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BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT



You all know that the International was a very early supporter of Biden and endorsed him months ago. This early support paid dividends and Lonnie Stephenson has been put on multiple committees advising Biden. Most notably, the Transition team and Energy Committee. In his position on that Committee, President Stephenson has gotten assurances directly from Vice President Biden that he supports fossil fuels and, in particular, fracking. Now that the party conventions are over, Local Union No. 5 has also endorsed Vice President Biden. In making this choice, we did not consider any social issues but only issues of direct impact on Local 5 members. One third of your retirement income is from Social Security. Although President Trump repeatedly states at his rally's that he will protect Social Security, all of the budgets that he has submitted over his three plus years propose cutting trillions of dollars from Social Security and Medicare. He also tried to kill the funding source for Social Security during negotiation for the Cares Act and when Congress stopped him he signed an executive order eliminating the payroll tax anyway. Unless that tax is reinstated, Social Security can no longer pay full benefits after "2023" and will go broke shortly thereafter. Even more significant than his attack on Social Security is his support of surcharging your pension contribution and applying an additional tax to your monthly pension. He is supporting this for union pensions only. If he succeeds with both of these attacks, your pension will be cut in half.

You most likely are not aware of Trump's appointments

to the NLRB. Those appointees went back seventy years and overturned almost every favorable labor decision. The Board consists of three Republicans that he personally appointed, one Democrat that was already on the Board and one open seat that the law required be filled with a Democrat so he refuses to appoint anyone even though he would still have a three to two majority. In addition to overturning unions hard fought gains the lead counsel for the NLRB, also a Trump appointee, is suing to make Project Labor Agreements (PLA's) illegal. Fifteen percent of our man hours are performed under PLA's. Another item that you are not aware of is that the Whitehouse has drafted a plan to attack Davis Bacon wages. As you know, the Davis Bacon Act requires that our full wages be paid on Federal projects. While Trump cannot eliminate the Act, he has a plan to change the wage calculation dropping our Davis Bacon wage here in our jurisdiction by approximately \$6.00 per hour. We were shown a copy of an internal Whitehouse memo detailing the changes and stating that they should wait until after the election because these wage decreases would cause Trump to lose support of Building Trades workers.

While there are many more issues, I will close out this subject by telling you about the Republican National Convention's unprecedented action of not formally adopting a platform. Again, the reason that they did not adopt and publicize a Party platform is that it would contain items that would lead to

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Michael R. Dunleavy

Republican defeat in the legislature as well as the Presidency. Items such as taxing all healthcare, eliminating union's rights to represent workers, additional tax cuts for business and the wealthy while allowing worker tax cuts to sunset raising their taxes, defunding Social Security and Medicare and further, easing of restrictions on Russia and much more. So please go to the polls

and support the candidate that has a forty year track record of supporting you and not the candidate that lies to you about support while working to cut your retirement, your wages and your right to representation.

Please make sure to read this issue's Business Managers Corner.

Corner by **Michael Dunleavy**

"Most Union Members that vote against their own interest and the interests of their brothers and sisters reference abortion and Second Amendment Rights as justification".

I would like to offer an explanation of how and why these issues are used to divide us.

The Republican Party is not growing. The Democratic Party is already larger and is continuing to grow as are Independents. In six of the last seven Presidential Elections, Democrats have won the popular vote and two times as many Americans voted for Democrat Senators than voted for Republicans and a majority of Americans voted for Democrat Congressional candidates. Virginia turned blue in the last election cycle. Texas, North Carolina and Georgia are projected to turn blue within five years. In response to these facts, the Republican Party is using abortion, guns and voter suppression most recently an attack on the U.S. Postal Service to remain relevant. Even though they had a one justice advantage and held the Senate and the House for two years and the Presidency under George Bush (43), they did nothing on abortion. During Donald Trump's first term, they held a two justice advantage and held the

