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INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS

# LOCAL 5 NEWS & VIEWS



IBEW Local 5 Meeting Hall, Training Center, And Headquarters Building 5 Hot Metal Street Pittsburgh, PA 15203-2355



SPRING 2015

## LOCAL No. 5 ENDORSED CANDIDATES



PA Supreme Court Candidate  
Christine Donohue



PA Supreme Court Candidate Kevin Dougherty, Business Manager Michael R. Dunleavy and Allegheny County District Attorney Stephen A. Zappala, Jr.



PA Supreme Court Candidate  
David Wecht

### PA Supreme Court

**Christine Donohue**

**Kevin Dougherty**

**David Wecht**

**Superior Court**

**Commonwealth Court**

**Robert Colville**

**Todd Eagan**

#### Allegheny County

Common Pleas Court  
Common Pleas Court  
Common Pleas Court

William Caye  
P.J. Murray  
Daniel Regan

County Executive  
District Attorney  
County Treasurer  
County Controller

Rich Fitzgerald  
Stephen A. Zappala, Jr.  
John K. Weinstein  
Mark Patrick Flaherty

#### County Council

At- Large

District 6  
District 7  
District 10  
District 11  
District 13

John P. DeFazio  
John F. Palmiere  
Nicholas Futules  
Dewitt Walton  
Caroline Mitchell  
Daniel Connolly

#### Pittsburgh

City Controller  
City Council Dist. 1  
City Council Dist. 3  
City Council Dist. 5  
City Council Dist. 7  
City Council Dist. 9

Michael E. Lamb  
Darlene M. Harris  
Bruce A. Kraus  
Corey O'Connor  
Deborah Gross  
Ricky Burgess

#### Blair County

Commissioner Rich Peo  
Commissioner Ted Beam  
Commissioner Joe Metzgar

#### Altoona

Mayor Bruce Kelly  
City Council Bill Nuegebauer  
City Council Eric Cagle  
School Board Ron Johnston  
School Board Don Brennaman  
School Board Wayne Hippo  
School Board Mary Jane Hammers

#### Logan Township

Supervisor Ed Frontino

#### Hollidaysburg

School Board Kelly Hinkledine  
School Board Rob Vondada  
School Board Jim Gregory  
School Board Lonna Zook Frye

#### Butler County

Commissioner Dave Johnston  
Commissioner Leslie Osche  
Dist. Magistrate William O'Donnell

#### Fayette County

Commissioner Al Ambrosini

#### Washington County

Peters Twp. School Board Ronald Dunleavy

#### Westmoreland County

Commissioner Ted Koppas  
Commissioner Gina Cerilli  
Common Pleas David Regolli  
Common Pleas Tim Kreiger  
Sheriff Al Lonzo

#### Venango County

Commissioner Albert "Chip" Ambramovic



Corner by **Michael Dunleavy**

Every election cycle, we tell you how important it is to vote for the candidates that support you. We inform you of who those candidates are in the pages of this newsletter. We tell you that if you have any questions about a candidate to please contact the Local Union offices and that if you know of a candidate that you would like the Local Union Political Action Committee to consider endorsing to let us know. Seventy percent of you do just that and I want to thank you and encourage you to continue doing so. Voting is the most important thing you can do to secure your employment and standard of living. To the thirty percent of you who either do not vote or do not vote for candidates that support working people, I urge you to please reconsider and do what is in the Country's best interest, your own best interest, as well as the interest of your fellow Local Union No. 5 members. Please go to the polls on May 19th and vote for the pro-worker, IBEW Local Union No. 5 PAC endorsed candidate.

