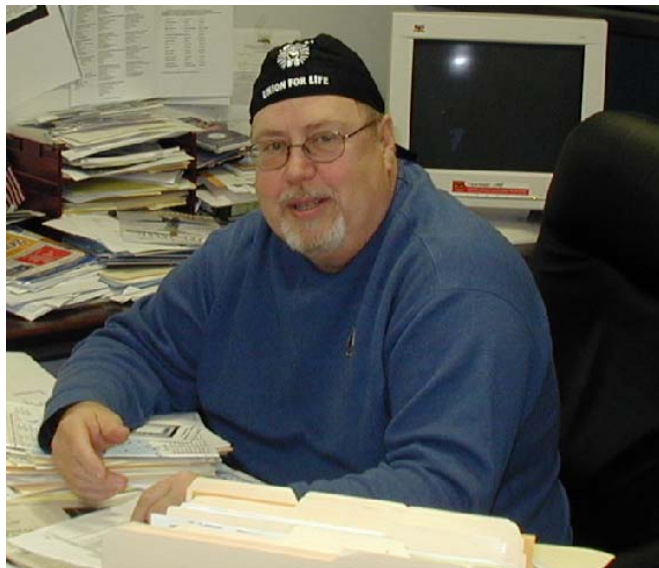


IBEW LOCAL NO. 43

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2003



FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

As you can see in the picture above, my 'do-rag' says "Union For Life". For us to preserve our good wages and benefits each of us must exercise our **right** to vote on November 4, 2003. Do not let our hard-fought benefits slip away. We in the unionized sector are the only ones standing up for the rights of all working men and women in this country.

For those members not registered to vote, please do so before the next general election in 2004. It may be the most important election you ever involved yourself in. There will be more information as the November 2004 elections get closer.

Organizing

The strength we enjoy and will continue to enjoy will only be realized when we organize the entire electrical industry within our jurisdiction. Please do not get complacent, our job will never be over until all workers in the electrical industry belong to the IBEW. My primary duties are in the arena of organizing and I will do everything in my power to be successful. To accomplish this goal I will need each member to work with the staff to realize this goal.

Fraternally,

Bill Towsley

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UPCOMING UNION MEETINGS

Regular meetings are held at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool. In December, the meeting will be held at the Empire Room, N.Y.S Fairgrounds. All meetings start at 7:00 PM sharp- please get there on time. Please make an effort to attend.

Monday November 3rd
Tuesday December 2nd Christmas Party
(Empire Room, NYS Fairgrounds)

IMPORTANT SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER

Members wishing to apply for, **OR RENEW**, the IBEW Local 43 Scholarship for the 2004-2005 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, 2003, **WITHOUT EXCEPTION**, will be considered ineligible for the 2004-2005 school year.

This deadline for submission applies to new and renewal applicants.

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 Crunch home 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.

CHANGE IN QUARTERLY DUES

There will be a **\$3.00 increase** to your quarterly dues effective **January 1, 2004**. The following rates will apply for all dues payments covering the period of January 2004 and thereafter:

“A” members -- \$65.40 per quarter

This increase was approved by the delegates of the 36th IBEW International Convention, which was held in San Francisco, during the week of September 10-14, 2001.

In accordance with Article IX of the IBEW Constitution, \$30.00 per quarter from each member shall go into the IBEW General Fund and \$33.90 per quarter shall go into the IBEW Pension Benefit Fund. In accordance with the Local 43 By-Laws the additional amount paid by “A” members of \$1.50 per quarter shall go into the Local 43 General Fund as basic dues.

This dues payment to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers is a duty that is required of each individual member.

Quarterly Dues Payments:

1st Qtr 2004	Due-January 2004	\$65.40
2 nd Qtr 2004	Due-April 2004	\$65.40
3 rd Qtr 2004	Due-July 2004	\$65.40
4 th Qtr 2004	Due-October 2004	\$65.40

IDEAL TESTERS RECALL NOTICE

Ideal Industries, Inc. is voluntarily recalling Model #'s 61-065, 61-066, 61-067, 61-076, 61-079 and 61-080 Solenoid Voltage Testers and Voltage/Continuity Testers manufactured between November 1999 and May 2002. The coil can short out at higher voltages and blow the faceplate off the unit.

If you have one of these recalled testers, stop using it **immediately** and contact Ideal at (877) 557-8598 or online at www.idealindustries.com.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

REMINDER: Our November meeting will be held on Monday, November 3rd at the Holiday Inn, 7:00 PM.

I would like to give you an update on our Brotherhood Fund for 2003. Through October, we have spent \$36,210 on union functions, \$5200 on disability payments and \$10,810 on flowers and donations. The union functions included: the retiree dinner and gifts (watches), our hockey tournament against the Plumbers & Steamfitters, our St. Patrick's Day Parade and Float, and our family picnic at Thunder Island. Disability payments were made to members in times of need. Flowers and donations were given for members and/or their families and for tragic accidents.

As you can see, for .05 per hour or \$2.00 per week, we enjoy and help many of our members in need. While **all** members are able to participate in the above mentioned functions and many receive money from the fund in their time of need, only ½ of our members currently contribute to this fund. Some of our members would like to do more with this fund, however we must increase participation. If you don't know about our Brotherhood Fund and would like to begin contributing, contact the union hall or your employer and fill out the proper form for the deduction.

See you at the next meeting!

Don Morgan

UNION PLUS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Union Plus Scholarship application can now be accessed online at www.unionplus.org. While in their homepage, use your mouse to click on “Member Benefits”, scroll down to “Education Services”, click on “Union Plus Scholarship”. Please note the application is six pages long. The deadline to submit an application is **January 31, 2004**.

Do not get the Union Plus Scholarship Program confused with the IBEW Founders' Scholarship Program or our own IBEW Local 43 Scholarship, as they are not the same. The Union Plus Scholarship Program is available to the dependents of members of AFL-CIO affiliate unions.