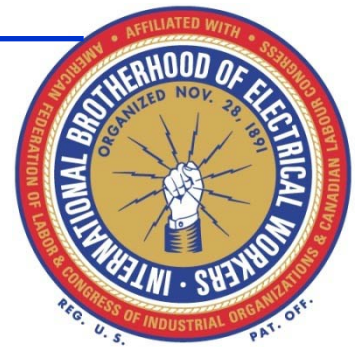


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Local Union 126, IBEW

Organizer

Joseph Martin

Joseph Martin is the newly appointed Organizer for Local Union 126, IBEW. His appointment became effective August 2, 2010. Joe has been a member for 16 years and has worked for various contractors from our jurisdiction.

Joe graduated the NEAT program in April of 1998. In addition, Joe earned an associate's degree in mechanical drafting and was awarded a Medal of Commendation for his 8 years of service with the PA Army National Guard.

Daniel Schadler will assist Joe in his responsibilities which will include: submitting Membership Development Reports to the International, stripping qualified employees from non-union contractors and ensuring the prevailing wage laws are adhered to by non-union contractors.



UPCOMING EVENTS

TYNDALE CLOTHING SALE

September 25, 2010

8 AM to NOON

Calvin R. Peterson Training School
522 Colver Road
Ebensburg, PA 15931

Workers Compensation

Seminar for YOU!

Know Your Rights!

Remember this date

October 12, 2010

A Workers Compensation Seminar will take place prior to the Monroeville, PA Union Meeting. Food and drinks will be provided. Please arrive at 5:30 pm to eat, ask questions and learn about your Workers Compensation Rights!

The strength of our Union is directly related to our Professionalism and Productivity.

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Getting the most from your plan **Delta Dental PPO**

PPO dentist

Although you can visit any dentist, you'll usually pay less when you visit a Delta Dental PPO dentist.

- Delta Dental PPO dentists agree to accept Delta Dental PPO contracted fees as full payment.
- Your share of the bill will likely be lower than when you visit a non-Delta Dental Dentist.

Find a Delta Dental PPO dentist

To find current listing of our network dental offices:

- Visit our web site and click on "Find a Dentist" on our home page.
- Select "Delta Dental PPO" as your plan network.

Is your dentist a Delta Dental PPO dentist?

We recommend that you verify your current dentist's participation in the Delta Dental PPO network. Simply asking if a dentist "accepts Delta Dental" does not guarantee he or she is a PPO dentist.

- Ask specifically if he or she is a **contracted Delta Dental PPO dentist**.
- You should verify your dentist's participation before each dental appointment.

Maximum choice

The Delta Dental Premier® network — our larger network consisting of 80 percent of dentist locations nationwide — provides cost-saving features and is the next best option if you can't find a PPO dentist. You can find a Premier dentist using our online dentist directory.

- Premier dentists' contracted fees are usually slightly higher than PPO dentists' contracted fees.
- Premier dentists will not bill you above their contracted fees, so you still receive cost protections not available with a non-Delta Dental dentist.

Easy to use

- No ID card is required to receive services; simply provide the dental office with your group number and social security or enrollee ID number.
- No claim forms to file — Delta Dental dentists file claim forms for you and accept payment directly from Delta Dental.
- After a claim has been processed, you will receive a Dental Benefit Statement from Delta Dental. This document lists the services provided and costs of the dental treatment.

Dual coverage/Coordination of benefits

If your spouse has coverage with another dental plan, you or your family members may be covered by both dental plans.*

- The two plans will likely coordinate benefits to potentially lower your out-of-pocket costs.
- Ask your dentist to submit the other plan's Explanation of Benefits with the Delta Dental claim form and we'll take it from there.

Visit our web site: www.deltadentalins.com

On our web site, you can:

- Find a dentist in our online directory
- Review benefits
- Check claims status
- Print an ID card and much more

To access some services, you'll need to log in: simply enter your user name and password in the designated boxes and submit. If you are visiting our web site for the first time, you'll need to complete a quick one-time registration process by clicking the "Register Today" link.

