



Watt's Up ?!!!!



IBEW Local 890's Newsletter



Business Manager's Report

Dear members of local 890,

I hope this writing finds you all in good health and good spirits as we move into the fall part of the year. It truly has been a great year so far with an abundance of work with most all of the membership of local 890 working lots of hours on many various projects. With some of the bigger projects winding down and some members coming in to sign the out of work book they shouldn't worry about being on the book for long as there are a few jobs in the early stages and many in the planning and bidding process. The new job tracking software that the local purchased is paying dividends and gives us a lot of information about upcoming work that we pass on to the contractors. This along with the many other methods we have used and still currently use all add up to the strong commitment in holding up our part of the working relationship between Local 890 and the contractors we work with.

Yours in Solidarity

Leo (Pancho) Sokolik

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- Jason Heidenreich, Exam Board

39th International Convention

It is with great honor and privilege that I along with your local 890 president Bob Walters attended the IBEW 39th International Convention held in St Louis Missouri. St Louis is Local number one and was the birthplace of our great union. This year is also the 125th anniversary of our great union. I was also in attendance at the ribbon cutting (a piece of number 4 solid ground wire was used as the ribbon) ceremony that was the official opening of the Henry Miller Museum. This museum was built from the boarding house that Henry Miller along with 9 other men met and wrote the early constitution of the IBEW. I was honored to sign the main structure beam with my name and my local union number. So if any of our members ever get to visit this awesome museum dedicated to our union's history they can check out the main structure beam in the basement and will see that local 890 was there. I will be asking the membership to buy a block in the outside garden for all members to see if they ever get the opportunity to visit this wonderful museum. The history of the IBEW is a great story and not only ties us to our past but the mission statement remains the same and directly ties us to our future.

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First Annual Apprenticeship Banquet

To all members of Local 890,

It is with great pleasure that I announce to all of you that local 890 will be holding the first in my career apprenticeship banquet. Many of the locals in the state annually hold a banquet to honor apprentices who are in the process of completing or have recently completed an indentured apprenticeship. It is time that we here in local 890 get on board and do the same for our apprentices. It will be a very difficult task to go through our records and verify all of those who have completed the apprenticeship, so for our first banquet we will extend an invitation to all members regardless of whether they have gone through the apprenticeship process or not. Very soon each and every member will receive a personal invitation for you and one adult guest to attend this wonderful event. There will be many very nice door prizes and a great dinner to go along with a great night of fellowship and brotherhood so please save the date as this banquet will be held on **Wednesday, Oct 26th 2016**. We have booked the Pontiac Convention Center for this event as we know from the Holiday party this is a great venue to hold a party.

See you there

Fraternally,

Leo Sokolik

Annual Conservation Dinner

IBEW Local 890 was well represented at the 4th Annual Madison Area Union Sportsmen's Alliance Conservation Dinner on Friday, September 16th. LU 890 members: Curt Woelky, James McGuire, Bill Turpin, and Chad Hughes, were the lucky table winners, each taking home a new Remington 783 rifle. Congratulations guys!

Dues Increase

At the 39th International Convention many proposals were put forth which are directly tied to our future. As with many defined pension plans in today's times, the struggle to keep them financially solvent is becoming a monumental task. Our PBF pension plan isn't in distress like a lot of others, but needs some help so it doesn't get in trouble. In the next 5 years there will be approximately a 15 percent retirement rate. We will need to increase the PBF contribution by 3 dollars spread over the next 5 years to cover these expected retirements and keep the PBF fund solvent for all of us who follow in the retirement process. There will also be a 2 dollar increase to the general fund to keep the IBEW financially solvent for years to come. Please keep in mind that in the eyes of the construction world and in the building trades as a whole, the IBEW is the envy of all the trades and second to none. We take care of those who blazed the trail for us and all who follow in our footsteps.

Fraternally yours,

Leo (Pancho) Sokolik

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Residential	00

Upcoming Classes

Please check the IBEW Local Union 890 website www.IBEW890.org for an updated list of available classes. The Fall 2016 Schedule is posted and some classes are still available. The classes are also posted at the hall.

On Time Dues Payments

Dear Members,
 Just a quick note to urge all members to not fall behind on your quarterly dues. With the implementation of the new office software Labor Power Express we are unable to override or bypass any of the penalties or consequences associated with being in arrears on dues. I urge you to please keep your dues current.

Quote

With all their faults, trade-unions have done more for humanity than any other organization of men that ever existed. They have done more for decency, for honesty, for education, for the betterment of the race, for the developing of character in man, than any other association of men.

-Clarence Darrow

Announcements

- Next union meeting is Thursday, October 6, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hall.
- Death Benefit #136.
- Reminder, please notify Local 890 when you have any change in beneficiary, address, contact information or dependents. Member files need to be kept up to date so as not to affect any benefits.
- 2016 Monthly Dues: \$37.02
 Quarterly Dues: \$111.06
 Annual Dues: \$444.24

Labor Day / Labor Fest 2016

Labor Day became a national holiday in 1894. It is dedicated to the contributions and achievements of the American worker.

Thank you to the following and all the Local 890 volunteers who worked hard to set up the Labor Fest grounds: John Hilden, Shawn Carlson, James Hanan, Garrick Harwick, Nolan Maresch, Dan Deusterbeck, David Eppihimer, Jaime Olson, and Lewis Lunn. It is through your efforts that help make the festival possible. We would also like to thank the members and their families who marched in the parade to represent Local 890.

Local 890 at Career Fair

On September 21, the IBEW/NECA Electrical Apprenticeship, Blackhawk Technical College, and the IBEW Local 890 were promoted at the 4th Annual Career and Technical Education Fair hosted by Beloit Memorial High School. A big thanks to Apprenticeship Instructor Greg Phillips and Apprentice Rep Garrick Harwick for your help in making the career fair a success.



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2	3	4	5	6 6:00 p.m. Union Meeting	7	8
9	10	11 A&T Meeting	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 E-Board Meeting	21	22
23 / 30	24 / 31	25	26 Apprenticeship Banquet 6 pm	27	28	29