



# The Electrical Workers' Brotherhood News

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## BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

### Brothers and Sisters:

Oh what a year 2020 was. I am so glad to put that one in the record books and move onto a hopefully more sane 2021. My hope is that each and everyone one of you is safe and healthy for 2021 and forward. We have had many members or relatives that have been stricken with the COVID-19 virus. I hope each and every one of them is once again healthy. I thank each of our members who worked during this pandemic and risked contracting the virus. The word essential has been slightly over used, but you all were essential to the Industry you work in. You all are very much essential to Local 158 as well, and appreciated. Many jobs this year went on in spite of the virus. Many hours were worked and projects completed. It's a true testament to the members of this Local, as well as traveling IBEW members who helped us out.

One of the reasons I became a Wisconsin State Conference President for the State IBEW Locals is to further the recognition of Local 158 throughout the state. I do believe this is true politically, as well as having name recognition throughout the state with the other Trades and Unions. I was very much impressed two weeks ago when Governor Tony Evers staff set up a one-on-one phone call with the Governor and myself. He was very appreciative of the IBEW and Local 158 for everything that we do and everything we have done. It was a really nice conversation and I appreciated Governor Evers reaching out to me. This does not happen by chance.

One bright spot that happened in 2020 happened December 1st. Former Local 158 Organizer Dave Jungbluth was promoted to District Organizing Coordinator for the 6th District. (DOC) Dave was organizer for eight years for Local 158, and then was hired by our International as the State Organizing Coordinator (SOC). He worked in this

capacity for 6 years until being promoted to (DOC) on December 1st. Dave will be in charge of the Inside Locals of the 5 states of Michigan, Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin.

I might be bias, but it was long overdue. Congratulations Dave from your Brothers & Sisters at Local 158.



Well, I hope each and every one of you enjoyed the holiday season. I wish the Best to you and yours.

Yours in Solidarity,  
Don Allen

Business Manager

## BLANKETING BROWN COUNTY

### PLEASE HELP

THOSE IN NEED BY DONATING NEW AND GENTLY USED BLANKETS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO AREA SHELTERS AND AGENCIES!



Collection sites throughout Brown County including all GREEN BAY FIRE STATIONS

## BLANKET COLLECTION

JANUARY 5<sup>th</sup> thru FEBRUARY 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

For additional information, please call 920-676-2028.



GREATER GREEN BAY LABOR COUNCIL COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE



VISIT US ON FACEBOOK AT: BLANKETING BROWN COUNTY



The 10th Annual Blanketing Brown County drive sponsored by the Brown County United Way and Greater Green Bay Labor Council Community Services Committee will be from January 5th through February 1<sup>st</sup>.

There is a collection box placed in our front entrance at IBEW Local 158 during normal business hours for drop offs of Blankets.

The 2020 drive

collected over 2600 blankets and other bedding items for distribution to 40 programs that serve homeless and low-income families. This is the eighth straight year the drive exceeded 2000 blankets. The drive is seeking to collect new, homemade, and clean gently used blankets and bedding again this year. Once again thank you very much for IBEW Local 158's important contribution to the success of the Blanketing Brown County drives and helping keep Brown County families and individuals warm.



Dan Wadle

AFL-CIO Community Services Liaison

## REFERRAL/PRESIDENT REPORT

Happy New Year Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to 2021! It has to be better than 2020, Yikes! I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year Holiday. I know it must have been different than years past, but hopefully it was fulfilling.

**The Book numbers are as follows:** Book 1: 18; Book 2: 19; Apprentices: 0. We have slowed down with calls to Green Bay Packaging with the Holidays. We did have a couple of calls for Eland and Van Den Heuvel in the past couple weeks of the month.

**It looks like we should stay steady in the first quarter of 2021. The Point Beach Solar Job will be hiring around the March and April timeframe.** The weather will be the determining factor as always in this area.

