



The 146 LETTER



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Union Meeting

*Tuesday, February 10th, 2009
starting at 6:00 p.m.*

Wegi Stewart, with Richland Community College Foundation, will be making a presentation to the membership during the February Union meeting regarding a large financial commitment to the college. RCC has established a long range plan to expand the college and are in the process of collecting donations or pledges to aid in the financing of these projects. The Executive Board has requested your input on this matter.

Your Union is only as strong as the weakest member. . .
Get involved . . . attend meetings.

New Death Assessment Now Due

The latest Death Benefit Assessment, dated 1/30/2009, has been mailed to all participants. We ask that everyone pay this \$20 assessment as soon as possible and anyone having not paid the assessment by 5:00 pm on Friday, March 6th will have charges preferred at the March Union meeting.

If you have pre-authorized or contacted the Credit Union to make this payment, you will receive a paid receipt in the mail.

We *cannot accept* debit or credit cards for this or any payment.

The receipt for this assessment is purple.

TRAINING NEWS. . .

By Steve Wrigley, Director

At this time we have 13 apprentices either not working or working out of the jurisdiction. There are no pre-apprentices working.

A "Significant Change" to the 2008 National Electrical Code class was recently presented by retired member, Jim McKee. A second class is being organized for presentation on Tuesday, February 24th and Wednesday, February 25th in Mattoon with Matt Frederick as the instructor. If you would be interested in participating in this class, please call the JATC office 217-875-3041 to register. This class would be a benefit to *all* journeymen.

We would like to have a 10/30 Hour OSHA class if there is enough interest. Please call to have your name added to the list.

We have almost enough names to offer an instrumentation class. Please call to have your name added to the current list of 7 individuals.

Classes are easier to take in the winter months so please consider signing up for a class. Just let us know what you are interested in!

The Committee discussed apprentice placement in regards

to work assignments. It was reaffirmed that no apprentice may refuse any job placement. If there are extenuating circumstances that would prevent an apprentice from accepting a job placement, that issue would need to be addressed by the full committee.

Finally, I have informed the Committee of my intent to retire at the end of this year. Therefore, the Committee will be accepting applications or résumés from individuals interested in the Training Director's position for the next few months. Submit your information to the JATC Office, addressed to the attention of the Committee.

Annual Long Creek Township Democrat Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Saturday, February 21, 2009

Long Creek Township
Community Building

2610 Salem School Road

6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

\$6.00 per person

Free to IBEW Local #146
members who pick up tickets at
the Union Office

THE ASSISTANT'S REPORT

By: Shad Etchason,
Assistant Business Manager
Work Outlook:

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Book II – 165

The New Year has brought good news concerning work in our jurisdiction. Sachs Electric has indicated that the scrubber project at Coffeen Power Station will be moving forward with the hiring of additional manpower in the near future. Remember to call the job line or check the website (www.ibew146.com) for updated job calls if you are interested in going to Coffeen. Keep in mind that OSHA 10 is required on this project. Sachs and Fuellgraf Chimney & Tower have added manpower at the Coffeen Power Station in January.

General Contractor Christy-Foltz was hired to unload equipment at the Secure Energy Project site located at the old powerhouse behind Caterpillar. Correspondence continues with Secure Energy, Alberici and the Decatur Building and Construction Trades Council. We will continue to monitor the progress of this project.

Bodine Electric has upcoming work at Clinton Nuclear Power Station. A Security Modification is scheduled to begin early spring and completion of a RAT transformer project is planned for this summer. Additionally, the refuel outage will be in January 2010.

