



# Watt's Up ?!!!!



## IBEW Local 890's Newsletter



### Business Manager's Report

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Dear Members of Local 890,

With the local elections completed and all of the new officers sworn in at the July union meeting, I would like to take a moment to personally thank all of you that voted and basically all of the membership for your continued support for myself and the staff here at Local 890. Those who did vote overwhelmingly showed their support for me and this office. To those of you that did not vote it is my hope that you believe that we are doing a good job here at the local and were busy or just confident that things would turn out. Either way I am extremely appreciative and humbled by the phone calls with all of the congratulatory remarks from the membership. Ironically I received many calls from the contractors that we work closely with on a day-to-day basis not only congratulating me but thanking me for the continued stability we have here in Local 890. I have always and will always continue to have the members and their families first and foremost in any and all decisions made by me that will directly affect the membership in this ever-changing state and world we live in. In closing, I again with great humility and gratitude thank the membership for their continued support and I look forward to working with and communicating with all of you in the future.

Sincerely,

Your Business Manager of Local 890

Leo "Pancho" Sokolik

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## **Beloit Snapper's Game and Picnic - Saturday, August 12, 2017**

The fun starts at **6:00 pm** with a family picnic. 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 p.m. as the Beloit Snappers host Clinton.

The fun doesn't end with the last out, after the game the spectacular **firework display** kicks off.



Come on out, bring the family and enjoy the camaraderie. You won't want to miss this night full of fun!

Contact the Local 890 office to reserve your tickets on or before **August 4, 2017**.

608-752-0321 or [local890@ibew890.org](mailto:local890@ibew890.org)

*Your reserved tickets may be picked up at the Pohlman Field **Main Gate at 5:30 p.m.** on game night.*

## **Journeyman Wireman Organizing Incentive**

To all of the members of Local 890, organizing continues to be and always will be a big part of our mission statement. We are experiencing the most incredible employment opportunities that I have seen in Local 890 since the days of the GM plant. Anyone and everyone who is an electrician and wants to work in Local 890 can work. The major problem that we are experiencing is that we do not have enough qualified journeyman to do the work that we have. We can have all of the new apprentices or construction electricians, but without good journeyman electricians to show them and to teach them, they are not much help to us. The contractors that we work with in Local 890 continually ask for journeyman that can either teach and train or do some small projects on their own or simply run around in a service truck. We simply do not have any more available. In the Constitution of the IBEW it states that it is everybody's responsibility to organize the unorganized. So with that in mind we are asking you the members to step up your efforts and help us find the journeyman electricians that we so desperately need. An organizing incentive package has recently been approved by the Local 890 executive board. The organizing incentive package will consist of bonus money for not only electricians organized but for those who helped in that organizing effort. The organizing member and the organized member will each receive \$500 at 6 months of continuous employment and also another \$500 bonus to each at one year of continuous employment.

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## Apprentice Banquet

To all the apprentices of Local 890, here's to hoping you all enjoyed a short summer off of school. The next school year for apprenticeship will kick off on August 11th. With that in mind we have not held this past years apprenticeship banquet. We are going to do that in September and we will invite the first-year class and also invite those who topped out this past year to this event. I have been reaching out to the contractors and the supply houses for their contributions for this banquet. I could use some help in putting this together, so if any of you would please call me and volunteer to help get this going I would appreciate it. This was a great event last year and we would like to continue it on to honor those who not only juggle life in their family but also work and attending classes. Please call the hall and offer your assistance in this great event, thank you.

## Local 890 Picnic

It has been brought to my attention and it has been a topic of discussion at the past couple Union meetings that we should have a union picnic for the membership. This would be a great thing and a lot of fun to do for late summer early fall. Again it would be a wonderful thing to do but we need help in pulling this off, so I again reach out to the membership and ask for your support and volunteering to help get this worthwhile project underway. I will work closely with anyone who wants to volunteer in putting the picnic together. Please call the hall if you are interested in helping.

## Quote of the Month

*“Live the Life of Your Dreams*

*When you start living the life of your dreams, there will always be obstacles, doubters, mistakes and setbacks along the way. But with hard work, perseverance and self-belief there is no limit to what you can achieve.”*

— **Roy T. Bennett**

# Announcements

- Next union meeting is Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Hall.
- Death Benefit #136.
- Brother Lloyd Laib passed away in June. Lloyd recently celebrated 70 years in the Local.
- Monthly Dues- \$39.02 Quarterly- \$117.06
- Watch for the latest news and work updates concerning Local 890 on our website ([www.ibew890.org](http://www.ibew890.org)) and our FaceBook page (IBEW Local 890).

## Upcoming Classes

Please check postings at the hall or the IBEW Local Union 890 website for an updated list of available classes. The Fall Schedule is now posted.

[www.IBEW890.org](http://www.IBEW890.org)

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## August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Union Meeting	4	5
6	7	8 A&T Meeting	9	10	11	12 Snapper's Game
13	14	15	16	17 E-Board Meeting	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		