



INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS

# LOCAL 5 NEWS & VIEWS

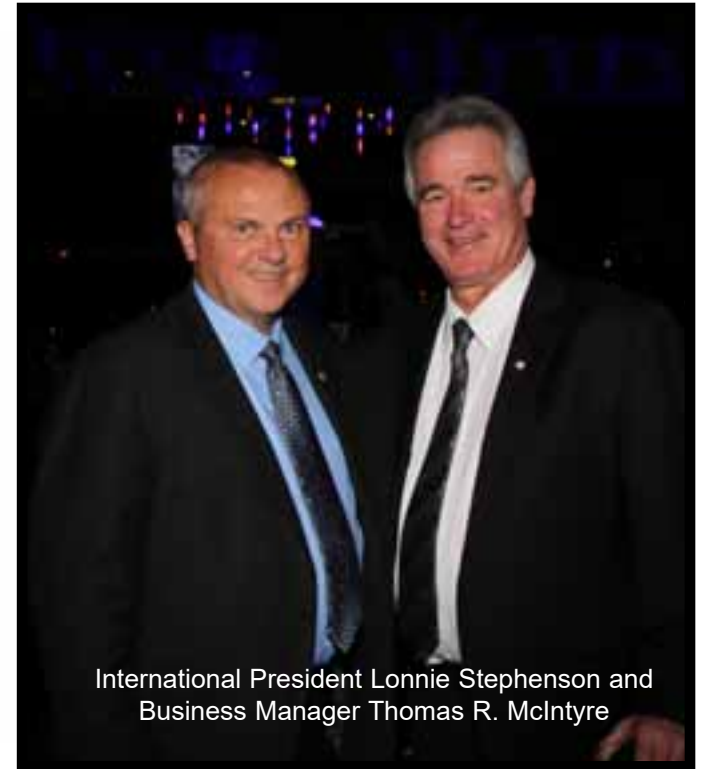


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SPRING 2023



International President Lonnie Stephenson and Business Manager Thomas R. McIntyre

125 years ago, in 1897 three dozen electrical workers voted to become members of the National Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 5, which later became the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

On September 24th, 2022, Local 5 members and guests dressed in their finest to celebrate the 125th Anniversary with dinner, drinks and dancing at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center!

The celebration kicked off with I.B.E.W. Local 3 Sword of Light Bagpipes followed by The Pittsburgh Bureau of Fire, IAFF Local 1 Honor Guard presenting the colors.

Pittsburgh TV Station WTAE's Kelly Sasso was the first speaker and emcee for the evening. Kelly spoke of her special connection with Local 5. Her dad, Dennis Johnson, is a retired 33 year member. Growing up in an I.B.E.W. family, Kelly witnessed first-hand the dedication and hard work it takes to be a member of Local 5.

Our Business Manager Thomas R. McIntyre addressed the crowd and thanked all the members and staff past, present and future for everything they do for the good of this union.

International President Lonnie Stephenson stated that "Local 5 is a strong union today because of strong leadership, and the members commitment to show up for your local union."

In recognition of our anniversary, September 24th, 2022 was declared "I.B.E.W. Local 5 Day" by the State of Pennsylvania, City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County.

Volunteers donated their time before and after the party to help with Local 5 artifacts and historical photos. Special thanks to those volunteers that helped make this evening a great success!

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**International President  
Lonnie Stephenson**



# Corner by Tom McIntyre



I would like to start this edition with a "thank you" to all our many volunteers throughout the year. We are in need of help for various events all year long. Annually, we are in need of volunteers for the "Denny Miller Family Picnic", Labor Day and always our political agenda for door knocking or other activities that we are involved in. We get involved in certain charities, which we need volunteers. For example, this year we are helping the March of Dimes. We have always aided in support of the Muscular Dystrophy Association with their events, among others. I would like to thank all our volunteers year after year. The same members step up to assist this great Local Union with whatever we are involved in.

