



The 146 LETTER



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Union Meeting

Tuesday, April 14th, 2009
starting at 6:00 p.m. Get the facts, not the rumors! Attend your Union meeting. Reports are given by all business reps making this a perfect time to ask questions.

EIU Summer Help

Individuals interested in working at Eastern Illinois University over the summer are encouraged to contact the University to be included in their "extra help" file.

Applications are taken on Tuesdays and Thursdays *only* in Old Main, 600 Lincoln Avenue, Room 2020, Charleston, Illinois. Temporary help applicants will be screened to verify journeyman electrician status, so make sure you have your paid IBEW dues receipt with you.

This office continues to work with our attorney and EIU in an effort to secure an agreement for the payment of our fringe benefits into the respective funds while working as a temporary employee. In past years, the fringe benefits were paid on the check. This made them taxable to the individual and no hours were credited to the health & welfare or pension during this time.

We also encourage you to take the electricians test to be on the list for permanent help.

For additional information, feel free to contact the University at 217-581-3463.

TRAINING NEWS. . .

By Steve Wrigley, Director

All Inside and Teledata apprentices are working. We still have 3 pre-apprentices off at this time.

John Koehler has agreed to run a 10 Hour OSHA class for all interested individuals. This class will be one Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. probably in early May. Call the JATC office 217-875-3041 to register. At this time, we have 5 individuals registered for the training. This may be the last time this class will be offered until early Fall.

Greg Powel is presently running a 10/30 Hour OSHA class at the Coffeen Power Station.

Be reminded that anyone referred to Sachs Electric at the Coffeen Power Station must have at least the OSHA 10 card.

Aptitude testing took place on March 12th and 13th for 39 applicants. Twelve individuals did not qualify for the interview phase. This was a 30% failure rate. Interviews will be at a later date.

Applications are coming in for the training director's position as I will be leaving the office on December 31, 2009. As of now, we have 16 applicants. The deadline for applications has been set for Wednesday, April 15th. This will allow the Committee time to evaluate the applicants and begin the selection process. It is my

understanding that I will work a minimum of 3 months with the new director in an effort to allow for a smooth transition.

On a personal note, this is a very rewarding opportunity. As training director you are associated with some of the best and most dedicated individuals that the IBEW has to offer.

Graduation will take place on Saturday, May 16th, 2009 at the Oak Terrace Resort in Pana, Illinois. We will graduate 10 individuals:

Dustin Brown	Jerry Greenberg
John Murphy	Luke Nohren
Damian Poe	Nick Probst
Jason Smith	Scott Tondello
Jonathan Wiley	Brian Wright

Congratulations to all for a job well done!

With graduation near, the school year is beginning to wind down and instructors are wrapping up classes.

The Assistant's Report

By: Josh Sapp

Hello everyone. Currently we have 52 on book I, 550 on Book II and 2 apprentices working in Alton. We should be thankful for the scrubber project at Coffeen. Without it, these numbers would be much higher. We did send 1 journeyman to Hart Electric, 2 to B&B Electric, 1 to Pals Electric and one foreman call by name to

Pals. The following is a brief summary of the work outlook in Illinois as reported at the IBEW State Conference.

Where the work is:

▶Local 34, Peoria– Need stainless certified welders. Some Book II are working now, however, Caterpillar plants went from 175 electricians to 0.

▶Local 145, Rock Island–Work looks steady through summer. They are putting a few Book II out now and may continue to do so.

▶Local 193, Springfield–CWLP is slowing down, but they should be steady through summer.

▶Local 197, Bloomington–Work is picking up, but they probably won't put out Book II this year.

▶Local 309, Collinsville–Full employment through summer with some Book II being put out.

▶Local 601, Champaign– Work looks good this summer. They may get into Book II later this year.

▶Local 649, Alton–\$4 billion project at Conoco-Phillips will need 400+ additional journeymen this summer. Work is very good.

▶Local 702, West Frankfort–Work outlook is very good. Will be putting out several Book II this year and next year.

▶Local 725, Terre Haute–Work is steady and they may put out Book II later this year.

The work is slow everywhere else in the State, especially in the northern part. Most locals up north will not clear Book I this year.

As some of you already know, our facebook page is up and running. I would ask that people join the group IBEW 146 and start using that page, instead of IBEW Decatur. I would like IBEW Decatur to be temporary. These pages are for IBEW 146 members only. Spouses, relatives and friends of members will not be allowed to

join at this time. I also ask that we keep the comments and discussion posted on the wall positive and work related. This is a great way to promote brotherhood and I encourage everyone to participate.

Please pay your death benefit and dues on time. I have only been on staff a short time and I am already tired of trying to get members to pay their death assessments and dues in a timely manner. It is a waste of our time and a waste of your money to have us acting like a collection agency.

