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## THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO LOCAL NO. 5

On Tuesday October 11th 2011 The President of the United States, Barack Obama, visited our Training Center and spoke in our Conference Hall promoting a new jobs bill to be presented to the Senate later that same day. During his visit he toured the training facility and spoke directly with several of our first and second year apprentices. While in the Conduit Lab, the President watched the group bend a piece of conduit and even read the level, informing the group when the 90 degree bend was complete. The President carried on a lively conversation with apprentices Jon Burke, Jon Beneroski, and Antawn Davis asking questions about



their years of service, how they came into the program and about the skill sets necessary to become an accomplished conduit

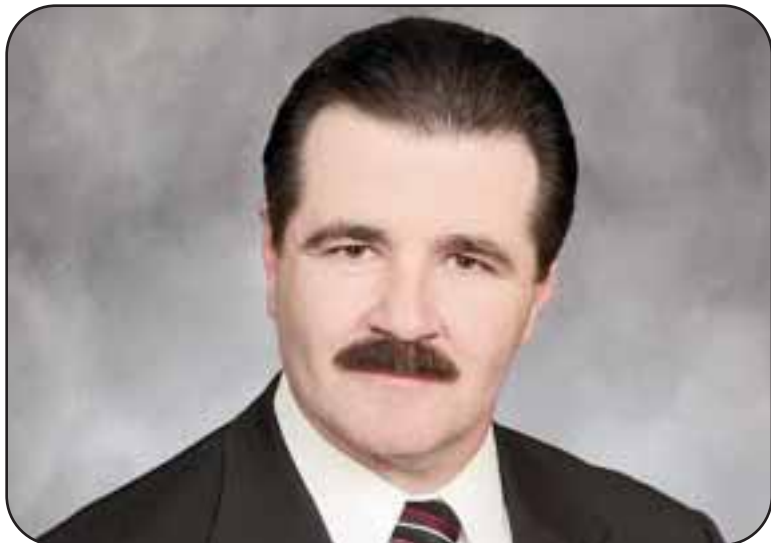
bender. He wished everyone there the best of luck in completing their program and continued on to the Motor Control Lab. Cara

Erskine, Dale Brown, Ryan Bishop-Cumberland, and Ken Elean gave the President a demonstration on the operation of start-stop station and control of a motor from a local and remote location. The President laughed and joked with the apprentices before posing for a group picture. After his tour he proceeded on to his Jobs Council Meeting where he met with various business executives from around the country. The visit ended in the Meeting Hall where Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis and the President each gave inspiring speeches about his New Jobs Bill.





# Corner by Michael Dunleavy



I purposely waited until this edition of the newsletter to tout the visit of the President of the United States, Barack Obama, to the Local Union No. 5 headquarters because it contains an important list of endorsed candidates for the upcoming primary election. The President's visit is an example of the kind of recognition that comes with advanced political activism. Your willingness to show up at the polls, contribute to the Political Action Committee as well as to participate in neighborhood walks and telephone banks is what sets us apart and makes the IBEW and Local Union No. 5 worthy of a Presidential visit. Unlike the current group of Republican Presidential candidates, our President has demonstrated his support for working men and women and for the Union movement. While visiting Local 5, The President commended the Local Union officers for their leadership and reiterated his support for our issues. It is imperative that we continue to support him. Nobody appreciates being told who to vote for but it is important for you to know which candidates support you. If you do not see an endorsement for a particular office in this newsletter, it means that you should feel free to vote for the candidate of your choice. But if you do see an endorsement, please seriously consider casting your vote for that individual.

The final political subject that I would like to address is the success of our Political Action Committee. Through your voluntary contributions, we are able to support candidates who support us. If you do not contribute, please consider doing so for your own well being as well as that of your fellow union members.

I am proud to inform you of additional benefits being provided to you by the WPEE Insurance Trust Fund. Please take the time to read the

explanation on this page of this increase in your coverage. At a time when other plans are cutting, our plan is not only able to maintain our current level of benefits but due to the Trustees competent stewardship, we are able to increase them. If you have any questions about your benefits, please do not hesitate to contact the Fund office.

I would like to personally thank everyone that contributed to the Unemployed Members Fund. It is amazing to me that while we only ask active employed journeymen to contribute, we receive contributions from retirees, active military members, sick and disabled members, as well as from apprentices and the entire clerical staff of the Local Union. I am sorry to say that if you subtract these contributions and the contributions of the officers and staff, only four percent of the fully employed active members could see fit to part with \$20.00 to help their long-time unemployed brothers and sisters at the holidays. We are Local Union No. 5 of the I.B.E.W. We can do better than this.

I want to remind all members on the out-of-work lists to remember their re-sign date. I am very concerned about our long-term unemployed members that fail to re-sign resulting in their names being dropped from the books. We have a monthly re-sign and you have the ability to re-sign in person, by mail, by fax or on-line. It is your responsibility to make note of your re-sign date. You have the availability of re-signing everyday within the month, if you choose. Remember, this is not the Local Union kicking you off the book, it is you removing yourself by failing to meet your responsibility. So, in conclusion, I leave you with the following: REMEMBER TO RE-SIGN, REMEMBER TO RE-SIGN, REMEMBER TO RE-SIGN.