By the time this newsletter goes to print if you are a participant, you will have received two pieces of correspondence regarding your retirement benefits. One notifying you that the Western Pennsylvania Electrical Employees Pension Trust Fund is over 105% funded as of January of 2014. That level of funding puts your fund in the top 5% of all pension funds in the country. The other one is informing you of a new provision in the Western Pennsylvania Electrical Employees Deferred Compensation Fund providing for loans in addition to the current option allowing in-service withdrawals. If you have questions about either the Pension

Fund or the Deferred Compensation Fund, please contact Central Data Services, our third party administrator, or the Local Union office.

If you are a free-lance member, you will find details about two new healthcare options researched and negotiated by the Local Union in the TV Talk article in this month's edition of our newsletter. Please read this important information and call the Local Union offices if you have any questions. Also, while on the topic of healthcare, I am happy to report that our new system allowing participants in the Western Pennsylvania Electrical Employees Insurance Trust Fund to go to the doctor and provider of their choice is functioning well. These are both examples of what our union can do for the members.

You will notice that there are no longer Business Agent home telephone numbers listed in the newsletter. All of the Business Agents can be contacted by calling our main office numbers of 1-800-225-IBEW or 412-432-1400 and selecting the agent of your choice from the menu. This will put you through to their phone no matter what their location (home, office or traveling).

I look forward to seeing everyone at our annual family picnic. If you have not ordered your tickets yet, please do not forget to do so. Also, you will be receiving a letter with details of our June drug testing and tool sale.

I will conclude by thanking you for your continued support and by urging you to work safely, remember your re-sign date and vote.


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

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March, 2015

Dear Active and Retired Members:

We are pleased to inform you that we are planning a "2015 I.B.E.W. LOCAL NO. 5 DENNY MILLER FAMILY PICNIC" to be held on **SATURDAY, JUNE 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015** at **IDLEWILD PARK** located in the beautiful Laurel Highlands, Ligonier, Pennsylvania from 10:00 a.m. to closing.

Please join us for a memorable day of fun at Idlewild. This year Idlewild welcomes Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood. A life-size trolley ride through the imaginary neighborhood featured on the popular PBS KIDS television series plus a new Daniel Tiger show! Whether you are riding one of the 19 major rides or 14 kiddie rides available or enjoying the Float Away Bay on your way to the Soak Zone or Wave Pool your day is sure to be filled with excitement. Idlewild is what family fun is all about!

The discounted cost per person is \$19.50, (value of Fun Day pass is \$41.99 plus tax charged at park) which Local 5 will pay \$14.50 towards each ticket purchased, leaving you a total cost of \$5.00 for each adult member, their spouse and children ages 3 thru 18. (Children 2 years and under are admitted to the park free). Children over 18 and grandchildren age 3 and over must pay the full rate of \$19.50. Please send a check or money order only made payable to "IBEW LOCAL UNION NO. 5" for your ticket purchases along with your attendance card. Please try to return your ticket order and money **NO LATER THAN MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>** so that we can order the park entry tickets early, but orders will also be accepted after May 1<sup>st</sup>. Refreshment tickets totaling \$6.00 will accompany each ticket order. As in the past, there will be bingo games and raffles held throughout the day.

We hope to see you and your family on June 20<sup>th</sup> for a day of fun. You won't want to miss it!

Fraternally yours,

IBEW LOCAL UNION NO. 5

*Michael R. Dunleavy*  
 Michael R. Dunleavy  
 Business Manager

**LOCAL #5 RETIREE IS AWARDED A  
 PURPLE HEART MEDAL**


In 1943, James R. "Bud" Carroll was stationed aboard the USS Edwards in the South Pacific as a Fireman First Class in the U.S. Navy. During that time an explosive blew up in his face, and his face still bears the blue shrapnel spots, although somewhat faded. He spent nearly 2 years in hospitals from Saipan to Hawaii to Seattle then Philadelphia. He was discharged in 1945. During a recent family conversation, his injury was questioned by his son-in-law, Bob Weaver (also a Local #5 retiree). Bud revealed that he received no recognition for his injuries. His medical and service records were gathered and given to State Representative Peter J. Daley who helped in retrieving the Purple Heart Medal for Bud more than 7 decades later. On February 28, 2015, family and friends gathered for Bud's 91st birthday celebration and Representative Daley presented the Purple Heart to him. Bud was also awarded a citation from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. He previously received the World War II Victory Medal, the American Campaign Medal and the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with two stars. Bud is married to Anne Orsag Carroll, and has 4 children, 5 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