Meetings and Events attended:

Partners In Education Luncheon 3/2

City of Decatur Candidate Forum 3/3

Industry Meeting 3/9

Regular Union Meeting 3/10

IBEW State Conference 3/18 & 19

UCAN Graduation 3/23

Executive Board Meeting 3/24

Progress Meeting at Coffeen 3/26

AG Lisa Madigan reception 4/2

Women of Excellence Banquet 4/2

THE ASSISTANT'S REPORT

I recently returned from the Coffeen Power Station site visit and job progress meeting. Assistant Agents, John Taylor and Josh Sapp, were on site as well. We were able to converse with many members onsite. While there, I visited the stack job with Fuellgraf Chimney and Tower. This project is nearing completion. As Fuellgraf is finishing, Sachs continues to hire for the scrubber project. We have approximately 145 wiremen on the job, with the majority of the workforce consisting of Local 146 journeymen and apprentices. At the job progress meeting, Sachs indicated they would probably continue hiring as the precipitator portion of the project is starting. Anyone interested in taking a call to Sachs, please be sure to check the job line or the website each evening.

The scrubber project is the largest job in the jurisdiction at this point in time and many of our local contractors are very slow. I continue to be very optimistic in regards to future projects that are in the planning stages. The following is a summary on the status of these jobs:

Secure Energy: I was recently on site and given a tour by Secure Energy's on site representative, Gary Crull, that included an up close viewing of the gasifiers. This project is "shovel ready" and Secure Energy officials are working with the Federal government to try to secure loan guarantees through the US Department of Energy along with looking at additional funding mechanisms. We understand that Ameren will be constructing a sub-station near this site which is a positive indication the project is moving forward.

Taylorville Energy Center:

TENASKA has retained the services of engineering firm Burns & McDonnell and Kiewit Energy Company to conduct the Front End Engineering Design (FEED) study and facility cost report for this project. TENASKA expects to issue additional contracts for process design work and technology licenses within the next 60 days. The FEED Report will be submitted to the Illinois Commerce Commission and the Illinois General Assembly. The project could begin in 2010 if the FEED Report is approved by the General Assembly. The total cost of this project is estimated at this time to be \$3.5 billion and is expected to create 1500 construction jobs.

FutureGen: Recent media reports indicate that this project is still moving forward. US Senator Dick Durbin continues to push this

project and the Illinois Downstate Congressional delegation continue to tout the project to current US Department of Energy Director Chu. We are very fortunate as reported in this newsletter, that our own John Taylor was recently elected as Lincoln Land Building and Construction Trades President, as he will play a pivotal role as this project progresses.

I attended the Exelon Western Illinois Powerhouse Area Committee meeting in Utica. This Committee consists of representatives from Exelon, Shaw Stone & Webster and Building Trades representatives representing Quad Cities, Byron and Clinton Stations. Upcoming outages for the spring at Braidwood and Quad Cities were discussed and it appears there is adequate manpower for both outages as work is extremely slow in the northern part of the state. Exelon officials covered new fitness for duty requirements, NRC fatigue management rules, and reviewed Exelon's revised earnings forecast for remaining 2009 and into 2010. I will elaborate on this issue at the April union meeting.

The following is a summary of meetings, duties and activities on behalf of IBEW Local 146:

- Industry Meeting with NECA
- Decatur Building & Construction Trades Council
- Decatur Trades & Labor Assembly
- Economic Development Corp
- United Way
- Decatur Family YMCA
- Decatur Housing Authority
- IBEW Illinois State Conference
- Illinois Prevailing Wage Council
- Decatur City Council
- DMH & St. Mary's Express Care ribbon cuttings
- UCAN graduation
- Women of Excellence Banquet

- Meet and Greet with IL Attorney
- General Lisa Madigan hosted at IBEW Local 146
- Local Union & E-Board meetings
- Retiree's Breakfast

Please remember to attend monthly union meetings and I encourage everyone to get involved by participating or volunteering for the Decatur Macon County Fair, Decatur Celebration, Local 146 softball team and Labor Day committee. On behalf of my family and I, may everyone have an enjoyable Easter season.

In Brotherhood,

Shad E. Etchason

From the South . . .

During the past month, I represented Local 146 by:

Attending the last union meeting. I missed the executive board meeting as I attended the services for Brother Russell Reinhart in Sumner, Illinois.

Attended the Lincoln Land Building Trades Council meeting at which I was elected president of the Council. Effingham, Mattoon, Charleston and surrounding areas are under the umbrella of the Lincoln Land Building Trades Council. I will strive to put Local 146 ahead of the curve along with fellow building tradesmen with FutureGen looming and other projects forthcoming for the area.

I attended the Illinois State Organizers meeting in Champaign.

Attended the ongoing in progress meeting at Coffeen Power Station with Assistants, Shad Etchason and Josh Sapp. We also took the opportunity to walk around the project and talked with many of our electricians on site.

Sat in on a meeting with Sachs Electric management where we discussed areas of mutual concern.

I have been to the EIU Campus on 2 occasions where I spent time in the Electric Shop talking with members. I would encourage any member to take the electricians test and get on the temporary employee register. EIU expects to fill 10 - 13 temporary positions from May to mid-August. We are still working on the fringe benefit matter.