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March, 2012

Dear Active and Retired Members:

We are pleased to inform you that we are planning a "2012 I.B.E.W. LOCAL NO. 5 DENNY MILLER FAMILY PICNIC" to be held on SATURDAY, JUNE 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at IDLEWILD PARK located in the beautiful Laurel Highlands, Ligonier, Pennsylvania from 10:00 a.m. to closing.

Idlewild has a brand new entertainment line-up featuring a return to the traditional Song and Dance extravaganzas during the afternoon and evening performances at the Hootin' Holler and Hillside Theater Stages. Daily in Raccoon Lagoon visit Thomas and Friends full steam ahead live and experience trainloads of fun! Idlewild has 19 major rides including 2 coasters; 14 kiddie rides; the original Story Book Forest and the one and only Mister Rogers' Neighborhood of Make-Believe. Come and join us for a day of fun and relaxation! Idlewild is what family fun is all about!

The discounted cost per person is \$17.50, (value of Fun Day pass is \$33.99 plus tax charged at park) which Local 5 will pay \$14.50 towards each ticket purchased, leaving you a total cost of \$3.00 for each adult member, their spouse and children ages 3 thru 18. (Children 2 years and under are admitted to the park free). Children over 18 and grandchildren age 3 and over must pay the full rate of \$17.50. Please send a check or money order only made payable to "IBEW LOCAL UNION NO. 5" for your ticket purchases along with your attendance card. Please try to return your ticket order and money NO LATER THAN MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> so that we can order the park entry tickets early, but orders will also be accepted after May 1st.

Refreshment tickets totaling \$6.00 will accompany each ticket order. As in the past, there will be bingo games and raffles held throughout the day.

We hope to see you and your family on June 16<sup>th</sup> for a day of fun. You won't want to miss it!



Fraternally yours,

IBEW LOCAL UNION NO. 5

*Michael R. Dunleavy*  
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Business Manager

## W.P.E.E. Insurance Trust Fund

### SHINGLE SHOT NOTICE 2012

Please be advised that as of February 28th, 2012 the W.P.E.E. Insurance Trust Fund will now provide eligible coverage for shingle shots. In order for you or an eligible dependent to receive coverage for the vaccine you must be eligible for Insurance Trust Fund benefits on the date the shot is administered. Claims should be submitted to the claims office and will be considered under the W.P.E.E. Insurance Trust Fund Medical/Surgical Program. If you have any questions regarding the coverage please contact the Fund Office at (412)432-1130 or 1-800-382-1428.

### PNEUMONIA VACCINE NOTICE 2012

Please be advised that as of March 31, 2012 the W.P.E.E. Insurance Trust Fund will now provide eligible coverage for pneumonia vaccines. In order for you or an eligible dependent to receive coverage for the vaccine you must be eligible for Insurance Trust Fund benefits on the date the vaccine is administered. Claims should be submitted to the claims office and will be considered under the W.P.E.E. Insurance Trust Fund Medical/Surgical Program. If you have any questions regarding the coverage please contact the Fund Office at (412)432-1130 or 1-800-382-1428.



# Active Members 20 To 45 Year Service Pin Recipients



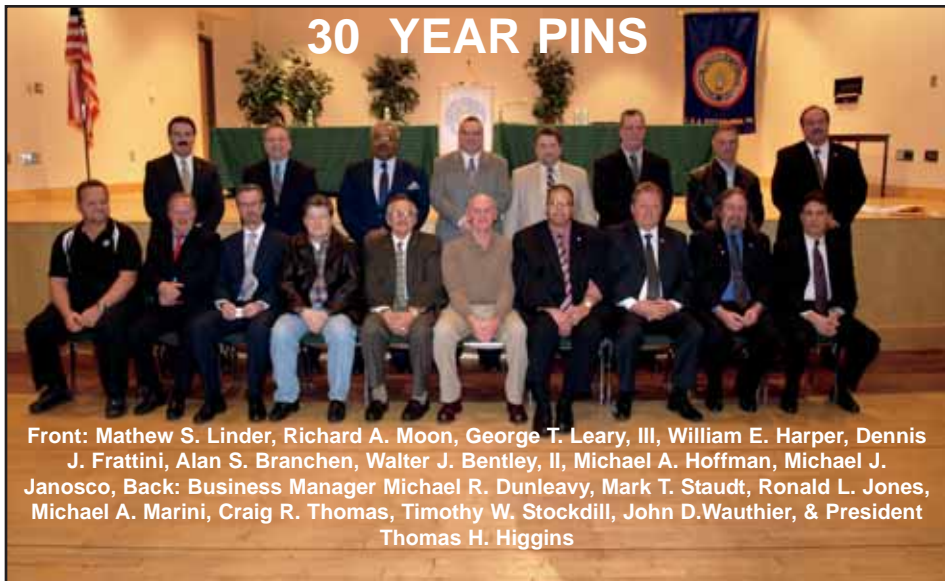
## 20 YEAR PINS

L to R: Front: Anthony W. Gigliotti, Michael R. Colosi, James B. Fabian, Joseph H. Butler, Leonard I. Collins, James R. Berger, Jason I. Corbin, James R. Black, III, James C. Donovan, James T. Ebert, Jr. Back: Business Manager Michael R. Dunleavy, Jeffrey Gudac, Richard D. Kifer, Frank A. Rogachesky, David C. Seitz, Robin R. Shaffer, Ronald W. Strnisa, Randy J. Wagner & President Thomas H. Higgins.



