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‘Right-to-Work’ for LESS supporters actually raising funds in PA

April 26, 2013

When Pennsylvania Sen. Pat Toomey, a Republican, joined with his Democratic colleague W. Va. Sen. Joe Manchin, to propose a bill on background check for gun owners, he was hailed as a “voice of reasonable compromise.” Not so fast.

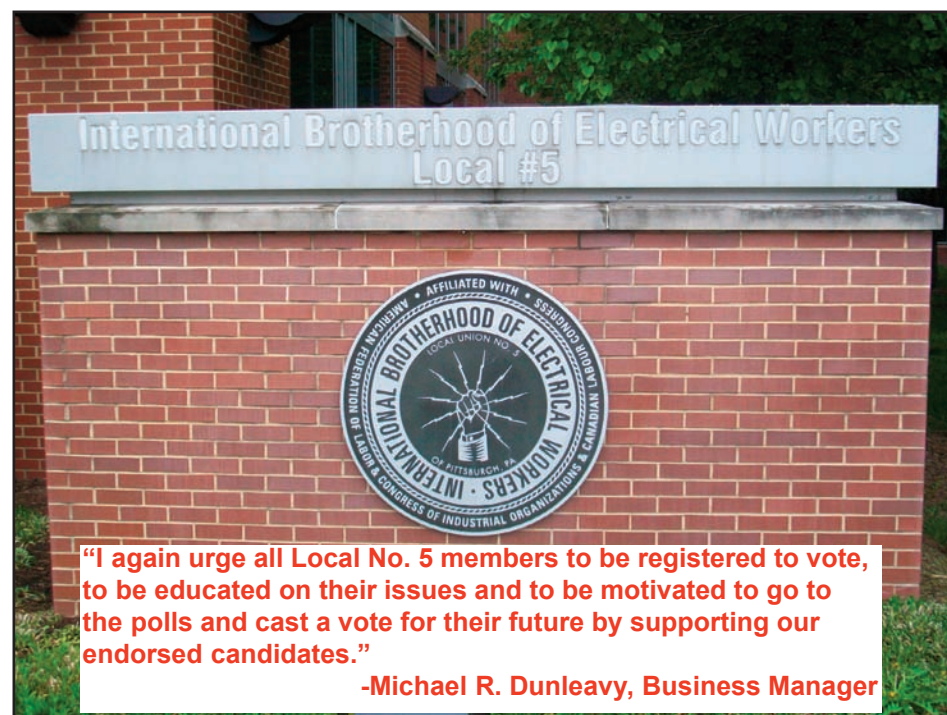
A letter Toomey sent out in March endorses the fundraising call of the Commonwealth Foundation, a right-wing think tank, to put unions under the political gun by passing right-to-work legislation in Pennsylvania.

In an article in The Nation, “Pennsylvania Think Tank Plans to ‘Slay’ Unions, Like in Wisconsin,” Lee Fang writes:

*The think tank announced “**Project Goliath**,” a new effort to make Pennsylvania the next Wisconsin or Michigan. The Commonwealth Foundation is one of a fifty-state network of similar think tanks that have vastly expanded since 2009.*

Targeting public employee unions and prevailing wage laws and defining the battle as between the “Taxpayer Party” and the “Big Government Party,” the foundation’s letter says, “Like David of the Bible, now is the time to come forward and slay Pennsylvania’s Big Labor Goliath.”

The Pennsylvania Senate and General Assembly are both controlled by Republicans. But Gov. Tom Corbett, also a Republican, has told the Associated Press that the state lacks the “will” to pass right-to-work legislation.



The Commonwealth Foundation, funded by a nearly \$2 million budget that has doubled in the past three years, challenges residents who say right-to-work can’t pass in the state, comparing Corbett to Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder:

Urging members to take Toomey’s and the Commonwealth Foundation’s threats seriously, International President Edwin D. Hill says:

The greatest mistake members and supporters of organized labor make on right-to-work laws and other legislation that undermines unions is to say, ‘It can’t happen here.’ Senator Toomey and the Commonwealth Foundation are raising significant funds for a protracted, grassroots campaign to spread mistruths and confusion about unions. They will be defeated only by an even stronger grassroots effort by our members and allies that tells the true story of how union members keep our communities safe and strong.

Corner by **Michael Dunleavy**

Yet, again, we are approaching another election. We must mobilize and support candidates that support workers. You will find Local Union endorsed candidates in this edition of the newsletter. These candidates have been researched and approved by Local Union officers, staff, and the PAC Committee. I strongly urge you to go to the polls and to cast your ballot for these endorsed candidates. We are undergoing constant attack in Harrisburg. Anti-prevailing wage bills have been voted out of committee in the State House. The votes to send this anti-worker legislation to the floor were strictly by party lines. All of the Republicans voted for the bills and against you and all of the Democrats voted against the bills and for you. I have stated repeatedly that the most effective way to secure your employment is to contribute to the PAC Fund and to vote. This proves true now more than ever. Anyone interested in volunteering for political activity can contact the Local Union office.