We have several projects in our jurisdiction, including FutureGen, moving forward. If these projects get started, there will be many employment opportunities for Local 146 members.

I attended the quarterly Retiree's Breakfast. I truly enjoyed visiting with our retired brothers. This appeared to be our largest turnout and, of course, the food was delicious. (Catered by Deb's Diner)

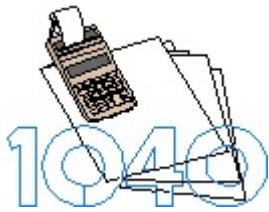
I continue to meet and speak to all whom call or make inquires about membership or are interested in the IBEW and what we offer.

I have been invited to attend the Annual 5th Year Apprentice Class Question and Answer session scheduled for late April. This gives the soon-to-be journeymen an opportunity to have any concerns addressed. Past classes have asked some very interesting questions. I always find this Q & A session rewarding as some of the concerns have caused me to pause and think that even after 40 years in the trade, I do not know it all. These sessions make me accountable and cause me to step it up and perform at a higher level.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Taylor

Assistant Business Manager/Recruiter



April 15th
Tax
Deadline

Looking for a
physician

who can see you when you need to
see a doctor and on the PPO list?

Dr. Kurt Dearnbarger has 3
locations to serve you:

✓101 W. Jefferson, Sullivan
217-728-9999

Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday 9-12
Tuesdays 1-5

✓506 W. Lincoln, Charleston
217-348-8727

Mondays & Wednesdays 1-5

✓222 S. Railroad, Lovington
217-873-5851

Thursdays & Fridays 9-12

9th Annual IBEW Local #146

Golf Play Day

Saturday, June 6, 2009

Lakeshore Golf Course

Taylorville, Illinois

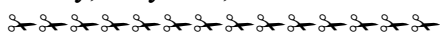
This is a 4 person scramble. Start
time will be 8:00 a.m. SHARP so
please be at the clubhouse no later
than 7:15 a.m. to get checked in and
ready for the start.

No metal spikes allowed on the
course.

\$25 per person/ \$100 per four-some

Confirmation is due:

Friday, May 22nd, 2009



Please sign me up for the Golf Play
Day. Enclosed is my confirmation
fee of \$25 per player. Retirees are
free.

Name: _____

I would like to be teamed with the
following individuals:

The Corner Office

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



This newsletter
may have arrived too late for some,
however for the rest of you, I cannot
stress enough the importance of
going to the polls and voting in this
Nonpartisan Municipal Election.

Whether you are voting on your
representative to the school board,
park board or commission, city
council, mayor, etc, remember that
these individuals have control over
the tax dollars paid into their board
or district and these can equate to
millions of dollars. Are those
dollars being spent for your best
interest? Make your wishes
known-vote!

During the past month:

I have been involved in meetings
with the Decatur Public Building
Commission and their quest for
additional space for the Decatur
Police Department.

Attended a meeting with the
Economic Development
Corporation of Decatur and Macon
County. Attendees were updated on
the Secure Energy project. Letters
have been sent from many
individuals and organizations
stressing the need for the
Department of Energy to act on this
project.

I chaired 2 meetings of the
Decatur Building and Construction
Trades Council. A pre-job meeting
was held with CORE Construction
on the Wabash Crossing Phase III
project. Kaiser Electrical out of
Peoria has been selected as the
electrical contractor for this phase.

I attended the March JATC
meeting, Union Meeting and E-
Board meetings.

The Spring IBEW State
Conference meeting was held in
Springfield in mid-March. IBEW
Local 146 had several delegates in
attendance.

I attended St. Mary's Hospital
ribbon cutting ceremony for their
"North" facility.

I have been working with area
legislators and agencies in an effort
to find funding for the DBCTC
URMAP program. Of all minority
advancement programs in the state,
we have been one of the most
successful. With State funding
scarce, we have a hard sell ahead.

I attended the reception for
Attorney General Lisa Madigan
hosted by Julie Curry at our facility.

The Spring Trustees meeting
for the Health & Welfare and
Pension Trust Funds will be held
April 27-May 1st in Clearwater,
Florida. I will have a preliminary
report available at the May Union
meeting. Unfortunately, I am not
expecting anything good to report
especially in regards to the Pension
Trust Fund.

Union Meeting Announcements

March 2009 Union Meeting

Accidents/Sickness/Deaths/Births

Dave Bruce's wife passed 2/10

Matt Wrigley hospitalized 2/16

George Goble had surgery 2/20

Shad Etchason's brother-in-law passed
2/24

Steve Holland's father passed 2/25

Shad Etchason's grandfather passed 2/26

Bob Brillley's father passed 3/3

Proposition for Membership

none

In Memoriam

Brother Russell Reinhart passed
away on March 18, 2009. Brother

Reinhart was 67 years old and a 20 year member of the IBEW.

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of Brother Reinhart.