



INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS

# LOCAL 5 NEWS & VIEWS



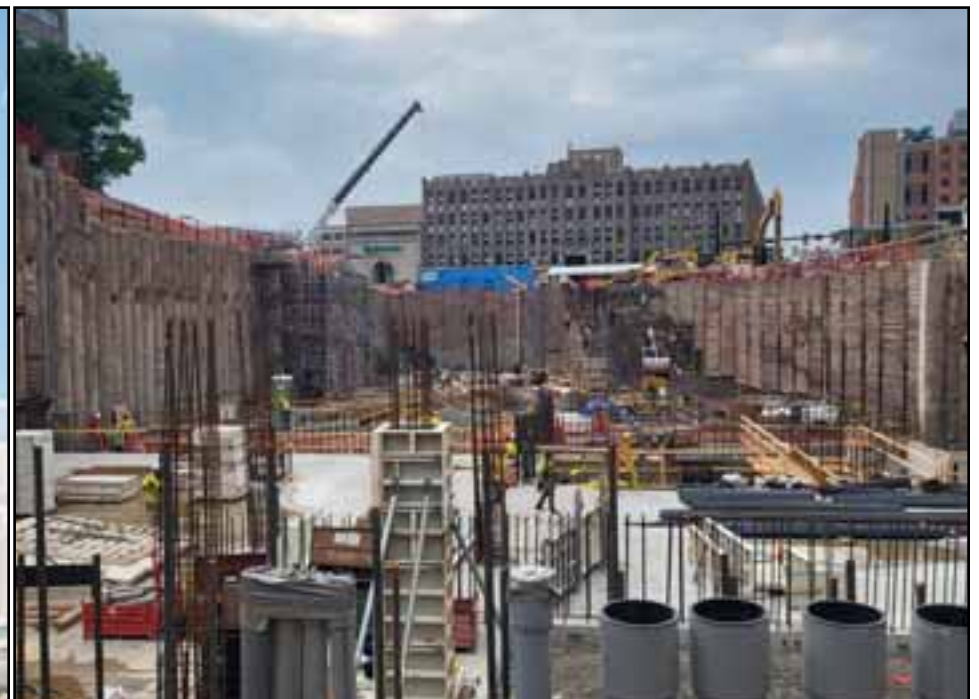
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## PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL RISES



Local 5 members driving through Oakland may have noticed a rather large hole in the ground in front of UPMC Presby, unlike many holes dug for planting trees, this hole is for something with much bigger roots, UPMC's new Heart and Transplant Center. UPMC, founded in 1893, is a longtime partner of IBEW Local 5 and a staple of Pittsburgh healthcare. Before beginning construction UPMC and the Pittsburgh Regional Building and Construction Trades Council sat down to negotiate a Project Labor Agreement. These agreements have many benefits, ensuring that all work performed on projects is done on time and on budget by union craftsmen and reaffirming our commitments with regional partners for the benefit of all community members.

In addition to the onsite construction, UPMC is pursuing a variety of panelized, volumetric, and multi-trade prefabrication opportunities on the Presbyterian project including structural assemblies, curtain wall assemblies, bathroom pods, head walls, interior walls, and both horizontal and vertical MEP distribution systems. IBEW Local 5 has long covered prefabrication both under our Collective Bargaining Agreement and through Project Labor Agreements.

The new 17 story glass enclosed hospital reaches 287' and will be Oakland's second tallest building. According to Steven Vebber, a designer involved with the project "The building scale aligns to the larger buildings on campus and is shaped to open up and allow visibility to the central tower of the existing hospital and

really becomes a new beacon on the skyline for this area." Other features include 880,000 square feet of hospital space with 636 all private inpatient beds, 11 new operating rooms, a 79-room recovery care center, a new loading dock, a new production kitchen, a new pharmacy as well as 191,000 square feet of parking, retail and restaurant space. The parking garage will accommodate 450 cars as well as parking for bikes.

UPMC's vision for healthcare is evolving, the objective for the project is to realign the business unit strategy for the campus by creating new Centers of Excellence. UPMC is seeking to define its position on an international scale by developing a patient-centered care model that connects the patients to their needs for recovery. The design and the intent of the spaces within the walls of the building will embrace technological advances that support patient experience, operational effectiveness and efficiency, and an attractive environment. The building designers hope to achieve LEED Silver Certification with design features that include Sustainability, Tree Canopies, Bird Safety and Public Art. Many of these design features will allow patients, visitors and staff an opportunity to escape the stresses of hospitalization through a park experience.

With construction underway Local 5 is looking forward to helping our partners transform not only Oakland's skyline but healthcare as a whole.



## Corner by Tom McIntyre



I would like to thank all the members, families and friends that roughed the sun and the heat to attend our festivities on Labor Day. We had a ninety plus degree day but we were marching before 10:30 a.m. and most of us were back to the hall by 11:30 a.m. for our annual celebration with our families, brothers, sisters and guests. We once again had the largest marching group in the parade, and it was noticed by those that need to see our strength and unity.

Back in June, we had a beautiful day and a great turnout at our annual "Denny Miller Family Picnic" held at Idlewild Park. With new management we had some minor issues, but we are confident that in time they will be resolved. I hope that everyone enjoyed themselves as well as their families and guests.

