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

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Rain fails to royally flush sixth Poker Run

Local 825 members eager to take part as Riders on the Storm ...



You got to know when to hold 'em ... and know when to fold 'em, were words on the lips of many Local 825 bikers who decided whether to ride in the rain on Sept. 23 to benefit the Scholarship Fund. Attendance was down from the prior five years, although a small number of members

braved the elements to make the trip. Others followed in cars to attend the post-event barbeque in Jackson Township. See more photos on page 3. Also see ticket info for the November 9 dinner dance, this year's last fundraising opportunity for the scholarship fund.

CALENDAR

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

NOVEMBER

4 – Daylight Saving Time Ends

5 – District 1 Meeting

Kerri Brooke Caterers
755 S. White Horse Pike, Hammonton

6 – Election Day – VOTE!

7 – District 2 Meeting

FairBridge Hotel
195 Davidson Ave., Somerset

9 – Local 825 Scholarship Dinner Dance

6 p.m., The Palace
333 Davidson Ave., Somerset

11 – Veterans Day, UNION HOLIDAY

12 – District 3 Meeting

Holiday Inn
1000 International Drive, Mt. Olive.

14 – District 4 Meeting

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

22 – Thanksgiving – UNION HOLIDAY

DECEMBER

2 – Hanukkah

3 – District 1 Meeting

Kerri Brooke Caterers
755 S. White Horse Pike, Hammonton.

5 – District 2 Meeting

Sheraton Edison
125 Raritan Center Parkway, Edison

10 – District 3 Meeting

Russian Hall
464 Outwater Lane, Garfield

11 – Christmas Party

Hilton East Brunswick, 3 Tower Center
Boulevard, East Brunswick

12 – District 4 Meeting

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

21 – Winter begins

25 – Christmas, UNION HOLIDAY

26 – Kwanzaa

31 – New Year's Eve

VIEW FROM THE TOP

Greg Lalevee, Business Manager



Exercise your right to vote on Election Day Nov. 6

Every year, we publish candidate endorsements for the upcoming Election Day.

We continue our effort this year, as we identify candidates who demonstrate support for our interests and our values. Our endorsements are often acknowledged for showing bi-partisanship. That is because we evaluate candidates – regardless of their political affiliation – on their understanding of the issues, their stated positions and their actual records.

The preservation of prevailing wage legislation and the defeat of so-called “right-to-work” initiatives are always on our radar, because of their critical importance to our livelihoods.

On Sept. 23, our members got the chance to meet with their elected officials and candidates at our annual PAC meeting in East Brunswick. They spent the evening talking with them and probing their positions. See event photos on pages 4 and 5.

We applaud those members who took the time to join us and to vet the candidates. We also applaud the candidates for making time to meet with us.

Don't take for granted your right to vote. Every race is important, whether it is on the local or statewide level. We urge you to find your local candidates on our list of endorsements (on page 6), then do your part on Election Day.

Scholarship funding

After five years of great Poker Run fundraisers, this year's attendance was discouraged by rain. The event was still held and was considered a success by those who attended. We extend our gratitude to the participants, as well as to Chris Lalevee and his team for their efforts to ensure a great time, despite the weather.

We have one more fundraiser this year to help boost our fund and the additional scholarship that will be awarded in 2019. The bi-annual Dinner Dance at The Palace in Somerset on November 9 will give us one more chance for this year's drive. It is beautiful venue and the evening is high quality all the way, so we hope you will join us.

Apprentice Applicants

One periodic reminder of our IUOE membership value is demonstrated each time we give out apprentice applications. On Sept. 4 we gave out 250 applications in short order. Member hopefuls began lining up the Friday before, devoting five days just for a chance to apply to our local.

Don't forget ... exercise your constitutional right to vote on Nov. 6.

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Rain fails to choke 6th Poker Run

Under soggy skies, a rugged core of Local 825 bikers got up to speed for this year's Poker Run, benefitting the scholarship fund and its recipients.

"The odds were with us five year's in a row," said organizer Chris Laveve. "Those were good odds but we finally got rain."

The rain cut the number of riders but many members met up with the group at the Am Vets

in Jackson for the traditional barbeque.

Chris vowed to be back again next year to play another hand.