# Active Member Service Pin Ceremonies



20 YEARS

Standing: Business Manager Michael R. Dunleavy,Jeffrey S. Yanyecic, Roger J. Watt, Thomas E. Shelton, Stephen P. Radacsi, Lanny R. Pack, Jeffrey E. Pomponio, Brian M. Rae, Gary J. Sadler, Daniel R. Terpack, Joseph J. Wilding,President Thomas H. Higgins. Sitting: Scott A. Bell, Kenneth R. Baker, Mario A. Carcella, James B. Copley, Ronald A. Facciani, Jr., Mark E. Karpiak, Matthew Kovach, Robert A. Kucmeroski, Eric J. Kuzo, Jason R. Lauer.



25 YEARS

L to R: Business Manager Michael R. Dunleavy, Tullio A. Petito, Randy P. Barie, Frank A. Reynolds, Jr.,President Thomas H. Higgins.



35 YEARS

L to R: Business Manager Michael R. Dunleavy, Edward C. Stocker, Donald J. Rahuba, Joseph E. Beley, Michael T. Karbowsky, Vincent G. Thearle & President Thomas H. Higgins.



30 YEARS

L to R:Business Manager Michael R. Dunleavy, Greg T. Rost, Mark A. Purcell, Joseph Mitchell, III, Richard K. Baldwin, James W. Gilbert, James L. Hastings, Edward M. Reinhardt, Jr., Thomas R. McIntyre, President Thomas H. Higgins.



40 YEARS

L to R: Business Manager Michael R. Dunleavy, Darrell W. Patton, Lawrence R. Dillner, Gary A. Long & President Thomas H. Higgins.



45 YEARS

L to R: Business Manager Michael R. Dunleavy, Gregory L. Rodden & President Thomas H. Higgins.

## Twenty Year Pins

Robert E. Achille  
David L. Backus  
Colin R. Bailey  
Kenneth R. Baker  
Scott A. Bell  
David A. Bianconi  
Willard G. Booth  
James H. Brown  
Craig A. Bryan  
John C. Buckley, III  
Gregory D. Butko  
Mario A. Carcella  
Gilbert P. Clark, III  
Robert W. Conner  
James B. Copley  
Michael T. Corbett  
Eric C. Czapski  
Edward J. Dermont  
Damon D. Doult, II  
Samuel L. Eppolito, Jr.  
Daniel W. Evans, Jr.  
Ronald A. Facciani, Jr.  
Daniel F. Falger  
Patrick D. Faust  
John N. Fedorak

Dennis C. Fedorchak  
John N. Feola  
Thomas P. Fetterman  
Eric S. Fleeger  
Martin H. Francken  
Brian C. Gilmore  
Kim E. Henderson  
Kirk G. Hufnagel  
Ronald J. Hume  
Joseph A. Hunter  
Timothy A. Hutchins  
James P. Jackson, Jr.  
Mark E. Karpiak  
FrankG. Keegan, Jr.  
Raymond A. Kelly  
Gerome T. Kohlmeyer  
Patrick J. Kopera  
Robert M. Koscianski  
Matthew Kovach  
Ronald C. Kozarian  
Ronnie J. Kramer  
Robert A. Kucmeroski  
Bryan C. Kucsmas  
Timothy R. Kunz  
Eric J. Kuzo  
Michael A. Landgraf

