Boilermakers share in $12 million Fluor Daniel settlement

History-making payment ends nearly two decades of litigation over antiunion hiring practices in construction industry

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT Newton B. Jones announced in October that 50 Boilermakers will share in a record $12 million settlement with Fluor Daniel Inc. over the firm’s antiunion hiring practices. The IBB is one of three international unions that brought charges against Fluor Daniel in the early and mid-1990s, alleging the company discriminated against union members in Kentucky, Louisiana, and Arizona in violation of the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA).

The two other charging parties include the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) and the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry (UA). A fourth union, the United Brotherhood of Carpenters (UBC), joined the litigation as an intervener — a party that has some bearing on the case, but which does not have a substantial or direct interest.

A total of 167 union members will receive back pay and interest payments ranging from $8,000 to $217,000.

“The 2009 settlement agreement ends nearly two decades of litigation involving Fluor Daniel’s refusal to hire voluntary union organizers,” said Jones. “This is a substantial amount of money, and all of it will be divided among union members.

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Local 45’s Brown wins national apprentice competition

Title is first for Richmond, Va., lodge; L-69’s Tucker takes second place

GRADUATE APPRENTICE Jason Brown broke new ground for his lodge Sept. 27 – Oct. 1 by becoming the first L-45 (Richmond, Va.) member to win the Boilermakers’ national outstanding apprentice competition. Brown was also the first L-45 member ever to place in the Southeast Area event — he was runner-up in that competition, held July 27-30 at L-199 in Jacksonville, Fla.

Brown’s teammate, Thomas Tucker, Local 69 (Little Rock, Ark.), placed second in the national event, and the pair also won the national team award for the Southeast Area.

Tucker broke ground of his own this past summer by winning the Southeast Area competition, becoming the first L-69 member to do so.

Results of the four-day national competition, held at the Boilermakers’ national training center in Kansas City, Kan., were announced at an awards banquet Oct. 1 at the Westin Crown Center in Kansas City, Mo.

Other graduate apprentices competing this year were, from the Western States, Luke Lafley, Local 242 (Spokane, Wash.), and David Hoogen-
Tripartite conference grapples with energy, other challenges

IP Jones details “revolutionary” manpower delivery system

THE FUTURE OF coal and nuclear power was a primary focus of the 24th annual National Tripartite Alliance Conference held in Myrtle Beach, S.C., Oct. 11-16. Industry experts—including a scientist, a leader in nuclear power development, and a legislative panel—addressed emerging technologies, political challenges, economic obstacles, and related issues.

Conference participants also received an update from International President Newton B. Jones on the latest tripartite initiative, called the MOST Boilermaker Delivery System.

MOST Administrator Bill Palmisano opened the conference with a tribute in absentia to Boilermaker International President Emeritus Charles W. Jones. Palmisano said Jones “had the courage and strength to recognize that a program such as MOST was sorely needed in the construction industry. He is today still the only international president [in organized labor] to have implemented a mandatory drug testing program for his members. No other craft has done that.”

Scientist calls carbon challenge next “moon shot”

GETTING CONTROL OVER carbon dioxide emissions in the United States is a challenge equivalent to the “moon shot” effort of the 1960s, a Department of Energy scientist told the conference. Travis McLing, who leads the carbon sequestration research program at the DOE’s Idaho National Laboratory, said it would take that kind of a national commitment to overcome a myriad of obstacles.

However, the growing menace of global warming—and an emerging threat to U.S. energy security—demand that the United States move forward, stressed McLing. Among the primary obstacles, he said, are the absence of a federal energy policy and the lack of an industrial-scale pilot program to test carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) methods. Also called “carbon capture and storage,” CCS refers to various methods of removing carbon dioxide from industrial processes and confining it deep underground or deep beneath the ocean to prevent its release back to the atmosphere.

McLing said that because of Washington gridlock, industry, investors, and state governments are uncertain they can proceed with new power plants and the widespread application of CCS technologies.

“In 2003 and 2004 in the Northwest, there were about 13 advanced coal power plants that were on the drawing boards or had been announced,” McLing recalled. “Currently, there are just 10 that are remaining on the [construction] schedule, simply because of the uncertainty.

“Canada is doing it right,” he said, referring to an $865 million CCS project in the Athabasca oil sands region, financed by the provincial and federal governments. The money will go toward a large-scale pilot project to capture and store carbon dioxide at the Shell Canada Scotford upgrader. “That amount of money—for this one project—is roughly equivalent to the total U.S. government budget for all carbon sequestration partnerships across the country,” said McLing. The U.S. partnerships are charged with developing the knowledge base and infrastructure requirements for commercialization.

Nuclear energy faces tough challenges, says industry expert

DUNCAN HAWTHORNE, president and CEO of Bruce Power, discussed the future of nuclear energy and the challenges faced by owners, investors, and contractors. He said there are 440 nuclear reactors worldwide, with 67 under construction. “Many of them, not surprisingly, are in China and India and Russia—places that have a desperate need for power.”

Hawthorne said some of the projects his firm is involved with overseas have suffered major cost overruns and delivery problems. He cited a new plant in Finland that is coming in three years late and at twice its budget. “There’s currently a lawsuit in the U.K. that pays for it. It’s a messy story.”

A refurbishment project in Greece, “which should have cost $2.25 billion will instead cost $4 billion,” he added.

A major reason for these problems, said Hawthorne, is contractors have lost the capability and knowledge to take on large nuclear jobs. “We do not have a single contractor, not one, who has worked on my projects that was capable of doing what they said they could do. Every one of them has had to learn on the project. Every one of them has had to recover their [former] position.”

Hawthorne said that’s one of the reasons no new nuclear power plants are being built in the United States. “We have in the U.S. what I refer to as a massive rush to be second,” he said. “Nobody wants to build the first plant, because it carries with it a lot of risk.”

He said the current focus on wind and solar power, along with the economic recession, also work to deter owners from starting new projects.

Panelists detail legislative push

A FOUR-MEMBER panel representing the tripartite partnership told conference participants about efforts to fashion an energy bill that will take into account the needs of the industry. John Gose, senior site manager for Consumers Energy, said that overall he supports federal legislation “to control greenhouse gases. ‘We want [that legislation] to be workable and cost-efficient,’ he stressed.

Gose expressed concern that without support from the Environmental Protection Agency could set regulations that would be especially costly and difficult for owners.

Also serving on the panel were Abe Breehey, Legislative Director for the Boilermakers; Tony Jacobs, SAIP-CSO; and Brad Bradford, consultant to the International President and consultant to BWCC. These three men have been working together to build a coal coalition, contractors, and Boilermakers with the purpose of presenting a united front on Capitol Hill.

“We’ve tried hard to make our legislative approach a tripartite approach,” Gose said.

Scientist Travis McLing describes obstacles to the commercial use of carbon capture and sequestration.

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said Breehey. “We’ve identified our shared priorities, such as reasonable emission reduction targets, a fair share of allowances, and financial and regulatory incentives for carbon capture and storage.”

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Convention signals change at federation

FOR THE FIRST time in 47 years, the Boilermakers will have a seat on the AFL-CIO executive council. International President Newton B. Jones will serve on the council after being elected one of the federation’s vice presidents during the September convention in Pittsburgh.

Jones was nominated for the four-year post by Cecil Roberts, International President of the United Mine Workers of America. Roberts also nominated Richard Trumka, who was elected president of the AFL-CIO, taking over for John Sweeney, who retired after 15 years at the helm.

The convention saw other significant changes, including the reunification of UNITE HERE with the federation. The race is on to develop and deploy carbon capture and storage technologies,” Intl. Pres. Newton B. Jones tells AFL-CIO convention delegates.

Another Boilermaker who received recognition during the convention was Local 19 (Philadelphia) Secretary-Treasurer Fred Chamberlain. He was honored for his work supporting Barack Obama’s presidential campaign. Chamberlain was also recognized at this year’s LEAP conference for his political activism.

The AFL-CIO convention drew nearly 1,000 delegates and 2,000 guests. The federation represents about 11.5 million workers.

Kaiser Silica Trust deadline approaching:

Some claimants must file by Dec. 31, 2009

The Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corporation Silica Personal Injury Trust (the “Kaiser Silica Trust”) has announced an outreach program to notify potential claimants about eligibility requirements and compensate those claimants who are eligible.

