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www.aflcio.org/issuepolitics/politics/kerry.cfm

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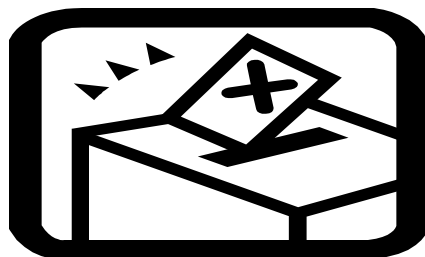
Volunteer to help
www.aflcio.org/issuepolitics/politics/volunteer_main.cfm

Repeat overtime pay cut
www.unionvoice.org/campaign/otpay_remember

Restore workers' freedom to form unions
www.aflcio.org/voicEatwork

It's almost November 2nd!

VOTE



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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

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

* *italicized contracts are currently being negotiated*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is now October, 2004 and the most important presidential election in my memory is almost upon us. By the time you read this, voter registration may have closed. If you are not registered, you may only have a few days (or hours) to register. Voters around the country have been registering in great numbers. Many districts are reporting the highest voter registration in more than thirty years. Iowa has reported that almost a third of their voters have already voted via absentee ballot to insure that their vote is cast in this crucial election. Other states are reporting similar rushes for absentee ballots and voter registration forms. Many southern states are registering voters with Florida high on the list as minority groups actively pursue unregistered voters.

As you know Florida will be very closely watched during this election. There have been many investigations into voter fraud that have pointed to the possibility that perhaps thousands of legally registered voters were denied voting rights during the previous presidential election. One report has placed the number at 47,000 residents that may be ineligible to vote due to being convicted felons. (Florida and other states do not allow convicted felons from automatically receiving voter rights after their sentence has been completed.) With all the interest in those allegations in Florida, other states have been implicated as well. It appears that this will be the most watched election in history.

With all of this activity, our members are working hard to cover all the election stories. I had a chance to see firsthand how difficult reporting in the field during elections can be recently. WTTW was involved in a high school student investigation into elections and Barak Obama and Alan Keyes were in attendance. Both candidates are certainly part of the local news and many members of the media were in attendance including Local 1220 represented shops. My hat is off to those people who are working on the street during this election.

So the important thing is to get out and vote. Your voice can be heard if you vote. Polls are expected to be crowded even here in the city. Plan ahead to give yourself time to cast a ballot. You have no excuse for not voting this year. Please get out and make your voice heard.

Try to attend a union meeting in the future. Very lively discussions have taken place at union meetings this year. We need you to be part of those talks. If you have never attended a meeting, please plan to join us next month. Stewards should attend if they can and are asked to provide a report of events taking place in their shops. If you are a steward, please come and tell us what's going on. If you can't attend then fax or e-mail a report to the office and I will read it at the meeting. Had you attended this month's meeting you would have heard that WTVO in Rockford is being sold to Mission Broadcasting. I am sure the members, as well as the local's officers, are hopeful that the new owners will be able to settle contract talks with the shop and give them a long overdue contract. WGN's contract talks were also discussed. Several meetings have been scheduled in October and all involved are hoping for a settlement there as well.

We had a great day for a picnic, the weather was spectacular and the food was wonderful. Thanks to all the staff who made this event possible and thanks to our credit union, Xerox, for providing money to cover the cost of the day. I hope everyone had a good a time, I certainly did. I hope to see many more of you next month, Wednesday, November 3 at 7:00 PM for the regular union meeting. And for the last time, Get Out and Vote!

YOUNION NEWS

FIRST READINGS

KELLY ENGLER – WTVO
NELSON HOWARD – WGN TV
MARIE FERRO – PROGRAM PRODUCTIONS

NEW MEMBERS

STEPHEN SEGERS – WGN TV PD
ANDY SARKADY – WGN TV STAFF
LEO CASSIDY – WGN TV PD WRITER
AMANDA COLON – WBBM TV
JEFFREY ASELL – CBS REJOINING
ROBERT D SWEENEY – CBS
LAUREN POLLOCK – WYCC P.T.
DAVID DZURILLA – CBS SPORTS FL
JOHN M HART – PROGRAM PROD
MICHAEL D'ANGELO – WGN TV PD
LINDA PELTIER – WBBM FL