Meanwhile, Scholarship Fund Dinner Dance is another opportunity to help raise funds for next year's applicants. It will take place Nov. 9 at the Palace in Somerset. Contact Melissa Kulas at the Union Hall in Springfield for tickets.



Applicants line up to build future

Two-hundred-fifty applications were given out the same day they became available on Sept. 4 for the Operating Engineers Local 825 Apprenticeship Program spring training.

"We expected a large crowd because of the overwhelming amount of interest we received on Facebook," Training Director Willie Vaccaro said.

"It shows how so many people understand the value of being a member."

The applicant hopefuls began camping out the Friday before the Labor Day weekend. Many were joined by family members and turned the wait into a camping weekend.



Political hopefuls trade views and info with members

The annual Political Action Committee took place in late September with candidates, incumbents and staffers exchanging views with Local 825 members.

President John Wood opened the meeting, welcomed members and voted on candidate endorsements. The candidates were selected based on their level of interest in and commitment to issues related to organized labor, infrastructure and job creation.

The meeting was attended by a full range of state and local officials and candidates, from state senators, assemblymen and assemblywomen to county freeholders, town council and school board members.

The Local 825 members took advantage of the opportunity to speak informally with the representatives and prospective candidates and to dig deeper into their positions and beliefs.

A list of the endorsements is included on pages 6 and 7.





TRAINING CENTER CALENDAR

NEW JERSEY TRAINING CENTER

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

NOVEMBER

8-Hour Hazmat Refresher
Saturday, Nov. 17

The NJ and NY training centers will be closed:

- Saturday, Nov. 10
- Thursday, Nov. 22
- Friday, Nov. 23
- Saturday, Nov. 24

DECEMBER

Signal Person Class Refresher
Saturday, Dec. 1

Rigger Class
Saturday, Dec. 8

JANUARY

CCO

Four study Saturdays – 8 a.m. start time

Saturday, Jan. 5
Sign-up & TSS

Saturday 12, Jan.
TWR at 7 AM / TLL at 8 AM

Saturday 19, Jan.
OVR at 7:00 AM / LBT at 8:00 AM

Saturday 26, Jan.
LBC & Review

Sunday 27, Jan.
Written test

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.

Local 825 members vote to endorse these candidates for election on Tuesday, Nov. 6

