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CALL THEM BROTHER AND SISTER!

By Leticia Fedora



John Vento and Darlene Harris receive their Honorary Local 5 Membership plaques from Michael R. Dunleavy

On December 10, 2010, two friends of Local 5 were welcomed into the Local as honorary members. Mr. John Vento and Mrs. Darlene Harris were introduced to the membership as, not simply friends of Local 5, but a brother and a sister of Local 5. Both Mr. Vento and Mrs. Harris have worked, as activists and politically, to advance the concerns of the working class. Their work, politically in the community, has helped all members

of Local 5.

Mr. Vento, a World War II veteran, started his career at the Westinghouse Electric in East Pittsburgh. His interest in politics has taken him in many directions, but always with the worker in the forefront. Mr. Vento has served in many capacities, including Secretary-Treasurer of the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO and Director of the AFL-CIO

Committee on Political Education. He is currently a member of the Allegheny County Labor Council. His work in the political arenas of Pennsylvania has aided workers on many levels. He has been instrumental in many County, State and Federal elections, making sure that the interests of the working people are heard. Mr. Vento was also instrumental in securing the Project Labor Agreement with the Penn Hills School Board. Mr. Vento, upon being made an honorary member, said "I am honored to be a member of Local 5!"

Mrs. Darlene Harris, wife of Local 5 member John Harris, has been a community activist on the North Side for over 30 years. While trained as a dental hygienist, Mrs. Harris has worked diligently to make the Pittsburgh neighborhoods a better place to live. Mrs. Harris has served as President of the Spring Hill Civics League, an organization she has devoted over twenty years to. Mrs. Harris worked to start the North Side Leadership Conference and served on the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. She has also served as School Board Director for the Pittsburgh Board of Public Education for 10 years and is involved in the leadership of the Democratic Party. In 2006, Mrs. Harris was elect-

ed as Councilwoman for Pittsburgh District 1. She currently serves as City Council President, where she protects the rights of workers in our area. We welcome Mrs. Harris as a member of Local 5!

Mr. Vento and Mrs. Harris have shown us how politics and advocacy benefit Local 5. In the history of Local 5, politics and activism are a recurrent theme. In fact, more than recurrent, they are the constant thread; ensuring work, providing legal safeguards, bringing equality and further bettering the workplace for all workers. As Local 5 members, we are called on to vote, to sign petitions, to contact politicians, to handbill and to work for things that build, not only a better workplace, but a better community. We are now called upon to follow in the footsteps of our new brother, John Vento, and sister, Darlene Harris, and continue to work together to strengthen our voice for the workers! Thank you, and welcome Brother Vento and Sister Harris.

UNEMPLOYMENT FUND MAKES \$91,477 DISTRIBUTION!

Thanks to the generosity of many of our members we exceeded our goal of collecting \$20.00 for each of the Local Union No. 5 members who have enjoyed continuous employment. We collected \$45,293.35! The executive Board voted to contribute \$46,183.65 for a total of \$91,477.00. Which allowed us to distribute \$170.00 in Giant Eagle gift certificates to each member who has been continuously unemployed for one month on December 1st. The owners of Giant Eagle have been informed of this purchase and we have received their assurance of continuing our agreement of performing their construction services. The fund will stay open. Thank you to everyone who made a contribution no matter how small. Names of all donors are listed on page 4 of this newsletter.

MEMBERS ATTEND ONE NATION RALLY



Corner by Michael Dunleavy



When we became members of Local Union No. 5, we swore an oath containing the phrase "bear true allegiance to it", meaning to the I.B.E.W. Ask yourself if you are living up to those words in the oath you repeated with your right hand raised. I contend that if you do not vote and, more importantly, if you do not vote for the candidate recommended to you by the labor community and more specifically your Local Union, you are not honoring your commitment. The I.B.E.W. Local Union No. 5 Political Action Committee (PAC) investigates many candidates and makes recommendations. These candidates are supportive of pro-worker issues. It does not matter what their party affiliation is, as long as they represent your interests. The names of some of these candidates are listed in this newsletter. Please take it to the poles with you when you honor your commitment and vote. The PAC Committee cannot possibly research every candidate for every office so they concentrate on the major offices. You should research your local candidates for school board, municipal offices, magistrate, sheriff, etc. and determine who to support. If they are worthy of the support of Local Union No. 5 members, relay that information to the Political Action Committee. In making your decision, do not listen to radio or television commentators. They are not elected representatives. Their point of view serves a specific interest; usually, their own interest which is higher ratings by creating controversy. Do not watch, listen or call these programs. I also urge participation in the PAC Fund. Your contribution goes a long way in

securing employment opportunities, protecting workers rights and living up to your commitment to bear true allegiance to the I.B.E.W.

