



INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS

# LOCAL 5 NEWS & VIEWS



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# The Corona Virus COVID 19

The entire story of the Coronavirus Covid-19 is not complete; we all know how devastating it has been to our health, economy and the industries that we work in. IBEW Local No. 5 has been hard at work servicing and navigating all the changes that must be made.

## Referral Procedure

The International Office of the IBEW and the National NECA have signed the National Disease Emergency Response Agreement (NDERA). This Covid-19 inspired agreement allows members to return to restarted job-sites that were shut down because of the virus. All members are encouraged to sign the referral book. Also, IBEW Local Union No 5 and the Western Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association entered temporary amendments to our referral procedure to allow the referral applicant to be able to call and speak directly to a referral agent to place the member on the out of work list. This will NOT include texts or emails. This allows sign ups over the telephone by contacting a referral agent and re-sign via mail, fax or online. Further, if you decline a job referral during this crisis, you will not be issued a strike.

## Deferred Compensation Sub Pay

During this crisis, the requirement to be on the out of work list and not turn down a job in order to get \$250.00 per week sub-pay from your Deferred Compensation account has been waived.

## Insurance Trust Fund

The trustees of our Insurance Trust Fund have determined that during the Covid-19 crisis, the waiting week

for sick and disability will be waived. The \$450.00 weekly benefit cap will be raised to \$900.00 and all current participants in the Insurance Trust Fund will remain eligible and their banked hours will not be expended.

## Federal Legislative Response—CARES ACT

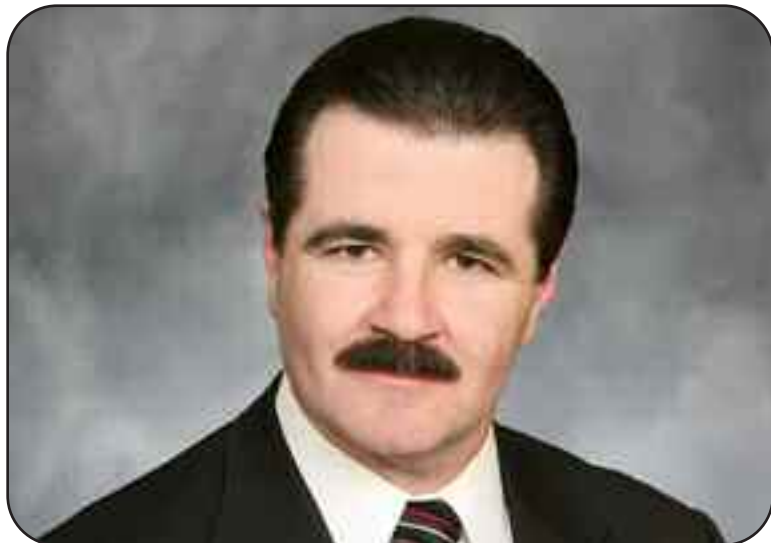
The CARES Act provided a one \$1200 per adult stimulus cash payment and \$500 per dependent child.

## Unemployment Compensation

Pennsylvania has waived the waiting week for unemployment compensation. Additionally, federal legislation passed an additional \$600 per week for the unemployed until July 31, 2020. Because of the huge surge in unemployment claims and the difficulty in navigating the ever-busy phone and computer systems the Local Union No. 5 Welfare Benefit Committee decided to assist our members on the out of work list for the week of April 8th. BA members who were unemployed on April 8th are also granted this additional benefit.

## Stay Healthy

Our health is our most valuable-asset and it is imperative that we keep safety at the forefront of everything we do. The International Office has requested that we report to them weekly with the number of members who have tested positive and the number who are quarantined. Please notify Natalie Jackson at the Local Union office if you are willing to voluntarily provide that information. Check our website [www.ibew5.org](http://www.ibew5.org) for updates.