As of Aug. 10, 2009, the trust was paying 75 percent of allowed claim values. The claim values (for five categories of diseases) range from $2,500 to $250,000.

To be eligible, claimants must meet the following two requirements: Have a silica-related disease that was first diagnosed on or after Feb. 12, 2002; and

- Worked in one or more of the specified industries (such as cement plants), for at least six months between 1951 and 1986 and been exposed to refractory products; OR
- Worked in industries or occupations not specified by the Kaiser Silica Trust for at least six months between 1951 and 1986, but have proof of actual exposure to Kaiser refractory products.

The trust stresses that the first diagnosis must have occurred on or after Feb. 12, 2002. If a claimant’s first diagnosis was on or before July 6, 2006, the claim must be submitted to the Kaiser Silica Trust by Dec. 31, 2009, or the claimant can contact the Kaiser Silica Trust by Dec. 31, 2009, to request up to a 180-day extension of the filing deadline. If the claimant’s diagnosis was after July 6, 2006, the claim must be filed by the later of Dec. 31, 2009, or three years after the date of the first diagnosis.

Additional information is available by calling the Kaiser Silica Trust at 1-877-653-0150. To download a claim form, go to www.kaisersilicatrust.com. To request a claim form by mail, write to the Kaiser Silica Trust c/o Trust Services Inc., P.O. Box 1299, Greenville, Texas 75403-1299. Claims may be submitted to the Kaiser Silica Trust directly or with the assistance of legal counsel.
In fact, this settlement is the largest of its kind. The Boilermaker Fight Back construction organizing strategy and other building trade organizing programs have once again exposed the lengths to which some employers will go to deny workers the right to engage in union activity protected under the NLRA.

Unions employ innovative organizing strategies

DEVELOPED BY THE Boilermakers in the early 1980s, Fight Back grew out of the need to counter a growing non-union construction sector. A similar program known as COMET (Construction Organizing Membership Education Training) is promoted by the AFL-CIO Building and Construction Trades. Both strategies rely on volunteer union organizers to obtain work on nonunion sites and attempt to organize them.

Like many nonunion construction firms, Fluor Daniel (in the cases resolved by the $12 million settlement) discriminated against union organizers applying for work. Rarely were the union applicants given any consideration for employment, even though they often possessed superior skills and experience. Refusing to consider or refusing to hire on the basis of union affiliation violates the NLRA.

However, violating a worker’s right to protected union activity often carries only minor penalties. Offending companies typically are required to make the worker whole and provide an order to individual contractors allowing and individuals acting alone often do not have the legal resources or determination to stay on the case until justice has been served.

The process takes time. In the recent settlement, the oldest of the cases took 19 years to resolve. The 50 Boilermakers and the other craftsmen involved in the Fluor Daniel cases were successful because they had the backing of their unions. The Boilermakers relied on attorney Mike Stapp and the Blake & Uhlig law firm to stay on the case until their members got relief.

Noting that many similar cases have been successfully resolved over the past three decades (including several successful suits brought by Mike Stapp called the most recent settlement agreement “the jewel of all Fight Back cases.”

Fluor Daniel is repeat offender

THE CURRENT SETTLEMENT resolves three sets of unfair labor practice (ULP) charges. The first charges, filed by the Boilermakers in 1990, alleged that Fluor Daniel refused to hire union members to work power plant outages for Big Rivers Electric Company in Kentucky. In 1991, the NLRB found (and the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals later upheld) that Fluor Daniel broke the law. In some instances, the firm offered more difficult welding tests to union workers than to nonunion workers.

Writing in a supplemental decision, Administrative Law Judge Martin L. Linksy stated: “The law is crystal clear that union affiliated applicants for employment cannot lawfully be discriminated against in employment.”

The Big Rivers Electric Company organizing effort was led by Barry Edwards, now a retired Boilermaker.

Fluor Daniel for hiring discrimination affecting union activist applicants. At Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station in Wintersburg, Ariz., led by Gary Evenson (AIP, D-CRS), the Boilermakers filed similar charges of discrimination. A year later, the IBEW and UA filed charges against Fluor Daniel for hiring discrimination affecting union organizers seeking work on Exelon’s Baton Rouge, La., refinery. The NLRB combined the Palo Verde and Unionization cases for litigation.

Among other deficiencies in Fluor Daniel’s argument, the Board found the following:

Staffing practices at both projects reflected the Respondent’s [Fluor Daniel] corporate animus against union activist applicants. At Palo Verde, the Respondent failed to consider the obvious and natural source of qualified workers, the incumbent workforce, and recruited from elsewhere in the country to avoid the risk of hiring unionized craft workers. Recruiters at both projects focused heavily on the national pool of former employees with unsatisfactory records.

Boilermakers publish historic calendar

Union-printed on quality, glossy paper stock, the calendar includes all U.S. and Canadian holidays, moon phases, and quotes from one of organized labor’s most renowned and articulate leaders, Samuel Gompers.

The calendar retails for $18.99 ($20.99 in Canada) but is available to members in good standing and retirees for just $12 plus shipping. Quantity discounts are available. All proceeds go to support the Boilermakers archives. For quickest service, visit www.boilermakers.org/history. Orders may also be placed by calling the Historic Preservation Department at 913-281-8174.
Regional tripartite conferences provide local focus

WHILE THE NATIONAL tripartite conference sets the direction for owner-contractor-labor cooperation, regional meetings allow participants to put those ideas into action. In 2009, seven regional conferences made it possible for all locals in the United States and Eastern Canada to meet with the owners and contractors they work with most often to discuss upcoming work and other regional issues.

The Ohio Valley Tripartite Conference is the longest-running meeting of this kind, dating back to the 1980s. It is credited with being an early inspiration for the national tripartite initiative. Meeting June 1-2 in Lexington, Ky., this conference drew 10 owner representatives, each of whom gave a brief presentation on the final day. The economic uncertainty following last year’s housing and stock market collapse was a common theme; however, owners also highlighted several significant new and ongoing projects.

The Prairie State Energy Campus in Washington County, Ill., being built by Bechtel Power Corporation for Prairie State Generating Company, promises to provide work for Boilermakers into 2011. The 1,600-MW supercritical power plant is currently the largest electrical generation construction project in the United States. Once completed, it will provide electricity for 1.7 million homes in nine states, producing 80 percent less carbon dioxide than the electricity generation is replacing.

A key element of the Ohio Valley meeting each year is the compilation and distribution of manpower projections for participating locals. These forward-looking estimates help business managers find work, fill all their obligations to contractors, and keep their members on the job.

The Northeast Area Tripartite Conference took place in Rehoboth Beach, Del., July 13-16. The meeting included presentations from Boilermakers Director of Legislative Affairs Abe Breehey, MOST Safety Rep Roger Erickson, Northeast Area Recruiter Jay Brophy, John Kunelius, Waste Energy Solutions, and Steve Lindauer from the National Maintenance Agreement Policy Committee.

Because travel is expensive and time-consuming, regional tripartite conferences are often combined with other meetings. The Northeast Area combined their tripartite with meetings of the apprentice coordinators and lodges working under the Northeast Area Agreement. The conference ended with a dinner and dance, at which the winner of the Northeast Area Apprentice Competition was announced.

The Great Lakes Tripartite Conference brought together locals in Huron, Ohio, July 28-30. Five owner representatives made presentations, discussing upcoming projects and possible future work in the area. Tom Householder, American Electric Power, praised the safe workplace on one job, made possible by the tripartite approach, saying they’d worked 793,000 man-hours so far this year with no recordable injuries.

Climate change technology took a lead role in these discussions. Speaking for FirstEnergy, Larry Wargo talked about a plant being converted to a biomass facility. Rick Casper, Consumers Energy, said their proposed 800-MW clean coal power plant could break ground this year or next.

The Eastern Canada Tripartite Conference took place Aug. 11-13 in Collingwood, Ontario. Guest speakers included IP Newton B. Jones; David Galvin, president of the Boilermaker Contractors Association; Stew Stevenson, ArielMetal Dollasco; the Honorable Jack Keiz, minister of energy for New Brunswick; Duncan Hawthorne, president and CEO of Bruce Power; Lloyd Rankin, Ascension Systems; James Byrne, director of construction for New Build CANDU; and Dennis Ryan, president of Compass Health & Safety.