It was reported at the National Building Trades Conference in Washington, D.C. that the effects of this economic downturn in construction have been greater and have lasted longer than in the "Great Depression". National construction unemployment has exceeded 30%. Fortunately, due to the efforts of your local union, our unemployment is less than half of that figure. Work was improving rapidly in the month prior to the Governor's budget address. Since the introduction of his budget, work has slowed again further emphasizing the need to elect the right candidates. Please contact your state representative, state senator, congressman and Senator Toomey and tell them to support collective bargaining rights, project labor agreements and prevailing wage laws. If you do not know who your elected representative is or how to reach them, please contact the local union office.

I will conclude by thanking everyone who contributed to the "Unemployed Members Fund". The names of those that donated are listed in this issue of the newsletter. These individuals expressed true union sentiment by contributing to improve the Holidays for a fellow Local Union No. 5 member. Please remember that this fund will remain open all year to give more opportunity to donate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Dennis Eicker Retires



It is with a heavy heart that Local 5 says goodbye to Dennis E. Eicker, who retired on November 1, 2010. Denny has served as President of Local 5 since April 2007. He has been a member of Local 5 since 1976 and has served the Local and its members in many capacities. Denny, always known for his quick wit and hard work, will now have time to travel with his wife and enjoy his grandchildren. Best of Luck to you, Denny!

Thomas Higgins Appointed President



Upon Denny's retirement, Thomas Higgins was sworn in as President of Local 5. Tom has served the Local as Recording Secretary and Business Agent for several years. He serves as Trustee to the Pension, Insurance, Apprenticeship and LMCC Funds.

Tom will continue to serve as A Business Agent for Allegheny County. We wish Tom the best of luck in his new position.

William D. McCloy Retires



Examining Board member William D. McCloy retired on February 1, 2011. Bill, whose hard work and good nature made him a role model for all, will be greatly missed. Bill has been a member of Local 5 for 44 years! When asked about his retirement, Bill said that Local 5 was the "best thing that ever happened to me!" Bill will spend his free time volunteering at St. Januarius Church in Plum and enjoying time with his wife and sons.

James Voye has been appointed to serve on the Examining Board. Jim has been a member of Local 5 for 30 years and has been an instructor for the Apprenticeship Program for 5 years

Robert J. Gieder Retires



IBEW Local No. 5 Training Director Robert "Bob" J. Gieder has retired.

Since becoming a Journeyman Wireman in 1977 Bob worked as tirelessly in the field as he did for the Local. Bob was known nationally for his hard work on behalf of the NJATC and continues to serve as the Chairmen of the Pennsylvania State Apprenticeship Council.

Best of Luck to you, Bob!



Teamwork: The IBEW Way

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Active Members 20 To 45 Year Service Pin Recipients



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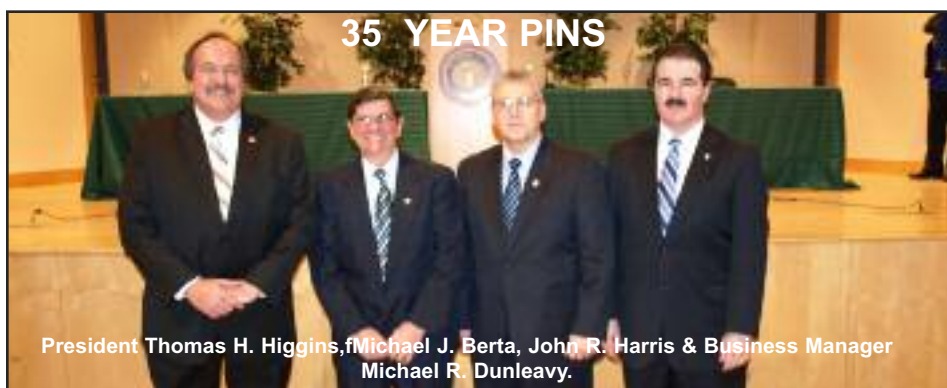
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President Thomas H. Higgins, Michael A. Krapf & Business Manager Michael R. Dunleavy.

