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After two years, 825 members ride again

Mother Nature deals a winning hand to the 8th annual Poker Run



American flags greet members as they enter Local 825's Dayton Training Center the morning of Sept. 26. Hundreds of members and guests took part in the first annual Poker Run to take

place in two years. Beautiful blue skies and cool temperatures helped bring out bikers of all ages in New Jersey and New York. More photos and information on pages 4 and 5.

CALENDAR

Dates are subject to change. If changes are made they will be posted to the IUOE825.ORG website.

November

2 – Election Day

6 – 100th Anniversary Dinner Dance

Harrah's Resort Atlantic City

7 – Daylight Savings Ends

turn clocks back

8 – District 1 meeting

Elks Lodge 1875

600 Washington Street, Toms River

10 – District 2 meeting

Magnuson Hotel (Formerly FairBridge Hotel)

195 Davidson Avenue, Somerset

11 – Veteran's Day – UNION HOLIDAY

15 – District 3 meeting

Russian Hall

464 Outwater Lane, Garfield

17 – District 4 meeting

NY Training Center

96 Bates Gates Road, New Hampton, NY

25 – Thanksgiving – UNION HOLIDAY

28 – Hanukkah

DECEMBER

6 – District 1 meeting

Aloft Mount Laurel

558 Fellowship Road, Mt. Laurel

8 – District 2 meeting

Sheraton Edison

125 Raritan Center Parkway, Edison

13 – District 3 meeting

Sheraton Parsippany Hotel

199 Smith Road, Parsippany

14 – Christmas Party

Hilton East Brunswick

3 Tower Center Boulevard, E. Brunswick

15 – District 4 meeting

NY Training Center

Bates Gates Road, New Hampton, NY

25 – Christmas

26 – Kwanzaa

31 – New Year's Eve

VIEW FROM THE TOP

Greg Lalevee, Business Manager



Make your vote count on Nov. 2

Our virtual Political Action Committee (PAC) meeting in September marked a return to an important practice of hearing from our local politicians and endorsing those who share our interests.

It is especially important this year in New Jersey because every seat in the state Assembly, Senate and Governor's office is up for election. As a local, we carefully review the positions candidates take on issues that are vital to our interests. We support those who support us, regardless of their political affiliation. A summary of our virtual PAC meeting, as well as some of our endorsements, are reported on page 7.

At the national level, Congress has still not passed the infrastructure funding bill, which is being held hostage as political leverage to encourage passage of a much larger reconciliation bill. Congress, and even the political parties, are split on this bill and as a result, infrastructure funding is waiting on the sidelines.

Election Day will be followed by our 100th Anniversary Dinner Dance, which might also be called the 101st Anniversary Dinner Dance, since the pandemic forced us to delay it by one

year. The gala event will be held at Harrah's Marina Hotel in Atlantic City. A fundraiser for our Scholarship Fund, the dinner dance will complete a successful year of fundraisers. More info on page 8.

The 8th Annual Poker Run is the latest of those scholarship fundraisers. The event – which also skipped a year because of the pandemic – drew a record number of riders on Sept. 26, thanks to sunny skies and cool temperatures. Photos on pages 4 and 5.

We're also hopeful that our annual Christmas Party will be held again after a year's hiatus. The event, which collects Toys for Tots, is scheduled to take place on Dec. 14 at the East Brunswick Hilton.

We enjoyed spending time with our retirees recently in New York (District 4), South Jersey (District 1) and Springfield (Districts 2 and 3). It's always fun to get together with friends and former workmates and find out what they're doing with their retirement. See page 3 for more detail and photos.

As we close out 2021, we reflect on the turnaround we've seen over the tumultuous 2020. We can only hope for a continued return to normal as the New Year approaches.

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15 IUOE Locals elect Lalevee

Local 825 President John Wood congratulated Business Manager Greg Lalevee for his recent election as President of the IUOE's Northeastern States Conference, a significant block of some of the largest locals in the United States and Canada.

Greg was elected at the NESC annual conference in early September in Massachusetts. He succeeds outgoing president, Dan McGraw. Greg expressed his gratitude at the appointment and also acknowledged the lifelong contributions of McGraw, presenting him with a plaque for his service.

McGraw is a fourth-generation operating engineer who served as Business Manager of IUOE Locals 106 and 158. A colonel in the New York Air National Guard, he served in the Middle East during the Iraq War.