Corner by **Michael Dunleavy**

I feel with the constant barrage of bad news from the media that I would like to address reasons for optimism. If you are an "A" member of Local 5 and you were laid off due to COVID-19 and signed the book as instructed, you received \$200.00 from our Welfare Benefit Fund. The Insurance Trust Fund Sick and Disability Plan waiting week was eliminated and the benefit doubled. Healthcare eligibility is being maintained and banked hours are not being used. No strikes are being issued and you cannot be penalized for turning down work. You are able to sign the book via telephone. If you choose not to sign the book, you are still eligible for weekly sub-pay from your Deferred Compensation and you also have the ability to take a withdrawal or loan from that account. All of these changes were accomplished within a matter of days due to the experience of the current Local Union leadership. Likewise, our pension and all other union accounts remain adequately funded due to the prudent decisions made by our Trustees.

The Local Union leadership has already made additional changes in preparation for construction resuming and, likewise, we are preparing for a potential resurgence at some later point of the virus. In addition to the Local Union office as a resource, we

have contracted with LifeSolutions for personal family, financial, legal and mental health issues. Their contact information can be found listed below this column. All of the aforementioned are reasons to feel a little more secure during this unprecedented time.

Unfortunately, I do have to remind everyone about the upcoming election on June 2nd. Please review the changes to the Pennsylvania Election Code listed in this edition of the newsletter and also the list of endorsed candidates. This pandemic has emphasized the importance of having the right people in elected office. All those that have been recommended by the Local Union PAC Committee are supportive of our position on issues that benefit us. Please cast a vote for the people that support you.

Last, I want everyone to know that the Local Union office has continued to function throughout this pandemic. All officers, agents and staff have remained at work. In particular, I would like to publicly acknowledge our staff. They have continued to work tirelessly on behalf of the membership. If you have an opportunity, please thank Debbie Holliday, Judy Elkanich, Patty Lusnak and Cate Eichner for their dedication.

**COVID-19 Prevention Guidelines for Construction Trades**

North America's Building Trades Unions issued specific advice for construction industry employers to protect IBEW members and other construction professionals from spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. "Most of this is commonsense guidance that everyone should immediately take to heart," said International President Lonnie R. Stephenson. "We're thankful that our building trades partners are on the case alongside us, advising all of us in the industry about working as safely as possible during this complicated and rapidly evolving world crisis."

In partnership with the Center to Protect Workers' Rights, the NABTU recommends that construction employers:

- \* Plan for office staff to have the ability to work from home.
- \* Provide on all jobsites soap and running water for frequent hand-washing.
- \* Provide hand sanitizer if access to soap and running water is not practical. For construction workers on the job within health care facilities such as hospitals and nursing homes, the NABTU advises employers to offer the infection control risk assessment training provided by the CPWR.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has further COVID-19 guidance for employers.

Meanwhile, the NABTU also reminds all workers — including IBEW members in every one of the union's branches — to continue taking the following disease-prevention steps:

- \* If you're feeling sick, don't go to work.
- \* If you don't feel sick and decide to go to work, clean your hands often by washing them with soap and water (especially if your hands are visibly dirty) for at least 20 seconds, or by using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains 60%–95% alcohol.
- \* Wash your hands after using the restroom, before eating, and after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose.
- \* Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- \* Don't shake hands when greeting others.
- \* Try to stay three to six feet away from others in gatherings, meetings and training sessions.
- \* Avoid contact with sick people.

Further, the building trades federations asks workers and employers alike to regularly check the CPWR's COVID-19 resource page for updates, as well as official notices and guidance from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and the CDC. Guidelines are changing quickly as the numbers of infected individuals grows, so visiting these sites every few days is advised to keep up on the latest guidance.

**LifeSolutions**

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**Organization Code: ibew5**



# Active Members 20 To 45 Year Service Pin Recipients

## 20 YEAR PINS



Sitting L to R: John E. Hydak, Chris W. Fox, Wayne A. Dagostino, Robert P. Dagostino, Kevin M. Cassidy, Charles J. Bucek, Robert S. Ciorra, Joseph M. Cox, Mathew T. Fallon, William D. Hagerman, Standing L to R: Business Manager Michael R. Dunleavy, Michael D. Zirngibl, Christopher M. Wenger, Paul R. Rusiewicz, James V. Ricciardi, Patrick J. O'Toole, Brian W. Krug, Taylor E. Misplay, Ronald J. Ondo, Paul R. Warnock, Robert C. Reckley, Brian G. Yagulli & President Thomas R. McIntyre.

