

# IBEW LOCAL NO. 43

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2004

## FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

We are currently experiencing the worst period of unemployment in many years. The outlook for work should improve as winter ends. There is good news for the spring and the rest of 2004. Some areas of the country are starting to pick up and this office will keep you posted on locals that have work throughout the country. Many locals are switching to a 30 day in-person resign, so be prepared for this when you are signing out of town books.

Members coming to the office or passing by have seen the 'For Sale' signs on both the union office and training center. We have decided to see if our buildings are sellable and what we can get for them, as we need to look at expanding our training center. As you know, parking is also limited at our current location. Everything is contingent on selling our buildings. This local will keep you informed of any decisions we make regarding this matter.

Organizing continues to be our number one priority. Any member wishing to become involved in our organizing activities should contact one of the organizers at the union office. I urge all of you to become involved as our continued success and power rests in our control of the market we work in.

Fraternally,

*Bill Towsley*

## CHARITY HOCKEY GAME IBEW VS. PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS

On Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> we will be participating in the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Local 43 vs. UA Local 267 Charity Hockey Game. This years game will be held at 4:30 PM at the Coliseum Ice Rink at the New York State Fairgrounds. There will be no cost to attend this game and families are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be provided during the game.

We will be raising money this year for **Coaches vs. Cancer**. Raffle tickets can be picked up at the Union Office. Please make an effort to attend this function and support our hockey team. IBEW leads the series 3-0-1. Help us continue our undefeated record against the Plumbers & Steamfitters.

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Union Office Fax: (315) 472-5823  
Fund Office Phone: (315) 474-5729  
Training Center: (315) 448-1388  
Website: [www.ibew43.org](http://www.ibew43.org)

## 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.

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 6<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>** Nomination Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>June 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>** Election of Officers</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 6<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>August 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>** Retiree's Dinner</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 4<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>** Christmas Party</b> (Empire Room, NYS Fairgrounds)

## IBEW LOCAL 43 SCHOLARSHIP

Due to the unexpected death of Scholarship Fund Administrator Henry Button, the administration of the scholarship will be handled locally by the union staff from this time forward.

Phone inquires related to the scholarship should be directed to **Dennis McDermott at 315-422-0435**. All future written correspondence related to the **IBEW Local 43 Scholarship** should be addressed to:

**IBEW Local 43 Scholarship Fund**  
**825 Genant Drive**  
**Syracuse, New York 13204**

Any correspondence previously sent to the Saratoga Springs address will be forwarded to us.

Due to the unexpected nature of this shift in responsibilities, some delays could occur. We ask your indulgence and assure you that everything possible will be done to make this transition a smooth one.

## NEW YORK STATE AFL-CIO 2004 SCHOLARSHIP

The New York State AFL-CIO will award a four-year scholarship to a 2004 graduating high school senior who intends to pursue a career in labor relations or a related field. The scholarship will be for \$2,000 a year for four consecutive years for a total of \$8,000.

### Eligibility Requirements:

- A 2004 high school graduate
- A parent or guardian who is a member of a union affiliated with the New York State AFL-CIO
- Accepted in a course of study in labor relations or a labor related interest such as history, economics, law, political science, sociology or journalism at an accredited institution of higher education in New York State.

Applications may be obtained by calling the Union Office (422-0435) or on the web:

[http://www.ibew43.org/04\\_aflcio\\_application.pdf](http://www.ibew43.org/04_aflcio_application.pdf)

The applicant must submit a completed application form by **April 15, 2004** to:

**New York State AFL-CIO Scholarship Committee  
c/o Dr. Lois Gray  
Cornell University  
ILR School  
16 East 34th Street, 4th Floor  
New York, New York 10016**

### accompanied by:

- A letter of recommendation by a teacher/counselor from the applicant's school
- An official transcript and SAT scores
- An essay of 400-500 words on the topic:  
**"HOW UNIONS HELP ALL WORKERS"**

*The research evidence clearly shows that the labor protections enjoyed by the entire U.S. workforce can be attributed in large part to unions. The workplace laws and regulations, which unions helped to pass, constitute the majority of the labor and industrial relations policies of the United States. Over the years, unions have played a significant role in enforcing these laws and ensuring that workers are protected and have access to benefits.*

In your essay, examine the effect of unions on conditions in the workplace such as: wages, fringe benefits and workplace protections. Your essay should identify and discuss both historical and contemporary examples of how unions, through their legislative efforts, have advanced measures that are important to all workers and their families

Finalists will be selected and interviewed. The winner will be selected and all finalists notified of the decision in June.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Brothers & Sisters,

I have appointed a new Brotherhood committee to revisit our original proposal of the Brotherhood Fund. Gene Townsend was appointed chairman and the committee has been exploring ways to improve how money is allocated to our brothers and sisters in need. They will also be considering other uses for the funds. If you have suggestions you can reach me at the union office by phone or mail and you can email me at: [dmorgan@ibew43.org](mailto:dmorgan@ibew43.org).

Please remember to visit our website at: [www.ibew43.org](http://www.ibew43.org) and send us your email address to add to our records. This gives us an avenue to get information out quickly and it saves the local postage. Many times we receive notification of an upcoming rally and do not have time to get a notice mailed to the membership. This often results in a poor turnout. You can help by taking action and participating when there are important issues and events. Your efforts will continue to strengthen and grow the labor movement across our country.

See you at the next meeting!

*Don Morgan*

## LOCAL 43 NIGHT WITH THE SYRACUSE CRUNCH

On March 19<sup>th</sup> Local 43 will be sponsoring a Hockey Night with the Crunch as they play the Manitoba Moose. Game time is 7:30 PM. Tickets for this game are on sale at the Union Office for \$5.00 each. Normal ticket prices are \$10.00, however the Brotherhood Fund is making up the difference. Because the Brotherhood Fund is helping to defray the cost this offer is being made only to our members and their immediate families. Please plan on attending with your family as we support the Syracuse Crunch.