## 25 YEAR PINS

L to R: Business Manager Michael R. Dunleavy: Leonard J. Verdetto, Jr., Richard J. Rodgers, Rodney C. Heard, Timothy N. Branthoover, Dennis M. Conroy, Steven J. Heintl, Harry A. Meyer, Jeffrey D. Sardon, & President Thomas H. Higgins .



## 30 YEAR PINS

Front: Mathew S. Linder, Richard A. Moon, George T. Leary, III, William E. Harper, Dennis J. Frattini, Alan S. Branchen, Walter J. Bentley, II, Michael A. Hoffman, Michael J. Janosco, Back: Business Manager Michael R. Dunleavy, Mark T. Staudt, Ronald L. Jones, Michael A. Marini, Craig R. Thomas, Timothy W. Stockdill, John D. Wauthier, & President Thomas H. Higgins



## 35 YEAR PINS

L to R :Business Manager Michael R. Dunleavy, James R. Richter, Michael C. Conroy, Robert J. Guenther & President Thomas H. Higgins



## 40 YEAR PINS

L to R: Business Manager Michael R. Dunleavy, Robert A. Peters, John Ednie, Jr., Robert J. Kearns, Robert K. Kutz, Jr., Terrence V. Thorsen, & President Thomas H. Higgins.

### TWENTY YEAR PINS

Christopher A. Bailey	John M. Drilak	Rusty L. Horner	Daniel J. Regan
Joseph E. Baylor	Daniel B. Drummond	Brian J. Hunter	Pete J. Ritchey
James R. Berger	Edward J. Ebbs	Timothy S. Kelch	Frank A. Rogachesky
John F. Bettwy	James T. Ebert, Jr.	Richard D. Kifer	Anthony W. Schultz
Matthew F. Bettwy	James B. Fabian	Alan D. Kobrys	Paul J. Sedor
James R. Black, III	Gregory E. Flaus	Robert C. Krater	David C. Seitz
Chris A. Borrelli	John J. Fleming	Brian E. Landowski	Robin R. Shaffer
Charles G. Brouwer	Patrick B. Foley	Robert E. Lightner	James P. Shipley
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Gary M. Buda	Michael W. Funfar	Paul J. Mankie	James M. Smith
Joseph H. Butler	Peter W. Fye	Scott D. McCauley	David R. Succi
Kenneth J. Carr	James C. Gibson	Verne T. McDade	Gary G. Spitznogle
Kip R. Cercillo	Anthony W. Gigliotti	William G. McGowan	Ronald W. Strnisa
William M. Coll	Theodore J. Gilbert	Leonard T. Mesina	Scott M. Sweeney
Frank M. Collins	Brad K. Gindesperger	Michael J. Murphy	Charles H. Thomas
Leonard L. Collins	Daniel S. Golden	Patrick G. Noullet	Joseph J. Tortorice
Michael R. Colosi	Andrew P. Grosick, II	Thomas G. Pappas	David J. Vaccaro
Jason L. Corbin	Jeffrey Gudac	Terry E. Payne	Scott S. Valerio
Joseph F. Cowell	Robert H. Harding	Stephen J. Perry	Randy J. Wagner
Michael A. Crouch	Thomas W. Heinsberg	Frank C. Piscatello	David A. Wessel
Robert A. David	Paula A. Herald	James J. Prendergast	Chad R. Wolfhope
Duane T. Devett	Michael J. Hoffman	Larry N. Quinten	George A. Yanosick
Jason L. Dickerson	Lawrence R. Hood	Mark J. Rectenwald	Hassen Zigler, Jr.
James C. Donovan			

### TWENTY FIVE YEAR PINS

Thomas G. Anderson	Rodney C. Heard	Robert J. McCort	James B. Terreri
Jon K. Beley	Steven J. Heintl	Harry A. Meyer	Carl N. Thomas
Darryl L. Branchen	Dean E. Hill	Robert K. Quairiere	Tim R. Tyler
Timothy N. Branthoover	Robert S. Horrell	Richard J. Rodgers	Leonard J. Verdetto, Jr.
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Dennis M. Conroy	Donald E. Kendi	Jeffrey D. Sardon	Edward J. Watts
Vernon C. Fordyce	Kris T. Kennedy	David C. Schumacher	Myrle F. Webb, III
Mark E. Fry	Dale W. Kitzky, Jr.	Thomas M. Seigh	Wayne E. Williams
Barry A. Galczynski	Joseph F. Konopka	Kenneth P. Simon	John W. Zehala
Eugene C. Gaughf	David M. Long	Peter F. Sustar	James W. Zunic
Terrence E. Hanlon	John D. Maas, Jr.		

