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By John Schmitt, Business Manager



Brothers and Sisters,
As we approach another busy construction season, I want to applaud all of you who made it to the Wisconsin Laborers Training Center or an off-site training course this winter. By obtaining certifications or taking refresher courses, you are adding more value to yourself, our signatory contractors, and the construction industry.

A skilled, safe, and productive workforce allows our signatory contractors to be the most competitive in the State. This also allows our signatory contractors to be awarded more projects, which puts more of our members to work. Thanks for your dedication and investment in the construction industry.

After our last few battles of terrible legislation coming out of the Capitol, we were hoping to get a break; however, those in power in State government were coming after us again. This time it was Workers Compensation and Unemployment Insurance. Luckily, Labor had banded together and instead of an awful Assembly Bill 501, also known as the "Spiros Bill", we got Assembly Bill 819, which came from a Labor-Management advisory committee. This committee showed us that, once again sitting at the table and

bargaining in good faith is the best solution! We had a few successes in other legislation that the Wisconsin Laborers registered to support. Assembly Bill 198 passed on February 18th, 2016. This bill prohibits a person from driving a motor vehicle while using a cellular or other wireless telephone in a construction zone, except to report an emergency. Senate Bill 288/ Assembly Bill 384 lifts restrictions on the possibility for Wisconsin to build a nuclear power plant. The option that must be considered is advanced nuclear technology, and it must be cost-effective. Wisconsin Laborers will continue to support legislation that may create jobs for our members, and we will oppose any legislation that attacks our members' rights, or their ability to make a living.

The political season is here. We have the spring primary and presidential preference vote on April 5th, 2016. We have the partisan primary vote on August 9th, 2016. Lastly, we have the fall general election on November 8th, 2016. I just want to remind you that our job, as a Union, is to find candidates that will help create the best economic picture for the construction industry. This includes candidates who support collective bargaining, prevailing wages, and project labor agreements. We need candidates who want to improve our infrastructure and invest in the energy sector. You pay your dues to the union, to work for you on economic issues. So when there is an endorsement of a candidate, it is because we are looking at issues that affect how you make a living, how you pay your bills or put food on the table.

We support candidates who support Laborers issues; it doesn't matter if they have a D or an R behind their name.



When we find these candidates, we need to support them by getting involved in the election process. We need to educate our families, members on jobsites, and people in our community. It is YOUR voice and YOUR vote. I ask you to please be part of the democratic process and get out to vote in the upcoming elections. We have to make sure labor friendly candidates get elected. Every aspect of our future is at stake with each election. If we do nothing, we allow others to make decisions for us, decisions that affect our health benefits, our pensions, job opportunities in the industry, the way we make our living and how we support our families.



**Wisconsin Laborers' District Council
And
Its Affiliated Local Unions
And
Wisconsin Laborers' Training Center
ARE ALL ON FACEBOOK**

**We also have membership
resources online at:
www.wilaborers.org**

LIUNA's Endorsement of Hillary Clinton

The process by which the Laborers' Union of North America endorsed Hillary Clinton for President utilized many means of gathering information. The Laborers' Union conducted a statistically valid survey of members using a well-regarded national polling firm named Peter Hart. Secretary Clinton was the clear winner of our Union poll. In terms of issues that were rated by our members in the poll, jobs and the economy were rated as very high priorities. Social Security and ISIS were the next two issues.

LIUNA also sent out a questionnaire to all the candidates. Secretary Clinton's answers show that she understands the laborers and our issues. From her time in the U.S. Senate through the present, the laborers credit her as an official who is familiar with and respects the value of organized labor. Looking specifically at her ideas to increase family-supporting jobs with benefits, the laborers are extremely confident that we have a strong ally in Secretary Clinton. We invite the membership to read the policy papers on her website at <https://www.hillaryclinton.com>. Her positions on labor, trade, infrastructure, transportation, immigration and energy are comprehensive and positive. We believe that her strong position on economic issues is the reason that the National Building Trades Unions endorsed her, quickly following on the heels of the Laborers' endorsement.

We are not the NRA or your church. We are the organization that looks out for your rights on the job, and tries to help create the best economic picture for the construction industry while moving forward into the future. We hope you will join with LIUNA to vote your economic interests in 2016.