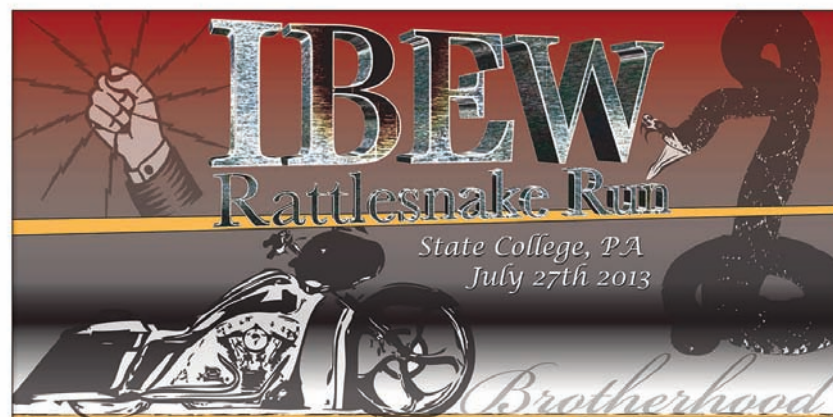
As I have mentioned previously at monthly local union meetings, you will be receiving a letter notifying you of an upcoming vote on By-Law changes. Some of these changes are simply updates of items that are no longer valid but also there is a dues increase proposed for former Local 385 BA members. "A" member's dues will remain unchanged. These new Local 5 members were told before they voted to merge with Local Union No. 5 that their dues structure was woefully inadequate. The totality of their dues for one

year does not cover even fifty percent of the expense of representing them. This increase will mean that BA member's dues will now cover eighty-five percent of their expenses. The remaining fifteen percent will be covered in the future by growing work opportunities for this group. This vote will take place in December.

I and a delegation of officers recently participated in the IBEW Construction Conference, the National Building Trades Conference and the IBEW Broadcast, Telecommunications and Manufacturing Conference. We attended workshops, participated in panel discussions and met with representatives of locals from all across the country. The exchange of ideas and educational updates were invaluable. Just as continued education is necessary for our members in the field, it is also necessary for the officers and trustees in order to properly represent our membership.

I want to remind everyone about the annual union picnic to be held on Saturday, June 22nd, 2013 at Idlewild Park. Please get your ticket orders in and consider volunteering to help make this event successful again this year. I look forward to seeing you there.

I will conclude by reminding everyone to work safely and to please re-sign the referral list in time.



The **IBEW RATTLE SNAKE Run** will take place on Saturday, July 27, 2013, at 10 a.m.

The registration fee is \$25.00 per participant.

Register online by visiting www.ibew.org and clicking on the **IBEW RATTLE SNAKE Run** button or Register On-Site **Friday 1pm - 6pm** and **Saturday 8am - 9:30am**

Location: **Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel**
Call for reservations: 800-233-7505
or on their secure web site: www.pshs.psu.edu

Tell the Hotel you are with the **IBEW** and give them our Identification code: **IBEG13A**
The IBEW has a block of rooms available on a first-come, first-served basis so please **REGISTER EARLY!**
We may have to limit the number of riders in order to have a safe ride.

The room rate is **\$89.00** plus taxes per night.

Registration Cut off date is June 25, 2013.

There will be a reception on Friday July 26 and also a buffet on Saturday July 27 after the ride.

Updates on the ride will be posted on www.ibew.org and www.ibewhourpower.com

<http://www.ibew.org/rattlesnakerun>



International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers LOCAL UNION NO. 5

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March, 2013

Dear Active and Retired Members:

We are pleased to inform you that we are planning a "2013 I.B.E.W. LOCAL NO. 5 DENNY MILLER FAMILY PICNIC" to be held on **SATURDAY, JUNE 22nd, 2013** at **IDLEWILD PARK** located in the beautiful Laurel Highlands, Ligonier, Pennsylvania from 10:00 a.m. to closing.

This year Idlewild has a new attraction called "Float Away Bay to the Soak Zone". With its gentle flowing current, the attraction is designed for all members of the family. The area will feature a large zero-depth entry zone with a comfortable river depth of 2 1/2 feet. The river will be 15 feet wide and its circular "endless" design will cover 603 linear feet - the equivalent to the length of two football fields! The new attraction will feature kid-sized tubes to compliment adult tubes and fun spray features to keep families entertained as they float the day away. Come and join us for a day of fun and relaxation! Idlewild is what family fun is all about!

The discounted cost per person is \$18.50, (value of Fun Day pass is \$34.99 plus tax charged at park) which Local 5 will pay \$15.50 towards each ticket purchased, leaving you a total cost of \$3.00 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 \$18.50. 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 1ST** so that we can order the park entry tickets early, but orders will also be accepted after May 1st. 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 22nd for a day of fun. You won't want to miss it!

Fraternally yours,

IBEW LOCAL UNION NO. 5

Handwritten signature of Michael R. Dunleavy
Michael R. Dunleavy
Business Manager