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Joseph J. Augello	Kirk C. Eckert	Ronald L. Jones	Richard R. Schumm
James P. Beck	Arthur J. Edmunds, Jr.	Robert M. Kostilnik	Daniel G. Senge
Walter J. Bentley, II	Barry M. Ford	George T. Leary, III	Gerald M. Stamper
Wayne K. Betz	Dennis J. Frattini	Mathew S. Linder	Mark T. Staudt
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Richard A. Dunkel	Michael J. Janosco	John A. Rankin	Eli M. Zorich

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Michael E. Doerfler	Scott T. Hay	James R. Richter	

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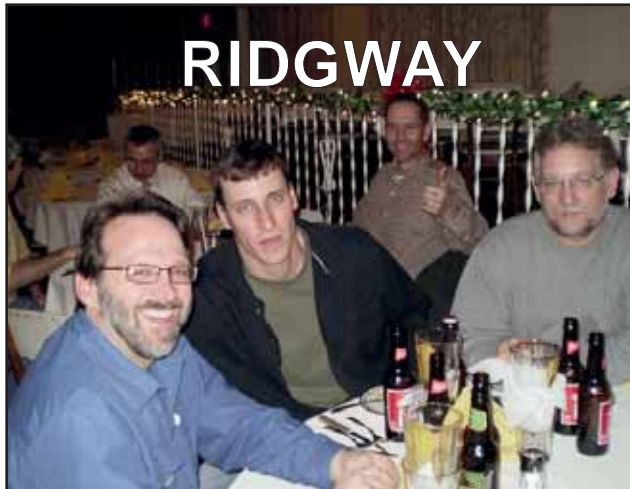
Wayne B. Wilson



# CHRISTMAS PARTY IN PITTSBURGH









## REPORT OF LEGAL COUNCIL - JOSHUA M. BLOOM

If you suffer an injury at work and receive any type of workers' compensation benefits, you should expect to receive, at some point, a letter advising you that you must attend an "independent medical examination." Insurance companies have the right to require you to attend such an examination periodically. Ordinarily, the insurance company cannot require you to attend this examination more often than every six (6) months.

Although this so-called "independent" examination does not sound like anything you should be concerned about, do not be fooled - it is an examination performed by a doctor who the insurance company pays to examine you in an effort to reduce, suspend, or terminate your benefits. Furthermore, the physician performing the independent medical examination often times will request that you provide certain background information about your medical history and work injury - information that the insurance company and physician may try to use against you in the future.

Nonetheless, so long as the insurance company schedules your independent medical examination at a reasonable time and location, you must attend this examination. Otherwise, you may lose certain benefits. In fact, The Pennsylvania Supreme Court recently decided that a Workers' Compensation Judge can sus-

pend not only an injured workers' wage loss benefits but also the workers' medical benefits if the injured worker does not attend an independent medical examination. In other words, failing to attend the independent medical examination could result in you being unable to obtain the medical treatment you need to treat your work injury in addition to losing your wage loss benefits.

The hidden nature of an independent medical examination and the potential consequences of attending, or not attending, that examination are just a few reasons why it is so important for the injured worker to consult with an attorney after receiving any sort of correspondence from the workers' compensation insurance company. Without a doubt, you should always seek a free consultation from our law firm before submitting to an independent medical examination so that you do not unknowingly allow an insurance company to take advantage of you.

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## HARRISBURG REPORT - JESSE WHITE

As the son of an IBEW Local 5 member, I grew up familiar with the issues impacting working men and women in Pennsylvania. Now, as the State Representative for the 46th Legislative District, which includes parts of Washington, Allegheny and Beaver Counties, I have a somewhat different and much deeper appreciation for those issues.

In retrospect, I may have taken some things for granted; how was I to know what I was hearing at my dinner table wasn't necessarily the same as the family next door? I may have been naïve to assume everyone willing to learn a skilled trade could support a family if he or she worked hard, but it was all I knew. It never occurred to me that someone who put in an honest day's work could come home with anything less than a living wage and fair benefits.

After nearly six years in the State House of Representatives, during which I have been privileged to serve on the Labor and Industry Committee, I have come to realize not only how hard-fought the rights of my father and all of his union brothers and sisters were, but I am witnessing first-hand how easily those rights can be taken away.

The environment in Harrisburg is unfortunately as toxic as ever, as Governor Corbett an extremely conservative majority in the legislature is pushing measures written by right-wing interest groups like ALEC to directly attack the middle class workers of Pennsylvania.

