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BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Brothers and Sisters,

Yikes, the summer is flying by! I hope everyone has had a little time to enjoy it. With that said, please be careful while doing so. **The COVID-19 positive tests are up in Wisconsin**, mainly because our younger people are gathering at crowded events. It is not just our younger people, but it is the age that is showing a rise in the positive tests. **Please take it serious.** If not for yourself, for other family members, friends, and strangers you come into contact with. **Let's help get rid of this virus.**



By the time you read this newsletter, there will be roughly three months left to the General Election. Obviously the **President of the United States will be the headliner.** As a union member, one which garners a good wage and benefits, the **election of Vice President Joe Biden as our next President is vital.** The IBEW was the first union to endorse Joe Biden back in February. It is very unusual for our International to endorse someone so early in the primary, but it looks like it was the right choice. I have sat in on three Wisconsin for Biden zoom meetings and have been impressed with the agenda and the policies he will implement.

Last week I sat in on a three hour zoom meeting Campaign 2020 from the International Office. International President Lonnie Stephenson, International Secretary-Treasurer Kenneth Cooper, and Vice President Joe Biden all talked for about twenty minutes each. The overwhelming appreciation and support Vice President Joe Biden has for the IBEW was very heartwarming. **He knows what the IBEW is all about and he will have our backs.** He will bring back vital jobs our country

needs and he will invest in our economic future. He is all about clean energy and infrastructure that will provide jobs for our members. He also wants more American made products. He really wants to just see America reunited again from today's national divide.



Three more months to go. You will be getting mailings and articles from your Union as well as the State AFL-CIO. **Please educate yourself on the issues** important to you as an IBEW union member. Please remember to **vote in the Primary Election August 11th** and get your absentee ballot returned on time. Also apply for your General Election ballot to make sure you will be able to **vote.**

Yours in Solidarity,

Don Allen

Business Manager

Membership Meetings

Tuesday, August 11th, 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 8th, 6:00 p.m.

**PAID UP DUES RECEIPT
REQUIRED TO ATTEND.**

~~Light meal and beverages provided after meeting.~~

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REFERRAL/PRESIDENT REPORT

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

We are continuing to try and stay business as usual. I really hoped and prayed a few months ago that by this time we would have a different narrative to be talking about. Well, that is not the case. The COVID is still continuing and has brought new challenges again to everyone and every place we seem to turn. Please continue to be safe in your daily lives.

The book numbers are as follows: Book 1-21; Book 2-52; Apprentices-0. **The work picture has not changed; it is still very busy here. We have had open calls throughout the month.** Some of the projects have had a break in hiring for a week or two due to unforeseen circumstances, but we are right back on the horse looking for manpower.

We have brought in a large amount of manpower from outside our jurisdiction and we have started a lot of new members from other industries. We have had a fair amount of good conversations and people with electrical experience from the non-union have come over. **We are still looking for people.** We could really



use more people with experience, but we seem to be finding work for all classifications.

We have held two **Union Meetings** since the Safer at Home order was lifted. **We spread out the chairs and we have masks and hand sanitizer for people. We ask that if you do not feel well please, please do not show up at the meeting.** I appreciate those who have come so we can take care of Union business in a timely fashion. We have not served food and we have asked that people do not hang around just to keep everyone safe and comfortable.

Thanks to all for everything you are doing to keep everything moving forward.

Please work safe, work smart, and thanks again for working UNION.

In Solidarity,

Jesse A. Jacques

Referral Agent & President

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**OFFICE IS CLOSED TO ALL
FOOT TRAFFIC TIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF
LABOR DAY – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH**

Local 158 Welcomes
New Members for the



Second quarter of 2020:

Journeyman Inside Wireman:

Alex Hunemuller

Inside Wireman

Terry Wisniewski

Apprentice Inside Wireman

Francisco Enriquez

Cameron Lystila

Christopher Lystila

Construction Wireman 2:

Rachel Grinsteiner

Samuel Jorgensen

Construction Wireman 1:

Vincenzo Ambrogio

Alex Champine

Nathan Coleman

Camren Crouse

Scott Damp

Benjamin Falgout

Jonathan Gallenberger

Bradley Grawey

Teron Hietpas

Shane Johnson

Austin LaCoursiere

Allen Matthys

Ryan Mehoczyk

Astrid Rodriguez Melendez

Jacob Stern

Eric Stratman

Emilee VandenBush

Zion Wilson



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BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

The work outlook continues to be strong and we continue to bring new members in. **President Jesse Jacques and I visited the solar project and over 80 new members were sworn in.** We welcomed them in and I hope that they like the work they are doing and continue to be a part of our Brotherhood either here or throughout the country where they are from. At the jobsite, there are also a number of other languages present, so remember to try to be a good brother or sister and lend a helping hand where able.

