

THE INFO CHANNEL

UNION DEVELOPMENTS

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PAY YOUR UNION DUES ON LINE

In an effort to continually analyze business expenses, the Local has implemented "ONLINE DUES PAYMENT" through First Midwest Bank. Thanks to our Director of Special Projects for setting up the online Payment System for credit card transactions of dues payments.

With this new capability, the Local will be able to streamline costs as well as the staff time it takes to process your dues payments. Great care has been taken to integrate the many security features to protect your vital personal information.

A cost of 3% must be added to your payment to facilitate bank fees. That amount is automatically calculated for you. The Local will eventually phase out "over the phone" credit card transactions. Members still have the option of mailing in a check as well as dropping off a payment at the union office.

Please take the opportunity to go to our web site at IBEW1220.org, click on the Pay Your Dues Online box and follow the prompts. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

2010 WILLIAM A. LEE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Chicago Federation of Labor will offer five (5) academic-based scholarships and five (5) random-drawing scholarships in the amount of \$2000 to students graduating from a Chicago or suburban high school. Applications must be submitted between January 1st and March 1, 2010. Applications are available online at www.chicagolabor.org. To be eligible, either the student or one of his or her parents must be a member of a local union affiliated with the Chicago Federation of Labor, and the application must be signed by two officers.

FREE ONLINE TRAINING FROM LYNDA.COM

In an effort to keep our members competitive and highly skilled, Local 1220 has acquired (5) training licenses from **Lynda.com.**, an online training program with over 650 courses for Union members. Please peruse this site for a complete list.

This program is free only for IBEW Local 1220 Union members. Space is limited to (5) members at one time. During your (2) week period time-use, you can utilize the "subscription time-period" to learn as many programs as desired.

To add your name to the list, please go to the Local 1220 website, www.ibew1220.org, to complete the form. Automated confirmation will be generated and sent to the union office with a time/date stamp. This time/date stamp will ensure a position on the waiting list. You will be notified in advance before your activation period. Please take advantage of this benefit while it is available.



Business Manager Report

Brothers and Sisters,

As we wind up 2009, I am thankful for the past 6 months. It has been an honor to serve this local and its members. The work has been hard and there is more to be done. So what do we have to show for it?

The **WGN AM Radio** contract has been ratified. 14 negotiating sessions later (4 negotiating sessions since July 1st) and we have a signed contract that was accepted by the members of this bargaining unit. We will continue to push forward to expand jurisdiction and protect jobs, but for now we are holding the line.

WYCC is voting on their contract. Negotiations have been concluded and we will wait to see the outcome of the vote. The Union may go back to the table if the members choose not to accept the current contract proposal.

All **Video Production Contractors** have their contracts in hand and we are expecting to wrap up negotiations by the end of the year.

WGN Television is in negotiations as we speak and proceeding slowly. After dealing with the radio contract, we are seeing a pattern with the speed in which negotiations progress.

We will be working closely with **CBS** to monitor and assist our members with their 2010 vacation picks. All members are strongly encouraged to send a copy of their vacations picks to the hall when they submit their picks to CBS. We want to make sure that all members get a fair opportunity to choose their vacation.

Grievances at **WTTW** have been and are being settled. The Union, while taking a firm stance on these issues, would also like to extend its thanks and gratitude for allowing us to train our member at their facilities.

Looking forward, there is still much to be done. I am looking forward to a prosperous 2010. May all of you have a safe and happy holiday season.

Happy Holidays,

John Pizzino

Presidents Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Now, at the end of a tough year for most of us, I would like to send out a special thank you to all of our members. Many of you generously have attended meetings, voted on issues and elections, corresponded with the local.

Others have served on negotiating and special committees, served as officers, stewards, and executive board members. Additionally, some have otherwise participated and added to our local's efforts.

A special thanks to Marie Kowalski, our local's administrative assistant, who pleasantly and diligently supports our local's members throughout the year.

I also would like to extend warm holiday greetings to all of our members near and far. Have a safe and prosperous New Year!

Fraternally yours,
Glenn M. Hannigan
President



Glenn Hannigan

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MEETING INFORMATION AVAILABLE

Members can view the agenda, bills and copies of correspondence 30 minutes prior to the meeting. The next membership meeting is January 4th at 7:00pm.

SYMPATHY :

Michael Mitnick, 60 year member, WGN retiree.
Paul Rivers, father-in-law of Business Manager,
John Rizzo.

NEW ARRIVALS:

Allen Maniscalco (WBBM) and his wife Catherine welcomed their first child, Daniel Anthony on Nov.13th.

VACANCIES / OPEN POSITIONS

WYCC is looking for a full- time Maintenance Engineer. For more information call Mark Jahnke (773) 487-1322

WGN is in the process of hiring, please check out the local 1220 web page for more information.

HONORARY WITHDRAWAL

Donald Johnson - retirement from WBBM
Marilyn Joy - unemployed
Tim Jackson - WGN retired

FIRST READINGS

Greg Albrecht - Program Productions
Jim Boring - Program Productions
Matt Jakusz - WGN
Jonathan Szwajkowski—WGN

NEW MEMBERS

Brian Allinson - WGN-TV
Ryan Magee - Program EVS Op
Carolyn Orban - WGN-TV
Kevin Rogers - Fox Sports
Jessica Zellermyer - WGN-TV

Retirement

Best wishes to 25-yr.member, Tim Jackson, who recently retired from the WGN newsroom.

