IBEW Local Union #43

Newsletter

Union Office.....422-0435 - Business Manager, President, Organizers, Job Referral, Dues

Funds Office......474-5729 - Benefits, Pension, Annuity, Health Insurance

JATC Training Center...546-0221 - Apprentice Classes, Training



Tuesday - September 6, 2016

Union Meeting Schedule

6:00 pm at the

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Doubletree Hotel

6301 St. Rte. 298, east of Carrier Circle

*** Annual Retirees Party ***

Please visit Brother Brian Stevens' gofundme page online -

www.gofundme.com/226x7yc

Brian was diagnosed with Type I diabetes at the age of 4. He is 32 years old now, the father of a beautiful young boy, and is in serious need of our help.

While zealously pursuing his 5th year of apprenticeship with Local 43, his renal failure progressed, he was unable to continue working and his medical insurance became depleted.

He is now in desperate need of a kidney transplant and also needs a pancreas. This past year, in preparation for his transplants, Brian has incurred substantial expenses for his medical care.

Please go to www.gofundme.com/226x7yc to read his story.

Retirees' Meetings

The August meeting will be a Picnic at the NYS Barge Canal Lock 23 on Wednesday, August 17, at Noon. The Club will provide a tray of subs and chips, members should bring their favorite beverage to drink.

If you plan to attend the picnic, please RSVP Dave Wierowski at 468-0383 (Home) or 420-6272 (Cell) or email david.wierowski@live.com

You can pay your yearly club dues by sending a check in the amount of s 20.00 made out to: IBEW LU 43 Retirees Club Mail it to Jim Pagano, 111 Sherfield Drive, Syracuse, NY 13209

Our Retirees' Meetings are a great way to stay in touch!

No RSVP needed - All retirees, wives and retirees' widows are welcome. Please join us!

SYRACUSE STRONG Semi-Pro Football Team

Local 43 has 2 passes available for admission to each of the 2016 home games. Members may reserve the use of the 2 passes, for one home game.

If you are interested, please call the Union office to reserve a one-time use of the 2 passes. Passes must be picked up at the Union office and promptly returned after the game.

> Home games are played at the Valley Sports Complex, 100 Amidon Drive, Syracuse, NY Valley Field at Meachem Park - Kick-offs @ 7PM

Go to www.syracusestrong.com for more information

Union Dues

You can pay ahead either:

1 Quarter (3 Months) =	\$ 103.50
½ Year (6 Months) =	\$ 207.00
¾ Year (9 Months) =	\$ 310.50
Full Year (12 Months) =	\$ 414.00

Congratulations to our newly elected Officials

In the last Newsletter, Tim Lazore's name was inadvertently left off the list of the newly elected Executive Board. The members of the Executive Board for the next three years will be:

Alan Marzullo - Chairman Jeffrey Cassano Kevin Crawford Richard Godden

Patrick Harrington Timothy Lazore Jeremy Wentworth

Obituaries

IBEW 43 notes the passing of these members, with gratitude for their service to the union.

Kevin Berkey passed away July 10th at age 58. Brother Berkey was initiated into Local 43 in 1995. He was an IBEW member for 21 years.

Terry Lindsey passed away June 4th at age 82. Brother Lindsey was initiated into Local 181 in 1954. He was an IBEW member for 62 years.

Tim Mowry passed away June 20th at age 61. Brother Mowry was initiated into Local 328 in 1978. He was an IBEW member for 11 years through 1989.

Richard Yerdon passed away June 23rd at age 68. Brother Yerdon was initiated into Local 43 in 1995. He was an IBEW member for 21 years.

<u>21st Annual Frank Kite</u> Memorial Golf Tournament

A big THANK YOU goes out to all the Players / Sponsors of this annual event that was held on Saturday July 23rd, 2016! Our Players from Local 43 this year were:

Pat Costello Jerry Comer Dan Bova Paul Bova Peter Baker Denny Ryan Paul Kloc Dennis Breheny Joe Canestrare Jim Doring Jack Pryor Rich Godden Jack Lowery Mike Kite Charlie Czarnecki Matt Mace Kevin Crawford Ron Sheffield Jammie Mullen Kevin Mullen Matt Mullen Dennis VanSlyke Matt Bellardini Dan Miller Rick Geremski Rick Geremski, III Andrew Perogino Dwayne Davis Dave Nichols Jay Tebo Ed Royal Mark Rice Tim Power



All proceeds from this tournament are used to continue the Frank Kite Memorial Scholarship Fund established in 1996. We are awarding scholarships to three deserving seniors, two from Chittenango High School and one from Hamilton High School, who plan to continue their education.

This fund was established to honor the memory of a great union member by helping young men and women attend the college of their choice.

Kevin Klee Chris Sturtz Conrad Dorn Clark Newton Jeremy Hildreth Josh Shoff Scott Dufrane Tobey Elias Pete Carolin Ron Canestrare Mike Williams

Taylor Cherchio Ryan Cabiles Mark Leska Paul Gubbins Keith Prignon Mike Maher Matt Wilson Ryan Scott Mike Deuel Ryan Oleyourryk Nick Moltion Jeremy Meyers Dan Hibbard Joseph Dejesus Dave Fresch Nate Hawley Mike Hartmann Don Pierson Jeremy Delahunt

News from the Health and Welfare Office:

Health Compliance News Highlights

HRAs Covering Active Members:

Due to a change in the law, effective July 1, 2016, the HRA cannot reimburse **active** members for premiums paid for health insurance in the individual market, the federal Marketplace or a state Exchange. This is true even if the member has money left in his or her HRA after he or she ceases to be covered under the group health plan that is integrated with the HRA. In other words, the prohibition on reimbursing individual market premiums continues throughout the "spend-down" phase of the HRA.

The HRA may reimburse individuals for premiums for individual market coverage if that coverage consists only of "excepted benefits," such as insured dental, vision or specific illness coverage.

HRAs Covering **<u>Retired</u>** Members:

HRAs, subject to account balances, may continue to reimburse **retirees** for premiums paid for health insurance in the individual market, the federal Marketplace or a state Exchange. However, the retiree would not be eligible for a federal premium assistance tax credit in the federal Marketplace or a state Exchange because the HRA is considered group health plan coverage.

News from the JATC Training Center:

Reminder: The Training Center's summer hours are 7:00 am - 4:00 pm, please call 546-0221 if you will need assistance outside these hours.

<u>Reminder to all Journeymen</u> ⇒

In our current contract - Section 2.19 Tool List - it states "In addition, Journeymen shall be responsible to have verifiable 'OSHA-10' training and CPR Certified Training." Please call the JATC (315-546-0221) to see when the next scheduled classes are, if you need either of these training sessions. OSHA-10 and CPR training are needed to work in Local 43's jurisdiction as a Journeyman.

<u>Free, Confidential Counseling Services</u> provided by Mental Health Professionals are available either in-person or over the phone. We encourage you and your eligible family members to take advantage of this benefit whenever you feel that life is getting too stressful.

Call 1.800.EAP.CALL or log on at www.mybalanceworks.com

Our Member ID is: <u>93793410</u> Our Group ID is: <u>8413</u>