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NEW CONSTRUCTION AT NEMACOLIN WOODLANDS RESORT



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Just south of interstate 70 in the heart of the Laurel Highlands mountains lies Nemacolin Woodlands Resort, a sprawling mountain getaway on over 2200 acres. Nemacolin's modest start began when Joseph Hardy purchased the property for his daughter Maggie Hardy in 1987, Maggie's vision has been evolving ever since. Under Maggie's leadership Nemacolin has become a destination for many iconic brands like The PGA Tour, who hosted the 84 Lumber Classic at Mystic Rock Golf Course from 2003 to 2006, Isle of Capri Casinos who opened Lady Luck Casino in 2013 and more recently, ABC's reality show "The Bachelor" was filmed on-site in 2020.

In order to attract all these celebrities and national acts, Nemacolin has constantly remodeled and evolved. All that work has led to opportunities for IBEW Local 5. Specialty venues like Lady Luck Casino and the Chateau require highly skilled electricians



to install miles of data and security wire, complex lighting control packages often involving one-of-a-kind designer fixtures, and a myriad of other complex electrical systems. Such a large, extravagant facility requires multiple crews and multiple foremen working all over the place.

Superintendent Jon Lager is currently overseeing 5 General Foreman, each working on separate projects. They include The Night Cap Restaurant run by Chris Pyle and his crew of 10, Convention Center run by Ken Crawford and his crew of 12, The Chateau run by Jason Sharp and his crew of 42 with 4 sub foremen, The Casino at Nemacolin run by Jaison Stark and his crew of 7, and The Gusto Restaurant run by Mark Shick and his crew of 2. Brother Mike McCreery is also a General Foreman overseeing the HVAC control system installation. Work on these many projects will continue into early summer.

IBEW Local 5 appreciates the opportunity to demonstrate our skills and we look forward to helping Maggie and her son, PJ Magerko Liquorice, build their vision of a world class resort.



Corner by Tom McIntyre



I hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday season and an even better start to the 2024 calendar year. I enjoyed seeing everyone at all our annual holiday parties as we had record turnouts at several of the events. I think that most of the members at the outlying parties liked the 7:00 p.m. start as opposed to our traditional 8:00 p.m. start, especially those members that must be on the job site at 6:00 a.m. the following morning.

The work picture for the 2024 year looks rather good even when we approach the next winter season. We have work throughout our jurisdiction as well as here in Allegheny County. Of course, the large electrical projects are the new TMP Project at the Pittsburgh International Airport and the new UPMC Presbyterian Transplant Center in the Oakland neighborhood of the City of Pittsburgh. Both have been featured on the cover of this newsletter in the past. Other projects within our twenty-two county jurisdiction, to name just a few, are the Nemaquin Woodlands Resort Project (featured in this edition of the newsletter); in Fayette County the DNA Crime Lab in Greensburg (we have a PLA on this job); Rebuild America Manufacturing Plant in New Kensington; the Punxsutawney ER Expansion and Renovation; Mt. Nittany Medical Office Building; the Old Centre County Crest Building and much more.

I wanted to report to everyone on a meeting that we hosted here at our facility with the Airport Authority TMP Construction Team. They were extremely impressed with the tour of our training center where our teachers and training directors did an excellent job in showcasing our various labs on the first floor of the JATC. One of the airports team members works for Hunt Construction, one of the construction managers on the project, which has worked across the United States. He told us and

stressed that he was not saying this just because he was visiting our facilities, "that the electrical work being done at the airport is, by far, the best, neatest and most professional installation that he has ever seen". Brothers and Sisters, as always, a job well done.

Primary Election Day is April 23rd, 2024. Please get out and vote for the Local 5 endorsed candidates. We always explain to the members that we carefully vet these candidates on the issues that are important to our livelihoods and union way of life and make our choices based on their views and voting records on these issues. Just to mention a few of the issues that are critical to our livelihood, when we are looking at a state level senator or representative, they must support the prevailing rate laws, oppose Right-To-Work (for less) legislation and work in conjunction with us to bring more work opportunities to our members here in Western Pennsylvania. On a federal level they must support "Taft Hartley Multi-Employer" trust fund issues, our pensions, healthcare, apprenticeships, and many more items. They must support and protect Social Security and Medicare and try to help grow work opportunities for our members here in Western Pennsylvania. Brothers and sisters, President Joe Biden, United States Senator, Bob Casey, and Congressman Deluzio have all proven to do just that. Their opponents in November would love to destroy everything that I mentioned above. Their records are proof of that. Please support our endorsed candidates and have a great summer.

