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OFFICERS ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION!

In a show of complete confidence in the present administration by the members of Local No. 5, all of the incumbent officers were unopposed in the 2008 election by Local Union Officers.



IBEW Local No. 5 officers along with IBEW International Representative John Malagise

Pictured Standing Left to Right: Treasurer Robert A. Thomas, Executive Board Members: Walter J. Bentley, II, James R. Gillespie, Robert E. Cole, II, Leo P. Truby and Recording Secretary Thomas H. Higgins. Seated Left to Right: International Representative John E. Malagise, Business Manager-Financial Secretary Michael R. Dunleavy, Vice President Thomas R. McIntyre, Jr., Examining Board members: Joseph Mitchell, Leticia M. Fedora, William D. McCloy, Sr. and President Dennis E. Eicker

Senator Barack Obama for President

Barack Obama says that "politics didn't lead me to working folks; working folks led me to politics." After college, he worked with a church-affiliated organization as a community organizer in a Chicago neighborhood devastated by the closing of steel mills. He worked with community members to get a job-training program in the area and get the city to test the housing projects for asbestos. He talks about his time in that community as being the inspiration for what he does as a public servant.

Barack Obama will side with workers. In the Illinois State Senate and U.S. Senate, he has consistently supported our issues, living up to his words. He supported

strong wages by voting to raise the minimum wage, enforce prevailing wages and guarantee equal pay. Obama wants to close corporate tax loopholes so we don't reward corporations for sending our jobs overseas. He believes in a fair trade policy that protects workers rights and will only enter trade agreements with strong labor protections. Obama will protect our retirement by ensuring Social Security stays strong.

Barack Obama was an original co-sponsor of the Employee Free Choice Act and has pledged to sign it into law when elected to protect the middle class and give every worker the right to decide if they want to join a union and bargain collectively. He has a good health plan that will cover

all workers and ensure high-quality coverage. Obama will work on behalf of all economically disadvantaged workers, regardless of their race. He will get us out of Iraq so our family members can come home safe and proud of all that they accomplished.

Frankly, John McCain would be a disaster for working families. McCain strongly opposes the Employee Free Choice Act and long has worked to take away our unions through "right to work" for less laws and by blocking our collective bargaining rights. He voted to allow companies to hire permanent replacements for striking workers and believes workers are "crippled" by union contracts that protect their rights.

McCain supports Big Oil over working families. He wants to give the largest U.S. oil companies \$3.8 billion in tax breaks but tax workers' health care benefits. One of his top advisers created loopholes for speculators that allowed them to drive gas prices up even higher than market forces would take them. McCain has never met a trade agreement he didn't like and wants to privatize Social Security.

We need a president who will help us turn around America, not one who will fight us every step of the way. That's why IBEW Local No. 5 has endorsed Barack Obama for president.

Corner by Michael Dunleavy



After detailed study of both Barack Obama's and John McCain's proposed programs, we have determined that John McCain will cost the average Local Union No. 5 member over \$3.00 per hour while Obama will save the average member over \$1.00 per hour. It is more clear than ever that Obama is the right choice for working men and women. The fact that his choice for Vice President, Senator Joe Biden, has proven over his long and distinguished career to be a great friend to all of labor, serves to reinforce the fact that the Obama/Biden team is the **only** choice for the members of I.B.E.W. Local Union No. 5 and their families. I use the word **"only"** to underscore the fact that John McCain is wrong on all issues involving workers. Do not let non-economic issues that McCain will not have the ability to do anything about persuade you to vote against your own self-interest.

In the coming days, you will receive additional information via mail, telephone & job-site leaflets. Consider all this information carefully so that you can relay it to other less informed voters and join me in encouraging all to support OBAMA & BIDEN!

I would like to thank all the local union members who have served in the military or have family members who have served. If your local can help in any way, please do not hesitate to call.

As you are aware, our work outlook has improved and there are currently many opportunities for employment. I will remind you here, as I have at local union meetings, that it is important to man the work.

Please take a job when offered and remain on that job until you are laid off. I understand the desire to get closer to home or to work overtime, but you should not quit a job to do so. The proper method is to request to be included in the first normal layoff. If jobs are disrupted by the inability to man them adequately and efficiently, we will be negatively impacted in the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that volunteers in local union endeavors. Whether it is the Union Picnic, the Labor Day Parade, phone banks, neighborhood walks, or the Labor Day Telethon, your time and effort is appreciated. If you wish to volunteer for any of these activities in the future, please contact the local union office.