Take for example the giving of millions and millions of dollars in tax breaks to both

out-of-state and multi-national energy companies to promote development of natural gas in the Marcellus Shale. I represent the heart of the drilling area, so I have a major interest in this issue, and it infuriates me that not a single word of the 174 pages of Act 13 (the new drilling law) deals with promoting Pennsylvania workers, funding job training or anything else we should have insisted on.

The sad reality is that skilled Pennsylvania union workers have been relegated to second-class status by this law, mainly because safeworking conditions and a living wage conflict with corporate profits. Instead of working to make the natural gas industry something we can all benefit from, out-of-state workers are taking the jobs your members are trained, ready and willing to do. We need to look beyond gas industry public relations propaganda and demand that more of these jobs go to our skilled workers. Your members deserve a seat at the table, but this governor and his anti-union forces want you crawling on the floor begging for scraps.

This is a long-term fight, and it is one worth winning. I intend to keep fighting for you, not just because I'm the son of a Local 5 brother, but because it's a fight we simply cannot afford to lose. For more information, visit my website at [www.supportjesse.com](http://www.supportjesse.com) or find me on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/repjessewhite](http://www.facebook.com/repjessewhite).



# Hope Springs Eternal

Spring is a time for rebirth and new growth. It's a time of anticipation; a time for planting as well as planning. For union building trades workers, spring is often a time for cautious optimism. This year is no exception.

Just like the weather, things are starting to heat up for the construction industry, and it's not all because of the time of year. Certainly the winter of 2011/2012 was among the mildest on record, allowing for much construction activity to continue uninterrupted. But signs of an economic recovery are beginning to show and more and more projects are either getting off the ground or about to break ground.

In 2011, non-residential construction in the Pittsburgh region totaled nearly \$3.75 billion, up from approximately \$2.5 billion the preceding year. While much of that can be attributed to work at Allegheny Ludlum's mill in Brackenridge, it is an indication of the investment and reinvestment that is being made in western Pennsylvania.

Rarely a week or even day passes when some new major construction project isn't in the news. High school as well as secondary education building construction continues to make headlines, new office and high-rise residential developments are in the works, and the ongoing dispute between UPMC and Highmark in many ways bodes well for additional construction activity, as each of these

health care giants compete to capture the public's confidence that their hospitals and medical facilities are superior. (What this dispute means to actual health care costs is a whole different issue.)

More recently, the news that Royal Dutch Shell has selected Beaver County as a possible location for its estimated \$3 billion "cracker" plant should have virtually all local building trades business managers doing cartwheels over the potential manpower demands for this facility and others that will result from such an investment. For the "cracker" plant alone, as many as 10,000 construction jobs are estimated to be needed over a four-year period. And while work related to drilling in the Marcellus Shale has not yet generated the number of local union construction jobs as hoped or anticipated (with the exception of work for Operating Engineers), some natural gas companies are beginning to see the value of using local union labor and contractors.

For example, earlier this year Range Resources opened its new \$30 million regional headquarters at Southpoint in Canonsburg. At the ribbon cutting ceremony, John Applegath, vice president of Range Resources' Southern Marcellus Shale Division, praised the work of all the local building trade unions who worked on the project.

In fact, in the January 2012 edition of Southpoint Today, Mr. Applegath was quoted as saying, "I can't say enough about the greater Pittsburgh building trades. There's no way this building could be built someplace else

this rapidly. Everybody knew what they were supposed to do; we didn't have to fuss about anything."

Built in less than one year, the five-story, 180,000 square foot building is a testimony to the skills of local workers and their contractors. It's a reputation that owners and developers need to understand and embrace. It's also a reputation that elected officials have to understand when they consider legislation that is counter to local union building trades workers and the hundreds of local union-affiliated contractors.

Fortunately, large energy companies such as Exxon Mobile and Royal Dutch Shell are more familiar with building trades unions, as a result of their history and working relationships around the country. Should the recently announced "cracker" plant come to fruition, it is likely that a union construction work force will be used.

Of course, not all the news is positive. Coal fired power plants are under attack and the threat of their closings is very real, as industry leaders struggle to affordably meet strict environmental regulations.

The inability in Washington for Congress to agree on a new Surface Transportation Act also threatens heavy highway contractors, as much needed taxes are used to fund bridge, highway and mass transit improvement projects,

including their lighting and related electrical components. Although the debate is heating up, so is the price of gasoline which makes the passage of any new funding, be it in Washington or Harrisburg, even more difficult.

But why be pessimistic? This is spring. There is enough good news on the horizon to allow us to see the glass as half full. Ground is about to be broken on PNC's new office tower in downtown Pittsburgh as is the renovation and virtual replacement of the former Connelly Trade School by Pittsburgh Gateways. These green buildings are just another sign of a growing economy in the Pittsburgh region and of the investment that local companies are willing to make in our area. Spring is here and with it comes hope for a brighter and better year.



**By Jason Fincke, Executive Director Builders Guild of Western Pennsylvania**



**From the North** by Jim Saeler



Zavala Electric at Slippery Rock University Dining Hall L to R: Dave Behringer, Rich Hiles & Jarred Thorpe.



