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## 60 of 65 ENDORSED CANDIDATES WIN!

The working men and women of the labor movement in Pennsylvania and across the country are celebrating historic victories: the election of Barack Obama and Joe Biden, as well as larger worker friendly majorities in both the U.S. Congress and State legislature. The election of Barack Obama opens the door to pro-worker public policies, beginning with the Employee Free Choice Act. IBEW Local Union No. 5 endorsed candidates won 60 of 65 contests.

The main issue driving the election was the disastrous state of our national economy, growing joblessness, mortgage foreclosures, the loss of pension and healthcare benefits — the American dream in peril. The differences between the candidates was clear, and union members came out to vote in record numbers.

In Pennsylvania, dozens of visits to the state by Sen. John McCain and running mate Gov. Sarah Palin were no match for labor's extensive ground effort. Since Labor Day in Pennsylvania, 23,003 union volunteers knocked on over 600,000 doors of union households; 12,800 volunteers made 1.5 million phone calls to union members and their families; 4,172,009 fliers distributed at over 2,973 worksites; and 401 local unions sent mail to over 346,600 union households.

"These efforts weren't just about



**President Elect Barack Obama with Rick Bloomingdale, Secretary-Treasurer of the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO**

partisan politics," says International President Edwin D. Hill. "They were about the very survival of working families." Hill sees the unity built in the months before the election as decisive in pushing for and supporting bold action by the new president and Congress to tackle problems facing the country.

Approximately 1 in 3 votes cast on Election Day in Pennsylvania were from union households representing 30 percent of the total votes for Barack Obama in this historically high turnout of voters on Election Day. The makeup of union households includes both active and retired union members, Working America members as well as the families of union

members which comprise a universe of 1.8 million people in Pennsylvania.

The massive effort by the labor movement and its affiliated organizations also propelled the victories in key Congressional races including: Dahlkemper in CD-3; Sestak in CD-7; Murphy in CD-18; Carney in CD-10; Kanjorski in CD-11; and Murtha in CD-12. The labor movement's efforts in other down ballot races resulted in gains in the State House of Representatives. Both labor-endorsed statewide democratic candidates, State Auditor General Jack Wagner and State Treasurer Robert McCord, were elected.

Now the real work begins. Reversing the erosion of workers' rights, and the decades-long slide in the percentage of workers covered by collective bargaining will only occur with the passage of the Employee Free Choice Act. The AFL-CIO made passage of the Employee Free Choice Act a top priority in every race for federal office, including the contest for President.

Soon the Pennsylvania labor movement will begin to prepare for the campaign to pressure the Pennsylvania Congressional delegation to support the Employee Free Choice Act. We will ask you to do all you can to help us pass this historic legislation.

## LOCAL 5 ELECTION VOLUNTEERS--THANK YOU!

John W. Abbatico  
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Kenneth E. Baldauf  
Scott Barbey  
Coy Bathurst  
Chris Baux  
Scott Bell  
Terry Bell  
Jeff Bender  
Walter J. Bentley, II  
Steven Bettwy  
Kelly Beveridge  
David Birkner  
Norm Brice  
Mark R. Brown  
Ernie Bullman  
Nick Bush  
Zak Bykowski  
Mike C. Conroy  
Josh Cameron  
Kevin Campbell  
Matt Carroll  
Brandon Coleman

Robert E. Coll, II  
Len Collins  
Michael Colosi  
Jason Comer  
Dennis Conroy  
Doug Conroy  
John Conroy  
Todd Conway  
Jim Copeland  
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Shawn Cork  
Frank Cornelius  
Joe Cornelius  
Steve Cornelius  
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Leticia M. Fedora  
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Bill Engel  
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Daryl Ezell  
Mark E. Fry  
William C. Garner  
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Jason Gerg  
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Chris Gjalazzi  
Philip Glasgow  
Zach Glave  
Michael Goroncy  
Joe Gorton  
Richard J. Grecco  
Gary Greiwe  
Jeff Grunebach  
Tony Guida III  
Thomas H. Higgins  
Craig Hahn