Talk to your dentist about your health and treatment options

When you visit the dentist, be sure to share your dental and medical history and any prior complications. Dentists can identify signs of more serious health conditions and should be made aware of health information that may be critical to your dental care.

Questions about your plan?

If you have questions, you can check your benefits and eligibility information on our web site or on our interactive voice response telephone line. For more information, you may also contact us by e-mail or call one of our helpful multilingual Customer Service representatives toll-free during business hours. Please use the appropriate number listed at the left for your local Customer Service.

LOCAL 126 MEMBERS



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Left to Right: Eric Lilly, Paul Papcunik, Rob Williams, Scott Dutton, and Sean Shorter



NEW RIVER

Left to Right: John Latham, Scott Hearn, Don Lowman, John Wagner, and Jeff Caudill



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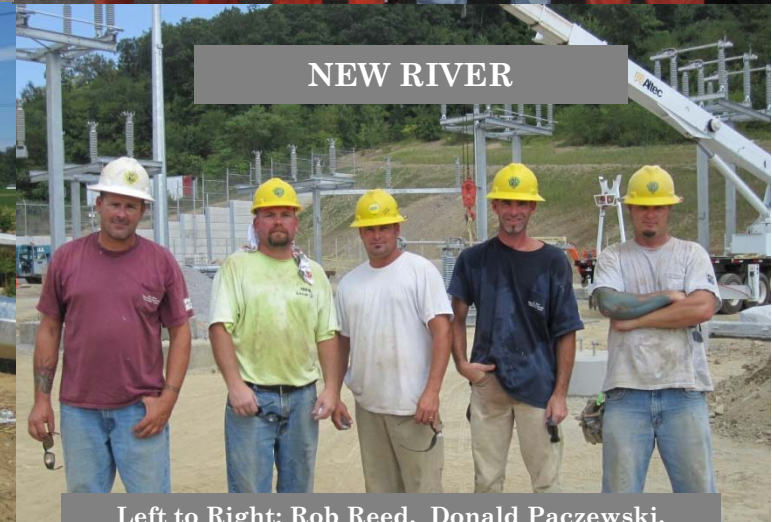
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Left to Right: Doug Gault, Mike Jenkins, Josh Brumbaugh, and Dave Brown



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Left to Right: John Owad, Steve Stadelmeyer, Joe Cleaver, and John Lankford