House and the Senate for two years and still did nothing. Republicans needed this issue in order to get Religious observers, Union Members and some number of Democrats to vote contrary to their own economic benefit. Prior to abortion, a large majority of Catholics, in particular, voted Democratic because of concerns for the poor, indigent and working people. If abortion was to be outlawed some, if not all, of these voters would return to their prior support of Democrats speeding up and ensuring the decline of the Republican Party. Ironically, if you voted for either Bush or Trump because of abortion you guaranteed that up to this point nothing would be done to overturn Roe v. Wade 410 U.S. 113 (1973). Now that there is a six to three justice advantage prior to this election, there is no reason to vote for Trump if abortion is your concern. If the Second Amendment is your issue, it has already been affirmed by the Supreme Court that you have the right to bear arms. With the current six to three majority and the younger age of the conservative members of the Court, this right is guaranteed going forward so there is no need to vote against what is best for you, your family and your fellow Union Members economically. An interesting fact is that guns have only been confiscated two times in American

history; both times under Republican Presidents most recently during Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans when George Bush (43) was President and Louisiana had a Republican Governor.

I would like to address one more deception being perpetrated by the GOP (Grand Old Party – Republican Party). Even though the first mail-in-vote was during the Civil War and the most recent election had over thirty million votes cast by mail, the Republicans want to undermine mail-in-voting because two-thirds (2/3) of mail-in votes come from Democrats. They want to slow the delivery of these votes then proclaim them uncountable because they arrive late due to President Trump's dismantling and underfunding of the United States Postal Service. Additionally, private delivery services that supported Trump would like the United States Post Office to be privatized. In conclusion,

your gun rights have not been in danger since the Supreme Court decision ensuring them. They are not in danger now and will not be in danger for the long foreseeable future. Likewise, Republicans deceptively had no intention of outlawing abortion and let tens of thousands of procedures go forward when they could have stopped them just to divide us and keep power. While trump has rushed to seat the Sixth Conservative Justice because he thinks she can help him steal the election, he simultaneously has taken away any reason for a working person specifically a Union Member to vote against their own interest any longer.

Remember, Joe Biden is not a Socialist. He is not going to raise your taxes, he is not going to take your gun but he will protect your Social Security, Medicare, Union Pension and your health.

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2020 Scholarships Are Awarded

The I.B.E.W. Local #5 – Western Pennsylvania Chapter, National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) Scholarship Trust Fund has awarded the 2018 scholarships to:

**Vanessa Beitle
Bianca Dunay
Kira Greer
Michael Mankie
Morgan Mikesic**

Applications for the 2021 scholarships will be available from September 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. Those who are eligible are high school seniors who are sons, daughters, grandsons and granddaughters of Local #5 "A" members. Complete eligibility rules and applications can be obtained by mail, from:

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Pittsburgh, PA 15203-2357**

RETIRED MEMBERS SERVICE PINS

TWENTY YEAR

Arthur A. Antonella
Thomas B. Benson
Craig S. Bittinger
Kenneth A. Bolin
Michael J. Carey

Gary A. Chickis
Stanley W. Clark
John G. Dornetto
Robert A. Falconer
Mark S. Forbes

Robert W. Glunt
Kenneth D. Hamlin
Thomas J. Kelly
William E. Larue
Darrack M. McCrea

Daniel F. McGinley
Robert K. McKee
Larry R. McManus
Leroy R. Park
Joseph W. Roth

Thomas M. Russell
Donald J. Selapack
David L. Stahlman
Robert A. Venatta

TWENTY FIVE YEAR

Charles P. Baccino
William M. Bailey, Jr.
Steven C. Baltich
Louis H. Biter
Mario A. Carcella

Robert W. Conner
Kevin D. Crable
Edward J. Dermont
Dennis C. Fedorchak
Martin H. Francken

George M. Fullerton
Daniel B. Harnish
Gregg A. Hathaway
Kim E. Henderson
Ronald C. Kozarian

William E. Lindsey
Philip E. Lint
Ronald R. Loesch
Thomas Mardula
James N. Nayock

Dennis M. Necciai
Lawrence A. O'Connell
William R. Plummer
Paul J. Quevy
William C. Robinson
Michael W. Winas

