



Watt's Up ?!!!!



IBEW Local 890's Newsletter



BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Dear Members,

It is hard to write an article that doesn't contain a bunch of doom and gloom. This past year and a half has been such a battle. The economy and lack of work have put such a negative twist on everybody and everything that it is difficult to turn things into a positive. But positive is what we must be!

There is work out there, good work for our members. We are engaged and doing everything we can to help secure a big portion of that work for our contractors. We will continue to work hand in hand with our contractors to give them the tools and confidence to bid and secure the bigger projects coming in our area., while not forgetting the smaller ones that we seem to lose quite regular.

In Solidarity,

Leo "Pancho" Sokolik

Health Care Update

The increasing cost of health care has been a real hot button issue with the Board of Trustees at the State level. At the September 2009 trustees' meeting it was proposed that we would have a 30% increase in cost on June 2010. This proposal started a very heated debate in which a lot of options were discussed. While there is not enough ink in my pen to write everything that has gone on in the last six months, I am definitely willing to discuss our health care issues with all of you. You can call me anytime here at the office.

One of the changes that was made and is beginning to go into effect, is that we have joined the Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO Network. What this means to the members, is our insurance will remain the same, we just joined a bigger discount network to save money. We were also able to cut the increase pretty dramatically, but there still will be a \$.30 increase June 1, 2010. At the May union meeting the members present voted to allocate the \$.30 total package increase effective June 1, towards the health insurance increase. It was also voted to take a nickel from our flex plan to cover the remaining increase, so now we will have \$1.66 going into flex instead of \$1.71.

LOCAL 890 OFFICERS

- Leo "Pancho" Sokolik, Business Manager/ Financial Secretary
- Dan Uschan, President
- Sam Gulotta, Vice President
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LOCAL 890 FAMILY NIGHT

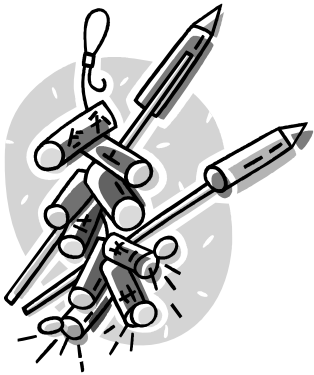
AT POHLMAN FIELD, HOME OF THE BELOIT SNAPPERS

Local 890 is hosting a family picnic, an evening of baseball and a firework display that will knock your socks off.

The fun starts at 6:00 pm on Saturday June 12th with a family picnic on the outfield deck. All you can eat hamburgers, brats, hot dogs, potato salad and ice cold Pepsi products to wash it all down. First pitch will be at 7:00 pm as the Beloit Snappers host the Bowling Green Hot Rods.



Two lucky members of our group will get to throw out the first pitch before the game. There will also be several adult and children's games throughout the evening.



The fun doesn't end with the last out, after the game is completed the firework display kicks off. So come on out, enjoy the camaraderie and have a night full of fun.

Picnic and game tickets provided by Local 890.



LOCAL 890 FAMILY NIGHT at POHLMAN FIELD



Local 890 Member: _____

Adults: _____ Children Older than Four: _____

Children Four or Under: _____

Mail to: IBEW Local 890

17 S. River St.

Please RSVP by Wednesday June 2nd

Janesville, WI 53548

BOOK REPORT

BOOK I: 84

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Quote of the Month

“It is not work that kills men, it is worry. Work is healthy; you can hardly put more on a man than he can bear. But worry is rust upon a blade. It is not movement that destroys the machinery, but friction.”

— Henry Ward Beecher

Announcements

- Next union meeting is Thursday, June 3, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the Hall.
- Third quarter dues shall be paid by June 30, 2010. Dues for 2010; Quarterly— \$87.06 and \$348.24 for the year, checks should be made payable to Local 890.
- Death Benefit #128.
- 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.
- We are now posting news and work updates concerning Local 890 on our website (www.ibew890.org) and our Facebook account (IBEW Local 890).



NEW WAGE PACKAGES



Effective 6-1-10—5-30-2011

	INSIDE	RESIDENTIAL
Base Rate	\$29.50 (\$\$.00)	\$21.50 (\$\$.30)
H&W	\$ 9.25 (\$\$.30)	\$8.11 (\$\$.39)
Pension	\$ 7.08 (\$\$.00)	\$3.44 (\$\$.05)
NEBF	<u>\$ 0.89</u> (\$\$.00)	\$0.65 (\$\$.01)
Total Package to Employee	\$46.72 (\$\$.30)	\$33.70 (\$\$.75)



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Contract Negotiations

Negotiations are over and I am pleased to announce that we have a new four year contract starting June 1, 2010. As we began negotiating we were prepared and really expecting a wage freeze and one year contract. But after five weeks of negotiations we were happy and quite surprised to sign for four years with some good increases. The total package increases are as follows:

- Effective June 1, 2010 — \$.30
- Effective June 1, 2011 — \$.75
- Effective June 1, 2012 — \$.80
- Effective June 1, 2013 — \$.70
- Effective December 1, 2013 — \$.25

We also reinstated the language that the LMCC fund will pay for any members initial state license. Remember, the requirement for state licensing is coming soon, January 1, 2013. I would like to close by thanking the negotiating team, Dale Bucholz, Dan Uschan, Mark Mezera and Jason for their help getting this done.

- ◆ Local 890 Family Night at Pohlman Field, Saturday, June 12th 6:00 PM