HONORARY WITHDRAWAL GRANTED:

SYLVIA ADAMS – GOING BACK TO NURSING
BRANDON WELLS – NOT IN BROADCASTING
HEIDI HESSE – NABET WORK ONLY
MONICA ZACK – NOW MANAGEMENT
ROBERT WIENER – RETIRED IN MARYLAND
GARY BOTT – NOT IN BROADCASTING
MIKE DONOVAN—NO LONGER IN INDUSTRY
CYNTHIA KNOX—MGMT NOW IN BIRMINGHAM

IN SYMPATHY:

CHARLES BARNHART (WBBM Radio retired)
passed away 9-25-04. He will be missed.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To newlyweds JEFF MAROZAS
(Product Prods) and his bride
Kristine on their marriage 9-11-04.



IBEW BABY!

JUAN GUERRA (WBBM per diem)
and his wife Lidia welcomed baby
boy Michael Anthony 8-24-04. He
was 10 pounds and 21 inches tall.



COURT REPORTERS UPDATE:



We held a meeting this month, on October 12th, in Springfield in order to share information with our downstate Court Reporters.

Please continue to email us with your email address for quicker communication in between newsletters. And send us your proposals also to info@ibew1220.org.

RETIREES NEWS:

We heard that Phil Bondelli (CBS Retired) will be having surgery 10-12. Please keep him in your prayers. Please keep in touch! We love to hear from our valuable retirees.

UNION PICNIC SPECIAL THANK YOUS:

Thanks to Xerox Federal Credit Union for funding all of the cost of this event!



Special thanks go to the following:

Jim Carollo/WGN Radio for Cubs Tickets
Marc Drazin/ WGN TV for Cubs and Sox tickets.
Maria Moore/ WYCC for donating 9 radios.
Tom Marconi/Visions Unlimited for a donation to defray the cost of gifts.
Bob Hercules/Media Process Group for two of their videos.
Gregg Peters for donating time as a magician to amaze the guests.
Dan Warren for donating a "cam bracket".
Thanks to chef Ro for feeding all of us, & special thanks to Marie for all of the great door prizes she provided. It was fun!

BURST-COMPUTER CLASSES

See flyer enclosed with this newsletter and article on page 7 for special discounts on training.

AGENCY FEE PAYERS OBJECTION PLAN FOR 2005

A notice was posted in the October issue of the IBEW Journal, explaining to employees who pay agency fees to IBEW, their rights regarding objections to certain activities funded by the IBEW. They may follow a similar procedure with this Local Union in registering an objection and requesting a reduction check.

To file an objection, submit your request in writing to the Union office after having submitted a similar request to the International Secretary. Include your full name and mailing address. This request must be received postmarked during November of 2004 and will apply to agency fees paid during 2005.

“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.

EMPLOYEE FREE CHOICE ACT

The future of labor unions is resting on passage of the Employee Free Choice Act. Senate Bill 1925 and House of Representatives Bill 3619 bans a major weapon from management's arsenal — stalling negotiations for years. This legislation would automatically bind both management and union to arbitration or mediation within a few months. If we had this legislation on the books, WIFR would have a contract now. Management has been stalling these negotiations for years!

Please learn more about this vital legislation at
www.aflcio.org/aboutunions/voicework/efca.cfm.
Let your representatives know where you stand.



JULY/AUGUST 2004

BUILDING MATERIALS & TOOLS

JET EQUIPMENT & TOOLS, INC.
Auburn, Wash., distributor of "JET" brand metal- and wood-working power and hand tools for home and commercial use
▶ *International Brotherhood of Teamsters*

ENTERTAINMENT & RECREATION

BIG LEAGUE THEATRICALS ROAD COMPANY
Performing the "Miss Saigon"
▶ *Actors' Equity Assn./American Federation of Musicians*

BLACK ENTERTAINMENT TELEVISION
BET cable television, Action pay-per-view, Bet on Jazz
▶ *International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers*

ECHOSTAR DISH NETWORK
Satellite Television Service
▶ *Communications Workers of America*