Trey Halko  
Jeffrey Hazard  
Al Heberling  
Hunter Hinson  
Matt Hite  
Brian Hoesch  
Damon Hogan  
David Holko  
Shane Holleran  
Bert Holmes  
Andrew Holzworth  
Jeremy Hoover  
Larry R. Huffman  
George Hunt  
Adam Husted  
Dan Ireland  
Keith Ishman  
Joshua Jackson  
Mike Karbowsky  
Tammy Karbowsky  
David S. Kelly  
Doug Kenep  
Pat Kibler  
Darrell Kimble

Ryan Kirby  
Denny Knepp  
Kaylee Koller  
Joe Kordish  
Jonathan Kovacs  
David Krug  
Adam Kulbacki  
John Kutz  
Robert Kutz  
Scott Labyoda  
Dwane Larson  
Gary Leavengood  
Michael Leddy  
Danie Lee  
Melvin Lee  
Carolyn Libert  
Mel Link  
Colt Logan  
Rich Long  
John Lucarini  
Chad Lucot  
Dan Maceno  
Stephen Mack  
Frank Marinello

Steven Martell  
Dave Mazza  
Mitch McCaffery  
Mike McCampbell  
Bill Mccloy  
John McDonough  
Isaak McGarvey  
Ryan McGuire  
Thomas R. McIntyre, Jr.  
Tyler McNary  
Dan Meister  
James P. Miller  
Jeffrey Miller  
Joseph Mitchell  
Kenneth F. Morris  
John Myers  
Ken Nagel  
Larry Neidig  
Mike Olejar  
Jake Palmer  
Shannon Penland  
David Petrosky  
Samual Phelps, Jr.  
Dan Radocay

James E. Ragland  
Ryan Reimer  
Brian Reinard  
Paul L. Reinert  
Kenny Rhone  
Brent Ross  
Justin Rowley  
Steve Rucker  
Tyler Schlegel  
Rick Sharp  
Seth Shumaker  
Todd Sievers  
Bill Sloan  
Chris Smith  
Steve Smolko  
Tim Snyder  
John Soper  
Mark Staudt  
Tom Stenglein  
Greg Stewart  
Brian Stierheim  
Jacob Sweeney  
Bill Swisher  
John Tarbay

Ron Tart  
Ed Thein  
Bert Thomas  
Mike Thomas  
Robert A. Thomas  
Jared Thorpe  
Justin Thorwart  
Joe Tiche  
Greg Tolliver  
Todd Turner  
Vince Ulrich  
Michael Varholla  
Derek Visniesky  
Gregory K. Vogt  
Kyle N. Vogt  
Merle Wachter  
Myrle Webb III  
Paula Wesner  
Steve Whitesell  
Marcus Wilson  
William M. Wilson, Jr.  
Timothy V. Wisyanski  
Kenneth A. Wuerthele  
David Yeckley

## Corner by Michael Dunleavy



The reason that the subject of the headline of this issue of the Local Union Newsletter is the November election results is to underscore the significance of political activity. Remaining politically active is just as important in February as it is in May (Primary Election) and November (General Election). You will be receiving a new PAC card to sign in the mail. Signing this card will increase your current contribution by ten cents (\$.10). As you know, this is done by a voluntary deduction from your Vacation Fund. In the most recent contract, we increased the vacation contribution by fifty cents (\$.50) per hour and we are only requesting ten cents, leaving you with a forty-cent per hour increase in your vacation account. Other than casting your vote, contributing to the Political Action Committee is the most important way to secure employment, benefits and job security.

Our most significant current political initiative is the passage of the Employee Free Choice Act. For details on this legislation and information on what is required of you, go to the Local Union Web Site at <http://ibew5.org> and click on "Legislative Alert". While on the Local's web site, you will also find a new link to the IBEW Local Union No. 5 sponsored construction web cam that monitors the construction of the Penguins Consol Energy Arena twenty-four/seven. You will also find the Business Manager's report, as well as any significant information from the most recent Local Union meeting on the Local Union Web Site at <http://ibew5.org>.

As you know, our goal is to secure employment for members through increased market share. This activity is of the utmost importance even during times of relatively good employ-

ment. "Green Energy" and Green Technologies" are growth areas where we must concentrate. We are currently investigating training and certification requirements for solar and wind turbine installation and maintenance. This does not mean that we abandon our support of traditional sources such as coal and nuclear but that we prepare ourselves for an increase in use of renewable energy sources.