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Local No. 5 Endorsed Candidates

2011 Primary Election

Tuesday, May 17th

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



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The skills of IBEW members on the job are well known across North America. But what other talents lie beneath the surface of the 725,000 men and women who make up our union? We want to find out. And that's why we are holding the first ever IBEW Has Talent contest to coincide with the year of our 38th International Convention.

Here's how it works:

- All participants must be IBEW members in good standing. In the case of a band or group act, at least one must be an IBEW member in good standing.
- All acts should submit a video of their performance to the International Office as part of their entry form. A team of judges will determine the top qualifying acts for each IBEW Vice Presidential district.
- The next round of competition will take place at the annual district progress meetings. Each qualifying video will be viewed and judged by participants at the contestant's district progress meeting. See adjoining table for a list of districts and deadlines
- The winning act from each district will be invited to the 38th International Convention in Vancouver, British Columbia, where they will compete live at the convention picnic on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011.
- The top three finishers will compete live in a final round of competition on Sept. 17, where a winner will be selected by the delegates. Why should the folks on television have all the fun? The IBEW Has Talent, and it's time to show off.

For more information contact: www.ibew.org

IBEW Local Union #5 Golf Club

IBEW Local Union #5 Golf Club is starting. This is our 35th year. We know it is hard to believe that it started way back in 1976. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Bucky Bianco, Glenn Almsy, Sr., Tom O'Donnell and many others, the Golf Club started then and still continues today. The retirees are a big part of the golf club with their participation in every event we have. Most of the retirees have been playing since the club started. A special thanks to all of you for making this 35th year possible.

We have another full schedule again this year. We start out on May 21st at Oak Lake once again. This course has been on our schedule every year for the past 34 years. As our usual custom, golf will be followed by our steak, shrimp and ribs dinner. Outing two on June 25th will be at Lake Arthur this year again, followed by the buffet dinner. July 16th we will go east of Pittsburgh. Our host will be Donegal Highlands. August 20th and 21st we will return to Mystic Rock and Nemaocolin Woodlands for a weekend of great golf. You may choose to play golf only, or play golf and stay with us Saturday night at the Holiday Inn in Uniontown, PA. The last outing of the year will be held at Ponderosa Golf Course in Hookstown, PA

Again, we have limited tee times for all outings. If you are not on the mailing list and want to golf in one or all five outings, just call Bob Guenther at 412-849-1988(cell) or at home 412-461-5702 or talk to anyone already in the golf club for more information. Act fast, May 21st will be here soon.



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 - Call for a referral to a food pantry www.unitedwaypittsburgh.org
- **Produce to People: 412-460-3663 x727**
 - Saturday morning distribution of food and produce at four locations. Site changes each week.
 - Bring boxes for the food.
 - Sponsored by the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank www.pittsburghfoodbank.org
- **Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank: 412-460-3663**
 - Distributes food the fourth Thursday of the month, 5:30pm-7:30pm
 - Location: 1 North Linden, Duquesne, PA 15110
 - Okay to walk-in
 - Bring boxes for the food
- **Angel Food Ministries: 1-877-366-3646**
 - An average of \$60 worth of food for \$30; monthly distribution
 - www.angelfoodministries.org
 - You can use food stamps to pay
- **Food Stamps (now called SNAP): 412-565-2146**
 - Screening for food stamps
 - Just Harvest, 412-431-8963
 - www.justharvest.org
 - Hunger Services Network, 866-395-3663

HEALTH CARE

www.unitedwaypittsburgh.org/FindHelp.aspx?id=196#uninsured for the Directory of Health Care for the Uninsured and Underinsured.

- **adultBASIC: 800-GO BASIC**
 - Covers basic healthcare needs of Pennsylvanians age 19-64 who have no health insurance and who meet eligibility requirements.
- **CHIP: 800-986-KIDS**
 - Free or low-cost health insurance to uninsured kids and teens up to age 19 who are not eligible for Medical Assistance.
 - No family makes too much money for CHIP because there is no income limit.
 - www.chipcoverspakids.com
- **Catholic Charities Free Health Clinic: 412-456-6911**
 - Provides medical and dental care for Pittsburgh's uninsured.
 - Call for appointment
 - www.ccpgh.org
- **Community Clinics: 412-255-1155**
 - There are a number of neighborhood clinics throughout the Pittsburgh area. Call United Way HelpLine for a location near you.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE

Check with your local pharmacy about special generic drug programs. If you do not have prescription assistance or lack coverage for a specific prescription, these programs may be able to help.

