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FROM YOUR BUSINESS MANAGER

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The First Annual IBEW Local 1220 Picnic is History!

Saturday September 11th was a wonderful day at the forest preserve. The sun shone brightly in the clear blue sky. There was a light breeze to keep the bugs at bay. The atmosphere of all those that attended was festive and refreshing.

Being the 3rd anniversary of the abominations which occurred in our wonderful country, we had a moment to remember those who lost their lives so needlessly. Most of us know of a friend or a friend of a friend, who experienced first hand the horror of that day.

We as IBEW members lost twenty of our family.

Four of the twenty were from our Sister Broadcast Local 1212 in New York.

We Played!

Frisbee, Horseshoes, Soccer, Football, Croquet, and of course Water Balloons!

We were Amazed!

A magician roamed the crowd! Stupefying both the old and young!

We Ate and Drank!

Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Veggie Burgers, Turkey Burgers. Fruit, Fruit and more Fruit, Multi Grain Buns, Hard Rolls and Plain Old-fashioned Buns. Did I mention Cheese? Colby, Cheddar and Jack! Potato Salad & Coleslaw.

Pretzels, Cookies, Brownies and Scrumptious Apple Bread too.

We had enough pop/soda, lemonade and water to drown a hippo!

WOW! What a Cake!

We had Prizes!

Cubs Tickets, Sox Tickets, parking pass to boot!

Palm Pilot, Starbucks, Bath & Body to Tastefully Simple!

Insulated totes, Backpacks, Beach towels and a Bounty of Portable Radios,

And of course "Cam Bracket" along with toys for the girls & boys!

We had US!

Members, friends, husbands, wives, sons and daughters!

Newborn to Newlywed, Toddler to Teenager. Even A Former Business Manager...

We even thought of those who had to work.

We had a Great Day!!!

In Solidarity,



Oh by the way.... This entire day was truly **Priceless!** (As in ZERO cost.)

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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
<i>WTVO-TV</i> *	WGN RADIO 435 N MICHIGAN CHICAGO, IL 60611	<i>WGN TV</i> *	WYCC TV 7500 S PULASKI RD CHICAGO, IL 60652
<i>NORTH MERIDIAN RD ROCKFORD, IL 61105</i>	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

FIRST READINGS

DAMON RANGER – CBS FL
LAUREN POLLOCK – WYCC TV
JOHN PETROSKI – WBBM FL
LUIS CARRERAS – WBBM FL
JOHN HART – PROGRAM PROD.
OSWALDO RANGEL – WBBM FL
JEFF MAROZAS – PRODUCT PROD.
BARRY WOOLEY—AESTHETIC ABS

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

IN SYMPATHY:

Our heartfelt sympathy to Tracy McIntosh, formerly of WYCC, now in Atlanta, on the loss of her sister.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Kimberly (KC) Clevenger (Local Union Recording Secretary) and her new husband Matthew Holtman on their wedding. Best wishes for many happy years !



IBEW BABY!



Nayla Vazquez, granddaughter of WANDA VAZQUEZ-AJAYI (WYCC) was born in August. 5'14" Welcome to the world, little Nayla!

COURT REPORTERS UPDATE:



Our dialogue with the Court Reporters 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.

Our recent success has been featured in the IBEW September Journal. See a reprint on page 5 of this newsletter or on the IBEW website.

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 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.

UNION PICNIC HELD SEPT. 11TH:

Thanks to Xerox Federal Credit Union for funding this wonderful event! Our Business Manager did chef duty and fed everyone. We had games and we had raffle prizes. We had cookies and cake and watermelon and music. We had a good time on a very pleasant day in the park.

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.

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.

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/voiceatwork/efca.cfm. Let your representatives know where you stand.

Objection Overruled! Court Reporters Finally Win Voice With IBEW 1220

Justice and fairness have a key role in any courtroom. But it took 15 years of struggle, a signed law by the governor and a vote by the state legislature to extend those principles to nearly 200 court reporters at the Illinois Supreme Court. Early this month, the workers finally won the right to union representation by IBEW Local 1220 in Chicago.

"AFSCME [American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees] tried to organize them and they gave up; the Teamsters tried to organize them, and they gave up," said Sixth District Vice President Pat Curley. "We didn't give up."



The victory was featured at the recent Sixth District Organizing Conference. From left are Local 1220 Business Manager Ro Wratschko, IBEW Secretary-Treasurer Jerry O'Connor, court reporters Renia Boykin and John Tominello, Sixth District Vice President Pat Curley, court reporter Sue Gruszka and former Local 1220 Business Manager Jessica Logan, who is also project organizing coordinator.

The court reporters have been trying to organize since the late 1980s. In the past four years with Local 1220, those efforts intensified with a public awareness campaign emphasizing the workers were being denied collective bargaining rights explicitly granted to state workers under the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act. But the justices continued to resist voluntary recognition, even after a new Illinois law giving the reporters a right to union representation signed in June 2003.

Finally on July 1, the Illinois Supreme Court by a 4-3 vote, recognized Local 1220 as the collective bargaining representative of the 187 court reporters in Cook County. Local 1220 will continue to fight to represent 319 additional court reporters in other districts in Illinois.

"We will continue the fight and we will not give up until all the official court reporters are represented by Local 1220," Curley said at the recent Sixth District Organizing Conference about the Illinois local that represents broadcast members.

Two court reporters, Renia Boykin and John Tominello, were featured at the organizing conference. Tominello was fired in May 2001 for what he and Local 1220 contend was his organizing activities. The two received a standing ovation from the audience, said Sixth District International Representative Lonnie Stephenson.

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THE NEXT REGULAR UNION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5TH AT 7:00 PM
BE SURE TO BRING YOUR UNION CARD

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