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

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## Weather deals Poker Run a winning hand

Tropical storm Ophelia forces one week delay, all the better for a great day



Originally scheduled to motor down the highway a week earlier, Tropical Storm Ophelia dealt a blow to Local 825's 11th Annual Poker Run. But the delay was short-lived. A one-week postponement made all the difference in the

world, providing crisp weather and blue skies to approximately 200 easy riders. The day turned up a winning hand for the popular ride for members, families and guests. For more photos and information, see page 5.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

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

### November

**5 – Daylight Savings ends, turn clocks back one hour.**

**6 – District 1 Meeting**

Elks Lodge 1875,  
600 Washington Street, Toms River.

**7 – Election Day. Be sure to vote.**

**8 – District 2 Meeting**

Hilton Garden Inn  
304 Rt. 22 West, Springfield, NJ.

**11 – Veterans Day – UNION HOLIDAY.**

**13 – District 3 Meeting**

Holiday Inn  
1000 International Drive, Mt. Olive.

**15 – District 4 Meeting**

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

**23 – Thanksgiving – UNION HOLIDAY.**

### December

**4 – District 1 Meeting**

Double Tree Suites by Hilton  
515 Fellowship Road, Mt. Laurel.

**6 – District 2 Meeting**

Hilton Garden Inn  
50 Raritan Center Parkway, Edison.

**7 – Hanukkah**

**11 – District 3 Meeting**

Russian Hall  
464 Outwater Lane, Garfield.

**12 – Christmas Party**

Hilton East Brunswick  
3 Tower Center Blvd., East Brunswick.

**13 – 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 Lavee, Business Manager*



## Step up to the challenges

**A**ll of a sudden summer is over. We're ready to set the clocks back on Nov. 5 and go to the polls on Nov. 7.

As we leave 2023 in the rear view mirror, let's reflect on where we've been.

The work picture has been good. Members have hours. In fact, it's been so good, there's a danger we take it for granted and become choosy or complacent.

Some jobs are coming where working conditions and skill sets will be challenging. The Portal Bridge is about a third complete and the Gateway tunnel is going to start soon. There will be opportunities with water and other projects. People will be needed on utility excavators, backhoes, Junttan pile drivers, the Casagrande and Bauer drill rigs.

I'm already being asked, "Are you going to be able to fill these jobs?" Because if we're not, others will challenge us for them.

A concern is that we have gotten satisfied with the way things have been. Some may find it challenging to work in a tunnel all day or night. The question is, are we willing to leave our comfort zones and venture into new and challenging projects.

And while infrastructure work is expected to continue, higher interest rates are starting to

slow things down in the private sector.

So members need to train to expand their skills to include the equipment that will be in demand, and they must be willing to meet the coming challenges.

### Leadership challenges too

There are also grave challenges on the political front: national, state and local. The partisan divide has grown wider, making it harder to compromise to get anything done. Instead of worrying about electric cars, dress codes or banning gas stoves, we should be trying to move forward.

That's why it is so important that we vote on Nov. 7. Vote for people who share our values and who are willing to work together.

On the local level, we are particularly pulling for brothers Latham Tiver in Legislative District 8 and Matthew Walker in District 4. (See more info on page 3). Lath is running for state Senate and Matt is running for a seat in the Assembly. It would be great to have them as our representatives and we urge everyone eligible to vote for them.

As the year closes out, we hope everyone enjoys a happy Thanksgiving and joins us on Dec. 12 for our holiday party.

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# LDs 4 and 8 command 825's attention

**A**lthough the entire NJ Legislature is up for election on Nov. 7, our attention is riveted on two South Jersey districts.

In Legislative District 8 – which is mostly in Burlington County and five towns in Atlantic County – Business Agent Latham Tiver is the Republican Party's nominee for State Senate. In the Legislative District 4 – which is primarily Gloucester County and parts of Camden and Atlantic Counties – Training Center Instructor and Executive Board member Matt Walker is the Republican candidate for State Assembly.

If either is successful, and we are confident they will be, it would mark a return of having Local 825 members in the state's Legislature. The last time this happened was when retiree John Amodeo served in the Assembly, from 2008 to 2014.

If you live in Legislative District, 4 or 8, be sure to make your vote count.



**Matthew Walker**



**Latham Tiver**



**PAC meeting**



**IUOE 40th GENERAL CONVENTION** – Local 825 dispatched its officers, business agents and executive board members to Florida earlier this year to attend the 40th General Convention of the International Union of Operating Engineers. The theme of this year's conference was "Seize the Moment."



# Retirees keep friendships intact over brunch

**R**egular get-togethers keep life-long friendships strong, thanks to periodic brunches held locally throughout the Districts.