I hope to see all of you and your families at our annual "Denny Miller Family Picnic" held at Idlewild Park on June 22nd, also at our annual Labor Day events on September 2nd here at our facilities at 5 Hot Metal Street.

Stay safe, brothers and sisters.

New Officers & Staff Appointed

Natalie N. Jackson
Treasurer



Brian S. Crawford
Executive Board



Kenneth D. Nagel
Business Agent



Kirby D. Christie
Business Agent



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Active Members 20 To 40 Year Service Pin Recipients

TWENTY YEAR PINS

Mary Ann Becker
Ryan M. Bodnar
Joseph T. Bosnyak
Peter A. Brown
Joshua A. Carson
Ryan M. Christie
Michael J. Clista
Shawn C. Copeland
Kenneth W. Crawford
Chad M. Crespy
Chad E. Davis
Frank L. Deluca
Richard S. Dobnak
Jacob M. Fenlock
William F. Figura

Michael B. Gaines
Jeffrey P. Gatto
Gabriel L. Gehenio
Todd A. Gilson
Jason G. Gonzales
Jason R. Hadden
Robert I. Harris
Steven J. Hiles
Jennifer M. Holzworth
Derrick T. Honaker
James J. Hutchinson
Chad E. Johnson
Mark R. Krapp
Larry A. Leamer
Travis E. Lenhart

William J. Mackall
Clarke E. Mangan
Frank A. Matejcic
Isaac B. Mccrea
Gregory C. Mciltrot
Jacob Mikec
Steven B. Miller
James K. Moore
John M. Nagel
Andy R. Naggy
Lawrence F. Neidig
Joseph M. Paesano
Dean Peters
Jeremy M. Pochan
Philip J. Polof

David G. Pradetto
Joshua W. Reinert
Karen M. Renfro
Steven R. Rock
Georgiann Roman
Michael P. Ross
Massimo Russo
Eric L. Ryan
Andrew C. Schmidt
Daniel F. Schmidt
Timothy J. Schultheis
John J. Seidl
Tim J. Seifert
Rick S. Sharp
Charles C. Smith

Nathaniel L. Smith
Gary L. Smitley
Troy D. Stanton
Benjamin D. Steinmeyer
David A. Stevenson
William R. Stillman
Kevin M. Stuck
Ronald D. Trageser
John W. Vallorani
John Vivirito
David S. Weslager
Shane T. Wokutch
Timothy S. Zigler

TWENTY FIVE YEAR PINS

Michael Anderson
John P. Bonidie
Robin L. Bowery
Christoph M. Bradley
Drake E. Bresnan
John A. Brown
Gregory Burchell
Robert J. Catone
William J. Churella
Craig C. Thomas
Robert R. Crossett
Aaron D. Cushey
Alexander Deblasio
Jeffrey A. Dunn
Aaron E. Eicker

Brian T. Fallon
Robert A. Gmys
Terrence R. Graham
Jeffrey T. Greer
Edward J. Gulick
Michael F. Havey
Rachel R. Hienz
Richard W. Hill
John J. Hoffman
William G. Holshue
Russell L. Hruska
Jerry L. Humbertson
Scott M. Johnston
Wayne L. Kauffman
Michael J. Kienic

Jerome M. Kirby
John P. Klingensmith
George W. Knepper
Michael D. Krouse
Neil J. Kush
Andrew T. Lamperski
Daniel J. Lucchitti
Jason C. Lunardini
John W. Magee
Michael J. Martin
Michael A. Martorelli
Sean T. Mccallian
Scott D. Meade
Bryan J. Miller
Donald J. Miller

John R. Morse
Rodney C. Nagg
Daniel J. Nagy
James L. Nichols
Kevin J. O'shea
Sean P. Peffer
Scott M. Pingree
Steven J. Risch
Lawrence A. Saitta
Patrick R. Sergeant
Robert D. Siwik
Adam J. Sorg
Ronald C. St. Laurent
John F. Stump
Shawn P. Sucevich

Wayne G. Swaney
Mark R. Szymanski
Jeffrey T. Taylor
Raymond K. Treich
Thomas G. Tresnan
Steve E. Trunk
Mark C. Underwood
Matthew J. Vaughn
Jeffrey R. Walter
Aaron T. Walters
Douglas R. Whitacre
Bradley S. Zabela
Christopher M. Zeszutek