## 25 YEAR PINS



Sitting L to R: Daniel R. Terpack, Jeffrey E. Pomponio, Robert A. Kucmeroski, Mark E. Karpiak, John C. Buckley, Kenneth R. Baker, David A. Bianconi, Mathew Kovach, Jason R. Lauer, Thomas E. Shelton. Standing L to R: Business Manager Michael R. Dunleavy, Stephen P. Radacsi, Joseph J. Wilding & President Thomas R. McIntyre.

## 30 YEAR PINS



Standing L to R: Business Manager Michael R. Dunleavy, Tullio Petito, David "Lightning" Etzler, David G. O'Black & President Thomas R. McIntyre.

## 35 YEAR PINS



Standing L to R: Business Manager Michael R. Dunleavy, Mark A. Purcell, David F. Clapper, Joseph Mitchell, Jack G. Waugaman & President Thomas R. McIntyre.

## 40 YEAR PINS



Standing L to R: Business Manager Michael R. Dunleavy, Michael T. Karbowsky, Drew J. Unger & President Thomas R. McIntyre.

## TWENTY YEAR PINS

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| John Alfred                 | Raymond E. Doyle       | Kevin B. Kotula        | Robert C. Reckley     |
| William S. Anderson         | Timothy J. Doyle       | Thomas C. Kotyk        | Richard A. Reschoff   |
| William M. Balaban          | Dennis P. Dryburgh     | Brian W. Krug          | Robert C. Rhodes      |
| Paul H. Baumiller           | David R. Dubovsky      | Richard A. Kubia       | James V. Ricciardi    |
| Richard Beattie             | Jayne J. Dunn          | Gregory A. Lash        | Eric M. Rodgers       |
| Robert B. Beck              | Christopher M. Duranti | Scott T. Leffler       | Teri Rozic            |
| Charles T. Berner           | Jesse D. Elsesser      | James M. Legg          | Paul R. Rusiewicz     |
| William J. Betz             | Matthew T. Fallon      | Christopher A. Lepore  | Sandra M. Russell     |
| John B. Bianconi            | James J. Ferry         | Carolyn I. Libert      | Jerome R. Schad       |
| Ben D. Bishop               | Mark A. Fissore        | Steven R. Lowe         | Kenneth M. Shea       |
| Jody O. Bradley             | Victor S. Flinko       | Michael A. Lutz        | Michael J. Shemerdiak |
| Michael E. Brusco           | Domenico Folino        | John D. Lynch          | Charles A. Shook      |
| Charles J. Bucek            | Chris W. Fox           | Stephen S. Marshall    | Brian A. Shord        |
| Kevin W. Caccia             | Gary M. Fox            | John P. Martin         | Gregory S. Shultz     |
| Robert W. Campbell          | Benjamin Fullard       | Douglas A. Matthews    | Scott M. Silbaugh     |
| Raymond P. Caputo           | Robert J. Gallo        | Richard L. McCombie    | Bradley M. Simon      |
| Christina M. Carter-Varesko | Mark A. Gardner        | Jeffrey M. McGough     | Joseph J. Sipko       |
| Kevin M. Cassidy            | Terry L. Gearhart      | Jay E. McKelvey        | Walter R. Stout       |
| Kirby D. Christie           | Charles H. Geyer       | Robert D. McKnight     | James A. Swartz       |
| Robert S. Ciorra            | Jeffery T. Habak       | Ian J. McMichael       | Troy B. Tafel         |
| Daniel E. Coleman           | William D. Hagerman    | Robert M. Messmer      | John F. Tavoletti     |
| Tim E. Collins              | Troy A. Haines         | Michael W. Mey         | Ronald J. Temple      |
| John J. Comito              | Kenneth D. Hamlin      | Stephen G. Miller      | John A. Todaro        |
| Joseph M. Cox               | Rebecca S. Hardwick    | Taylor E. Misplay      | Timothy M. Todd       |
| Mark E. Cravener            | Glenn S. Henning       | Shawn M. Misselwitz    | James J. Troff        |
| Brian S. Crawford           | Richard M. Hiles       | Brian Misterka         | Carl A. Truss         |
| Stephen A. Crelli           | William J. Huff        | Charles R. Molanick    | Steven C. Turkaly     |
| Benjamin J. Crouch          | John E. Hydak          | William Murillo        | Vincent A. Ugoletti   |
| David P. Cutter             | Arthur E. Iman         | Dale E. Nadeo          | Scott B. Valentino    |
| Jeff J. Cuzzo               | Richard A. Janoski     | David T. Nichols       | Gary J. Walsh         |
| Robert P. Dagostino         | Edward W. Jeffreys     | Patrick J. O'Toole     | Paul R. Warnock       |
| Wayne A. Dagostino          | Darrell B. Johnston    | Ronald J. Ondo         | Christopher M. Wenger |
| Samuel J. Dailey            | Timothy L. Kepner      | Brian C. Painter       | Gene M. Wigfield      |
| Charles A. Dempsey          | Walter A. Kern         | Laurence D. Patterson  | David M. Williams     |
| Michael A. Deterline        | Richard M. Keys        | Brian S. Pelegrinelli  | Cory R. Wolff         |
| Nicholas D. DiFilippo       | Eric J. Kichi          | William P. Petrocsko   | Brian G. Yaculich     |
| Larry G. Dinger             | Mark A. Kisan          | Charles A. Phillips    | Brian G. Yagulli      |
| Paul F. Donahue             | Terry J. Kissel        | Christopher A. Plummer | Steven L. Young       |
| Wayne J. Dowling            | Jerome Konieczka       | Brian A. Pollock       | Michael D. Zirngibl   |

