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THE INFO CHANNEL

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CHARITIES

The following charities are reaching out to us for help. If you are able to assist them in any way that would be great! If you can't help with a donation, how about donating some of your spare time.

We know they would greatly appreciate it.

GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY

SPECIAL OLYMPICS ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS COUNCIL OF THE BLIND, INC.

THIS THAT AND OTHER THINGS

- **WYCC TV** is actively seeking a full-time maintenance engineer to fill a vacancy. A special note: "You must reside in Chicago or become a Chicago resident within 6 months." If you are interested or you know of anyone that can fill the position, please contact Mark Jahnke at (773) 487-1322.
 - The Freelance Contract negotiations need to begin before October 1, 2009. The Union office is looking for members interested in being on the Negotiation Committee. Please contact the Union Office if you wish to be considered for this committee.
 - For our CBS members, the Halfly meeting starts the week of October 5th in Baltimore.
 - **NEWS FLASH.... FREE TO MEMBERS!** There are 5 slots available for **LYNDA.COM** the online training service. A little about Lynda: Lynda.com is an award-winning provider of educational materials, including Hands-On Training instructional books, the Online Training Library, and CD and DVD based video training and events for creative designers, instructors, students and hobbyists. Courses include such subjects as
 - Photoshop, Flash, Dreamweaver, Illustrator, Office, digital photography, Web design, digital video and many others.
- Anyone interested in this **FREE** 2 week on-line course through this Union, please call the office to arrange a slot. If all the slots are filled you will be added to the Que. When an opening occurs you will be notified.
- **An interesting web site to check out:** www.chicago.bestparking.com/index.php. Freelancers usually have to pay for parking out of their own pockets. The price can be fairly steep at times and can vary from day to day. The website shows you a map of the various garages along with a list of rates from lowest to highest. A very useful service and it's FREE! Thanks to Kevin O'Rourke for this tip.

Business Manager Report

Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to welcome new Eboard member Will Watkins(WCIU) and our new Treasurer Dan Rozkuszka (WTTW). We still have 2 unfilled Executive spots to fill along with the Recording Secretary position. A new bylaw has been proposed at the next meeting in order to entice participants to step forward and make a difference in your Local. You will be mailed an official notice shortly.

We are quickly approaching our 4th quarter. Dues will need to be paid and everyone will be tightening their belts. The dues for the 4th quarter are at 1.4% caused by a Per Capita shortfall in the 2nd and 3rd quarters of 2009. In short, our current bylaws, as they stand, have caused our General Fund to “back slide” and cause a dues increase.

This is a reoccurring problem and although I have curtailed our Local’s spending, we still run the risk of increasing the dues to 1.7%. There is another new Bylaw amendment on the books to keep us locked at our current rate. This prevents our General Funds from dropping to a level where we would have to increase dues 1.7%. It also removes the cause of the original problem as well. I am confident that we will be able to function more efficiently as a Union with the dues locked at this rate and the membership can rest easier knowing their dues will not increase.

July’s bylaw proposal will be voted upon at the next membership meeting. The Eboard recommends dismissal as it may be a violation of DOL standards. Please come to the next meeting to cast your vote.

The new by-law would be Article XII, Section 2: Any member who has done no union work for any approved union contractor for more than one year, and has no other active union business pending (such as a grievance or arbitration) will have their union membership suspended. A member on suspension may not attend meetings, vote on any matters, or hold union office.

A member on suspension may apply for reinstatement once it’s proven that she/he has resumed regular union covered work

CBS members on dues check-off can expect a dues credit. Our administration has uncovered an accounting error from CBS’s payroll. They had paid 1.7% towards dues for 6 months during 2008-2009. Our office is working on rectifying their error.

Our Video Production Contracts are now up for negotiation. Freelancers interested in helping with negotiation, please contact the hall. Your help and input is needed desperately.

Finally, I have been in contact with several of our members on job sites and in the stations. You will see more of your Business Manager. My time is being divided by the International, negotiations, and station contract maintenance. Full time office staff consists of Marie and myself with little time to address last minute emergencies. There are no plans in the immediate future to hire an Assistant Business Manager but we are looking to hire on at least 1 full time Business Representative. We thank you for your help, support, and patience during this transition.

In Solidarity,

John Rizzo

Presidents Message

I would like to congratulate and thank Mr. Dan Rozkuszka who has stepped forward and been elected by our Executive Board (E-board), as our new Treasurer. In addition, my sincere and many thanks to Mr. Dan Warren, who has done such a wonderful job as our Pro-tem Treasurer since the officer transition, which took place in July of this year. Much diligent work is involved in the Treasurer's position, and I wish Dan Rozkuszka well in his new endeavor!

The Executive Board has also elected Mr. William Watkins to serve as a fellow board member, filling an open position. Mr. Watkins is an engineer at WCIU-TV (The U), as well as a steward for their bargaining unit. Congratulations and thank you William!

We have a very important officer vacancy to fill.

The officer position of Recording Secretary remains open.

Please consider stepping forward if you would like to serve the membership by taking on this important and worthwhile responsibility. This officer's responsibilities are delineated in the I.B.E.W.'s Constitution for your review.

There is one more vacancy on the E-board at this time.