The work picture remains promising for the remainder of 2023 through calendar year 2024. As featured in our cover story in the Fall 2022 edition of the newsletter, the new terminal at Pittsburgh International Airport is progressing on schedule and will be manning up for the next couple of years. We also have more hospital work on the books than normal, along with upcoming projects at our universities. Please take all work offered and stay until a normal layoff.

I, also, have some sad news on the work front to report. The Homer City Power Plant will be shut down this summer. It is even sadder that some groups and individuals are calling this a victory. It is not a victory when hundreds of in-house workers, the majority who are IBEW members, and thousands of sub-con-

tractors, the majority who are Building Trades members including Local 5 members, will lose good union jobs. We will lose 1,600 mega watts of power to our electrical grid which will cause an increase in our energy prices. Many communities and school districts will lose a significant amount of their tax base. We recognize the need to transition to cleaner energy, but we operate in reality. The reality is that far too many working people are being left behind in that transition.

I wanted to point out to everyone to please read the new information pertaining to our annual "Denny Miller Family Picnic" held at Idlewild and Soakzone Park. Due to new management at the park, there are many changes as to what we are accustomed to. Most notably are that the park admission tickets, and meal deal tickets, can only be used on the day of our picnic, which is Saturday, June 17th, 2023. Idlewild has gone cashless, thus, eliminating all fun money. Please read your order forms carefully so we can cut down on the confusion with all the changes. Remember, that all these changes are due to park management and not Local 5.

Primary election day is on Tuesday, May 16th, 2023. Please get out and vote!! If you cannot make it to the polls that day, please get a mail-in-ballot and vote for the IBEW Local 5 endorsed candidates. The statewide judicial races are very important to working people's agenda as well as all of the Local races in your communities.



## International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

LOCAL UNION NO. 5

5 HOT METAL STREET, SUITE 400, PITTSBURGH, PA 15203-2355  
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March, 2023

To All Active/Retired Members and Apprentices:

It's that time again!! We will be returning to Idlewild Park in the Laurel Highlands, Ligonier, PA on SATURDAY, JUNE 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to celebrate the IBEW LOCAL UNION NO. 5, DENNY MILLER FAMILY PICNIC. In addition to all Idlewild Park has to offer with rides, shows, games and the Soak Zone, Local 5 will have raffle prize drawings, bingo and children's entertainment.

Due to new management at Idlewild, there have been some changes. We want to make you aware that the Officers of IBEW Local Union No. 5 had nothing to do with these changes and in order to renew our contract with Idlewild, we had to follow their guidelines. The new management feels that a company picnic is a day that should be celebrated by the families of each organization in order to get together and enjoy each other's company on that day. Attached you will find a list of these changes in order to make it as clear as possible for you to review.

Just a quick review of what changes you will see on the attached sheet:

- Local 5 members/apprentices can order tickets at a cost of \$5.00/Each for the member/apprentice, his/her spouse, and their "Children or Grandchildren" from Age 3 through 18. Children 2 years and under are admitted to the park FREE. The admission ticket price is \$30.00, which Local 5 will pay \$25.00 towards each ticket. **There is NO SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT.**  
  
Guest tickets are available for anyone outside of your immediate family members at the special rate of \$30.00.
- Idlewild has discontinued the "Fun Money". Instead, you will have the opportunity to purchase a "Meal Deal Ticket". The Meal Deal is \$16.50 per ticket. Local 5 members/apprentices, their family and guests can purchase a "Meal Deal Ticket" at a cost of \$6.00 each. Local 5 will pay \$10.50 towards each "Meal Deal Ticket" purchased. Venues where the "Meal Deal Ticket" can be used are listed on the attached sheet. **Meal Deal Tickets are limited to one per admission ticket.**
- Idlewild Admission Tickets and Meal Deal Tickets **CAN ONLY BE USED ON THE DAY OF THE PICNIC (Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023). THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS ON TICKETS PURCHASED AND NOT USED ON THE DAY OF THE PICNIC.** Please keep this in mind when making your plans.