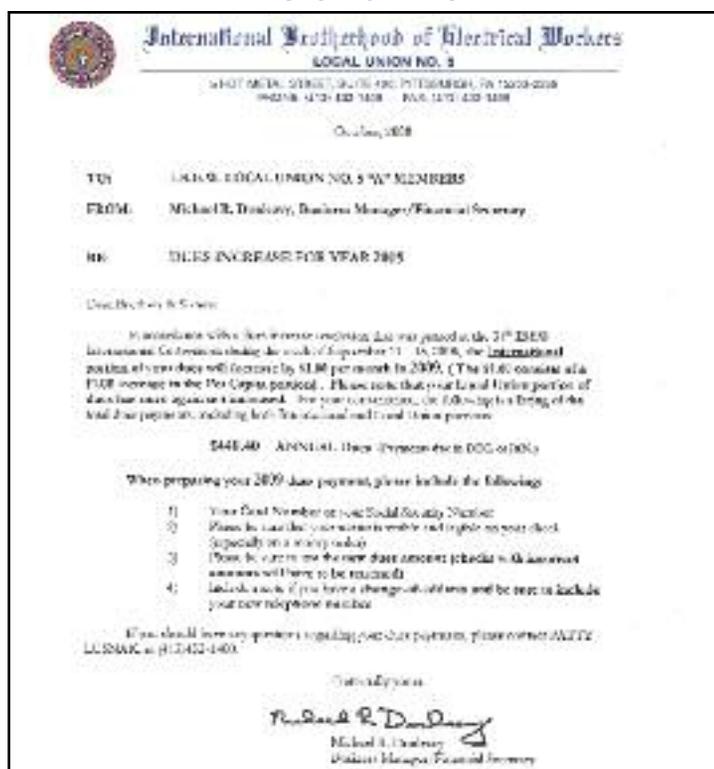
I would be remiss if I did not address the economy and the concerns of the members for the future. I will advise you now, as I have in the past, to take all work offered to you and to remain on a project until a normal layoff. I would also suggest that you work any overtime offered to you. The current work outlook is good but experience tells us things can turn at any time. Rest assured that the funds are being prudently monitored and administrated.

Although contract negotiations were concluded before the end of the year, we could not print new agreement books until we received the final approval from the International Office. We have just received our approved copies and the agreement books are being printed at this time and will be mailed. In the future, if approval is delayed, we will do a mailing in the interim notifying you of wage and benefit changes. I apologize for any confusion that this years' delay may have caused.

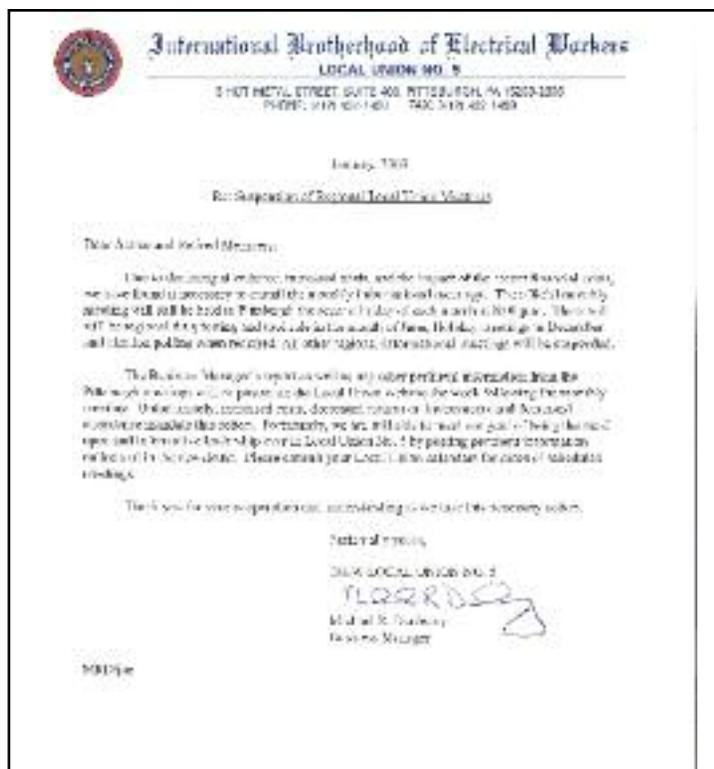
I began this column by mentioning the headline on the front page. I will conclude by mentioning the volunteers listed on that same page. Their efforts are greatly appreciated, and we all benefit from their results. I and the other officers and staff join in thanking each one of you for your help and support.