Thomas M. Lane  
Albert F. Lash  
Jason R. Lauer  
Philip E. Lint  
Thomas Mardula  
Chris L. McMichael  
Timothy C. McShane  
Monte L. Michaelangelo  
James R. Morran, Jr.  
James N. Nayock  
Dennis M. Necciai  
Donald D. Nelson  
Jeffrey L. Onstead  
Lanny R. Pack  
Paris J. Pagliari  
Dean A. Parasolick  
Don A. Paul  
Jeff Pavlick  
David A. Pellegrini  
Guy D. Pellegrini  
Jeffrey E. Pomponio  
Shawn P. Quinlan  
Stephen R. Radacsi  
Brian M. Rae  
Sameul V. Rametta  
Keith J. Rees

Edward M. Reinhart  
William C. Robinson  
Gary J. Sadler  
Michael Saeler  
Michael J. Sam  
Brian C. Schrecongost  
Rodney D. Senior  
Shawn S. Senne  
Richard J. Serafin  
Leslie T. Sheesley  
Thomas E. Shelton  
Kenneth L. Shepler  
Thomas P. Shultz, Jr.  
Michael D. Simon  
Gregory B. Smith  
William A. Stefanka  
Frank R. Stenzel  
Daniel J. Stivers  
Adam Stranges  
Timmy L. Syrek  
Daniel R. Terpack  
Dean A. Thomas  
Craig H. Trimble  
Louis A. Troiani, III  
Ronald J. Turner  
Richard L. Walchesky

Jeffrey M. Ward  
Roger J. Watt  
Joseph J. Wilding  
Michael W. Winas  
Harold G. Wright, Jr.  
Jeffrey S. Yanyecic  
Gregory R. Young  
**Twenty-Five Year Pins**  
Edward Agliardo  
Randy P. Barie  
Arthur H. Carr  
Thomas E. Cole  
Douglas A. Covert  
Robert P. Doerfler, Jr.  
David W. Etzler  
Jonathan R. Firestone  
Steven J. Grant  
Thomas A. Hall  
John J. Hazel  
Shawn R. Huber  
Jeff W. Humbertson  
Larry James  
Nina C. Keefer  
Robert K. Landowski  
Wayne W. Linden  
Edward J. Munzek  
Audrey J. Newman

David G. O'Black  
Kevin F. O'Toole  
Gary A. Palombia  
Tullio A. Petito  
Samuel Prosser  
Gary L. Reinert, Jr.  
Frank A. Reynolds, Jr.  
Anthony R. Ruffolo  
Joseph S. Scassera  
Scott A. Turnbull  
Charles A. Westhoven, II  
Michael A. Wilber  
**Thirty Year Pins**  
Richard K. Baldwin  
David F. Clapper  
Ronald E. Dillon  
Jerry L. Emerick  
James W. Gilbert  
Robert V. Glass, III  
James L. Hastings  
Glenn J. Hursten  
David W. Linden  
Charla M. MacDonald  
Mark S. Masa  
Thomas R. McIntyre  
Cindy Mehal

Robert J. Mesina  
Joseph Mitchell, III  
James R. Mongelluzzo  
Daniel G. Pratt  
Mark A. Purcell  
Edward M. Reinhardt, Jr.  
Daniel L. Roache  
Frank J. Rodgers  
Rex A. Rodgers  
Greg T. Rost  
Marilyn D. Santo  
Paul M. Secosky  
Bradley A. Thompson  
William A. Tomlinson  
Michael K. Vereneck  
Kenneth A. Watt  
Jack G. Waugaman  
**Thirty-Five Year Pins**  
Joseph E. Beley  
Robert F. Cole  
Charles B. Cypher, III  
William H. Griffith  
Michael L. Hays  
Daniel F. Hoelzeman  
Gary A. Ivers  
Mark S. Johnston