I will once again remind you to contribute to the Political Action Committee Fund. Participation has leveled off, which concerns me. This is the single most effective way to help secure employment and success on issues important to your future. Now that employment is readily available, there is no reason not to contribute.

I will conclude by urging you to go to the polls on Tuesday, November 4th and cast a vote for your own economic well-being, as well as the well-being of our Union and Country. Vote for Obama/Biden!

"Obama/Biden is the only choice for the members of I.B.E.W. Local Union No. 5 and their families"
Michael Dunleavy

VOTE
Tuesday, November 4th
Poll Hours
7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Problems at the Polls
1-866-687-8683

Member Service Pin Ceremonies

TWENTY YEARS

Frank A. Austin
John P. Barefoot
Jordan F. Barefoot
David H. Canovali

James H. Depew
Ronald Gindlesperger
John P. Gruber, Sr.
John G. Kuhn

Frank F. Rodger
Frederick L. Schiefer
Anthony M. Vinglas
Dennis W. Young



25 YEARS

Standing L to R: President Dennis E. Eicker, David W. Jones, Business Manger Michael R. Dunleavy, & International Representative John Malagies.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

Alfred J. Cooper, III
David W. Jones
Robert J. Ramoski

Joseph F. Roche
Roy S. Wesley



30 YEARS

Standing L to R: President Dennis E. Eicker, Lonnie Green, III, Business Manger Michael R. Dunleavy, & International Representative John Malagies.

THIRTY YEARS

Ben F. Carter
Chris N. Goodwin
Lonnie Green, III
Fletcher Hardy

Clifford L. Jenkins
Wilbur Matthews
Kermit H. Sandberg
John N. Steck



35 YEARS

Standing L to R: President Dennis E. Eicker, Vernon I. Fordyce, John DeFrancesco, Herbert H. Harman, III, Archie J. Reid, Business Manger Michael R. Dunleavy, & International Representative John Malagies.

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS

Lawrence L. Barger
Bernard T. Bearer
Donald V. Beck
Joseph A. Biehl, Jr.
James L. Brubaker
Ronald J. Daugherty
John DeFrancesco
Paul R. DUBYAK
Henry R. Dunlop
Walter H. Fleck

Vernon I. Fordyce
William V. Gearhart
Harold L. Graham
Regis B. Grattan
Franklin J. Guyer
Robert E. Hallstrom
Raymond C. Hannold
Herbert H. Harman, III
Thomas M. Hendershot
Hugh J. Link
John A. Panek

Robert J. Pudis
Archie J. Reid
Delmar P. Smith
William E. Swisher
Edward G. Thomas
Sylvester E. Voit
Charles R. Wall
John W. Wolford
Bruce R. Young, Jr.
Franklin J. Zediak

Member Service Pin Ceremonies



40 YEARS

Standing L to R: President Dennis E. Eicker, Charles R. Yaksetic, Jr., George J. Sullivan, Jr., Hugh F. McLaughlin, Charles A. Kramer, Kenneth O. Black, Thomas G. Mathews, Business Manger Michael R. Dunleavy, & International Representative John Malagies.

FORTY YEARS

Andrew G. Ausefski	Fred J. Gates	Thomas G. Mathews	Joseph T. Shea
James L. Bauer	Robert D. Green	David A. Matthews	Richard C. Smith
Raymond W. Bitters	Jack Hodgetts	Hugh F. McLaughlin	Howard J. Snyder
Kenneth O. Black	Robert C. Johnson, Jr.	Charles E. Merlino	Richard A. Strobel
William S. Bowers, Jr.	Raymond L. Kassab	Thomas Mikec	George J. Sullivan, Jr.
Joseph H. Crowley	Richard P. Kelly	Richard A. Perhach	Ronald W. Terhorst
Marshall J. Eidinger	Charles A. Kramer	Ronald J. Radcliffe	Joseph J. Yagodich
John P. Elias	Donald F. Loushe	Raymond R. Reep	Charles R. Yaksetic, Jr.
Joseph V. Foley	David B. Mackenzie	Simon G. Reichbaum	James A. Zink
Robert G. Gardill	Randolph W. Mallick, Jr.	Walter H. Schulte	