- Family Wise Prescription Discount Cards: 412-255-1155 www.familywise.org
- NeedyMeds.org
- Partnership for Prescription Assistance: 888-477-2669 www.pparx.org

CHILD CARE

- **YWCA Child Care Partnerships: 800-392-3131**
 - Administers the subsidy program for child care.
 - Eligibility guidelines apply. Parents must be working or going to school and working.
 - www.ywcapgh.org

FORECLOSURE AVOIDANCE COUNSELING


Call as soon as you worry that you may have a problem.

- **ACTION-Housing: 412-281-2102** www.actionhousing.org
- **Neighbor Works: 412-281-9773 x100** www.nwpa.org
- **PA Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program: 800-342-2397** <http://www.hemap.org/hemap/html/index.aspx>
- **Urban League of Pittsburgh: 412-227-4246** www.ulpgh.org

HELP FOR RENTERS

Help to prevent eviction can be difficult to find.

- **Urban League of Pittsburgh: 412-227-4802**
610 Wood Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15222
 - Walk in to schedule an appointment.
- **Community Human Services: 412-621-4706**
 - Assistance for homeless or near-homeless families
- **Allegheny County Assistance Office: 412-565-2146**
 - If you receive welfare and are having housing problems like foreclosure or eviction, be sure to ask your caseworker about emergency shelter assistance.



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REPORT OF LEGAL COUNCIL - JOSHUA M. BLOOM

Anyone who has suffered a work related injury knows that dealing with the workers' compensation insurance company can be very confusing and frustrating. Worse yet, even when the insurance company accepts your claim and begins paying you benefits, the insurance company will never tell you about certain pitfalls that may place you at risk of losing your benefits in the future.

One common error that may affect your right to future benefits is an incorrect description of injury on the paperwork regarding your claim. Shortly after suffering a work injury, you should receive a Notice of Temporary Compensation Payable or Notice of Compensation Payable in the mail. On that notice, you must make sure your injury is described accurately in the box marked "Injury Information." Similarly, if you have signed a Supplemental Agreement, you must make sure your injury is described accurately in the box marked "Injury."

In a case just last year, the Commonwealth Court decided that an injured worker was barred from filing a petition to correct the description of injury because she had not collected wage loss

benefits within the last three (3) years. As a result, the workers' compensation insurance company was not required to pay for any future medical treatment or wage loss related to any injury other than an elbow injury, the only injury indicated on the initial notice. Meanwhile, the injured worker still needed treatment for neck, back, hip, leg, and knee injuries, all of which were allegedly related to the work injury.

This scenario is just one example of the many traps you unknowingly may fall into without seeking the proper legal advice about your claim from the outset. Therefore, even when you think you are not experiencing any problems with your workers' compensation claim, you should always call our law firm for a free legal consultation in order to ensure that your claim is being processed and documented properly.

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HARRISBURG REPORT - TONY DELUCA

I am honored and privileged to represent the people of Legislative House District 32. For the past fourteen years, I have served as the Chairman of the House Insurance Committee, where many of my efforts have been on an initiative that has become more important to every consumer with each passing day - health insurance.

Unfortunately, Governor Corbett and the new Republican leadership in Harrisburg have failed to understand the critical nature of health insurance. Instead, they chose to let the adultBasic program die a slow and painful death in February of this year.

As background, the adultBasic program was created by legislative action in 2001 with funding received through the National Tobacco Settlement Agreement. The program provided coverage for the basic health care needs of individuals between 19 and 64 who do not have health insurance. These individuals could not earn income that exceeded 200% of the federal poverty level. Subsequent funding streams were provided by the state's four Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plans which contributed a percentage of their premiums pursuant to an agreement with the Rendell Administration. That agreement expired in December of last year, and as a result, a deficit of more than \$50 million arose if the program was to survive through June of this year.

Even before Governor Corbett took office, I had been in contact with him to notify him that funding for the adultBasic program was in danger. I also held a press conference - where I was joined by more than 50 of my Democratic colleagues - to implore the Governor to not allow adultBasic to expire. I drafted and sponsored legislation that would have pulled adultBasic through until June, and thus buy time with which to finalize a solution. All of this fell on deaf ears, and not once did Governor Corbett or the House Republican majority even see fit to respond to my requests or my legislation.