With the work opportunities, we also continue to have non represented electricians reaching out to us. We have spoken to some of them in the past and they are now ready to make the switch. Some of them from talking to co-workers, who have recently joined the IBEW. Sometimes it is hard to see immediate impacts from our outreach efforts. It is times like this, when non-union workers reach out after receiving information from us in prior years. It helps to remind me that it is always important to remain respectful and keep the door open for these workers, because you never know when they will need to reach out.

Miron resumed their trades meeting and safety walks. **The Green Bay Packaging site is moving along with over 800 tradespeople on site.** The target for the project is still the first of the year, but there is a lot of work left to do. There have been a few cases of COVID reported on site and Miron said they are trying to increase their sanitizing procedures. So far we have not seen large-scale break outs on the site. **Thank you, brothers and sisters, for doing your part to keep yourselves and others safe.**

In solidarity,

Jeremy Schauer

Business Development

EDUCATION CORNER

NO CLASSES SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME.

CODE QUESTION OF THE MONTH

By Dale Decker

A dwelling unit was being remodeled. In the kitchen area above the sink was an opening for a microwave to be installed. The non-GFCI outlet was located in a cabinet four feet directly above the sink to serve the microwave.

The inspector sited this installation as a VIOLATION!! Was she correct in not allowing this?

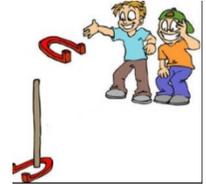
Yes, the receptacle was well within six feet of the sink. Per 210.(A)(7), all 125 volt, single phase, 15 and 20 ampere receptacles installed shall have GFCI protection for personnel installed within six feet from the top inside edge of the bowl of the sink.

RENEW CHAIRMAN

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you are all staying strong and healthy!

The RENEW horseshoe games were a great time in July. We had 5 people show up, great weather, food, and conversation. I want to thank Nick Besaw for picking up new horseshoes, when we had one break, so we could keep playing. Our next **horseshoe outing** will be on **Thursday, August 13th at 5:00 p.m.** at the hall. Don't forget to bring your beverage, chair, and a snack. I hope to see you all there. We will also throw some **horseshoes after the RENEW meeting on August 26th.**



RENEW will also be looking into a **mini golf outing sometime in September** so stay posted to our RENEW Facebook page for more info.

**Stay safe and have a blessed August,
In Solidarity,**

Nicholas Borkovec

RENEW Chairman



Monday, September 7th

**CANCELLED
DUE TO
COVID-19**

GREATER GREEN BAY LABOR COUNCIL

The Greater Green Bay Labor Council met Tuesday, July 14th. Some members came in person, some of us attended by phone conference.

We voted to donate \$75.00 to Citizens Action.

The Letter Carriers have been doing a "Virtual" food drive, since they had to cancel the Annual Letter Carriers Food Drive usually held in May.

The Labor Council will hold a drive-thru food drive on Labor Day, Monday, September 7th. We also ask that our members please drop off non-perishable food and hygiene goods at the Hall before that date. There are more people than ever in need due to the COVID-19 virus and layoffs.

We also voted to send an Endorsement Letter to the Brown County United Way.

We will decide before our next meeting whether to meet again in person or not, depending on what is open or closed in Green Bay by then.

Yours in Solidarity,

Cyndy Williams

Trustee, GGBLC



Congratulations to the following who received service pins in 2020.