45 YEARS

Standing L to R: President Dennis E. Eicker, Robert M. Powers, Jr., Earl W. Johnston, Jr., William J. Coll, Patrick F. Hackett, Jr., Edward G. Kuehn, Joseph T. Kelly, Business Manger Michael R. Dunleavy, & International Representative John Malagies.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS

John W. Abbatico	Earl W. Johnston, Jr.	Raymond G. McGuire, Jr.
William J. Coll	Calvin C. Junod	John P. O'Malley
Robert H. Fritz	Joseph T. Kelly	David W. Plance
Patrick F. Hackett, Jr.	Lynn Kohler	Robert M. Powers, Jr.
Thomas J. Hunter	Edward G. Kuehn	John R. Widdowson



50 YEARS

Standing: Business Manager Michael R. Dunleavy, David T. Buckley, Milan Drobac, Jr., Daniel C. Sadler, Kenneth A. Wuerthele, and President Dennis E. Eicker. Seated L to R: John A. Cassi, Ronald P. Dunkel, William R. Gemmell, Charles D. Nickum and Richard W. Thomas.

FIFTY-YEARS

Harry E. Black	Ronald P. Dunkel	Daniel C. Sadler
Emory J. Brown	William R. Gemmell	David R. Sharp
David T. Buckley	James C. Haber	Allen G. Simon
William C. Carbaugh	John H. Haber	Nathan K.
John A. Cassi	Robert D. Hughes	Stonecipher
Alfonso M. Colpo	Edward J. Hursen	Richard W. Thomas
Milan Drobac, Jr.	Joseph A. Mandella	Kenneth A. Wuerthele
Donald B. Drummond	Charles D. Nickum	Barry G. Wylie



55 YEARS

Standing L to R: Business Manger Michael R. Dunleavy, Bernard E. Hoffman, President Dennis E. Eicker.

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS

Edward J. Beatty	Walter G. Herr	Ulrik D. Petersen
Alexander R. Berry	Bernard E. Hoffman	Richard H. Powell
Glenn A. Berry	William F. Klaphake	William J. Ruffner
Robert H. Foster	Ralph D. Marcheleta	James L. Stack
Albert Gall	James M. Murphy	John B. Vecho, Jr.



60 YEARS

Standing L to R: Business Manger Michael R. Dunleavy, Edward M. Petronie, George T. Leary, Jr. & President Dennis E. Eicker. Seated L to R: Donald E. Gould, Irwin Grunebach & Neil J. MacDonald

SIXTY YEARS

James R. Carroll	Harman C. Hinkle	Roy C. Pratt
John D. Farmer, Jr.	George T. Leary, Jr.	Thomas V. Rost
Paul E. Fisher	Neil J. MacDonald	Charles L. Wagner
Donald E. Gould	William C. Martin	Lorcy A. Wagner
Irwin Grunebach	Edward M. Petronie	



70 YEARS

L to R: Business Manger Michael R. Dunleavy, Walter L. Woomer & President Dennis E. Eicker.

SIXTY FIVE YEARS

Herbert G. Wirth

SEVENTY YEARS

Walter L. Woomer



Family Picnic 2008





2008 PICNIC WINNERS

ADULT RAFFLE WINNERS

Cindy Anderson
Bernie Watt
Joe Hunter
Paul Pasquariello
Lynn Mitasky

Kerri Bittinger
Sharon Raible
Tom Strang
Jim Zunic

Angel Campbell
Ginney Rose
Gene Horcholic
Regina Lyons

Winner of
Golf Clubs:
Cameron Boone

CHILDREN RAFFLE WINNERS

Girls 0 - 3

Molly Grossman
Addison Bell
Mavyn Rhoads
Carly Brinko
Jayden Luccino
Aubrey Varholla
Isabella Ortego

Girls 4 - 7

Allie Onstead
Haley Korotko
Olivia Przywara
Kelsey Sufak
Sarah Fetterman
Abigail Bittner
Allison Krapp

Boys 0 - 3

Mason Hayward
Tyler Rexrode
Mason Lacey
Anthony Florion
Patrick Schade
Preston Simko
Hayden Stohon