Michael T. Karbowsky  
John A. Klingensmith  
Robert E. Lydon  
RobertW. Pekney  
Donald J. Rahuba  
Mark A. Runco  
James W. Sipes  
Edward C. Stocker  
Vincent G. Thearle  
Drew J. Unger  
Joseph W. Wilcher  
Lamont Woods  
**Forty Year Pins**  
Lawrence R. Dillner  
James A. Ferrett  
Thomas E. Gallagher  
John P. Gruber, Jr.  
Alan L. Kelley  
Walter M. Kloczek  
Gary A. Long  
John F. Mekic  
Darrell W. Patton  
Jack A. Teeter  
**Forty-Five Year Pins**  
Tracy R. Graham  
Gregory L. Rodden





CHRISTMAS PARTY IN PITTSBURGH







Photos by Walter Bentley

## BUTLER



## UNIONTOWN



Photos by Walter Bentley



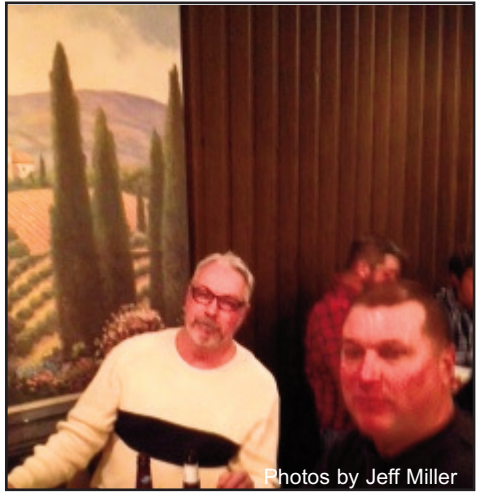
## ALTOONA



Photos by Walter Bentley



## RIDGWAY



Photos by Jeff Miller



## REPORT OF LEGAL COUNCIL - JOSHUA M. BLOOM

### 2015 IS A "TEXAS HOLD'EM" ELECTION

Unfortunately, the odd election years such as 2015 are ignored by the voters who share your values to be paid a fair day's wage for a fair day's work. There is no Presidential, Governor, Senator, or House election on the ticket so many working people blow off voting. Meanwhile, this year is the "Texas Hold'em" election for the PA Supreme Court.

The PA Supreme Court has seven (7) seats. This election has three (3) seats up for grabs. For the recent past, Republicans have held the majority. Meanwhile, if the Democrats sweep this election, the Democrats will hold a five (5) to two (2) majority. This will be unprecedented in recent PA history.

The PA Supreme Court, the highest court in PA, renders the following types of decisions that impact you directly and that are binding on all of the lower courts of Pennsylvania:

(1) whether prevailing wage applies

to publicly funded construction projects; (2) whether project labor agreements (agreements mandating that workers are hired from union hiring halls) are lawful; (3) whether laid off workers receive unemployment benefits; (4) whether workers receive workers' compensation benefits when injured on the job; (5) whether injured workers have the right to compensation from third parties when injured on the job; (6) whether voting districts are constitutional - - key to electing a worker friendly house and senate; and many other crucial issues.

I respectfully implore you to follow the endorsements made by I.B.E.W., Local No. 5 for upcoming 2015 judicial elections. Please vote this primary and general!

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## HARRISBURG REPORT - BRANDON NEUMAN

I am proud to serve the people of the 48th Legislative District and the Commonwealth at large. I have been blessed with a supportive wife, family, staff and my extended family – the working men and women in labor and trades.

In my relatively brief time in public service, I have attempted to be a facilitator and collaborator by promoting the strengths and values of our workforce and connecting our workers and educators with job creators. I feel this is one of the best ways to serve the public.

In every public opinion survey, the respondents consistently put the state of the economy and the need for economic opportunities at, or near, the top of the list. Politicians like to talk about being job creators, but as you know, most job creation comes from the business sector, and our role is to support that effort.

A key to developing a robust economy that provides opportunities for all is to have a well-trained and diverse workforce. We must ensure an educational pathway for everyone, whether it is vocational, academic or both.