Mark Breslin, author and owner of Breslin Strategies, conducted a session on developing a leadership culture within the union and the industry. A portion of his talk included a generational analysis of the tripartite participants. Breslin’s analysis illustrated the need for today’s leaders to begin mentoring and teaching promising members of the millennial generation — people born from about 1980 to the mid-1990s. Also at the conference, educator Jack Grosvenor discussed his concept “Play to Win,” which emphasizes accountability.

The Upper Midwest Tripartite Conference was held in Bloomington, Minn., June 15-16. Participating were Locals 83, 107, 169, and 647. They met with 25 contractor and nine union representatives to discuss upcoming work and identify ongoing problems.

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Boilermakers host first annual USA Midwest shoot

Contest draws 150 competitors, raises $65,000 for USA, TRCP

The first annual USA Midwest Sporting Clay Shoot — hosted by the Boilermakers union — drew more than 150 competitors to the Kansas City area Oct. 23. The event raised nearly $65,000 to support the Union Sportsmen’s Alliance and the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership (TRCP).

A Boilermaker team sponsored by Local 101 (Denver) took the top team spot, shooting a combined score of 328 out of 400. Team members included Tim Ruth, L-101 BM-ST; Rick Hastings, L-83 (Kansas City, Mo.); Kyle Evenson, ED-CSO, AD-AAIP; and Hunter Hastings, L-69 (Little Rock, Ark.). A team from the Operative Plasterers and Cement Masons (OP&CM) Local 518 captured second place, and Appreciated Advertising took third.

In individual rankings, Ron Reiber, shooting for the Brotherhood Bank & Trust, had the best overall record, hitting 94 out of 100 birds. He was followed by Don Campbell, OP&CM; IST Bill Creeden, IBB; and Clay Rogers, Painters District Council 3. Kathy Pawlina, Union Insurance Group, rated the highest overall score for ladies, and Bernie Wicklein of Nooter Construction Company “won” the — ahem — Duck and Cover Award.

The shoot was held at the Saddle and Sirloin Shooting Sports Club. Contestants braved unseasonably cold temperatures as they worked their way through 14 shooting stations, firing a total of 100 munitions apiece. A hot lunch, sponsored by Brotherhood Bank & Trust, followed the shooting, along with raffles, sponsored by Marco Consulting Group, and award presentations.

Among the raffle items were a Beretta Urika 2 Gold shotgun, a commemorative Theodore Roosevelt Buck knife, and a Lincoln Electric welder.

Kiewit Power Constructors served as the safety sponsor. Targets and ammo for the shooters were sponsored by IBB Local 374 (Hammond, Ind.) and Union Insurance Group, respectively.

“Everyone had a great time, and we are already looking forward to having this event next year,” said Nate Whiteman, USA national director of recruitment. “I cannot say enough to thank the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers for their support and physical help with putting on this event. No way would we have had this type of success without them.”

USA Executive Director Fred Myers said, “Creating fun and memorable events for our members is just one way the USA is working to connect union sportsmen and women across the country. Through these shooting events, we hope to recruit new members while further strengthening the bond of union brotherhood.”

A program of the TRCP, the USA was created exclusively for conservation-minded union members, retirees, and their families. USA membership includes an outdoor newspaper, special discounts on merchandise and services, a Web site and members-only forum, and other benefits and offers.

“The Brotherhood actively supports the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership,” said International President Newton B. Jones, “and we are proud to be one of the charter unions of the Union Sportsmen’s Alliance. These organizations are all about creating outdoor opportunities and bringing people together.”

For additional information, visit www.trcp.org and www.unionsportsmen.org.
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L-11's Winger testifies before U.S. Senate

Bob Winger, President of Local 11 (Helena, Mont.), testified before the U.S. Senate’s Environment and Public Works Committee Oct. 29 in support of energy legislation backed by the Boilermakers union.

It was something of an historic event for the union, said Abe Breehey, Legislative Director for the Government Affairs Department. "At least since I’ve been in Washington, D.C., no other working Boilermaker has testified before Congress. Typically, it is a professional lobbyist who does that. Believe me; politicians pay special attention to what constituents have to say.

"It’s a credit to Bob’s initiative and dedication to the Brotherhood’s broader interests that he stepped forward," Breehey said. "This is an incredibly important bill for our union, in part because it includes more than $150 billion in incentives to spur the development of new clean-coal power plants."

Winger was invited to testify by the office of Sen. Max Baucus (D-MT) to support S. 1733, the Clean Energy Jobs and American Power Act. The subtitle for S. 1733 reads: "A bill to create clean-coal power plants."

To make that point, Winger described the cancellation of a new 250-MW fluidized bed, coal-fired power plant in Montana. "The plant would have been among the cleanest in the nation for those pollutants already regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency," he said. "In addition, the developers at Southern Montana Electric were willing to commit that the plant would be equipped with technology to capture and store carbon emission when such technology was commercially available."

The plant was cancelled because of legal challenges and an uncertain regulatory environment.

"The result," continued Winger, "was that instead of a plant that would have employed 160 Boilermakers for four years, the developer is building a natural gas power plant that will employ four Boilermakers for three weeks."

Winger praised S. 1733’s provision for “early and widespread deployment of carbon capture and storage technology at coal plants, including new generation capacity and retrofit applications.” He also praised other provisions, including a requirement that the prevailing wage (under the Davis-Bacon Act) be applied on any project that receives an incentive under the bill.

Winger also offered suggestions to improve the bill, including some exemptions in the domestic cement industry (which includes many Boilermaker members). He said the process of crushing limestone to make cement unavoidably produces CO2, and that capping emissions on that process could shift it to new locations.

To view Winger’s testimony, go to www.boilermakers.org/node/835.
Local 154 nears completion of five-year clean-air project

Retrofit will reduce emissions at Ohio coal-fired plant

ONE OF THE largest-ever environmental retrofit projects for FirstEnergy is nearing completion at the W.H. Sammis Plant in Stratton, Ohio. Over 450 Local 154 (Pittsburgh) members, along with Boilermakers from neighboring lodges, have been working on the project in seven consecutive outages. With completion scheduled for 2010, the $1.7 billion retrofit is expected to further reduce emissions of sulfur dioxide (SO2) by 95 percent and nitrogen oxide (NOx) by at least 64 percent.

Members have been working for several Boilermaker contractors at the site, including the Bechtel Corporation, B&W, Patent Scaffold, Pullman Power, Ershigg’s Construction, and Enerfab.

“We have a great relationship with all of these contractors,” said Mark Angle, a Local 154 business agent. “Ray [L-154 Bus. Mgr. Ventrone] and our business agents are very proud of the members who are working this project. They are doing a great job and receive good reviews at labor-management project meetings.”

According to Angle, Boilermakers built the last pollution control baghouses and precipitators at the Sammis plant around 30 years ago. With new EPA regulations requiring FirstEnergy to install SCR (selective catalytic reductors) and scrubbers on all seven units, Local 154 was called in to perform the retrofit work.

“Our members are building knocked-down fans [fans that arrive in pieces], vessels, and tanks, and erecting support steel and duct work,” Angle said. “Our B&W crew finished absorber vessels three and one-half months ahead of schedule.”

Bechtel handled the design, procurement, installation, and startup for the plant’s three sulfur dioxide scrubbers, the main components of a flue gas desulfurization system. Boilermakers have been installing these state-of-the-art air quality control systems on all seven of the generating facility’s coal-fired units (constructed between 1959 and 1971), as well as NOx control equipment.

As part of the retrofit, Boilermakers working for Pullman Power built an 850-ft. stack and set its liner, which was spun by members employed by Ershigg’s Construction.

The new stack compliments an already striking feature of the plant — two chimneys that are among the tallest in the world (according to Wikipedia). Built in 1970, each chimney measures 1,000 feet in height. The plant also has 9,000 feet of flue gas duct that Bechtel’s project team has nicknamed “the Great Wall” for its size, and a tunnel for State Route 7, a four-lane freeway, that runs under the baghouse structure. (The baghouse filters particulates and toxic gases from the plant’s exhaust before they enter the smoke stack.)

Located on the Ohio River, W.H. Sammis is FirstEnergy’s largest coal-fired power plant in Ohio. With its seven coal-fired units and five oil-fired peaking units, the plant produces 2,233 megawatts (MW) of electricity and uses an average of 18,000 tons of coal daily, for an annual average of 6.6 million tons. About 25 Local 154 members work year-round for Enerfab providing plant maintenance.
Local 92 completes work on Otay Mesa generating project

Power plant is first to be built in San Diego County in almost 30 years

NEARLY 100 MEMBERS of Local 92 (Los Angeles), along with 20 Boilermakers from neighboring lodges, have completed 26 months of work at a new generating project in San Diego County, Calif.

