

IBEW LOCAL NO. 43

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2006

New Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 110, Clay, New York 13041

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we approach another election day you are most likely tired of those who tell you this is the most important election of your life. So I will not do that. I will however say that every election day from this November 7th until long into the future are crucial to the labor movement.

Our labor movement took over 100 years to establish and men and women lost their lives so it could succeed. It became the driving force that made this country and the envy of the world, but as you know it has been under attack for the past 25 years. We are continually put at a disadvantage by uncaring politicians, special interest groups, unscrupulous corporate executives, a judicial system that has lost sight of working men and women's rights, and the list goes on and on. All of this has been detrimental to the labor movement. We must, at every election, turn out our members and their families to elect those who will give us again a level playing field. So I would remind you that this election and every one that follows are very important to our ability to make a better life for us and our families.

Along these lines I would encourage you to attend the next few union meetings as we start to prepare for contract negotiations on our Inside Construction Agreement which expires in May 2007. We will be discussing wages, benefits, and job conditions as we prepare our proposals for contract talks. Your involvement is crucial in this process.

Get involved—attend your union meetings.

Fraternally,

Bill Towsley

Brother Bill Towsley

SCHOLARSHIP

The IBEW Local 43 scholarship application request forms have been mailed to all eligible members. Any eligible member who has not received the application request form should contact the Local 43 office at 315-422-0435. These requests must be submitted for all students, whether new AND/OR renewal applications, no later than December 31, 2006 to be considered timely.

CRUNCH TICKETS AVAILABLE

We have once again purchased 8 season tickets for the Syracuse Crunch. If you would be interested in attending any of the Crunch home games this season call or stop by the union office to reserve your tickets

Union Office Phone: (315) 422-0435

Fund Office Phone: (315) 474-5729

Training Center Phone: (315) 546-0221

Website: www.ibew43.org

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.

November 7th Tuesday

December 5th Tuesday ** Christmas Party **

Empire Room, NYS Fairgrounds

RETIREE NEWS

The following recent retirees were honored for their many years of dedicated service to the IBEW and Local 43 at the September Union Meeting. We would like to congratulate and wish them a long and healthy retirement.

Samuel Ameduri	Edward Gormley
Peter Baker	Ernest Kuhn
Richard Bernardt	Nicholas Pagano
Greg Bonsel	James G. Penoyer
Robert Brainard	Donald Roche
Ronald Carlisle	William F. Ryan
Charles Coolver	Floyd Slye
Paul Corbin	James Southard
Kenneth Czupryna	Carl Veen
Wayne Geer	Peter Von Zwehl
John Glumpe	

We also wish to extend our heartfelt congratulations to the following retirees who have reached a milestone within the IBEW.

<u>65 Years</u>	<u>55 Years</u>	<u>50 years</u>
Fred Chwalek	Floyd Beauchene	Robert Alguire
	Raymond Bensing	Wayne Beasock
	John Budd	Gilles Bergeron
<u>60 Years</u>	Joseph Bush	Leonard Graf
James Alexander	Francis Ford	Edmund Lindsay
Barney Boris	Raymond Hanley	Roland Marshall
Lawrence Delmonico	Charles Hutcheson	John O'Hern
John Fayle	Frank Pafumi	Peter Olivia
Richard Mansfield	Carl Pennock	Guy Pagano
John Moran	Robert Phillips	Richard Reese
Charles Paul Jr.	Anthony Quattro	William L. Ryan
William Williams	Ralph Race	Robert Schenkenberger
	James Stenson	Ronald Vallilee
	Judson Winterhalt	

On behalf of the membership of Local 43, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your commitment and dedication to our industry and our brotherhood. Your hard work and vision resulted in a sound foundation that we continually build on today. Many of our benefits that we enjoy today are a result of members like you who fought long and hard for their implementation.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I'd like to extend my sincere thanks for your support of me as Local 43 President & Delegate to our 37th International Convention. It was an honor to attend this historic event on your behalf. This year's convention theme was "Rhythm of the Past and the Drumbeat of the Future". Our future is critical to organizing. Although we are increasing the number of members in the construction division we are losing rapidly in our manufacturing division. It was unanimously voted to add several new organizers to turn these numbers around. These organizers will be working directly for the IO. Because of the low numbers and additions of organizers it was decided to have a dues increase in January 2007, January 2009 and January 2011. You will receive written notification of this.

