

IBEW LOCAL NO. 43

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2002

MEETING DATE CHANGE

The November union meeting originally scheduled for Monday, November 4th has been moved to November 12th. Please note this change on your calendars. The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn.

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UPCOMING UNION MEETINGS

November 12, 2002 Tuesday
December 3, 2002 Tuesday
(Christmas Party Empire Room– Fairgrounds)

* All meetings except December will be held at the Liverpool Holiday Inn.

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Our union has, in the last three years, spent a large sum of money to promote and identify our union's qualified electricians. Part of this campaign was our focus on the members of this union being certified electricians, identified by the photo certification card. This has had success in obtaining and keeping customers. One negative is loss of business because some members refuse to wear the cards or even have a card produced for them. I remind all working under the inside construction agreement, tele-data agreement and residential agreement that having and wearing the certification card is part of these agreements.

Setting aside that it is your obligation under the agreement, I ask "why not promote the policies and endeavors of your local union in obtaining and retaining work for you and your fellow members?" Let me know of any negatives.

Also, please review the Election 2002 insert and make sure you vote on November 5th. When you don't vote— you let someone else vote for you. We cannot rely on someone else to represent our interests.

Bill Towsley

QUARTERLY DUES

This office has received many inquiries concerning the timely payment of the quarterly dues. Please take note of the following information.

1st Quarter	Owed January
2nd Quarter	Owed April
3rd Quarter	Owed July
4th Quarter	Owed October

Quarterly Dues Amount- \$62.40

If paying by check, make payable to:

IBEW Local 43

You may mail your payment and your receipt will be mailed back to you.

For additional information you may call the union office or review the IBEW Constitution articles concerning members in arrears and reinstatement fees.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Brothers & Sisters,

I hope everyone has had time to check out our web site. If not, log on to www.ibew43.org. Click on the IBEW emblem to enter the site and surf around.

To enter the 'member only' section, type your card number in the name field (capitalize any letters in your card number) and your password is your last name all in CAPITAL LETTERS.

We are continually upgrading the web site. If you have information you would like to see on it, give me a call. I have recently taken some pictures of jobs in the area and put them up on the site. If you have a job you would like to show off to the rest of the members call me at the office and I'll come out.

Organizing is ongoing throughout the IBEW. Tom, Bernie and myself are always looking for any help or information that can be provided to us. If you know of friends, neighbors or family that work for non-union contractors please inform us or have them call us. Remember we are all organizers and it is each and everyone's obligation to the constitution of the IBEW to organize all the unorganized in the electrical industry.

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Build Union, Buy American

Don Morgan

CRUNCH HOCKEY TICKETS

We have once again purchased 8 season tickets for the upcoming Syracuse Crunch Hockey season. If you would like to attend any of the home Crunch games, call the office and let us know. The following restrictions apply:

- Tickets are to be used for members and their families only.
- Maximum of 4 tickets per member per game.

IMPORTANT SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER

Members wishing to apply for, **OR RENEW**, the IBEW Local 43 Scholarship for the 2003-2004 academic year for themselves, their "dependents" and/or spouses **MUST** complete and return the application/renewal request card which will be mailed to the membership in October. If you do not receive a mailing by the end of October you may request one by contacting Henry Button at College Decision Systems (1-800-446-3947) or Dennis McDermott at the Local 43 office (315-422-0435). Anyone not submitting a request by December 31, 2002, **WITHOUT EXCEPTION**, will be considered ineligible for the 2003-2004 school year.

This deadline for submission applies to new and renewal applicants.

DERBY DAY RESULTS

September 14th turned out to be a nice day at Van Buren Park in Baldwinsville. We had 15 kids join us for the Fishing Derby, which worked out well and every kid received a prize.

There were no injuries with hooks, but a few close calls. Johna Halko (Bro. Mike Halko) and Chelsie Alm (Bro. Dave Thomas) tied for largest fish. Both caught 7 1/4 inch sunfish. Johna also caught the most fish. Mom brought her luck; she fired her Dad! Lenny Hill, the biggest kid, was out-fished by all the kids.

The day ended with a cookout. Vice-President Kevin Crawford and Pam Montegue (Smitty) cooked hot dogs and served chips and soda. We had a good time and a lot of laughs. It was great to see families getting together and spending the day with each other.

Michael "Smitty" Smith

JOURNEYMAN WIREMAN EXAMINATION

The next Journeyman Wireman Examination will take place on November 23, 2002 at the John J. Barry Training Center. Those applicants who qualify to take the exam must submit a written request to Local 43's Examining Board no later than November 11, 2002. This will give the Examining Board time to conduct eligibility interviews if necessary.