Upcoming Election Dates And Other Voting Information

April 5th, 2016 is the Presidential Preference Primary

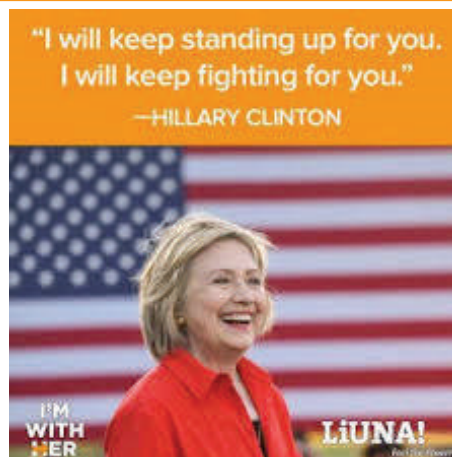
August 9th, 2016 is the Partisan Primary

November 8th, 2016 is the General Election

*** Remember you can Early Vote at your Local Municipality, for more info go to www.myvote.wi.gov. For the April 5th Election Early Vote, dates are from March 21- April 1st. You can also register at the polls on April 5th, just bring an ID and proof of address.**

***There are a lot of upcoming school referendums on the ballot for April 5th. This could create work for our members. Please contact your local if you have any questions about upcoming referendums.**

*** LOCAL 113 AREA SUPPORT: Tom Barrett for City of Milwaukee Mayor, Chris Abele for Milwaukee County Executive, and John Antaramian for City of Kenosha Mayor**



Local News

Local 113 Milwaukee Business Manager Tony Neira



Recent changes to the Unemployment Law have made it more difficult to become eligible and maintain eligibility for unemployment benefits. The work search requirements were increased from two solicitations per week to four. Due to Local 113 maintaining a referral list, members in good standing are excused from the search, as long as they are registered on the out of work list and remain in good standing with Local 113. As soon as you become unemployed it is essential that you contact Local 113 and register on the out of work list.

The building boom continues in Southeastern Wisconsin. Work on the Northwestern Mutual Building is going well in downtown Milwaukee. Northwestern Mutual will be breaking ground soon on the second tower. The Couture, a 40 story building will hopefully begin de-construction and construction this year. The Westin Hotel on Van Buren is in the early stages of the project. The Milwaukee Bucks Arena will be breaking ground this year, as well as the parking structure that will accommodate 1,250 vehicles and a practice facility.

The Zoo Interchange continues with Lunda Construction working on Phase I. Walsh Construction will complete work on Phase II. Zenith-Tech will be working on the Interstate 794 Lakefront Gateway Project. Kenosha County continues to see development with the Uline Company expanding with CG Schmidt constructing a new office building. Hunzinger Construction was awarded the warehouse. Riley Construction continues new construction on the schools in Racine.

I look forward to the economic development in our area and the job creation that comes with it. We need to ensure that journeymen and journeymen of this union are enhancing the skills of our apprentices and new members. We owe it to the hard working men and women that came before us, and our partners; our signatory contractors. It is our obligation as union members to make sure our future members are prepared to perform the forthcoming work, and are ready to face the distant challenges of our Industry.

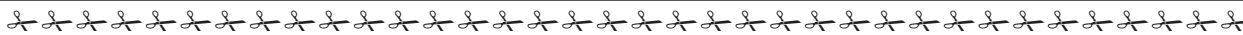


Scholarship Winners Congratulations to the following Local 113 Scholarship winners!

- * (Winner- Members name)
- * Genna Marie Fendt- Pamela Fendt
- * Kayla Gallart- Peter Gallart
- * Ayanna Hernandez- Dolores Hernandez
- * Kenny Holbrook- Kyle C. Holbrook
- * Brad Jacob- Daniel Jacob
- * Tyler D. Jansen- Norbert Jansen
- * Glendyn Watkins- Durward Nimmo
- * Jenna Reichert- Marc R. Reichert
- * Tommy Stadler- Jerome Stadler
- * Brittni Vermiglio- John C. Vermiglio

Important Phone Numbers

- * Local 113 414-873-4520
- * Health Fund 800-397-3373
- * Building Trades Pension 262-784-7880
- * Vacation Trust Fund 800-397-3373
- * Local 113 Website: www.liuna113.org



DETACH AND RETURN WITH UPDATED INFORMATION

Mail to: Local 113, 6310 West Appleton Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53210

Name _____ Member # or Last 4 of SS# _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Phone Number _____ Cell Number _____
 Email Address _____ Shirt Size _____

Local 140 La Crosse
Business Manager Clark Jensen



Laborers' Local 140 is located at 2771 George St., La Crosse, WI. We cover 10 counties surrounding La Crosse. First of all, I would like to thank all of the proud dues paying members of Local 140 for the work we all do, day in and day out.

