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FROM THE UNION OFFICE

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Sisters and Brothers:

**Our credit union is funding a Union Picnic for us!
SEPT 11, 2004 from Noon to 4 pm**



**Xerox Federal Credit Union and IBEW Local 1220
cordially invite our members, retirees and their families**

**Come to the Catherine Chevalier Woods on East River
Road @ Bryn Mawr (just west of the Union office)**

**You may bring a dish (dessert or side dish) to share,
Please bring lawn chairs or a blanket**

Prizes and games for adults and for children

**RSVP if you can to 773-714-1220 or
info@ibew1220.org**

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This Newsletter is published monthly by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union 1220, Radio and Television Broadcast Engineers, of Chicago, Illinois.

Anything you might expect to read in a business letter or see in a telegram that pertains to this Local and your part in it will be communicated to you through this channel of information. Consider this your dues invoice, your by-laws update, your meeting notice, and your call to participate.

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE BOARD

Any member wishing to bring an issue of concern to the attention of the Executive Board of this Local Union may submit a request in writing to the Board at any time. The Board will review all requests and contact you to schedule the issue at a future meeting. They meet on the 3rd Monday of each month.



**REMEMBER TO NOTIFY
YOUR UNION OF ANY
CHANGE OF ADDRESS,
PHONE OR EMAIL**

NAME _____
STREET _____
CITY,ST,ZIP _____
PHONE _____
EMAIL _____

I.B.E.W 1220 CONTRACTS

WLS RADIO
190 N STATE ST
CHICAGO, IL 60601

WCEV RADIO
5356 W BELMONT
CHICAGO, IL 60641

WCIU TV
26 N HALSTED ST
CHICAGO, IL 60661

WBBM TV /RADIO
630 N MCCLURG CT
CHICAGO, IL 60611

WTVO-TV *
NORTH MERIDIAN RD
ROCKFORD, IL 61105

WGN RADIO
435 N MICHIGAN
CHICAGO, IL 60611

*WGN TV**
2501 W BRADLEY PL
CHICAGO, IL 60618

WYCC TV
7500 S PULASKI RD
CHICAGO, IL 60652

WMVP RADIO
190 N STATE ST
CHICAGO, IL 60601

WTTW TV
5400 N ST LOUIS AVE
CHICAGO, IL 60625

AESTHETIC ABSTRACTIONS
175 S MASON
BENSENVILLE, IL 60106

CAMERA ORIGINALS
125 WINDSOR DR #107
OAKBROOK, IL 60523

EVENT ENGINEERING
640 PEARSON ST
DES PLAINES, IL 60016

*FOX SPORTS – FOOTBALL *
HOCKEY, BASEBALL, NASCAR
NATIONAL AGREEMENT*

MEDIA PROCESS GROUP
770 N HALSTED #507
CHICAGO, IL 60622

MIRROR IMAGE VIDEO
28 WOODLAND TRAIL
PORTAGE, IN 46368

O.S.A. PRODUCTIONS
537 N EDGEWOOD AVE
WOODDALE, IL 60191

PRODUCT PRODUCTIONS
1806 W GRAND AVE
CHICAGO, IL 60622

PROGRAM PRODUCTIONS
870 OAK CREEK DR
LOMBARD, IL 60148

SHORELINE PRODUCTIONS
28 ASPEN RD BOX 1233
OGDEN DUNES, IN 46368

THEATRICAL LIGHTING CONNECTION
411 HEATHROW COURT
BURR RIDGE, IL 60521

THREE PHASE MEDIA
1658 N MILWAUKEE # 144
CHICAGO, IL 60647

VISIONS UNLIMITED
2065 E EXCHANGE
CRETE, IL 60417

NOTE THE AGREEMENTS FOR GOLAN PRODUCTIONS & HOOF AND MOUTH HAVE BEEN CANCELLED FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