## RECENT COMMUNICATIONS

### DUES INCREASE



### MONTHLY INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS CURTAILED



## Pittsburgh's New Arena Webcam Sponsored by IBEW Local No. 5



# PITTSBURGH RETIREES CLUB

by Ron Reibie



On Monday, December 1, the Pittsburgh Retirees Club held its annual Christmas Holiday Luncheon at the banquet hall of the Local Union's complex. It was well attended and, as usual, we were treated to a time of great fellowship, many hearty laughs and wonderfully prepared entrees followed by scrumptious desserts! The club officers always do a marvelous job, and this was no exception. The Luncheon is only one of many events throughout the year that we all thoroughly enjoy. Actually, I personally think it's just being together that really matters, but the 2 Allegheny County Park picnics are summer and fall highlights none would choose to miss. Side trips to interesting places are worked in when possible and as a matter of fact, the Club will enjoy dinner at Station Square and take in a good Christmas show at the Benedum shortly before Christmas Day.



As the writer sat and enjoyed the fellowship and food around the luncheon table, I learned that there are hundreds of brothers and sisters who, for one reason or another, have not chosen to come out and become a part of us. We, in the Club, would like to share our good fortune with you - our Club needs to grow!

Here's the skinny of the Club. There are NO initiation fees to pay! Our dues are \$65 per year- absolutely the best bargain in the family budget! We do not keep attendance records- you come and go as you are able - after all, we're retired!. Here's what that \$65 buys you and yours-

1. Summer picnic - North Park in June
2. Fall picnic - South Park in September.
3. Christmas Holiday luncheon at the Local's banquet hall
4. Coffee and donuts at each meeting

We meet the first Monday of the month except June, September and December 10 AM 2nd floor- Apprenticeship Building. From time to time, speakers come.

It's so easy to become a part of us- simply come to the second floor of the Local's Apprenticeship building at #5 Hot Metal Street at 10 AM any month we are meeting. You and your wife or significant other will be glad you did, and I guarantee you the members will welcome you with open arms! If there are questions, please contact our president, Glenn Almsy at a 412-798-1618.



# GOLF CLUB NEWS

by Bob Guenther



This article follows what has been one of the most successful years of the 32 years of the golf club's existence. This year, we had a total of 72 people who participated in one or two, or all, of the outings. Again, I would like to remind you that this golf club is open to anyone who wants to play golf, and is a member of Local Union #5. We have members who shoot from even par to 50 over par. It's all handicapped, and it's a great time. We will include your round of golf, a cart, a snack at the turn, trophies, skill prizes, and a delicious dinner to top off the day.



To highlight the past year's outings, we visited Oak Lakes in May, Lake Arthur in June, Donegal Highlands in July, River Forest in August, and the weekend outing in September, which was held at Nemaocolin Woodlands Link Course on Saturday, and Mystic Rock on Sunday. What a great finish to a wonderful year. We start every year at Oak Lakes in Lower Burrell, PA. This year Gary Leaderer, with a net score of 74.0, took the first flight, and Ed Kearns led the field with the low net score of 64.3 for the second flight. Grant Merryman took the first flight trophy at both Lake Arthur and at Donegal Highlands with net scores of 67.1 and 68.7 respectively. Chuck Gerdes followed Grant at Lake Arthur with a net of 65.9 to take second flight and Allan (A.J.) Jarrett took the second flight at Donegal Highlands with a net of 63.2. River Forest Winners were Mike Conroy who won the first flight with a net of 69.9 and Gino Giarnelli with a 63.2 took the second flight. John McIntyre was the man to beat in the retirees division this year. John took trophies at Oak Lake, Lake Arthur and at Donegal Highlands. The only retiree to beat John this year was Tom O'Donnell at River Forest with a net of 71.9. There were 35 skill prizes awarded that included closest to the pins, long drives and long putts with 29 different golfers.



Thanks to all of our scorekeepers who helped throughout the year, and a special thanks goes out to Mike Conroy who handles all of the prizes and to Rick Moon for taking care of the trophies.