Please complete the order form and return it in the enclosed envelope with your check or money order. Checks should be made payable to "IBEW LOCAL UNION NO. 5". **PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER. NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

We look forward to, once again, enjoying a fun-filled day at Idlewild Park.

### "IDLEWILD PARK PICNIC TICKET CHANGES"

(Please pay close attention to the items listed below. Local 5 will not be held responsible for any ticket purchases paid for and not used on the day of the picnic)

#### ADMISSION TICKETS

All admission tickets are priced at \$30.00. **There is NO Senior Citizen discount.** The ticket cost to Local 5 active/retired members and apprentices, his/her spouse, and their children or grandchildren from age 3 thru 18 is \$5.00. Children 2 years and under are admitted to the park FREE.

Guest tickets are available for anyone outside of your immediate family members at the special rate of \$30.00.

Admission tickets **CAN ONLY BE USED ON THE DAY OF THE PICNIC (Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023). THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS ON ADMISSION TICKETS PURCHASED AND NOT USED ON THE DAY OF THE PICNIC.**

#### MEAL DEAL TICKET REPLACING THE FORMER FUN MONEY

The Meal Deal Ticket is \$16.50. **All Local 5 active/retired members and apprentices, their family and guests can purchase a Meal Deal Ticket at the cost of 6.00 each.** Meal Deal Tickets are limited to one per admission ticket. Meal Deals include a combo meal and drink.

Venues included, but not limited to, are:

The Potato Patch	Boardwalk Pizza
Hillside Grill	Snack Shack (Located in the Soak Zone)

**Note:** Idlewild reserves the right to add or delete venues made available for the Meal Deal Tickets.

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Please remember that **NO CASH** will be accepted for tickets purchased. Please make your check or money order payable to "IBEW LOCAL UNION NO. 5" and return with your ticket purchase form by **MAY 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

# Active Members 20 To 40 Year Service Pin Recipients

## TWENTY YEAR PINS

Wayne L. Anderson	Kevin J. Hilpert	Scott D. Massa	David C. Pierce	Bryan J. Sutton
Edward P. Apel	Michael L. Hite	Michael J. McCampbell	Daniel R. Pirt	Gregg Szramowski
Tarrick J. Askew	Joseph M. Hoyak	Shawn R. McWilliams	Arthur L. Purvis	Timothy W. Thorpe
James R. Bayne	Michael W. Hrivnak	Mike Mellott	Bryan C. Quidetto	Paul J. Trax
Michelle L. Benedict	Travis J. Huston	Brian R. Meyers	Regis J. Ricketts	David S. Vargo
Aaron J. Blose	Antonio Ionadi	Anthony J. Michaels	David M. Riley	Ronald P. Varndell
Michael E. Boland	Patrick T. Joyce	Joshua G. Miller	Jason H. Rittko	Matthew E. Vinglish
Mark G. Brown	Joshua B. Kaufman	Mark K. Miller	Matthew M. Rossa	Brett M. Walat
Christopher P. Buckwalter	John W. Kelly	Doreen A. Minnis	Lawrence G. Rossi	Joseph M. Wallace
Brian W. Burke	Craig A. Kepple	William M. Moore	Edward Runski	William M. Weiers
Diana M. Caputo	Nicholas Kulasa	Mark W. Mosco	Barry R. Russo	Brandon J. Weismann
Michael P. Cook	Timothy S. Kurhansky	John H. Murrio	Samuel D. Saxton	Joseph J. Weiss
Benjamin P. Cornibe	William F. Lambert	Robert J. Myers	Donald L. Scherer	Shelly A. West
Douglas J. Easley	Vincent J. Lancia	Kenneth D. Nagel	Brian W. Schlichtkrull	Keith R. Wieczorkowski
Steven B. Ely	Patricia L. Larkin	Andrew V. Nicodemus	Chad D. Schmidt	Monica Wimbush-Minniefield
Kevin D. Ewart	Chad M. Litzinger	Tom J. O'Connor	Christopher G. Schrauder	Mark E. Wise
Cory R. Fernandez	Keith M. Logue	Ryan P. O'Malley	Gary N. Sebold	Michael G. Wood
Christopher E. Fisanick	David A. Lynch	David J. O'Neil	Thomas P. Sheehan	Justin M. Wray
Cory R. Gibson	Donald J. Maraugh	Michael D. Paiano	Timothy J. Smith	Jayme J. Yarnish
Randy L. Griffith	Jeffrey J. Martin	Donald C. Palumbo	Christopher J. Smoyer	Donald A. Younkens
Zachary Henninger	William B. Martin	James W. Passanante	Robert N. Strobel	John A. Zimmerman