Boys 4 - 7

Clayton Nelen
Aleck Grady
Anthony Boreck
Aaron Scott
D.J. Stangrecki
Ian Hays
Peyton Aitken

Girls 8 - 11

Kendra Durham
Sami DeRoss
Mia Smith
Alexis Eifler
Madison Ielase
Hannah Lepore
Katrina Fair

Girls 12 - 16

Karla Luprek
Carly Uebing
Jessica Rosenblatt
Chelsea Pilarski

Boys 8 - 11

Trevor Ruta
Tommy Bettwy
Raymond Watt
Josh Kucmeroski
Matt Blum
Cammeron Turner
Brad Kucharski

Boys 12 - 16

Michael Hoesch
Andrew Thorpe
Michael Janosco
Richard Rush Jr.





Labor Day 2008





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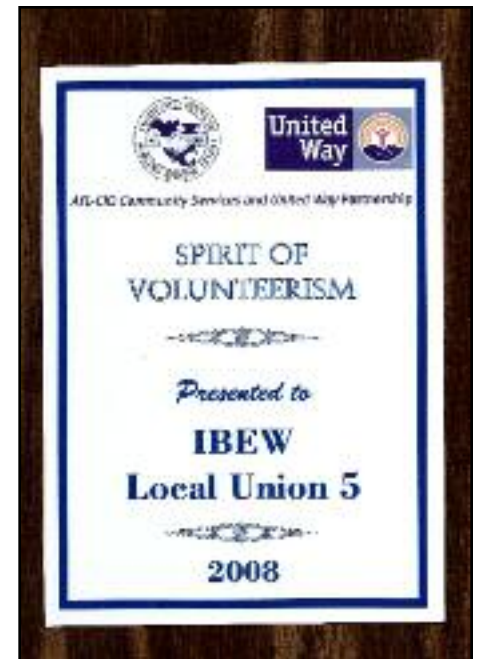
ALTOONA

Vounteering Throughout our Area

Retired Major John Skovran thanks Michael R. Dunleavy on behalf of Local 5 members and L+L Electric for work that was performed on the Mother of Fallen Heroes Memorial on 9th Street in Downtown New Kensington, PA.



At the United Way of Butler County Annual Breakfast on Wednesday, June 18, 2008, IBEW Local 5 was presented with the AFL-CIO Community Services and United Way Partnership "Spirit of Volunteerism" award. The award was in recognition of IBEW Local 5 members hours of volunteer work on projects like: the new Community Health Care Clinic, Dunbar Community Center, Christmas in May, the Tailgate Charity Open and others. Once again, Local 5 members proved that they give back to the communities they work in. This year they totaled almost 1000 man hours of community service.



Rebuilding Together Project

L to R: Tim Wisyanski, Donny Vargo, Bryan Holland, Matt Shearer, Robert Lamb, Dom Bergamasco.



Rebuilding Together Project

L to R: Tim Wisyanski, Ken Morris, Robert Lambs, Matt Shearer, Bryan Holland, Dave Fargo, III, Doug Conroy, Brandon Coleman and Larry Neidig.



Rebuilding Together Project-Ferry Crew

L to R: Mark Daley, Michael Brusco, Richard Hertzler, Kenneth Scotty, Michael Howard and Robert Boothe.



Rebuilding Together Project

L to R: Dave Olejar, Mark Dzamko, Jason Smith, Jon Kovacs, Gary Robertson and John Hileman.

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
LOCAL UNION NO. 5
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PHONE: (412) 432-1400 FAX: (412) 432-1499

October, 2008

TO: IBEW LOCAL UNION NO. 5 *AFL* MEMBERS
FROM: Michael R. Dunleavy, Business Manager/Financial Secretary
RE: **DUES INCREASE FOR YEAR 2009**

Dear Brothers & Sisters:

In accordance with a dues increase resolution that was passed at the 37th IBEW International Convention during the week of September 11 - 13, 2006, the International portion of your dues will increase by \$1.00 per month in 2009, (The \$1.00 consists of a \$1.00 increase in the Per Capita portion). Please note that your Local Union portion of dues has once again not increased. For your convenience, the following is a listing of the total dues payments, including both International and Local Union portions:

\$448.40 ANNUAL Dues (Payments due in DEC. or JAN.)