**Bay Ship has boats coming in steady for winter work.** Some boats will be staying for the whole winter season, while some were in early and are hoping to get back out early. Again this will depend on the weather in the area.

We have continued to take apprenticeship applications throughout the pandemic. We have been testing the applicants in smaller sessions with restrictions, and interviewing apprentice applicants. In January our committee has decided to interview all applicants virtually. We did have a hybrid of in person and virtual interviews prior, but I think we are **making** the right decision coming off of the holidays.

**I hope Santa was good to everyone. Let's kick off 2021 and keep your fingers crossed that it turns out better than 2020 did.**

**In closing, please work safe, work smart and THANK YOU for working UNION!**

Respectfully and in Solidarity,

Jesse A. Jacques

Referral Agent/President



## EDUCATION CORNER

**NO CLASSES SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME**

### MIKE HOLT'S DVD CLASSES

Self-Study classes approved for CEUs through the DSPS. Each class can only be viewed once during the 4 year term of your credential. **Based on 2017 Code Book... You must complete all questions and score a 70% or above for CEUs. There is a \$10.00 fee only when applying for CEUs.**



Commercial Calculations (4.5)  
Conductor Sizing & Protection Calculations (4.0)  
Dwelling Unit Calculations (8.0)  
Electrical Circuits (4.0)  
Electrician's Math & Basic Electrical Formulas (2.0)  
Equipment for General Use (5.0)  
General Requirements Circuits & Protection (10.0)  
Grounding vs. Bonding (4.5)  
Limited Energy & Communications Systems (5.0)  
Motor & Air Conditioning Calculations (4.5)  
Multifamily Dwelling Calculations (5.0)  
Raceway & Box Calculations (5.0)  
Special Conditions (3.5)  
Special Equipment (6.0)  
Special Occupancies (5)  
Transformer Calculations (5.0)  
Voltage Drop Calculations (4.5)  
Wiring Methods (10)



### CODE QUESTION OF THE MONTH

*By Dale Decker*

We recently finished a 48-unit low housing apartment building. In each bathroom we mounted a 36" fluorescent fixture over the sink in each of the bathrooms. The fixture is mounted to a plastic box we roughed into the wall. The inspector wants us to create an opening in the back of the fixture to go over



the box. Is this opening required?

Yes, the inspector is correct and the opening is required.

NEC, Section 410.24(B) Access to Boxes. Electric-discharge and LED luminaires

surface mounted over concealed outlet, pull, or junction boxes and designed not to be supported solely by the outlet box shall be provided with suitable openings in the back of the luminaire to provide access to the wiring in the box.

**P.S. STAY SAFE!! Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!**

## BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

With 2020 at a close, it is time to look forward to a new year. I know that 2020 has been a difficult time for many of us, our friends, and our families. Our work places have had to make changes, our children's school work has a new format, and many aspects of our daily lives have been impacted. I would hope that this New Year can bring some positive change and for us to work together to move forward for our Union, our state, and our country.



The last year was a very good year for many of us as construction trades people. We were fortunate to have a number of nice projects going on in our jurisdiction and this coming year looks to be busy again. The new timetable given by Miron at the last safety meeting I attended was adjusted to have the paper machine portion completed in March so we will have members working there well into spring.

The solar project has come to an expected slowdown with the cold weather starting to arrive but they are looking to man up again in March/April as soon as the weather allows and should carry through the summer months.

Our contractors are still continuing to pursue work at the Marinette shipyard as well so all of these things will allow us to continue our growth as a union. Last year many non-union electricians through contact with us, their friends, and there former co-workers have joined our membership and are now receiving the benefits of working under a collectively bargained contract.

I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday season and have reason to look forward to the coming year.

In Solidarity,

Jeremy Schauer

Business Development

## RENEW CHAIRMAN

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Hello Brothers and Sisters,  
The New Year has finally come! It's Time for New Year's resolutions and a new way of life for us all. **Let us not dwell on the bad times of 2020 but the good ones.**

I want to thank everyone for the donations for the health and hygiene drive.