## TWENTY FIVE YEAR PINS

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| Robert E. Achille   | Eric S. Fleeger      | Monte L. Michaelangelo | Richard J. Serafin   |
| David L. Backus     | Brian C. Gilmore     | James R. Morran        | Leslie T. Sheesley   |
| Colin R. Bailey     | Joseph A. Hunter     | Donald D. Nelson       | Thomas E. Shelton    |
| Kenneth R. Baker    | Timothy A. Hutchins  | Jeffrey L. Onstead     | Kenneth L. Shepler   |
| Scott A. Bell       | James P. Jackson     | Lanny R. Pack          | Thomas P. Shultz     |
| David A. Bianconi   | Mark E. Karpiak      | Paris J. Pagliari      | Gregory B. Smith     |
| Willard G. Booth    | Frank G. Keegan      | Dean J. Parasolick     | William A. Stefanka  |
| James H. Brown      | Raymond A. Kelly     | Don A. Paul            | Frank R. Stenzel     |
| John C. Buckley     | Gerome T. Kohlmeyer  | Jeff Pavlick           | Adam Stranges        |
| Gregory D. Butko    | Patrick J. Kopera    | David A. Pellegrini    | Timmy L. Syrek       |
| Gilbert P. Clark    | Robert M. Koscianski | Guy D. Pellegrini      | Daniel R. Terpack    |
| James B. Copley     | Matthew. Kovach      | Jeffrey E. Pomponio    | Dean A. Thomas       |
| Michael T. Corbett  | Ronnie J. Kramer     | Shawn P. Quinlan       | Craig H. Trimble     |
| Eric C. Czapski     | Robert A. Kucmeroski | Stephen P. Radacsi     | Louis A. Troiani     |
| Damon D. Doult      | Bryan C. Kucsmas     | Brian M. Rae           | Ronald J. Turner     |
| Samuel L. Eppolito  | Timothy R. Kunz      | Samuel V. Rametta      | Gary C. Ulrich       |
| Daniel W. Evans     | Eric J. Kuzo         | Keith J. Rees          | Richard L. Walchesky |
| Ronald A. Facciani  | Michael A. Landgraf  | Edward M. Reinhart     | Jeffrey M. Ward      |
| Daniel F. Falger    | Thomas M. Lane       | Gary J. Sadler         | Roger J. Watt        |
| Patrick D. Faust    | F. Albert Lash       | Michael Saeler         | Joseph J. Wilding    |
| John N. Fedorak     | Jason R. Lauer       | Brian C. Schrecongost  | Harold G. Wright     |
| John N. Feola       | Chris L. McMicheal   | Rodney D. Senior       | Jeffrey S. Yanyecic  |
| Thomas P. Fetterman | Timothy C. Mcshane   | Shawn S. Senne         | Gregory R. Young     |