In 2011, I sponsored the first-of-its-kind Youth Job Forum designed to link the energy industry with school administrators to foster a better understand of the need and value of vocational training. This forum was very successful and served as a template for similar forums held around

the state.

We followed the Youth Job Forum with a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Initiative Forum in early 2013, where we brought the technology industry together with school administrators to emphasize the value of STEM education and the need to enable students to compete in the global workforce. Focusing on and promoting STEM education has now become commonplace in just a few short years.

Last year we held a Minority and Women Employment Forum where representatives from labor and trades discussed the various apprenticeship opportunities and the excellent family sustaining career opportunities available to minorities and women. This forum was well attended and received excellent media coverage, but our work continues in this area.

In summary, I am very encouraged by the support from labor, business and our educators. We are raising awareness of opportunities, breaking down some barriers and biases and creating an environment where people are optimistic about their future.

Rep. Neuman represents the 48th District in central Washington County.



### One of Southwestern Pennsylvania's Largest Solar Projects Goes Online



156 Solar Panels  
35 Kwh  
38.5 Kwh Peak  
Contractor: Electrical  
Division of  
Port Vue Plumbing



### IBEW Local No.5 Explorer Post 105



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**I.B.E.W. LOCAL UNION NO. 5 EXPLORER POST 105**

**2015 - 2016 Meeting Schedule**

- \*\* Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- \* Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- No Meeting in December- Happy Holidays!
- Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016
- Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016

\*\* All Meetings will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. except for the September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting, which will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

\*We may schedule field trips on some of these dates. You will receive advance notice and more updates about these trips in the near future.

We look forward and thank you for your participation in the upcoming year!!

**International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers**  
Local Union No. 5  
Explorer Post Committee Members

Walter J. Bentley, Norman C. Brice,  
Mike Carter, Jeff Elifler, Gary Leavengood,  
Tom Platt and Mike Williams

**I.B.E.W. LOCAL NO. 5 FEDERAL CREDIT UNION**  
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Phone: (412) 432-1132  
Fax: (412) 432-4609

**2015 April 2015**

**Check out our New Business hours**  
Our hours of operation will be Monday and Thursday from 9 AM to 7 PM. Tuesday and Wednesday 9 AM to 3 PM and we will be open from 9 AM until 12 Noon on Fridays.

Look at the new services that we will be offering at the Credit Union. We are in some final stages and will soon be able to offer our members direct deposit and ACH, along with the option to purchase life insurance on your loans here at the Credit Union. If you have any interest in any of these services, please give us a call and once they are up and running we'll get you set up.

**ANNUAL MEETING**  
This year our Annual Meeting will be on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 2015 in the IBEW building at 5 Hot Metal Street in the School's atrium. Refreshments, along with snacks and sandwiches will be served at 6PM followed by a short meeting. Please R.S.V.P. by Monday, May 11th to reserve your place.

**LOAN AND DEPOSIT RATES**  
Loan rates currently for New or Used Autos are as low as **2.9% APR**. New autos can be financed up to 72 months and used autos up to 60 months.  
Our Home Equity loan rate is **4.99% APR** and can be financed up to 84 months. Maximum amount to borrow is **\$50,000.00**.  
Personal loans can be financed up to 36 months at a rate of **12% APR**. Maximum amount to borrow is **\$3,000.00**.  
Our fully shared secured loan rate is **5% APR**.

**1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Dividend rates paid**  
.25% APY from \$250.01 to \$5,000.00 .65% APY from \$5,000.01 and over

**NCUA**



## From the North by Jim Saeler



The crew of Fuellgraf Electric at the Becht Hall Project, Clarion University



The crew of Marsula Electric at the Student Housing Project, Clarion University

## From the Near - North by Rich Dunkel



Right Electric Chattanooga  
L to R: Greg Scanlon, Wes White, Walter Bentley, Pat Noullet, Steve Truitt, Ken Baldauf, Denene Florence & Harry Stewart.