Active Members 20 To 45 Year Service Pin Recipients

20 YEAR PINS



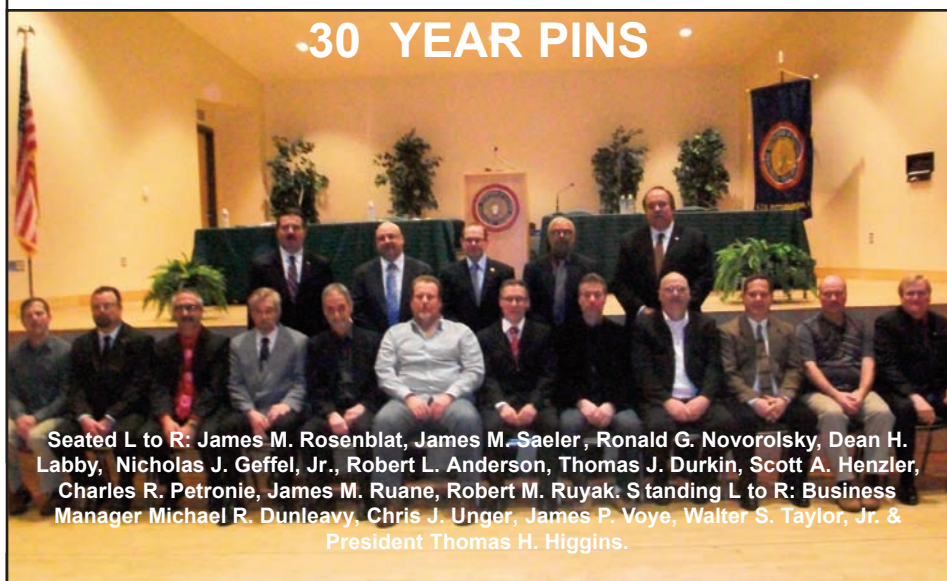
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25 YEAR PINS



L to R: Business Manager Michael R. Dunleavy, James R. Gillespie, John A. McIntyre, James P. Durkin, Kenneth E. Baldauf, Robert A. Funtal, Gregory P. Staudt & President Thomas H. Higgins.

30 YEAR PINS



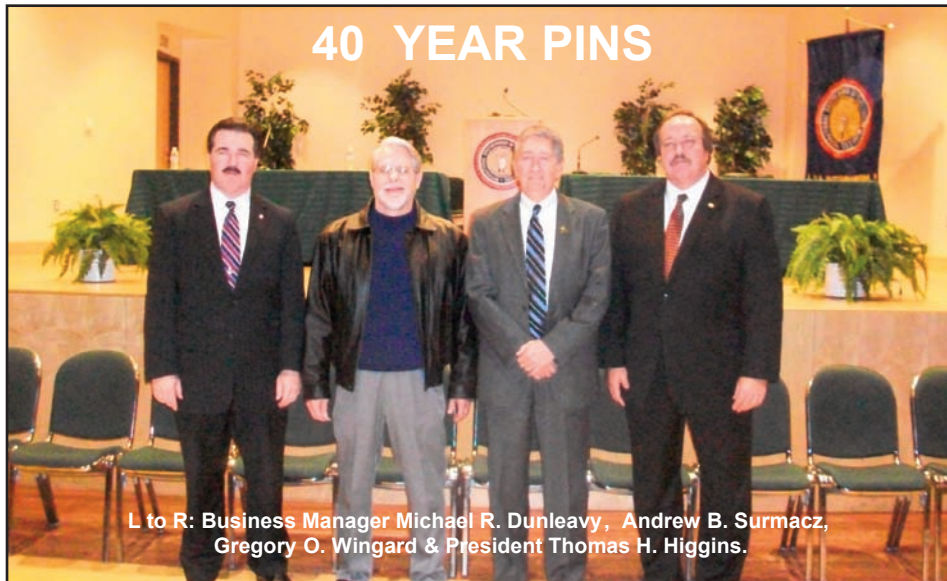
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35 YEAR PINS



L to R: Business Manager Michael R. Dunleavy, Daniel J. Pfendler, Joseph D. Ciufu, Dennis G. Caylor, Joseph G. Harper, Jr. & President Thomas H. Higgins.

40 YEAR PINS



L to R: Business Manager Michael R. Dunleavy, Andrew B. Surmacz, Gregory O. Wingard & President Thomas H. Higgins.

TWENTY YEAR PINS

Jeffrey S. Anderson	Thomas A. Duncan	Steven C. King	Richard Rush
Donald M. Ayers	John R. Durkin	Lawrence J. Kirby	Darell J. Rydbom
Joseph M. Bacha	Robert J. Emricko	Joseph J. Klein	Travis R. Saeler
Paul R. Barbour	Kenneth L. Evancheck	Nicholas B. Kocelko	Steven T. Schneider
David M. Barry	Daniel E. Farrell	Jeffrey A. Kubit	John G. Sentesi
Gerald G. Beach, Jr.	Leticia M. Fedora	Larry A. Leamer	Keith R. Shaffer
Eric J. Beckes	Joseph A. Fedyshyn	Roy C. Lewandowski	Timothy G. Snyder
David A. Belasco, II	Kailit T. Finau	Gary P. Lutz	James R. Sokira
Craig M. Bigler	Terri A. Flippin	Kevin C. Lynn	Roy A. Speicher, Jr.
Kirk G. Blum	Chester J. Frantz	Gregory A. Lyons	Wayne E. Staley
John W. Bogacki	Todd Z. Freund	Michael J. Mahon, Jr.	Chris J. Strnisa
Joseph G. Borkowski	Robert P. Gallagher	John R. McCracken	Adam N. Taylor
James M. Bradburn	Stephen M. Gendron	Dennis M. McCrea	Dennis J. Terreri
John W. Bratkowski	Francis R. Gesselberry	David A. Miller	Ronald W. Thomas
Richards A. Bruschi	Robin E. Giles	Kenneth F. Morris, Jr.	Lenni Todd
Robert A. Bufalini	Daniel Govora	David B. Morrison	Gregory S. Vansach
Timothy J. Caylor	Keith R. Gregowich	William J. Ninehouser	Michael J. Vitanza
Ronald H. Cormier	John M. Hirleman	Roger P. Nixon	Thomas E. Weber
Anthony J. Cortazzo, III	Grand D. Hoffman	Darryl K. Noal	Curtis J. Wilber
James G. Crawford	Mark J. Hovanec	Steven Olean	Chris J. Wilhelm
Daniel J. Cuffin	William P. Hruby	Scott T. Pasi	Randy M. Williams
Vincent M. Dandrea	David S. Huff	Jon T. Pferdehirt	Stephen W. Willing
Keith E. Dorko	Thomas A. Kalinowski	George C. Piper	Bruce J. Yoch
David W. Dudkiewicz	Adaryll Kelley	Michael E. Quidetto	
Dean R. Dumann	Kevin J. Kelsch	Jeffrey P. Rouda	