Business Manager Greg Lavee and President John Wood were on hand to welcome members of Districts 2 and 3 at the Union Hall in late September. They presented service anniversary plaques to many of the members.

"It's important to celebrate the accomplish-

ments and dedication to our members who helped shape Local 825 for more than fifty years," said Greg. "It's on us to maintain our relationships and let them know how much we appreciate their years of service."

In handing out the plaques, Greg and John thanked everyone in attendance for their dedication and years of hard work that have left an indelible mark on the local.





# Poker Run rides off after weather delay

## What a difference a week makes

**T**he 11th Annual Poker Run took off a week later than planned, thanks to tropical storm Ophelia, which battered the entire Eastern Seaboard on the day the event was originally scheduled.

But a week's delay made all the difference. Just seven days later the weather was perfect for the 60-mile ride that began at the NJ Training Center and ended at the annual barbecue at the Old Bridge Moose Lodge.

Business Manager Greg Lavee, President John Wood and Training Director Willie Vaccaro were on hand to greet riders at the morning registration. Members started riding out at 10:30 and by 11 the parking lot was almost clear.

Event organizer Chris Lavee was happy with the turnout, which he estimated to be around 200. An additional 40 to 50 guests were expected to join the party following the ride for the afternoon barbecue.

Prizes and gift cards were given out. And despite last week's washout, the 11th Annual Poker Run will be remembered as a great ride.



# Training Center advances with new equipment, apprentices

**T**he Dayton Training Center has purchased two John Deere bulldozers – the 450 and the 550 – each with less than 800 hours on them. The new machines will be put into service immediately and be on hand for the upcoming winter training classes. The K-series dozers are more powerful than their predecessors and come with upgrades from cab comfort, state of the art software and blade controls that can shake off dirt at the touch of a button.



*The rugged John Deere 550K is one of two recent acquisitions that will be available for training soon.*

Although winter classes were not scheduled as this newsletter went to print, the classes will be similar to last year's courses, which included: 360 Forklift, GPS Dozer, Bauer/Casagrande, Basic Crane Class, Basic Combo, Basic Dozer, Basic Excavator, Paving Classes (miller, paver, roller, transfer) and a Welding class. Be sure to check with the training center for updated schedules toward the end of the year.

250 Apprentice Apps went up for grabs on Oct. 17 and, as expected based on the same experience every year, they went fast.

## 825 women support breast cancer event

The Local 825 Women's Committee raised \$3,983 for the annual New Jersey More Than Pink walk benefitting the Susan Komen Foundation to aid in the fight against breast cancer.

The walk took place today at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, NJ. The annual event raises funds to support breast cancer patients, research and patient navigation services.

Susan G. Komen® is the world's leading nonprofit breast cancer organization, working to save lives and end breast cancer forever.

Tammy Good of the Women's Com-



*Left to right: Ally Stroessenreuther, Kayla Gieger and Diane Papa represent Local 825 at the More Than Pink event.*

mittee thanks everyone for their support during the event and for their generous donations.

## TRAINING CENTER CALENDAR

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### NEW JERSEY TRAINING CENTER

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

#### Fire Watch and Temporary Heat Class

Sat. November 4

#### Signal Person Class

Sat. November 11

#### Rigger Class

Sat. November 18

#### 8 hour Hazmat Refresher

Sat. November 18

#### Crane Standards and Review Class

Review days – Nov. 4, 11, 18.

Test on Sunday November 19.

#### Fire Watch and Temporary Heat class

Sat. December 2

#### 8 hour Hazmat Refresher

Sat. December 2

#### OSHA 10 Mod 1

Sat. December 9

#### OSHA 10 Mod 2

Sat. December 16

### NEW YORK TRAINING CENTER

(845) 673-3154

(All classes start at 7 a.m. unless noted otherwise)

#### 8-Hour HAZMAT Refresher

To be announced

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.



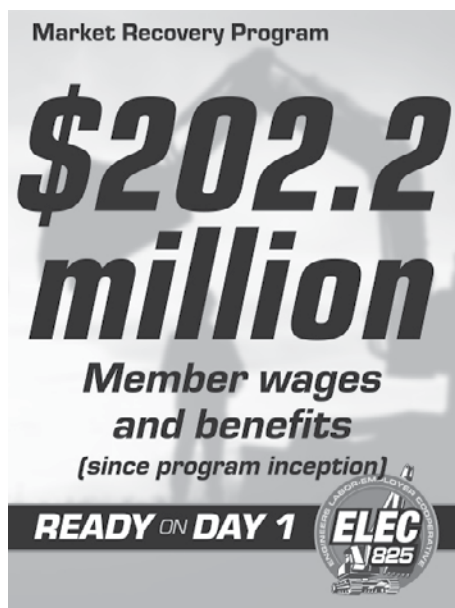
# ELEC builds on record of reimbursements, jobs

**S**ince its beginning, ELEC has focused on returning value to members in the way of reimbursements and winning jobs that previously were lost to non-union contractors.

