



INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS **LOCAL 5 NEWS & VIEWS**



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FALL 2021

Biden is Coming Through for Labor



Make no mistake about it. When our International President Lonnie Stephenson called President Joe Biden the “most pro-union president you have ever seen” he wasn’t kidding.

Since this Administration’s inauguration the President has been on a full court press to end the pandemic and build back better through investments in people and infrastructure. Our Business Manager, Michael R. Dunleavy, President Thomas R. McIntyre and Vice President William C. Garner have met and discussed issues important to our union with Vice President Kamala Harris, Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh, Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg, Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm and most recently Secretary of State Antony Blinken.



Business Manager Michael R. Dunleavy and President Thomas R. McIntyre with Secretary of State Antony Blinkin

Joe Biden has wasted no time in helping labor. Within the first few hours of his administration, he worked to right the ship at the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) by firing its General Council and installing Jennifer Abruzzo as General Council. Ms. Abruzzo understands that the deck has been stacked against labor for years. She’s followed the law and made some quick changes to the NLRB so that labor has a fair shot. Specifically, she’s made unlawful firings and unlawful conduct during organizing campaigns better for labor—no longer will nonunion employers be able to abuse workers, treat them like trash, dilute the process, drag out bargaining and continue as if they have a license to be bad employers.

JOHN CHALOVICH BUILDING DEDICATION

On September 6, 2021 a very small luncheon ceremony was held to honor past Business Manager John Chalovich with the dedication of our Pittsburgh Training Facility. Brother Chalovich was instrumental in the construction of the facility and had the vision of what a truly great apprenticeship and college degree program could be.



Pictured L to R: John Chalovich, Business Manager Michael R. Dunleavy, Recording Secretary Michael W. Varholla, President Thomas R. McIntyre and Training Director Paul L. Reinert.

Corner by Michael Dunleavy



We report to you time and time again about which candidates support your ability to make a living. Those individuals are listed in this newsletter. Please take the time to look at who they are and go to the polls and cast your ballot for the people that support you.

Unfortunately, we have had both active and retire members die from COVID. We have had vaccinated members become ill with other ailments and not able to get treatment due to unvaccinated people with COVID filling hospitals. We have had multiple unvaccinated members on our sick and disability rolls. Worst of all, we have children of members who were too young to get vaccinated in the hospital because they have contracted COVID from unvaccinated individuals. Besides the human tragedy of this, there is an economic toll. The average healthcare cost of a vaccinated person that contracts a breakthrough case from an unvaccinated person is under \$10,000.00. The average healthcare cost of an unvaccinated person requiring hospitalization is \$300,000.00. Each of us pays for the Insurance Trust Fund healthcare which includes sick and disability and life insurance. So all of us are paying for the poor decision being made by some. Getting vaccinated is not only the safe thing to do, it is the most humane and economical thing to do as well. Many of our customers are now imposing restrictions calling for everyone on their premises to be vaccinated. Please get vaccinated and if you qualify, please get the booster in order to protect yourself, your family, your co-workers and the rest of society.

Brother Tom Platt has been put on staff as an Assistant Business Manager. As I have told you in the past, we try to appoint individuals that are good examples of what a member should be. Among his many attributes, Tom has regularly attended meetings and volunteered when called upon. Among his many responsibilities will be as an agent in Allegheny County. I also want to congratulate Brother Tom McIntyre on his new position as Vice President of the Pittsburgh Building Trades and Brother Greg Vogt for being elected Secretary/Treasurer of that same organization. I know that you all join me in wishing Tom, Tom and Greg well with their new responsibilities.

I am happy to report that in

recent Pension Trust Fund meetings the Trustees have determined that it is possible to give an increase in the pension. The multiplier will increase from \$65.00 to \$68.00 per month per year of service. This increase will be given to all current and future Local Union No. 5 pensioners beginning January 1st, 2022. We are still in discussions about raising the sick and disability and dental benefits as well.

I am pleased to report that our Pittsburgh training center has been dedicated and renamed in honor of former Business Manager, John Chalovich. John was instrumental in building the school and establishing the degree program. This was a well-deserved honor and I know that you all join me in congratulating John. I am also pleased to announce that the addition to our John McIntyre Clearfield Training Center is now complete. This expansion added much needed labs to our existing building.