FOOD & BEVERAGES

ALGOOD FOODS
Reeses Peanut Butter
▶ *International Brotherhood of Teamsters*

DIAMOND WALNUT CO.
Diamond brand canned and bagged walnuts and walnut pieces
▶ *International Brotherhood of Teamsters*

MT. OLIVE PICKLE CO.
Pickles and relishes sold under the Mt. Olive and other labels, including the Food Lion and Harris Teeter supermarket "house" labels
▶ *Farm Labor Organizing Committee*

TRANSPORTATION & TRAVEL

ADAM'S MARK HOTEL
Hotel in Buffalo, NY
▶ *International Union of Operating Engineers*

BEST WESTERN-GROSVENOR RESORT
Hotel in Lake Buena Vista, FL.; located at Disney World, but separately owned and operated
▶ *Hotel Employees & Restaurant Employees International Union*

FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON
Hotel in Waterbury, CT.
▶ *Hotel Employees & Restaurant Employees International Union*

GRAND HOTEL MINNEAPOLIS
Hotel in Minneapolis owned and operated by the Wirth Companies
▶ *Hotel Employees & Restaurant Employees International Union*

KSL RECREATION
Six KSL Recreation Properties:
Doral Golf Resort and Spa (Miami, FL); Emerald Pointe (Lake Lanier, GA); Hotel del Coronado (Coronado, CA); La Costa Resort & Spa (Carlsbad, CA); La Quinta Resort and Club (Palm Springs, CA); PGA West (Palm Springs, CA)
▶ *Hotel Employees & Restaurant Employees*

NEW OTANI HOTEL & GARDEN
Hotel in downtown Los Angeles
▶ *Hotel Employees & Restaurant Employees International Union*

OTHERS

CF&I STEEL and OREGON STEEL MILLS, INC.
Steel, including rod, bar, rail, pipe and steel plate
▶ *United Steelworkers of America*

R.J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO CO.
Cigarettes: Best Value, Camel, Century, Doral, Eclipse, Magna, Monarch, More, Now, Salem, Sterling, Vantage, and Winston; plus all Moonlight Tobacco products
▶ *Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers & Grain Millers International Union*

**PLEASE
POST**

LOCAL 1220 COMPUTER CLASSES TRAINING FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY



"No computer skill goes unused," said Ro Wratschko. "To keep members on the cutting edge is to keep learning, we're cooperating with CompUSA and Local 1212 in New York to get Union discounts on computer education."

The discounts apply to members and their families. You can find a class near you for a day or a night, or you can work at home with web-based programs. Everything is done to make the learning experience convenient and valuable.

Full-timers, free-lancers and family members can enroll in any instructor led class for almost 50% off and 20% off web-based courses. Even if busy schedules or breaking news interrupts your work, CompUSA lets you reschedule within 90 days.

If you don't get it the first time, take the class again for free within 90 days. If you find you are too advanced for the course or not advanced enough, you can re-enroll at a different level.

Mac and PC web-based courses mean you can work at your own speed. Look at the package for Business Professionals that include outlook, PowerPoint, NT Workstation; Graphics that include Photoshop and Dreamweaver; Web Development that offers 50 courses including Director, Front-Page, and Java.

Choose your package. Then you can take as many courses in that group in the time frame you buy. You'll see that each package offers anywhere from 30 to 150 courses.

You do not have to own or buy any of the software to take the course. Taking a Photoshop course for \$29.99 is good way to preview an expensive program before you buy it.

The first thing to do is go to www.CompUsa.com. Under "Services" you will see "Training", click there and find a class at a convenient location. You can also call 800-872-4680 to find a class near you.

Then call Jim Sterne, Local 1220 Business Representative. A voucher will be assigned to you. You will be able to pay by credit card for both web-based and classroom courses.

Keep the flyer in this newsletter. Share it with your family. Call Jim Sterne 1220 Bus. Rep. (773-714-1220) if you have any questions or if you are ready to enroll.

Local 1220 is planning a Final Cut Pro seminar. If you would like to attend, let Jim Sterne know so you can be put on the roster.

THE NEXT REGULAR UNION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD AT 7:00 PM
BE SURE TO BRING YOUR UNION CARD

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