With everything that happened this year, donations are needed more than ever. Remember to donate and give all year round, it is always needed. If you don't have things to give, volunteers are always needed.



Let's make 2021 a better year and keep our union and families strong!

Have a blessed January & Happy New Year,  
Nicholas Borkovec RENEW Chairman



## NEWSLETTER/MEMBER LOGIN

There is always a link to the current newsletter on the Front page of our website, [www.ibew158.com](http://www.ibew158.com) and previous issues are available through the [Member Login](#) section. If you haven't signed up for access to the [Member Login](#) section, use the "Contact Us" link under the about tab on the website to send Jeremy your email address, a username that you wish to use, a password (minimum 7 characters), and he will get you entered into the website's system.

Online payment of dues is also available through the "Members Only" log in section of the IBEW 158 website. <https://www.facebook.com/IBEWLocal158>

## IBEW / LOCAL 158 – BASIC DUES

Mailing your check greatly facilitates our office in less paperwork and cost. We'd appreciate it if you would get into the quarterly habit of paying dues in advance. If you pay at least 6 months in advance, we'll laminate your receipt as a token of our appreciation, plus a free gift for one year in advance. Be sure to check your receipt for accuracy. Pay special attention to the area under the words "OFFICIAL RECEIPT" where it says "N.Bal". This is your **New Balance**. If there is a negative balance there (i.e. -\$5.00), you should **reduce** your next payment by this amount. If there is a positive balance there (i.e. \$2.40); **increase** your next payment.

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### IBEW DUES RATE SCHEDULE

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Make check payable to: **IBEW, Local 158**

Effective January 1, 2020- December 31, 2021

CLASS	"A" ALL CLASSIFICATIONS WORKING CONSTRUCTION	"A" ALL CLASSIFICATIONS WORKING MAINTENANCE	"BA" ALL
MONTHS			
1	42.50	59.00	40.00
2	85.00	118.00	80.00
3	127.50	177.00	120.00
4	170.00	236.00	160.00
5	212.50	295.00	200.00
6	255.00	354.00	240.00
7	297.50	413.00	280.00
8	340.00	472.00	320.00
9	382.50	531.00	360.00
10	425.00	590.00	400.00
11	467.50	649.00	440.00
12	510.00	708.00	480.00

\*Free Lamination if paying 6 months

\*\*Free Lamination & Gift if paying 12 months

"A" Member Reinstatement fee, if over 3 months late - \$30.00

"BA" Member Reinstatement fee, if over 3 months late - \$3.00

## **QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

How long you can continue to be good at something is how much you believe in yourself and how much hard work you do with the training.

*Jason Statham*

## **UNION PLUS SCHOLARSHIP**

Union Plus has a scholarship that is **available for IBEW members, as well as member's spouses, and dependent children** (as defined under IRS regulations). The Union Plus Scholarship is a privilege provided to members of participating unions affiliated with the AFL-CIO.



**Please visit the Union Plus Website for more information at [www.unionplus.org](http://www.unionplus.org), or you can access the application and**

**download it from <http://www.unionplus.org/college-education-financing/union-plus-scholarship>**

**Application can only be filed online and must be received before 12:00 p.m. (Noon, Eastern time) on Friday, January 31, 2021 in order to be considered.**

## **LABOR HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST**

The Wisconsin Labor History Society announces their High School Essay Contest for the 2020-2021 School Year.

Wisconsin high school students, grades 9-12, are eligible to participate. Have your child interview family members, friends, neighbors, or others for their stories about work and unions. Then, in about 750 words, Write an essay on the following theme:



**"Unions have been important to my family and my community because..."**

Great cash prizes awarded include:

\$500 1st Place, \$300 2nd Place, \$200 3rd Place, and \$100 Honorable Mention (up to 5 awarded).

For more information on the contest rules, visit the website at [www.wisconsinlaborhistory.org](http://www.wisconsinlaborhistory.org).

