



Watt's Up ?!!!!



IBEW Local 890's Newsletter



BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Dear Members,

As we prepare ourselves for another good old Wisconsin winter, things are pretty much the same throughout Local 890. The work picture remains slow, although we did fill a few calls this past week. The news on the Dean/St. Mary's Hospital is the bid package will go out in February for the hospital and the Clinic will follow sometime in March or early April. The Edgerton Hospital project is delayed because of financing from state HUD money. The Monroe Hospital project is currently releasing the bid package and is due on December 10th. Two different signatory contractors have been picking up smaller jobs at Elkhorn Hospital and have been able to keep a few guys working. Let's hope they keep moving toward the larger addition and remodel that has been proposed. Most of these projects mean work for our members; it is just hard to say when at this point. We will continue to stay involved and report any new information to our members.

In Solidarity,

Leo "Pancho" Sokolik

LOCAL 890 OFFICERS

- Leo "Pancho" Sokolik, Business Manager/ Financial Secretary
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PENSION WITHDRAWAL INFORMATION

Reports are showing that quite a few of our members are taking advantage of the one time pension withdrawal of \$15,000.00. I am assuming more will also be withdrawing money from their accounts in the future. I would just like to repeat that before choosing this option please check with your tax preparer to see how this will affect you, not only right now but also at the end of the tax year. I have also heard that there are penalties if you are drawing unemployment so please check there also.

Local 890 Updates

- Reminder, please notify Local 890 when you have any change in beneficiary, address, contact info or dependents. The Local office will assist members in notifying all the necessary parties. Member files need to be kept updated so as not to affect any benefits.
- Due to the membership request, the Local 890 Apprenticeship and training Committee is inquiring into the feasibility of establishing a computer lab. The lab would be used for teaching, among other courses, a Basic Computer Course. We will keep the membership posted with updates as progress is made.
- If you would like to be notified via email with news and updates concerning Local 890, please notify the Hall. Local 890 is also posting updates on our new website (www.ibew890.org) and our new Facebook account (IBEW Local 890).

Photovoltaic Class Update

Our first Photovoltaic Class has reached the halfway mark and everything is going very well. We have had very good reports on the quality of the instructors and the content of the class. We have already received numerous inquiries into running another class and have started a list for the next class. Once this class finishes and the instructors catch their breath, we will be ready to roll again.

We have also had a great response from volunteers to help with the installation of our 2.1 PV System. Hopefully, December 5th, we will be installing the system on our building and connecting to the grid shortly after that. A special thanks to all of the members who have already volunteered to be a part of this installation.



Join us for the
Annual IBEW Local 890 Holiday Party
Sunday January 10th, 2010
At the Holiday Inn Express
1pm–5pm

Look for your invitation in the mail and return reservation slip to Hall by Dec. 29th.

Announcements

BOOK REPORT

BOOK I: 80

BOOK II: 62

APPRENTICE: 4

RESIDENTIAL: 4

Quote of the Month

“The line between failure and success is so fine that we...are often on the line and do not know it. How many a man has thrown up his hands at a time when a little more effort, a little more patience, would have achieved success. A little more persistence, a little more effort, and what seemed hopeless failure may turn to glorious success.”

— Elbert Hubbard

- Next union meeting is Thursday, December 3, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Hall.
- First quarter dues shall be paid by December 31, 2009. Dues will be the following for 2010; Quarterly— \$87.06 and \$348.24 for the year, checks should be made payable to Local 890.
- Death Benefit #128.
- Congratulations to Brother Erik Long for newborn daughter, Autumn Nicole, born September 4th.

Code of Excellence Training

A class sign-up sheet is now available for Code of Excellence Training. Code of Excellence is the new program being unveiled by the IO to promote proper work ethics on the jobsite. Code of Excellence training will be required by everyone to work at the new Dean/St. Mary's Hospital and Clinic. The one day class be held on December 10, 2009 at 1:00pm here at the Hall.



NEW INSIDE WAGE PACKAGE



Effective 12-1-09—5-30-2010

Base Rate		\$29.50	(\$.40)
H&W		\$ 8.95	(\$.03)
Pension	24%	\$ 7.08	(\$.10)
NEBF	3%	<u>\$ 0.89</u>	(\$.02)
Total Package to Employee		\$46.42	(\$.55)



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DECEMBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 PV CLASS	2	3 Union Meeting	4	5
6	7	8 PV CLASS	9 A&T Meeting	10 CODE of EXCELLENCE TRAINING	11	12
13	14	15 PV CLASS	16	17 Executive Board Meeting	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Hall Closed	26
27	28	29 PV CLASS Reservations Due	30	31 NEW YEARS EVE		

◆ JANUARY 10TH, 2010: Annual IBEW Local 890 Holiday Party