

IBEW Local No. 43

Newsletter

February 2005

From the President

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Our annual hockey tournament is this Saturday, February 19th. We will be raising money for *Coaches vs. Cancer*, a great cause that I'm sure all of us can relate to. We will be back at the Syracuse War Memorial, where we've enjoyed the games in years past.

Please bring your families to the event, enjoy some drinks and snacks and help contribute to a worthy cause. After our game, you can stay and watch our very own Syracuse Crunch play in the evening. Tickets for the Syracuse Crunch game are \$10 per person and are available now at the union office.

I look forward to seeing you at the game.

Fraternally,

Don Morgan

President
IBEW Local 43

America's Greatest Heart Run & Walk

This year our local union, along with others in the Utica area, will participate in the 31st America's Greatest Heart Run & Walk on Saturday, March 5th. We will be participating in the 5 mile walk. The CNY Labor Council has arranged with the events committee to have all the participating unions grouped together. We will be walking along with other local unions carrying our banners. This event is televised and will be a great way to show that organized labor is alive and well in the Mohawk Valley. There are numerous awards given out in the union category that we could possibly win with a large turnout. If you and your family would like to participate, please call the office for your application and pledge form. You then need to sign up sponsors for your walk. All proceeds go directly to the American Heart Association. Please help us make Local 43 one of the largest union groups in this great event.

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Website: www.ibew43.org

UPCOMING UNION MEETINGS

All 2005 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.

Tuesday	March 1st	Tuesday	June 7th
Tuesday	April 5th	Tuesday	July 5th
Tuesday	May 3rd	Tuesday	August 2nd

IBEW Founders' Scholarship

The IBEW Founders' Scholarships honor the dedicated wiremen and linemen who, on November 28, 1891, organized the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. The officers of the IBEW are pleased to offer its working members scholarships annually on a competitive basis. It is hoped that the awards will not only contribute to the personal development of our members but also steward the electrical industry that our founders envisioned.

This award is for \$200 per semester credit hour at any accredited college or university toward an initial bachelor's degree in an approved field. The maximum distribution is \$24,000 over a period not to exceed eight years.

The IBEW Founders' Scholarship is for IBEW members who have been in continuous good standing for the four years preceding May 1 or the scholarship year. If a member has been on honorary withdrawal at any time during the aforementioned period, he/she will not be eligible to participate. The IBEW Founders' Scholarship is not for the spouses or children of IBEW members.

Any member wishing to apply for this scholarship can access the online application at: <http://www.ibew.org/FoundersScholarship.pdf> or contact the union office to receive a copy by mail.

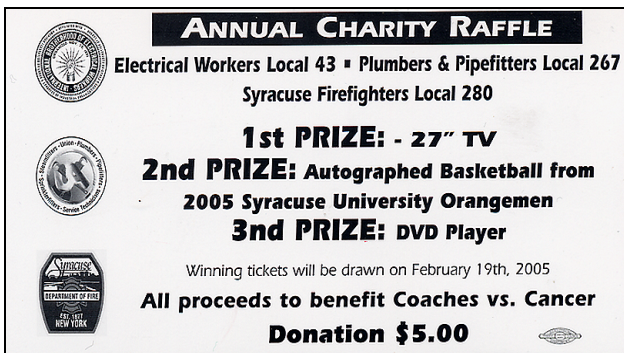
Charity Hockey Game

On February 19th Local 43 will participate in our Annual Charity Hockey Game at the Syracuse War Memorial. Our game will again precede the Syracuse Crunch hockey game. Our game will start at 3:00PM. This year we will be joining forces with Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 267 to play the Syracuse Firefighters Local 280.

We have again arranged to have reduced priced tickets to the Crunch game (\$10.00 each). The Crunch will host the Cleveland Barons on the 19th. Our game will end at 5:00PM with refreshments available from 5:00-7:00pm, prior to the Crunch game. Feel free to bring your children. All proceeds from this years event will be donated to **Coaches vs. Cancer** for cancer research.

Raffle tickets are available at the Union Office. Please call the Union Office and reserve your game tickets today for what is sure to be a memorable event.

RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE NOW AT THE UNION OFFICE



ANNUAL CHARITY RAFFLE
Electrical Workers Local 43 ▪ Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 267
Syracuse Firefighters Local 280

1st PRIZE: - 27" TV
**2nd PRIZE: Autographed Basketball from
2005 Syracuse University Orangemen**
3rd PRIZE: DVD Player

Winning tickets will be drawn on February 19th, 2005
**All proceeds to benefit Coaches vs. Cancer
Donation \$5.00**

UPCOMING CONCERT

The Central New York Labor Council is hosting a concert on February 28th at the Rome Capitol Theater. The concert will feature Joe Bonamasso and his band. Joe is one of the premier blues guitarists in the world. All proceeds from the concert will be used to help save the Air Force Research Laboratory, the Northeast Air Defense Sector and the Defense Finance and Accounting Service from being placed on the upcoming base closing list. These work sites have and continue to employ our members and our signatory contractors. Tickets for this event are \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 at the door. We have tickets available for purchase at the union office.

New York State AFL-CIO 2005 Scholarship Application

The New York State AFL-CIO will award a four-year scholarship to a 2005 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. In addition, the winner will be given an opportunity to work for the New York State AFL-CIO, as a paid intern, when such positions are available. To be eligible, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

- A 2005 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.

The applicant must submit a completed application form by April 15, 2005 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, NY 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:

"A VOICE FOR WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES"

Today's unions are a voice for working families in their communities and in government and politics. In addition, they defend the right of workers to associate at the workplace and participate in decisions that affect their lives and livelihoods.

In your essay, identify both a broad social issue and a workplace issue of major concern to today's workers and their unions. In each case, describe the position advanced by organized labor and give your reaction to that position. Also, suggest a social or economic policy that you think the New York State AFL-CIO should adopt as part of its program to improve the lives of working families.

Applications are available online at: http://www.nysaflcio.org/documents/scholarship_application_2005.pdf or you can contact the union office for a copy.

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