As of right now, the work picture for building contractors is holding its own, with some large projects coming up for bid in the near future. In La Crosse and surrounding counties, for those of you that work heavy/highway, it is going to be a busy season! We have more road work and bridges being built in our area than I have seen in years. That being said, I urge you to take full advantage of our training center when you are laid off. One very important class to get out of the way is the OSHA 30, which will be mandatory by June 1, 2017.

I also urge you to get out and **VOTE!** We, as organized Labor, in the construction industry, cannot afford to have a republican president for the next 4 years. The next President will have the opportunity to appoint one or more Supreme Court Judges. If anyone has questions on which candidates the Laborers' have endorsed throughout the state, please don't hesitate to call the Local. Local 140 and our District Council would like to thank you for the great job you all do and lets have a safe and prosperous 2016 season.

Local 268 Eau Claire
Business Manager Jeff Dehnhoff



Laborers Local 268 is located at 2233 Birch St. Eau Claire, WI. Hope all is going well for you and your families. Vertical building work has been steady over the winter and will continue to be good in spring. There were talks of a potential Hospital project in the area, but that has since been canceled.

Sewer and water work looks like it will be active in the area this spring. The Stillwater bridge work will continue all season, otherwise still keeping an eye out for upcoming heavy highway work. Like I always say, if you ever have any questions please give the Local a call at: 715-835-5001. Stay safe out there!

Local 268 Upcoming General Meetings- 7:00pm:

April 1- May 6, - June 3
July 8- (Second Friday due to 4th July)
Aug. 5

Retiree Council Meetings- 3rd Wednesday:

May 18, 2016 11:00am
July 20, 2016 (Picnic in Colby) NOON

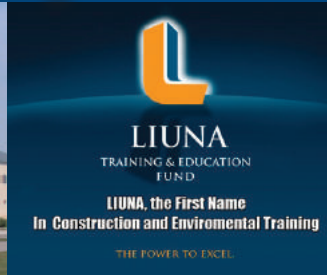
Congratulations to these Local 268 50+ Year Members:

- Lester Leavitt 50 years
- Joseph Kelbley 55 years
- George Schalinske 60 years
- Richard Dye 50 years
- Leon Smrstick 50 years
- George Schroeder 50 years
- Thomas Braun 50 years
- Jerry Brown 50 years
- Richard Johnson 50 years
- Alvin Kielman 55 years
- Clifford Maluegge 55 years
- Ronald Cronin 55 years
- Frank Lugo 55 years



Above: (Left to Right) Business Agent Scott Johnson, Administrative Staff Deb Heath, 60 year member George Schalinske, and Business Agent Brian Dehnhoff

Laborers' Apprenticeship and Training



Craig Ziegler, Director
Ray Wiatt, Apprentice Coordinator
Stacy Miller, Office Mgr.
Phone 608-846-5764



**Training Director
Craig Ziegler**

Hello Fellow Laborers,
We are having another busy year at the Wisconsin Laborers' Training Center. We have been seeing an increase in student numbers over the last couple of years. In fact, last year we had a record year of over 2,250 students that went through the training center. This year we are on pace to do similar numbers. If you are still in need of training please contact the training center or you can go online at the address at the bottom of this page. If you are already enrolled in a class, please let us know if you can't attend so we can call your fellow members who are on the waiting list.

We are also in need of instructors. If you are interested in becoming an instructor, we are looking for instructors in the areas of pipe, OSHA, and MSHA. You can go online at www.wilaborers.org and click on the link under Employment Opportunities to find the application and instructions. If you ever have any training questions please feel free to call anytime at 608-846-5764.



**Wisconsin Operating Engineers & Wisconsin Laborers Joint Training
Held in Coloma, WI January 11-22, 2016**



**Wisconsin Operating Engineers & Wisconsin Laborers Joint Training
Held in Coloma, WI February 16-18, 2016**

Register for Classes on-line

To register for classes at the Laborers Training and Apprenticeship center go to the members services section of the Wisconsin Laborers website at www.wilaborers.org.