## TWENTY FIVE YEAR PINS

Jeffrey R. Albitz	Peter M. Drewecki	George Kalafatis	Mark E. Nikolaison	Lee R. Thompson
Frank C. Arzillo	Thomas L. Eiben	Edward P. Kearns	Scott R. Nuss	John A. Tobolski
Samuel J. Barone	Louis A. Fraticelli	Richard C. Kenyon	Matthew P. O'hanlon	Brian D. Tomko
Daniel J. Bernstein	Michael A. Galioto	Allen P.L. Kucharski	Michael G. Opalenik	Scott E. Townsend
Shawn T. Berta	Justin C. Grossman	Eric L. Lautenschlager	Mark E. Osterritter	Terry A. Viakley
Jeffrey A. Biter	James M. Hanbury	Joseph M. Lydon	Wayne V. Ruby	Matthew P. Vibostak
John J. Booher	Harry R. Hessom	Peter J. Malloy	Kirk M. Schroll	Robert F. Whitting
Bryan K. Brain	James D. Hinterliter	Michael B. Mccrerry	Joshua D. Seth	Dale W. Wick
Ronald L. Burd	Dean H. Hohn	Dennis R. Mcdermott	Brian E. Shick	Kevin P. Wiehagen
Robert D. Chamberlain	Stephen M. Huebner	John T. Mckee	David F. Stanley	Roy Wilkinson
Howard P. Clifton	Matthew J. Hursh	John D. Morrocco	Thomas A. Strang	Mark A. Wright
Todd A. Dale	Jason G. Impavido	Jason W. Mucker	Theodore Stratus	William M. Young
William J. Dobransky	Scott T. Johnson	Robert W. Nicholls	Daniel J. Sufak	

## THIRTY YEAR PINS

Donald M. Ayers	John R. Durkin	Steven C. King	Steven Olean	Chris J. Strnisa
Joseph M. Bacha	Daniel E. Farrell	Lawrence J. Kirby	Scott T. Pasi	Adam N. Taylor
Gerald G. Beach	Joseph A. Fedyshyn	Joseph J. Klein	Jon T. Pferdehirt	Ronald W. Thomas
Eric J. Beckes	Chester J. Frantz	Jeffrey A. Kubit	George C. Piper	Gregory S. Vansach
David A. Belasco	Todd Z. Freund	Roy C. Lewandowski	Michael E. Quidetto	Michael J. Vitanza
Craig M. Bigler	Robert P. Gallagher	Leticia M. Lopez	Jeffrey P. Rouda	Thomas E. Weber
Kirk G. Blum	Francis R. Gesselberty	Kevin C. Lynn	Darrell J. Rydbom	Chris J. Wilhelm
James M. Bradburn	Daniel Govora	Gregory A. Lyons	Travis R. Saeler	Randy M. Williams
Richard A. Bruschi	Grant D. Hoffman	Michael J. Mahon	Steven T. Schneider	Rebecca S. Williams
Anthony J. Cortazzo	Mark J. Hovanec	John R. Mccracken	John G. Sentesi	Bruce J. Yoch
James G. Crawford	David S. Hluff	David A. Miller	Keith R. Shaffer	
Daniel J. Cuffin	Thomas A. Kalinowski	Kenneth F. Morris	Timothy G. Snyder	
Vincent M. Dandrea	Adaryll Kelley	David B. Morrison	James R. Sokira	
David W. Dudkiewicz	Kevin J. Kelsch	Darryl K. Noal	Roy A. Speicher	