THIRTY YEAR PINS

Robert F. Artinger
Anthony M. Berarducci
Phillip J. Bosiljevac
Sean C. Caddy
Mark O. Carr
Salvatore Castellano
Michael J. Cenci
Steven B. Christy
Sean E. Conley
Kendall M. Cross
Dennis P. Depellegrini

Thomas I. Feighner
Robert P. Foltz
Mark A. Fordyce
Mark J. Fortwangler
William P. Gamble
William C. Garner
William E. Gerber
Thomas J. Ginocchi
Paul A. Guenther
Michael J. Hardin
Allen L. Heberling

Feller A. Heider
Brian A. Hoesch
Donald S. Hubler
Paul F. Illinicki
Jeffrey A. Johnson
Patrick J. Kelly
Shawn L. Kelsea
Randall D. Leo
Robert A. Liptak
Kip D. Mack
Matthew J. Manko

Mark A. Mccleary
Brian R. Meador
William J. Mizerak
Michael J. Nau
Warren B. Osborne
James W. Overly
John A. Perhach
David P. Sarnovsky
Cory S. Shelander
Daren J. Shick
Darrell D. Shick

Terry C. Smith
Donald A. Sowash
Kirk D. Straw
Eric R. Sturgess
Brian S. Wallace
Shaun E. Wallace
Joseph F. Walls
Arthur J. Willochell
William P. Willochell
Alan D. Wolfhope
Richard C. Young

THIRTY FIVE YEAR PINS

Louis A. Aquilino
Terrance L. Bowman
Samuel L. Brown
Ronald J. Chieffallo
William R. Dysert
Carl D. Fosbaugh

John S. Gonzales
Glenn C. Gordon
Ronald A. Hertzler
David K. Hoffman
Peter P. Hric
James C. John

Mark A. Mckenzie
Mike T. Mikec
James H. Moore
Gilbert R. Orchard
James M. Phillips
Jerry S. Pitkavish

Tom P. Racette
David J. Reutzel
Dadja A. Roerig
Michael T. Romano
Glenn T. Rosporski
Wayne M. Schaub
William R. Shindledecker

Jill D. Sivak
Robert R. Stonecipher
Edward J. Syrek
William A. Thorpe
Gregory K. Vogt
Norbert White
Bradley T. Wiefeling

FORTY YEAR PINS

Douglas E. Bailey
Bruce E. Barr
Ernest J. Dunlap

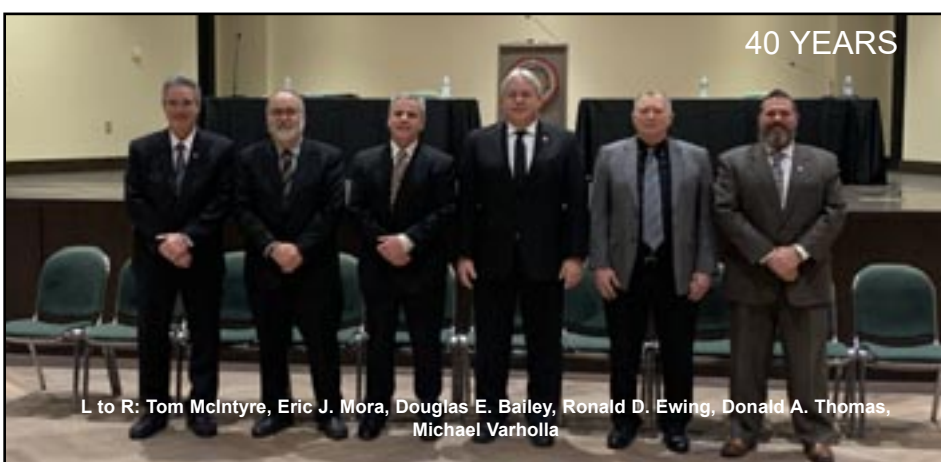
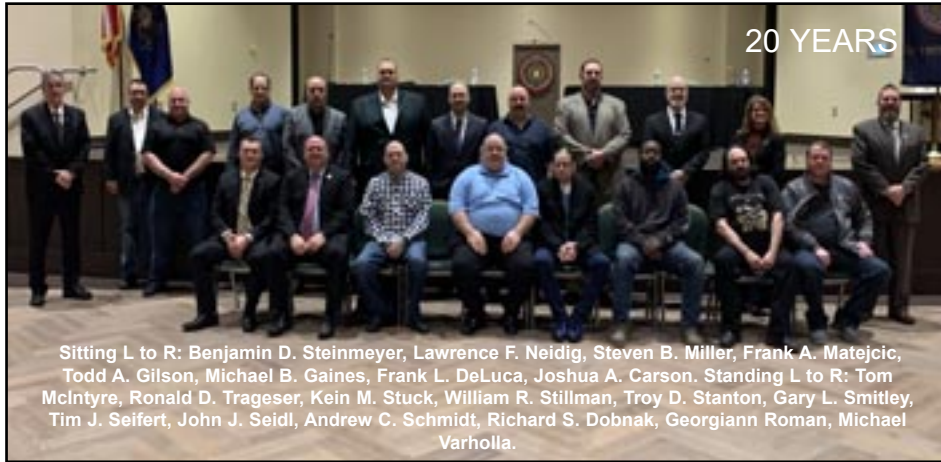
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Thomas P. Gemmell
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PIN RECIPIANTS



