

The 146 LETTER



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Union Meeting

Tuesday, May 12th, 2009
starting at 6:00 p.m. Attend your Union meeting. Reports are given by all business reps making this a perfect time to ask questions.

Death Assessment Due!

The second assessment of 2009 was mailed to all active, retired and participating members on Friday, April 24th, 2009. **This assessment is due by Friday, June 5th.** Anyone not having paid this assessment by Friday, June 5th will have charges preferred at the June Union meeting (receipts are blue/aquamarine).

If you have the "automatic" credit union payment, your receipt was included with your notice and for those who have made this payment **THANK YOU**. We are asking the rest of you to take the few minutes it takes to pay this \$20 assessment and pay it now. Payments may be made by check or money order and mailed to this office. In person and cash payments are also acceptable.

With the payment of 5 claims, our Death Benefit Fund is in need of replenishing. Your timely payment of this assessment assures the needed funding to pay future claims. This Local takes pride in the settlement of claims immediately upon notification.

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 Room 2020 in Old Main, 600 Lincoln Avenue, Charleston, Illinois. Temporary help applicants will be screened to verify journeyman electrician status, so make sure you have a current 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.

**JATC, Credit Union
and Union Offices
CLOSED**

**Monday, May 25th in
observance of Memorial Day**

TRAINING NEWS.....

By Steve Wrigley, Director

All Inside apprentices are working. One teledata apprentice is working at Coffeen. Two 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 Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., May 30th. Call the JATC office 217-875-3041 to register. This may be the last time this class will be offered until early Fall.

Aptitude testing will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2009.

Applications for the training director's position have been received, the cut-off was April 15th. We have 20 interested individuals. Each committee member has copies of all resumes for their review before the next JATC meeting on Tuesday, May 19th.

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!

Apprentice of the Year will probably be shared again this year after the final test is taken. All ten graduates have a GPA in the 90%'s.



Macon County Fair June 9 - 14, 2009

We will once again be doing the electrical maintenance for the Macon County Fair. If you would be interested in assisting in this community service project, please give us a call or stop by the office to sign up for a shift. The grandstand schedule consists of:

Sunday, 6/7 Queen pageant 5p
Tues, 6/9 Junior Miss pageant 6p
Wed, 6/10 ITPA Tractor Pull 6:30p
Thur, 6/11 Quad Races 7 p
(Mrs. Macon County 7p-Beer Barn)
Fri, 6/12 Trent Tomlinson 8p
Sat, 6/13 Slaughter 7p
Sun, 6/14 Demolition Derby 5p

Decatur Trades & Labor Assembly will be manning the beer stations and will be looking for volunteers. Contact Shad Etchason if you would like to help.

The Assistant's Report

By: Josh Sapp

Work in the jurisdiction remains steady. We expect it to stay this way for the time being. At the time of this report we have 54 on Book I, 1 apprentice is still working in Alton, 625 are on Book II. The scrubber project at Coffeen Power Station is holding steady right now. There may be a call for a few more later this month. Twin City Electric out of Local 197 has taken one JW and one pre-apprentice at the Syngenta Seed Company Greenhouse in Wapella. B&B Electric out of Local 193 has added a JW at the Taylorville Memorial Hospital. Brinkoetter also added a

couple of JWs. Shad will give you some details about the upcoming work in his report.

I had the privilege, along with Shad and John, of spending an evening with the 5th Year apprentices addressing their questions and concerns. They had some very thoughtful questions and I would like to congratulate them on their graduation from the apprenticeship. I encourage everyone to attend the graduation ceremonies and show your support for these new journeymen. It would also be a good way to convey your appreciation for the outstanding job Steve Wrigley has done as our training director.

Thanks to John Warner for helping out with the election activities and working on temporary power skids to be used at the Farm Progress site. I encourage everyone to participate. Remember, our union will only be as strong as we make it.

Meetings and Events attended in April:

- IBEW State Organizers meeting 4/1
- CO2 Sequestration Presentation at RCC- 4/6
- Decatur City Council meeting 4/6
- IBEW Credit Union Annual Meeting 4/13
- IBEW 146 Regular Union Meeting 4/14
- Jobsite visit to Coffeen Power Station 4/16
- Stewards Training with 5th Year Apprentices 4/20
- Job-in-progress meeting at Coffeen Power Station 4/23
- IBEW 146 Executive Board meeting 4/28
- RCC Major Gifts Campaign Presentation 4/29
- Q&A with 5th Year apprentices 4/29

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Memorial Day.