Members honor retirees who 'went before'

Local 825 regularly honors its retirees and during the third week in September, members hosted a brunch for retirees and their guests from all four districts.

The groups were welcomed by Business Manager Greg Lalevee and President John Wood. They enjoyed brunch and caught up

with old friends and workmates.

Training Director Willie Vaccaro made a presentation of a 60-year plaque to his dad, Frank Vaccaro who, himself is the son of an operating engineer.

"It's all about understanding that we didn't just get here by ourselves," said Greg. "Others

forged the way for us. It's important that we let them know we appreciate their service and that we carry on for the benefit of the generation who will follow us."

Photos shown here are from the District 2 and 3 brunch held in the Local's headquarters in Springfield.



Frank Vaccaro, left, receives his 60-year plaque from son Willie (right) and Greg Lalevee (center).



Local 825 bikers ride again, raising scholarship funds

Great weather cooperates for a great ride and afternoon barbecue

The first Local 825 Poker Run in two years got off to a roaring start at two locations Sunday, Sept. 26. Blue skies and temperatures going into the 70s guaranteed good attendance and a perfect ride.

Business Manager Greg Lavee and President John Wood were on hand to greet the riders as they registered.

"This is the first year members can pick one of two starting points," said event organizer Chris Lavee. "Riders can start from either of our two training centers, New Jersey or New York."

New Jersey riders travel first to Monroe, then onto Keyport, Highlands and back to the Yacht Club in Rahway for an afternoon barbecue. New York riders were headed south and had their own stops, joining their brothers and sisters in Rahway for the barbecue.

Before even tallying up the attendance, Chris reported that this year's turnout would prove to be the largest to date.

The Poker Run is one of five fundraisers for the Local 825 Scholarship Fund, which provides \$10,000 scholarships to 10 children or grandchildren of Local 825 members each year. The other events this year have included the Golf Outing, Sporting Clays Shootout, Belmar Fishing Trip and the 100th Anniversary Dinner Dance set for November 6.





Paramus, Bridgewater, Perth Amboy projects in full swing

Member work crews take advantage of late summer weather to advance several projects throughout the region.

In Paramus, work progresses on the new Valley Hospital. The 372-bed facility is situated on a state-of-the-art campus that will house the 910,000-square-foot facility. The project is about three years into construction and has at times employed between 8 and 15 members. Diane Papa, a member of the Local 825 Women's Committee, is lead engineer for Vollers/Torcon.

In Perth Amboy, as many as 16 members at a time help prepare the groundwork for the new high school. Since January, crews have taken part in excavation, site prep, utilities and foundation excavation. Concrete pumping will provide work for the new multi-story school building and parking garage. The employer is Nordic Contracting; general contractor is Terminal Construction and Dinallo Construction Corp. Lead Engineer is Jim Messina.

In Bridgewater, Allison Stroessenruether moves mountains for Barbella Construction Services on site at the old American Cyanamid Impound 8. On the job for 7 months, she's hopeful for her work to continue through December.



Being a hoist operator has its ups and downs but Local 825's Benny Marfia takes it in stride as he takes Diane Papa to the top of the new Valley Hospital. Diane is Lead Engineer for Vollers/Torcon and a member of the Women's Committee.



825 members (left to right) Nicky Vitcusk, Anthony Bijaczyk, Keith Hartle, Jim Messina, John Miller, Ivette Ellis, Michael Lopiccio and Sean Flynn are on Perth Amboy High School construction site.



Perth Amboy High School Lead Engineer Jim Messina provides guidance to team members.



Ivette Ellis, a member of the Women's Committee, handles the excavator with ease after 31 years' experience.

TRAINING CENTER CALENDAR

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NEW JERSEY TRAINING CENTER

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

NOVEMBER

Saturday, Nov. 6 - Signal Person
Saturday, Nov. 13 - Rigger Class
Saturday, Nov. 13 - Temporary Heat
Saturday, Nov. 20 - Hazmat Refresher

DECEMBER

Saturday, Dec. 4 - Hazmat Refresher
Saturday, Dec. 4 - Signal Person
Saturday, Dec. 11 - OSHA 10, Mod 1
Saturday, Dec. 18 - OSHA 10, Mod 2

NEW YORK TRAINING CENTER

New York Training Center (845) 673-3154

Please contact the New York Training Center to put your name on the list for a class or certification you need to take. If you do not see the class listed above, let them know and once we have enough names for a class, members will be notified.