THIRTY YEAR

Edward Agliardo
Rodney Barnes
Phillip R. Douglass

Thomas A. Hall
John J. Hazel
Candace A. Hemmis

Robert R. Hoffman
Larry James
William J. Leicher

Walter J. Mentzell
Gary A. Palombia
Michael Petrosky

Samuel Prosser
Joseph S. Scassera
Scott A. Turnbull
Michael A. Wilber

THIRTY FIVE YEAR

Ronald F. Etheridge
Giulio A. Gimiliano

William J. Hohman
James E. Jiles

Edward N. Kinsey
Elizabeth A. Low

Dennis E. Pigford
Paul M. Secosky

Bradley A. Thompson
Russell A. Timco
William A. Tomlinson

FORTY YEAR

Joseph E. Beley
Robert F. Cole
Charles B. Cypher, III
William H. Griffith
Daniel F. Hoelzeman

Timothy C. Hutcheson
Gary A. Ivers
Michael T. Karbowsky
Kenneth D. Krockner
Gary N. Lederer

Robert E. Lydon
Robert C. McClelland
Gary A. Miller
Gary Napolitan
Robert W. Pekney

Timothy B. Perkoski
Donald J. Rahuba
Adolph D. Schultz
James W. Sipes
Richard L. Snyder
James R. Slater

William V. Sniegocki
Edward C. Stocker
Vincent G. Thearle
Thomas J. Tyszkiewicz
J. Dennis Watters
Lamont Woods

FORTY FIVE YEAR

Raymond C. Baker
David J. Bombalski
James R. Castman
David N. Darr
Thomas M. Daumit
Lawrence A. Deemer
Regis J. Denne
William D. Denne
James H. Dickerson
Lawrence R. Dillner

Raymond C. Dittler
Thomas J. Donatelli
David S. Eash
Thomas E. Gallagher
Robert S. Glistner
Benjamin Greenwood
John P. Gruber
Jack V. Irwin
William L. Jasper
Alan L. Kelley

Richard L. Leonard
Charles H. Lesko
Gary A. Long
George J. Marek
Albert J. Martsof
Anthony J. Mazza
Gale E. McClaine
John F. Mekic
James R. Padovich
Darrell W. Patton

Clarence L. Penvose
Fred E. Perkins
Charles E. Porter
Daniel J. Powell
John R. Powell
Richard F. Pyle
Calvin J. Schnuth
Paul D. Seitz
Gerald M. Shaner
Albin J. Sircely

Anthony S. Taranto
Joseph P. Terreri
Richard A. Turk
James F. Walker
Jerry D. Watson
Robert D. Wingard
Leslie A. Woelfel
Harold E. Wyant
George D. Yagulli
Robert H. Young

FIFTY YEAR

Harry T. Beers
Raymond C. Beers

Richard G. Kallis
Wayne J. Klawuhn

Marlin D. Luzier
Robert W. Priestner

Charles H. Robison
Frederic L. Schaut

Carl J. Spehar
Clyde E. Stewart, III
Robert J. Stewart

FIFTY-FIVE YEAR

Robert C. Atkinson
Robert W. Bachorski

John Cardone
John I. Corbin

Hugh Hardy, III
Lavern H. Henning

James H. Keefer
Dana R. Miller
Sanford F. Paul

John R. Rose
Joseph E. Stalder
Robert A. Tarase

SIXTY YEAR

William C. Corbin

Noel L. Emanuel

Alexander J. Rick, Jr.

SIXTY-FIVE YEAR

Anthony A. Bianco
Harry J. Blank

William A. Henze, Jr.
William J. Hohman

David A. Hursen
Paul M. Karpan

Charles P. Lawrence, Jr.
Roy L. Nist

Charles H. Telban, Jr.
Myrle F. Webb, Jr.

SEVENTY YEAR

Charles L. Fuellgraf

Local No. 5 Endorsed Candidates

2020 General Election

Tuesday, November 3rd.