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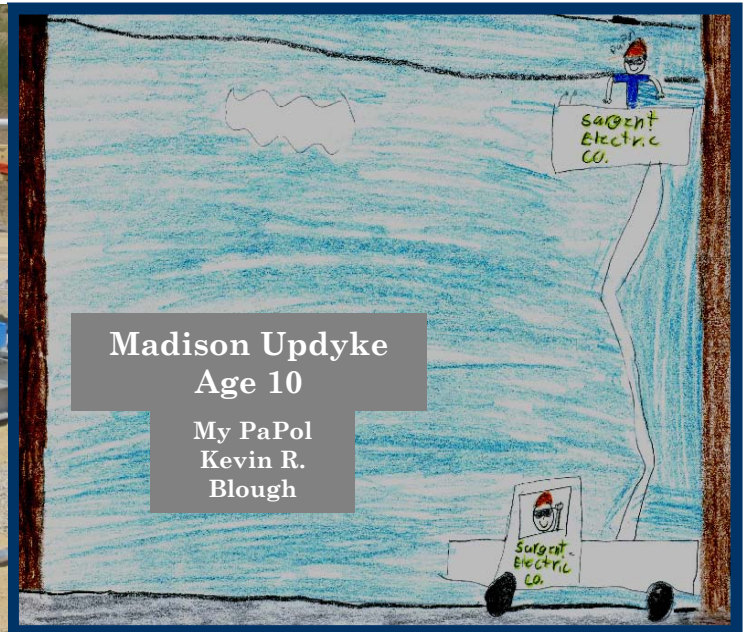
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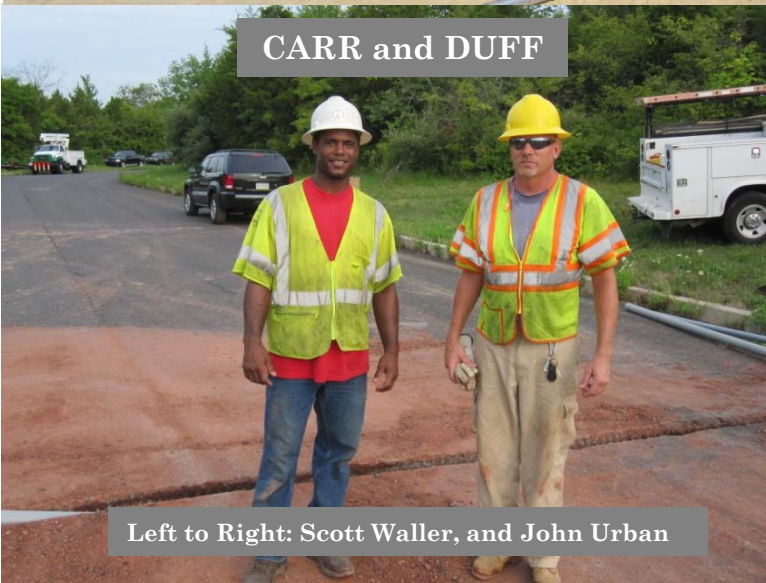
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Left to Right: Scott Waller, and John Urban



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Left to Right: Jim Buchanan, Raul Ward, Rich Furs, Ray Domalewski, John Halter, Ted Galanos, and Troy Humphries



THREE PHASE TRANSFORMER

Left to Right: Steve Lutz Instructor, Mike Simmonds, John Illig, John Kephart, John Aiman, Ben Cole, Nathan Lorah, Dominick Morgan, Mark George, and Tony McCullion Instructor

MONTHLY MEETINGS

- 1st Tuesday, Local Union 7:00 PM L.U. #380, I.B.E.W.,
3900 Ridge Pike, Collegeville, PA
- 2nd Tuesday, 126-3 (C&U) 7:00 PM
Holiday Inn, 2750 Mossdale Blvd.
Monroeville, PA
- Monday before 2nd Tuesday 126-2 (C&U) 7:00 PM
Harbor Inn, Philipsburg, PA
- Wednesday after 2nd Tuesday 126-4 (C&U) 7:00 PM
Municipal Bldg. 300 High Street, Ebensburg,
PA
- 3rd Thursday, 126-1 (C&U) 7:00 PM
Crowne Plaza, Paper Mill Road,
Reading, PA
- 3rd Tuesday, 126-13 (C&U) 7:00 PM
Holiday Inn Express, Rt. 13, Harrington, DE.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS (January, April, July, October)

- 1st Thursday, 126-5 6:00 PM
LU 313, I.B.E.W., 814 W. Basin Rd. (Rt. 141),
New Castle, DE,
(Conectiv TT)
- 3rd Thursday, 126-6 (LC) 7:00 PM
L.U. #1307, I.B.E.W., 1 Mile South, Delmar, MD,
Old Route #13
(Conectiv TT)

(March, June, September, December)

- 1st Monday, 126-7 (M) 4:00 PM
2501 Grant Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa
- 4th Monday, 126-8 (U-Maint.) 1:00 & 4:30 PM
Delta Fire Hall, Delta, PA
- 4th Monday, 126-9 (LC) 7:00 PM Hilton Garden Inn
815 E. Baltimore Pike, Kennett Square, PA
(Conowingo & PECO TT)
- 3rd Monday, 126-10 (LC) 7:00 PM
L.U. # 380, I.B.E.W., 3900 Ridge Pike,
Collegeville,
PA (PECO T.T.)