Featured on the front page of this edition is the UPMC Presbyterian Hospital transplant and Research Center, which is a huge electrical project for the IBEW Local Union No. 5 that is just starting to award all the various electrical packages designed thus far. The fall edition 2022 of the Local 5 newsletter featured The Pittsburgh International Airport's Terminal Modernization Project, which is now starting to ramp up as it is close to being enclosed for the winter. We talk about these large projects that are underway but the potential for so much more work is close on the horizon due to all of President Joe Biden's economic policies.

This President is doing everything possible to ensure that all the work created with his legislative success almost guarantees that any work under our jurisdiction will be awarded to the IBEW. These Bills are:

- The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
- The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021
- The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022
- The Chips and Science Act of 2022

The IBEW and all the Building Trades unions have never had a better partner in the Whitehouse as we have now in President Biden.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 7th. Please get out and vote! This is what they refer to as an election off year because there are no federal or statewide row offices at stake. However, the labor movement in Pennsylvania has a lot at stake in this election cycle. The statewide judicial races are extremely critical to us workers and are a great reason to get to the polls and vote for the Local 5 endorsed candidates listed later in this edition of the newsletter.

Dan McCaffery for Pennsylvania Supreme Court, Jill Beck and Timika Lane for Pennsylvania Superior Court and Matt Wolfe for Commonwealth Court are all very important to the labor movement here in Pennsylvania. For those of you that reside in Allegheny County, we have a very important race for our next County Executive. We have met several times with both candidates and are certain that the best choice for workers in Western Pennsylvania is Sara Innamorato. There are a lot of things that they are trying to portray Sara as and very little, if any, are true. We are looking forward to working with Sara as our next County Executive to help to continue to move this region forward. Once again, please vote for the Local 5 endorsed candidates on November 7th!

### Tom McIntyre named Labor Leader of the Year



The Tom McIntyre Family

On September 12, 2023, Business Manager Tom McIntyre was named the Local Labor Leader of the Year at the 13th Annual Pittsburgh Transportation, Building & Construction Awards Luncheon. Tom accepted the award on behalf of all the hard-working members of IBEW Local No. 5. The luncheon benefited the March of Dimes. The March of Dimes ensures that all pregnant moms have access to care, regardless of their wealth, race, gender or geography. Congratulations Tom!

### 2023 Scholarships Are Awarded

Kayla Arsenault

Ian Bigler

Alexis Helse

Kaleena Peters

Nicholas Vargo

Applications for the 2023 scholarships will be available from September 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. 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:

N.E.C.A.  
5 Hot Metal Street, Suite 301  
Pittsburgh, PA 15203-2357

### HOLIDAY PARTY LOCATIONS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH  
(Following meeting at 8:00 p.m.)

Local Union No. 5 Hall  
Southside

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11TH  
7:00 p.m.

Slippery Rock Golf Club  
106 Ralston Road  
Slippery Rock PA 16057

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH  
7:00 p.m.

Cedarbrook Golf Course  
215 state route 981  
Belle Vernon PA, 15012

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH  
Doors open 5:30,  
Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

The Copper Cork Event Center  
512 Arnold Avenue  
Clearfield, PA 16830

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH  
7:00 p.m.

Blair County Convention Center  
1 Convention Center Drive  
Altoona, PA 16602

# OFFICERS SWORN IN



At our July 2023 meeting all officers of IBEW Local No. 5 were sworn into office by IBEW International Representative Edward Braukus. (Pictured left) Your IBEW Local No. 5 officers are from left to right Vice President William C. Garner, Executive Board members Paul R. Rusiewicz, Kenneth F. Morris, Jr., Treasurer James M. Saeler, Executive Board members James R. Gillespie, Mathew E. Vinglish, Business Manager-Financial Secretary Thomas R. McIntyre, Examining Board members Rachael R. Hienz, Ronald E. Moye, Sr., Casey J. Roche, President Michael W. Varholla and Recording Secretary Alfred "Buddy" Franklin IV. We wish all our officers all the best as they work for the betterment of all Local No. 5 members.

## News from Your JATC

### Volunteerism and Participation

For this edition of News from the JATC, we would like to acknowledge all of the hard work completed by our IBEW Local Union #5 members and apprentices. Our first volunteer opportunity in 2023 occurred on April 15th and 16th at Acrisure Stadium for the annual Baby March of Dimes event. These Community Service Superstars gave of their valuable time to support a worthy cause on behalf of the IBEW in spite of their busy work, school and family schedules. The following gave up their Saturday evening for this cause; Travis Kriley, Jake Wilhelm, Arron Werner, Steven Majewski, Chris Marsh, Patrick McGrath, Putu Kartika, Max DePellegrini, Skylar Clemente, John Davis, Brandon Dewick, Annika Szczyrbak, James Choff, and Cecilia Potts. Next are the members of our Early Risers Club, these members arrived ready to work Sunday morning before 6:00am; Matthew Hoerr, Natalie Funk, Brandon Larkin, Stephen Wobb, Amy Kirk, Thomas Zielinski, Ed Galicic, Joshua Kuna and Eric Slaugenhaupt. These event volunteers arrived at 9:00am to lend a much needed helping hand; Chad Stanley, Jerry Ondo, Jensen Holmes, Marissa Jones, Alana Jones, Matthew Hoerr, Zac Zyra, Brandon Larkin, Anthony Shook, Bryan Ruediger, Aidan Tomko, Dylan Tomko, James Rickerd and Neil Voigt. These 11:00am volunteers stepped up to begin the most dreaded part of the job...clean-up: Matthew Hoerr, Brandon Larkin, Adam Bonk, Shawn Bickerstaff, Matt Brestensky, Ben Cardone and Michael Martinac. A few of our apprentices offered why they always step up when asked:

**I want to help when others can't and I take the odd shifts that no-one else wants. I've been involved in volunteerism for years. –Ed Galicic; a 32 year volunteer fire fighter.**

**I've always seen the value in volunteering. I've volunteered for things as important as Habitat for Humanity and as fun as our Halloween Haunted House. – Natalie Funk**

**I'm looking for ways to give back to our community and help out. It's great to network and meet other apprentices that I have not yet been introduced to, and I'm learning so much about the March of Dimes and their mission. – Matt Hoerr**

On Friday, April 28th 2023, members of labor and the public met at Market Square for our annual Workers Memorial Day activities. It's unfortunate that we need to have this event every year, but the participants always do their best to honor and celebrate the lives of individuals who passed while working this past year. This year the Master of Ceremonies was Rachel Heinz. Rachel is one of our apprenticeship instructors who steps-up and accepts all challenges as they relate to organized labor, the IBEW and Local Union #5. When asked, it was expected that she would attend one of the meetings, introduce herself and review a script for the day. As it turned out, Rachel attended all of the meetings, listened to the committees input, offered suggestions and solutions, and became an important and well respected committee member. In addition, Rachel did an excellent job as the Master of Ceremonies, and even wrote her own script!

On Saturday's, April 29th and May 6th 2023, IBEW LU #5 members and apprentices met at our training center on the south side to begin working on our May 16th 2023 Primary Election activities. These are the hardest events to find volunteers for, so we want to take this opportunity to give special thanks to the following apprentices who gave of their time;

Laura Bustamante, Edward Galicic, Michael Martinac,, Patrick McGrath, Annika Szczyrbak, Dylan Tomko and Thomas Zielinski

The following Journeyman and a few of their spouses led by example and helped out also: Rob Davide, Ron Dunleavy, Billy Garner, Joe Glassbrenner, Shane Letchford, Shawn Miller, Donna Morris, Jake Morris, Ken Morris, Ken Nagel, Larry Niedig, Tom Platt, Ed Reinhardt, Nathan Slivka, Ben Stienmeyer and Danielle Stienmeyer.

Members like those mentioned draw positive attention to organized labor and more specifically to the IBEW and Local Union #5. It's refreshing to read and think about issues related to community service, especially when today's news is often far too cloudy. We are lucky to have individuals who are willing to give of their time and volunteer on behalf of our great organization; but after we finish our obligatory round of applause and thank our brothers and sisters, we need to consider joining them at the next volunteer opportunity!



# Retired Member Service Pin Ceremonies

20 YEARS



Business Manager Thomas R. McIntyre, Jacquelyn M. Murray & President Michael W. Varholla.

30 YEARS



Business Manager Thomas R. McIntyre, John M. Hirleman, Kaili T. Finau, Keith R. Gregowich & President Michael W. Varholla.

35 YEARS



Business Manager Thomas R. McIntyre, Carl Mountain, Kenneth E. Baldauf & President Michael W. Varholla.

40 YEARS



Standing Business Manager Thomas R. McIntyre, James P. Voye, Walter S. Taylor, Jr., Michael D. Holland, Ronald G. Novorolsky, Robert L. Anderson  
President Michael W. Varholla  
Sitting Chris Unger, David Pankowski, Joe A. Nehilla, James C. Kirch, Thomas P. Beall, Jr., & John J. Pozycki

45 YEARS



Business Manager Thomas R. McIntyre, David T. McNeil, Dennis Caylor, Frank Devola, Robert Gieder, & President Michael W. Varholla.

50 YEARS



Business Manager Thomas R. McIntyre, Kenneth A. Javorski, Timothy J. Enright, George P. Friel, James D. Rzczkowski, Vincent E. Wisyanski & President Michael W. Varholla.

55 YEARS



Business Manager Thomas R. McIntyre, Michael C. Doerfler, Eric P. Marchbein, Andrew L. Tomko & President Michael W. Varholla.

60 YEARS



Business Manager Thomas R. McIntyre, Leonard M. Boras, John Chalovich, Gary L. Reinert & President Michael W. Varholla

65 YEARS



Business Manager Thomas R. McIntyre, Kenneth A. Wuerthele, John A. Cassi, Ronald P. Dunkel & President Michael W. Varholla.

# Retired Members 20 To 70 Year Service Pin Recipients

## TWENTY YEAR PINS

Donald C. Buterbaugh  
David F. Conrad  
Arthur E. Flock  
Willard N. Fyock

John L. Gorman  
Thomas L. Holmes  
Craig W. Horner  
Rick L. Imler

Richard E. Isenberg  
John R. Jones  
Robert R. Knapp  
John R. McCallum

Dewayne Murray  
Jacquelyn M. Murray  
Harvey R. Port, Jr.

James P. Romanak  
Mark B. Trees  
George B. Tamski, Jr.