Working for Boilermaker contractors ARB Inc. and Barton-Malow, the members erected two gas turbine generators, each with its own heat recovery steam generator (HRSG); two air-cooled condenser units; and a single steam turbine/generator at the new Otay Mesa Energy Center, located 1.5 miles from the U.S./Mexico border in Southern California.

According to ARB superintendent Joe Chubbuck, material deliveries posed problems for the Boilermaker crews while they were erecting the HRSG units. Key components arrived late and out of sequence, thus altering the standard erection procedures.

“These delays required more innovative erection methods to be implemented to avoid scaling back crews, slowing down the project, and extending completion to a later date,” explained Chubbuck, a third-genera-
tion Boilermaker. “But the Boilermakers met the challenge and did what was required by careful planning and teamwork.”

Crews were required to move back and forth between projects — a necessity to keep the work moving. They also had to coordinate with other crafts in order to hit key project milestones.

Chubbuck said, “This was all done with speed and efficiency in a safe manner. There were no lost-time accidents, and a zero percent reject rate on all ASME Section I X-ray required welds.”

ARB Vice President Larry Jansen expressed his thanks to Local 92 for the supervision and manpower sup-

chaper thanks L-667 for outage work

[Letter addressed to BM-ST George Pinkerman]

WE HERE AT Chapman would like to extend our gratitude for the work performed by Local 667 [Charleston, W.Va.] in the past few months, during the Pleasants and Harrison power stations’ spring outages. The accomplishment we are most proud of is that both projects were completed with no recordable injuries. These projects encompassed hundreds of thousands of man-hours of very challenging work scopes, and Local 667’s commitment to safety and cooperation with Chapman’s safety program has shown in the end results.

We are happy to state that the projects undertaken were completed on time and under budget. This is another feat that wouldn’t have been possible without the dedication, pride, and quality craftsmanship of the Local 667 Boilermakers.

Doug Kones
Operations Manager
Chapman Corporation
Chapman Corporation is a construction, fabrication, and engineering services company headquartered in Washington, Penn.

L-107 receives D&Z kudos

[Letter addressed to BM-ST Blane Tom]

AS THE SITE manager of Day and Zimmermann at Pleasant Prairie Power Plant [Pleasant Prairie, Wis.], I want to personally thank the craftsmen of Boilermakers 107 [Milwaukee] for a quality job well done. I want to especially thank the supervision that Boilermakers 107 supplied for this outage. The quality and knowledge of my two general foremen, and 10 foremen that supervised their gang of men seven days a week, 12 hours a day, far exceeded my expectations.

This spring outage was a textbook example of how organized labor, union contractors, and the client utilities, working together, can be successful. The ability for us to perform work on time and under budget does much for Day and Zimmermann and We Energies [Wisconsin Energy Corporation] to do more work and . . . keep low-cost generation, which benefits our customers.

Robert Brookes
Site Manager
Day & Zimmermann
Headquartered in Philadelphia, Day & Zimmermann provides architectural, engineering, construction, and other professional services.

KBR Canada pleased with L-146 performance

I AM SENDING this letter to you [L-146 BM-ST Warren Fraleigh] and your membership to let you know how well your members have performed to date on our project at the Syncrude site in Ft. McMurray.

The commitment to safety, quality, and schedule from these men and women has been tremendous. Local 146 [Edmonton, Alberta] has been a key contributor to the success of this project and the tremendous turnaround in performance and execution we have been able to achieve. This is not a simple project — a fire rebuild with massive amounts of demolition of the ESP units internally and externally, with many challenges along the way, followed by the rebuild scope of work.

We recently achieved mechanical completion on the first unit Y102, with the second unit Y108 [expected for completion] at the end of October. This achievement has been well recognized by the owner.

I look forward to the balance of the scope to be even more successful for KBR, Local 146, and our client, Syncrude Canada.

D.D. [DOUG] Rosenfrieter
Senior project manager
KBR Canada

Note: Letters for the kudos column may be edited for length and clarity.
$1 billion warship bears 7.5 tons of World Trade Center steel in bow

A VERY SPECIAL ship left the Avondale shipyard Oct. 13, bound for New York harbor and commissioning in the U.S. Navy. Delivered by Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding (NGSB) and built by Avondale’s shipbuilders, many of whom are members of Local 1814 (Bridge City, La.), along with other unions of the New Orleans Metal Trades, the LPD 21 (New York) is one of the most advanced ships of its kind.

LPD stands for landing platform dock. San Antonio Class LPDs can transport up to 800 Marines. They can launch and retrieve landing craft such as the air-cushioned LCAC and the expeditionary fighting vehicle or EFV. They can also launch and retrieve helicopters and tilt-rotor MV-22 Osprey aircraft. These capabilities make the San Antonio Class LPDs invaluable during military conflicts as well as in times of humanitarian crisis.

But it is not so much the New York’s stealthy design, potent armament, and amazing versatility that captures the imagination and emotions as it is the ship’s bow stem — the vertical section of the bow that cuts the water. The New York’s bow stem is made of seven and a half tons of steel salvaged from the World Trade Center. A total of 24 tons of WTC steel was shipped to an Amite, La., foundry in 2003, where it was melted and recast.

In naval parlance, the LPD 21 (New York) is a tribute ship. She is named to honor the state and city where nearly 2,800 people lost their lives in the 9/11 terrorist attacks against the Twin Towers. The ship carries the motto, “Strength forged through sacrifice. Never forget.” She is the fifth San Antonio Class LPD to be constructed. Two other vessels in the class will also be tribute ships. The LPD 24 (Arlington) — named for the location of the Pentagon in Virginia — is being built at NGSB’s Pascagoula, Miss., shipyard by Local 693. The LPD 25 (Somerset) — named for the Pennsylvania county where Flight 93 crashed after being hijacked by terrorists — is being built in Avondale.

Also under construction are LPD 22 (San Diego), at Pascagoula, and LPD 23 (Anchorage), at Avondale.

Workers, families tour ship

TEN DAYS BEFORE the New York was to make her maiden voyage to the Big Apple, NGSB held a family ship tour to allow employees, families, and guests to board the ship and see the finished product up close. Out of the approximately 5,100 Avondale shipbuilders, as many as 3,000 union members from the New Orleans Metal Trades had worked on the 684-ft. warship during her five-year construction cycle. The work was delayed for months after Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast in August 2005,
displacing shipyard employees, interrupting utility services, and damaging shipyard facilities.

“Before Katrina, our lodge had about 900 members at the shipyard,” said L-1814 Pres. Christopher Burnett. “After Katrina, we had about half that number.”

For many Local 1814 employees, the family tour day was their first opportunity to view the ship in its finished state, following the successful completion of sea trials in August. Boilermaker welders and ship fitters typically work on modules that are later assembled into large sections and lifted into place with massive cranes, so seeing the final product can be a satisfying experience.

This was especially true for a ship that carries with it such deep emotional connections — not only for victims of 9/11 for whom the New York is named, but for the shipbuilders in New Orleans who persevered following their own catastrophe, Hurricane Katrina, and brought the LPD 21 to life.

Commissioned into the Navy’s fleet Nov. 7, and formally named the USS New York, LPD 21 is now homeported in Norfolk, Va.

“Strength forged through sacrifice. Never forget.” — Motto of USS New York

**LOCAL 1814 MEMBERS LIVED AT SHIPYARD FOLLOWING HURRICANE**

**Kamp Katrina helped workers get through storm’s aftermath**

**When Hurricane Katrina ravaged the Gulf Coast in 2005, much of the New Orleans population scattered to other parts of the country, or at least fled to higher ground deeper inland. The situation created a dilemma for Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding (NGSB), which needed to keep its skilled work force intact to fill U.S. Navy contracts at the Avondale shipyard. One of those contracts was for LPD 21, the New York, which was under construction at the yard when Katrina struck.**

Shipyard workers, including many from Local 1814 (Bridge City, La.), faced their own dilemma. Many lost their homes and vehicles or found their homes uninhabitable until floodwaters receded and repairs could be made. They needed paychecks more than ever.

To address the situation, NGSB came up with a plan to convert the yard’s training center into a makeshift barracks. “Kamp Katrina,” as the barracks was dubbed, would give workers a place to stay — and work — while the region began the long, painful process of recovery.