We hate to see the season come to an end, but we are looking forward to our 33rd year and another fantastic line-up for 2009. Remember, it's never too late to join us for a day of golf.

Everyone is welcome, and all you have to do is call Bob Guenther at 412-849-1988 to get on the mailing list.



# CHRISTMAS PARTY IN PITTSBURGH





**BUTLER MEETING**



**UNIONTOWN MEETING**



**ALTOONA MEETING**



**RIDGWAY MEETING**

## REPORT OF LEGAL COUNCIL - JOSHUA M. BLOOM

Currently, non-union companies are competing with your union employers to take your work by paying their non-union employees less money in wages, benefits, and by cutting corners on safety. In an attempt to level the playing field your union has attempted to organize the employees of the non-union competitors in order to improve their wages, benefits, and working conditions.

Unfortunately, the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), the law that was intended to encourage employees to unionize, has failed. Frankly, the law is currently interpreted in a manner that makes organizing almost impossible. The system provides the non-union employer with months to impose brutal anti-union campaigns against the employees before the employees ever vote in a closed ballot election. During such campaigns, I have personally witnessed employers threaten to close, fire the strongest union supporters, interrogate and intimidate the employees, and providing employees with mock pink slips just before the election. The remedies are a mere slap in the wrist and do not take place until several months after the election is lost. What's worse, even if the employees are able to survive the intense anti-union campaign, the non-union employers never agree to give them a union contract.

The Employee Free Choice Act (EFCA) is a bill that provides the following remedies to employees who wish to organize a union: (1) they can organize by demonstrating that a majority of the employees signed cards authorizing the union to repre-

sent them; (2) if the employer and the union cannot reach a collectively bargained agreement, the parties obtain an agreement through a mandatory arbitration system; (3) triple back pay for employees who are fired unlawfully during an organizing campaign; (4) imposing fines up to \$20,000 to employers who violate employees' right to organize; and (5) proving extended use of injunctions to stop illegal behavior by employers.

How will this bill directly help union members? Currently, when your union negotiates to improve your wages and benefits, the employers constantly complain that their non-union competitors are undermining their ability to obtain work because they pay their employees substantially less. If your union is able to organize the non-union competitors, you will control the labor market within your industry. Thus, your union will be able to demand much higher wages and better benefits. In other words, EFCA will cause the sea to rise lifting your boat to higher monetary horizons. Moreover, you will help other working people experience a just work place.

Shortly, your union will be asking for your help to make EFCA law. Please help in every manner possible.

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## HARRISBURG REPORT - JOSEPH MARKOSEK

As a former senior engineer at the Westinghouse Water Reactor Division and a current legislator with 26 years of service under my belt, I have seen many challenges come before Pennsylvania. Most recently, after being appointed Pennsylvania's House Transportation Committee chairman in 2006, I was charged with making our state a more competitive place to work and live.

With thousands of structurally deficient bridges, and nearly 10,000 miles of roads in poor condition, we needed a long-term, innovative answer to our deteriorating transportation infrastructure system.

After much deliberation, in 2007, the General Assembly enacted my legislation, the current funding law, Act 44. This law authorizes the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to lease a portion of Interstate 80 to the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission for tolling, and requires the Turnpike Commission to make payments of \$83.3 billion to the Commonwealth over the next 50 years.

Since enacted, the Turnpike Commission has already paid to PennDOT \$1.175 billion. Payments of \$850 million and \$900 million are scheduled for fiscal years 2009 and 2010, respectively, whether or not I-80 is tolled.

Despite a grim economic forecast and high unemployment rates, Pennsylvania has a solid beginning toward funding state infrastructure without raising

taxes on families.

As chairman, I have also advocated for laws to protect consumers from a lack of gasoline testing, especially with unstable prices. Though we test to ensure the correct volume of gas is dispensed from the pump, Pennsylvania is one of three states in the nation that does not check for impurities in fuel that can affect octane levels. Therefore, our state has become a target for contaminated gasoline, which is sold at top dollar. I have proposed a fuel testing program to protect consumers from getting shortchanged at the pump.

Distracted driving is yet another important priority for me, and I have introduced legislation to address this situation. Young, inexperienced teen drivers should pay strict attention to the road instead of sending text messages or playing with their iPods. As an added precaution, I have advocated limiting the number of vehicle passengers that a teen may have while he is behind the wheel. I believe common-sense measures like mine will keep young drivers safe.