TWENTY FIVE YEAR PINS

Michael E. Allen	Scott R. Corbin	Edward J. Hassenfratz	Timothy A. Pielmeier
Floyd A. Argyle	David L. Dobies	Kirk M. Hoak	Barry Plance
Kenneth E. Baldauf	Scott E. Dobson	Scott L. Holdsworth	Andrew M. Psenick
Patrick J. Barnes	James P. Durkin	Timothy J. Holtzman	Richard A. Redding
Ralph A. Bell	James Dvorsky	David B. Hughes	Charles E. Reigh
Mark R. Brown	William J. Farabaugh	Thomas W. Hunter	William P. Remele
John A. Buch	James D. Felix	David W. Jones, Jr.	Mark S. Rodgers
Gary W. Cain	Alfred L. Franklin, III	Richard L. Keirn, Jr.	Donald Schnellbach
David A. Canovali	Robert A. Funtal	Daniel J. Kenney	Richard E. Schwartz
Kevin J. Canovali	James F. Fuss	Lenane Mack	Ricky P. Shultz
Michael J. Canovali	Paul A. Gaus	Kurt G. Maenz	William A. Speth, III
Joseph J. Church	James R. Gillespie	John A. McIntyre	Dennis D. Staines
Douglas P. Clingan	James B. Glass	Charles A. Moss, Jr.	Gregory P. Staudt
Bruce J. Cogan	Thomas E. Gruber	John J. Niznik	Mark A. Wilk
Jeffrey Coleman	Todd D. Gurne	Peter T. Pane, II	Dale C. Wynn

THIRTY YEAR PINS

Robert L. Anderson	Dean P. Ingold	James W. Nagy	Randy M. Scott
Raymond A. Briscoe	James C. Kirch	Ronald G. Novorolsky	Thomas J. Smith, Jr.
David T. Butler	Andrew M. Krall	David Pankowski	Donald H. Stewart, Jr.
Francis L. Campbell, III	Gerry J. Kristobek	David M. Perry	Michael J. Sticha
Ronald K. Driscoll	Louis G. Kuemmerle	Charles R. Petronie	Walter S. Talor, Jr.
Thomas J. Durkin	Dean H. Labby	John J. Pozyski	David M. Thomas
Regis L. Etzel, Jr.	Daniel P. Loftis	William T. Redding	Donald D. Uebing
Paul J. Ferry	Timothy J. Lohle	Chris M. Rodden	Chris J. Unger
Nicholas J. Geffel, Jr.	Gale A. Lorenzi	James M. Rosenblatt	Dan Z. Volzer
Robert H. Hayes	George P. Mageras, Jr.	James M. Ruane	James P. Voye
Scott A. Henzler	Gregg G. Maley	Robert M. Ruyak	Harry J. Wilson, Jr.
Michael D. Holland	Joseh M. Marcheleta	James M. Saeler	John S. Zine

THIRTY FIVE YEAR PINS

Ronald L. Ather	Terrence E. Connell, Jr.	James C. Linn	Kenneth M. O'Kain
James H. Benton	Frank A. Devola	David T. McNeil	Daniel J. Pfendler
Juencio Carranza, Jr.	Thomas P. Hanlon, III	Arthur J. Moncini	David R. Schuchert, Sr.
Dennis G. Caylor	Joseph G. Harper, Jr.	Anthony W. Mond	Thomas S. Skubel
Joseph D. Ciufu	Gary L. Landefeld	Gregory P. Norris	

FORTY YEAR PINS

Dennis J. Glasgow	Bertram B. Holmes	Andrew B. Surmacz	Gregory O. Wingard
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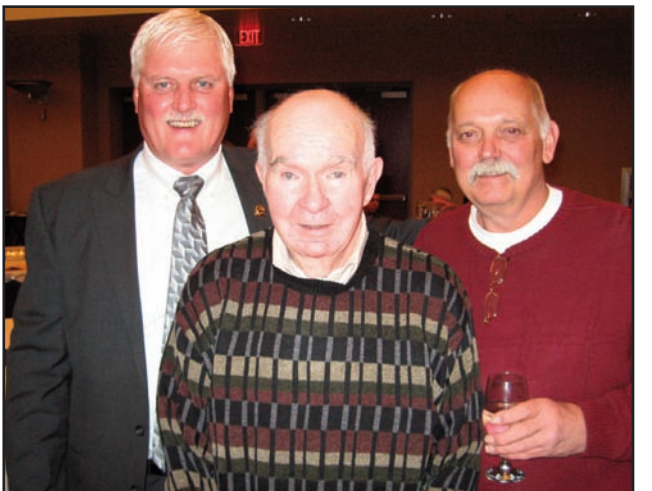
David C. Kronenwetter



Pictures by Walter Bentley & Leticia Fedora

CHRISTMAS PARTY IN PITTSBURGH





REPORT OF LEGAL COUNCIL - JOSHUA M. BLOOM

You suffer an injury at work, and your employer says you must treat with a particular doctor. Must you treat with that doctor, and what will happen if you do not?