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| Randy P. Barie     | Jonathan R. Firestone | Robert K. Landowski | Tullio A. Petito     |
| Thomas E. Cole     | Steven J. Grant       | Wayne W. Linden     | Gary L. Reinert      |
| Douglas A. Covert  | Shawn R. Huber        | Edward J. Munzek    | Frank A. Reynolds    |
| Robert P. Doerfler | Jeff W. Humbertson    | David G. O'Black    | Anthony R. Ruffolo   |
| David W. Etzler    | Nina C. Keefer        | Kevin F. O'Toole    | Charles A. Westhoven |

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| Richard K. Baldwin | Glenn J. Hursen     | Joseph Mitchell      | Rex A. Rodgers      |
| David F. Clapper   | David W. Linden     | James R. Mongelluzzo | Greg T. Rost        |
| Ronald E. Dillon   | Charla M. Macdonald | Daniel G. Pratt      | Marilyn D. Santo    |
| Jerry L. Emerick   | Mark S. Masa        | Mark A. Purcell      | Michael K. Vereneck |
| James W. Gilbert   | Thomas R. McIntyre  | Edward M. Reinhart   | Kenneth A. Watt     |
| Robert V. Glass    | Cindy Mehal         | Daniel L. Roache     | Jack G. Waugaman    |
| James L. Hastings  | Robert J. Mesina    | Frank J. Rodgers     |                     |

## FORTY YEAR PINS

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| Joseph E. Beley       | Kevin J. Hollinger   | John A. Klingensmith | Mark A. Runco     |
| Michael L. Hays       | Michael T. Karbowsky | David P. Primrose    | Drew J. Unger     |
| Edward R. Hockenberry |                      |                      | Joseph W. Wilcher |

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| James A. Ferrett | Jack A. Teeter |
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CHRISTMAS PARTY IN PITTSBURGH







# Local No. 5 Endorsed Candidates 2020 Primary Election Tuesday, June 2nd.



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

## United States President Joe Biden

### United States Congress

<b>Dist. 14</b>	<b>Guy Reschenthaler</b>	<b>(R)</b>
<b>Dist. 17</b>	<b>Conor Lamb</b>	<b>(D)</b>
<b>Dist. 18</b>	<b>Mike Doyle</b>	<b>(D)</b>

<b>PA Attorney General</b>	<b>Josh Shapiro</b>	<b>(D)</b>
<b>PA Auditor General</b>	<b>Michael Lamb</b>	<b>(D)</b>
<b>PA Treasurer</b>	<b>Joe Torsella</b>	<b>(D)</b>

### Pennsylvania State Senate

Dist. 37 Pam Iovino	(D)	Dist. 41 Joe Pittman	(R)	Dist. 45 Jim Brewster	(R)
Dist. 39 Kim Ward	(R)	Dist. 43 Jay Costa	(D)		

### Pennsylvania House of Representatives

Dist. 9 Chris Sainato	(D)	Dist. 27 Daniel J. Deasy, Jr.	(D)	Dist. 44 Michele Knoll	(D)
Dist. 12 Scott Timko	(R)	Dist. 28 Emily Skopov	(D)	Dist. 45 Anita Astorino Kulik	(D)
Dist. 15 Joshua Kail	(R)	Dist. 30 Marco Attisano	(D)	Dist. 49 Steve Toprani	(D)
Dist. 16 Robert F. Matzie	(D)	Dist. 32 Anthony DeLuca	(D)	Dist. 50 Pam Snyder	(D)
Dist. 19 Jake Wheatley	(D)	Dist. 33 Frank Dermody	(D)	Dist. 55 Joseph Petrarca	(D)
Dist. 20 Adam Ravenstahl	(D)	Dist. 34 Chris Roland	(D)	Dist. 58 Robert Prah Jr.	(D)
Dist. 21 Sara Innamorato	(D)	Dist. 35 Austin Davis	(D)	Dist. 72 Frank Burns	(D)
Dist. 23 Dan Frankel	(D)	Dist. 38 Nick Pisciotto Jr.	(D)	Dist. 77 H. Scott Conklin	(D)
Dist. 24 Ed Gainey	(D)	Dist. 40 Natalie Mihalek	(R)		
Dist. 25 Brandon Markosek	(D)	Dist. 42 Daniel Miller	(D)		