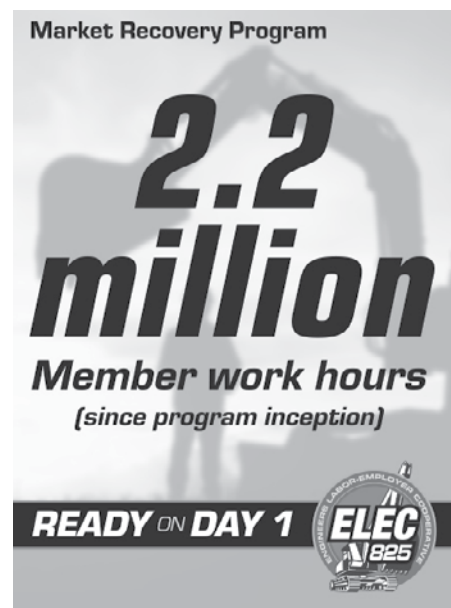
ELEC825 has paid nearly \$30 million to date in grants to signatory contractors to secure work that previously was out of their competitive reach. In so doing, it has created more than 2.2 million hours of work for our members, generating more than \$200 million in wages and benefits.

During this year alone, ELEC825 provided \$8.2 million to create nearly 220 thousand OE man hours of work. Another \$14.7 million has been awarded to contractors for work that has been secured and is currently under construction. Another \$11.6 million has been approved for work that is pending bid out-come.

ELEC continues to utilize the Market Recovery Program, enabling Local 825's leadership, organizers and business agents to



assist signatory contractors and help make them more competitive in critical private sector market segments where we are seeking to



expand our union footprint.

## Gloucester, Camden cleanup continues

**C**leanup is progressing at the Welsbach and General Gas Mantle superfund site in Gloucester City.

The contamination site extends to locations in Camden City. Included are two former incandescent gas mantle manufacturing facilities, as well as nearly 1,000 residential, commercial, industrial and recreational properties.

The work involves low-level radiation soil remediation at the port in Gloucester City, parts of Camden City and residential homes in Gloucester City. Work includes building a water treatment plant that will assist with the remediation.

The Local 825 members working onsite are Bob Crawford (Lead Operator), Lee St Clair, John Humphreys, Joe Hodges, Jeff Iozzi, Kelly Raeuber, Neil Klipp and Patrick Smith.

The project is a joint venture between HydroGeologic, Inc. and Aptim. Representatives from the Army Corps of Engineers, the

EPA and archeologists are onsite.

The Welsbach Company manufactured gas mantles at these locations from the 1890s through the 1940s. The radioactive substances thorium and radium were used in the manufacturing process. These elements give off gamma radiation as part of the process of radioactive decay. The site's long-term cleanup is ongoing.

*Thanks to Kelly Raeuber for providing the photos and background for this story.*





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## BETTER BUILDING BEGINS HERE

### Salem County Windport picks up steam

The New Jersey Wind Port will provide a location for essential staging, assembly, and manufacturing activities related to offshore wind projects on the East Coast.

Local 825 members are at work on Phase 1 of Windport construction in Atlantic County. Following the Sept. 2021 groundbreaking, work began on the 30-acre marshalling port phase. This phase is scheduled for completion in early 2024. Overall phase 1 work includes:

- Dredging from the Delaware River Channel to accommodate passage of offshore wind installation vessels
- Heavy-lift wharf with dedicated delivery and installation berths that can accommodate jack-up vessels
- A 30-acre marshalling area for component assembly and staging
- Construction of installation and delivery berths able to accommodate marshalling and export of offshore wind project components
- Overland heavy-haul transportation corridors capable of delivering safe maneuvering of Tier-1 components such as nacelles, towers



**Progress photo of the NJ Windport in Salem County obtained with the help of Business Agent Ed Kalinowski through the office of Aecom Tishman working in concert with the NJ EDA.**

and blades between inland port parcels and berths. Phase 2 work is anticipated to begin in 2026 and will include 35 acres of additional marshalling space, enabling two projects to marshal from the Port concurrently.

The State of New Jersey is committed to constructing the New Jersey Wind Port using union labor and requires developers and contractors to pay prevailing wage.