To answer those questions, you must ask yourself the following:

1) Did your employer or its insurance company provide you with a list of at least six (6) health care providers with whom you can treat?

2) If your employer provided you with such a list, are at least three (3) of those health care providers physicians, and are no more than (4) of those providers coordinated care organizations?

3) Did your employer provide you with **written** notification of your rights and duties regarding your choice of medical provider?

4) If you received that written notification, did your employer or its insurance company ask you for your **written** acknowledgment (e.g. your signature) that you were informed and understood your rights regarding your choice of medical provider?

If your answer to **any** of these questions is "no," then you always have the right to treat with any medical provider of your choosing, even right after your work accident.

If your answer to **all** of these questions is "yes," your employer and its insurance company might be able to refuse to pay for your medical treatment if you do not treat with a medical provider included on the list of medical providers you received. Keep in mind, however, your employer or its insurance company cannot require you to treat with any par-

ticular facility or doctor on that list. Also, the restriction of treating with only a listed medical provider applies to only your first ninety (90) days of treatment. After those ninety (90) **days**, you can treat with any medical provider of your choosing so long as you notify your employer or its insurance company of your new medical provider within five (5) days of your first visit with your new medical provider.

Also, keep in mind you always can obtain emergency medical treatment from a medical provider of your choice. Furthermore, employers and their insurance companies can never refuse to pay you wage loss benefits simply because you choose to treat with a particular medical provider.

Often, employers and their insurance companies do not comply with any of the requirements mentioned above but still tell injured workers they must treat with a certain facility or doctor. If you are the injured worker in that circumstance, do not believe your employer or its insurance company. If you do, you may end up treating unnecessarily with facilities that do not provide you with the best medical care or do not have your best interests in mind. Instead, know your rights, and call our office (412-288-6000) right away for a free consultation regarding any questions you may have.

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HARRISBURG REPORT - DAN DEASY

I am serving my third term as a State Representative. I take great pride in being able to take part in efforts in Harrisburg that promote and preserve unions. My dad was an educator, school principal and a PSEA member, and I am a former member of the Laborer's Union and AFSCME. I know the value of hard work. We must do what we can to support unions and recognize the importance of preserving family-sustaining jobs.

As we move forward in the 2013-14 state budget, it is critical that the Governor and the majority leadership be reasonable with their initiatives that are focused on corporation and big business giveaways. All tax credits are not bad. For example, the film tax credit generated much-needed revenue for our state as we realized a \$7 return on every \$1 invested. It is imperative that we strike the balance when we look at tax credits. We must ensure we are sufficiently funding transportation, education and the like.

We must ensure that the main focus of this year's budget address our transportation needs. Adequately funding the much-needed infrastructure improvements in Western Pennsylvania and across this state will not only address the dire conditions of our roads and bridges but also will guarantee the family-sustaining jobs.

The construction of the North

Shore Connector, the multi-million dollar light-rail extension, was an important first step in addressing the mass transit needs of the region. This step cannot be the last step. We must work collaboratively in Harrisburg to resolve our transportation crisis and establish a long term plan to fund transportation needs in our state. Only then will we be able to set long-term goals with regard to mass transit as it relates to expanding our light rail service in this region. We should have goals of taking this light-rail service out to the airport, to Oakland, the North Hills, Monroeville or other areas bordering our city to make the City of Pittsburgh a true metro hub, just like other cities such as Philadelphia, Washington, D.C. and New York.

Continued mass transit expansion in our region will create thousands of family-sustaining jobs and be a tremendous boost to our region's economy. I look forward to the process with hopeful optimism that politics will be put aside and that the major transportation funding crisis can be addressed during this year's budget process.

Rep. Deasy represents the 27th District comprised of Part of ALLEGHENY County and parts of the CITY of Pittsburgh



Caring Place Offers Hope

"When my father died, I didn't know how I was going to live my life. I felt like I was stuck in a dark tunnel.

At the Caring Place, I found the light of hope."

—Megan, 15
Caring Place teen

One out of 20 children will have a parent die before they graduate high school. Many more children experience the death of a brother or sister, close grandparents, aunts and uncles, or friends.

Yet, as many children as this is, a grieving child often feels isolated and alone, different from all of his or her classmates, friends, and peers. Grieving children feel alone and afraid, heart-broken and devastated.

When a family member dies, a child's life is turned upside down. The impact is shattering—nothing is ever the same. It is often the defining moment of their lives.

These children need help and support. The Highmark Caring Place is a safe place where grieving children and families can come together and be with others who understand what they're going through. An essential community

resource, the Caring Place offers services at no charge to grieving families from throughout the community.