RENEW NEWS

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

**SECOND ANNUAL
 CORNHOLE
 TOURNAMENT**

MAY 18th 12PM

**EARLY BIRD SALE
 \$50 PER TEAM
 BBQ & BYOB
 REGISTER DAY OF
 \$15 NON-PLAYER
 CASH PRIZES
 DISCOUNT HOTEL ROOMS**



**CLEARFIELD TRAINING CENTER PARKING LOT
 1400 LEONARD ST, CLEARFIELD, PA 16830**

RENEW VOLUNTEERS

RENEW volunteers spent the day volunteering for Local 5 Retiree and WWII Veteran. They added power for a chair-lift, replaced GFI receptacles and replaced a baseboard heater.

Standing L to R: Cecilia Potts, Shane Letchford, Shawn Miller, Nate Slivka, Rob Davide
 Seated: Nancy and Paul Karpan



RENEW volunteers installed underground conduits and receptacles for the Spring Garden Light-Up-Night holiday lights.

L to R: Rob Davide, Skylar Clemente, Anthony Billisits, Nathan Butler, Sean Klisavage

Veteran's Committee News

Our Veteran's Committee is off to a great start! We have hardhat stickers and are currently working on t-shirts that will be able to be purchased on the BlackOut Tee's website.

In November, we completed our first service project. We collected enough items from jobsites to put together 40 stockings to send to active duty deployed service members! These stockings, stuffed with items ranging from snacks to puzzles to toiletries, were donated to Operation Troop Appreciation and then sent to those serving.

Our Local and our members also participated in The Allegheny-Fayette Union Veteran's Councils Annual Sock Drive, which resulted in approximately 1900 pairs of white socks being donated to various veteran's programs in the Allegheny County area, and we had several members of our committee participate in their local Wreaths Across America ceremonies. Bravo Zulu to all who contributed!

We are now hard at work writing our bylaws and our next meeting will be April 12, 2024 @ 6:30 PM. If you are a veteran and aren't yet signed up, please go to www.ibew5.org/veterans or scan the QR Code below and get signed up now. If you are signed up, but haven't been receiving communications, please email either Jim Ryan at jryan@ibew5.org or Ken Nagel at knagel@ibew5.org.



New Leadership in Allegheny County

Last November's general election brought a change to Allegheny County that we haven't seen in 12 years. County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, limited by term limits, moved on to become Director of the Southwest Planning Commission (SPC).

In the words of Business Manager-Financial Secretary Tom McIntyre, Rich is "someone that tells developers and the business community what we have to offer and gives us publicity whenever he sees fit." Rich was presented with our Local's third-ever Honorary Lifetime Membership Award for his consistent efforts to promote our interests.

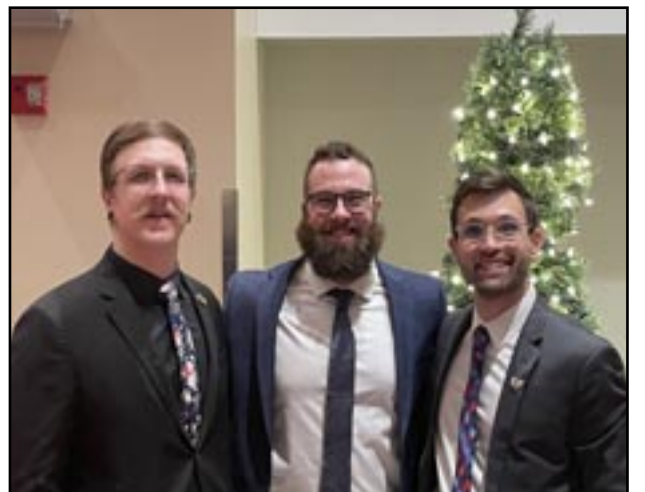
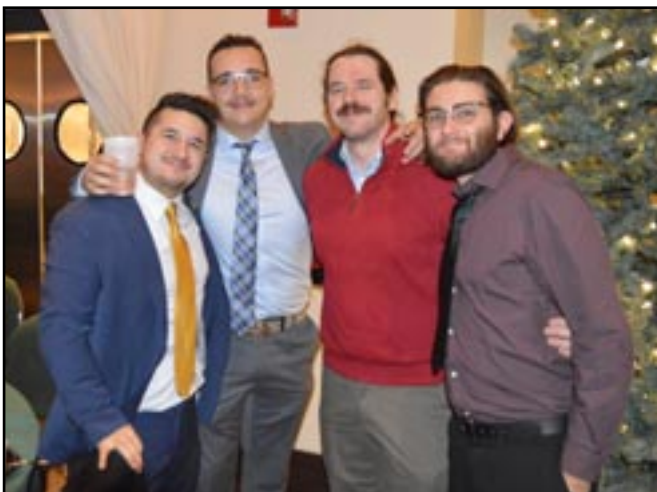