This newsletter is for public distribution and can be shown to anyone. However, it has been brought to my attention that members are redistributing my monthly union meeting report to non-members or are posting it outside of the password protected portion of the Local Union website. The Business Manager's report is for union members only. I am investigating whether it is a chargeable offense to potentially allow our opponents such as non-union contractors or anti-union politicians or organizations to see this report. If this continues, I will be forced to take action and to cease posting my report on line.

The officers, agents and staff of Local Union No. 5 missed being with our active and retired members and their families on Labor Day. The Allegheny Labor Council and the Local Union could not risk exposing retirees and children to the unvaccinated. We are now hoping to be able to hold our December Holiday meetings but must ask you to monitor our website to stay informed of the status of those events.

In conclusion, I remind you of our member assistance program if you are in need of private counseling on any number of subjects. The program is confidential and has helped many Local 5 members already. See our website for contact information or call 1-855-209-8762. Please work safe, take all work offered, remember to re-sign and get vaccinated.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

The following members have donated their time on a jobsite bannering campaign on the Southside.

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| Brian Billheimer | Philip J. Joyce |
| Richard A. Bruschi | Adrian Lamperski |
| Donald Busch | Nicholas Lapina |
| Clifford E. Coates | Roy Lewandowski |
| William Coll | Tim Lujetic |
| Mark Daley | Michael "Duff" O'Brien |
| Vince Dandrea | Bernie Pollack |
| William J. Davis | John Raleigh |
| Frank DeLuca | Mark P. Randig |
| Mary DeLuca | Steven Rucker |
| Charles Dempsey | Wayne Schaub |
| Richard Dobnak | Thomas Shea |
| Robert Doerzbacher | James Siler |
| William Ebertshauser | Nathan Slivka |
| James Gigler | Charles Strothers |
| Joseph Glassbrenner | Mark Tempest |
| Adam Green | Jared Thorpe |
| Jeffrey Gudac | Keith Wiczorkowski |
| John Hartman | Janice Woofler |
| Brad Hecht | Randall Ziegler |
| Bryan Hutson | |

2021 Scholarships Are Awarded

The I.B.E.W. Local #5 – Western Pennsylvania Chapter, National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) Scholarship Trust Fund has awarded the 2021 scholarships to:

- Shane Brown
- Brendan Butler
- Jordan Catone
- Brayden Christie
- Shelby Robertson

Applications for the 2022 scholarships will be available from September 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. 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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Retiree Members 20 To 75 Year Service Pin Recipients

TWENTY YEAR PINS

Arthur E. Barkley
Erin M. Carlisle
Gregory Claassen

Raymond E. Muharsky
James P. Olejar

John C. Pettyjohn
Mark O. Price

Mark W. Robertson
Jerry Tate

Norman R. Williams
Norman R. Wissinger

TWENTY FIVE YEAR PINS

Frederick P. Anthony
Thomas F. Buettner

Jeffrey J. Flanders
Philip W. Gordon

Joseph C. Kitta
Ronald E. Kuhn

Larry A. Lord
Thomas J. O'Connor

Thomas A. Spence

THIRTY YEAR PINS

John P. Bohaski
Thomas R. Brown
George D. Duricic
Richard A. Fairtrace
John Frazier

Daniel L. Gill
Gregory A. Huber
Thomas W. Isiminger
Matthew J. Kormosh
Paul M. Mackiewicz

Jeffrey H. Matthews
William E. Menziatti
Vincent J. Monteleone
James E. Morton
Peter J. Murphy

Kirk C. Niemeyer
Victor J. Pentland
Constantine J. Peripanous
James L. Prah
Eric L. Rahm

Jerome Sholtis
Thomas D. Stewart
Timothy J. Stroke
Mark D. Winarski
Thomas G. Winters