When preparing your 2009 dues payment, please include the following:

- 1) Your Card Number or your Social Security Number
- 2) Please be sure that your name is visible and legible on your check (especially on a money order)
- 3) Please be sure to use the new dues amount (checks with incorrect amounts will have to be returned)
- 4) Include a note if you have a change-of-address and be sure to include your new telephone number

If you should have any questions regarding your dues payments, please contact PATLY LUSNAK, at (412)432-1400.

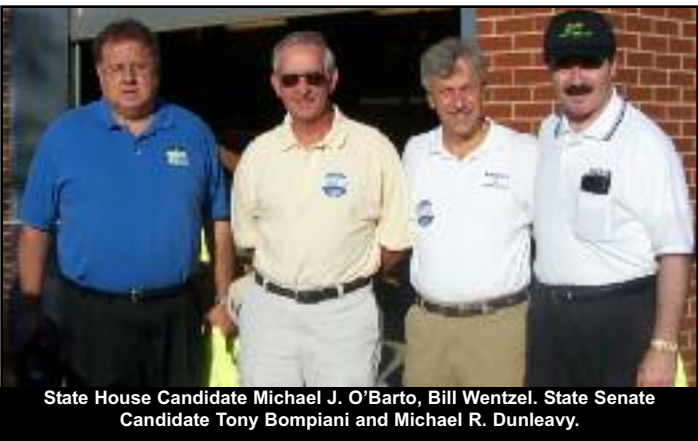
Fraternally yours,

Michael R. Dunleavy
Business Manager/Financial Secretary

Local No. 5 Endorsements



Michael R. Dunleavy and Congressman Jason Altmire
Enjoying our Labor Day Celebration



State House Candidate Michael J. O'Barto, Bill Wentzel, State Senate
Candidate Tony Bompiani and Michael R. Dunleavy.

PRESIDENT

Barack Obama (D)



AUDITOR GENERAL

Jack Wagner (D)



STATE TREASURER

Robert McCord (D)

United States Congress

Dist. 3 Kathy Dahlkemper (D) Dist. 5 Mark B. McCracken (D) Dist. 12 John P. Murtha (D) Dist. 18 Tim Murphy (R)
Dist. 4 Jason Altmire (D) Dist. 9 Tony Barr (D) Dist. 14 Mike Doyle (D) Dist. 19 Philip J. Avillo, Jr. (D)

Pennsylvania State Senate

Dist. 25 Joseph B. Scamati, III (R) Dist. 37 John Pippy (R) Dist. 41 Don White (R) Dist. 45 Sean Logan (D)
Dist. 35 John N. Wozniak (D) Dist. 39 Tony Bompiani (D) Dist. 43 Jay Costa, Jr. (D) Dist. 47 Jason Petrella (D)

Pennsylvania House of Representatives

Dist. 10 Jaret Gibbons (D) Dist. 27 Daniel J. Deasy, Jr. (D) Dist. 46 Jesse White (D) Dist. 63 Matthew Ellenberger (D)
Dist. 11 Dave Wilson (D) Dist. 28 Brad Cline (D) Dist. 48 Timothy Solobay (D) Dist. 66 Samy Elmasry (D)
Dist. 12 John Olesnevich (D) Dist. 32 Anthony DeLuca (D) Dist. 49 Peter Daley, II (D) Dist. 71 Bryan Barbin (D)
Dist. 14 Dennis Rousseau (D) Dist. 33 Frank Dermody (D) Dist. 50 H. William DeWeese (D) Dist. 72 Frank Burns (D)
Dist. 16 Robert F. Matzie (D) Dist. 34 Paul Costa, Jr. (D) Dist. 51 Tim Mahoney (D) Dist. 73 Gary Haluska (D)
Dist. 19 Jake Wheatley (D) Dist. 35 Marc J. Gergely (D) Dist. 52 Deberah Kula (D) Dist. 74 Camille "Bud" George (D)
Dist. 20 Don Walko (D) Dist. 36 Harry Readshaw (D) Dist. 54 John Pallone (D) Dist. 75 Dan Surra (D)
Dist. 21 Dom Costa (D) Dist. 38 Bill Kortz (D) Dist. 55 Joseph Petrarca (D) Dist. 77 H. Scott Conklin (D)
Dist. 22 Chelsa Wagner (D) Dist. 39 David Levdansky (D) Dist. 56 James Casorio, Jr. (D) Dist. 79 Richard Geist (R)
Dist. 23 Dan Frankel (D) Dist. 42 Matt Smith (D) Dist. 57 John W. Boyle (D) Dist. 171 Joanne Tosti-Vasey (D)
Dist. 24 Joseph Preston, Jr. (D) Dist. 44 Mark T. Mustio (R) Dist. 58 R. Ted Harhai (D)
Dist. 25 Joseph Markosek (D) Dist. 45 Nick Kotik (D) Dist. 59 Michael J. O'Barto (D)