Sara Innamorato, Allegheny County's newly elected County Executive, has shown an eagerness to continue this cooperation by always touting her strong support of organized labor and our priorities. She named Business Manager McIntyre Co-Chair of her Transition Committee's "Reliable, Modern Transportation and Infrastructure" Subcommittee, reinforcing her willingness to work with us and hear our issues.





CHRISTMAS PARTY IN PITTSBURGH





Local No. 5 Endorsed Candidates

2024 Primary Election

Tuesday, April 23rd.



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

United States President **Joe Biden**
United States Senator **Bob Casey**

United States Congress

Dist. 12	Bhavini Patel	(D)
Dist. 17	Chris Deluzio	(D)
PA Attorney General	Jack Stollsteimer	(D)
PA Auditor General	Malcolm Kenyatta	(D)
PA Treasurer	Ryan Bizzaro	(D)

Pennsylvania State Senate

Dist. 37 Devlin Robinson (R)	Dist. 41 Joe Pittman (R)	Dist. 45 Nick Pisciotano Jr. (D)
Dist. 39 Kim Ward (R)	Dist. 43 Jay Costa (D)	Dist. 47 Elder Vogel (R)

Pennsylvania House of Representatives

Dist. 12 Rob Vigue (D)	Dist. 27 Daniel J. Deasy, Jr. (D)	Dist. 40 Natalie Mihalek (R)
Dist. 15 Joshua Kail (R)	Dist. 28 Bill Petulla (D)	Dist. 42 Daniel Miller (D)
Dist. 16 Robert F. Matzie (D)	Dist. 30 Arvind Venkat (D)	Dist. 44 Hadley Haas (D)
Dist. 19 Aerion Abney (D)	Dist. 33 Mandy Steele (D)	Dist. 45 Anita Astorino Kulik (D)
Dist. 20 Emily Kinkead (D)	Dist. 34 Abigail Salisbury (D)	Dist. 48 Timothy J. O'Neal (R)
Dist. 21 Lindsay Powell (D)	Dist. 35 Matthew Gergely (D)	Dist. 51 George "Huck" Rattay (D)
Dist. 23 Dan Frankel (D)	Dist. 36 Jessica Benham (D)	Dist. 57 Eric Nelson (R)
Dist. 24 La'Tasha Mayes (D)	Dist. 38 John Inglis (D)	Dist. 58 Eric Davanzo (R)
Dist. 25 Brandon Markosek (D)	Dist. 39 Andrew Kuzma (R)	Dist. 72 Frank Burns (D)
		Dist. 77 H. Scott Conklin (D)



TV Talk

By Jim Ryan

In the bustling newsrooms of WPXI and WTAE, the steady hum of activity is not just the product of journalistic fervor but also a testament to the hard work and dedication of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local #5. Representing a diverse array of skilled technicians, engineers, and broadcast professionals, this union labor force stands as a cornerstone of quality broadcasting and community connection in Western Pennsylvania.

At both WPXI and WTAE, IBEW Local #5 members are integral to every aspect of operations, from the seamless transmission of breaking news to the meticulous production of investigative reports and community-focused programming. With their expertise in broadcast technology, our members ensure that viewers receive accurate, reliable, and engaging content day in and day out.