20 Year

Eric Ahlgrim
Margarito Almonte
Matthew Bongers
Kory De Witt
Chris Duprey
Chad Eschenbach
David Gilson
Carrie Gottschalk
Jacob Grovogel
Rick Hartwell
Matthew Hohol
Justin Kabacinski
Tristan Kregelka
Jonathan Martinson
Rick Mueller
Michael Paider
Robert Paluch
Travis Runke
Jesse Ruttner
Thomas Taicher
Kevin Van Laanen
Kelly VanDenLangenberg
David Wierschke
Jason Zipp

25 Year

Thomas Cuffe
Troy Daul
Nick DeBaker
Jerome Hoffman
Paul Krueger
Michael Mrotek
Robert Novoselatz
Les Pesola
Cory Smits
William Stanislawski
Mark Stauber
Jason Sullivan
Troy Toomer

30 Year

Thomas Baeten
Dave Boucher
Darwin Damp
David Earley
Clinton Fosick
Edward Fritsch
Timothy Heimerl
Benjamin La Haye
Mark Messerschmidt
Randal Tupa

35 Year

Michael Coopman
Thomas Gilson
Kevin Klasen
James Lau
Richard Lopez
Michael Moser
Robert Payne
Gregory Thomas
Peter Vanden
Wymelenberg
Glenn Vanderheyden

40 Year

Curtis Anschutz
Ronald Cook
Marc Ellingsen
Robert Marquardt
Roger Oswald
Walter Raith
Bruce Steffel
Wayne Svoboda
Gary Timmerman

45 Year

Lee Ahlswede
Dennis Anderegg
Dale Ferron

50 Year

Robert Augustian
James Ernst
James Keehan
Joseph Loehlein

55 Year

Ralph Comins, Jr.
Raymond Mooren
Donald Mraz
Ronald Thoney

60 Year

Gary Lindner
Eugene Parisien
Roger Young

65 Year

Merlin Baenen

Retirement

David Ambrosius
Roy Campbell
Collin Coffelt
George Correia
Steve De Baker
Jon Diederichs
David Ellerman
Marc Ellingsen
Leland Granius
Jeffrey Hockers
Mark Hougen
Shawn Johnsen
William Mlnarik
David Pagel
Steven Schmidt
Gary Welch
Mark Wied
James Wood

PAC ARTICLE

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

The Fall Primary is almost upon us and it will present challenges once again as the pandemic is still ongoing. You can go to myvote.wi.gov to see who is on your ballot and obtain other election information. Please consider working at your polling place, as many of those workers are elderly and opting out.

The Fall Primary is Tuesday, August 11th and the Presidential Preference Election is Tuesday, November 3rd. The Candidates are as follows:



Presidential Preference (On the November 3rd ballot only): Joe Biden, D, against Donald Trump, incumbent, R.

6th Congressional District: Jessica King, D, Michael Beardsley, D, and Matthew Boor, D, against Glenn Grothman, incumbent, R.

8th Congressional District: Amanda Stuck, D, against Mike Gallagher, incumbent, R.

30th Senate District: Johnathan Hansen, D, Local #158 and Wisconsin AFL-CIO endorsed, and Sandra Ewald, D, against Eric Wimberger, R.

1st Assembly District: Kim Jensen, D, Wisconsin AFL-CIO endorsed, against Joel Kitchens, incumbent, R.

2nd Assembly District: Mark Kiley, D, against Shae Sortwell, incumbent, R.

4th Assembly District: Kathy Hinkfuss, D, Local #158 and Wisconsin AFL-CIO endorsed, against David Steffen, incumbent, R.

6th Assembly District: Simon Moesch, D, and Richard Sarnwick, D, against Gary Tauchen, R.

25th Assembly District: Kerry Trask, D, Local #158 and Wisconsin AFL-CIO endorsed, against Paul Tittl, incumbent, R.

88th Assembly District: Kristin Lyerly, D, Local #158 and Wisconsin AFL-CIO endorsed, against John Macco, incumbent, R.

89th Assembly District: Karl Jaeger, D, Wisconsin AFL-CIO endorsed, and Andi Rich, R, against John Nygren, incumbent, R.

90th Assembly District: Staush Gruszynski, D, incumbent, endorsed by Local #158, and Kristina Shelton, D, endorsed by the AFL-CIO, against Drew Kirsteatter, R.

There are D.A. positions open in Door, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Marinette, Oconto, and Shawano Counties, but are all unopposed.

As of this writing, Wisconsin has 45,953 cases of COVID-19 reported and 853 deaths, compared to 4.4 million cases in the U.S. and 151,000 deaths. With that we also have news that the President still is in denial about the virus and has now directed hospitals to send their COVID-19 data directly to the White House instead of the CDC! (CO = Corona, VI = Virus, D = Disease, and 19 = the year it was discovered.)