“It was a blessing,” said Ricky Washington, 47, a ship fitter for 27 years. “You had three square meals a day, a bunk, and a locker. It was kind of like being in the military.”

The camp gave Washington and others an opportunity to start getting their lives back together. Open for about two years, it accommodated hundreds of dislocated workers. Many of them lived at Kamp Katrina during the week, then on weekends drove to Baton Rouge or other inland communities to be with their families, who no longer had a place to live in New Orleans.

Harold Brown, 63, a ship fitter with seven years at the yard, lived in hard-hit St. Bernard Parish. He lived at Kamp Katrina for three months until the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) provided him with a trailer.

Others, like Jorge Martinez, 54, a welder with 30 years experience at Avondale, lived at the shipyard while gradually making repairs to their homes. “I had to fight with the insurance company,” he said. “I lost my truck.”

Many L-1814 members live with the harrowing memory of being trapped for days before help could reach them, followed by temporary relocations to Houston, Dallas, and other cities.

For those who took advantage of it, Kamp Katrina was a lifeline. However, many L-1814 members never came back to New Orleans. Said Chris Burnett, L-1814’s president, “We had some guys, after their wives had got their kids in other schools, who said, ‘I’m not moving back there.’ A lot of people had lost so much that was sentimental — photos and other items. They don’t want to experience that again.”

Four L-1814 members who lived at Kamp Katrina stand before the USS New York. L. to r., Jorge Martinez; Chris Burnett, lodge president; Ricky Washington; and Harold Brown.
### Not Long Ago, I Was Involved in a Rush-Hour Accident — A Chain Reaction, with Four Cars Back-to-Back Slamming into Each Other

By the time I got out of my car, the drivers behind me were discussing who had struck whom first. When one driver called the other a liar, the discussion quickly became a shouting match that didn’t stop until a policeman threatened both drivers with jail if they didn’t shut up.

Grievances often resemble this kind of exchange. The grievant reports events one way, management a different way. If both of them sincerely believe their version is correct, neither is lying. But most of us think that what we believe happened is the absolute truth; if you say otherwise, you must be lying.

Once one party calls the other party a liar, emotions take over, compromise is out the window, and very often our grievant ends up with a worse outcome than we might have negotiated had no one used that emotionally-provocative word, “liar.”

When you’re going into a grievance meeting where differing opinions of the facts of the case may be aired, it’s a good idea to counsel your grievant to be ready to deal with people who are not telling the truth.

### Truth or Fiction?

**MAKE NO MISTAKE:** Sometimes people lie. Grievants lie, witnesses lie, and, despite what management claims, their people lie as well. Stewards need to be ready to deal with people who are not telling the truth.

We are not mind readers, and despite our convictions, no one can always tell when another is lying. But we can determine whether a person has motive to lie. A strong motive to lie arouses suspicion. Unfortunately, our grievant usually has a strong motive — to avoid discipline. But others may have motive, as well. Keep your eyes open for possible motives that can be used to weaken the claims made against your grievant.

When the grievant is lying, the steward is in a no-win situation. The grievant’s claims form the basis for your investigation. If your investigation shows those claims to be false, you have wasted a lot of time simply because your grievant thought he could pull one over on management (and on you).

And if you build your case around a set of falsehoods that the company is able to disprove, you not only lose the grievance, but you lose the respect of those you need to work with — members as well as management.

If you suspect a grievant is lying to you, be especially cautious in how you move forward. Without calling him a liar, impress upon the grievant that if any aspect of his story can be shown to be false, the truthfulness of the rest is called into question. In addition, management will be skeptical regarding all future grievances for that member and will, therefore, be less willing to negotiate a compromise. As President Bush was so famously unable to say, “Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me.”

Witnesses lie for a number of reasons. Most often, they simply want to back up their friends. But things can get more complicated than that. Sometimes there is animosity between the two members, and a witness may be lying to make the other member look bad. Or he may think he can score points with management for taking their side. Whatever the reason, the same caution applies. If you get caught lying in this grievance, your testimony in the next one will be worthless, and any future grievances you want to file for yourself will be looked at with the utmost suspicion.

As was stressed in an earlier column, once others lose respect for your integrity, it tends to be gone forever.

**Management often argues that supervisors have no reason to lie. Common sense says otherwise.**

They work under the same pressures we all do and may be motivated to lie to cover their own poor performance or simply because they don’t want to lose the grievance and look ineffectual. Or dozens of other reasons.

When you think a supervisor is lying, try to uncover a motive, but be careful in how you present what you find. Accusing a person of having a motive gives you the burden of proving your claim, and it is very difficult to prove what a person is thinking.

Sometimes you can elicit a statement that suggests he or she may have had a motive to lie. For example, one grievant admitted that he had permission, while the supervisor said he didn’t. On questioning, the supervisor said he did not give permission and “would never have done so.” The grievant’s representative asked why he said he “would never have done so,” to which the supervisor replied, “Because I knew if I did I would get into trouble.”

That answer showed the arbitrator that the supervisor had the same motive to lie as the grievant had: to avoid discipline. The arbitrator found for the grievant.

**Counseling Your Grievant**

**PREPARING YOUR GRIEVANT for the grievance meeting is essential, especially if the grievant thinks someone will lie. Take a few minutes to steel him for what could be an emotionally-charged event. If, in anger, he does something that warrants discipline, this second problem may not disappear if you win the grievance.**

Remind the grievant that you can defend his behavior if it is honestly reported better than you can defend him once he’s caught in a lie.

And never advise your grievant to lie. Saying “I don’t remember” (when you do) is just as dishonest as giving a false report — and just as obvious to those who hear it. Advising a grievant to lie can destroy any respect you now get from members as well as management.

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**Local 193 Holds Steward Training**

**From 2-year apprentices to 35-year members, Boilermakers yearn to learn**

**MEMBERS OF LOCAL 193 (Baltimore) received two chances to attend a steward training class at their lodge in July. Conducted by Construction Division Services Director Dale “Skipper” Branscum, the class was offered on July 7 and 8 and focused on the duties and responsibilities of a union shop steward. Members learned how to develop their communication skills with both the employer and their fellow employees, how to handle grievances, and how to file reports. The participants also reviewed collective bargaining agreements and the duty of fair representation.**

**In addition, Branscum provided a historical overview of the Boilermakers union, discussed craft jurisdiction, and explained the process involved in turning boiler water to steam.**

**Attendees ranged from second-year apprentices to members with 35 years of job experience. “A big hit with the class was the hands-on exercise in which members solved disputes that may arise in the field,” reported L-193 BM-ST Michael Herd. “The class was a huge success, and we look forward to having Skipper back in the future.”**

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**Baltimore Local 193 members attend a steward training class July 7-8.**
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doorn, Local 549 (Pittsburg, Calif.); from the Northeast Area, Michael Toth, Local 237 (Hartford, Conn.), and Eric Buskey Sr., Local 5 Zone 197 (Albany, N.Y.); and from the Great Lakes, Matthew Vodraska, Local 744 (Cleveland), and Ryan Woods, Local 27 (St. Louis).

All eight contestants earned their way to the national event by winning the top spot in their local lodge competition and finishing in one of the top two spots in their area competition.

Apprentices compete in four areas

BNA P LEAD INSTRUCTOR John Stanish said the 2009 competition mirrored last year’s event, with contestants vying for points in four areas: classroom, rigging, Boilermaker skills, and welding. Contestants could earn a maximum of 300 points in each area.

The classroom work included a 10-hour written exam on Boilermaker history and organization, OSHA safety rules, and on-the-job training issues.

In the rigging test, contestants set up and performed a tank lift using winches, a boom derrick, and an equalizer beam, controlling the lift using hand signals. The tank had to be placed onto a pad at a specific elevation and nozzle location. The test required contestants to neve a four-part line and calculate the percentages of the load to be carried by the line and the derrick. Also in this section, contestants showed their skills with ropes and knots as well as blocks and reeving.

Apprentices competed in five areas under the Boilermaker skills section. These included tube rolling, layout and fabrication, boiler component identification, tool identification and use, and CPR. Contestants laid out a small boiler hopper replica to scale, calculated dimensions, cut and bent the metal, and assembled the replica. Another task involved laying out a structural member with precise alignment of bolt holes.