Laborers' Training 2015-2016 Season



Pipe Class



Basic Concrete- Sidewalk Pour



Pipe Class- Tapping Blue Brute C900 Water Pipe



Blue Print Course- Setting Of Curb Wands



Pipe Class- Tapping Ductile Iron Water Pipe



Blue Print Course- Setting Of Curb Wands

Local News

Local 330 Menasha Business Manager Tony Marcelle



Work in our area is looking very strong for 2016. We have some nice size projects going; Green Bay Waste Water plant, Lambeau Field Development, Acuity Insurance in Sheboygan, as well as Edgewater Power Plant, and also numerous clinics and hospital work. There is also some potential for work at schools, if they get approval in pending referendums.

This is also an election year for President of the United States. In Presidential Elections, people are more likely to vote, but State and Local elections are equally important. The last two years, we sure have seen endless attacks on all working people. From the passage of right-to-work (an attempt to divide), to the repeal of State prevailing wages, and changes to unemployment insurance.

So when you vote this year, think about the direction we are going with the current group in Madison. And don't forget your photo ID to be able to vote as well.

I would like to thank all Laborers that took training in the last year. You are not only helping yourself but your family, your co-workers, and your contractor.

In closing, be safe on the job and at home. Let us never forget how hard our members work to make a living.

Check out our website at:
www.laborerslocal330.org



Above: Local 330 Business Manager Tony Marcelle holding a new member orientation, to educate new members about working rules, training, health & pension and other benefits of being a Union Laborer.

In Memoriam

Jamie Van Dalen, October 20,
2015 age 68

Mark Handrich, October 20, 2015
age 66

William Selby, November 10,
2015 age 34

Jeffrey Mann, December 9, 2015
age 47

Wencil Mleziva, December 10,
2015 age 82

Robert F Miller, December 13,
2015 age 88

Ben Seehafer, January 28, 2016
age 71

Lloyd Stillman, February 4, 2016
age 85

Gerald Leiterman, February 21,
2016 age 92

Garth Delvaux, February 14, 2016
age 80



Local 330 Member Brad Vertz & his wife Tamie Vertz donating their time to raise money for the Salvation Army.

Local News

Local 464 Madison Business Manager Dan Burke



Hello members, Dan Burke, Business Manager of Local 464. We are ready to start our 2016 spring season. It is time to shake off that cabin fever and get hard at it. This winter was not so bad. Many members worked through fall and winter and into 2016. We look forward to summer. DOT Listings have picked up millions of dollars' worth of work for this year. Many of our signatory Contractors were very busy this 2015-2016 Winter.

We will participate in many activities this year, Kids Build Wisconsin in May and Take a Kid Fishing in June. We supported the Koehler Company strike this December and donated extra meeting food to food pantries. We have attended several Career Fairs. Building Trades at the Alliant Energy Center, Whitewater, Madison East & West High Schools and Big Step.

Apprenticeship Applications have been very well attended.

OSHA 30 will be required for all members working on a 62 County Building site come June 2017. Make sure you go on line or call the Training Center and get that class scheduled or on a waiting list. There are many classes available when you are on the needs work list. Due to so many classes going on at our Training Center, we have been holding overflow classes at Local 464's Hall.

Mike Gillick, a Workers' Compensation Attorney, was at our March General Meeting to speak to the members. Mike discussed workers compensation issues and how the new laws effect workers. Membership also voted to endorse JoAnne

Kloppenber for Wisconsin Supreme Court and Russ Feingold for U.S. Senate. In December we held our annual Breakfast with Santa, which is always a great time. I wish you all a safe, productive, and rewarding 2016 season.

In Memoriam

Richard La Count,
November 16th, 2015 Age 80

Walter Kinzler,
December 2nd, 2015 Age 95

Edward Perkl,
January 5th, 2016 Age 81
Ed was a Gold Card Member

Howard (Butch) Garrett,
January 15th, 2016 Age 76

John (Jack) Dolan
March 9th, 2016 Age 81

Local 464 Officers

Daniel Burke
Business Manager

Rod Meyer
Secretary/Treasurer

Toby Meicher
President

Kent Miller
Vice President

Jim Foye
Recording Secretary

Nick Henke
Sgt-At-Arms

Pam Meyer
Auditor

Angie Loncar
Auditor

Jason Nielsen
Auditor

Executive Board
Daniel Burke, Rod Meyer,
Toby Meicher, Kent Miller
Brian Casper, Dean Hackl and Jim Foye

Administrative Staff
Judy Kinnaird & Diana Kirkpatrick



Above: Breakfast with Santa held at Local 464 Hall in Madison

Just A Reminder:
Retirement Luncheon

At Local 464

April 27th, 2016 at 11:30 am

Lecet Director- Diane Newby



In an effort to stay current with the State Prevailing Wage law changes which will be going into effect on January 1, 2017, Wisconsin LECET recently held a training session with the U.S. Department of Labor. Scott Lautenschlager with the U.S. DOL presented summary information on protection for construction workers under the Federal Davis-Bacon Act, including wage decisions, covered projects and compliance procedures. More information can be found at www.wagehour.dol.gov, or you can speak to an investigator at 1-866-487-9243.