As if this was not frustrating enough, I learned that in the week before adultBasic expired, Governor Corbett's Revenue Secretary implemented a \$200 million corporate tax break. So, while we were told that there was no money for adultBasic, there were millions of dollars available for a tax break for corporations.

If you need more information on this or any other subject involving state government, please feel free to contact me at my Penn Hills office at 412-793-2448. You can also contact me through my website at www.pahouse.com/deluca

State Rep. Tony DeLuca represents the 32nd. District in Allegheny County..



Help Level the Playing Field

We are living in some unusual and difficult times. The popularity of fiscal conservatism is overwhelming and the fallout from such a principle can be devastating, if not catastrophic, for many people. The anti-tax sentiment that has birthed the tea party and given increased national prominence for individuals such as Sarah Palin and Michele Bachmann has evolved into anti-union, anti-public worker, where the only good employee is one paid less than whatever it is the tea partier is earning.

Paying less, buying cheaper is becoming a mantra and it doesn't bode well for union building trades workers or responsible contractors where the bottom line, however attained, often determines who gets the job. For some "contractors," that means finding ways to misclassify workers as independent contractors or hiring an unskilled, migratory workforce who may or may not be U.S. citizens, but are willing to work at substandard wages and benefits.

It's been a problem for many years throughout the country and it's undoubtedly happening right here in western Pennsylvania. That's one reason House Bill 44, known as the "Contractor Work Place Misclassification Act" was signed into law this past fall. With proper enforcement, no longer can contractors misclassify workers as independent contractors in order to avoid paying payroll taxes, workers compensation insurance costs and unemployment compensation expenses. While penalties are not particularly steep, violators are also subject to stop work orders and other sanctions.

If nothing else, the Act is good first step, but the key to its success starts with enforcement and that will begin with every responsible contractor and worker reporting

known and suspected violations to their supervisors and ultimately to the District Attorney's Office. That means not looking the other way and waiting for someone else to speak up.

It's that type of apathy which has cost this country untold millions of dollars in uncollected tax revenues from irresponsible and unscrupulous contractors. It's also the kind of attitude that prevents responsible contractors from bidding work on a level playing field, allowing non-union contractors to literally steal work. The problem is not new, but it may be increasing.

For example, in a recent Construction Labor Report, it was reported that:

- In December 2007, the Fiscal Policy Institute released a study on illegal employment practices in the New York City construction market that found that 50,000 of 200,000 construction employees were either misclassified or paid off the books, resulting in an estimated one year loss of \$557 million in federal, state, and local taxes, workers compensation premiums, and health care cost shifting for injured workers.

- Researchers from Michigan State University found that up to 30 percent of employers in Michigan underreported \$1.5 billion of payroll by misclassifying employees or paying them off the books, including 26 percent of construction employers, 24 percent of trucking employers, and 56 percent of security-guard firms. The accumulated estimated losses were \$129 million to \$203 million in state and federal taxes.

- A 2010 Tennessee study found up to 38,680 construction workers, or 21 percent of

the construction workforce, were misclassified as independent contractors or paid unreported wages in 2006. The losses were up to \$14 million to the state's now-beleaguered unemployment trust fund, \$91.6 million in workers' compensation premiums, and \$115.4 million in federal income and employment taxes.

Misclassification is a serious local, state and national problem, and as competition for fewer publicly funded jobs becomes more intense, the incentive for unscrupulous contractors to "beat" the system will undoubtedly intensify. That's why so many states such as Pennsylvania have passed laws aimed at cracking down on misclassification.

To his credit, Allegheny County District Attorney Steve Zappala and his staff are working with local building trade unions to begin to identify and ultimately prosecute offenders. They will need everyone's support and help in this effort.