John Dacunzo operates the excavator at Valley Hospital.



Ally Stroessenruether is a second-year apprentice and member of the Local 825 Women's Committee.

PAC meeting announces endorsements

Our endorsed candidates have an asterisk * after their names

This year's Political Action Committee (PAC) Meeting took place via Zoom conference. On Election Day, Nov. 2, the race for New Jersey governor and every seat in the Legisla-

ture is up for election. In New York, the races are all on the county and municipal levels.

The NJ gubernatorial candidates, incumbent Democrat Phil Murphy and Republican challenger Jack Ciattarelli, both produced short videos that were submitted to Local 825 and played for the members during the meeting.

Business Manager Greg Lalevee said that endorsements were not made in every race,

including the governor's race. Endorsements are decided on the basis of each candidate's position on our issues, rather than on political affiliation. It is possible additional endorsements will be made prior to Election Day, but as of this newsletter's press time, our selections are as follows. We urge all of our members and their families to vote on Election Day.

NEW JERSEY LEGISLATURE ELECTIONS

District 1 (Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland)

Senator Michael Testa – R*
Assemblyman Antwan L. McClellan – R*
Assemblyman Erik K. Simonsen – R*

District 2 (Atlantic County) – No Endorsements

District 3 (Salem, Gloucester, Cumberland)

Senator Stephen M. Sweeney – D*
Assemblyman John Burzichelli – D*
Assemblyman Adam J. Taliaferro D*

District 4 (Camden, Gloucester)

Senator Fred H. Madden – D*
Assemblyman Paul D. Moriarity – D*
Assemblywoman Gabriela M. Mosquera – D*

District 5 (Camden, Gloucester)

Senator Nilsa I. Cruz-Perez – D*
Assemblyman William F. Moen – D*
Assemblyman William Spearman – D*

District 6 (Burlington, Camden)

Senator James Beach – D*
Assemblyman Louis D. Greenwald – D*
Assemblywoman Pamela R. Lampitt – D*

District 7 (Burlington)

Senator Troy Singleton – D*
Assemblyman Carol Murphy – D*
Assemblywoman Herb Conway – D*

District 8 (Atlantic, Burlington, Camden)

No Endorsement

District 9 (Atlantic, Burlington, Ocean)

No Endorsement

District 10 (Ocean)

No Endorsement

District 11 (Monmouth)

Senator Vin Gopal – D*
Assemblyman Eric Houghtaling – D*

District 12 (Burlington, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean)

Assemblyman Ron Dancer – R*

District 13 (Monmouth)

Senator Declan O'Scanlon – R*

District 14 (Mercer, Middlesex)

Senator Linda Greenstein – D*
Assemblyman Wayne DeAngelo – D*
(Union Electrician)

District 15 (Hunterdon, Mercer)

Senator Shirley Turner – D*
Assemblyman Anthony Verelli – D*
(Union Carpenter)
Assemblyman Verlina Reynolds-Jackson - D*

District 16 (Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Somerset)

No Endorsement

District 17 (Middlesex, Somerset)

Senator Bob Smith – D*
Assemblyman Joe Egan – D*
(Union Electrician)

District 18 (Middlesex)

Senator Patrick J. Diegnan – D*
Assemblyman Robert J. Karabinchak – D*
Assemblyman Sterley S. Stanley – D*

District 19 (Middlesex)

Senator Joseph F. Vitale – D*
Assemblyman Craig J. Coughlin – D*
Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez – D*

District 20 (Union)

Senator Joe Cryan – D*

District 21 (Morris, Somerset, Union)

Senate Candidate Jon Bramnick – R*
Assemblywoman Nancy Munoz – R*
Assembly Candidate Michelle Matsikoudis – R*

District 22 (Middlesex, Somerset, Union)

Senator Nick Scutari – D*

District 23 (Hunterdon, Somerset, Warren)

No Endorsement

District 24 (Morris, Sussex, Warren)

Senator Steven V. Oroho – R*
Assemblyman Parker Space – R*
Assemblyman Harold Wirths – R*

District 25 (Morris, Somerset)

Senator Anthony M. Bucco – R*
Assemblyman Brian Bergen – R*
Assemblywoman Aura Dunn – R*

District 26 (Essex, Morris, Passaic)

Senator Joseph Pennachio – R*

District 27 (Essex, Morris)