Clista At Visual Art Center at Seton Hill University  
Mike McCreery, Sam Denny, Ken Pishko, Andrew Holzworth, Joe Kitta, Brian Reinard & Nick Goss.

## From the North by Bob Kutz



Biter Electric at Penn State Greenburgh Project.  
L to R: Jeff Biter, Sam Albarano & Joe Burkhart.

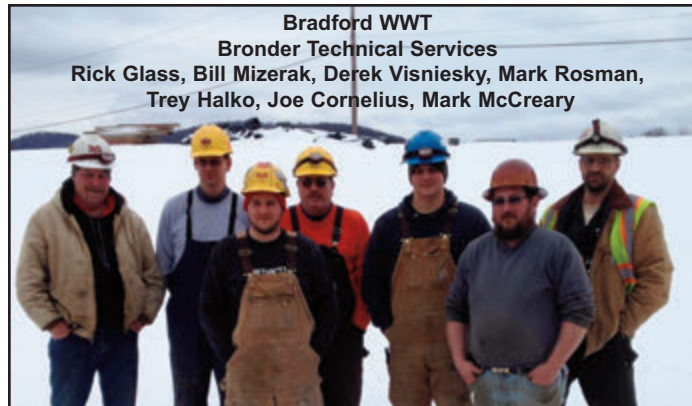


J.W. Didado switchyard project in Claysburg, PA.  
L to R: Steve Schuller, Jayme Rhydborn, Brian Detwiler & Jeff Bender.

## From the Far North - East by Jeff Miller



IUP New Science Center. Church & Murdock  
John Tarbay, Tom Fetterman, Ed Fisher, Stacey Tiffany, George Kolesar, Bill Farbaugh, Shawn O'Donnell, & Bill Diehl.



Bradford WWT  
Bronder Technical Services  
Rick Glass, Bill Mizerak, Derek Visniesky, Mark Rosman, Trey Halko, Joe Cornelius, Mark McCreary

AROUND OUR JURISDICTION

# TV TALK

By James M. Ryan II

We are pleased to announce that IBEW Local Union #5 now has a group sponsored health plan that "BA" (broadcasting) members can purchase on their own. The plan has two options and they are both Affordable Care Act (ACA) compliant health policies. The impetus for the Local taking the time and money to set up this plan, stem from the affect that the ACA has had on the Entertainment Industry Flex Plan. In the TV Talk article from April 2014, we explained how freelance members were no longer able to access their fringe benefit monies for health reimbursements if they had an individual policy for health insurance. This change had an effect on 50% of the freelance members that have a Flex Plan account. Due to these changes, Mike Dunleavy, Business Manager of Local #5, asked me to research the possibility of obtaining healthcare insurance that would allow members to have better access to all of their negotiated fringe benefits.

It was a long and enlightening process in which we had to work with Central Data Services (CDS), the administrator of Local #5's healthcare and retirement plans for "A" (electrician) members, Highmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield, UPMC, and attorneys at Tucker Arensberg, Local #5's Trust Funds law firm. In the end, Highmark gave us the best rates for insurance plans that have a lot of value for you and your family. This is just one example of how union membership is really a great benefit.

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

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

For this initial year open enrollment will close on May 31, 2015. After that enrollment will occur in December of each year for renewals and new membership for the following year. However there are some special qualifying events that could allow you to start coverage in the interim. You can get the full details in the Summary Plan Description that was sent in the mail to all freelance members and part time employees at WPXI and WTAE. You can also request a copy by calling CDS, the plan administrator, at 412-432-1130. Please be sure to ask for the IBEW Local #5 BA Member Benefit Plan this will ensure that you get the correct documentation.

Please read over the documentation that was sent to you and then make the decision that is best for you and your situation. Remember price is only one of the factors in choosing the best health insurance. Other factors include the amount for deductibles, co-insurance and co-pays. If you have any questions, feel free to call CDS, the plan administrator, at 412-432-1130 or call me at 412-432-1445.