Submissions must be postmarked by February 15th, 2021 or before. Please send completed essays to:

[info@wisconsinlaborhistory.org](mailto:info@wisconsinlaborhistory.org) Put "essay contest" in subject line. If you have questions contact Prof. Harvey J. Kaye [kayeh@uwgb.edu](mailto:kayeh@uwgb.edu). Center for History and Social Change University of Wisconsin – Green Bay

**A Special thank you to all who donated this year for**

**Golden House and Freedom House!**

**Another great turnout!**



**Don & Julie Allen**

**Paul & Shelley Bohn**

**Chuck Calliari**

**Jim & Michele Debaker**

**Lee & Helen Denil**

**Dale & Mary Ferron**

**Mike & Karen Finger**

**David & Sharon Gilson**

**Dick & Galenda Gilson**

**Jack & Renata Gilson**

**Andrew Gohr**

**Darrell & Sherrie Helms**

**Jack & Betsy Heyer**

**Chris & Joette Hillberg**

**Jerry & Nancy Hopp**

**Jesse & Melissa Jacques**

**Dean & Lori Knuth**

**Romie & Mary Kozicki**

**Cletus & Judy Le Captain**

**Mike & Gwen Loberger**

**Joe & Pat Loehlein**

**LMCC**

**Local 158**

**Brook & Sadie Macholl**

**Hailey Metoxen**

**Russell & Melissa Metoxen**

**Marsha Nebel & Dwayne Schwartz**

**Northeast Sewer & Water (Jamie & Tammy Phillips)**

**Roxanne Retzlaff**

**Norman & Stacey Rupp**

**Jeremy & Maxine Schauer**

**Gary & Jan Schauer**

**Steve & Lori Schmidt**

**Gerald & Pam Van Den Elzen**

**Ken & Linda Vanden Bush**

**Joel and Pam Westphal**

**Cyndy Williams**

**Jim & Mary Wood**

## PAC ARTICLE

**Happy New Year Everyone!**

**I hope 2021 will bring a happier, healthier, more prosperous and a much less divisive environment!**

**There are less than 30 days until the January 20th inauguration of Joe Biden.**

Ever since the end of the election, America has seen democracy under attack like never before. Trump filed over 50 lawsuits to overturn the wishes of the people in the Presidential election and lost them all to date. He failed in every state, federal and even the U.S. Supreme Court.



Mr. Trump is not giving up yet however, another lawsuit is being filed in Pennsylvania as I am writing this.

**The Wisconsin Democracy Campaign reported that December 18th will go down in history** as the date that Donald Trump held a discussion in the Oval Office about imposing martial law with the recent Trump pardoned Michael Flynn. The WDC called the discussion “a grotesquely unconstitutional and anti-constitutional maneuver.”

**The Stimulus Bill finally passed on December 21st** after the Heroes Act that was passed by the House on May 15th had been sitting on Mitch McConnell’s desk all this time without him acting on it! The \$900 billion relief package was passed earmarking \$600 for individuals and dependent children making under \$75,000/year. It also allows for \$284 billion in paycheck protection, \$300/week enhanced unemployment, 425 billion in rent assistance and an eviction moratorium extension, \$82 billion for schools and colleges, \$7 billion for broad band for people with needs due to the pandemic and tax credits for some employers, according to CNN. It passed with no help from U.S. Senator Ron Johnson who blocked the stimulus payments to people not once, but twice!

Ron Johnson has been under investigation along with Sen. Grassley, Iowa, and reported by Politico as distributing Russian disinformation that they receive by email.



Outagamie Supervisor, Tom Nelson, is running against Ron Johnson, as per the Appleton Post Crescent, and will hopefully get this embarrassment to Wisconsin out of office in November 2022!

John Nygren, Representative of the 89th Congressional District, just re-elected last spring, just resigned. He will be heading a health insurance lobbying group according to the Green Bay Press Gazette.