## THIRTY FIVE YEAR PINS

Michael E. Allen	Alred L. Franklin	Scott L. Holdsworth	Kurt G. Maenz	Richard A. Redding
John A. Buch	Robert A. Funtal	David B. Hughes	John A. Mcintyre	Mark S. Rodgers
Scott R. Corbin	Paul A. Gaus	Thomas W. Hunter	John J. Niznik	Donald Schnellbach
Scott E. Dobson	James R. Gillespie	Anthony J. Kainz	Peter T. Pane	Ricky P. Schultz
James P. Durkin	Todd D. Gurne	Daniel J. Kenney	Timothy A. Pielmeier	Mark A. Wilk
James Dvorsky	Kirk M. Hoak	Lenane Mack	Barry Plance	

## FORTY YEAR PINS

Raymond A. Briscoe	Andrew M. Krall	Jeffrey A. Miller	Charles R. Petronie	James M. Saeler
Regis L. Etzel	Timothy J. Lohle	David M. Perry		



# PIN RECIPIANTS



# RENEW NEWS

**REGISTER BY JUNE 30**

**CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT**  
RAIN OR SHINE - CASH ONLY

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers  
**RENEW**  
Reach out and Engage Next-gen Electrical Workers

IBEW Local #5  
**Renew Cornhole Tournament**

**\$50 TEAMS OF TWO**  
**\$15 NON-PLAYER ATTENDEES**

**CASH PRIZES**  
1ST, 2ND, & 3RD

**BBQ & BYOB**

**7.29.23**  
**NOON**

**CLEARFIELD TRAINING CENTER PARKING LOT**  
**1400 LEONARD ST CLEARFIELD, PA**







# 125 Anniversary





# Local No. 5 Endorsed Candidates 2023 Primary Election Tuesday, May 16th



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

<b>PENNSYLVANIA SUPREME COURT</b>	Dan McCAFFERY	(D)
<b>PENNSYLVANIA SUPERIOR COURT</b>	Jill BECK	(D)
	Timika LANE	(D)
<b>COMMONWEALTH COURT</b>	Brian Neft	(D)

## ALLEGHENY COUNTY

<b>COUNTY EXECUTIVE</b>	John WEINSTEIN	(D)
<b>DISTRICT ATTORNEY</b>	Stephen ZAPPALA	(D)
<b>CONTROLLER</b>	Corry O'CONNOR	(D)
<b>TREASURER</b>	Anthony COGHILL	(D)
<b>COURT OF COMMON PLEAS</b>	Andrew SZEFI	(D)
<b>COUNTY COUNCIL AT LARGE</b>	Joanna DOVEN	(D)
<b>DISTRICT 2</b>	Todd HAMER	(D)
<b>DISTRICT 6</b>	John PALMIERE	(D)
<b>DISTRICT 7</b>	Nick FUTULES	(D)
<b>DISTRICT 10</b>	DeWitt WALTON	(D)
<b>DISTRICT 11</b>	Paul KLEIN	(D)

## PITTSBURGH

<b>CITY CONTROLLER</b>	Rachael HEISLER	(D)
<b>CITY COUNCIL DIST. 1</b>	Bobby WILSON	(D)
<b>CITY COUNCIL DIST. 3</b>	Bob CHARLAND	(D)
<b>CITY COUNCIL DIST. 5</b>	Barb WARWICK	(D)
<b>CITY COUNCIL DIST. 7</b>	Deb GROSS	(D)
<b>CITY COUNCIL DIST. 9</b>	Khari MOSLEY	(D)