COPIES OF ANY IBEW 1220 AGREEMENT MAY BE OBTAINED UPON REQUEST AT THE UNION OFFICE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is now August in an important election year. The Democratic Convention is come and gone and the Republicans will soon convene to nominate George W. Bush. Local races are heating up and the weather is strangely cool. But as Labor Day approaches, the one thing that is on mind is the outstanding contracts that remain unsettled and the people represented in those shops. WTVO in Rockford and WGN have been struggling for years. The members at those two shops have been without pay raises for much too long. The shops should be congratulated for sticking it out and working towards new contracts. Their struggles have surpassed all expectations lasting through three 1220 Business Managers and several company management changes. These struggles demonstrate the strong relationships our members have with each other and their chosen place of employment. I also realize that for the most part, union members in the Chicago area support each other and the fights they encounter with unscrupulous employers, safety and other issues. Can you remember the recent march supporting the hotel workers in downtown Chicago? What a sight with thousands of union workers, marching for their brothers and sisters who have been on strike for over a year at the Congress Hotel.

As Labor Day approaches I must ask you to reflect on your union membership. Would you march for another if asked? What about if you weren't asked? Would you cross the picket line outside a grocery store or dept store or would you wave to the strikers and turn around and shop somewhere else? Do you expect someone else to walk for you, pass out flyers, wear something that identifies you as UNION? As Labor Day approaches, if you think of nothing else while sitting in the sun enjoying the fruits of your labor please consider the words of the following poem penned many years ago. Might they apply to you?

SOMEONE ELSE

Someone Else will walk that picket line.
Really, I don't have the time.
I have to buy a birthday gift,
And wash the car before my shift.
There are bills to pay.
And anyway, Someone Else will do it.

I have to get the cleaning in
Plus it's not my fight I have to win.
I'm not the one who's in the scrape,
It's the other guy who's in awful shape!
Besides, it's cold out there today.
And anyway, Someone Else will do it.

The Local never seems to get ahead,
And folks have said the Union's dead.
Me, I'm comfortable with apathy.
It's easier to say "I" than "we".
But the Union should be more tough, okay?
And anyway, Someone Else will do it.

Why should I go to the Union hall?
I don't have directions, and I don't recall
When the meeting is. I don't know where
And is there a reason I should care?
I have nothing meaningful to say.
And anyway, Someone Else will do it.

I actually believe the company line.
They endow us with perks and vacation time.
Since they're the ones who give us all this stuff,
We can blame the Union when there's not enough.
So why help the Union get us better pay?
And anyway, Someone Else will do it.

I do my job and I like the boss,
So betting on the Union is a big-time loss.
I'm better than my colleagues are.
The company tells me that I'm a star!
They'll take care of me. That's what they say.
And anyway, Someone Else will do it.

I don't believe in my lifetime
I'll ever hit the unemployment line.
So why should I have to subsidize
The struggles for those other guys?
The Union just helps guys who stray.
And anyway, Someone Else will do it.

I pay dues to the Local, a transaction fee
Like for my car insurance company.
Be an active member?
Well, that's absurd.
It's the dumbest thing I've ever heard!
Pay dues and rise up for a better day? No way!
And anyway, Someone Else will do it.

Jessica Logan

Please join us at the next meeting, Monday, September 13th at 7:00 pm.

Fraternally,

Alan J. Skierkiewicz



YOU UNION NEWS

FIRST READINGS

JOSE SANCHEZ – WGN TV Per diem
ANDY SARKADY – WGN TV STAFF
ROBERT DEAN SWEENEY – CBS – FREELANCE-
DAVID DZURILLA–CBS FREELANCE
ROB ALVAREZ – WBBM PER DIEM
ADRIAN DEMUS – PRODUCT PROD
DANIEL PULLINS – WBBM STAFF
RAY RODRIGUEZ –WBBM PER DIEM

HONORARY WITHDRAWAL GRANTED:

JAMES MULLIGAN – NABET WORK ONLY
TOM BIONDO – NO LONGER IN BROADCASTING
AL SZOPINSKI – NO LONGER IN BARGAINING UNIT
PAM GRIMES – SPECIAL PROJECTS PRODUCER

IN SYMPATHY:

We are sorry to report that Warren Yokley—father of KEVIN YOKLEY (WBBM TV) passed away in July, and William Borgia Sr, father of BILL BORGIA (WGN TV) passed away in August. Also, the mother of RAFAEL RAMIREZ (WTTW) passed away in July. They will all be missed by their friends and families.