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETINGS (May & October)

- Thursday before 2nd Friday, 126-12, 6:00 PM
Local Union 229, 555 Willow Springs Lane,
York PA (Tele)
- 2nd Friday, 126-11, 1:00 PM
VFW Post, Rt. 522, Mt. Union, PA (Tele)

NOTICE OF CHANGE TO INTERNATIONAL PORTION OF UNION DUES

At the 37th International Convention, the delegates approved several changes to the IBEW Constitution. Accordingly, the following rates will apply to the I.O. portion of all monthly dues payments covering January 2009 and thereafter:

| | <u>"A" Members</u> | <u>"BA" Members</u> |
|---------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Per Capita: | \$12.00 | \$12.00 |
| Pension Fund: | <u>\$14.00</u> | <u>Not Applicable</u> |
| Total: | \$26.00 | \$12.00 |

In accordance with the IBEW Constitution, \$12.00 per month shall go into the General Fund, and the additional amount paid by our "A" members of \$14.00 per month shall go into the IBEW Pension Benefit Fund.

The Local Union portion of your Union Dues will remain unchanged.

Members who remit their dues by check shall include the amounts listed below for the January, February and March 2011 quarter.

DUES INCREASE NOTICE LOCAL UNION 126, IBEW

As a result of an increase in The Pension Benefit Fund payments to the International Office, **EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2011** all basic dues payments shall be increased by \$1.00 per month to the following amounts:

| | Per Month | Per Quarter |
|---|--------------|----------------|
| Journeyman, Welders, Cable Splicers..... | \$29.80 | \$89.40 |
| Equipment Operators, 4 th , 5 th , 6 th , 7 th Period Apprentices, Tel/CATV Lineman, Installers, Splicers.... | \$28.80 | \$86.40 |
| All other "A" classifications..... | \$28.30 | \$84.90 |
| All "BA" classifications..... | \$14.30 | \$42.90 |

NOTICE:

Change of Meeting Location
The Union Meeting Location for Teledata members in York, PA has been changed. The new address is as follows:

Local Union 229, IBEW
555 Willow Springs Lane
York, PA 17406
6:00 pm

Weekly Accident and Sickness Benefit (Active Participant)

in the Local Union 126 H&W Fund

Your Benefits will begin:

If due to an accident- on the 1st day

If due to an illness- on the 8th day

When you are absent from work because of a **non-occupational accident**, or because of sickness so as to be totally disabled and wholly prevented from engaging in any and every business of occupation, and from performing any work for compensation or profit **not covered by Worker's Compensation**, weekly payments will be made to you, as described in the Summary of Benefits Schedule.

Summary of Benefits Schedule

Weekly benefit for weeks 1 through 6.....\$ 250.00

Weekly benefit for weeks 7 through 12.....\$ 300.00

Weekly benefit for weeks 13 through 18.....\$ 350.00

Weekly benefit for weeks 19 through 26.....\$ 400.00

Eligibility During Periods of Disability

If after an individual meets the eligibility requirements for a Coverage Quarter, he/she is unable to work because of either an occupational or non-occupational disability, he/she shall be credited for eligibility purposes with 40 hours of work for each week of such disability up to a maximum of 26 weeks in any 52 week period. All credits and benefits shall be based on a 7 day week.

If you file for Unemployment benefits, **you will not be eligible** for Weekly benefit payments but you may qualify to receive 40 hours of work credit towards eligibility purposes with a doctors note.

Top 5 Social Security Myths

Myth #1: Social Security is going broke.

Reality: There is no Social Security crisis. By 2023, Social Security will have a \$4.6 trillion surplus (yes, trillion with a 'T'). It can pay out all scheduled benefits for the next quarter-century with no changes whatsoever. After 2037, it'll still be able to pay out 75% of scheduled benefits—and again, that's without any changes. The program started preparing for the Baby Boomers' retirement decades ago. Anyone who insists Social Security is broke probably wants to break it themselves.