## TWENTY FIVE YEAR PINS

Edward C. Bell  
Frederick J. Biter  
Lawrence Chavez

David S. Divins  
Ralph A. Geisler  
Joseph R. Hergenroeder

Jeffrey J. Keefer  
Lawrence C. Mutschler  
Lawrence M. Roberts  
Mark S. Ruby

Randall K. Shook  
Frank P. Sokolovic  
Keith H. Thrower

John P. Urgolites  
Robert J. Welsh  
John E. Zabetakis

## THIRTY YEAR PINS

John W. Bogacki  
Joseph G. Borkowski  
John W. Bratkowski  
Robert A. Bufalini

Dean R. Dumann  
Thomas A. Duncan  
Robert J. Emricko  
Kaili T. Finau

Chester J. Frantz  
Robin E. Giles  
Keith R. Gregowich  
John M. Hirleman

Richard G. Kowalski  
Larry A. Leamer  
P. Gary Lutz  
Dennis M. McCrea

Roger P. Nixon  
Richard Rush  
Kenneth R. Staley  
Wayne E. Staley  
Dennis J. Terreri

## THIRTY FIVE YEAR PINS

Floyd A. Argyle  
Kenneth E. Baldauf  
John P. Barefoot  
Jordan F. Barefoot  
Patrick J. Barnes  
Mark R. Brown

Gary W. Cain  
David A. Canovali  
Kevin P. Canovali  
James P. Chirieleison  
Joseph J. Church  
Douglas P. Clingan

Bruce J. Cogan  
Jeffrey Coleman  
John M. Dobda  
David L. Dobies  
Arthur C. Earl  
William J. Farabaugh

James D. Felix  
William J. Fogle  
David E. Fuchs  
G. James Fuss  
Colman R. Gaal

James B. Glass  
Thomas E. Gruber  
Robert C. Hudock  
George M. Hummel  
John G. Kuhn  
Michael R. Lis

Charles A. Moss, Jr.  
Carl L. Mountan  
Andrew M. Psenick  
Michael J.  
Rectenwald  
William P. Remele

Richard E. Schwartz  
William A. Speth, III  
Dennis D. Staines  
James Szramowski  
Dale C. Wynn  
Dennis W. Young

## FORTY YEAR PINS

Robert L. Anderson  
Thomas P. Beall, Jr.  
Gerald J. Bloxsom  
Linda L. Butcher  
David T. Butler  
Francis L. Campbell, III  
Robert E. Cole, II  
Ronald K. Driscoll  
Thomas J. Durkin  
Paul J. Ferry  
Nicholas J. Geffel, Jr.

Patrick J. Griffin  
Scott A. Henzler  
Michael D. Holland  
Dean P. Ingold  
James C. Kirch  
Gerry J. Kristobek  
Louis G. Kuemmerle  
Neil J. Kush  
Dean H. Labby  
Daniel P. Loftis

Gale A. Lorenzi  
George P. Mageras, Jr.  
Gregg G. Maley  
Joseph M. Marcheleta  
Paul M. Myers  
James W. Nagy  
Joseph A. Nehilla  
Ronald G. Novorolsky  
David Pankowski  
John J. Pozycki

Robert J. Ramoski  
William T. Redding  
Joseph F. Roche  
Chris M. Rodden  
James M. Rosenblatt  
James M. Ruane  
Robert M. Ruyak  
Randy M. Scott  
Thomas J. Smith, Jr.  
Claire H. Staples

Donald H. Stewart, Jr.  
Michael J. Sticha  
Walter S. Taylor, Jr.  
David M. Thomas  
Donald D. Uebing  
Chris J. Unger  
Dan A. Volzer  
James P. Voye  
Roy S. Wesley  
John S. Zine

## FORTY FIVE YEAR PINS

Ronald L. Auther  
James H. Benton  
William J. Burke  
Dennis G. Caylor  
Joseph D. Ciufa

Frank A. Devola  
Charles D. Dunn  
Eugene P. Ellsworth  
Robert J. Gieder  
Thoms P. Hanlon, III

Fletcher Hardy  
Joseph G. Harper, Jr.  
Gerald R. Henke  
Herman C. Henninger, Jr.  
Clifford L. Jenkins

James C. Linn  
David T. McNeil  
Arthur J. Moncini  
Anthony W. Mond

Gregory P. Norris  
Kenneth M. O'Kain  
Daniel J. Pfendler  
Kermit H. Sandberg

## FIFTY YEAR PINS

John W. Auberzinsky  
Raymond G. Baker  
Harry R. Brothers  
Gregory J. Canary  
James M. Costello  
Timothy C. Dale

Peter T. Delmer  
Timothy J. Enright  
George A. Erbrecht, Jr.  
Emanuel O. Flournoy  
George P. Friel  
Dennis K. Hurd

Elmer J. Hunyady  
Kenneth A. Javorski  
Matthew J. Keller  
Donald G. Lieberum  
Melvin C. Link  
Arthur E. Luke, Jr.

John M. Massar  
David L. Miller  
Herbert T. Miller, III  
Alex S. Molinski  
David R. Morrison  
Miles A. Nelson

Joseph Pockaj  
James D. Rzeczkowski  
Larry N. Sillaman  
Chester Thrower, Jr.  
Lee J. Tremel  
Henry J. Troy

Robert W. Wiggins  
Robert S. Wilson  
Vincent E. Wisyanski  
Orion J. Wolff  
Scott R. Workman  
Robert W. Zafaras

## FIFTY FIVE YEAR PINS

Donald C. Baxter  
Terry L. Becker, Sr.  
Julius Bertoni  
Douglas C. Bower  
Kenneth L. Bronder

James M. Cobb, Jr.  
Michael C. Doerfler  
David K. Ebersole  
Mark J. Fortwangler