Afternoon speakers included Jim Chiolino from Wisconsin DWD, who provided an overview on Wisconsin labor standards pertaining to the construction industry, and Mike Myszewski, who is a special investigator with DWD's Unemployment Insurance Division, specializing in worker misclassification (1099) issues. Mr. Myszewski specifically discussed the difference between employees and independent contractors and the unfair competitive advantages in the construction industry.

The website located at www.dwd.wisconsin.gov/worker_classification, will guide you through Wisconsin's worker classification laws and provides user-friendly worker classification tests to determine whether the worker is economically dependent upon the employer.

In addition, Wisconsin DOT will be holding several Labor Compliance Training sessions in 2016. Topics include the new prevailing wage laws and new trucking guidelines. Registration information will be sent via email to all companies registered in the Civil Rights Compliance System (CRCS). If your company is not in the CRCS, or you do not receive a WisDOT notice and you would like to attend, please email debra.hoeth@dot.wi.gov or LCMS@dot.wi.gov.



Wisconsin Alliance for Fair Contracting- Shawn Walczak

The Wisconsin Alliance for Fair Contracting is dedicated to educating and assisting employees on prevailing wage jobs within the construction industry. The WAFC works with state agencies such as the Department of Workforce Development, Department of Transportation, and Labor Standards Bureau to ensure any individual working on a prevailing wage job site receives the proper wage and benefits package.

The WAFC believes educating workers in the field is the best way to ensure that proper wages and benefits are paid on prevailing wage projects. An educated worker can take the necessary precautions to ensure they receive proper compensation on a Prevailing Wage job site. The best tool the WAFC has to educate workers out in the field is by visiting the job site.

These site visits provide us with an opportunity to speak with workers on the job site and not only ask questions but provide them with the exact wage requirements their employer is to follow on the job. It is far too common that the WAFC encounters workers who were completely unaware they were even on a Prevailing Wage project, much less what they should be paid total package. It is for this reason that the WAFC makes educating employees in regard to Prevailing Wage laws its number one priority.

The other main function of the WAFC is to assist workers who believe they have not received the proper wage package on a Prevailing Wage project. WAFC representatives collect and review a variety of documentation to determine if proper wages were paid by the employer. This documentation is collected from the worker, various state agencies, and local governmental units. WAFC then presents their findings to the worker and begins a formal complaint case with the appropriate state agency. From 2012 to 2014 the WAFC recovered over \$140,000 in unpaid wages for workers across the state of Wisconsin.

The creation of prevailing wage laws was to prevent employers from lowering their employees' wages in an attempt to receive public sector projects in the construction industry. Wisconsin's laws and regulations of Prevailing Wage provide the foundation of which the Wisconsin Alliance for Fair Contracting can operate. We will continue to visit job sites, educate workers and provide assistance to those who need it in the 2016 construction season.



Wisconsin Prevailing Wage Laws

Recent prevailing wage law changes DO NOT go into effect until January 1, 2017

- Wisconsin prevailing wage rates are currently in effect on many public works projects
- Wisconsin prevailing wages apply to public works projects awarded by State, County, and Local Government agencies

- Most WisDOT projects are covered by State Prevailing Wages and/or Federal Davis Bacon Wages
- Federal Davis Bacon Wages may also apply to other public works projects throughout Wisconsin

Contact **WAFC** to see if the project you are working on is covered under the Wisconsin Prevailing Wage AND/OR the Federal Davis Bacon Wages

(608) 846-8246



Wisconsin Laborers' Fund Administrator- Mary Karsten



Please let me take this opportunity to introduce myself as the newly appointed Fund Administrator for the Wisconsin Laborers'. I joined the team in September but just recently took over as a result of Dick Franken's retirement. My main goal is go above and beyond what's expected to ensure members receive the benefits they are entitled while experiencing the best service possible.