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# TV TALK

By Jim Ryan

Who could have imagined a time when every sport and all large events would be cancelled for the foreseeable future, and with nothing but question on when and how they might return? COVID-19 has brought unprecedented times upon us, and we need to weather through them so that we can move on to whatever the new normal will look like. For freelancers, this has been a very unsettling time, but as I see it, it could have been much worse. Through a move that began about 15 years ago and continued with Local #5's bargaining with Pittsburgh/TR Crewing in 2015, many freelance members went from working as 1099 subcontractors to working as employees. This has given many of our members benefits that were previously unavailable to them, namely the ability to file for unemployment.

Despite the delays in actually receiving unemployment, this benefit is a mainstay in helping our freelancers get through these difficult times. The maximum unemployment benefit in Pennsylvania is \$573 per week for 26 weeks which makes it possible to cover many essential household costs. This, plus the additional \$600 per week that will be provided through the CARES Act passed by the Federal government, will hopefully help most freelancers to make it until sporting and convention type events return. Currently, the additional money provided through the CARES Act will end on July 31st, but is an unprecedented addition to typical unemployment.

This leaves me with the question of what can we do now to adapt so that freelancer members can be better prepared for a similar loss of work in the future. I am sure that there are many legal and effective options that could be considered. As an example, in 2000, IBEW Local #5 implemented an unemployment benefit supplement program for the electricians. The program came about through collectively bargaining an extra \$.50 per hour to their annuity account known as Deferred Compensation. This extra money allows electricians that are collecting unemployment compensation to withdraw \$250 per week as a supplement to their unemployment benefit.

This supplement makes getting through extended periods of unemployment a little easier financially. These types of benefits are achieved by collectively bargaining as employees as opposed to going it alone as an independent contractor. We need to remain strong as group by leaving behind the subcontractor mindset and embracing the advantages that come from being in a union. In doing this, we make working in a "freelance" manner more than just a good living, but a good living that has benefits that affect you beyond your paycheck.

Stay safe and healthy. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at 412-432-1445.

## Changes to PA Election Code

On October 31, 2019, Governor Wolf signed Act 77 of 2019 into law. The Act is an historic election reform bill that makes the most significant improvements to Pennsylvania's elections in more than 80 years. Act 77 allows more convenient and secure voting. Most voters can now vote by mail-in ballot, and voters will have more time to register to vote and to return their absentee or mail-in ballots.

The law creates a new option to vote by mail up to 50 days before an election and be placed on a list to permanently receive a ballot application by mail. It also provides more time to register to vote and authorizes a \$90 million bond to help counties fund the purchase of new voting systems with a paper trail that strengthens the security of our elections.

Increasing the opportunity to vote increases turnout. According to a U.S. Government Accountability Office report in 2016, providing more days to register to vote and no-excuse mail-in ballots increased voter participation by more than four percent. That is nearly 250,000 votes in Pennsylvania.

### No excuse mail-in voting

The law creates a new option to vote by mail without providing an excuse, which is currently required for voters using absentee ballots. Pennsylvania joins 31 other states and Washington, D.C. with mail-in voting that removes barriers to elections.

### 50-day mail-in voting period

All voters can request and submit their mail-in or absentee ballot up to 50 days before the election, which is the longest vote-by-mail period in the country.

### Permanent mail-in and absentee ballot list

Voters can request to receive applications for mail-in or absentee ballots for all primary, general and special elections held in a given year. Counties will mail applications to voters on the list by the first Monday of each February. Voters who return an application will receive ballots for each election scheduled through the next February. Pennsylvania is the 12th state to provide voters with the automatic option.

### 15 more days to register to vote

The deadline to register to vote is extended to 15 days from 30 days before an election. Cutting the current deadline by half enables more people to participate in elections. The new more flexible and voter friendly deadlines provide more time to register to vote than 24 other states.