The following is a summary of meetings, activities and duties for January 2009:

- Assisting with negotiations between IBEW locals and FE Moran concerning NLRB charges filed against the company
- Sign Shop negotiations
- Decatur Industrial Electric meeting concerning upcoming insurance policy
- Economic Development Corporation of Decatur & Macon County
- Decatur Electrical Commission
- Decatur Housing Authority
- Coffeen Power Station job progress meeting and site visit
- Decatur Trades & Labor Assembly
- Decatur Building and Construction Trades Council
- Local 146 membership and E-Board meetings
- IL AFL-CIO Employee Free Choice Act seminar

Remember to call the hall for assistance with fax re-signing or for driving directions to other IBEW local union halls. Other local union job information can be checked on the IBEW website (www.ibew.org) by clicking on Construction Jobs Board.

Credit Union NEWS

Hours of operation
NOON to 5:00 pm
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Friday

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Correct Address and Phone Number?

Every month this office receives mail returned for incorrect addresses or temporary holds. The Postal Service now charges us first class rates for these returned letters.

According to the IBEW Local #146 Bylaws, Article XIV, Section 5 "Each member shall keep the Financial Secretary informed of their correct address"

Please keep the office informed of a current address and phone number at all times. If you know you are going to be away and have taken the time to notify the post office, please notify this office. We can enter your temporary address so you continue to receive newsletters and all correspondence from this office. We cannot keep you informed if we cannot reach you.

From the South . . .

By John Taylor,
Assistant Business Manager/Recruiter

Attended a meeting at EIU with the Electric Shop Steward and Foreman, the Pipe Fitters Business Rep. and their steward concerning jurisdictional matters.

Attended a meeting with EIU Labor Relations representatives concerning the payment of fringe benefits into the proper health & welfare and pension funds. This was the second meeting working toward implementation before the end of this school year when the summer projects begin and EIU hires Local 146 electricians on temporary status.

Attended the IBEW Illinois State Organizers meeting in Champaign.

Attended the Illinois State AFL-CIO meeting with Assistant Business Manager Etchason concerning the Employee Free Choice Act. The meeting was held at the Illinois AFL-CIO facility in Burr Ridge, IL.

Attended the January Union meeting and Executive Board meeting giving a report at each.

Recently had a lunch meeting with the owner of Mid-West Electric, Mr. William Eads. Asst. B.M. Etchason and myself discussed the benefits of working union.

I continue to meet and talk to individuals and contractors interested in the IBEW.

I will be monitoring the following projects as I have been in contact with owners and/or developers.

Old Sheraton Inn–Mattoon
C.V.S. Pharmacy–Mattoon
Midas Auto Center– Mattoon
McDonald’s–Effingham

B u f f a l o W i l d
Wings–Effingham

Green Mill Restaurant &
Motel–Arcola

I continue to participate in the multi-local negotiations of the FE Moran Residential Communications Agreement meetings hosted by Local 601 (Champaign).

I would like to request that wherever your travels and conversations take you, if you pick up any pertinent information concerning upcoming projects in our jurisdiction to please give the office a call. These include

projects to be done in your school district, city, town, village, or neighborhood.

The Corner Office

By: Jay A. Dunn,
Business Manager/
Financial Secretary



I would like to take this opportunity to announce the hiring of Brother Josh Sapp as an Assistant Business Manager. Josh will be learning all aspects of work in the Union office. He has begun his training by working with Assistant Bus. Mgr. Etchason and learning our referral process. Please welcome Josh in his new position and feel free to give him a call with any questions or concerns. Josh may be reached through the Local Union Office or on his mobile at 217.855.6738.

This office continues to participate in the ongoing negotiations with FE Moran and several Central Illinois locals.

Asst. Bus. Mgr. Etchason and myself met with representatives from Decatur Industrial Electrical regarding the proposed 2009 health insurance premiums.

I have attended several meetings, made several phone calls and emails in conjunction with the proposed Federal Stimulus Package in an effort to have area projects included.

Sign Shop negotiations are ongoing. Preparations are being made for going to CIR in the event we are unable to settle locally. Due to the timing, we must do this just to insure we

have our case heard at the February Council session. We can always cancel our appointment.

I recently met with the new Decatur City Manager for a lengthy meeting. I have also met with several individuals concerning the development of the east beltway around Decatur.