LABOR DAY AT NAVY PIER

The Chicago Fed is sponsoring a special discount coupon book for Union members. These guest books are available, but they must be requested in advance. Contact our office to get on the list.

CBS & WTTW CONTRACTS AVAILABLE:

We have the contracts in hand. Please contact us if you would like to have one mailed to you.

UNION PICNIC SET FOR SEPT. 11TH:

We have a picnic grove reserved and plans in the works for a family picnic. Food and games and brotherhood! Plan on joining us.

Our credit union is providing a very large portion of the funding for this event, and we are looking for donations from other sources as well.

We'd love to have someone organize a softball game, some kids activities and some music.

Contact the office to offer your assistance!



COURT REPORTERS UPDATE:

Meetings have been held in Cook and in Lake County recently, and we are reaching out by email as we can to other contacts statewide. Our dialogue with the Court Reporters who have attended is providing us with good material for formulating proposals to present in our first meeting for a contract.



Please continue to email us with your email address for quicker communication in between newsletters. Send a message to info@ibew1220.org.

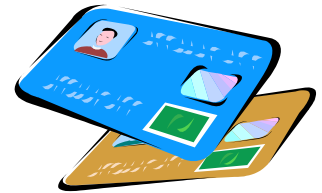
LABOR IN THE PULPIT:

Once again the Chicago Federation of Labor is asking you to help spread the word of the benefits of organized labor to the community. They have prepared a comprehensive education program for you. All we need is for you to agree to speak to the members of your congregation on September 4th or 5th. Please contact the Union office for information and/or to volunteer.



CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS ACCEPTED:

You may pay your dues to this Local Union with a credit card by telephone. VISA and MASTERCARD payments are now being accepted. There is a fee for this service, should you choose to use it, but many have found the convenience worth it.



RETIREES NEWS WELCOME:

Please keep in touch! We love to hear from our valuable retirees.

FLEX PLAN CONFERENCE CALL:

Fidelity Investments, Merrill Lynch and Entertainment Industry 401(k) Plan are hosting an educational conference call on September 14 at 3:00 pm PST. Some of the topics covered will be: Mutual Fund Investing, an overview of the funds available through the Flex Plan and asset allocation and diversification. To join the conference call, simply call 1-800-245-1683 at 2:55 pm PST on Sept 14th.

“INFO CHANNEL” TO BE PROVIDED ELECTRONICALLY

Within the next few months we will be providing all members (and those guests who receive our newsletter) with an email address and notice that they can go to the web site to view the newsletter. This web-based email will allow you to access your IBEW 1220 account from any computer with internet access.

As each improvement is added to our web site, it becomes more of a useful tool for our Local Union membership. Please make suggestions for changes and additions and we will do our best to continue to upgrade the site.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Please note—the Executive Board of Local 1220 has reviewed the situation regarding the payment of unemployed dues. They have determined that the policy of this Local Union shall be that we mandate the payment of full dues according to the ByLaws for all members except those who have been terminated at the station or shop where they had previous been employed either full or part time.



If you work at a station, your dues are 1.7% of your base pay plus \$37.50 each quarter payable quarterly in advance. This remains the same.

Here is the clarification and minor change in policy:

Whether you live in Chicago area or out of it; whether you belong to another Union or not; whether you work once a year, once a quarter or once a week; your IBEW Local 1220 dues are an obligation of membership. If you work Freelance or per diem—your dues are \$109.50 per quarter in advance—for earnings less than \$4236.00 per quarter. Earnings over that amount will trigger a notice to the member of an additional dues amount.

Only the unemployed will be allowed to pay unemployed dues.



If you are not out of town on vacation, please come to your Union picnic on Saturday, September 11th from Noon to 4. Busy that day? Just drop in for a visit!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO REACH US BY EMAIL???

INFO@IBEW1220.ORG

THE NEXT REGULAR UNION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH AT 7:00 PM
BE SURE TO BRING YOUR UNION CARD

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