## CENTRE COUNTY

<b>COMMISSIONER</b>	Mark HIGGINS	(D)
<b>COMMISSIONER</b>	Amber CONCEPCION	(D)

## WASHINGTON COUNTY

<b>COMMISSIONER</b>	Larry MAGGI	(D)
<b>COMMISSIONER</b>	Nick SHERMAN	(R)

## CLEARFIELD COUNTY

<b>COMMISSIONER</b>	Dave GLASS	(D)
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## WESTMORELAND COUNTY

<b>COMMISSIONER</b>	Ted KOPAS	(D)
<b>ROSTRAVER TWP.</b>	John CHRISTNER	(R)
<b>MAGISTRATE JUDGE</b>		
<b>SEWICKLEY TWP.</b>	Jon TURIK	(R)
<b>SUPERVISOR</b>		

## FAYETTE COUNTY

<b>COMMISSIONER</b>	Vince Vicites	(D)
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CHRISTMAS PARTY IN PITTSBURGH







CHRISTMAS PARTY IN CLEARFIELD



CHRISTMAS PARTY IN UNIONTOWN



CHRISTMAS PARTY IN BUTLER



# TV Talk

By Jim Ryan

Regional Sports Networks (RSN) have been the traditional platform for bringing live local sports coverage to your homes for decades. However, the RSN business model may have run its course as more and more homes “cut the cord” of cable in favor of streaming services. For example, there have been recent news reports regarding the financial solvency of two major RSNs . Warner Media/Discovery, the owner of AT&T SportsNet, recently announced they are planning to give up their rights to broadcast Pirates and Penguins games and Bally’s Sports Network recently filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy. RSNs make a large amount of their revenue through subscriber fees. Subscriber fees are the dollar amount that an RSN charges cable companies to carry their channel. As may be the case in your own household, there have been major shifts in the way people watch TV. Large numbers of households are getting rid of cable TV and going to streaming services. As households ‘cut the cord’, RSNs lose their primary revenue source.

Why don’t RSNs just make the games available through streaming? To protect their interests, cable companies have built guarantees into their contracts with the RSNs to make streaming fees unattractive to fans, thus keeping them as cable TV customers. In addition, many leagues have blackouts for streaming in-market games. The potential end of the RSN model for broadcasting local sports brings a lot of nervous uncertainty for our IBEW Local #5 freelance technicians.

While this is essentially a high-level chess match between multi-billion-dollar corporations and sports leagues, there is still a lot of money in a product that people want. From what I’ve heard from those I have talked with at the decision-making levels, the games will continue to be broadcast, and technicians will be needed to make that happen. I do believe that they are correct considering the continued demand from the consumers to watch these events. Also, MLB has created a new MLB Local Media department by hiring 3 former RSN executives including Doug Johnson from AT&T SportsNet. This new department’s task is to be ready to get games broadcast with short notice

While this may allay some fears for now, there are still a lot of questions that don’t have definitive answers. Here are our answers to some common questions that have been raised in my conversations with freelance members recently:

## Will I get paid?

The answer to that is more than likely yes, but there never has been a guarantee of that for freelance-style employees. We have all worked in this industry where we are called by crewing companies and sports broadcasters to provide our expertise to make a production happen with the expectation that we will get paid, but there were never any guarantees that the money would be received. I would also have to say that many of us have had at least one employer that has not paid during our careers. If you are not paid, then you have the benefit of being an employee and not a 1099 sub-contractor as was the case in the past. As an employee, you are given a higher priority to be paid should Warner Media file Chapter 7 bankruptcy. As a 1099 sub-contractor you would be at or near the bottom of the list.

## Will I work the days that I for which I have been booked ?

Again, the answer is more than likely yes since the games will be broadcast. However, there is a possibility that you may lose some or all the dates that you were booked for which is no different than before this situation arose. As per our contract, you can be cancelled from a booking up to 72 hours beforehand without a penalty to the company. As freelance technicians, we have all been cancelled from productions, but we still take bookings on the assumption that they will happen. The good thing is that as a union member it has been negotiated that you are compensated for cancellations under 72 hours.