If you are aware of someone who claims to be working as an independent contractor, know that they must meet certain criteria. Attorney Robert A. Korn of Kaplin Stewart in the Spring 2011 edition of The Expert Report identifies such criteria. Among these is that the "individual must be customarily engaged in an independently established trade, occupation, profession or business providing services in commercial or residential building construction. To meet this standard the individual must:

- Possess the essential tools, equipment and other assets necessary to perform the services;
- The contract must provide that the individual performing the services is subject to a profit or loss as a result of performing the services;

- The individual must perform the services through a business in which that individual has a proprietary interest
- The individual must maintain a business location separate from the location of the person for whom the services are performed;
- The individual must perform similar services for others, free of direction and control over the performance of such services;
- The individual must hold himself or herself out to others who might avail themselves of his or her services; and
- The individual must maintain liability insurance during the term of the contract in an amount no less than \$50,000."

Once again, if you are aware of someone violating any of the above criteria, contact your supervisor or your business agent and report it. Responsible union contractors are facing more competition than ever and they will need all of our support to make sure that everyone plays by the rules. Looking the other way and not getting involved only worsens an already serious problem.

By Jason Fincke, Executive Director Builders Guild of Western Pennsylvania



From the North by Jim Saeler



Right Electric at Pleasantville Elementary School. Venango County. L to R: Ryan Cumberland & Dave Nolf.



Venango County Central Elementary School—Keystone Electric, Front: Jeff Eisenman. L to R: Kevin Belles, Brian Crawford, Barry Bell, Ryan Bell, Bill Schollaert & Mark Miller.

From the Near - North by Rich Dunkel



Kirby Electric Crew at Conemaugh Power Station.



NPS Crew at Homer City Power Station. L to R: John Cardone, Rob Solomon, Bill Redding, John Urganites, Joe Turba, Skip Hughes, Scott Johnston, Joe Cowell, Shawn Senne, Mark Colpo, Chris John & Rick Redding.

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Stelco Electric at Penn State University. L to R: Tom Schultz, Dave Massar, Scott Bell, Jack Horner, Mike Jaap, Dave Petrosky, Matt Kush, Dustin Brown, Dave Fuchs, Mark Price, Patt Driscoll, Jed Hershberger, Cory Bollman, Lucas Schirf & Mike Hite.

From the Far North - East by Jeff Miller



Dave Kronenwetter Electric Crew . Carbone of America. St. Marys, PA L to R: Dave Kronenwetter, Dan Davidson, Larry Lord, Denny Hurd, John Bogacki, Larry Dinger & Ken Chaffee.



Kirby Electric Crew, Shawville 2010 Fall Outage. L to R: Denny Caylor, Jim Fabian, Tim Stroke, Justin Bair, Robby Knapp, Pete Fye, Stan Young, Candace Hemmis & Ron Paulson.

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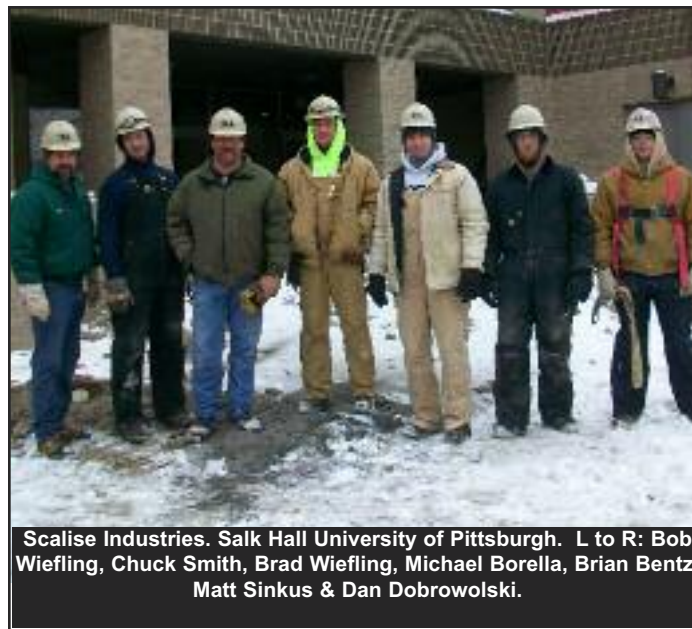
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Franklin Electric Crew. KOPPERS BUILDING Downtown. L to R: John Sciuлло, Jim Dvorsky, Phill Trexler, Joe Klein, & Randy Leo.



Scalise Industries. Salk Hall University of Pittsburgh. L to R: Bob Wiefling, Chuck Smith, Brad Wiefling, Michael Borella, Brian Bentz, Matt Sinkus & Dan Dobrowolski.

WPEE NEWS

The Insurance Trust Fund Board is pleased to announce new wellness programs and initiatives designed to support healthier lifestyle options for you and your family.