Senator Richard Codey – D*

District 28 (Essex)

Senator Ronald Rice – D*

District 29 (Essex)

Senator M. Teresa Ruiz – D*

District 30 (Monmouth, Ocean)

Assemblyman Sean T. Kean – R*
Assemblyman Edward H. Thomson – R*

District 31 (Hudson)

Senator Sandra B. Cunningham – D*
Assembly Candidate William Sampson – D*
(Longshoreman)
Assemblywoman Angela V. McKnight – D*

District 32 (Bergen, Hudson)

Senator Nick Sacco – D*

District 33 (Hudson)

Senator Brian Stack – D*

District 34 (Essex, Passaic)

Senator Nia Gill - D*
Assemblyman Tom Giblin – D*
(IUOE Local 68)

District 35 (Bergen, Passaic)

Senator Nellie Pou – D*
Assemblywoman Shavonda E. Sumpter – D*
Assemblyman Benjie E. Wimberly – D*

District 36 (Bergen, Passaic)

Senator Paula A. Sarlo – D*
Assemblyman Gary S. Schaer – D*

District 37 (Bergen)

Senate Candidate Gordon M. Johnson – D
Assemblyman Shama Haider – D
Assemblywoman Ellen Park – D

District 38 (Bergen, Passaic)

Senator Joseph A. Lagana – D*
Assemblywoman Lisa Swain – D*
Assemblyman P. Christopher Tully – D*

District 39 (Bergen, Passaic)

Senate Candidate Holly Shepisi – R

District 40 (Bergen, Essex, Morris, Passaic)

Senator Kristin Corrado – R*

NEW YORK COUNTY & MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Rockland County

County Executive Ed Day
District Attorney Thomas Walsh
Clarkstown Supervisor George Hoehmann
Haverstraw Supervisor Howard Phillips
Orangetown Supervisor Teresa Kenny
Stony Point Supervisor James Monaghan

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Middletown Mayor Joe DeStefano
Montgomery Supervisor Brian Maher
Newburgh Supervisor Gil Piaquadio
Wallkill Supervisor Frank DeDeanto
Wawayanda Supervisor Denise Quinn

Sullivan County

County Sheriff Mike Schiff

Ulster County

County Legislator D2 Joseph Maloney
County Legislator D4 Brian Cahill
County Legislator D6 Dave Donaldson
County Legislator D8 Laura Petit
County Legislator D12 Kevin Roberts
County Legislator D13 Ken Ronk
County Legislator D23 Jonathon Heppner
Rochester Supervisor Beatrice Haugen-Depuy
Marlboro Supervisor Alphonso Lanzetta
Ulster Councilman Rocco Secreto
Kingston Alderman Ward 9 Michelle Hirsch
Kingston Alderman Ward 1 Steve Peruso
Kingston Alderman Ward 7 Mike Oliveri
Supreme Court Justice D3 Kevin Bryan

NEW JERSEY COUNTY & MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Bergen County

Commissioner Steve Tanelli
Commissioner Tracy Zur
Sheriff Anthony Cureton

Burlington County

Medford Twp Chuck Watson
Medford Twp Erik Rebstock
Medford Twp Donna Symons

Camden County

Commissioner Melinda Kane
Commissioner Jeffrey Nash
Commissioner Almar Dyer
Sheriff Whip Wilson

Cumberland County

Commissioner Joe Derella
Commissioner Priscilla Oscasio-Jimenez
Millville Commissioner Jim Quinn
Millville Commissioner Bruce Cooper
Millville Commissioner Joe Pepitone

Gloucester County

Commissioner Robert Damminger
Commissioner Denice Dicarolo
Sheriff Carmel Morina
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Deptford Twp Council Bill Lamb
Deptford Twp Council Ken Barnshaw
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Monroe BOE Tony Ayres
Monroe BOE Cody Miller
Monroe BOE David Chando

Hudson County

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Jersey City Council Ward E James Soloman

Middlesex County

Commissioner Ronald G. Rios
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Ward 2 Rupa Siegel
Ward 3 Alton Kinsey II
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Edison Council Margot Harris
Edison Council Nishith Patel
Edison Council John Poyner

Morris County

Commissioner Debra Smith
Commissioner Stephen Shaw
Commissioner John Krickus

Sussex County

Commissioner Chris Carney (Local 825)
Commissioner Dawn Fantasia