THIRTY FIVE YEAR PINS

Robert Artinger
Richard G. Bergman
Robert M. Brown

Jack L. Cornthwaite
Douglas C. Darrah
Craig A. Eisengart

Arthur L. Hall
John J. Heptig
Dennis M. Johnson

Ronald W. Jones
Jeffrey A. Krieger
Darnell Palmer

Larry E. Reed
Harry D. Stewart
John C. Thompson

FORTY YEAR PINS

Gary L. Bence
Nicholas S. Bennett
Anthony I. Bentley
Glen K. Beveridge
Horace M. Carter
George E. Conley
Charles J. Davis

Thomas E. Elder
Timothy B. Emory
Mark A. Endress
Albert J. Gooch
Cornelius J. Hartung
Thomas H. Higgins

John A. Mackowick
Richard G. Maley
Barry A. Massare
Charles R. McPartland
James M. Mitchell
David A. Ozenich

Jerome M. Padlo
Edward J. Pastorius
John F. Radacsi
James P. Reardon
Dennis W. Rio
Robert M. Shea

Dennis W. Sterner
Joseph R. Tokar
Keith Tomasello
Leo P. Truby
Alphonso Whipper
Gary H. Wynn

FORTY FIVE YEAR PINS

Otto C. Almasy
John R. Astore
Michael J. Berta
Theodore L. Bisel
Harry Black

John P. Carson
James L. Dittler
Ronald J. Gardner
Wayne W. Happe
John R. Harris

John F. Hirt
John A. Hyre
William R. Keller
Raymond J. Kikel

Robert P. Kopta
Clifford E. Mack
Alfred L. Onstead
Thomas W. Strang

Harry Stromock
Albert J. Turkovich
Dennis R. Weiss
John R. Woods

FIFTY YEAR PINS

Edward D. Abram
David A. Duffill
John Ednie, Jr.
Robert B. Ergler, Jr.
Stephen P. Eury
Walter G. Fleeger

Albert R. Johnson
Robert J. Kearns
Robert K. Kutz, Jr.
Hubert E. Lanier
Emil H. Low
Robert A. Merlino

Roger M. Messmer
Charles R. Neff
Nicolas R. Palmer
Edward I. Pasi
William F. Schneider

Russell J. Sole
Ray C. Sprowls, Jr.
Paul A. Staab
Duane E. Stockberger
Robert A. Thomas

Terrence V. Thorsen
Clarence L. Uhlig, Jr.
Patrick G. Weber
Duane E. Wist
Haldane J. Young

FIFTY FIVE YEAR PINS

Michael D. Bianco
Carl J. Boley
Donald C. Diehl
Raymond W. Diehl
Dennis L. Fullerton

Edward P. Hart
Bernard T. Hollis
Robert T. Hutchinson
Robert W. Igoe
Donald G. Kennedy

Russell G. Lachman
Vincent F. Mandella
Wayne R. Miller
Gerald H. Neubert
Gilbert R. Orchard, Jr.

James H. Orchard
William Poeschl
Joseph W. Smith
William V. Sniegocki
Kenneth E. Snyder

Michael F. Staudt
Edward J. Wheeling
Albert J. Wiegand
Arthur W. Wilt
David M. Wolfhope

SIXTY YEAR PINS

Philip E. Baum

David S. Kelly

Richard S. Rectenwald

Ronald E. Rittberg

SIXTY FIVE YEAR PINS

Frank J. Tomasic
Paul L. Williams

SEVENTY YEAR PINS

Thomas W. Bell
George H. Feldman
Thomas R. Hale
Robert P. Pastorius
Glenn Yoder, Jr.

SEVENTY FIVE YEAR PINS

Herbert T. Miller, Jr

Local No. 5 Endorsed Candidates

2021 Municipal Election

Tuesday, November 2nd.