In the welding section, judges evaluated the contestants’ skills in tube welding, plate welding (using 3/16- and 5/32-diameter welding rods), burning, stud welding, arc gouging, and safety.

The apprentices were given five hours to remove and replace a failed tube from a water wall section. They measured and cut the tube, then replaced it using heliarc and SMAW techniques. Judges assessed measuring skills, quality of cuts, beveling, and membrane welding. Welds were tested by X-ray for conformance to ASME (American Society of Mechanical Engineers) standards, with points deducted for any weld failures.

BNAP’s Stanish was impressed with how relaxed the competitors appeared. “This was an extremely focused group, and they seemed to be very calm,” he said. “I think part of that had to do with the camaraderie these guys developed right at the start.”

Judges for the 2009 competition were, from the Southeast Area, Stephen Speed, IR, and Randall James of M&D Power Constructors; from the Western States, Dale Mason, Local 502 instructor, and David Gleason of Contractors Cargo; from the Great Lakes Area, Robert Schwartz, asst. bus. mgr. for Local 1 (Chicago), and Theodore Hedea of Hayes Mechani-cal; from the Northeast Area, Michael Stanton, chief welding instructor for Local 154 (Pittsburgh), and Michael Bray of Shelby Mechanical Inc.; and from the National Transient Division, Ronny Vanscoy, IR-CSO, and Robert Coach of CBI Services Inc.

William Elrod, retired AIP, served as the test administrator.

Banquet honors contestants

THE RESULTS OF the 2009 competition were announced during the awards banquet held on the final day of the event. The banquet honored all of the contestants, and acknowledged those who promote the Boilermaker apprenticeship program throughout the year.

Intl. Pres. Newton B. Jones described the competition as “a special celebration of that which makes us a skilled craft and a progressive union — specifically, our commitment to apprenticeship training and the passing down of our best craft knowledge and traditions.” Addressing the contestants, he added, “You are now our standard bearers. You carry the flag of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers every time you walk in the gate. Every time you strike an anvil and every time you complete a job.”

“I learned I could handle the pressure…”

PARTICIPANTS IN THE national apprenticeship competition worked hard before the event, hitting the books and reviewing practical skills and knowledge gained on the job. But when the contest is over, they often find that one of the most important lessons is about themselves.

“I learned I could handle the pressure better than I thought I could,” said Brown, after being named the winner.

He said some of the stress was relieved by the camaraderie. “I kind of thought that with everybody competing against each other people would keep to themselves. That wasn’t the way it worked. We had a good time together, joking around. Everybody wanted to make the best of the situation.”

The 24-year-old, who lives in Maysville, W.Va., with his wife and two children, is a first-generation Boilermaker. He worked for a local fabrication shop until 2003, when the company went under. Brown earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in welding technology at West Virginia University in Parkersburg. He was looking for work when his brother-in-law, Local 45 member Adam Waldron, encouraged him to apply with the Boilermakers.

“It was pretty good advice,” said Brown. “Looking back on it, I wouldn’t have it any other way. There are a lot of people I would like to thank; so many had a hand in teaching me. I couldn’t possibly single out just one person.”

L-45 BM-ST Frank Hartsed said his lodge is “so proud of him…just ecstatic. Jason is a humble guy with a lot of common sense. It’s great to see the respect he has garnered by the win. His fellow workers bought him a cake and had it there [at Dominion’s Bellemeade Power Station in Richmond, Va.] at the beginning of his shift.”

Thomas Tucker, Local 69, shows his dual flagging skills to position an equalizer beam.

Jason Brown, Local 45, accepts the first-place trophy from Intl. Pres. Newton Jones, l., and Intl. Vice President Sean Murphy.
“You are now our standard bearers. You carry the flag of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers every time you walk in the gate, every time you strike an arc, and every time you complete a job.”

— Newton B. Jones, International President

David Hoogendoorn, Local 549, welds a T-joint in the plate welding test, using a 3/16-diameter electrode.


Michael Toth, Local 237, performs arc gouging.
Jason Brown finishes the arc gouging exercise.

Ryan Woods, Local 27, grinds membrane during the water wall exercise.

Eric Buskey makes a root pass using gas tungsten arc welding (GTAW) during the water wall exercise.

Matthew Vodraska, Local 744, hangs a block from a beam during the rigging exercise.

Ryan Woods, Local 27, grinds membrane during the water wall exercise.
Local S8 members take part in open house

SEATED IN LOW-SLUNG “man trips,” vehicles resembling a narrow, cut-down Hummer (with none of the creature comforts), visitors to the Willow Lake coal mine in Equality, Ill., Oct. 17 got a trip underground to see what members of Local S8 do for a living. The tour was part of the facility’s annual open house activities.

About 400 L-S8 members work for Peabody Energy, the world’s largest private-sector coal company. In 2008, the Willow Lake mine sold 3.7 million tons of coal to Midwest utility customers. Before entering the mine, visitors first underwent a training course on mine safety and were fitted with personal protective equipment. The underground tour began with a drive down a long, dark access tunnel called the “slope.” Following a brief trip in the mine proper, visitors returned to the surface for lunch, rides for the kids, and flu shots for those who needed them.

“This was a great opportunity for people who have never been in an underground coal mine to see what it’s like,” said Local S8 President Greg Fort.

Editor’s note: The International Brotherhood of Boilermakers also represents nearly 300 coal miners in Rock Springs, Wy. (Local S1978), who are employed at the Bridger coal mine, a surface mining operation.

More than half of all electric power generation in the United States comes from coal, and it is estimated that U.S. coal reserves could last 200-300 years.

Coal is an attractive fuel source because it is so plentiful, it is relatively easy to access, and it is inexpensive compared to other fuel sources. Because burning coal emits carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas, the future of coal is tied to emerging technologies that remove CO2 either before coal is burned in a boiler or from flue gases before they leave the stack.

Local S8 members take part in open house

Event allows families, visitors to enter coal mine

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L-S8 donates defibrillator

Device is installed at business/community center

MEMBERS OF LOCAL S8 (Equality, Ill.), who work at the Willow Lake coal mine in Southeastern Illinois, donated an automated external defibrillator for use at a business and community center this past summer. The defibrillator, which generates an electric shock to restore a heart’s natural rhythm, is installed at the Southeastern Illinois College (SIC) Foundation building. The facility houses Local S8’s offices as well as other organizations and businesses. It also serves as a center for public functions.

“We saw donation of the defibrillator as one way to give back to the community,” said Local S8 President Greg Fort.

Pictured, l. to r., are Local S8 officers Fort; Keith Clayton, secretary-treasurer; Rodney Shires, vice president; and Dan Bradley, recording secretary; with Tracey Wyatt, Ph.D., SIC Foundation director.

L-S8 donates defibrillator

BOILERMAKER SCHOLARSHIPS are open to high school seniors who will be entering their first year of a two- or four-year academic program at a degree-granting, accredited college or university within one year of their high school graduation and who are dependents of Boilermaker members in good standing. A dependent may be a son, daughter, legally-adopted child, or other dependent of an active, retired, disabled, or deceased member.

Winners are chosen based on a variety of criteria that include grades, standardized test scores, extracurricular activities, and a written essay on an assigned topic.
L-900 President Don Hamric stands with Chell Rossi, vice president of the Ohio Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park, in front of the marble welcome sign purchased with funds from the local and a donation from the International.

Local 900 supports veterans’ memorial

Ohio park is modeled after “The Wall” in Washington, D.C.

WHEN LOCAL 900 (Barberton, Ohio) members learned about a new Vietnam veterans’ memorial being planned in their state, they were quick to offer their support. The members raised $800 and also secured a donation from the International.

Local 900 President Don Hamric presented the donations to Chell Rossi, vice president of the Ohio Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park, at a labor council meeting. “There were more than 50 other union leaders there,” said Hamric, “and our donations sparked a movement throughout organized labor in Ohio to raise additional funds.”

Local 900’s donations paid for a marble welcome sign in the shape of the state of Ohio. “The International and Local 900’s names have been forever inscribed on the back of this sign as recognition for our efforts in helping erect such a beautiful, long overdue park,” said Hamric.

Located in the village of Clinton, the memorial park features a black granite wall modeled after the national monument in Washington, D.C. The names of 3,094 Ohioans who died or went missing during the Vietnam War are listed on the state monument.

Local 900 is a boiler manufacturing lodge chartered in 1956.