As Chairman of the Health & Welfare Appeals Committee, I recently held a teleconference to review 4 appealed claims. All 4 fund decisions were upheld.

Other meetings attended:
Civic Center Board
URMAP
Met with Mayoral and City Council candidates
Inaugural Celebration at Tuscany’s
DMH Ribbon cutting ceremony
Decatur Building and Construction Trades Council

Union Meeting Announcements

January 2009 Union Meeting

Accidents/Sickness/Deaths/Births

Dan Samuelson hospitalized 6 days
Rob Doyle off with back problems 12/5
Mark Maples hospitalized 2 days 12/8
Chris Propst mother-in-law passed 12/14

Rob Reynolds baby boy on 12/16
Paul Dial had a heart attack 12/18
Mike Pherigo house fire 12/24
John Koehler pace maker 1/3/09
Scott Lewis hand surgery 1/5
Bob Daut back surgery 1/9

Proposition for Membership

Brodie House
Daniel McSperritt

In Memoriam

Brother Larry Gregory passed away on January 22, 2009. Brother Gregory was 66 years old and a 41 year member of the IBEW. We offer our condolences to his family and friends.

SAVE THE DATE

The Annual Meeting for the shareholders of IBEW Local #146 Credit Union will be Monday, April 13th, 2009.

Any Credit Union member with at least \$5.00 on deposit as of December 31, 2008 is eligible to attend. Additional details will be made available at a later date.

The general order of business consists of the election of directors for the year and reports of operation from the previous year. Members are encouraged to attend and participate in the process. There is usually time for general conversation and input from those present.

From the President. . .

President Bret Krutsinger has informed this office that he has several committee openings. If you would be interested in serving, please can contact him at 217.620.3099 or at baktrk@frontiernet.net. He will go over the list of committees that have openings and will discuss how you can best serve your Union.

ANOTHER ELECTION YEAR

While we are all still dizzy from the recent Federal elections, some of the most important elections are just around the corner—Municipal Elections, Township Elections, Park Board Elections and School Board Elections set for Tuesday, April 7th, 2009.

The residents of the City of Decatur will be electing a new mayor and several council members. These elections historically record low voter turnout and the results can have long term effects on you and your community. *i.e. Hickory Point Mall*

Every registered voter is encouraged to find out what offices are up for election in their precinct and to know who the candidates are, if they are labor friendly. . .and then VOTE on election day.

These elected officials; mayors, council members, school board members, park board members, etc., are responsible for the spending of millions of your tax dollars.

Labor will be losing a strong voice on the Decatur City government with Brother Michael Carrigan choosing not to run for any seat. Who will support the working men and women of the community? Are these office holders showing responsible spending?

You have the power to change past practices . . .your VOTE!!

Delegates of the Decatur Trades and Labor Assembly

recently held candidate interviews and have endorsed several candidates. The Decatur Building Construction Trades will be interviewing candidates soon. Once all the information has been compiled, we will provide you with a list of their endorsements.

Brother and retired member, Bob Brilley II, is running for a seat on the Decatur Park District Board of Commissioners. For anyone living within the City of Decatur Park District, you are encouraged to support Brother Brilley. The Park Board makes million dollar decisions every year concerning parks, golf courses, the Airport and special events. These decisions pertain to the maintenance and repair, remodel and construction needs supported by tax dollars. Yet, so much is done without securing bids or concern of the Illinois Prevailing Wage laws. Brother Brilley would be there to represent labor to insist on a fair bid process and compliance with Illinois wage laws.

As with any campaign, Bob would like to count on your vote at the polls on April 7th. But before the election, he is looking for places to display campaign signs, donations to pay for those signs and individuals willing to make phone calls on his behalf. If you would be interested in helping Bob and his bid for Park Board Commissioner, please contact him at 454.4782 or you may call the Union Office to leave your name and contact information to be forwarded to Bob.