REPORT OF LEGAL COUNCIL - JOSHUA M. BLOOM

IMPORTANT LEGAL ADVICE VOTE FOR BARAK OBAMA AND AGAINST JOHN MCCAIN!

Before you decide to vote this November for President of the United States of America, you must ask yourself what issues will most directly affect your family. Are the most important issues to your family your employment, the rising cost of gasoline, food, and health care, and the economy? If the answer is yes, you must vote for Barack Obama and against John McCain.

The Associated Builders & Contractors (ABC) is an organization of non-union contractors whose goal is to take all of the construction work from union contractors and give it to non-union contractors who pay much less in wages and benefits than your employers. The ABC was the first business group to endorse John McCain. John McCain has promised the ABC that he will repeal the prevailing wage laws. If there are not minimum prevailing wage laws on public construction projects, you will never work on them. In other words, John McCain thinks that you make too much money. He wants to replace you with non-union workers or even worse - - illegal aliens.

John McCain has stated that "free trade is vital." In other words, he wants to continue to ship manufacturing jobs overseas. This means that there will be less or no jobs for you on building,

maintenance, or repairs jobs on manufacturing plants. When you complained about the cost of gas, his staff's solution was to call you a "nation of whiners!" He believes the people are in a mere "mental recession" - - you know better than this.

John McCain unquestionably opposes project labor agreements ("PLAs"). In other words, he will stop public entities from requiring contractors to use the most qualified construction workers, i.e. you. He wants to end the use of federal money for state and local construction projects - - earmarks and other projects. This means: "No jobs for you!" You will lose under John McCain.

Barack Obama plans to lower taxes for individuals making \$250,000 per year or less. Barack Obama has pledged to invest substantial federal monies in state and local construction projects - - Invest In America! Barack Obama has pledged to support prevailing wage laws, to require PLAs, to raise standards on construction projects, and to limit free trade.

As your union's attorney, I strongly advise you to vote for Barack Obama.

Joshua M. Bloom, Esquire
412-288-6000



HARRISBURG REPORT - DAVID K. LEVDANSKY

My grandparents migrated to America to earn a decent wage for their hard work. I was privileged to be the first member of my family to attend college where I earned two bachelor degrees from Penn State in labor studies and political science. I was fortunate to get a scholarship to Notre Dame where I earned a M.S. in economics.

Over the next five years I worked for labor unions and the AFL-CIO - organizing workers and bargaining contracts - and at 29 ran for the Pennsylvania House. A member since 1985, my seniority earned me the chairmanship of the House Finance Committee in 2002 where I have been leading the fight to ensure that taxes are fair and that working families are not unduly burdened.

Growing up, I looked forward to fall and going to hunting camp with my Dad, uncles and cousins. An avid outdoorsman, I have served on the House Environmental Resources and Energy, and Game and Fisheries Committees for more than 20 years and have spearheaded numerous programs to protect and enhance our environment.

I also support common sense gun safety proposals.

If you are near my age, you probably remember when President Kennedy was killed. As a teenager, I also remember the assassinations of Bobby Kennedy and the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. As the years went on, I read more and more about gun violence in neighborhoods across our nation, thankful it had not touched my family.

Recently I offered an amendment on the House floor that would require a handgun owner to report a lost or stolen handgun (does not apply to rifles and shotguns) within 72 hours of discovering it missing. Supported by the PA Chiefs of Police Association and district attor-

neys across the state, my bill is necessary to stop the illegal straw purchasing of handguns.