CELEBRATION WORK DAY

Saturday, June 13th

7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.???

Decatur Business Center
(Incubator)

next to Borg-Warner Softball complex
Coffee & donuts provided in the morning and the Celebration Board of Directors will be providing lunch.

Volunteers are needed to rebuild the Decatur Celebration electrical panels. All power tools will be provided but small hand tools and saw horses would be helpful.

To volunteer call the hall to have your name added to the list or you may contact John Koehler at 217-521-1031 for more information.

THE ASSISTANT'S REPORT

As we move into summer we still have good news regarding 3 of the large projects we continue to monitor.

Secure Energy: The funding that was promised by the State of Illinois 3 years ago has been returned to the Coal Bond Fund through the sale of bonds. This is very good news however, there are still hurdles that have to be cleared. Secure Energy and the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) are still negotiating the grant contract terms and a major hang-up still exists regarding a long term coal contract. Secure Energy must wait for prices to stabilize in the coal and energy markets before they can move forward with a purchase agreement and DCEO will not release the grant until a long term coal contract has been reached.

Representative Phil Hare (D) of the 17th Congressional District of Illinois and Secure Energy representatives have scheduled a

press event at the site later this month.

Taylorville Energy Center: Representatives from Kiewit Energy have made contact with us and we hope to meet later this month. This project shows signs of a possible 3rd quarter 2010 start, but as everyone knows, these dates are just projections until calls for manpower begin.

FutureGen: John Taylor and I attended the annual meeting of Coles Together, the economic development group of Coles County, where it was reported that representatives from FutureGen Alliance continue to meet with the U.S. Department of Energy regarding FutureGen. This project remains on everyone's radar screen and we will continue to intensely monitor any news regarding the project. We are very fortunate to have John Taylor as the Lincoln Land Building and Construction Trades president as he will be a part of any proceedings associated with FutureGen..

Meetings and events:

- ▶Attended CO2 Sequestration presentation at RCC
- ▶Assisted with GOTV activities for the municipal elections.
- ▶Attended a luncheon with DMH Chief Operating Officer, Tim Stone and other DBCTC representatives
- ▶Attended Statewide Building and Trades meeting in Bloomington where Gov Pat Quinn, IDOT Sec Gary Hannig, IDOL Director Catherine Shannon, and CDB Executive Director Jim Riemer addressed attendees.
- ▶Met with Greg Florian and Wegi Stewart from Richland Community College regarding the IBEW's role in RCC's future.
- ▶Attended the RCC Major Gift Campaign

▶Decatur Building & Construction Trades Council

- ▶Union meeting & E-Board
- ▶Decatur Housing Authority
- ▶Decatur Electrical Commission
- ▶Annual Q&A meeting with 5th Year Apprentices
- ▶Easter Seals TV/Radio Day

Congratulations to our newest journeymen and to all apprentices on completion of another successful school year.

In Brotherhood,
Shad E. Etchason

Local 601 Slo-Pitch Softball Tournament

Brother Matt Wood is once again volunteering to put together a team for Local 146 to play in the Local 601 Softball Tournament on August 8th and 9th. Anyone interested in playing needs to contact Matt at 217-521-1770. Only 16 teams are invited to participate. If we cannot get enough interested players to cover the 2 days of play, we need to let Local 601 know so they can find a replacement team to fill our spot. Your immediate response would be greatly appreciated.

From the South . . .

During the past month, I represented Local 146 by:

Attending the April Union meeting and Executive Board meeting giving a report at each.

Chaired Lincoln Land Building and Construction Trades Council meeting and pre-job conference

Met with Charleston City Manager regarding the electrical inspector's position

Met with Coles Together president, Angela Griffin

Participated by giving testimony in support of the State Capital spending bill at RCC. The event

was sponsored by Illinois State Representatives Flider and Bradley.

Attended the Coles Together Annual Meeting

Participated in the 5th Year Apprentice Question & Answer session that lasted approximately 2 ½ hours.

Attended the monthly in-progress meeting at Coffeen Power Station. While on site met and talked to several electricians.

Attended the service for Brother Donald "Rex" Snider while delivering the death benefit check and Bible to the family.