Recently, members of the Board of Directors of the Builders Guild of Western Pennsylvania took the opportunity to tour the Caring Place to learn firsthand of the services that are available to children and their families throughout Pennsylvania and through similar programs available in other parts of the country. It's a service that can provide much needed comfort and hope to grieving children and their families, whether they lose someone through natural causes or the suddenness that can occur as a result of a fatal accident on a construction site.

"On the average day, two or three construction workers in this country will die as a result of a workplace accident," said Jason Fincke, Executive Director of the Builders Guild. "When such accidents occur, children, and in many cases young

children, lose one of their primary support systems that can never be replaced. It can leave children feeling isolated and alone at the most vulnerable times of their lives. The Caring Place offers these children and their families an opportunity to better understand and cope with their feelings, helping them to move forward at their own pace without external expectations."

The Caring Place in Pittsburgh opened its doors in 1997, while facilities in Erie and just outside of Harrisburg began in 2001 and 2003, respectively. The most recent site was dedicated in the Warrendale/Cranberry region in early 2009. The focus of the Caring Place is consistent across the facilities, regardless of geographic location—to make a difference in the lives of grieving children.

The Highmark Caring Place provides peer support, where the children who attend come to know that they are not alone in their experiences and feelings. They and their families get support and encouragement from each other, facilitated by a caring community made up of professionals, trained volunteers, and other children and adults who have also experienced a death. Since the opening of the first Caring Place in 1997, the program has

served more than 70,000 family and community members.

The larger mission of the Highmark Caring Place is to raise awareness in the community of the needs of grieving children and how to respond to them. Referral services, adult telephone support, and educational programs and resources for grieving children and families are also provided, as well as consultation services, educational presentations and resources for schools and other professionals in the community who work with children.

This mission is not just regional, but is national and even international in scope. Through all of its activities, the work of the Caring Place is to make a difference in the lives of grieving children. It's a service that members of IBEW Local Union #5, their families and everyone in the community should know is available for them and their neighbors.

For more information about the Highmark Caring Place, visit its website at www.highmarkcaringplace.com.

By Andrea Lurier
Program Manager, Child Grief
Specialist
The Highmark Caring Place

From the North by Jim Saeler



Hallstrom/Clark at Green Line Polymer—Clarion. L to R: Brian Crawford, Mark Miller, Dennis Gray & James Yeckley.



O'Brien Elect at Primary Health Network—Clarion. Shawn McWilliams & Jesse Haag.

From the Near - North by Rich Dunkel



Yates Electric at Hatfields Ferry Power Station. Spring Outage 2013



Ferry Electric crew at Myan. L to R: Kathryn Brown, Jeff Kubit, Don Colaric, Gary Huffman, Chad Crespy & Chad Davis.

From the North by Bob Kutz



Geissinger Hospital in State College, Pa L to R: Brian Krug, Pat Kopera, Jon Peterson, Hap Anderson, Scott Sweeney, Dustin Miller, James Crispell, Mark Brown and Dan Sherwood.



Ice Mountain Project, Henkels & McCoy. L to R: Andy Lee, Matt Kush, Clarke Mangen, Ken Kosjer, Todd Himes & Darrell Kimble

From the Far North - East by Jeff Miller



Guarantee Electric at Brockway Glass. L to R: Jesse Hague, Mike Kincaid, Don Hubler, Chris Fisanick, Marty Geci, Lyle Jenkins, Ron Cormier, Andy Given, Dave Bianconi, John Jones, Rod Senior



BCU Electric at Conemaugh generating station. L to R: Tim Stroke, Bob Kerr, Rick Shultz, & Jesse Willhelm.

AROUND OUR JURISDICTION

TV TALK

BY James M. Ryan II

It has been over 10 months since the transfer from Local 385 to Local 5 took place. I feel that the transition has gone very well. Yes, there have been a few adjustments to differences in the cultures of the two locals, but nothing that we can't all adjust to. In the next few months, there will be a vote to change the by-laws of the Local. These changes will include the increase in the dues structure as outlined by our Business Manager, Mike Dunleavy, before the merger was being discussed. You will get more information as to the changes in the near future.

Now I would like to discuss an issue that could have a very detrimental effect on the Local in the near future. That issue is training. We have a deficiency in the number of qualified technicians in several different departments. These include Technical Director, EVS, Video, Score Box, and Audio 1. The reason that this could be detrimental to the Local is that the most important thing that any union has to offer is a technically competent labor pool. If we do not have this to offer, then our signatories have to go elsewhere to get the qualified technicians that they require. The more often they have to do this, the less opportunity for Local members. If this becomes the norm, our signatories will begin to question the need to be a signatory at all.

Currently we have both the Pirates' and the Penguins' seasons overlapping. At times, this causes the crewing agents to exhaust those that they "deem acceptable and qualified" from the union's referral list and they travel technicians from other cities to work here. This is a practice that Local 5 wants to see diminished or eliminated because we have plenty of members with the raw skills to fill these positions. These members just need the opportunities to work with the equipment to hone their skills.

As for our members that work at TV stations, I recommend that you should constantly look for opportunities to learn new skills and positions especially with the introduction of ever changing technology. This will not only make you invaluable to your employer, but could lead to other freelance work opportunities. Feel free to contact me for information on how to find other work opportunities.