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



United States President Joe Biden

United States Congress

Dist. 14 Mike Doyle (D)

Dist. 17 Conor Lamb (D)

Dist. 18 Guy Reschenthaler (R)

PA Attorney General Josh Shapiro (D)

PA Treasurer Joe Torsella (D)

PA Auditor General Nina Ahmad (D)

Pennsylvania State Senate

Dist. 37 Pam Iovino (D) Dist. 41 Joe Pittman (R) Dist. 45 Jim Brewster (D)

Dist. 39 Kim Ward (R) Dist. 43 Jay Costa (D)

Pennsylvania House of Representatives

Dist. 9 Chris Sainato (D) Dist. 24 Ed Gainey (D) Dist. 42 Daniel Miller (D)

Dist. 12 Dan Smith (D) Dist. 25 Brandon Markosek (D) Dist. 44 Michele Knoll (D)

Dist. 15 Joshua Kail (R) Dist. 27 Daniel J. Deasy, Jr. (D) Dist. 45 Anita Astorino Kulik (D)

Dist. 16 Robert F. Matzie (D) Dist. 28 Emily Skopov (D) Dist. 50 Pam Snyder (D)

Dist. 19 Jake Wheatley (D) Dist. 30 Lissa Geiger Shulman (D) Dist. 55 Joseph Petrarca (D)

Dist. 20 Emily Kinhead (D) Dist. 32 Anthony DeLuca (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 Pisciotano Jr. (D) Dist. 77 H. Scott Conklin (D)

by Jim Saeler



Becdel Controls at Dassa McKinney Elementary School
L to R: Dave Miller, & Valent Mizerak



Right Electric at Moniteau High School
L TO R: Shawn Kelsea, Dave Nolf, Gary Ott, & Banker Beach

by Ben Steinmeyer



Kiewit Crew Hilltop Energy Center in Greene County



T.P. Electric at Pperryman Metals in Washington county L to R: Al Kobrys, John Depalma, Tim Toth, Tim Cimino.

by Buddy Franklin



Mark McCleary, Mark Carr, Ben Flanagan & Joe Steiner. Hallstrom Clark Electric at Wasson Elementary School



Floyd Peterson VFW Banner hanging Project. Bradford, PA

by Jeff Miller



Bob Biter Electric crew Cambria Heights High School



Specialty Tire in Indiana
Hallstrom-Clark Electric AND Hilsher-Clarke Electric (SECOND SHIFT)

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TV Talk

By Jim Ryan

COVID-19 has had and will continue to have drastic effects on the local television stations, freelance sports and freelance audio-visual worlds. Those effects are seen in the ways these individual units are now operating. Local television stations are running on skeleton crews to help maintain social distance for those required to be in the building, and keeping news photographers and their reporters working constantly in the field with very little access to the station and then only to small designated areas. This has caused a tense atmosphere to work in due to increased responsibilities, and for the field crews the stress of being frontline workers constantly working with the public to bring local news to our living rooms. Freelance sports technicians are struggling with a severe reduction in work opportunities as sports have begun to adapt to a generic "world feed" which provides a sporting event that is not slanted towards either the home or visiting team. This eliminates about 40% of the total jobs available on a given broadcast, but disproportionately effects 95% of those that work for the visiting team's shows. For those members that work in audio-visual at the convention center, their work was completely and instantly lost in March, however, until there is a vaccine, and the public is willing and able to gather again in large groups, there doesn't seem to be any hope of work opportunities in the near future.

I know that this is bleak news, and that an end of the COVID lifestyle is unknown. However, just know that Local #5 has been working diligently on your behalf so that you have a voice in the workplace. We have worked with our signatories to ensure that your workplace is safe. We did this by ensuring masks are required while working, social distancing is maintained, Plexiglas barriers are installed where feasible, and hygiene can easily be maintained. With unemployment compensation being a relative unknown to many of our freelance members, we pointed them in the right direction to get the answers they needed to overcome that unknown. We consulted with our attorneys on liability waivers, travel ban recommendations and a memorandum of understanding designed to temporarily adapt to the changes that COVID was having on our agreements. We continue to work on negotiating contracts, which currently include WTAE, TR Crewing Company and WPXI Tech Unit. Also we continue to field all of the regular business such as answering members' questions, maintaining relationships with our signatories and keeping up to date with how our industry will change due to technology and COVID. I hope this helps you to understand that union membership pays even when work opportunities are scarce. Stay safe and healthy. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at 412-432-1445.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY



Miller Electric at Mill 19
Front L to R: Sean Conley, Bud Covalt, Mark Randig, Devan Wojtowicz, Craig Poole & Luke Russman. Back L to R: Chris Matson, John Drake, Joe Paradise, Dom Dibernardo & Jim Hinterliter



Lighthouse Electric at UPMC Vision and Rehabilitation Tower
Front L to R: Chris McCann, Fred Bashor, Laurel Johnson, Jake Mikec, Andy Thorpe, Kurt Eisengart, Nicolas Hebert. Back L to R: Kevin Snyder, Charles Sochor, Adam Lipinski, Nathan Slivka, Bob Haley, Mark Shick & Dan Shick.



BEST WISHES TO PENSIONERS

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



APRIL 2020

John M. Cecchetti Michael A. Marini Herbert T. Miller, III

MAY 2020

Erin M. Carlisle G. James Fuss Jerome M. Padlo
Dale P. Cochrane Ronald E. Kuhn Edward M. Reinhardt
Thomas A. Duncan Perry L. Painter

JUNE 2020

Thomas W. Conrad Robert M. Koscianski Richard A. Seidel
Rodney C. Heard David G. Miklos Jerome Sholtis
William D. Heckathorn

JULY 2020

James P. Beck Mark O. Price Mark A. Runco
John J. Pozyski

AUGUST 2020

Brendan A. Depto Ralph A. Geisler Robert D. Raupach
Edward J. Ebbs Thomas F. Gross James M. Rosenblatt
Daniel J. Evers George P. Mageras Walter S. Taylor

SEPTEMBER 2020

John W. Bratkowski Richard E. Longenecker William G. McGowan
Terry L. Gearhart

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IN FRATERNAL MEMORY

Deceased Retired Members

C. Ronald Fairman	April	10, 1934	-	April	1, 2020
Edward C. Krah	Jan.	6, 1954	-	April	7, 2020
Ronald G. Egnot	Nov.	19, 1950	-	April	11, 2020
Stanley M. Ayers	Dec.	27, 1940	-	April	15, 2020
Robert E. Cole	Jan.	24, 1934	-	April	29, 2020
Frank H. Pugno	March	14, 1941	-	April	4, 2020
Joseph H. Crowley	Jan.	27, 1941	-	June	4, 2020
Thomas H. Durkin	Dec.	24, 1934	-	June	11, 2020
Austin A. Frank	Feb.	24, 1931	-	June	13, 2020
Kenneth Lee, Jr.	March	1, 1947	-	June	17, 2020
Glenn A. Berry	Nov.	2, 1932	-	June	22, 2020
Stanley T. Drake	Jan.	2, 1932	-	July	2, 2020
Earl C. O'Black	June	7, 1960	-	June	30, 2020
David G. Whitford	Nov.	29, 1935	-	April	19, 2020
James R. Stivers	Nov.	27, 1951	-	July	17, 2020
Marlin D. Luzier	Aug.	4, 1942	-	July	26, 2020
Donald A. Watt	Oct.	4, 1946	-	Aug.	7, 2020
Robert F. Charnack	July	26, 1951	-	Aug.	13, 2020
John R. Bardonner	June	15, 1939	-	Aug.	14, 2020
Harry J. Blank	Oct.	30, 1930	-	Sept.	1, 2020

Deceased Active Members

Richard R. Ramella	July	4, 1972	-	May	22, 2020
Ronald J. Gorton	July	7, 1970	-	June	2, 2020
Glenn Hauliska	July	4, 1966	-	July	18, 2020
William M. Turkovich	July	27, 1963	-	Aug.	4, 2020
Christopher K. Suss	Aug.	16, 1983	-	Sept.	18, 2020

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

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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.

Courtney Steingraber: 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.

W.P.E.E. Deferred Compensation and Sick and Disability: 412-432-1144

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.

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