O.Z. Enterprise, Slippery Rock University Student Union. L to R: Roy Speicher, Gale Lorenzi & Feller Heider.

**From the Near - North** by Rich Dunkel



BECA Electric at Excelsa Health-- Norwin Square Phase I. L to R: Gary Swaney, Jesse Elsesser, Malcolm Murray, Joe Glassbrenner, Brian Axe, Michael Petrosky, Leticia Fedora, Brian Burke, Jim Shipley – Foreman, Art Willochell, Tom Hunter, Rick Kepchia, (not pictured) Don Daley, Sean Powers & Chad Hollobaugh



Scalise Industries at The Meadows. Front L to R: Pat Kelly, John Lippert, Mike Hollern, Back L to R: Chris Bradley, Brian Wiefeling, Joe LaPlace & Mike Boras.

**From the North** by Bob Kutz



Claysburg Brick Plant Frankl Electric. L to R: Fred Morris, Mark Price, John Morse, Dave Massar and Karl Dickson.



Bruce & Merrilees crew at Skytop Mountain L to R: George Odrosky, Bob McKnight, Sean Caddy, Ed Jeffreys, Rick Isenberg, Dan Kenney & Rick Rousch.

**From the Far North - East** by Jeff Miller



Precision Electric Crew at Giant Eagle Express, Indiana, PA.



Dave Kronenwetter Electric Crew at Kessel Athletic Complex, Pitt Bradford Campus, Bradford, PA

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# JATC NEWS

Things are happening at the JATC. After a visit from President Obama, things have not slowed down. First, let us say what an honor it was for the President to visit our Training Center. It was a great experience for all of those involved, especially the apprentices who interacted one on one with him. Thanks to all involved who made his visit a success!

There are a few projects on the horizon for the Training Center. We are currently working on an indoor training area for Photovoltaic Training. We are installing a 40 x 20 foot roof, with the help of the carpenter's apprentices, which will hold two rows of 15 solar panels. This will allow us to train from the installation of mounting the racks and panels, to installing the combiner boxes and inverters. We should have everything in place for training in the fall.

You will also see work beginning, in the near future, on a car charging station in our front parking lot. It will consist of two pedestal mounted car chargers under a canopy, with solar panels installed on top. We hope to have this work completed by summer.

Along the education and training front, we are continuing ICRA training on a first come, first served basis. If you are interested, call Lisa at 412-432-1145. She will put your name on a list for the next available class. We will be sending out information on other classes that will be available in the coming months.

Lastly, we have some new faces on staff. We have put on a number of new instructors; John McFadden, Rich Janoski, Chris Gualazzi, John McIntyre, Damean Hilty, and Adam Nileski have been added as part-time instructors. Ron Ewing is the new Day School Instructor; taking Tim Wisyanski's place. Tim has accepted the position of Assistant Training Director. Good luck to all. Until next time, be safe!

## ALLEGHENY COUNTY



Miller Electric Crew. Brixs at 26th. L to R: Jim Hutchinson, Steve Werner, Zach Haser, Wayne Betz, James Paiano, John Bateman & Ken Baldauf.



Crew for Power Contracting at the CCAC K. Leroy Irvis Science Center. L to R: Mark Fortwangler, Dan Terpack, Nick Martin, Ken Wilson, Brian Gilmore, Randy Barie, Marcus Wilson & Brian Clugston.



# UNEMPLOYMENT FUND DONORS

Thanks to the generosity of many of our members for their donations to our unemployed members fund.

Apprentices (1st & 2nd Year)	Crossett, Robert R.	Hursen, Glenn J.	Murrio, John	Sprowls, Ray C., Jr.
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Barone, Samuel J.	Dittler, James L.	Jones, Richard C., Jr.	O'Connell, Lawrence A.	Staudt, Michael F.
Beall, Tom	Dunkel, Richard A.	Karbowsky, Michael T.	O'Kain, Kenneth M.	Stefanik, Victor
Bentley, Walter J.	Dunleavy, Michael R.	Kelley, Adaryll	Olejar, Michael	Sunday, Thomas & Carol
Bigler, Craig M.	Elkanich, Judith Ann	Kelly, Thomas J.	Pekney, Robert W.	Thorsen, Terrence V.
Bonetti, David M.	Emanuel, Noel L.	Kienic, Michael J.	Pentland, Victor J.	Trageser, Ronald D.
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Branchen, Daniel L.	Faust, Patrick D.	Kucharski, Allen P.	Perry, David M.	Varholla, Adam
Bresnan, Drake E.	Fedora, Leticia M.	Kutz, Robert K., Jr.	Perry, Stephen J.	Varholla, Michael W.
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**It is America's top priority: attacking the jobs crisis and putting Americans back to work. Continuing partisan deadlock has so far kept Congress from taking action, but that has not stopped some elected officials from promoting new ideas - ideas that working families are pushing to make the centerpiece of the 2012 elections. Here are five that could help IBEW members from every branch get off the bench:**