My history includes 24 years working for the Wisconsin Education Association (WEA) where I had the opportunity to work closely with the Teachers Union. I am looking forward to working with the Laborers' in the months and years to come. Please feel free to stop by anytime you are at the Wisconsin Laborers' Training Center to introduce yourself. I will also be out at the membership meetings from time to time. Visiting with the members helps me understand your needs and experiences which will enable our team to provide you with better service.

Health Reimbursement Account (HRA)

The Wisconsin Laborers' implemented an HRA on January 1st. A HRA is a tax-advantaged benefit that allows employees to save on the cost of healthcare. The money in your HRA and amounts used to pay for eligible expenses are not included in your income, which means you aren't taxed on this money! The HRA is funded by employer contributions—\$0.25 of every hour worked is contributed to your HRA.

If you are an active participant of the WI Laborers' health plan, you should have received your HRA debit card in the mail. The debit card can be used to pay your out-of-pocket medical expenses such as copayments, deductible, self-pay contributions, and prescriptions. You are eligible for reimbursement of expenses incurred by you and your eligible dependents that are covered on the health plan.

Use the HRA Consumer Portal to view and manage your account. Go to <https://hralaborers.lh1ondemand.com> and enter your login ID and password. (The login ID is the member's first initial, last name, last 4 digits of social security number—example: Joe Smith's social security number is 999-88-7654, the login ID would be jsmith7654. The password is the member's full social security number—example: Joe Smith's password would be 999887654)

The portal gives you the access to:

- File a claim online
- Upload receipts and track expenses
- View up-to-the-minute account balances
- View your account activity, claims history and payment (reimbursement) history
- Report a lost/stolen Card and request a new one
- Change your password
- Download plan information, forms and notifications

LiveHealth Online

LiveHealth Online provides easy, fast doctor visits—all from the comfort of your own computer or mobile device. With LiveHealth Online, you don't have to schedule an appointment, drive to the doctor's office, and wait for your appointment. Doctors can answer questions, make a diagnosis, and even

prescribe basic medications 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, seven days a week (including holidays) anywhere you have an internet connection. To access the program log on to <https://LiveHealthOnline.com> to sign up and begin your first consultation.

For any questions related to your health or pension plan, call our Customer Service Department at:

**608-846-1742 or
800-397-3373
weekdays from
8.00am to 4:30 pm**

For Milwaukee area pension please call:

262-784-7880

Or you can go online at: www.thepensionfund.com

Take Action



It will take just 3 Minutes.

Wisconsin needs to come up with a long-term, sustainable transportation funding plan.

It is up to each of us to let our elected officials know it is time to stop kicking the can down the road.

Every contact matters.




It takes just three minutes to help make **Just Fix It** and the plight of our aging transportation infrastructure all the buzz in the capitol and in your community.

What you can do:

- **Text [JustFixItWI](#) to 52886 or visit the [TDA website](#) to sign up for action alerts.** Once a month, TDA will generate a message for elected officials. In no more than a minute, you can send an email, tweet or Facebook post to let them know transportation is important to you and your community.
- **Like [TDA Wisconsin](#) on Facebook** and invite your friends to like the page as well.
- **Follow [TDA Wisconsin](#) on Twitter.**
- **Join the conversation** by posting pictures of the roads in your community that you'd like to see receive some TLC or other transportation challenges. And if your community has benefited from transportation investment, share that too. Make sure to include [#JustFixItWI](#).
- **Encourage friends, family and colleagues** to also give three minutes for transportation.

TAKE ACTION

Please click each icon below.


  


Enter your phone number and home address to call your officials.

Phone Number*

Home Address (123 Any St)*

ZIP Code*



 Send me text messages about this campaign

#JustFixItWI

Apprenticeship Testing Dates

2016 APPRENTICESHIP TESTING DATES

Do you know someone interested in a career in the construction trades? Accuplacer testing for the Laborers' Apprentice program will be held on the following dates:

Laborers' Local 113 – Milwaukee

Test Location: 6310 W. Appleton Ave
Milwaukee, WI 53210

Dates: April 5, 2016
May 3, 2016
May 31, 2016
June 28, 2016

Laborers' Local 140 – La Crosse

Test Location: AmericInn Hotel & Suites
125 Buol Road, Rm 100
West Salem, WI 54669