FEDERAL CANDIDATES	DISTRICT	OFFICE			
Menendez, Bob	NJ	US Senate	Lavender, James	Gloucester County	County Freeholder
Norcross, Donald	Cd 1	US House Of Rep	Morina, Carmel	Gloucester County	County Sheriff
Van Drew, Jeff	Cd 2	US House Of Rep	Chila, Joe	Gloucester County	County Surrogate
MacArthur, Tom	Cd 3	US House Of Rep	Narra, Shanti	Middlesex County	County Freeholder
Smith, Chris	Cd 4	US House Of Rep	Rios, Ronald G	Middlesex County	County Freeholder
Gottheimer, Josh	Cd 5	US House Of Rep	Gesslein, Amber	Monmouth County	County Freeholder
Pallone, Frank	Cd 6	US House Of Rep	Decastro, Melissa	Salem County	County Freeholder
Lance, Leonard	Cd 7	US House Of Rep	Stemberger, Jesse	Salem County	County Freeholder
Sires, Albio	Cd 8	US House Of Rep	Gant, Bob	Salem County	County Sheriff
Pascrell, Bill	Cd 9	US House Of Rep	Caliguire, Mark	Somerset County	County Freeholder
Payne, Donald, Jr.	Cd 10	US House Of Rep	Scaglione, Patrick	Somerset County	County Freeholder
Sherrill, Mikie	Cd 11	US House Of Rep	Fantasia, Dawn	Sussex County	County Freeholder
Watson-Coleman, Bonnie	Cd 12	US House Of Rep	Hertzberg, Joshua L	Sussex County	County Freeholder
			Chiusano, Gary R	Sussex County	County Surrogate
			Petti, Vinnie	Bound Brook Borough	Municipal Office
			Reiman, Daniel J	Carteret Borough	Mayor
			Marrone, Matthew	Chesilhurst Borough	Council
			Armbruster, Mark	Clementon Borough	Council
			Mellor, Nathan C	Delanco Township	Council
			Cedeno, Carlos	Elizabeth City	Council
			Gallman Jr, William	Elizabeth City	Council
			Gonzalez, Nelson	Elizabeth City	Council
			Kiniery, Kevin J	Elizabeth City	Council
			Mazza, Frank O	Elizabeth City	Council
			Torres, Carlos L	Elizabeth City	Council
			Wildes, Michael	Englewood City	Mayor
			Steinmann, Bert H	Ewing Township	Committee
			Cutrone, Cristina	Fair Lawn Borough	Council
			Rosenberg, Michael	Fair Lawn Borough	Council
			Schenker, Greg	Folsom Borough	Council
			Schlick, Dave	Little Egg Harbor Twp	Committee
			Adams, Nancy J	Maplewood Township	Committee
			Cahill, James M	New Brunswick City	Mayor
			Egan, Kevin P	New Brunswick City	Municipal Office
			Escobar, Rebecca	New Brunswick City	Municipal Office
			Bianchi, Joseph P	North Arlington Borough	Mayor
			Biale, John P	Oakland Borough	Municipal Office
			Labarbiera, Richard	Paramus Borough	Mayor
			Tedesco-Santos, Holly	Paramus Borough	Council
			Verile, Pat	Paramus Borough	Council
			Bardoe, Angela	Pittsgrove Township	Committee
			Oswald, Matthew	Riverdale Borough	Council
			Accomando, Todd J	Saddle Brook Township	Committee
			Darminio, Karen	Saddle Brook Township	Committee
			White, Robert D	Saddle Brook Township	Committee
			Bierman, Kenneth	South Brunswick Twp	Committee
			Carley, Charles	South Brunswick Twp	Mayor
			Altamura, Ezio I	Wood-Ridge Borough	Council
NJ LEGISLATIVE	DISTRICT	OFFICE			
Lagana, Joe	Ld 38	NJ Senate			
Reynolds-Jackson, Verlina	Ld 15	NJ Assembly			
Verrelli, Anthony	Ld 15	NJ Assembly			
Carter, Linda	Ld 22	NJ Assembly			
Mejia, Pedro	Ld 32	NJ Assembly			
Timberlake, Britnee	Ld 34	NJ Assembly			
Calabrese, Clinton	Ld 36	NJ Assembly			
Swain, Lisa	Ld 38	NJ Assembly			
Tully, Chris	Ld 38	NJ Assembly			
NJ LOCAL	TOWN/COUNTY	OFFICE			
Bertino, James	Atlantic County	County Freeholder			
Formica, Frank D	Atlantic County	County Freeholder			
Kern, Maureen	Atlantic County	County Freeholder			
Tedesco III, James J	Bergen County	County Executive			
Tanelli, Steven A	Bergen County	County Freeholder			
Zur, Tracy Silna	Bergen County	County Freeholder			
Tyler, Tim	Burlington County	County Clerk			
Gibbs, Kate	Burlington County	County Freeholder			
Hughes, Linda	Burlington County	County Freeholder			
Moen Jr, William F	Camden County	County Freeholder			
Nash, Jeffrey L	Camden County	County Freeholder			
Shin Angulo, Susan	Camden County	County Freeholder			
Wilson, Gilbert L	Camden County	County Sheriff			
Schenerman, Jeremiah	Cape May County	County Freeholder			
Derella, Joseph J	Cumberland County	County Freeholder			
Quinn, James F	Cumberland County	County Freeholder			
Rainear, Douglas M	Cumberland County	County Surrogate			
Divincenzo Jr, Joseph N	Essex County	County Executive			
Cooper, Tyshammie L	Essex County	County Freeholder			
Fontoura, Armando B	Essex County	County Sheriff			
Damminger, Robert	Gloucester County	County Freeholder			