### Extends mail-in & absentee submission deadlines

Voters can submit mail-in and absentee ballots until 8:00 p.m. on election day. Pennsylvanians submitted 195,378 absentee ballots in 2018, but 8,162 – more than four percent – missed the deadline and were rejected. The national average is only two percent. For more information please visit [votespa.com](http://votespa.com).



by Jim Saeler



**Kirby Electric at Keystone Power Plant Armstrong**  
Front L to R: Mike Quidetto, Bob Lightner, Joe Hoyak, Scott Johnston  
Back L to R: Frank Bacon, Justin Bair, Pete Fye & Matt Kush



**Bronder Technical at Butler Government Center**  
L TO R: Josh Seth & Dylan Bell

by Ben Steinmeyer



**Westmoreland Live Casino Clista Electric**



**Bronder Technical Services at North Huntingdon Township Municipal Authority.** L to R: Dylon Bell, John Radacsi, Josh Seth, Jerry Humbertson & Tyler Denner

by Buddy Franklin



**Biter Electric crew at PSU East Halls Project**



**Stelco Electric's Ethan Crawford and Chris Fisanick**  
PSU Palmer Museum Storage Project

by Jeff Miller



**Biter Electric Cambria Association of the Blind**  
L to R: Dan Sherwood, Alec Burkhardt, Austin McCreedy & Brian Krug



**Biter Electric Cleveland Brothers Ebsburg**  
L to R: Jayme Yarnish, John Morse, Ray Kelley, Ron Mayancsik & Joe Kochinski

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## CREDIT UNION NEWS

### Are You Financially Overextended?

Managing household finances isn't easy. In fact, many people don't actually learn how to manage their money; they figure it out through trial and error. Unfortunately, trial and error usually mean lots of errors, resulting in serious financial trials; and one of the biggest financial errors you can make is getting overextended.

Even if you are paying your bills on time, the fact that you aren't paying off your balances and are continually making new charges means that you are never really resolving the debt. It could mean that you are living beyond your means, especially if you rely on credit for everyday expenses. While that may not seem like a problem now an emergency such as a job loss or unexpected medical bills could send you into a tailspin.

If you are showing signs of being overextended, you need to take steps now to get your finances on track and prevent a financial crisis. Call or stop by the credit union to see if we can help you evaluate your financial situation.

### SKIP A PAYMENT PROGRAM

To help members impacted the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic, the credit union is offering a skip a payment program for eligible members (home equity loans do not qualify). We are currently accepting separate applications for April, May, and June payments. Contact the credit union for an application or more information by email at [info@ibew5fcu.com](mailto:info@ibew5fcu.com) or by phone at (412) 432-1152 or check out our website at: <http://ibew5.virtualcu.net>.

### EMERGENCY LOAN FOR COVID-19

The credit union is offering emergency loans to help those adversely affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic. The maximum loan amount is \$3000.00 at a rate of 4.99% for 6 months. Single principle and interest payment due at maturity. At that time a member can pay in full or refinance at our regular signature loan rate and terms available at that time.

To qualify, normal Signature Loan Guidelines apply, with the only exception being that we will use a prior period paystub (Feb 2020) to determine earnings for debt to income ratio calculations. Paystubs may be sent via e-mail or USPS.

Contact the Credit Union for further details or to apply.

### Hours of Operation Due to COVID-19

Monday - Thursday 10am-2pm  
Fridays 9am-NOON  
Holiday Closings  
Monday, May 25, 2020  
Friday, July 3, 2020

## ALLEGHENY COUNTY



**Hatzel & Buehler crew**  
UPMC Outpatient Center West Mifflin  
L to R: Ryan Tobin, Ed Munzek, Chris Kushner, Steven Ayers, Chris DeCoske & Jordan Emery



**Wellington Power Corp**  
Jet Engine Test Center  
L to R: Stephen Patsen, John Potochnik, Mike Nau, Bill Schmacher, Ray Luffy, Adam Dunker, Bob Artinger & Justin Schmidt





## 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 2019

Thomas J. Durkin Richard J. Rodgers Leo P. Truby  
Joseph S. Kish, Jr. John D. Snively

### NOVEMBER 2019

Daniel R. Landon Lawrence I. Ward

### DECEMBER 2019

Walter J. Bentley Michael T. Karbowski Clyde E. Stewart  
Michael G. Seidel

### JANUARY 2020

Craig A. Eisengart Daniel T. Guthrie Donald H. Stewart  
Carl Holzer William J. Kriess Drew J. Unger  
Jack A. Horner Leslie A. Lesko