Having a well trained and competent union labor pool has great benefits. This can be seen in the new work opportunities coming soon through Fox Sports 1 and Fox Sports 2. These are two new cable networks that will begin televising regional sporting events across the country later this year. Since we have a talented union labor pool, Fox Sports 1 and 2 did not hesitate to recognize IBEW Local 5 as their labor provider. Now we have to keep it that way by helping other members hone their skills, and keep our Local strong. Local 5 is also looking into ways to use local facilities to train our members on the latest equipment. This, combined with our members, being willing to share their knowledge with other members will continue to make Local 5 the regional resource for well trained and competent union TV broadcast technicians.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at 412-432-1400.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY



Wellington Power at Evergreen Heights Data Center. Front L to R: Larry Kirby, Isaac McCrea, Don Kuhn. Back L to R: Jason Wetzel, Glenn Almasy, Bob Ciorra & Gary Pritchard.



Scalise Industries at PNC Customer Service Center. Front L to R: Mike Miller, Mark Siwik, Greg Lang, Chad Huber, Back L to R: Larry Baumiller, Randy Barie, Bill Dilonardo & Brian Wiefing.

Local No. 5 Endorsements



Business Manager Michael R. Dunleavy
and Pittsburgh Mayor Candidate Jack Wagner

PA Superior Court Jack McVay (D)

PITTSBURGH

Mayor Jack Wagner (D)

City Council District 2 Theresa Smith (D)

City Council District 4 Natalia Rudiak (D)

City Council District 6 Daniel Lavelle (D)

Pittsburgh School Board

District 1	Sylvia Wilson
District 5	Terry Kennedy
District 7	Cindy Falls
District 9	Carolyn Klug

Pennsylvania 42nd House Seat Special Election

Daniel Miller (D)

Allegheny County

Sheriff	Bill Mullen	(D)
Common Pleas Judge	Paul Cozza	(D)
Common Pleas Judge	P.J. Murray	(D)
Common Pleas Judge	Jennifer Satler	(D)
Common Pleas Judge	Mark Tranquilli	(D)
County Council Distict 1	Daniel McClain	(D)
County Council District 3	Ed Kress	(R)
County Council District 4	Michael Finnerty	(D)
County Council District 8	Charles Martoni	(D)
County Council District 9	Robert Macey	(D)
County Council District 12	Jim Ellenbogen	(D)

Blair County

Altoona

Mayor	John Pentland
City Council	Dave Butterbaugh
City Council	Mike Haire
City Council	Matt Casciotto

Altoona School Board

John Donley
John Klingeman
Elizabeth Chapman
Skip Dry
Romy Styrer Slogik

Hollidaysburg School Board

Dean Rossi
Robert Sommer
Robert Jodon
Scott Brenneman

Altoona Study Commission

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Apprenticeship holds its First Annual “CPR SHOOT-OUT”

BY Ken Morris

The JATC recently received its greatest update to our First Aid/CPR Training program in the form of a new mannequin that is a computer input to your lap-top. Everything in this program is monitored such as depth of compression, rate of your compression, release rates, and the effectiveness of your ventilation. The program even assigns a percentage upon completion of practice, indicating how many compressions and ventilations where correctly administered. This prompted the students to compete against each other during their regular classes, trying to achieve the high score, keeping tabs on the progress of other classes from different days of the week, in the hopes of having bragging rights. Most of the students really liked the program since their progress was noted instantly on screen, causing them to make corrections to their application of CPR while they were actually practicing. It was treated almost like a video game, and we all know how the younger generation values a good video game.

Since the program seemed to be so much more successful than in the past, we decided to hold a contest to see who the best of the best really was. Since the 1st and 2nd year apprentices recently finished the course, we pitted the best from those two years against each other until we found a champ. We solicited our vendors for prize packages, and where overwhelmed with products from Cardello Electric Supply, Klein Tools, and Pro-Am Safety. Each of these companies is the true champion of our industry, giving freely for the betterment of our program. Prize packages where donated for the top three p participants, and awards were given to all who completed the program.

This year’s big winners are as follows:

1st Place – Travis Boger 2nd Year

2nd Place – Ben Kadora 2nd Year

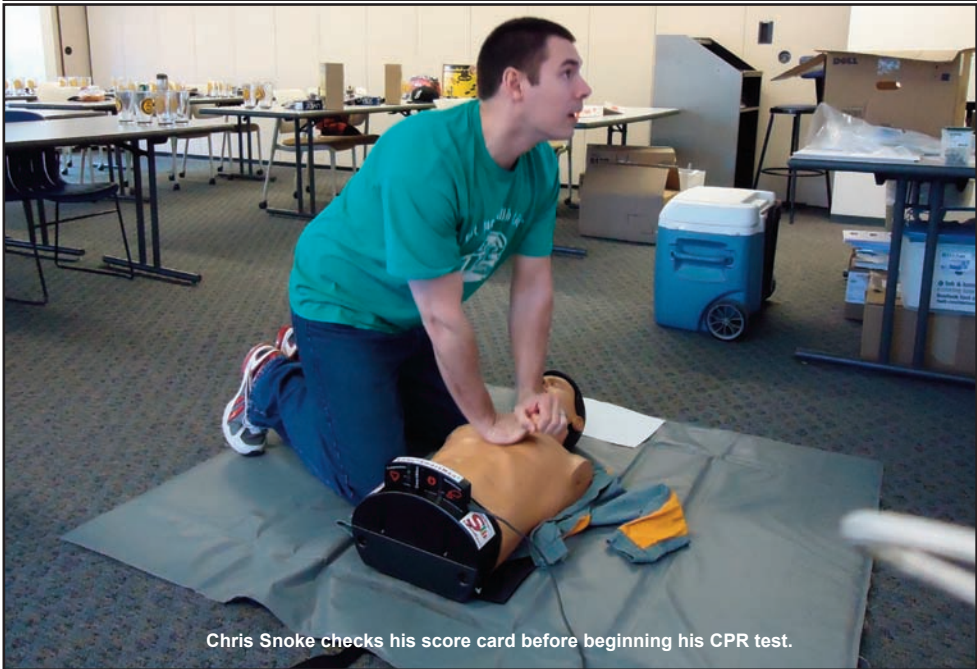
3rd Place – John Kukulski 2nd Year

Special thanks go out to all of the apprentices who p articipat-ed. Next year we hope to open it up to more of the appren-ticeship, and crown a winner again.

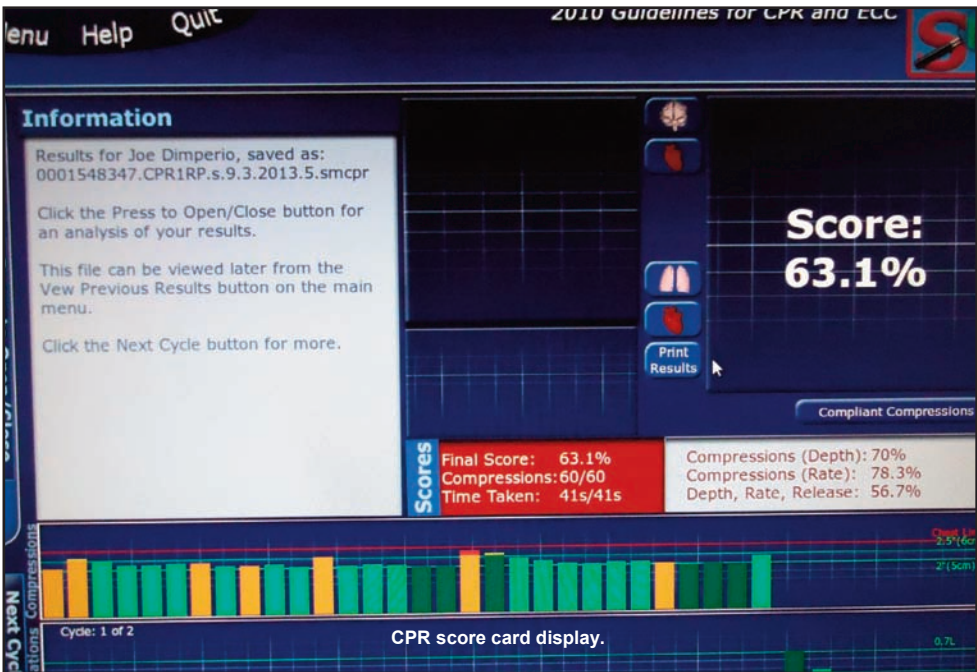
Why not sign up for a First Aid/CPR class. You just may enjoy being part of your own contest while there. Until next time, work safely and enjoy your spring and summer.



‘CPR-SHOOTOUT’ Participants L-R, Joe Dimperio, John Kukulski, Samantha Stowe, Chris Walker, Yahru Hood-Wilkerson, Ben Kadora, Chris Snoke, Travis Boger.



Chris Snoke checks his score card before beginning his CPR test.



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James A. Zink	Aug.	14,	1940	-	Oct.	10,	2012
George J. Sullivan, Jr.	Sept.	9,	1941	-	Nov.	4,	2012
Robert E. Hallstrom	March	11,	1934	-	Nov.	5,	2012
Alfonso M. Colpo	May	3,	1932	-	Nov.	10,	2012
Donald C. Collins	Oct.	20,	1945	-	Dec.	8,	2012
Robert G. Gardill	Dec.	16,	1928	-	Dec.	16,	2012
Alfred E. McBurney, Jr.	Oct.	17,	1956	-	Dec.	19,	2012
Milton F. Henzler	June	7,	1927	-	Jan.	3,	2013
John E. Trees	March	28,	1921	-	Jan.	11,	2013
Kenneth C. Ochs	Sept.	12,	1919	-	Jan.	18,	2013
Carl F. Voll	Oct.	9,	1924	-	Jan.	19,	2013
Allen G. Simon	Aug.	17,	1938	-	Jan.	29,	2013
Arthur A. Kloes	Jan.	12,	1926	-	Feb.	12,	2013
Lonnie Green, III	March	25,	1945	-	Feb.	16,	2013
Edwin C. Bailey, Jr.	Aug.	4,	1932	-	March	16,	2013
Joseph Froncek	July	22,	1922	-	March	21,	2013
Richard F. Weber	Jan.	23,	1921	-	March	26,	2013
John P. Gruber, Sr.	July	2,	1928	-	March	29,	2013
James L. Stack	April	7,	1920	-	April	9,	2013

Deceased Active Members

Eric L. Wyant	Aug.	30,	1966	-	Dec.	23,	2012
Frank R. Wakefield	Dec.	17,	1964	-	Jan.	13,	2013
William P. King	June	30,	1959	-	March	19,	2013

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