## ALLEGHENY COUNTY



Scalise Industries The Gardens at Market Square.  
L to R: Eric Sturgess, Rich Bruschi, Tom Brown, Mike Catania, Wayne Colteryahn, Joe Turba, Joe Ciufo, Bill Weiers, Michael Hillyard, D.Wayne, Erin Brooks, Kevin Kotula, Don Regan, Larry Quinten & Jim DiPalma.



Kirby Electric's Schenley Place Project in Oakland.  
L to R: Sam Eppolito, Gary Cain, Joe Cowell & Dan McKenzie





## 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 2014

Ronald F. Etheridge  
Christopher J. Farbaugh

Gregg A. Hathaway  
Candice A. Hemmis

Raymond M. Niccolai  
James W. Zunic

### NOVEMBER 2014

Dennis G. Caylor  
Terrence K. Connelly

Robert J. Emricko  
Melvin C. Link

Thomas M. Schultz  
Philip T. Versetti, Jr.

### DECEMBER 2014

Stanley W. Clark  
Lawrence R. Dillner  
Robert A. Ferne  
Thomas J. Hettie

Kris T. Kennedy  
Robert A. Merichko  
Richard L. Siegfried  
Robert M. Shea

James M. Stone  
Dennis J. Terreri  
Orion J. Wolff

### JANUARY 2015

Frank A. DeVola  
Tracy R. Graham  
John J. Heptig

Edwin L. Mitchell  
William M. O'Kain

William C. Robinson  
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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, and "Military Card" requests.

Leona Vozar: Highmark, Security Blue, Freedom Blue, UPMC, Pensioners \$10 Dental and Optical Premium and Maintenance assessments.

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Chris Cottrill: Scholarship information.  
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C. Dennis McLean	March	6, 1930	- Oct.	9, 2014
Joseph P. Loftis, Jr.	Jan.	8, 1924	- Oct.	17, 2014
Robert R. McCosby	May	27, 1928	- Oct.	20, 2014
Robert J. Beiber	June	16, 1938	- Oct.	23, 2014
Jerome J. Nipaver	Jan.	20, 1954	- Oct.	28, 2014
Wilbur Matthews	March	10, 1940	- Nov.	4, 2014
Walter H. Schulte	Sept.	4, 1949	- Nov.	15, 2014
Howard P. Robbins	Oct.	19, 1931	- Nov.	25, 2014
George T. Fonas, Sr.	Feb.	27, 1945	- Dec.	10, 2014
Robert Naser	April	6, 1936	- Dec.	12, 2014
Elmer H. Palmer	July	11, 1945	- Dec.	17, 2014
Emile Chuprinko	July	17, 1926	- Dec.	27, 2014
Clifton B. Britt, Sr.	Dec.	18, 1937	- Jan.	25, 2015
John F. Plummer	April	27, 1927	- Feb.	4, 2015
Hugh F. McLaughlin	Aug.	21, 1941	- Feb.	22, 2015
Robert A. Crisman	Sept.	28, 1925	- March	6, 2015
Fred L. Maihle	Jan.	12, 1923	- March	12, 2015
Raymond A. Watt	Aug.	9, 1932	- March	12, 2015
William D. Sweeney	Sept.	6, 1945	- March	19, 2015
William F. Weber	June	4, 1945	- April	18, 2015
Roy J. Buettner	Oct.	18, 1919	- April	14, 2015

### Deceased Active Members

Joseph L. Cheberenich	Jan.	9, 1952	- Nov.	2, 2014
Dennis M. Hogan	April	30, 1976	- Nov.	5, 2014
Christopher D. Edmondson	June	28, 1951	- Dec.	14, 2014
Robert H. Hayes	March	3, 1955	- March	24, 2015
Mark E. Rosman	Oct.	13, 1959	- April	22, 2015

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