Throughout the 2011 benefit year, you will receive a series of mailings that will highlight online programs, healthy campaigns, and other health care resources that are available to all WPEE participants. A copy of these mailings will also be available on the WPEE website at

www.wpeebenefitfunds.com

We encourage you to use this information on your journey toward better health and to share it with your entire family. **Have a greater hand in your health by starting today:**

- **Take the HealthMedia “Succeed” Wellness Profile**, a comprehensive survey that evaluates health-related behaviors and health history in relation to nutrition, weight, physical activity, stress, tobacco use, skin protection, injury prevention, and alcohol use. Additionally, there are health screenings such as blood pressure, cholesterol, and glucose. The “Succeed” Wellness Profile only takes about 20 minutes to complete, and it produces a customized action plan around your top four health risks—just as a health coach would. Your plan also includes several interactive tools such as videos and recipes, as well as, access to a complete medical library to help you meet your health and wellness goals.

Log on today to your Highmark Member website and take the “Succeed” Wellness Profile:

1. Go to www.highmarkbcbs.com
2. Complete the Log In process, entering your Login ID and Password.
3. If you do not have a Login ID and Password, create one as instructed under Register Now.
4. Click Your Health tab.
5. Choose Wellness Profile.

For more information on the “Succeed” Wellness Profile, or other health and wellness programs that are offered, please contact The Highmark Wellness Resource Center at 800-650-8442



BEST WISHES TO PENSIONERS

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



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Dennis E. Eicker

John J. O'Kain

NOVEMBER 2010

Dennis E. Cornibe
George Haba, Jr.

Alex S. Molinski
Leonard Pisarek
Thomas H. Weikel, Jr.

DECEMBER 2010

Michael J. Berta
Gary L. Brown
Ronald J. Gardner
John L. Gorman
Gary R. Harris

Joseph A. Nehilla
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John C. Thompson
Donald A. Watt

JANUARY 2011

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Peter F. McGlashan

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William E. Lindsey

APRIL 2011

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Arthur C. Early
Gregory A. Huber
James F. Wilson, Jr.

Michael C. Doerfler
Ronald G. Egnmot
Richard A. Turk
Duane E. Wist

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Elmer A. Volzer	Aug.	21, 1934	- Oct.	6, 2010
Richard Hillard	April	15, 1938	- Oct.	9, 2010
John G. Buchanan	Aug.	27, 1924	- Oct.	6, 2010
Eugene C. Hilfiger	April	7, 1923	- Oct.	22, 2010
John R. Widdowson	Dec.	31, 1925	- Nov.	20, 2010
Roy E. Mitchell, Jr.	April	3, 1929	- Nov.	25, 2010
Daniel G. Owens	Oct.	26, 1935	- Nov.	24, 2010
Bernard L. Lyons, Sr.	March	12, 1934	- Dec.	8, 2010
Richard Dumbaugh, Sr.	Feb.	16, 1924	- Dec.	19, 2010
Harry J. Wilson	April	14, 1922	- Jan.	1, 2011
Richard M. Walter	Oct.	23, 1929	- Jan.	10, 2011
George L. Lesic	July	17, 1928	- Jan.	11, 2011
Edward G. Jasper	July	17, 1942	- Jan.	20, 2011
John T. McCammon	April	17, 1928	- Feb.	9, 2011
Norman W. Hill	Dec.	19, 1943	- Feb.	16, 2011
Norman E. Sturgess, Jr.	Nov.	7, 1934	- Feb.	22, 2011
Ronald E. Fleming	Nov.	2, 1939	- Feb.	19, 2011
James Prementine	April	10, 1937	- March	2, 2011
Edward L. Mitchell	Dec.	27, 1929	- March	3, 2011
Walter A. Burke, Jr.	Jan.	28, 1923	- March	23, 2011
George Gedid	May	6, 1917	- March	30, 2011
Thomas S. Neil	Jan.	17, 1928	- April	12, 2011

Deceased Active Members

Albert N. Difrischia, Jr	Feb.	13, 1947	- Oct.	14, 2010
Ronald L. Williams, Jr.	June	19, 1958	- Dec.	1, 2010
Paul G. Rost	June	28, 1965	- Jan.	13, 2011
William F. Snyder	Nov.	23, 1951	- Jan.	28, 2011

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