Marino, Edward	Wood-Ridge Borough	Council	NY LEGISLATURE	DISTRICT	OFFICE
Decesare, Vincent	Woodland Park	Council	David Carlucci	SD 38	NY Senate
Gatti, Tina	Woodland Park	Council	James Skoufis	SD 39	NY Senate
Kallert, Tracy	Woodland Park	Council	Annie Rabbit	SD 42	NY Senate
Rowand, Brett	Woodstown Borough	Council	Ken Zebrowski	Asm 96	NY Assembly
Stephanie Goncalves	Elizabeth City	Board of Education	Ellen Jaffee	Asm 97	NY Assembly
Charlene Bathelus	Elizabeth City	Board of Education	Karl Brabenec	Asm 98	NY Assembly
Iliana Chevres	Elizabeth City	Board of Education	Aileen Gunther	Asm 100	NY Assembly
			Brian Miller	Asm 101	NY Assembly
			Kevin Cahill	Asm 103	NY Assembly
			Jonathan Jacobson	Asm 104	NY Assembly
			Clifford Crouch	Asm 122	NY Assembly
NY STATE		OFFICE			
Andrew Cuomo		Governor			
Letita James		Attorney General			
NY FEDERAL	DISTRICT	OFFICE	NY LOCAL	TOWN/COUNTY	OFFICE
Kirsten Gillibrand	NY	US Senate	Paul Van Blarcum	Ulster County	Sheriff
Nita Lowey	CD 17	US House of Rep	Carl DeBois	Orange County	Sheriff
Sean Maloney	CD 18	US House of Rep	Torrance Harvey	City of Newburgh	Mayor
John Fasso	CD 19	US House of Rep	Anthony Grice	City of Newburgh	Council

11th District candidate shows interest

One of the candidates who earned our endorsement visited the Training Center in September. She came away from her visit with a first-hand appreciation of the investment that Local makes in its members to develop the best-qualified operating engineers.

The Local's commitment to training enhances the value of our operating engineers and also the level of expertise they're able to provide to the contractors who employ them.

Mikie Sherrill, candidate for Congress in New Jersey's 11th District, spent time with Greg and Business Agent John LoCresto, asking questions and listening to issues important to the union.

A graduate of the Naval Academy, a former Navy helicopter pilot, former prosecutor and current mother of four, Sherrill toured the 38-acre training facility and spent time on the crane simulator and then on the real thing in the field.

"With organized labor under attack, the need for elected representatives who understand building trades issues has never been greater," Greg said. "We appreciate her taking the time to visit with us and get a deeper understanding of our needs. Our members in District 11 and other voters can be assured that Mikie will provide steady leadership and a commitment to jobs and economic development and support for workers' rights important to our future."



Mikie expressed her appreciation. "I am proud to receive this endorsement," she said. "Faced with the rising cost of living and stagnant wages, working families across New Jersey are concerned about their future. Our community deserves a voice in Congress that puts the economic well-being of residents first and I will work hard to help create good-paying jobs and build a vibrant economy."

Triple-P becomes law



Gov. Murphy – joined by Greg Lavee and other state and local officials and private-sector partners – signs P-3 into law.

The Public-Private-Partnership that Local 825 and ELEC have championed for several years was signed into law in September.

Business Manager Greg Lavee was on hand with state leaders to witness Gov. Phil Murphy sign the bipartisan public-private-partnership bill into law.

"We've been advocating for 'triple-p' legislation for the past several years," Greg said. "We're pleased to see Gov. Murphy make this a reality."

The new law will promote economic development through public-private-partnership agreements between government entities and the private sector for building and highway infrastructure.

The law also requires that building construction projects contain a project labor agreement.



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BETTER BUILDING BEGINS HERE

Full field competes in Fourth Crane Rodeo

The Fourth Annual Crane Rodeo was held in September at the NJ Training Center.

Proctored by instructors Joe Glova & Chris Szpila, the participants were: Nick Agolio, DeLouie Avant, Kiernan Gill, Gleice Mengotto and Kevin Morrison. Congratula-

tions goes to Kevin Morrison who was this year's winner.

Shown in photo are (left to right) Joe Glova, Gleice Mengotto, Kiernan Gill, DeLouie Avant, Kevin Morrison, Nick Agolio and Chris Szpila.



Scholarship Dinner Dance Nov. 9

The bi-annual Local 825 Dinner Dance benefitting the Scholarship Fund will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 9, at the Palace, 333 Davidson Ave., Somerset.

The dinner dance is a quality event, with music, dancing and great food. Hold the date on your calendar and contact Melissa Kulas at the Union Hall for ticket information.

Time to work!

The Portal North Bridge along the Northeast Corridor is shovel ready, according to NJ Gov. Phil Murphy, who staged signing in September to highlight the state's interest in advancing this important infrastructure project.

Business Manager Greg Lavee joined Gov. Murphy, members of Congress, contractors and local elected officials to call for action and help build support to secure funding and advance this project toward actual construction.