Local 1 raises money for diabetes research

FOR 14 YEARS, Local 1 members have participated in the annual Chicago Building Trades DAD’s (Dollars Against Diabetes) Day charity softball tournament. In July they competed once again with 15 other trade teams, raising over $27,000 for the charity. Playing for the Local 1 team are, l. to r., front row: Lou Truffa, Pat Summers, Jason Carpenter, Joe Barrett, Colby Zellers, Eric Davis; middle row: Noah Gould, Roy DiNovo, Chris Zemke, John Riel, Mike Bajorek, Frank Gonzalez, Tim Brogan, Tom Maher; and back row: Jack Benz, Larry Gould, Gary Conboy, Troy Livingston, Jason Zemke, Steve Wyszynski, Miguel Ayala, and Ken Kinsch.

Local 146 MEMBER Mackenzie (Mack) Walker received the Canadian Medal of Bravery from the Honourable Michaëlle Jean, governor general of Canada, at a ceremony June 19 in Ottawa.

Walker was recognized for his heroic efforts at the Suncor Refinery on August 2, 2006. Putting his own life at risk, Walker initiated rescue efforts to save two carpenter scaffolders who were stuck on a swing stage at the top end of a boiler.

Recognizing that his fellow tradesmen’s lives were at risk, Mack began rescue efforts to bring the men to safety. While both were rescued from the swing stage, one passed away later from his injuries.

“Walker’s extraordinary display of professionalism and selfless bravery is an example of the leadership and brotherhood we should all hope to achieve,” said L-146 BM-ST Warren Fraleigh. “We are all proud and honored to have Mack working with us, and hope his story will inspire us all to ‘be our brother’s keeper.’

Local 146 also recognized Walker’s rescue efforts at the lodge’s annual general meeting in November.

L-146’s Walker receives medal for bravery

Rescue efforts of Suncor Refinery earn Boilermaker national recognition

Governor General of Canada Michaëlle Jean (l.) greets L-146 member Mack Walker and his family after presenting him with the Canadian Medal of Bravery.

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— Warren Fraleigh, L-146 BM-ST

Ohio park is modeled after “The Wall” in Washington, D.C.

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Local 555 holds grand opening for union hall

Facility is first office building owned by lodge

AFTER MANY YEARS of renting facilities to conduct its operations, Local 555 (Winnipeg, Manitoba) now owns its own union hall. The lodge held a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony June 6 to show off its new home. It also used the occasion to hold a party for retirees.

L-555 BM-ST Dallas Rogers said the facility, which was formerly occupied by a fire and water damage restoration firm, was exactly what the lodge needed. “It’s on an acre of ground in the suburbs of Winnipeg,” he said. “The offices and meeting hall didn’t require any substantial changes. We did do some rearranging of the shop area.”

The 7,800-sq.-ft. main building includes a 1,500-sq.-ft. hall, 1,500 square feet of offices, and a 4,800-sq.-ft. shop. The shop provides 12 welding booths, two grinding booths, and a state-of-the-art air filtration system. The site also includes a 1,200-sq.-ft. outbuilding.

The grand opening and retiree party drew guests and retirees from across Canada. The local chartered a bus for members attending from Saskatchewan, and it arranged for lodging for those coming outside of the Winnipeg area. Among the retirees being honored at the party were Dan Symenuk, the first elected full-time business manager/secretary-treasurer for Local 555; Ken Pasaluko, a former BM-ST; Gary Thistlewaite, a former business agent for Saskatchewan; and Bill Ferguson, a former chief steward who served the Thunder Bay, Ontario, area.

Local 555 is a shop and construction lodge chartered in 1954. The local has the largest geographic area in the Brotherhood, covering Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and northwestern Ontario. In addition to the Winnipeg main office, the local maintains sub-offices in Regina, Saskatchewan, and Thunder Bay.

Local 60 awards 12 $500 scholarships

Fund-raisers finance education program

LOCAL LODGE 60 (Peoria, Ill.) announced the recipients of its fifth annual scholarship award on Sept. 3. A total of $6,000 was awarded to 12 scholarship applicants. The one-year, $500 grants were awarded to every Local 60 member — or the spouse, child, or grandchild of a Local 60 member — are eligible for this scholarship award.

For the fifth year in a row, Local 60 members participated in fund-raisers to help raise money for the scholarships. They sponsored a golf outing, conducted 50/50 drawings, and collected donations from various groups.

Recipients of Local 60’s 2009 scholarship award include: Brenden Burrus, son of William Burrus; Katie Cottingham, granddaughter of Everett Cottingham; Shana Harrison, daughter of Benny Harrison; Jared Lamkin, son of Lisa Lamkin Davis; Jennifer Mattingly, wife of Jon Mattingly; Garrett Schwing, son of Rodney Schwing; Jessica Sergeant, granddaughter of Jeff Wallace; M’Kenzee Smith, granddaughter of Gerald Miskell; Tanya Vescogi, daughter of Davis Vescogi; Darrell Wallace, son of Jeff Wallace; and Justin Williams, son of Jon “Ringo” Williams.

Local 27 holds 20th retiree reunion

Lodge honors retired BM-ST Snead

LOCAL 27 (St. Louis) held its 20th annual retiree reunion August 1 and honored the event’s founder, David Snead.

Snead, who joined the union in 1970, was elected president and made a business representative in 1987. In 1989, he established the Retirees Reunion, an annual day of reminiscing, dinner, attendance prizes, and service pin presentations for all field construction retirees.

In 2002, Snead was elected business manager, and immediately went to work to establish a training and education fund. With the hourly contributions he negotiated from contractors, Snead was able to open the lodge’s apprenticeship training center on that year-end.

During his tenure, Snead also formed a local lodge retirement and death benefit fund in which field construction members voluntarily participate. Upon retirement, the fund provides a monetary payment and Boilermaker watch to participants.

Snead retired August 3 as Local 27’s business manager and secretary-treasurer. In his 20+ years as a lodge officer, he served on numerous boards and committees and as a delegate to the Consolidated Convention on four occasions.

Upon his retirement in 2009, the apprenticeship facility was renamed “The David L. Snead Training Center” in his honor.

“Dave earned the respect of our customers, contractors, and other crafts,” said William J. Noll, the newly-elected Local 27 BM-ST. “His experience, jurisdictional knowledge, and compassion for our members will be greatly missed.”

Scholarships

Helping union families realize their dreams

Going back to school? Sending your children to college? Learn more about the scholarship opportunities available to you as a union member. Union Plus supports working families by providing these scholarships to help you focus on your studies instead of your tuition bill.

Local 555 officers and staff members join BM-ST Dallas Rogers, at left, in ribbon-cutting ceremonies. L. to r., Gary Thistlewaite, Bill Ferguson, Dan Symenuk, and Ken Pasaluko.
Local award service pins

Local 1 — Chicago

John Skernent, BM-ST of Local 1, Chicago, reports presentation of membership pins to the following:

45 Years — Arnold Carlson, Charles Dobosiewicz; Louis Benz, Roy DiNovo Jr., Edward Fals, Kevin Kavanagh, Clayton Novak, Robert Raggio;

35 Years — Nicholas Anaya, Rodney Swinson; and David Andrews, Joseph Bogusz, Jeffrey Bonafacchi, William Bonnetts, Edward Cockeem, Christine Coleman, Danié Considine, John Downs, Joseph Frankenbach, Robert Frankenbach, James Goecking, Edward Kielanowicz, Thomas Kirkland, Joe Moore, Bryan Nolan, Thomas Spencer, and Eric Vogel.

Local 11 — Helena, Mont.

John Robie, BM-ST of Local 11, Helena, Mont., reports presentation of membership pins to the following:

35 Years — James Mantei; Keith Baxter, Thomas Bernhardt, Tim Engellant, Frank Fuhrmann, George Gonzales, Robert H. Hall, Peter Komola, Michael Sievert; and D. Peter Seaberg, Robert W. Schnur.

25 Years — William Doles Jr., Michael Galarmeau, Kenneth Hawley, Eric Matthews, Jack Ravindal, Donald Todd, Randy West, Norman Ygnatowicz; and W. John Clark, Jeffrey Hochstrasser, William McCormick, Clinton Perry, Scott Silvis, Toby Violet, and Larry Widdicomb.

Local 60 — Peoria, Ill.