## Should I look for other work opportunities?

As a freelancer, the answer there should almost always be yes. The more employers that you have as a freelancer, the better off you are. Having just one employer can lead to a dramatic loss of bookings and then a scramble to replace them. That being said, we are all open to other opportunities. An example of this is that you are booked for a day or two with one employer, but another calls to offer you a week of work. In this situation, you would generally ask to be released from the first booking to take the longer, second booking. As per our contract, you are released with more than 5 days’ notice. Thus, I would continue to encourage you to seek opportunities from others companies, but with the normal assumption that a current booking will happen. This way you can remain employed for the most days possible per month. I would also remind you that you should always give the crewing coordinator from your original booking as much notice as possible that you will no longer be available for their dates. It is best not to burn bridges.

I know that these are not definitive answers, but as these billion-dollar entities continue to jockey for position and battle to a final outcome, solid answers unfortunately do not exist. **To help you to continue to have a voice in your work conditions, please keep the union informed of the non-union companies who are contacting you to work what has traditionally been union broadcast work.**

Local 5 will continue to watch this situation very closely and we will let you know about any new developments as soon as we hear. I hope this helps you as this transition unfolds, feel free to call, text or email me with questions or concerns on this or any other issue.

# News from Your JATC

## 2022-2023 Class Schedules are Coming to a Close

It’s May already and another apprenticeship class schedule is about to finish. There are several outstanding apprentices that are moving smoothly through the program, several of whom will finish the program this summer. The future of our industry and specifically the IBEW Local Union #5 looks bright.

Looking back on the year it seems appropriate to call out a couple of our most successful new courses.

- o The new Fire Alarm lab has seen tremendous growth. Under the watchful eye of some of our best instructors, our members have been wiring and troubleshooting systems continuously this entire school year.
- o The newly developed PLC Lab is up and running with great interest. Some of our newest Journeyman have asked for more information after completing their 5th year curriculum.
- o The Electric Car Charging class has been a huge success. Local Union #5 and its members are leading the way in training across the country. We have the largest percentage of members trained with over 200 members having completed this course.
- o BIM (Building Information Modeling) has two newer instructors that have taken the ball and run, full steam ahead. It took longer than we anticipated to get this program running, but it has been very successful recently.
- o Of course all of the safety classes saw increased participation; the First Aid and CPR classes are still running until we get all of our 4th year apprentices properly trained, a restructured National Electrical Code class is currently nearing a successful completion, and all of our OSHA and 70E classes were successfully completed with increased attendance. Please sign-up for these classes as quickly as you can, many of our larger upcoming jobs will be requiring the most up-to-date completion cards.

The 2023-24 schedule looks like it will bring with it even more improvements and enhancements; stay tuned!

Have a Safe and Healthy Summer, we look forward to seeing you in the fall.



