

IBEW LOCAL NO. 43

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have all heard the statement "Let *George* do it". Well, we can no longer, as union members expect, *George* to do it. By that I mean: Stand up for your rights under the agreement, bylaws and constitution. Support your local union policies or question them at the union meeting. Get involved in volunteering for charitable projects, political action and union activities. *George* can't do it all.

The way to make your union stronger is to be informed, be active, and be involved. You all have busy lives, families to be with, churches and organizations you are involved in. But none of these can be as truly rewarding without the basic organization that gives you financial stability, health care protection, retirement protection, forty hour work week and much more. That organization being your local union.

Let me know what you need to be involved. Let me know what your thoughts are. Our union has gotten better over the almost 40 years I have been in and has room to be even greater. This great local union of ours has a level of respect in our community that is surpassed by none. Your efforts on behalf of organizations, both financially and otherwise, does not go unnoticed.

Please, every member become a *George* and we will all do it.

Fraternally,

Bill Towsley

Brother Bill Towsley

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.

May 2nd	Tuesday
<i>Special Guest from The Segal Company</i>	
June 6th	Tuesday
July 11th	Tuesday
August 1st	Tuesday
September 5th	Tuesday
** Retiree Dinner **	
October 3rd	Tuesday
November 7th	Tuesday
December 5th	Tuesday
** Christmas Party**	
Empire Room, NYS Fairgrounds	

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.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This year we celebrate our anniversary of 110 years of Local 43. We have purchased and enclosed with this newsletter stickers to be worn on your hard hats. Please display them proudly.

Just a reminder about our hard hats—each member is responsible for their own hard hat. When you are laid off, your hard hat stays with you so that you have one for the next contractor you go to work for. If your hard hat is cracked or in bad condition you may replace it here at the union office. We also have replacement liners. Hard hats cost \$12.65 a piece. This gets very costly when they are discarded after each contractor one works for.

I hope everyone has a great summer and don't forget July 8th is our clambake at the Spinning Wheel and our Frank Kite Memorial golf outing on July 15th.

Work Safe.

Fraternally,

Don Morgan

President
IBEW Local 43

P.S. There will be a guest at the May 2nd union meeting from The Segal Company to speak about our pension.



LOCAL 43 CLOTHING

We have 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.

11TH ANNUAL FRANK KITE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

On July 15, 2006 we will be hosting the 11th Annual Frank Kite Memorial Golf Tournament. This year's tournament will be held at the Liverpool Country Club (new location). The fee this year will be \$60 per golfer. This will include golf, cart, prizes, refreshments, lunch and a steak dinner. Sign-in will be at 7:00am with a shotgun start at 8:00am.

This year we are allowing family members, along with friends of members to participate. We are limited to 90 golfers so register as soon as possible so you do not get shut out.

ANNUAL APPRENTICE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

On June 10th our apprentice classes will again hold their softball tournament. This tournament pits our apprentice classes against each other in a round robin tournament. This event is always a lot of fun. The tournament will be held at the Spinning Wheel (clambake location) and will start at 8:00am. Come out and support our apprentices in this event.

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.