Gary Lusk, BM-ST of Local 60, Peoria, Ill., reports presentation of membership pins to the following:

45 Years — Orville “Rex” Bunch, Richard Krause, Joseph Langen; and Gordon Baker, Gene Boughton, Danny Burns, Jack Cooper, Dale Hasler, John Miskell, Joseph Palsgrove, Bernard “Barky” Hilton, Donald Raineri, Quinton “Spencer” Tipton, Michael Trippett; and John Bryant, Gary Gold, Robert “Mark” Hoffman, Steven Schweng, Steven Wood, Randall Wright.

35 Years — Michael Chavez, Larry Hutchinson, John Latella, Gary Lusk, Jeffrey Sittler, Rodney Wall; and James Moreland; and Joe Gibson, James Haas; and James Baker, Kevin Burness, Daniel Lindey, Tommy Hall, Chris Morris, and Andy Sibert.

L-199 — Jacksonville, Fla.

Carl Ferguson, BM-ST of L-199, Jacksonville, Fla., reports presentation of membership pins to the following:

35 Years — Stanley Grayson, Jerry Rhoden, George Spicer; John Austin, Conrad Edwards, C.J. “Jimmy” Ferguson, Dale Ferguson, David Gossage, Matthew Jonjoc, Stanford Lee Kemp, Mike Kubek, Mike MacPherson, Mike Rogers, Kenneth “Wade” Willingham, Johnny Yewell; and Kevin Murphy, Lewis Shingler.

20 Years — Mike “Slim” Huls, Tony Vitez, and Wilbur Griffin, Howell “Hal” Hedges, Weldon Lane, Kevin Mathie, Sidney “Miss Sidney” McCollum, and Joe Ruse.

L-374 — Hammond, Ind.

Paul Maday, BM-ST of Local 374, Hammond, Ind., reports presentation of membership pins to the following:

55 Years — Marion W. Brumfield; and B.M. Shadrax.


Local 647 — Minneapolis

Bernard “Barry” Hill, BM-ST of Local 647, Minneapolis, reports presentation of membership pins to the following:


George Pinkerman, BM-ST of Local 667, Charleston, W.Va., reports presentation of membership pins to the following:

65 Years — Robert Heugel, Robert L. Mahaffey, Owen O. Schumacher; 60 Years — Leonard R. Adams, Odber E. Edwards, James F. Hayes; 50 Years — Rex White; 45 Years — Chelcie Blankenship, Richard R. Blow Jr., Fred C. Bussey, Russell E. Croasco;


Robert Heugel (c.) receives his 65-year membership pin from L-687 BM-ST George Pinkerman (l.) and Pres. Sammie Doolittle.

D E A T H  B E N E F I T S

The DEATH BENEFIT PLAN under the Boilermaker-Blacksmith National Pension Trust has paid the beneficiaries of the following deceased members who were covered by the plan since the last issue of our publication.

See DEATH BENEFITS, page 23

IF YOU HAVE NOT yet been furnished this information, contact your local lodge, secure the beneficiary forms, complete the required information, and forward to the Administrative Office of the Pension Fund, 754 Minnesota Avenue, Suite 522, Kansas City, KS 66101, at the earliest possible date. NOTE: These death benefits can only be derived for members who worked under a collective bargaining agreement with an employer contributing to the Boilermaker-Blacksmith National Pension Trust.

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Money-Saving Programs for Members Only

The benefit programs listed below are available only to Boilermaker members and their immediate families.*

Accident Insurance

Call: 1-800-393-0864

AT & T Wireless Discounts

Call: 1-800-879-7046

Auto Insurance

Call: 1-888-294-9496

Car Rental Discounts

Call and give the ID number: Avis: 1-800-698-5885

Budget: 1-800-455-2848

Hertz: 1-800-554-2200

For information on these programs and not all programs are available in all states.

Union Plus Moving Discount

Call: 1-800-522-4000

Union Plus Credit Card

Call: 1-800-565-3712

Union-Made Checks

Call: 1-800-524-5533

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Mortgage

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Legal Service

Discounted legal help — first 30 minutes are free.

Call: 1-888-593-8888

Life Insurance

For members, spouses, and children.

Call: 1-800-393-0864

Entertainment Discounts

Save on sporting events, theaters, movie tickets, rentals, theme parks

Call: 1-800-365-3712

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Health Savings

Save on prescription medicines, hearing, dental, and vision care.

Call: 1-877-579-4845

Union Made Checks

Call: 1-888-864-6625

Union Plus Credit Card

Call: 1-800-522-4000

Union Plus Moving Discount

For Allied Van Lines

Call: 1-800-871-8884

For North American Van Lines

Call: 1-800-524-5533

For information on these programs and other member-only benefits, go to www.unionplus.org

*Restricted members are eligible. Some programs are not available to members outside the continental United States, and not all programs are available in all states.

Phone 1-800-452-9425 for clarification of eligibility.

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“Our Boilermakers are already losing jobs because we have not passed legislation to regulate emissions.”

If we are to lower GHG emissions without causing irreparable harm to our economy and the technological progress that has made our success so strong, we need a diverse portfolio of energy sources. Such a portfolio would take advantage of domestic coal reserves that could provide energy for up to 300 years. It would use renewable resources. And it would include nuclear power, which is now generations ahead of where it was when we stopped building nuclear plants in the 1980s.

The comprehensive energy bill now in the Senate can make that possible and help keep Boilermakers working.

How this bill helps Boilermakers

Even before the Supreme Court issued its GHG ruling, Boilermakers' Legislative Director Abraham Breehey said, "Our members have been working in industry groups, environmental groups, and other unions to convince Congress to pass legislation that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions without creating an unbearable burden for American workers — especially Boilermakers. The energy bill now in Congress includes many provisions that our union has supported, including these:

• Creating a “clean energy development administration” to facilitate billions of dollars in financing to get new energy technology into U.S. markets and expanded as quickly as possible.

• Improving energy efficiency in buildings, homes, equipment, appliances, and the federal government.

• Establishing an off-budget carbon capture and storage early deployment fund to speed the development of eight to 10 commercial-scale carbon capture and storage projects at coal-fired power plants.

• Encouraging domestic production of offshore oil and natural gas.

• Updating and modernizing our nation’s power grid to ensure reliability and efficiency.

• Establishing a “cap-and-trade” system to reduce GHG emissions gradually and economically.

This last proposal is the most controversial and most widely misunderstood of the energy bill’s provisions. A cap-and-trade system has been a proven, market-based method for reducing pollution — do not move to countries that fail to take comparable action. It will put in place tariffs on imports of carbon-intensive goods from these countries, ensuring that American businesses remain competitive in the global marketplace.

Passing this bill is one of the highest priorities of our government affairs department. In the two years since the Supreme Court issued its ruling, businesses have been uncertain what the future rules for greenhouse gases will be. Without actual legislation in hand — signed by the president — they cannot be certain what the best approach will be going forward, and they don’t want to risk hundreds of millions or billions of dollars on an educated guess.

Many of our members believe that the energy bill might kill Boilermaker jobs. However, doing nothing is most certainly costing us jobs. For example, recently in Montana, a group of electric cooperatives halted their plans to build a 250-megawatt generating plant because of the “aura of uncertainty” surrounding the future of emissions regulations. Dozens of other coal-fired power plants across the nation are being cancelled or put on hold for the same reason.

That uncertainty can be greatly reduced by passing this bill. In fact, the bill’s incentives to develop carbon capture technology could potentially spur a boom in Boilermaker work. For the past five decades, Boilermakers and other trade unions have won millions of man-hours of employment for Boilermakers.

A study conducted by BBC Research and Consulting in 2008 projected that building new coal-fired power plants that produce a total of 20 gigawatts (GW) would result in 1.4 million man-years of work during the construction phase and 48,000 permanent, fulltime maintenance jobs. If the nation builds 100 GW, those numbers rise to nearly 7 million man-years of construction jobs and 251,000 maintenance jobs.

A good proportion of those hours would go to Boilermakers.

Boilermakers cannot let this opportunity pass us by. We are already losing jobs because Congress has not passed legislation to regulate emissions. Leaving that crucial role entirely to the discretion of the EPA would cause even more job losses. Passing the comprehensive energy bill will remove the roadblocks that are rapidly growing in industrial construction and create millions of man-hours of employment for Boilermakers over the next several decades.

Boilermakers must be united on this issue, and we must not give up until it passes. Contact your senators today. Let them know that Boilermakers support a comprehensive energy bill that includes cap-and-trade.

Newton B. Jones
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