Here's how it works. A criminal gives a drug addict or hooker money and tells them what handgun to buy at the local gun store. The purchaser exits the store, gives the handgun to the criminal, and makes a quick \$100. Months later the handgun is found at a homicide and traced back to the addict who claims he lost it or it was stolen. With no requirement to report lost/stolen handguns, the cycle continues.

My amendment contains penalties for failure to report - a summary offense (like a speeding ticket) for the first time, a misdemeanor for the second time, and a felony on the third offense.

Frankly, I can't imagine not reporting a lost or stolen handgun. But last year the Pittsburgh Police Dept. recovered 968 handguns. Only 80 were reported stolen and another 70 were registered to the person who was arrested. That leaves 818 handguns that were not reported lost or stolen and in the hands of criminals.

We need to give law enforcement the tools they need to fight street violence. While I firmly believe in the "right to bear arms," I know that with that right comes the duty to exercise that right with individual responsibility.

Rep. David Levdansky serves the 39th House District comprised of Clairton, Jefferson Hills, Elizabeth, West Elizabeth and the townships of Elizabeth, Forward and South Park. Washington Co. communities in the 39th District are: New Eagle, Finleyville and the townships of Union, Nottingham and portions of Carroll.



HURDLES GROWING HIGHER FOR AREA DEVELOPERS

Nothing comes easy when it comes to development. After months of heated discussion and controversy, no sooner is the ink finally dry on one community benefits agreement, when talk of another is in the news.

On May 20, the City of Pittsburgh Planning Commission approved the request of Continental Real Estate to build a 178-room, Hyatt Place Hotel next to PNC Park. The approval reportedly came despite a request by Pittsburgh United, an alliance of local community, faith and labor organizations, to delay approval pending an investigation into the development agreement surrounding the property and the negotiation of a community benefits agreement, among other matters. Such concerns should not be dismissed out of hand.

In fact, the intense scrutiny and approval process that is necessary today to construct any large development and construction project in an urban area is understandable and probably "comes with the territory" for most developers and owners. After all, there is a reason Rome was not built in a day. But the level of scrutiny and approval process seems to be becoming more and more intense in Pittsburgh, which doesn't necessarily bode well for area contractors and building trade workers.

In addition to planning com-

missions and zoning boards, today's owners and developers are faced with appeasing a myriad of other special interests, including organized task forces and community groups. Such reviews can be extremely time consuming and the more drawn out the process takes, the more expensive or, worse, less likely development will occur. Owners, developers and contractors are not going to be eager to become involved in local projects if every design, construction and operational issue has to be scrutinized and approved before proceeding.

In that regard, ground can't be broken soon enough for the new hockey arena. After an intense design review process and lengthy negotiations on a community benefits agreement, the multimillion dollar project is finally getting off the drawing boards and into construction that will once again provide meaningful employment for hundreds upon hundreds of local workers.

Now comes the announcement of a new \$27 million Hyatt Place Hotel next to PNC Park. No sooner is the announcement made when the call for a community benefits agreement once again surfaces. The question is, how far can such demands go before developers tire of wanting to do business in Pittsburgh and move their plans to other cities, other states?

Community benefits agreements are not uncommon in any publicly funded project and, as the name implies, can bring significant benefits to a community. And while Webster's defines community as a social group of any size whose members reside in a specific locality, share government, and often have a common cultural and historical heritage, it may be prudent to look at communities a little more liberally.

The City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County and even metropolitan Pittsburgh are communities, and in trying to attract developers and employers to our region, we ought to look at community benefits agreements from a wider perspective, rather than from the view of a single neighborhood.

That is not to say that the local neighborhood that will be forced to bear the impact of a new facility, both good and bad, should not be given special consideration, particularly when it comes to the aesthetic design and traffic impacts resulting from its construction. No one wants an eyesore built in their backyard and development should be closely coordinated with the wishes of the community. But any good developer also knows that their success and the success of their eventual tenants depend on having good relations with their customers, most if not all of whom will

reside in the general community of the facility being constructed. No developer worth their weight in salt wants to build where they are not wanted. It is too time consuming and too costly.

That's why we need to be careful to create an environment where developers want to conduct business. They should be encouraged to work with the community on issues that benefit both the developer and area residents. It should not be one sided where we expect and even demand concessions that are outside the realm of reasonableness and good business. To do so, may result in a hurdle that's just too high for any development at all.