David A. Huber  
William R. Huber  
Eric P. Marchbein  
Anthony F. Mitchell

Daniel E. Pegher  
Walter H. Robb, Iii  
Arthur W. Sloan  
Andrew L. Tomko

Gary P. Weinheimer  
Marlin S. Yoder  
Robert R. Yoder  
Dennis F. Zeszutek

## SIXTY YEAR PINS

Joseph J. Bodick, Jr.  
Leonard M. Boras  
John Chalovich  
Leo J. Gielas  
Thomas L. Mccoy

Raymond E. Mook  
Brian J. O'leary  
Gary L. Reinert  
Paul E. Rost  
Elliott Simon

## SIXTY FIVE YEAR PINS

William E. Campbell  
John A. Cassi  
Milan Drobac, Jr.  
Ronald P. Dunkel  
William R. Gemmell

Joseph A. Mandella  
Daniel C. Sadler  
Kenneth A. Wuerthele  
Barry G. Wylie

## SEVENTY YEAR PINS

Walter G. Herr  
Ralph D. Marcheleta





# Family Picnic 2023



## PICNIC BINGO COMMITTEE

Chairman Buddy Franklin  
 Co-Chairman Thomas McIntyre  
 Co-Chairman Michael Varholla  
 Co-Chairman Charles Brosgol

## BINGO COMMITTEE

Michael Berta  
 Charles Brosgol  
 Nathan Butler  
 Jim Crispell  
 Joseph DiMenno  
 Rick Dodnak  
 Ron Ewing  
 Rachel Hienz  
 Edward Hursen  
 Brian Krug  
 Shane Letchford  
 David Mazza  
 Jake Morris  
 Stephen Morrocco  
 Michael P. Cook  
 John Pozyccki  
 Casey Roche  
 James Ruane  
 Paul Rusiewicz  
 Ed Staley  
 Matt Vinglish  
 Tim Wisyanski

## GOLF COMMITTEE

Norman Brice  
 Robert Cole  
 Lonzell Coles  
 Leonard Collins  
 William Crankshaw  
 Ronald Dunleavy  
 Aaron Eicker  
 Dennis Eicker  
 William Garner  
 James Gillespie  
 Ryan Gillespie  
 Joseph Glassbrenner  
 John Hartman, III  
 Jeffrey Miller  
 Jacob Morris  
 Ken Morris, Jr.  
 Ronald Moye, Sr.  
 Jerome Rebholz, Jr.  
 Paul Rusiewicz  
 James Saeler  
 Darrell Shick  
 Nathan Slivka  
 Carl Turner, Jr.





## 2023 PICNIC WINNERS

### ADULT RAFFLE WINNERS

Danielle Gibson	Kelly Prunzik	Michael Resick	<b>GOLF Winners</b> George Piper Chad Tokarski Chad Crawford <b>Credit Union Winner</b> Jared Gaertner
Denny Caylor	Brandi Gromley	Gretchen Howard	
Samantha Caylor	Lisa Richmond	Tracy Fullerton	
Casey Kolson	Al Branchen	JJ Piper	
Lisa Morrocco	Robin Telegdy	Stacy Calvetti	

### CHILDREN RAFFLE WINNERS

Girls 0 - 3	Girls 4 - 7	Boys 0 - 3	Boys 4 - 7
Sophie Kazalas	Cassidy Kush	Linden Nogacek	Ryan Piper
Grace Silinski	Adalena Zaya	Tedy Siniawski	Caysen Gazdik
Ella Czerwin	Callie Higginbotham	Samuel Barrett	TJ Hough
Hazel Turkovich	Sawyer Shultz	Hunter Grimley	Aaron Naimark
	Ezmay Marney		Kevin McCafferty
Girls 8 - 11	Girls 12 - 16	Boys 8 - 11	Boys 12 - 16
Emma Barr	Kandence Stimaker	Will Crankshaw	Clayton Krause
Oaklee Stossel	Kaylee Wate	Levi Lawrence	Sam Dremmin
Izabella Cittie	Kina Arsenault	Milo Tokarski	Carson Verk
Gabriella Powell	Jealynne DiDolce	Bill Schollaert III	Aiden Boring











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# Local No. 5 Endorsed Candidates 2023 General Election Tuesday, November 7th



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

SUPREME COURT	DANIEL McCAFFERY	(D)
SUPERIOR COURT	JILL BECK	(D)
SUPERIOR COURT	TIMIKA LANE	(D)
COMMONWEALTH COURT	MATT WOLFE	(D)



Judge Dan McCaffery and Tom McIntyre

## ALLEGHENY COUNTY

COUNTY EXECUTIVE	SARA INNAMORATO
COUNTY CONTROLLER	COREY O'CONNOR
COUNTY TREASURER	ERICA ROCCHI BRUSSELARS
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	MATT DUGAN
COUNTY COUNCIL DIST. 2	TODD HAMER
COUNTY COUNCIL DIST. 5	DAN GRZYBEK
COUNTY COUNCIL DIST. 6	JOHN PALMIERE
COUNTY COUNCIL DIST. 7	NICK FUTULES
COUNTY COUNCIL DIST. 10	DEWITT WALTON
COUNTY COUNCIL DIST. 11	PAUL KLEIN
COUNTY COUNCIL DIST. 13	DAVID BONAROTI

## PITTSBURGH

CITY CONTROLLER	RACHAEL HEISLER
CITY COUNCIL 1	BOBBY WILSON
CITY COUNCIL 3	BOB CHARLAND
CITY COUNCIL 5	BARB WARWICK
CITY COUNCIL 7	DEB GROSS
CITY COUNCIL 9	KHARI MOSLEY