One of the hallmarks of IBEW Local #5's presence at WPXI and WTAE is their unwavering commitment to excellence in broadcasting. Through collective bargaining agreements and ongoing collaboration with station management, union members uphold rigorous standards for equipment, and resources, ensuring that News Photographers, Editors and Graphic Artists have the tools and support they need to pursue rigorous and impactful reporting. Also our Broadcast Engineers maintain equipment, signal reliability through Master Control, and technical operations through directing and audio, ensuring that viewers receive the highest quality viewing experience possible.

Moreover, IBEW Local #5 members play a vital role in fostering community engagement and outreach efforts at both stations. Whether it's participating in community charity initiatives such as Project Bundle Up, or providing support during emergencies, union members are deeply invested in serving the needs of Pittsburgh and its surrounding areas. Their dedication to community service not only strengthens ties between the stations and their audiences but also underscores the importance of local journalism in building resilient and connected communities.

In addition to their contributions behind the scenes and within the community, IBEW Local #5 members enjoy greater job security and stability thanks to negotiated contracts that establish clear guidelines for layoffs, terminations, and other employment matters. This sense of security not only benefits individual workers but also contributes to the overall stability and continuity of TV news operations. In fact, the average member at WPXI and WTAE has over 20 years with their respective station. This includes Rege Kaminski that has over 53 years at WPXI and Joe Wilcher with 45 years at WTAE.

As Pittsburgh's leading television news stations, WPXI and WTAE owe much of their success to the skilled and dedicated members of IBEW Local #5. Their tireless efforts behind the scenes not only keep the stations running smoothly but also uphold the highest standards of journalistic integrity, professionalism, and community service.

In an industry marked by constant change and uncertainty, the partnership between IBEW Local #5 and WPXI and WTAE exemplifies the enduring value of union labor in shaping the future of broadcasting. As technology continues to advance and media landscapes evolve, one thing remains clear: the dedication and expertise of our members are indispensable assets to the vibrant tapestry of Pittsburgh's media landscape.

News from your JATC

Greetings from the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee! We all hope that 2024 has found you healthy and happy. Even though the year is young, there has been plenty of activity here at the apprenticeship.

Let's start by congratulating the 2nd year apprentices on their being officially sworn into the IBEW and Local Union #5. On February 9th 2024, the second year class was sworn in to the IBEW. The instructors at the training center look upon these much anticipated events proudly. We watch the young first day apprentices grow into the best candidates for acceptance into our organization. Initially the 1st year classes talk about how excited they were when they received their acceptance letters, finished orientation and started their first job. During their classes, the instructors talk to them about how exciting, honorable and important it is to be sworn into the IBEW. For the next three years, we all need to talk about the responsibilities realized when they become journey-persons. It's a long process, but watching the growth of these young individuals is very satisfying. Once again, Congratulations to our 2nd year apprentices!

As always, please consider a safety upgrade class such as an OSHA 10 or 30 hour, 70E (Electrical Safety Related Work Practices) and/or the 1st Aid/CPR/AED classes that are available to all members. Several of our worksites are requiring a more recent OSHA Outreach Completion Cards. Remain qualified for these jobs by signing up for a class today.

The apprenticeship application is now on-line. The application is available all day, every day of the week. Please check our website for details at <https://ibewlocal5jatc.org>. There is also a link at the IBEW Local 5 website, <http://ibew5.org>. The application process has been running smoothly and we anticipate there will be plenty of well qualified candidates available. If you know of any individuals that may be interested in this apprenticeship opportunity, please direct them to JATC website.

APPRENTICESHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE HERE



AROUND OUR JURISTICTION



FNB Tower



Chapman at Harmon Creek



B.A.Meixel Electric at PennDOT Clearfield EV chargers



Biter Electric at Mount Nittany Medical Office Building at Toftrees



Schultheis at Indian Creek Fresh Water Plant: Joshua Wilttrout, Tony Boyd, Robert Houck, Michael Hensell



Kirby at Alcosan



Ferry Electric at 5th and Halkett: Alex Belak, Brandon Eisenbarth, Brandon Weisman, Gary Greiwe, Tim Seifert, Bill Gerber, Chad Stanley, Matt Rahuba, Brandyn Schiedel



Clista Electric at Sheetz Distribution Addition Claysburg PA
Rick Walchesky, Bryan Miller, Bryan Detweiler, Greg Scanlan, Tim Meyers