While the maximum membership per bargaining unit has been filled by members from the WTTW and Video Production/Freelance units, members who work in other units will be considered, and may be elected by the E-board for this important position. Please contact the office for more information; if you are interested, your candidacy intentions will be forwarded to the E-board.

In other news: The WGN-AM negotiations continue.

The WGN-TV negotiating committee has been meeting to prepare for their first meeting with the company.

There have been frequent updates to our website which is www.ibew1220.org. The site includes new content and the updated Info Channel. In addition, "Pay dues online" is currently under construction.

We will be attending the I.B.E.W.'s Women's Conference & Progress Meeting at the Mart Plaza in early October. There will be follow-up reporting by our members who attend these meetings.

Please ask about our Lynda.com licenses for your continued educational opportunities. With so many programs available, there will be something for everyone. Learning more about the programs that you will be using at work and in life will be a valuable resource for our members.

Fraternally,

Glenn Hannigan

YOU - NION NEWS

MEETING INFORMATION AVAILABLE

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

NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Jason (freelance) and Michelle Kropp on the birth of baby son, **Sawyer**, born on August 26th. Sawyer joins brothers Tyler and Brandon. Best wishes to the entire family.

PASSINGS

Roberta Elizabeth Stanish beloved wife for 62 years of Peter Stanish, CBS Retiree.

James A. Wright, 95, beloved father of Paul Wright (freelance).

SPECIAL EVENTS

HONORARY WITHDRAWAL

Kathryn V. Swanson - Management
Anna Marie Klingele - CBS-freelance

FIRST READINGS

Jonathan Ortiz - Event Engineering

NEW MEMBERS

Tim Kolessar - Program Productions

VACANCIES / OPEN POSITIONS

WYCC IS LOOKING FOR A FULL TIME MAINTENANCE ENGINEER Call Mark Jahnke (773) 487-1322

1 vacancy - Recording secretary

2 vacancies - Executive Board positions

Just a reminder! The 4th quarter dues are due on October 1, 2009

WHAT YOUR UNION DOES FOR YOU

Negotiate and enforce the contract
Process your grievances
Represent your interests
Keeps you informed with
-monthly meetings
-monthly newsletters
Acts in your interest with management
Acts in your interest in the community
Negotiate higher wages

WHERE YOUR UNION DUES GO

Rent, supplies and office equipment
Affiliation fees
Salaries and expenses of full time staff
Printing, posting, educational materials
Labor Board and arbitration expenses
Organizing expenses
Negotiation expenses

THE OFFICIAL STUFF

SHOP STEWARDS

IBEW 1220 OFFICERS AND STAFF

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Charles Hayes, Mike Clay, Jerry Howard,
Richard (Ike) Isaac, Jordan Guzzardo

WTTW-TV

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Peter Adrianopoli

WYCC-TV

Andrew Freund

WCIU-TV

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WTVO-TV

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Ed Wilk

WBBM RADIO

Steve Wright

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Please take note of who your shop steward is and if you have any concerns on anything job related feel free to talk to them. That is what they are there for!

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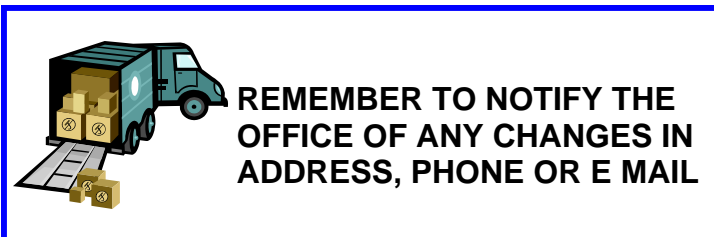
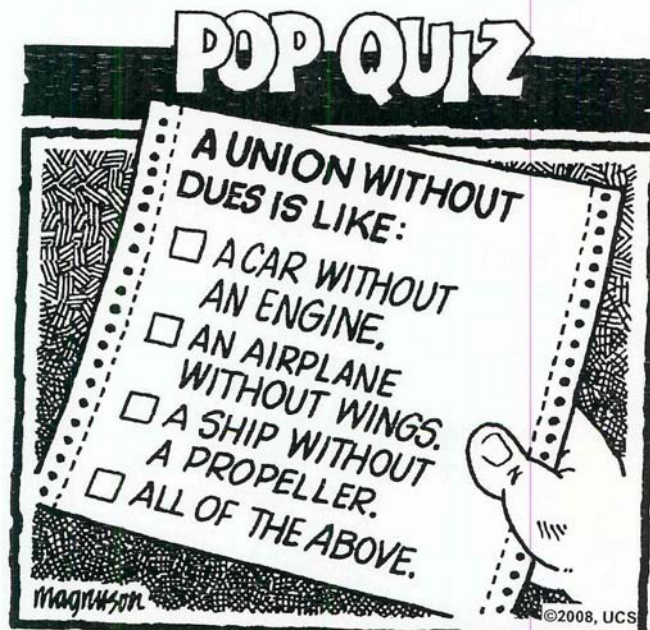
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Anything you might expect to read in a business letter or see in a telegram that pertains to this Local and your part in it will be communicated to you through this channel of information. Consider this your dues invoice, your by-laws update, your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

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**THE NEXT REGULAR UNION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13 AT 7:00PM
AT THE UNION OFFICE
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**The 4th. Quarter dues are
due on October 1, 2009**

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