Visited the EIU Electric Shop Area projects:

- ✓Beecher City Water Treatment –Commerical Electric is close to signing a contract \$1,000,000 in electrical work
 - ✓Amtrak Depot –Commercial
 - ✓CVS/Midas-no electrical as of yet
 - ✓Mattoon VA–Commercial
 - ✓Morrisonville School-Bodine
 - ✓Shelbyville Water Treatment –Bodine
 - ✓Life Span Center–Nadler
 - ✓Package Liquor Drive Thru Mattoon–Commercial
 - ✓Thrift Bread Store–Commercial
- The following went to non-signatory contractors

- »Effingham Buffalo Wild Wings
- »Teutopolis Tennis Court lighting

Respectfully submitted,
John W. Taylor

Assistant Business Manager/Recruiter

CLINTON POWER HOUSE CONSTRUCTION REUNION

Saturday, September 12, 2009
Elks Club
Clinton, IL

Brother Harold Treichler is organizing the event and has reserved the Elks Club in Clinton, hired 2 bands (DaJaVu and Sangamon) and a caterer. He is

planning on the event running from early afternoon to midnight. To help cover his costs, there will be a nominal fee for the event (\$15/person). The plans include to display many photos and slides from the construction era plus several activities to help everyone get better acquainted.

Anyone interested or having questions should contact Harold at cpsconstructionreunion@yahoo.com.

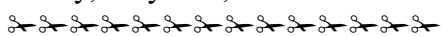
**9th Annual IBEW Local #146
Golf Play Day
Saturday, June 6, 2009
Lakeshore Golf Course
Taylorville, Illinois**

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. No tank tops or sleeveless shirts.

\$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



At the time of this printing, I am attending the Spring Trustees meeting for the NECA-IBEW Health & Welfare and Pension Trust Funds. I plan to address the issues discussed in a special mailing after I receive the official minutes.

Wellness Program: For those participating in the NECA-IBEW Welfare Trust Fund, you should have received a Wellness Power newsletter describing your new Wellness & Disease Management Benefits that started March 1, 2009. In order to maximize on these benefits you must register and complete a health risk assessment. Once you have registered you have earned \$50 in your personal health reimbursement account. There is a bonus \$50 if you complete this before May 31. Eligible participants can earn up to \$300/\$600 per family in total rewards for participation in this program. For specific questions call the benefit office at 217-875-0254 or 1-800-765-4239 or go to <https://my.healthatoz.com/portal/bridge/NECAIBEW>.

During the past month I attended the Macon County Electrical Commission meeting and the reception for Attorney General Lisa Madigan. I toured the ADM Sequestration site and continue to speak to legislators regarding the FutureGen project. I testified on behalf of the badly needed State Capital Bill. I have attended many meetings regarding the needed funding for the URMAR program. Chaired a Decatur Building and Construction Trades Council meeting and testified at the trial board for those who failed to pay the first 2009 death assessment on

time. May I please express to you the importance of paying the current death assessment before the June 5th deadline. Once charges are read, the \$20 assessment costs considerably more.

Union Meeting Announcements

- April 2009 Union Meeting
Accidents/Sickness/Deaths/Births
John Toth hip surgery 2/09
Les Otto family new baby girl 2/21
Lonie Ginger off with back 3/11
Wayne Tipsword surgery 3/20
JT Slaughter's wife cancer care 3/26
Nick King family new baby boy 4/1
Tim Aughenbaugh shoulder injury 4/7
Fred Closen heart scare 4/10
Jerry Odle C.O. poisoning 4/09

*Please note, in last month's newsletter it was reported that Steve Holland's father passed on 2/25 when he actually had by-pass surgery on 2/25. He his home doing well. We apologize for the error.

In Memoriam

Brother Melvin Steele passed on Thursday, April 12 at the age of 63. Brother Steele was a 27 year member of the IBEW working his entire career for Bodine Motor Shop.

Brother D. Rex Snider passed on Wednesday, April 15 at the age of 71. He was a 43 year member of the IBEW.

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of these deceased brothers.

**Green Light/Red Light
Move from Green to RED**

- Cheddar's Casual Café
Hickory Point Bank –Forsyth
Fairfield Inn

Berean Bookstore in Brettwood Village is now out of business.

Add to the Green Light List
Choice Home Store in Brettwood Village