**1. Infrastructure Bank:** Proposed by Sens. John Kerry (D-Mass.), Kay Hutchinson (R-Texas), and Mark Warner, (D-Va.), an independent national infrastructure bank would provide federal loans as startup capital to help encourage private investment in highways, bridges, rail and clean energy. Serious revamping of our industrial infrastructure is long overdue, engineering experts say. The American Society of Civil Engineers grades our infrastructure a "D", saying it will cost \$2.2 trillion to bring it fully up to date. A bank will help guarantee future economic growth and put tens of thousands of construction and utility workers on-the-job right away. As MSNBC **reports**:

According to the Department of Transportation's 2008 numbers, every \$1 billion invested in transportation infrastructure creates between 27,800 and 34,800 jobs. The Infrastructure Bank proposal is part of Obama's jobs package.

**2. Extend Payroll Tax Cut, Unemployment Benefits:** With consumer demand still near rock bottom, putting more money into the hands of working families is vital to keeping local economies alive. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office estimates that extending unemployment insurance for another year will create 323,000 jobs, while extending the payroll tax cut would create 400,000 new jobs according to economist Joel Prakken. Both extensions are supported by President Obama and congressional Democrats.

**3. Energy Investment:** A comprehensive national push to invest in both renewable energy – solar, wind and biofuels – as well as boosting traditional energy resources such as clean coal, natural gas and domestically produced oil would put tens of thousands of electrical workers back on the job. While President Obama's 2009 recovery act provided important incentives for renewable projects, the federal government has dragged its feet on further measures. As former California **Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger** recently wrote:

Federal support for development of new energy sources is lower today than at any other point in U.S. history, and our government is forcing the clean-energy sector into a competitive disadvantage.

Some immediate steps Congress can take on the energy jobs front:

- **Renew the Production Tax Credit** for renewable energy and clean coal technology. For example, the wind power industry currently supports 75,000 construction, utility and manufacturing jobs thanks in large part to the tax incentives provided by the wind production tax credit – which expires at the end of 2012. The U.S. Department of Energy estimated that by 2030, the wind industry will support 500,000 jobs – but only as long as the federal government continues to make sure it remains internationally competitive.
- **Encourage building retrofits for energy efficiency** through tax credits and federal rebates, like the recently passed **Energy Savings Performance Contracts** program. James Dixon, vice president for legal and compliance services at Con Edison Energy and Dan Kerr, director of energy services at McClure Co., estimates that efforts to retrofit state and local buildings in Pennsylvania would create **19,000 high-paying jobs** in the Keystone State alone.
- **Pass the Fair Compliance Act of 2011**, introduced by Sens. Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) and Dan Coats' (R-Ind.). The bill sets a realistic time frame for utilities to comply with new Environmental Protection Agency clean air rules, saving and/or creating thousands of utility jobs retrofitting power plants with clean coal technology.

**4. Crack Down on Chinese Currency Manipulation:** China's artificially undervalued currency makes Chinese products cheaper in the U.S. and American products more expensive in China. The **Economic Policy Institute** estimates that cracking down on currency manipulation – as called for by the **Currency Reform for Fair Trade Act**, passed by the House of Representatives last fall – would create more than 1 million jobs.

**5. Buy American:** Many Americans were outraged by the news that the recently completed east span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge – the largest public works project in California history – used **Chinese-made steel**. The **"Invest in American Jobs Act of 2011,"** sponsored by Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) would help prevent such incidents by eliminating loopholes in existing "Buy America" requirements to ensure that all components used in public works projects are made in America.



# Local No. 5 Endorsed Candidates

## 2012 Primary Election

Tuesday, April 24th

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.



### PENNSYLVANIA

<b>President</b>	<b>Barack Obama</b>	<b>(D)</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Joe Biden</b>	<b>(D)</b>
<b>U.S. Senate</b>	<b>Robert Casey</b>	<b>(D)</b>
<b>Congress 14th</b>	<b>Mike Doyle</b>	<b>(D)</b>
<b>PA Attorney General</b>	<b>Patrick Murphy</b>	<b>(D)</b>
<b>PA Auditor General</b>	<b>Eugene DePasquale</b>	<b>(D)</b>
<b>PA Treasurer</b>	<b>Rob McCord</b>	<b>(D)</b>

### PA SENATE

<b>Joseph Scarnati III</b>	<b>District 25</b>	<b>(R)</b>
<b>John Wozniak</b>	<b>District 35</b>	<b>(D)</b>
<b>Mark Mustio</b>	<b>District 37</b>	<b>(R)</b>
<b>Kim Ward</b>	<b>District 39</b>	<b>(R)</b>
<b>Jay Costa, Jr.</b>	<b>District 43</b>	<b>(D)</b>
<b>James Brewster</b>	<b>District 45</b>	<b>(D)</b>