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



SUPREME COURT
SUPERIOR COURT
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MARIA McLAUGHLIN
TIMIKA LANE
JOHN T. BENDER (RETENTION)
MARY JANE BOWES (RETENTION)
LORI DUMAS
DAVID SPURGEON
RENEE JUBELIRER (RETENTION)
ANNE COVEY (RETENTION)

ALLEGHENY COUNTY

SHERIFF
COUNTY COUNCIL DIST. 4
COUNTY COUNCIL DIST. 12
COMMON PLEAS
COMMON PLEAS
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KEVIN KRAUS
PATRICK CATENA
BOB PALMOSINA
BRUCE BEEMER
BILL CAYE
JESSEL COSTA
ELLIOT HOWSIE
DAN KONIECZKA
SABRINA KORBEL
LISA MIDDLEMAN
WRENNA WATSON
CHELSA WAGNER
TOM CAULFIELD

Brentwood Borough Mayor
Dennis Troy

Elizabeth Twp. Commissioner
Rob Rhoderick

Penn Hills Council
Catherine Sapp

PITTSBURGH

MAYOR	ED GAINEY	CITY COUNCIL 6	DANIEL LAVELLE
CITY COUNCIL 2	THERSA KAIL-SMITH	CITY COUNCIL 8	ERIKA STRASSBURGER
CITY COUNCIL 4	ANTHONY COGHILL	SCHOOL BOARD	SYLVIA WILSON

Blair County

Altoona City Council	Bruce Kelly
Altoona City Council	Dave Ellis
Altoona City Council	Dave Butterbaugh
Altoona City Council	Bridgette Jackson

Butler County

Common Pleas	Mark Yeager (retention)
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Fayette County

Recorder of Deeds	Tracie Vargo
Treasurer	Deb Apicella

Cambria County

Sheriff	Tom Owens
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Clarion County

Clarion County Area School District	Braxton White
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Washington County

Controller	Ben Bright
Sheriff	Lou Reda
City Council	Andrew Callan

Westmoreland County

District Attorney	John Peck
Coroner	Ken Bacha
Prothonotary	Tom Murphy
Clerk of Courts	Muzzy Colosimo
Arona Boro Constable	Walter Geiger

TV Talk

With open enrollment in December, let's talk healthcare and retirement. Did you know that IBEW Local Union #5 has group sponsored health plan that broadcasting (BA) members can purchase on their own? The plan has two options and both are Affordable Care Act (ACA) compliant. Both plans described below offset the effects that the ACA has had on the Entertainment Industry Flex Plan. Due to regulations in the ACA, freelance members were no longer able to access their fringe benefit monies for health reimbursements if they had an individual policy for health insurance. **By Jim Ryan**

The first plan is the Highmark Community Blue 750 Plan. This is an ACA compliant, gold-level plan. This plan has a deductible of \$750 for an individual and \$1500 for a family for enhanced in-network providers. After the deductible, many of the benefits, for example hospitalizations, are paid at 100%. This is great benefit because if you currently have a plan that pays 80% of a hospital stay, the other 20% that you owe could be a significant amount of money.

The second plan is the Highmark Community Blue Qualifying High Deductible Health Plan 3000. This is an ACA compliant, bronze-level plan. This plan is designed for those that are healthy and want a lower monthly premium that is offset by higher deductibles. The deductibles are \$3,000 for an individual and \$6000 for a family for in-network providers. As with the gold plan, this plan also pays many of the different benefits at 100% after the deductible is met.

Open enrollment will occur in December for renewals and new memberships for 2022. There are also special qualifying events that could allow you to start or change coverage at other times during the 2022 year if you choose not to enroll in December (e.g. marriage, birth of a child). You can get the full details in the Summary Plan Description which will be sent in the mail to all freelance members and part time employees at WPXI and WTAE. You can also request a copy by calling Jeff Laughrey of CDS, the plan administrator, at 412-432-1141. Please be sure to ask for the IBEW Local #5 BA Member Benefit Plan to ensure that you get the correct documentation.

Please read over the documentation that will be sent to you and make the decision that is best for you and your situation. Remember, price is only one of the factors in choosing the best health insurance. Other factors to consider include the amounts for deductibles, co-insurance and co-pays. If neither of the Highmark Plans work for you, you can still access the money in your Flex Plan account for dental insurance, vision insurance, life insurance and disability insurance. For more information on these plans please contact the Flex Plan at 888.353.9401 or www.flexplan.com.