## BLAIR COUNTY

COMMISSIONER	LAURA BURK
COMMISSIONER	CAROL TAYLOR
COMMISSIONER	DAVID KESSLING
ALTOONA MAYOR	MATT PACIFICO
ALTOONA COUNCIL	JESSIE ICKES
ALTOONA COUNCIL	MIKE LEONARD
ALTOONA SCH. BD.	BRIDGETTE JACKSON

## CAMBRIA COUNTY

COMMISSIONER	TOM CHERNISKY
COMMISSIONER	B.J. SMITH

## CENTRE COUNTY

COMMISSIONER	MARK HIGGINS
COMMISSIONER	AMBER CONCEPCION



# FAYETTE COUNTY

**COMMISSIONER** GENE GALLO  
**COMMISSIONER** VINCE VICITES  
**CONTROLLER** SCOTT ABRAHAM  
**REGISTER OF WILLS** JEFF REDMAN  
**DISTRICT ATTORNEY** JACK CONNORS  
**PROTHONOTARY** NINA CAPUZZI-  
 FRANKHOUSER  
**CLERK OF COURTS** TIM DYE  
**CORONER** DR. PHILIP REILLY

# CLEARFIELD COUNTY

**COMMISSIONER** DAVE GLASS

# WASHINGTON COUNTY

**COMMISSIONER** LARRY MAGGI  
**COMMISSIONER** NICK SHERMAN  
**COMMISSIONER** ELECTRA JANUS

# WESTMORELAND COUNTY

**COMMISSIONER** TED KOPAS

## First Annual IBEW Local #5 RENEW Cornhole Tournament



**Inaugural  
 Tournament  
 Champions:**  
**Carsyn Good**  
**Micah Martin**

## LifeSolutions

Member assistance program (MAP)



Life can be challenging. Get the peace of mind you deserve.

LifeSolutions<sup>SM</sup> MAP can help you balance work and personal needs to become healthier, happier, and more productive. Our private and confidential resources and support are inclusive of all populations, including older adults, new parents, diverse individuals, LGBTQIA+, veterans, those with disabilities, and others.

### Work with an expert

#### Coaching/Counseling

- Confidential sessions in person, by telephone, or via video
- Expertise in family issues, anxiety, depression, grief and loss, drug and/or alcohol concerns, and more
- 24/7 phone support for immediate help
- Professional and personal trainings on a variety of topics, including resilience, stress, substance use disorders, mindfulness, and grief and loss

#### Disruptive event management

- 24/7 support to develop a response plan
- On-site group and individual services, plus follow-up for those showing acute distress
- Help with recovery, resilience, and self-care strategies for IBEW 5 member

#### Services for life stressors

- Free, 30-minute legal consultation and up to 25 percent off the attorney's fees post-consultation
- Free, 30-minute telephone consultation with a financial professional

### Safe Journey

- Call a transportation service when you are concerned about getting home safely
- Get reimbursed for up to two, one-way rides per year (maximum of \$50 per ride)

### Web-based resources

- **RxWell app**—Personalized program that allows you to learn tools and techniques for in-the-moment relief from depression, anxiety, and stress
- **Skill Builders**—Personal and professional self-paced courses
- **Downloadable legal forms**—Wills, bills of sale, and powers of attorney
- **Monthly wellness webinars**

Lifesolutions@upmc.edu  
 +1 855-209-8762 (TTY: 711)

To access the Work-Life section of our website, go to [lifesolutionsforyou.com](https://lifesolutionsforyou.com), click Login, and enter your company code.

Your company code is: IBEW5



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## IBEW LOCAL UNION NO. 5 CONTRACT INCREASES

### Journeyman Wireman/Teledata Technician

2024 Year #1 + \$3.05

2025 Year #2 + \$3.15

2026 Year #3 + \$3.30

### Residential Wireman/Teledata Installer

2024 Year #1 + \$2.00

2025 Year #2 + \$1.90

2026 Year #3 + \$2.00

The agreement commences on December 22, 2023, beginning with the second shift. We have submitted our Agreement to the International office for approval and will mail new books to you as soon as they are printed.

## Veterans Committee



L to R - Tom Kelley, Chairman, IBEW Veterans Committee and Jim Ryan, Chair, IBEW Local #5 Veterans Committee. Jim Ryan received a certificate from the International Office officially recognizing the Local #5 Veterans Committee. The Veterans Committee also has a new webpage on the Local #5 website. The page is under the members tab on the homepage. You can also use the following address [www.ibew5.org/veterans](http://www.ibew5.org/veterans). The webpage has a lot of great information for all our veterans and will also list information about upcoming meetings. If you are a veteran, and have not informed the Veterans Committee, please submit your information through the webpage.



### International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers LOCAL UNION NO. 5

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October, 2023

#### Important Information Regarding 2024 Dues Payments

With 2024 dues payment time approaching, please carefully read this letter before remitting your dues payment. If paying dues for the entire year of 2024, there will be an increase in the International Office portion beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

Dues payments from January thru June of 2024 will remain the same at \$55.37 per month. BEGINNING JULY 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, the International Portion of the dues will be increased by \$1.00 making the dues payments from July thru December of 2024 \$56.37 per month.

#### In Summary:

Dues from January thru June of 2024 will be \$55.37 per month or \$332.20 for the first six months.