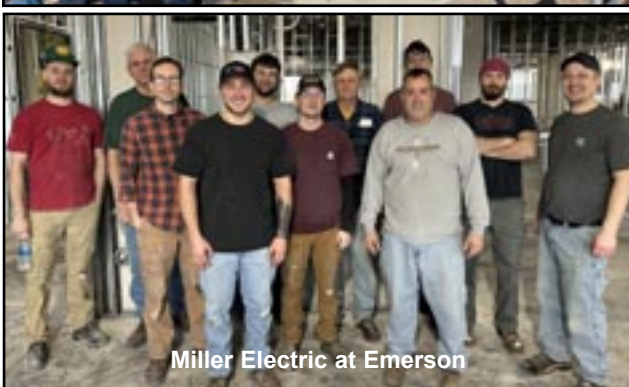
Biter at Holidaysburg VA Home: Noah Davis, Zack Winkler, Pat Kopera, John Morse, Joel Snedden, Paul Dodson



Clista at Pitt Health and Wellness Center: Front: Justin Rowley, Jerry Kuisis, Tyler Kreutzer, Dylan Mourer, Christian Turner, Back: Joe LaPlace, Cameron Turner, Brendon Bittel, Lanny R. Pack



Frankl at Kane-Glen Hazel: Joe Glassbrenner, Matt Kramer, John Hartman, Tom Shea, Pat Finnegan, Josh Lewis



Miller Electric at Emerson



Lighthouse Electric at FedEx: L to R: Glenn Henning, Tim Logsdon, Dan Sweikowski, Brian Weider, Emily Hill, Mary DeLuca, Jauane Howard



JW Didado at Lake Lynn Substation

UPCOMING EVENTS



Right Electric at Chicora School



Thoroughbred Construction

IBEW Local 5 Golf Club 2024 Schedule:

- May 18th at Riverview golf course 9:30 am.
 - June 15th at Glengarry golf course 9am.
 - July 20th Lake Arthur Golf Club 9am. This outing will be a 4 man scramble with a buffet dinner after golf.
 - August 17th The Madison Club 10:15 am.
 - September 21st and 22nd Weekender in Boardman
 - 9/21- The Links at Firestone Farms
 - 9/22- Flying B golf course
- The regular outings will include golf, and hot dog and drinks at the turn. The Lake Arthur scramble will be the only full dinner outing. We don't have the pricing set yet because we are waiting for a couple of the courses to set their summer rates. Once we have all of that we will send out the mailer with all of the times and rates. Anyone interested in participating should contact: ibewlu5golfclub@gmail.com

IBEW Local 5 Riding Club



With warmer weather approaching we will be starting riding season for the Motorcycle Riding Club, and we are currently working on the riding schedule for 2024. The East Coast International ride is back on this year and will be at Cannan Valley Saturday August 3rd and is open to all IBEW members. Also, we once again will be doing multiple Charity rides and a few just for fun. Anyone interested in joining can contact Casey Roche: croche@ibew5.org

LifeSolutions

Member assistance program (MAP)



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

LifeSolutionsSM 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
+1855-209-8762 (TTY: 711)

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Your company code is: IBEW5



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REMINDER TO ALL FOREMAN

Don't forget to submit your foreman reports on the 1st of the month!

- * Forms can be submitted on our website here:
- * <https://ibew5.org/foreman-report>
- * Paper copies are also available at the hall

Labor Day 2024

For the Pittsburgh Labor Day Parade, we will be meeting at the Local 5 Building Complex starting at 8:00AM for T-Shirt Distribution. The buses will start leaving at 8:30AM to take you to the Parade Site. Please Note: Hats and shirts will only be distributed at our building before the parade – nothing will be given out at the staging area at the Arena!

Denny Miller Family Picnic: Saturday June 22, 2024



International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
LOCAL UNION NO. 5

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March, 2024

To All Active/Retired Members and Apprentices:

It's that time again!! We will be returning to Idlewild Park in the Laurel Highlands, Ugonier, PA on SATURDAY, JUNE 22nd, 2024 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 were changes made in 2023. There has been no new changes at the park in 2024. Below is a brief review of the changes that were made in 2023:

1. 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.
2. 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 The Potato Patch, Hillside Grill, Boardwalk Pizza and Snack Shack. **Meal Deal Tickets are limited to one per admission ticket.**
3. Idlewild Admission Tickets and Meal Deal Tickets **CAN ONLY BE USED ON THE DAY OF THE PICNIC (Saturday, June 22nd, 2024). 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.

From International President Kenneth W. Cooper



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March 1, 2024

VIA EMAIL

To: All IBEW Local Union Business Managers in the United States

Re: IBEW 2024 Presidential Endorsement

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

The IBEW is on an extraordinary winning streak. Over the past three years, we have witnessed the power of our union to bring work, high wages, and long-term job security to members across the country. We have done so by helping to write three laws that are delivering *billions* of dollars across all IBEW industries and creating hundreds of thousands of new jobs in just the next five years alone.