# AROUND OUR JURISTDICTION



Scaife Hall, Hatzel & Buelher & Kirby Electric



Hey Electric @ ATI Vandergriff



McCarl's at Air Products



Turiks Electric at Angels Journey Home Animal Rescue



Hatzel & Buehler @ AHN Robinson



Sargent Electric @ ATI Vandergriff



Darr Electric @ Johnstown Airport



OZ Enterprises and Schultheis Electric at Excelsa Health Fayette County



Clista Electric & Imbutec at 5150 Baum Blvd



OZ Enterprises, Forrest Hills Elementary School



Lighthouse Electric & Imbutec at PNC Park



Penn Ohio at Venango Co. Economic Development Authority



M&J Electric at PNC Park



Right Electric at Butler Co. Community College



ELCO Electric at SGL Plant St. Mary's



ELCO Electric at DuBois ATA Building



Lighthouse Electric at Nemaocolin Woodlands

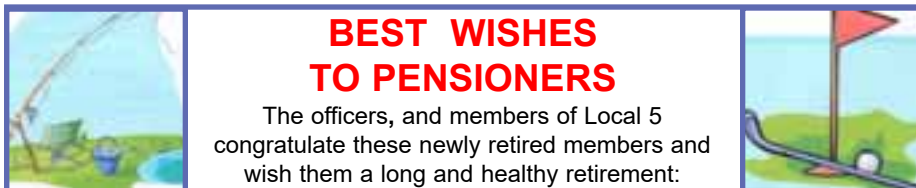


GM McCrossin at PSU Field Hockey Stadium









## 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 2022

David M. Behringer Paul A. Herald	Kenneth G. Robinson Thomas W. Wolfhope	Michael D. Wright
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### NOVEMBER 2022

Michael E. Allen Samuel Goldsboro	Robert J. Myers	William J. Peddicord
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### DECEMBER 2022

Randy W. Contestabile Wayne A. Dagostino Steve J. Govora, III	Robert J. Lemons Paul K. Loftus Clifford H. Miller	James J. Mooney Ronald W. Paulson Randy M. Williams
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### JANUARY 2023

Alan O. Jarrett Robert M. Ross	John W. Russell	Brian C. Schrecongost
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### FEBRUARY 2023

Frederick T. Bashor David A. Duffill Donald P. Fee	Dennis J. Hurley Leticia M. Lopez Ronald R. Miles	Jay D. Reed Greg T. Rost Kenneth A. Watt
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### MARCH 2023

Randy P. Barie Michael E. Doerfler Chester J. Frantz Gary C. Gearhart	Kenneth I. Louder Richard R. McKenzie David M. Perry	Rex A. Rodgers Thomas E. Shelton Dale L. Yoder
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**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.

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### Deceased Retired Members

Harold Wyant	March	9,	1940	-	July	31,	2022
Jack L. Cornthwaite	Dec.	19,	1952	-	Sept.	12,	2022
Dale P. Cochran	March	15,	1956	-	Oct.	5,	2022
Dale E. Snyder	July	10,	1941	-	Oct.	9,	2022
Ronald E. Rittberg	March	6,	1933	-	Oct.	21,	2022
Emil H. Low	Oct.	9,	1947	-	Oct.	28,	2022
William C. Corbin	Oct.	9,	1939	-	Oct.	27,	2022
George J. Marek	August	14,	1945	-	Nov.	2,	2022
Sanford F. Paul	June	15,	1946	-	Nov.	14,	2022
Ronald R. Loesch	Dec.	29,	1935	-	Nov.	30,	2022
Robert C. Hodgkiss	Nov.	29,	1935	-	Dec.	3,	2022
Scott A. Grosick	June	14,	1962	-	Jan.	4,	2023
Norman R. Williams, Jr.	Oct.	4,	1949	-	Jan.	15,	2023
Larry R. McManus	August	15,	1952	-	Jan.	13,	2023
Hugh J. Link	May	19,	1942	-	Jan.	29,	2023
James Brubaker	June	9,	1937	-	Jan.	28,	2023
Raymond G. Luffy, Jr	August	17,	1965	-	Feb.	3,	2023
Vito Legari	Sept.	19,	1948	-	Feb.	8,	2023
Robert W. Priester	July	21,	1941	-	Feb.	17,	2023
Roland A. Heintz	July	17,	1936	-	Feb.	24,	2023
Thomas F. Buettner	July	10,	1954	-	March	7,	2023
William P. Hruby	July	9,	1957	-	March	14,	2023
Robert F. Ryan	Sept.	21,	1944	-	March	17,	2023
John J. O'Kain	Dec.	31,	1951	-	March	16,	2023
Richard G. Kallis	Nov.	27,	1934	-	March	30,	2023

### Deceased Active Members

David W. Jones, Jr.	May	1,	1963	-	Oct.	5,	2022
William J. Peddicord	June	13,	1958	-	Nov.	18,	2022
Douglas J. Conroy	Dec.	16,	1972	-	March	25,	2023

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