Dates: April 11, 2016
May 9, 2016
June 13, 2016
July 11, 2016

Laborers' Local 268 – Eau Claire

Test Location: 318 S. 3rd Avenue
Wausau, WI 54401

Dates: April 14, 2016
May 12, 2016
June 16, 2016
July 14, 2016

Laborers' Local 268 – Eau Claire

Test Location: 2233 Birch Street
Eau Claire, WI 54703

Dates: April 15, 2016
May 13, 2016
June 17, 2016
July 15, 2016

Laborers' Local 330 – Menasha

Test Location: 886 W. Airport Road
Menasha, WI 54952

Dates: April 6, 2016
May 4, 2016
June 1, 2016
June 29, 2016

Laborers' Local 464 – Madison

Test Location: 4633 LIUNA Way
DeForest, WI 53532

Dates: April 7, 2016
May 5, 2016
June 2, 2016
June 30, 2016

- Testing begins at 9:00 a.m. sharp - applicants arriving after 9:00 will not test
- Applicants must be at least 18 years old and have a valid photo ID
- There are no fees for taking the test and no pre-registration is necessary

Questions? Call the Apprenticeship office – 608.846.5768 or e-mail: rwiatt@wilaborers.org

Building a Better Wisconsin Event

On February 10th, 2016 an event called Building a Better Wisconsin was held at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee. Building a Better Wisconsin was a coalition of building trades, schools and companies in the energy and construction industry. This was an all day event that had 38 schools recognized, with over 2,200 students attending. There were see-touch-do demonstrations for students to participate in. This encouraged interest in careers in all aspects of infrastructure development.

Trade Unions and companies informed students of the requirements and entry points for careers in the industry. We tried to let students know the importance of STEM; Science, Technology, Engineering, Math and how it relates to the construction industry. This was a great event and students were amazed that you can work in the trades and make good money and benefits.

We see or hear about it all the time. Young adults go off to college, get a degree along with a huge student loan debt, and often times struggle to find a job. The Wisconsin Laborers' District Council and its affiliated Local Unions are committed to educating students and young adults about the opportunities and benefits of being a Union Laborer.



Above: Marketing Manager Mark Linsmeier and President/ Business Agent John Swan III (Local 113) explaining to students opportunities in the industry.



Above: Business Agent Chris Olig, Local 113 working with student on using a rotating laser to figure out grade elevations.



Above: Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele came by to talk with students and tour the Building A Better Wisconsin Event

Above: Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett spoke to students about all the great opportunities in building Wisconsin's infrastructure, along with the importance of STEM in many careers.



Local News

Local 1091 Duluth, MN (Douglas, Bayfield, and Ashland) Business Manager Dan Olson



Congratulations to our own Jack Kauti on winning the 2015 Enbridge Energy Capstone Award. This Arctic Cat four wheeler was presented to Jack during United Pipelines recent safety day held here in Duluth. Jack was a key person not only in stopping a potential life threatening injury, but reporting the incident to his superiors so this type of accident would not happen again. Jack's leadership and safety awareness kept a man from being seriously injured, or worse while working at the Enbridge Terminal in Superior, WI . Jack has been a proud member of Local 1091 for over 7 years.

We are anxiously waiting for spring up here in the north land with lots of projects waiting to start. Unfortunately, one of our long time signatory contractors has decided to close their doors. This company, which employed close to 30 Laborers, and did mostly heavy and highway work in and around Northwest Wisconsin, fell due to the economic downturn in our area. I am curious if Wisconsin's so called Right to Work legislation and the destruction of Prevailing Wage has anything to do with it.

We will be participating in a number of trade shows and job fairs in the near future to show junior high and high school students how to pursue a career in the Laborers' Union.

Finally, please register to vote and vote in the upcoming spring elections. There are many issues that will affect us now and in the future. The Laborers' International Union of North America has endorsed Hillary Clinton for President. Hillary will listen to our concerns and will be the best candidate to support us, our issues, and concerns.

Feel the Power, Be the Power, Use the Power.

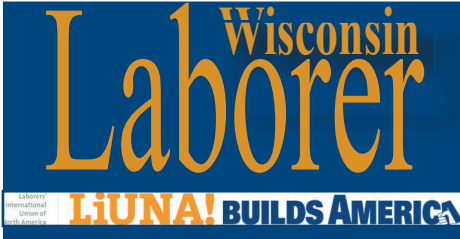
In solidarity,

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1091 member Jack Hauti (Left)





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