Most importantly, these investments come with the strongest labor protections *ever written*. Even better, these laws reward the companies and contractors that work with union labor and penalize the ones that violate prevailing wage. A tidal wave of work is coming with the IBEW written all over it.

These advantages are handmade *by the IBEW for the IBEW*. They're proof of what we can achieve when we have a seat at the *head* of the table. When we can turn our ideas into law, it means corporations must now engage with union labor to get the federal dollars they want. When the IBEW is valued as a partner by the federal government, it means new, stronger rules for organizing. It means we will be the face of clean energy. It means the return of American manufacturing for the first time since the 1950s. It means union labor is a priority, and everyone in this room wins.

Let's be clear: none of these wins would be possible without President Biden's administration. He has stood with the IBEW every step of the way on these laws and rules. He has included us where others ignored us, asked us what was best for the IBEW, and turned our demands into stronger worker rights and long term energy jobs.

This is why I and the officers have endorsed President Joe Biden and Vice President Harris for a second term. This administration is not just the most pro-union in history; it is the most *pro-IBEW* administration in history. That's not opinion or talking point. It's truth based on their track record. In politics, the record is the only thing that matters, and it's the only way the IBEW chooses whom to endorse. We back who backs *us*.

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Please visit the Government Affairs website or download our app for additional details about upcoming projects, labor news, and additional resources so each member can be informed about who is working with and for the IBEW.

With four more years of the Biden-Harris administration, the IBEW will reach one million members, shape even more laws that impact us, and spread the middle class to more working people. These incredibly high stakes are the reason all IBEW locals have been opted in for the 2024 AFL-CIO field program for the Biden-Harris campaign. Because this election is how the IBEW keeps our winning streak going.

Thank you for your leadership and dedication to the IBEW.

With best wishes, I am

In Solidarity,

Kenneth W. Cooper
International President

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Copy to All International Vice Presidents in the United States
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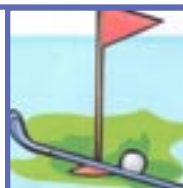


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BEST WISHES TO PENSIONERS

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



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James R. Gillespie

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James M. Saeler

Walter R. Stout

NOVEMBER 2023

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Douglas J. Easley
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Leonard T. Mesina

Joseph R. Nottto
Edward W. Tomak

DECEMBER 2023

Kenneth R. Baker
Roberta K. Collins
Anthony W. Gigliotti

Jeffrey S. Grunebach
Michael J. Hoffman
James P. Jackson

Michael Lassinger
James M. Phillips
Jeffrey H. White

JANUARY 2024

Michael J. Clista

Robert V. Glass

FEBRUARY 2024

Donald R. Horne

Timothy A. Pielmeier

Rick S. Sharp

MARCH 2024

Max D. Dervin
Louis A. Fraticelli
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Deceased Retired Members

Samuel E. Vaughan	Dec.	9,	1946	-	Oct.	13,	2023
Fred E. Perkins	March	10,	1948	-	Oct.	27,	2023
Carl A. Truss	July	10,	1948	-	Oct.	31,	2023
Richard G. Kowalski	April	1,	1941	-	Nov.	3,	2023
Roy L. Nist	July	3,	1931	-	Nov.	18,	2023
Emanuel O. Flournoy	Oct.	15,	1947	-	Nov.	26,	2023
Arthur J. Feldman	Nov.	18,	1928	-	Dec.	15,	2023
Robert P. Pastorius	Feb.	8,	1931	-	Dec.	18,	2023
Delmar P. Smith	Feb.	7,	1938	-	Dec.	20,	2023
Noel Emanuel	May	28,	1939	-	Jan.	3,	2024
Thomas M. Seigh	Jan.	19,	1956	-	Jan.	10,	2024
Edward H. Seibert, Jr.	April	29,	1953	-	Jan.	13,	2024
Bernard T. Hollis	Jan.	29,	1931	-	Jan.	15,	2024
Harry E. Fry	Aug.	10,	1938	-	Feb.	3,	2024

Deceased Active Members

Craig D. Cornell	Aug.	28,	1967	-	Nov.	4,	2023
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It is very important to notify the Local Union promptly of any mailing address or phone number change!

BENEFIT INFORMATION

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Judy Elkanich: Pension applications, deceased member notification / information, beneficiary changes, scheduling of appointments with the Business Manager, "Honorary and Participating" withdraw information..

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

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