### FEBRUARY 2020

Gary W. Cain

### MARCH 2020

Joseph E. Beley Barry A. Massare Carl P. Smith  
Charles J. Bucek Michael J. Powell Harry D. Stewart  
Gregg G. Maley William P. Remele

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## IN FRATERNAL MEMORY

### Deceased Retired Members

James I. Miller	April	17, 1947	-	Sept.	29, 2019
James L. Klaphake	Jan.	5, 1941	-	Oct.	14, 2019
Donald E. Catlin	Sept.	6, 1924	-	Oct.	30, 2019
Robert P. Mansfield	May	16, 1947	-	Nov.	2, 2019
William Koestline	Sept.	27, 1952	-	Nov.	19, 2019
Richard W. Riggs	March	12, 1952	-	Nov.	19, 2019
Hershell C. Johnston	Aug.	18, 1934	-	Nov.	21, 2019
Clifford H. Ackley	June	13, 1924	-	Nov.	21, 2019
Scott W. Rupich	Nov.	21, 1960	-	Nov.	21, 2019
Thomas J. Pfeufer	Oct.	2, 1939	-	Nov.	21, 2019
Ulrik D. Petersen	Dec.	25, 1924	-	Dec.	2, 2019
William J. Dillon	June	29, 1944	-	Dec.	6, 2019
Duane R. Adamson	April	23, 1949	-	Dec.	11, 2019
Alfred W. Jones	Feb.	27, 1920	-	Dec.	13, 2019
Donald V. Beck	July	19, 1939	-	Dec.	20, 2019
Glenn R. Almasy	June	15, 1933	-	Dec.	30, 2019
William F. Remele	May	31, 1936	-	Jan.	3, 2020
Albert E. Badzgon	June	23, 1926	-	Jan.	10, 2020
Joseph L. Reasey	Oct.	3, 1943	-	Jan.	16, 2020
Kenneth R. Mitchell	March	8, 1959	-	Feb.	7, 2020
Robert H. Fritz	Dec.	29, 1931	-	Feb.	13, 2020
Henry A. Padlo	April	18, 1925	-	Feb.	14, 2020
Thomas J. Pillion	June	28, 1930	-	Feb.	15, 2020
Paul S. Cypher	May	19, 1943	-	Feb.	19, 2020
Donald L. Snyder	Jan.	7, 1949	-	Feb.	27, 2020
William R. Rowland	June	15, 1930	-	March	7, 2020
Allen G. Ashcroft	Oct.	8, 1933	-	March	24, 2020
Clifford W. Bennett	Feb.	6, 1958	-	March	28, 2020
Dale W. Kitzky, Sr.	March	3, 1939	-	March	26, 2020

### Deceased Active Members

Timothy W. Helbig	Aug.	23, 1961	-	Oct.	5, 2019
John V. DiFelice	July	6, 1982	-	Oct.	29, 2019

**It is very important to notify the Local Union promptly of any mailing address or phone number change!**

## 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..

Cate Eichner: Highmark, Security Blue, Freedom Blue, Pensioners \$10 Dental and Optical Premium and Maintenance assessments.

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

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

Chris Cottrill: Scholarship information.

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

Lisa McManus: Apprenticeship information.

### W.P.E.E. Pension Fund: 412-432-1156

Pension benefit calculation inquiries and questions; W.P.E.E. Insurance Trust Fund death benefit beneficiary updates; and Workers Compensation pension and insurance benefits.

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

All insurance-related questions, including Hospital, Emergency Department, Medical/Surgical, Major Medical, Dental and Vision; Pensioners Dental & Optical Claims.

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

Beneficiary changes, ERTS, contractor contribution information, benefit hour information, vacation check inquiries.

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Deferred Compensation, Supplemental Unemployment Benefit (SUB) withdrawal, and Sick and Disability benefit inquiries.

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

Pension benefit calculation inquires and questions; W.P.E.E. Insurance Trust Fund death benefit beneficiary updates; and Workers Compensation pension and insurancebenefits.  
All other fund-related questions.

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

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