SENIORITY PIN AWARDS

It is an honor to congratulate the following Local 1220 members on their years of service in the IBEW:

15 YEAR PIN RECIPIENTS

Philip Reid, Rocky Sabini, Mark Sarantakos, Victor Suarez, Michael Tatomir, Joseph Vinci, Robert Wiener

20 YEAR PIN RECIPIENTS

Aigar Dombrovskis, Scott Jones, Timothy Norris

25 YEAR PIN RECIPIENTS

Robert Bruner, Gerald Holewinski, Timothy A. Jackson, Paul Kelley, John Krupski, Joseph Pausback, Rebecca Pope, Maureen Swake

30 YEAR PIN RECIPIENTS

De Armon Clayton, Ricardo Garibay, Beata Gaudry, Lawrence Gianneschi III, Bruce Henrickson, Robert Kent, Joseph Klimovitz, Michael Kolar, Joseph Kozak, Ken Myszak, Rosa Negrete Livieri, Randall Piant, JoAnn Prihoda Reece, Rodney White

35 YEAR PIN RECIPIENTS

Richard Garofalo, Jessica Logan, Carlos Tronshaw, Richard K. Well, Gary Wright

40 YEAR PIN RECIPIENTS

Joseph Lucarelli, James Pasma, Rafael Ramirez, Stuart Swansen

45 YEAR PIN RECIPIENTS

Arleigh Erickson, Richard Leigh

Thank you, Brothers & Sisters, for your dedication and service throughout the years. Certificates and pins will be mailed to your home.

2010 Union Dues

REMINDER: 1st Quarter 2010 Union Dues are due in the Union office by January 15th. Freelance dues remain \$115.50 per Quarter. There will be an increase of \$1.00 in per capita for "A" members only.

Union Plus News !

During this season of giving and receiving, we have a favor to ask. If you know of a union family in need of receiving financial help, please give them a gentle nudge to the UnionPlus.org web site. We may be able to give them help through our Union Safe Grants, which are available to eligible families struggling financially due to layoff, disability, bankruptcy, or large hospital bills.

This year alone over 1,000 union members have received Union Plus grants totaling \$515,500. Please visit UnionPlus.org/UnionSAFE for more information.

Warmest wishes,
Leslie Tolf, President
Union Privilege, provider of Union Plus benefits

Last minute gift savings

Stretch your holiday budget with union deals and discounts like these:

- Save 20% off flowers, centerpieces and gift baskets delivered by local florists.
- Pay 10% less for AT&T wireless service, including monthly service for the iPhone 3G and 3Gs.
- Looking for a classic children's gift that's union-made and lasts forever? Give the famous RADIO FLYER "little wagon." It's made by fellow union members in River Forest, Illinois, where they also manufacture Radio Flyer bikes, trikes, and other toys that last a lifetime. Shop their web site at www.redwagon.com.

Save on out of pocket health costs.

Why continue paying more? Union Plus Health Savings programs cut what you have to pay out of pocket for things not covered by health insurance.

- Download a free prescription card to save 15% off brand-name drugs and 40% off generic drugs at 56,000+ pharmacies nationwide.
- Learn how to save hundreds of dollars annually on out-of-pocket dental, vision, hospital and physician bills not paid by insurance.
- Learn the differences between money-saving generic and over-the-counter drugs vs. brand-name medications. Compare cost, dosage, and effectiveness. **Download free reports at, ConsumerReportsHealth.org.**

Help for families facing layoffs.

In financially uncertain times, your union membership and Union Plus benefits are more valuable than ever.

- Apply for a \$250 Union SAFE Job loss Grant to pay down your credit card balance if you are a laid-off Union Plus Credit Cardholder. No repayment required.
- Out of work and overwhelmed? Use the Unemployment Lifeline to find local unemployment assistance, veteran's services, childcare, and other resources in your area.
- Filing for bankruptcy? Get free bankruptcy counseling.

Email Administration Center

Who wants to go to a basketball game?

Join UIC Men's Basketball in recognizing IBEW Local 1220



As our guests IBEW Local 1220 will be given the opportunity to be recognized during halftime on the jumbo tron!!!

All members, families and friends of IBEW Local 1220 will be offered discounted lower-level tickets for \$8 to attend the UIC men's basketball game.

Games available for IBEW Local 1220 include:

1/15	Loyola	8:00pm
1/23	Butler	1:00pm
1/27	Milwaukee	1:00pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JONATHAN BUTLER @ 312.355.0283

SHOP STEWARDS

WBBM TV

John Trautschold, Mark Losiniecki, Morris Jones, Howard Florence

WGN TV

Mary Bohentin, Jim Guthrie, Glenn Hannigan, Charles Hayes, Mike Clay, Jerry Howard, Richard (Ike) Isaac, Jordan Guzzardo

WTTW TV

Tom Siegel, Dan Rozkuszka, Peter Adrianopoli

WYCC TV

Andrew Freund

WCIU TV

Will Watkins

WTVO TV

Dave Seaton

WGN RADIO

Ed Wilk

WBBM RADIO

Steve Wright

WCEV RADIO

Jeff Frizzle

FREELANCE

Mike Sullivan, Scott Jones, Sean Mahan

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**THE NEXT REGULAR UNION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
MONDAY– JANUARY 4, AT 7:00PM
AT THE UNION OFFICE
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