The way we travel affects every business and person. Pennsylvania must continue to be a leader in promoting ways to efficiently and effectively improve the way we fund and think about travel in the future. I believe our Commonwealth is off to a good start in accomplishing that.

*Representative Joe Markosek represents those residing in Allegheny & Washington County's 25th. District.*



# ON BEHALF OF US ALL

A column published earlier this year by Pittsburgh Post Gazette Senior Editor Clarke Thomas offered a refreshing perspective and insightful comments about the positive value and role that organized labor has played and continues to play in the Pittsburgh area. Among other points, Mr. Thomas highlighted the value of union apprenticeship programs, the positive impact of project labor agreements, and the many other positive societal benefits that can be attributed to organized labor. Unfortunately, all too often, the invaluable contributions that labor has made to improving working conditions for all men and women, regardless of their union or non-union affiliation, is forgotten or overlooked.

Forty hour work weeks, child labor laws, living wages and benefits, the creation of the middle class, and safe working conditions are just a few of the tangible benefits brought about largely as the result of organized labor. And while it would be nice to think that such conditions would be sustained without the presence of unions, it also would be terribly naïve. The ever growing disparity between corporate executive salaries and the wages of their workers along with the growing use and exploitation of illegal immigrants are all the proof needed to demonstrate the type of greed that would dictate the working conditions of the American worker if unions did not exist.

Mr. Clarke's recognition of the valuable training programs offered by

union building trades and their affiliated contractors was also right on target. The apprenticeship schools, such as that provided by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union #5 on the South Side, Steamfitters Local #449 in Duquesne Heights, or International Union of Operating Engineers Local Union #66 in New Alexandria, among many others, are tremendous assets for this region and include state of the art equipment and teaching facilities that are constantly being improved and expanded.

For example, in 2007 Plumbers Local Union #27 opened its new \$4 million training center in North Fayette Township. Among other learning tools, the training center includes a section that replicates hospital patient and nursing station rooms that are used to teach apprentices how to install piping in critical care medical facilities.

The Greater Pennsylvania Regional Council of Carpenters has also broken ground on a new training center in Collier Township that will replace a three-story school building on Neville Island that no longer provides adequate space to train apprentices and further educate journeymen in the multiple disciplined carpentry industry.

Like other institutions of higher learning, the union apprenticeship schools offer exceptional education opportunities but with a much greater

success rate for their graduates and without the need for public funding or tuition. In addition to providing outstanding career opportunities for local residents, these programs also enable the Pittsburgh area to maintain a skilled workforce, which is paramount to businesses when considering where to locate.

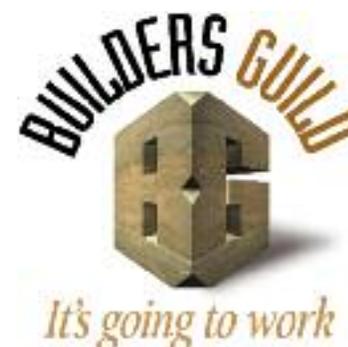
A panel of 10 site selectors at a recent developers expo co-sponsored by the Pittsburgh Regional Alliance and the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties were all in agreement that chief among businesses when determining where to locate is the quality of the available workforce, not government incentives or quality of life amenities such as parks and bike trails. While such amenities are important to a region's overall quality of life, they have much less influence than the availability of locally skilled workforce. And when it came to education, the panel sited the need for more vo-tech training, not colleges and universities offering four-year degrees and more. That's one reason why it is critical that union building trades and their affiliated contractors continue to support their well established apprenticeship training programs and facilities.

The commercial boom in construction that is underway and helping to sustain employment in spite of the current economic recession is only possible as a result of the talented and deep pool of workers available

through local building trade unions. Even with skyrocketing material costs and tightening credit markets, new projects continue to be announced by developers and owners. If a skilled workforce was not available, many of those projects would never be built or would be built in other cities and states.

Organized labor has much to be proud of in Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania. From improving working conditions and wages to developing highly skilled workers, organized labor has led the way. As the City of Pittsburgh concludes its 250 birthday celebration, the many unions that comprise the local labor movement ought to be recognized and thanked for the contributions that they have made and will continue to make on behalf of us all.