Myth #2: We have to raise the retirement age because people are living longer.

Reality: This is a red-herring to trick you into agreeing to benefit cuts. Retirees are living about the same amount of time as they were in the 1930s. The reason average life expectancy is higher is mostly because many fewer people die as children than they did 70 years ago. What's more, what gains there have been are distributed very unevenly—since 1972, life expectancy increased by 6.5 years for workers in the top half of the income brackets, but by less than 2 years for those in the bottom half. But those intent on cutting Social Security love this argument because raising the retirement age is the same as an across-the-board benefit cut.

Myth #3: Benefit cuts are the only way to fix Social Security.

Reality: Social Security doesn't need to be fixed. But if we want to strengthen it, here's a better way: Make the rich pay their fair share. If the very rich paid taxes on all of their income, Social Security would be sustainable for decades to come. Right now, high earners only pay Social Security taxes on the first \$106,000 of their income. But conservatives insist benefit cuts are the only way because they want to protect the super-rich from paying their fair share.

Myth #4: The Social Security Trust Fund has been raided and is full of IOUs

Reality: Not even close to true. The Social Security Trust Fund isn't full of IOUs, it's full of U.S. Treasury Bonds. And those bonds are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. The reason Social Security holds only treasury bonds is the same reason many Americans do: The federal government has never missed a single interest payment on its debts. President Bush wanted to put Social Security funds in the stock market—which would have been disastrous—but luckily, he failed. So the trillions of dollars in the Social Security Trust Fund, which are separate from the regular budget, are as safe as can be.

Myth #5: Social Security adds to the deficit

Reality: It's not just wrong—it's impossible! By law, Social Security's funds are separate from the budget, and it must pay its own way. That means that Social Security can't add one penny to the deficit.

Defeating these myths is the first step to stopping Social Security cuts. Can you share this list now?

Thanks for all you do.

**** IMPORTANT CHANGE ****

OSHA Outreach Training Program
New Limit of 7½ Hours of Training per Day

* 10-hour course required over minimum of 2 days

* 30-hour course required over minimum of 4 days

Who is Affected: All OSHA Authorized Outreach Trainers

What

- New requirements mandate
 - Maximum of 7½ hours of training in one day
 - 10-hour courses be delivered over a minimum of 2 days
 - 30-hour courses be delivered over a minimum of 4 days
- Trainers not meeting these requirements will not receive student completion cards

Why Did OSHA Change its Policy?

The emphasis of training should be on the quality of training and the trainees' ability to retain key safety information in order to recognize and avoid workplace hazards. Limiting training to more reasonable time increments will ensure higher quality safety training. Training days encompassing 11-13 hours are not conducive for worker learning and retention.

IMPORTANT

OSHA OUTREACH TRAINING PROGRAM
NEW "INTRODUCTION TO OSHA" REQUIRED
CONTENT

Effective immediately,

- Trainers must include this new two-hour "Introduction to OSHA" module in all courses
- Any courses presented after June 30, 2010 will not be issued cards if the "Introduction to OSHA" module was not completed

Dear Members,

The two recent above changes in the Ten Hour T & D and "Intro to OSHA" have been mandated by OSHA to become effective immediately. All future T & D classes will be taught over a two day time frame which will include Parts I and II respectively. The new policy will shorten the class time to approximately seven and a half hours per day.

There are two classes which have been modified to satisfy the new OSHA requirements.

Thank You, IBEW Local 126 OSHE

CRPTS - WEST

Sept 11th 2010 8:00 AM Part I
Sept 18th 2010 8:00 AM Part II

HHGTC – EAST

November 6th 2010 8:00 AM Part I
November 13th 2010 8:00 AM Part II

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