The Members' Program is rolling along and we have picked our captains and some area leaders of respective zones. We will be sending out more information on your zones and who your captains are in the near future. Our first objective is this year's election. The main reason our Brotherhood is losing members is because of the current Bush administration. This was a big topic of discussion at the Convention and I can't stress to you enough how important it is for all of us to get out the vote in November. We must stop this President and his administration from tearing apart organized labor in this country. You wonder why our manufacturing jobs are leaving the US? BUSH. You wonder why our health care costs keep increasing? BUSH. You wonder why our membership is decreasing? BUSH.

Brothers and Sisters we must take over the House and Senate to stop this administration from doing any further damage. Please vote November 7th.

Buy American, Buy Union

Thank you,

Don Morgan

President

IBEW Local 43

HALLOWEEN IN THE VILLAGE

There will be a special Halloween Parade this year on October 28th, 2006. The starting time is 10:00 AM. Line-up will be from 9:00-10:00 AM on the tram train near the Salt Museum in Onondaga Lake Park in the Village of Liverpool.

Anyone interested can walk with member Jim Southard and his IBEW sponsored race car along with our banner. We hope to see you there.

FROM THE JATC

College Credit – SUNY Delhi Style

Are you interested in receiving college credit towards a two year AOS degree? Contact the JATC office for information on how you can accumulate fifty-one of the sixty-three credits just by applying at SUNY Delhi. You can take all of the remaining credit courses online and only attend Delhi classes for one weekend. Sound good? Call and we'll help you find out more.

College Credit – OCC Style

The JATC is currently working with Onondaga Community College to increase the number of credits awarded for completing your apprenticeship. We are also seeking to receive an AOS degree (like Delhi's) from OCC. This appears to be a long process and we'll keep you up-to-date on our progress.

OSHA 10 Hour Safety Course

Haven't attended an OSHA 10 Hour course? Lost your card? Mark down October 28th as your next chance. Call the JATC office to enroll in the class. Don't get shut out of a job because you don't have a valid, current OSHA 10 Hour card!

Built-Rite Safety Course

The official term is "*Built-Rite Process Safety Management Training*". This important training is required by construction users in the pharmaceutical and refining industries, especially in the Philadelphia, Northern New Jersey and the Delaware Valley areas. The JATC is currently in the process of certifying three trainers so we can provide traveling members with the certification. Call, write, email or stop by and express your interest in this training. We'll get in touch with you when everything is ready to go. Don't miss out!

Welding – Cutting – Burning

Haven't welded in a while? Lost your touch? Need to practice? Does your snowmobile trailer need a little work? The Training Center will be open on Saturday, October 28th for you from 8:00 AM until 12 Noon. There are 8 booths so come in, burn some rod, practice a little. Bring your hood, gloves and protective wear. We've got the welders, torches and clamps. Call to tell us you're coming. This open session is NOT for beginners. If you've never welded, watch for future announcements about our feature course titled "*Beginning Welding and Advanced Grinding*" coming soon to a training center near you!

NEC Courses and Exam Preparation

Are you considering taking a master's exam or the City of Utica JW exam? Did you know that most electrical exams are comprised of 65% NEC questions? There is space available in two upcoming NEC courses: *Applied Codeology* and *Code Calculations Based on the 2005 NEC*. These courses are excellent for reviewing and brushing up on the code before you take an exam. You can register online at www.cnyjatc.org.

Important Numbers and Email

Training Center Phone 546-0221 or
peter.dulcich@choiceonemail.com or
www.cnyjatc.org (click on *Contact Us*)

Use any of these to get in touch with the Training Center. They'll all work.

Free Stuff

2 - metal desks, 30" x 60" - great for a home office.

2 – 8' x 30" Formica top tables – heavy and sturdy, just a little rough around the edges. You probably sat at these during your apprenticeship. Look for your initials and a few formulas carved into the tops.

Call Peter at the Training Center. They're yours if you are the lucky caller.