Another great union benefit that IBEW Local Union #5 has bargained into freelance contracts is the Entertainment Industry Flex 401k Plan. This plan is set up so that a percentage of your gross wages (currently between 4.5 - 5.5%) will be added to your individual 401k retirement account. Like most 401k plans, you can invest the money in the various funds that the plan offers and you can choose your own risk tolerance. There are also plans that are targeted to a five-year window of when you plan to retire. These plans start out more aggressive, but become more conservative as you approach your retirement window. These are a 'set it and forget it' type of investment strategy. You may already have your own Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and not see the benefits of having a separate 401k, but the 401k has more benefits than are allowed with an IRA. For Instance, the 401k limits for 2021 are \$19.5k with an additional \$6.5k allowed as a catch up for those over 50. Compare this to IRA limits for 2021 which are just \$6k with an additional \$1k allowed as a catch up for those over 50. With these higher 401k limits, you are able to contribute additional pre-tax monies through payroll deductions. You can do this by contacting the payroll personnel at the companies that you work for, and ask them to take an additional predetermined amount or percentage from each pay period.

Another retirement savings option is the Flex Roth 401k. This allows you to contribute after tax monies through payroll deductions that will grow until retirement. Your original investment, and any interest gains, will not be taxable when you make your withdrawals after 59 1/2. Please consult with your tax professional to decide which investment path is best for you. If you have other questions about the Flex 401k Plan you can call 888.353.9401 or visit www.entind-401kplan.com. Hopefully you will take advantage of these great benefits that have been collectively bargained for you by Local Union #5.

If you have any questions, call Jim Ryan at 412-432-1445.



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 2021

Dwaine R. Barie
Douglas P. Clingan
Kenneth R. Delraso

Ronald K. Driscoll
Robert S. Horrell
Gregory J. Ionadi

Robert D. McKnight
Robert A. Rebovich
Mark T. Staudt

MAY 2021

John W. Bogacki

David W. Good
William D. McNary

Robin R. Shaffer-Jones

JUNE 2021

Charles G. Brouwer
Robert S. Cancilla

Philip A. Dilonardo
Robert A. Grayson

Donald E. Regan
George B. Tamski

JULY 2021

Jason A. Corrie

Kevin B. Lauff

Christopher K. Zollars

AUGUST 2021

John W. Bateman, Jr.
Willard G. Booth
Domenico Folino
Gary M. Fox

Craig W. Horner
Matthew S. Linder
Matthew J. Lubinski
Joseph Mitchell, III

Jeffrey E. Pomponio
Mark A. Siwik
Robert J. Stamer
John E. Zabetakis

SEPTEMBER 2021

Patrick W. Burke
James C. Gibson
Dennis P. Ging

Walter A. Kern
Charla M. MacDonald
Kim Alexander Moore

Donald D. Uebing
Kenneth P. Volle

Interested in joining Retiree Club? Contact Tim Perkoski
(412) 831-3525 cell: (412) 860-4033

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.

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 inquiries and questions; W.P.E.E. Insurance Trust Fund death benefit beneficiary updates; and Workers Compensation pension and insurance benefits.
All other fund-related questions.

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

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Deceased Retired Members

Robert W. Glunt	April	13, 1977	-	March 4,	2021
William J. Hohman	Sept.	6, 1930	-	March 31,	2021
Warren B. Osborne, Sr.	Feb.	12, 1932	-	May 9,	2021
Robert J. Benton, Jr.	Aug.	17, 1949	-	May 15,	2021
Timothy W. Stockdill	April	24, 1957	-	July 14,	2021
Nickolaos Kalogeris	Dec.	19, 1932	-	July 19,	2021
Gerard B. Bachner	Aug.	16, 1925	-	Aug. 3,	2021
Bernard E. Hoffman	Dec.	19, 1925	-	Sept. 6,	2021
Joseph T. Karadus	Jan.	23, 1943	-	Sept. 9,	2021

Deceased Active Members

Jack G. Waugaman	Feb.	17, 1959	-	Sept. 9,	2021
Daniel A. Maceno	Feb.	26, 1974	-	Sept. 12,	2021

All Business Agents can
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1-800-225-IBEW

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