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## RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCAST ENGINEERS NEWSLETTER

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, LOCAL 1220

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### Sisters and Brothers:

There is a vacancy on our Executive Board. Our Bylaws state that "The Executive Board shall consist of nine (9) elective members, no more than two (2) members from any one (1) station or freelance group." Currently the following members serve on our Board: Janice Henrickson—WBBM, Paul Rodriguez – WBBM, Mary Bohentin—WGN TV, Bob Kastigar—WGN TV, Gina Morri—WTTW, Bruce Rehberger—WTTW, Dan Warren—Freelance Video Production and Leonard Murphy—Freelance Stations. An applicant for election to this position must have been a member in continuous good standing for two years, and submit his or her request for consideration in writing.

Two members have indicated their interest, but our Board asked that we send notice to all members of the vacancy before they make their decision. Please indicate your willingness to serve in a letter (email is acceptable). We have forwarded notices of this vacancy to the stations not already represented on the Board, as requested.

For whatever holiday or interest you and your family celebrate, we wish you a happy and healthy season. The year 2008 will bring us many changes and as a Union we hope to make most of them positive ones. Each of you has a wage increase to look forward to. Each of you have hopes of more and more stable work in your field of expertise. We hold each other up when things are difficult. We should revel together when things go well.

Make this coming year one of solidarity and strength.

Happy Holidays to each and every member  
of I.B.E.W. Local 1220  
and best wishes for a great 2008.



In Solidarity,

*Madeleine Monaco*, Business Manager

NEXT MEETING DATE  
Monday, January 7, AT 7PM  
AT THE UNION OFFICE

Come in and join us to set the course for 2008



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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 THE 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, **stating the reason for the request.**



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

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, ST, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**COPIES OF ANY IBEW 1220 AGREEMENT MAY BE OBTAINED UPON REQUEST AT THE UNION OFFICE**  
Our contractors are listed on the web site—[www.ibew1220.org](http://www.ibew1220.org)

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At the December meeting of our Local Union I was proud to present the following seniority awards. Pins and certificates were given to each of the following members:

- 20 years** Mike Clay, Steve Dragin, Ari Golan, Marilyn Joy, Dan Mabrey, Jim Tianis,
- 25 years** Adam Zletz, Bonne Burns, Xiayang Zhang, Marc Claussen, Ben Cortez, Don Johnson, Duane Kucera, Ed Matney, Tom Mayahara, Alif Muhammad, Kim Nicole, Dino Pillizzi, Jack Stocker, Mike Sweeney
- 30 years** Rudy Anderson, Dave Bierman, Nancy Burns, Carlos Monge, John Oppy, Paul Rodriguez, Dan Rozkuszka, Steve Stabile, Ed Wilk
- 35 years** Kim Brietenbach, Glenn Hannigan
- 40 years** Bob Broz, Aubrey Mumpower
- 45 years** John Bobera, Bob Kastigar

Congratulations to all!! Those who were not present will receive their pins and certificates by mail or hand delivery.

Have a safe and happy new year and be extremely safety conscious out on the street. This time of year can be difficult for some, so please watch for signs of depression in your co-workers and others you come in contact with during the holidays.

Fraternally Yours, *Al Skjerkjewicz, President*



Bob Kastigar—45 years



Duane Kucera—25 years



Glenn Hannigan—35 years

# YOU UNION NEWS

## **NEW MEMBERS APPROVED:**

ALEXANDER JERRI—WYCC  
PATRICK PARMENTER—WGN  
SERGIO ZAVALA—PROGRAM PRODUCTIONS

## **FIRST READINGS**

STEPHEN MACDONALD – FOX SPORTS  
KYLE PORTER – WBBM  
HARVEY HARRIS – WYCC  
PATRICK HAUSLER – PROGRAM PRODS  
SHERMAN MCMATH – EVENT ENG  
KEN FELDE – PROGRAM PRODUCTIONS

## **HONORARY WITHDRAWAL**

The following members have met the requirements to receive this status upon proper payment of dues:

TERENCE BARTHEL – NO LONGER A WRITER AT WGN  
DENNIS RAYMOND – RETIRING FROM WTTW  
BOB BROZ – RETIRING FROM WGN RADIO  
KAREN KULOVITZ – PROMOTED AT WCIU  
TYRA MARTIN – NOW SEGMENT PRODUCER AT WGN

## **PER CAPITA CHANGES FOR 2008:**

Effective 1-1-08 there will be an increase of \$1.00 per month for the IBEW Pension Benefit Fund contribution. Only a few of our members are participating in the PBF, but if any of you has any questions, please feel free to email us at [info@ibew1220.org](mailto:info@ibew1220.org), or call.

## **OPEN HOUSE PLANNED FOR NEXT YEAR:**

Next year, in place of our regular May meeting, we will be hosting an Open House at the Union Hall. Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 3rd, from 3-7 pm, with the official Union meeting to take place at 4:00 pm.

## **MEETING INFORMATION AVAILABLE**

Members can view meeting agenda, bills and correspondence 30 minutes prior to the meeting by appointment.

## **CONGRATULATIONS:**

To GERARD EVANS (Freelance) on his engagement to Mary Carter. A 2008 wedding is planned.

## **FLEX PLAN PARTICIPANTS:**

Be sure to take care of your open enrollment in a timely manner. Even if there are no changes, the open enrollment process must be registered. Also be sure to select and identify any additional deductions and notify ALL of your employers of your choice.

## **DUES PREPAYMENT TAX DEDUCTIONS:**

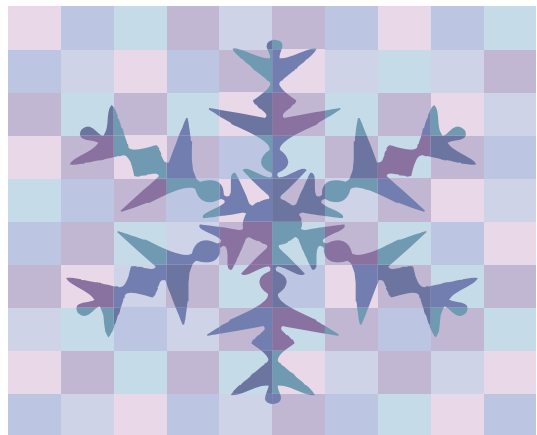
For those members of our Local Union who include a tax deduction on your income tax return for Union dues, you may wish to take advantage of prepaying your 2008 Union dues. The Union office will post and issue official receipts dates before the end of 2007, for all payments received by 12-21-07. As always, your tax preparer or accountant is the final authority on all issues regarding deductions.

## **SHIRTS AVAILABLE:**



IBEW 1220 SHIRTS—Henley style, in either white or navy, are available at the Union office for \$20.00. Contact the office to order—we take credit cards—call 773-714-1220 or email [info@ibew1220.org](mailto:info@ibew1220.org).

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO REACH US BY EMAIL???

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THE NEXT REGULAR UNION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 7 AT 7:00 PM**

YOUR 1ST QUARTER DUES ARE DUE ON 1-1-08. PAYMENTS RECEIVED BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON 1-15-08 WILL NOT INCUR A LATE FEE. PAYMENTS ACCEPTED BY MAIL, CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS BY TELEPHONE OR EMAIL, OR YOU MAY DROP THEM OFF.

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