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



**From the North** by Bob Thomas



New National Guard Armory Cranberry, PA. Penn-Ohio Electric. Front L to R: Dave Antill, Ken Robinson, Mike Barnes. Back L to R: Robert Edgar, Eric Williams, Bill Axelson, Bill Vanord, Nick Simcik & George Welsh.



New Student Services Building at Butler County Community College. RightElectric. L to R: Adam Kulbacki, Phil Polof, Bill Trudeau, Kevin Belles, and Dan Guthrie

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



New Kensington Sewage Plant. Moletz Electric. L to R: Bill Guenther, Steve Radacsi & Mike Funfar.



Keystone Power Station. T.P. Electric

**From the North** by Bob Kutz



Tussey Mountain High School. Biter Electric. L to R: Dave Snyder, Les Sheesley, Greg Blakely, Don Fee, Scott Massar, Tom Schultz, Ron Magancsik, Steve Smolko, Tyler Schlegel, Brandon Pell.



Spring Cove School. Bettwy Electric. L to R: Steven Bettwy, Mark Carr, Travis Redding, Allan Ickes. Kneeling: Dan Kenney.

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



Carbon Graphite. Elco Electric. L to R: Jason Gerg, Ken Dierolf, Ryan Wood



DuBois Hospital Addition. Hallstrom Clark Electric L to R: Charles Robison, Trey Helko, Robin Giles, Adam Husted, Denny Gray, Tim Hutchins, Jason Welshonse, Tom Taylor, Pat Hutchings

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**ALLEGHENY COUNTY**



Dick's Sporting Goods World Headquarters, Scalise Industries. Front L to R: Max Dervin, Mark Hovanec, Mike Williams, Brian Ludwick, James Passanante, Tom Pross, Greg Vogt. Back L to R: Bob Shea, Lyle Nevling, Amel Canel, Dan Sweikowski, Bob Catone, Scott Holdsworth, Larry Quinten, Scott Rupich, Denny Weigel, Eric Sturgess & Bryan Holland.



Bakery Square Project. Ferry Electric. Front L to R: Mike DeStefano, Matt Rossa, Chad Crespy, Brandon Coleman, John McKee, Ed Apel, Laurie Buchheimer, Tim Laffey & Rob Lamb. Back L to R: Jeff Kubit, Dave Backus, Mark Mosco, Chad Davis, Pat O'Toole, Craig Morgan, Ken Saffer, Jim Stone & Tom Heinsberg.

**HELPFUL HINTS**

**THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA ELECTRICAL EMPLOYEES INSURANCE TRUST FUND**

**Full-Time Student Status**  
(Refer to Section 3-10 in SPD)

For dependents 20 to 25 years old and enrolled on a "full-time" basis, verification must be submitted in December for the Spring semester and in August for the Fall semester. Must furnish member's full-name and ID# found on the DEVON medical ID card".

**Family Status Changes**  
(Refer to Sections 3-9 through 3-13 in SPD)

**Marriage:** Mail in a copy of your marriage certificate noting Social Security number and birth date of spouse.  
**Divorce:** Submit a copy of the divorce decree.  
**Adding a Child(ren):** Submit a copy of the birth certificate whether the child is a blood descendant of the first degree or, a stepchild who will be residing in the member's household and whom the member is able to claim as a dependent on his/her federal income tax return.  
**Dependents approaching ineligible status:** Call the Fund Office.

When applicable, such as in a divorce, marriage, or birth of a child, remember to update your WPEE life insurance benefit beneficiary by calling the Fund office to acquire a Beneficiary Information Card.

**DEVON Benefit Network**  
To inquire about participating providers:  
**1-800-225-8932**  
or  
[www.devonhealth.com](http://www.devonhealth.com)

**Giant Eagle Healthcare Prescription Drug Program**  
For locating a pharmacy near you or questions about medications:  
**1-800-440-0482**  
or  
[www.medcohealth.com](http://www.medcohealth.com)

**Highmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield "Explanation of Benefits" Notice**  
Charges are denied due to "cancellation of coverage" and the participant and patient were eligible at time of service, in error, the billing department for the provider of services submitted the charges to Blue Shield.

Call the provider and have these charges resubmitted to the Fund Office.