**By Jason Fincke, Executive
Director Builders Guild of Western
Pennsylvania**



From the North by Bob Thomas



Right Electric -Clarion University, New Dining Hall project.
Eric Dean, Ron Plaisted, Adam Kulbacki, Shannon Penland, John Jones, Justin Hankey and Joe Polof



Bronder Technical-Clarion University, New Science Building
L to R: Ryan Bell, Brandon Dunkel, Bob Gallagher, Bruce Adams, Tim Caylor, Joe Tiche, Bill Mizerak, Shawn McWilliams, Larry Shirely and Rick Glass

From the Near - North by Rich Dunkel



Fallon Electric Respironics Job, Upper Burrell, PA



Schultheis Electric crew at Latrobe Steel
Standing L to R: Mike Brown, Bob Anderson, Tim Branthoover, Bill Hohman. Kneeling L to R: Darrell Johnston, Dave Almasy and Ron Ewing.

From the North by Bob Kutz



Penn State Rewire Job by Stelco. L to R: Bill Jasper, Darryl Noal, Scott Gampe, Mark Gochenaour, Ray Kelly, Chris Quinn, Eric Irwin, Mark Irwin, Doug Oswald, Candace Hemmis, Rich Keirn, Paul Dodson, Denny Goss, Bob Krater, Tom Shultz. Foreman: Bob Holsinger & Mark Endress



Penn State Dikckson Law Building by Lighthouse Electric. L to R: Darrell Rydbom, Kurt Rhymestine, Don Hubler, Pete Ritchey, Gary Brown, Mark Brown, Harvey Port, Pat Treese, Mike Polinsky, Stan Clark, Russell Aumiller, Tim Lynn, Gregg Shultz, Rich Imler, Andy Nicodemus, Dan Davidson, Tyler Schlegel. Foreman: Dustin Brown & Jody Bradley

From the Far North - East by Jeff Miller



Pure Tech Inc.'s Allegheny Bradford Corporation project in Lewis Run, PA.
L to R: Eric Leathers, Kirk Schroll, Dan Meister & Rick Bush



Hallstrom Clark Electric RESCAR Project, DuBois, PA
L to R: John Evans, Matt Husted, Doug Cramer, Stan Young, Denny Gray, Dan Ireland, Leroy Park, B.J. Barnes, Denny Hurd, Maynard Carr & Ron Paulson

2008 Scholarships Are Awarded

The I.B.E.W. Local #5 – Western Pennsylvania Chapter, National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) Scholarship Trust Fund has awarded the 2008 scholarships to:

Bethany Corbin

Megan Coutts

John Nicoludis

John O'Kain, II

Applications for the 2009 scholarships will be available from September 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008. Those who are eligible are high school seniors who are sons, daughters, grandsons and granddaughters of Local #5 "A" members. Complete eligibility rules and applications can be obtained by mail, from:

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BEST WISHES TO PENSIONERS

The officers, and members of Local 5
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wish them a long and healthy retirement:



April 2008

Donald S. Goodman
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Jack C. Stemnock	Feb.	11, 1930	-	Apr.	17, 2008
William B. Zinkhan	Jan.	18, 1914	-	May	16, 2008
Thomas E. Hayes	Dec.	10, 1915	-	June	19, 2008
George G. Maley	Feb.	27, 1932	-	June	29, 2008
William F. Moses	May	15, 1926	-	June	14, 2008
John P. O'Malley	Mar.	15, 1918	-	July	29, 2008
Paul R. Dubyak	Feb.	16, 1934	-	Aug.	21, 2008
John H. Haber	Mar.	21, 1930	-	Aug.	31, 2008
James M. Murphy	Jan.	5, 1923	-	Aug.	17, 2008
Jack Staley	Jan.	18, 1928	-	Aug.	19, 2008
Robert E. Lee	Apr.	3, 1919	-	Sep.	19, 2008
George W. Morrison	Oct.	2, 1918	-	Oct.	7, 2008

Deceased Active Members

Thomas D. Quinlan	June	21, 1953	-	May	26, 2008
Robert R. Heckathorn	Jan.	5, 1953	-	Oct.	7, 2008

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