

**Union Office.....422-0435** - Business Manager, President, Organizers, Job Referral, Dues

**Funds Office.....474-5729** - Benefits, Pension, Annuity, Health Insurance

**JATC Training Center...546-0221** - Apprentice Classes, Training



## Union Meeting Schedule

Tuesday - March 1, 2016

Tuesday - April 5, 2016

**6:00 pm**

at the **JATC Training Center**

**4566 Waterhouse Rd, Clay, NY 13041**

### A message from Don Morgan, Business Manager -

Brothers & Sisters,

I regret to inform you that one of our members was burned in an unfortunate accident. Joe Baum, employed with Engler Electric, has 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> degree burns on his hands. I know we all wish Joe a speedy recovery. This accident reinforces the importance of utilizing the proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) while working with anything HOT.

According to Section 3.20. of our current CBA, 2 or more Journeymen must work together, utilizing the appropriate PPE, on all energized circuits (or equipment) with an electrical potential of 440 volts or over. Our lives and the welfare of our families are too valuable to take chances or cut corners. I urge all members to please shut circuits down and to utilize the proper PPE.

### \*New\* Union Dues for 2016

Amendments to Article IX of the IBEW Constitution, approved at the 38<sup>th</sup> IBEW International Convention, state that all dues payments covering January 2016 to December 2016 will increase three dollars (\$3.00) per quarter. Therefore, dues payments for 2016 will be **\$103.50 per quarter**, due and payable during the first month of each quarter.

You can also pay ahead either:

**1 Quarter (3 Months) = \$ 103.50**

**½ Year (6 Months) = \$ 207.00**

**¾ Year (9 Months) = \$ 310.50**

**Full Year (12 Months) = \$ 414.00**

## SILVER KNIGHTS Soccer Game Vouchers

We have a limited number of single game vouchers available for free admission to any 2016 regular season game.

**The limit is four (4) vouchers per member, available at the Union office.**

Vouchers may be redeemed at either the Silver Knights office in the CNY Family Sports Centre, or at the ONCenter War Memorial Arena box office.

Event dates based on availability. Voucher not valid with any other offer.



## St. Patrick's Day Parade

Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> - noon 'til 3 pm - Clinton Square, Downtown Syracuse

**All members and families - please join our IBEW Local 43 group as we walk in the Parade and celebrate St. Patrick's Day.**

Contact the Union office to sign up (Local 43 members will get a green t-shirt to wear!)

Join us at the American Heart Association's **HEART WALK** in Utica. **Saturday, March 5** 10:30 a.m.

Go to [www.heartwalk.kintera.org/uticany](http://www.heartwalk.kintera.org/uticany) and search for the "IBEW Local 43" team.

The walk will be held at Utica College (limited parking),

Park & Ride Shuttles are suggested - please allow 1 hour from shuttle lot to the event.



Join us at American Heart Association's **HEART WALK** in Syracuse. **Saturday, April 2** 8:00 a.m.

Go to [www.heartwalk.org](http://www.heartwalk.org), click on Syracuse, then 'More Information', then look for the "IBEW Local 43" team.

The walk will be at the SRC Arena - Onondaga Comm. College, 4585 W. Seneca Tpk., Syracuse, 13215

### Obituaries

IBEW 43 notes the passing of these members, with gratitude for their service to the union.

**Rick Kite** passed away December 15<sup>th</sup> at age 58. Brother Kite was initiated into Local 43 in 1981. He was an IBEW member for 34 years.

**John "Andy" Anderson, IV** passed away Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> at age 77. Brother Anderson was initiated into Local 328 in 1973. He was an IBEW member for 42 years.

**Edward Gormley** passed away Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> at age 71. Brother Gormley was initiated into Local 181 in 1969. He was an IBEW member for 46 years.

**Richard Woodruff** passed away January 1<sup>st</sup> at age 70. Brother Woodruff was initiated into Local 43 in 1982. He was an IBEW member for 33 years.

**Jock Thorpe** passed away January 17<sup>th</sup> at age 60. Brother Thorpe was initiated into Local 43 in 1978. He was an IBEW member for 19 years through 1997.

## Retirees' Meetings

The next meeting will be - **Wednesday - February 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am** - We will have a short meeting at the Union Hall Conference Room, then drive ourselves to the National Grid Control Center for a group tour.

At our January Meeting, we had representatives from Bella Tours and Travel explain their tour packages for small and large groups. They have a lot of really nice tours that we as a group could participate in. We can discuss these tours at a later date.

**Our Retirees' Meetings are a great way to stay in touch!**

No RSVP needed - All retirees, wives and retirees' widows are welcome. Please join us!



## News from the Health and Welfare Office:

**Please Join Us!** Representatives from the IBEW Local 43 and Electrical Contractors Annuity Fund (the "Fund"), in conjunction with MassMutual and Pinnacle, will be available for four days in your location. MassMutual will be on-site providing one-on-one assistance in helping you learn how you can take advantage of your Plan's features and the quality tools and services available from MassMutual.

In addition to the one-on-one sessions, there will be six group sessions dedicated for members to have online access to their retirement account, with assistance from Mike Fenton, your Retirement Education Specialist.

Please see the schedule below. Please call 1-877-908-5577 on or after February 8th to sign up for a one-on-one session time that works for you. You do not have to sign up to attend one of the group meetings listed below.

Group meetings will last approximately 1 hour and One-on-One Sessions will last approximately 20 minutes:

	Monday, 3/7	Tuesday, 3/8	Wednesday, 3/9	Thursday, 3/10
Group Meetings	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.
On-on-One Sessions	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Monday - Wednesday)			

One-on-One Sessions will be held at: The Fund Office, 4568 Waterhouse Road, Clay, NY 13041

Group Meetings will be held at: Central New York JATC, 4566 Waterhouse Road, Clay, NY 13041

## News from the JATC Training Center:

**Upcoming Classes:** Enrollee must purchase books for any class. Call the Training Center (546-0221) for more details.

Code Calculations Based on the 2014 NEC-	Start Date: 02/23/16 5:00pm	Cost \$ 68.50	
Conduit Bending- (Using the LMS)	Start Date: 02/25/16 5:00pm	Cost \$ 96.50	LMS = Learning Management
Motors & Transformers (Using the LMS)	Start Date: 02/24/16 5:00pm	Cost \$172.00	System (Online based
Fire Alarm	Start Date: 04/05/16 5:00pm	Cost \$140.00	Curriculum)
Blueprint Reading	Start Date: 04/04/16 5:00pm	Cost \$112.00	

<b>Classes to be held once filled:</b>	HVAC Controls	Cost: \$ 20.00	
	Welding	Cost: Student must purchase welding helmet	
	OSHA 10/30	FREE	
	CPR/AED - First Aid	FREE	

Please call the Training Center (315-546-0221) if interested in attending any of these classes.

## 2016 Cans4Kids Pitch Tournament ALL are welcome – Please join us!

Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m. - Done p.m. at American Legion, 5575 Legionnaire Drive, Cicero, NY 13039

### Fundraising event to benefit Cans4Kids charitable efforts

Sign-up your \$40-2 member team with Mike Schlueter 315-663-6887 or Mike McQuatters 315-427-1814 or at the door day of event. [Please bring large bags of returnable bottles & cans]

**Free, Confidential Counseling Services** provided by Mental Health Professionals are available either in-person or over the phone. We encourage you and your eligible family members to take advantage of this benefit whenever you feel that life is getting too stressful.

Call **1.800.EAP.CALL** or log on at **www.mybalanceworks.com**

Our Member ID is: **93793410** Our Group ID is: **8413**