Karl Jaeger has announced his bid for Nygren’s vacant seat. Governor Evers has announced the Special Election will be held April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021, along with the Spring Election. If a primary is needed, it would be February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Karl is endorsed by the Wisconsin AFL-CIO, WEAC, Citizens Action, AFSCME, the Iron Workers Local #8 and former Senator Dave Hansen.

**The League of Women Voters is celebrating the life of former Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice, Shirley Abrahamson who passed on December 19th, at the age of 87. Justice Abrahamson was the first woman to be elected to a Wisconsin court, the first woman Chief Justice and the longest serving member of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, serving 43 years from 1976 to 2019. She was a champion for civil rights.**

Foxconn, according to The Verge, is saying it never promised to build an LCD factory. The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reports Foxconn is now willing to agree to fewer tax cuts in exchange for flexibility. They want lower taxpayer liability for flexibility in the business environment.

Wisconsin, according to Governor Tony Evers has received 15K fewer doses of the COVID-19 vaccine than expected. Other states have been reporting receiving only about 30% of what was promised. Of course, there was a lot of finger pointing. According to the New York Times, General Gustave F. Perna, Chief Operating Officer for Operation Warp Speed, apologized for the shortages. He cited logistics as the reason and takes full responsibility. As of this writing, there are 458,612 cumulative cases and 2,816 new cases of COVID-19 in Wisconsin and 4,425 cumulative deaths and 84 new deaths, according to the Wisconsin Department of Health. There have been 17,790,376 cumulative cases and 197,616 new cases in the U.S. with 316,844 cumulative deaths and 1,584 new deaths in the U.S., as per the CDC. Please continue to follow the CDC and Governor’s guidelines to protect yourself and others.

**The Local PAC Meeting is still postponed until further notice due to COVID-19.**

**Yours in Solidarity,  
Cyndy Williams**

### **GREATER GREEN BAY LABOR COUNCIL**

**Best of the New Year Everyone!**

The Greater Green Bay Labor Council (GGBLC) met on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> virtually and by phone. It normally would have been our annual Christmas party. Members still dropped off Toys for Tots during the week.

**Thank you to all that participated in the Community Services Blanket Drive.**

We postponed deciding what to do about the plaque for Past Vice President Conrad Umentum that will commemorate his work at the Green Bay Labor Temple, and Labor in general, after his death. President McFarlane wanted to wait to see what the Laborers were putting on their plaque before we got a quote on ours.

We voted to renew our Wisconsin Labor History Society membership. Tim Voelker reported that the Post Office is still hiring. President McFarlane said that all new officers would be sworn in, in person, at the January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

I was thanked for my years of service on the Council as Trustee, after my resignation. **If anyone is interested in being on the Greater Green Bay Labor Council, please call Jesse at (920) 432-0158, Ext. 2.**

**Yours in Solidarity,  
Cyndy Williams, Former Trustee, GGBLC**

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### **JANUARY 2021**

Donald Allen, Business Manager  
Jesse Jacques, President/Business Agent  
Jeremy Schauer, Business Development  
Lori Schmidt, Administrative Assistant  
Tammy Ness-Phillips, Secretary

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### **Local 158's Golden Year's Club**

Green Bay Breakfast, Sturgeon Bay Breakfast,  
& Green Bay Wise Elders Luncheon **Retiree**



Clubs is on temporary hiatus  
due to the COVID-19 Virus.  
Stay safe & healthy. We'll keep  
you posted.

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday – Friday  
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

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

**CLOSED NEW YEAR'S DAY  
FRIDAY JANUARY 1, 2021**



#### **In Memoriam**

**With deepest sympathy to the  
Family and friends of:**

**Michael Ruf**

05/30/1962 – 12/19/2020

**Robert Damuth**

09/10/1942 – 12/19/2020



#### **Membership Meetings**

**Tuesday January 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm**

**Tuesday February 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm**

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

Light meal and beverages provided after meeting.