibbs, Community Affairs is Daniel Ortega, Exter-

nal Affairs is Mike Makarski and Jen Rachner handles member liaisons.

## **Market Recovery Program (MRP)**

The innovative MRP was designed to help our union contractors bid successfully against non-union contractors, particularly in areas where unions were under-represented. Since its inception, \$6.24 million in grants have yielded more than \$20 million in wages and benefits and more than 260,000 work hours.

## **Credentialing Reimbursement**

ELEC reimburses members for maintaining their licenses and clearances.

In the first six months of 2018, more than \$100,000 was returned to members. Since the program's start, more than \$660,000 has been returned to members.

## **Safe Crane initiative expands**

The Safe Crane program that began in 2016, following a spate of crane accidents in communities across New Jersey, continues to expand.

Through the first half of 2018, 28 municipalities and two counties (Hudson and Bergen) have adopted safe crane ordinances, a significant increase over the same period a year ago.

ELEC's model ordinance was developed with the assistance of the Training Center and Legal Counsel.

## Southern NJ Chamber honors Gibbs



*David Robbins Jr., president of South Jersey Gas (left) is joined by Kate Gibbs and Philadelphia Eagles' Ron Jaworski (right) who presented Kate with her public service award.*

Kate Gibbs received the Chamber of Commerce of Southern New Jersey Public Service Award in June and she received it from former Philadelphia Eagles legend Ron Jaworski, who emceed the event.

Kate has spearheaded business development for ELEC over the past five years, along with other duties. She serves the Burlington County community as a chosen freeholder and is only the third freeholder in 25 years to receive this award.

Kate was recognized at the annual Pinnacle Awards Reception at Lucien's Manor in Berlin on June 19.

*(Calendar continued from page 2)*

**8 – Columbus Day**

**10 – District 4 meeting**

NY Training Center  
96 Bates Gates Road, New Hampton, NY

**10 – District 1 Health Fair**

Crown Plaza  
2349 West Marlton Pike, Cherry Hill

**31 – Halloween**



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## BETTER BUILDING BEGINS HERE

# 825 Vets establish post



**A**fter 12 months of organization and recruitment, 16 Local 825 members have formed a Local 825 American Legion Post.

The new American Legion Post No. 532 was chartered on May 29, according to Business Manager Greg Lavee, who an-

nounced the post's formation at the semiannual meeting.

It was just one year ago at last year's meeting that Greg appealed to member veterans to join with Dave Spece, Jim Beslanovits and Joe Bove to recruit a minimum of fifteen vets, the number required to start a new post.

Sixteen Local 825 veterans are now charter members of the new post:

### Officers

Tyler Cotton, Commander  
Joseph Bove, Adjutant General  
Anthony Pein, Financial Officer  
Walter Whitten, Vice Commander

### Charter Members

Bill Brynes	John LoCrasto
Ed Altz	Chris McCart
Paul Kalnas	Robert McGrady
Mike Kiermaier	Justin Robinson
Vincent Kyzima	Bill Schwinof
Michael Lewis	Robert Walker

## Poker Run Sept. 23



Get your motor running ... the popular Poker Run is ready to ride on Sunday, Sept. 23, from the NJ Training Center to Jackson Township.

The event is always fun and concludes with a phenomenal barbecue and entertainment ... open to members whether they ride or not.

Your participation and contributions benefit the Local 825 Scholarship Fund.

Now that the minimum fifteen have joined the group, more members are being sought to help the group expand and plan activities and help make the Legion post part of the 825 family.