

IBEW LOCAL NO. 43

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Let me start my wishing all "Happy Holidays". The year 2006 will certainly be a brighter year for everyone in the local. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support, involvement and constructive criticism over the past year. Without all of that this local union, our union, would not be what it is today and that is #1 in my eyes.

2005 had its bumps in all arenas: "Work, Funds, etc", but with the negative came positives. A new office and training facility and the stabilization of our trust funds. With your consideration and cooperation minor adjustments were made in the health fund, so our plan can stay solvent for both active and retirees. The trustees will continue to address concerns on all of the modifications made.

There are times my reports at union meetings are seen as only negative and in retrospect they are. Even though I have to address the negatives, I will start emphasizing the positives and there are a great deal more positives than negatives.

My best to all of you in the coming year.

Fraternally,

Brother Bill Towsley

DRUG FREE WORKPLACE

December 1, 2005 marked the implementation of the construction drug policy. If you wish to be part of the *documented* drug-free workforce and you have not already done so, please contact the referral office to get registered.

UPCOMING UNION MEETINGS

All 2006 meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool, except the December meeting which will be held at the Empire Room, N.Y.S Fairgrounds. Meetings start at 7:00 PM, please make an effort to attend and be on time. Union business does not stop in the summer -- neither should your participation at the meetings.

January 3 rd	Tuesday
February 7 th	Tuesday
March 6 th	Monday
April 11 th	Tuesday

SCHOLARSHIP REMINDERS

- Requests for application (1st-time and/or renewal) must be received by the office postmarked no later than December 31, 2005.
- Fall 2005 recipients who wish to receive an award for the Spring 2006 semester must submit a copy of Spring Enrollment Verification form and Spring 2006 tuition bill.

REFERRAL "FREEZE" OPTION

Members registered on Local 43 referral lists who are working out-of-town now have the option to "freeze" referral-list position. Anyone interested should contact the referral office for more information.

FROM THE JATC

The CNYJATC will offer another code course of the "Significant Changes to the 2005 NEC". Here's the information:

**Time: 12 Noon – 3:30 PM
OR
4:30 PM – 8:00 PM**

Duration: 1/9/05 AND 1/16/05

Choose the convenient time and call the Training Center at 546-0221 to register for this short, concise course.

Watch the mail for information about new Instrumentation classes being scheduled throughout the upcoming year

RETIREE CLUB BUS TRIP

IBEW Local 43 and Sheet Metal Workers Local 58 Retiree Clubs are joining together for a 3 day trip to Atlantic City. The bus leaves Sunday, February 12th at 8:00 AM. For details or to make your reservation contact Len Graf (468-5642) or Ed Michalowski (488-7899).

Reservation and payment must be made by January 20, 2006. Call now, the bus fills up fast!

FROM THE FUND OFFICE

Health & Welfare

Within the next several days you will receive in the mail new ID cards from POMCO. The new cards are effective January 1, 2006 and eliminate the use of your Social Security number as your ID number. After January 1, please destroy your old card.

Annuity

There are four educational meetings to be held for the Annuity Fund at the JATC Training Center. The dates and times are as follows:

December 13 9:00 AM
December 14 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM
December 15 9:00 AM

Representatives from Putman and Pinnacle Investments will be available. Members and spouses are encouraged to attend.

Have a Merry Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year.

Paul Kloc

Fund Administrator

CHARITY HOCKEY GAME

Once again Local 43 will participate in a charity hockey game against the Syracuse Firefighters.

The game will be held on February 25, 2006 at 3:00 PM at the Syracuse War Memorial. All proceeds from the event will go to Coaches vs. Cancer. We will be selling raffle tickets for this worthy cause in the near future. If you would be interested in playing in this years game, please contact the union office. Mark your calendars now for what is always an enjoyable day.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

For those of you who haven't seen the Wal-Mart movie "The High Cost of Low Prices", it will be show again in Liverpool at the public library on Wednesday, December 28th at 7pm (301 Tulip Street). This is a real eye-opener. Take an hour and go watch it.

Check out Cingular cell phones. IBEW members will receive an 18% discount off select Cingular rate plans and more. We have changed from Verizon to Cingular here at the office. Not only are we saving on your bills, but Cingular employees are union represented by CWA (Communication Workers of America). Check out our website at www.ibew43.org for more information or stop by and talk with Greg Sampo at 7793 Brewerton Rd (Route 11) in Cicero or call him at 458-4100.

I would like to extend holiday wishes to all members and your families. I hope your holidays are joyful and that we have a much more prosperous year in 2006.

Fraternally,

Don Morgan

President
IBEW Local 43

LOCAL 43 CLOTHING

We have, or will have shortly, t-shirts, fleece vests, fleece pullover jackets, long sleeve mock turtlenecks and hats. Display your pride in your local union and in your industry with these garments. They would make great Christmas gifts!