Many larger stores, such as: Meijer, Target, CVS, Walgreens, Menards, Aldi's, Woodman's, and Festival Foods, will have a mandatory mask rule by the time you receive this. Please limit your outings to work, necessities such as groceries, medical appointments, and walks. Wear your mask and practice social distancing. Please, please, please do not go to restaurants and bars. Take out is fine!

U.S. Senator Baldwin has asked that the next U.S. submarine be named the U.S.S. Wisconsin since our state is home to factories that make some 40 components to the Virginia Class program. The last vessel to be named the **U.S.S. Wisconsin was a BB64 battleship** that was decommissioned in 1991.



Representative Neubauer has co-introduced bills to remove some of the barriers to unemployment, many of which were put in place by Republicans in recent years. Some of the barriers sought to be removed are: the 1 week waiting period to file for unemployment, suspend the \$500 threshold (temporarily) and reinstate benefits for those in extended occupational training.

I am still participating in the weekly AFL-CIO, President Trumpka conference calls.

We learned that 36.5 million people will lose the added \$600/week off their unemployment checks, due to expire July 31st, as well as the eviction moratorium, if the Heroes Act is not passed by the Senate. The 75 million that are on COVID-19 unemployment will not have any regular unemployment to fall back on as of the 31st of July. Hopefully as you read this the Heroes Act will have been passed, which will extend these things.

Education Secretary, Betsy DeVos, is demanding that children return to classrooms in the fall with no plan in place. This is shameful! She has no clue how to protect anyone! Leaders all over our country have failed their people!

NY and NJ have now added Wisconsin and Minnesota as states that they will quarantine people for 14 days as they return to or enter their states.

The new Postmaster General has put the brakes on our U.S. mail! He is attempting to erode from within. Postal Workers are being asked to slow down the mail. Being delayed are 1st class, business mail, and Amazon packages (because Trump hates owner Jeff Bezos). If the truck is late, the mail is held over to the next day. Overtime has been cut.

We need to win the election in November to make the Post Office solvent again!

The New Mexico IBEW has raised \$10,000 for the Navajo and Hopi Nations, as well as getting the union operated Safeway Stores in New Mexico to donate \$10,000 in food. President Trumpka announced that the National AFL-CIO was also sending \$15,000 to help these people.

Workers are still being asked to do jobs with no infectious disease plan in place. States that have a state-run OSHA plan have had an easier time getting emergency virus protections in place. Federal OSHA has been unresponsive. There have been 5,000 complaints to date and OSHA has issued 1 citation and that was for record keeping violations. They do not come on work sites to investigate. We must get rid of Eugene Scalia as head of the Department of Labor!!

Our Local PAC meetings will continue to be postponed until further notice. **Please plan to vote in the August 11th Fall Primary Election.**

**Yours in Solidarity,
Cyndy Williams
PAC Chairman**

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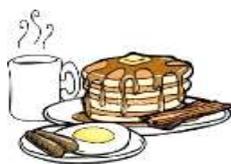
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Local 158's Golden Year's Club

GREENBAY

The electricians held a breakfast on July 21st at The Café. Present were Jeff Hockers and myself.

We talked about the work situation and the virus. We will attempt to hold another breakfast on Monday, August 17th, at 9:00 a.m. at The Café, 2725 Manitowoc Road, Green Bay.



*Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Augustian*

STURGEONBAY

*Due to the pandemic, The Corner Café on 3rd Avenue, Sturgeon Bay, has not reopened, so there will **not be a breakfast get-together in August.***

If someone else wants to start up the breakfast in September, please contact Al Peterson or the union hall.

Thank you!



WISE ELDERS' LUNCHEON

We had exactly a quorum of members vote and the lunch will continue at the same time and place on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Those expressing interest in a later start time in the past did not attend. The spoken wisdom almost echoed in the near empty restaurant as most agreed, if for some reason it was very full upon arrival with outdoor seating unavailable, they would decide to go elsewhere. So far total occupancy, including staff, has been about 10% capacity since we started up again so I don't see a problem in the near future.

Attending were Kriss Williquette, Jeff Hockers, myself, and three guests.

*The next meeting will be at noon
Thursday, August 13th, at the Ravine,
2633 Manitowoc Road, Green Bay.*

*Until Next Time,
Scott Nejedlo*



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**When the Power of Love
is Greater than the Love of Power
the World will know peace.**

Anonymous