Dues from July thru December of 2024 will be \$56.37 per month or \$338.20 for the last six months.

Total amount of dues for the year of 2024 is \$670.40.

If you have any questions, please contact the Local Union Office.

Fraternally yours,

IBEW LOCAL UNION NO. 5

Thomas R. McIntyre

Business Manager/Financial Secretary

TRM/jae



Power Contracting Route 51 & 70



Sargent at Small Cell Sites in Rostraver



Gumpher Crew at Frank B Fuhrer



# TV Talk

By Jim Ryan

A few weeks ago, it was finally announced that the owner of the Pittsburgh Penguins, Fenway Sports Group, had purchased AT&T SportsNet Pittsburgh. The new network was then rebranded SportsNet Pittsburgh. It began operations on October 2nd. Fenway Sports Group is the majority owner of New England Sports Network (NESN). NESN uses Program Productions, Inc., a third-party crewing agent, to hire union freelance technicians from IBEW Local #1228 in the New England area. Overall, this is good news for the IBEW Local #5 members that work as freelance technicians because we have an existing contract with Program Productions and most of the positions will remain in the jurisdiction of the union.

However, there is one big difference between SportsNet Pittsburgh and AT&T SportsNet. AT&T SportsNet was a Regional Sports Network (RSN) that had employed union freelance technicians that worked under a contract directly with Local #5. SportsNet Pittsburgh, also an RSN, has decided to not employ union freelance technicians directly, but to hire them through a third-party crewing agent, Program Productions. There are many similarities between the former AT&T SportsNet contract and the Program Productions contract regarding pay, benefits and working conditions. The two contracts diverge on the meaning of basically identical language in both contracts. That language reads, "Work covered by this Agreement is any broadcast event within the Company's control...". The "work" under the AT&T SportsNet contract was all under the "Company's control" therefore all the positions had to be staffed by union members. The "work" under the Program Productions contract is only the work that their client, in this case SportsNet Pittsburgh, asks them to hire. Therefore, not all positions are under their control and there may be positions that are hired directly by SportsNet Pittsburgh that would not be under union jurisdiction.

Fortunately, there is currently only one position that SportsNet Pittsburgh has asked Program Productions not to hire and that is the Score Box position. Local #5 plans to meet with SportsNet Pittsburgh to discuss these changes. Our hope is to report that all the positions will remain Local #5 positions. Another change that SportsNet Pittsburgh is making is to reduce the number of camera operators by reducing the number of games they will use a wireless RF camera. AT&T SportsNet also did this at the beginning of the baseball season when they decided to no longer use the Social Media position on their broadcasts. This meant that they no longer needed to hire a Local #5 member since there was no longer a position needing staffed.

I understand that these are uncertain times, however SportsNet Pittsburgh needs to staff their broadcasts and I believe that Program Productions will continue to provide well-paying union jobs with good work conditions and benefits to our members. Feel free to call, text or email me with questions or concerns on this or any other issue.

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

## ELECTRICIANS DONATE THEIR TALENTS



### Thanks to the volunteers:

Ben Steinmeyer  
Chris Glaspey  
Shawn Miller  
Nate Slivka  
Jim Fabian  
Rob Davide

Darrell Shick  
Joe Hunter  
Annika Szczyrbak  
Mike Nemetz  
John "Jack" Vallorani  
Chris Pletcher

## EXPLORERS POST UNIT #5

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WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO JOIN US, TO LEARN  
MORE ABOUT BECOMING A UNION ELECTRICIAN  
OPEN TO HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS  
THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

5 Hot Metal Street, Suite 100, Pittsburgh 15203 RSVP to:

rachelhienz@yahoo.com

I.B.E.W. L.U. #5 is working with the Boys Scouts of America to help young students "Explore" being an electrician. If you know of a student interested in exploring or would like to volunteer, please reach out to Rachel Hienz.

## WPANECA Electrician Emergency Support Program

The **WPANECA Electrician Emergency Support Program** was created in 2018 to lend a helping hand to IBEW electricians and their families in the face of emergencies. We've proudly been able to do that over the past few years. In 2022 alone we awarded over **\$6500** in aid and helped support 3 different IBEW Electricians who needed our help during their most challenging times. What we build together as **NECA/IBEW** is truly a team effort. We want you to know that we are here to **HELP YOU** when you need it most. We want to make sure electricians in Local 5 understand that the EESP is a confidential, safe place to seek financial assistance in the face of an emergency.

Please visit [www.wpaneca-electrician.org](http://www.wpaneca-electrician.org) to learn more about this program.



# Retiree Picnic 2023



## CREDIT UNION NEWS

### WHAT IS A CREDIT UNION?

A credit union is a not-for-profit institution that accepts deposits, makes loans and provides a wide array of other financial services and products. Deposits are insured by the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund, which is managed by the National Credit Union Administration, commonly referred to as NCUA. Back by the full faith and credit of the United States, the share Insurance Fund insures the accounts of millions of account holders in all federal credit unions and the vast majority of state-chartered credit unions. The standard share insurance amount is \$250,000.00 per share owner, per insured credit union, for each account ownership category.

Although credit unions offer many of the same products and services as other financial institutions, credit unions have some distinguishing characteristics that make them unique.

### MEMBER OWNED

#### YOU ARE MORE THAN A MEMBER. YOU ARE PART OWNER.

Credit Unions are owned and controlled by the people, or members, who use their services.

Your vote counts. A volunteer board of directors is elected by members to manage a credit union.