**Submission of Claims**  
Notices from Collection Agencies are unacceptable.

When submitting claim-related papers to the Fund Office, make certain papers are in procedure order, per provider, per patient/family member.

**"Filing of Claims" Procedures**

- Medical: Section 9 of the SPD
- Dental: Section 11 of the SPD
- Optical: Section 12 of the SPD



## BEST WISHES TO PENSIONERS

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



### October 2008

Robert L. Day  
James P. Kirby

Richard E. Koontz

David R. Morrison  
Richard F. Pyle

### November 2008

Harry J. Fisher  
Robert M. Messmer

Adolph D. Schultz  
David A. Sherman

### December 2008

Roger P. Grandel

Darrack M. McCrea

## IN FRATERNAL MEMORY

### Deceased Retired Members

Gary H. Knapp	Sept. 28, 1936	- Nov. 7, 2008
Raymond F. Willard	June 6, 1927	- Nov. 7, 2008
George Lekas	Aug. 12, 1920	- Nov. 15, 2008
James J. Hursen	Dec. 18, 1931	- Nov. 21, 2008
Terrill D. Faulkner	Nov. 21, 1943	- Nov. 20, 2008
Donald D. Drummond	Apr. 23, 1933	- Dec. 2, 2008
John A. Panek	Apr. 23, 1944	- Jan. 12, 2008

### Deceased Active Members

Janis L. Robertson	Nov. 13, 1951	- July 25, 2008
Mathew S. Petrosky	April 1, 1982	- Nov. 2, 2008

## BLOOD BANK DONORS FOURTH QUARTER 2008

Local 5 thanks our quarterly blood donors for their "gift of life" to others:

Ergler, Robert B.	Neubert, Gerald H.
Fleeger, Florence C.	Pankowski, David
Grady, Susanne F.	Patton, Darrell W.
Gruber, Thomas E.	Pillion, Thomas J.
Gutherie, Daniel T.	Powell, Michael J.
Harman, Herbert H.	Quinten, Larry M.
Kopta, Robert P.	Quinten, Sherry L.
Lesko, Charles H.	Rectenwald, Richard S.
Lydon, Robert E.	Shimko, Robert M.
McCormick, David G.	Smith, Randy S.
Miskovish, Susan R.	

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS CARD

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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

### MAIL TO:

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### Business Agents Home Numbers

Richard Dunkel	724-334-4295
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Michael Varholla	412-432-1400
<b>Prevailing Wage Investigator's Office</b>	
Greg Vogt	412-432-1400
<b>Meeting Hall Rental Information</b>	
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## BENEFIT INFORMATION

### IBEW LOCAL 5 OFFICE: 412-432-1400 or Toll Free 1-800-225-IBEW

Judy Elkanich: Pension applications, deceased member notification / information, beneficiary changes, scheduling of appointments with the Business Manager, "Honorary and Participating" withdraw information, and "Military Card" requests.

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.

### National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA): 412-432-1155

Chris Cottrill: Scholarship information.  
Mia Mogielski: Pension benefit calculation inquires and W.P.E.E. Insurance Trust Fund Death benefit beneficiary updates.

### JATC Apprenticeship Office: 412-432-1145

Lisa McManus: Apprenticeship information.

### Central Data Services: 412-432-1125 or Toll Free 1-877-782-1410

Kathi Giovetsis: Beneficiary changes and ERTS.  
Kathy Smith: Deferred Compensation, Supplemental unemployment Benefit (SUB) withdrawal, and Sick and Disability benefit inquiries. (412) 432-1144

### W.P.E.E. Insurance Trust Fund: 412-432-1130 or Toll Free 1-800-382-1428

Medical/Surgical, Major Medical, Dental, and Vision claim Inquires

### Pensioners Dental & Optical Claims

Judy Trimbur: (412) 432-1130 or Toll Free 1-800-382-1428

### Secretary of Funds: 412-432-1128 or Toll Free 1-877-782-1817

Susan Lovely: Contractor contribution information, benefit hour information, vacation check inquiries.

### IBEW Local 5 Federal Credit Union: 412-432-1152

Evening hours: Monday and Thursday 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

### Social Security Information: 1-800-772-1213

Any other questions or concerns can be directed through the switchboard operator: Carol Sunday 412-432-1400

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