### PA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

<b>Jeret Gibbons</b>	<b>District 10</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>Mark Mustio</b>	<b>District 44</b>	<b>(R)</b>
<b>Robert Matzie</b>	<b>District 16</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>Nick Kotik</b>	<b>District 45</b>	<b>(D)</b>
<b>Jake Wheatley</b>	<b>District 19</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>Jesse White</b>	<b>District 46</b>	<b>(D)</b>
<b>Adam Ravenstahl</b>	<b>District 20</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>Brandon Neuman</b>	<b>District 48</b>	<b>(D)</b>
<b>Dominic Costa</b>	<b>District 21</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>Peter Daley, II</b>	<b>District 49</b>	<b>(D)</b>
<b>Martin Schmotzer</b>	<b>District 22</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>H. William Deweese</b>	<b>District 50</b>	<b>(D)</b>
<b>Dan Frankel</b>	<b>District 23</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>Tim Mahoney</b>	<b>District 51</b>	<b>(D)</b>
<b>Ed Gainey</b>	<b>District 24</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>Deberah Kula</b>	<b>District 52</b>	<b>(D)</b>
<b>Joseph Markosek</b>	<b>District 25</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>Joseph Petrarca</b>	<b>District 55</b>	<b>(D)</b>
<b>Daniel Deasy, Jr.</b>	<b>District 27</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>Tim Krieger</b>	<b>District 57</b>	<b>(R)</b>
<b>Anthony DeLuca</b>	<b>District 32</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>R. Ted Harhai</b>	<b>District 58</b>	<b>(D)</b>
<b>Frank Dermody</b>	<b>District 33</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>Jo Ellen Bowman</b>	<b>District 60</b>	<b>(D)</b>
<b>Paul Costa</b>	<b>District 34</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>Bryan Barbin</b>	<b>District 71</b>	<b>(D)</b>
<b>Marc Gergely</b>	<b>District 35</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>Frank Burns</b>	<b>District 72</b>	<b>(D)</b>
<b>Harry Readshaw</b>	<b>District 36</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>Gary Haluska</b>	<b>District 73</b>	<b>(D)</b>
<b>Bill Kortz</b>	<b>District 38</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>Mike Hanna</b>	<b>District 76</b>	<b>(D)</b>
<b>Dave Levdansky</b>	<b>District 39</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>H. Scott Conklin</b>	<b>District 77</b>	<b>(D)</b>
<b>Matt Smith</b>	<b>District 42</b>	<b>(D)</b>			





## BEST WISHES TO PENSIONERS

The officers, and members of Local 5 congratulate these newly retired members and wish them a long and healthy retirement:



### NOVEMBER 2011

Stephen P. Eury

### DECEMBER 2011

John Ednie, Jr.                      Anthony J. Mazza

### JANUARY 2012

Patrick A. Driscoll                      John J. Maloney  
Theodore J. Gilbert                      Oliver J. Shannon  
Richard A. Grecco

### FEBRUARY 2012

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James H. Dickerson, Jr.                      William J. Hohman, Jr.                      Michael R. Lis  
Nile P. Frederick                      Ronald L. Jones                      Kenneth R. Staley

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David T. Buckley	Oct.	14,	1933	-	Nov.	3,	2011
Denis M. Hardt	Nov.	28,	1937	-	Nov.	5,	2011
Alfred E. McBurney	June	28,	1928	-	Nov.	18,	2011
Gene D. Ziziz	Dec.	11,	1950	-	Dec.	10,	2011
Donald W. Sowash, Jr.	Aug.	8,	1945	-	Dec.	10,	2011
Charles L. Wagner, Sr.	Feb.	6,	1927	-	Dec.	10,	2011
Richard S. Nourse	April	20,	1921	-	Dec.	12,	2011
Albert Oswald, Jr.	Jan.	31,	1934	-	Jan.	8,	2012
Joseph V. Foley	Oct.	7,	1944	-	Feb.	3,	2012
Richard A. Barie	Oct.	31,	1929	-	Feb.	17,	2012
Michael J. Draganac	March	17,	1943	-	March	4,	2012
Lonny P. Cumberland	May	13,	1940	-	March	7,	2012
Donald L. Schmidt	Aug.	3,	1937	-	March	22,	2012
Walter H. Schulte	July	12,	1928	-	March	25,	2012
Raymond W. Bitters	Feb.	26,	1924	-	March	24,	2012
John L. O'Brien	March	27,	1930	-	March	27,	2012

### Deceased Active Members

Bradley G. Wardle	Sept.	25,	1964	-	Dec.	4,	2011
Thomas J. Rodgers	Feb.	18,	1958	-	Feb.	6,	2012
John H. Reasinger	Aug.	29,	1955	-	Feb.	9,	2012

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS CARD

It is very important that you notify the Local union promptly of any mailing address or phone number change!

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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE# (INCLUDE AREA CODE): \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

### MAIL TO:

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Leona Vozar: Highmark, Security Blue, Freedom Blue, UPMC, Pensioners \$10 Dental and Optical Premium and Maintenance assessments.

Patty Lusnak: Dues payments and inquiries, change of address notifications, and BA Member information.

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Lisa McManus: Apprenticeship information.

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