### NOT-FOR-PROFIT

Credit Unions operate to promote the well-being of their members.

Profits made by the credit union are returned back to members in the form of reduced fees, higher dividend rates and lower loan rates.

### MEMBERSHIP

Members of a credit union share a common bond, also known as the credit union's "field of membership".

- Employer - Many employers sponsor their own credit union.
- Family - Most credit unions allow members' families to join.

(SOURCE CROSSSTAGE CREDIT UNION ASSOCIATION - INFOSIGHT)

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### Hours of Operation

**Monday & Thursday**

**9am -7pm**

**Tuesday & Wednesday**

**9am-3pm**

**Friday**

**9am -NOON**



# AROUND OUR JURISTICTION



Ferry Electric at Bakery Square  
Laurie Buchheimer, Bill Gerber, Wyatt Smith



Bruce and Merrilees Electric at Bakery Square  
Mike Stadelman, Ryan Maley, Ken Knauss



Biter Electric Prefab  
Jayme Yarnish, Charles Miller,  
Brandon Mountain



Sargent Electric at Cleveland Cliffs Coke Works  
Monessen



Bronder & DSL at CCAC North Side



Schultheis Electric at Schaedler Yesco Warehouse



TP Electric at Timber Lake Compressor Station



Thoroughbred Electric at Charleroi Lock and Dam



O.Z. Enterprise at Chicora Elementary School  
Colten Bowser & Jim Ferne



Miller Electric at Westinghouse Cranberry  
John Wheeler, Bob Gallagher, James Paiano, Hoah  
Swager, Matt Martin



Biter Electric at Conemaugh Hospital Johnstown  
Paul Dodson, Pat Treece, Jake Garner, Scotty Bell,  
Nick Hrapchak, Nick Lauver, Les Sheesley, Mike  
Jaap, Mark Frank, Jim Horner



Sargent Electric at King Elemenatary  
Matt Stupak, Bryan Malloy, Jake Kubacki,  
Mark Krapp, Don Busch, Tom Cole



Sargent Electric at Allegheny Elementary  
Rick Koenig, Tristin Luckey, Jim Troff,  
Sean Mullen, Chuck Smith





## 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 2023

James M. Bodack                      James D. McNary                      Charles R. Petronie

### MAY 2023

Kirk G. Blum                      Edward R. Hockenberry, Jr.                      Richard R. Lyons  
James H. Brown                      Alan D. Ickes                      Lenane Mack  
Charles N. Busch                      Thomas A. Kalinowski

### JUNE 2023

Charles T. Berner                      David Francia                      Michael E. Rossman  
John S. Dimoff

### JULY 2023

William E. Ahlborn                      Edward W. Jeffreys                      David A. Miller  
Clifford E. Coates                      Wayne W. Linden                      David P. Primrose

### AUGUST 2023

John A. Buch                      Michael K. Osteritter                      Gregory R. Young  
Robert J. Mesina

### SEPTEMBER 2023

James Dvorsky                      Timothy A. Hall                      Richard A. Redding  
Jesse D. Elsesser                      Terry E. Payne                      Michael K. Vereneck

Anyone interested in joining the Local #5 Retirees Club should contact:  
Mr. Tim Perkoski @ 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 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

Hours: Monday and Thursday 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Tuesday, Wednesday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Friday 9:00 AM to Noon

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## IN FRATERNAL MEMORY

### Deceased Retired Members

James Dittler	Feb.	21, 1944	-	April	12, 2023
Gary N. Lederer	Nov.	15, 1954	-	April	15, 2023
Thomas D. McClean	June	18, 1935	-	April	22, 2023
Michael D. Bianco	Jan.	30, 1937	-	April	25, 2023
Gerard Ninehouser	August	25, 1932	-	May	4, 2023
Paul D. Sietz	Nov.	1, 1945	-	May	9, 2023
Raymond G. McGuire, Jr.	Jan.	24, 1941	-	May	10, 2023
Kenneth E. Snyder	May	5, 1942	-	May	15, 2023
Kenneth D. Krockner	Sept.	11, 1944	-	June	5, 2023
Glenn Yoder	May	17, 1928	-	July	4, 2023
Lawrence M. Roberts	June	10, 1948	-	July	19, 2023
Joseph Dorfmeister	Nov.	13, 1940	-	August	2, 2023
Robert C. Hudock	Jan.	9, 1950	-	August	19, 2023
Mauriello Lea	July	4, 1945	-	Sept.	5, 2023
Raymond C. Beers	March	22, 1930	-	Sept.	19, 2023
Ralph Marcheleta	Jan.	29, 1928	-	Sept.	22, 2023
Thomas V. Rost	August	18, 1927	-	Sept.	23, 2023

### Deceased Active Members

Brian J. Hunter	May	17, 1967	-	April	18, 2023
William M. Young	Sept.	13, 1962	-	May	17, 2023
Donald W. Urlakis	August	24, 1965	-	May	28, 2023
Richard W. Leonard	July	25, 1991	-	June	3, 2023
Michael D. Mazur	July	28, 1975	-	June	7, 2023
Harry R. Hessom	July	9, 1961	-	July	19, 2023

All Business Agents can be reached at:  
**(412) 432-1400**  
**1-800-225-IBEW**

## Business Agents

Alfred Franklin                      Jim Ryan  
William Garner                      James Saeler  
Natalie Jackson                      Ben Steinmeyer  
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