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LOCAL 15 UNITY NEWSLETTER

UNION NEWS AND INFORMATION TO YOU

July 2022

Membership Selects Leadership

Our members have voted and their ballots have been tallied. With Election Judge Brad Gritt and Tellers overseeing the process, a total of 1563 ballots were counted on June 17th.

Elected to three-year terms:

President, Business Manager, Financial Secretary	<u>Terry McGoldrick</u>
Vice-President	<u>Ben Busser</u>
Recording Secretary	<u>Lisa Sims</u>
Treasurer	<u>George Longoria</u>
Executive Board At Large	<u>Russ "Rudy" Ruettiger</u>
Executive Board Nuclear	<u>John Richards</u>
Executive Board Fossil	<u>Ian Hacker</u>
Executive Board Commercial Physical	<u>Vinnie Rochotte and Mike Quirk</u>
Executive Board Clerical	<u>Tom Tibbles</u> and <u>Oscar Sanchez "Big O"</u>

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Happy Independence Day

"WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS TO BE SELF-EVIDENT, THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL, THAT THEY ARE ENDOWED BY THEIR CREATOR WITH CERTAIN UNALIENABLE RIGHTS, THAT AMONG THESE ARE LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS"



UNITY July 2022



The Fourth of July—also known as Independence Day or July 4th—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.

When the initial battles in the Revolutionary War broke out in April 1775, few colonists desired complete independence from Great Britain, and those who did were considered radical. By the middle of the following year, however, many more colonists had come to favor independence, thanks to growing hostility against Britain and the spread of revolutionary sentiments. On June 7, when the Continental Congress met at the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall) in Philadelphia, the Virginia delegate Richard Henry Lee introduced a motion calling for the colonies' independence. Amid heated debate, Congress postponed the vote on Lee's resolution, but appointed a five-man committee—including Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania and Robert R. Livingston of New York—to draft a formal statement justifying the break with Great Britain.

On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of Lee's resolution for independence in a near-unanimous vote (the New York delegation abstained, but later voted affirmatively). On that day, John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail that July 2 "will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival" and that the celebration should include "Pomp and Parade...Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other."

On July 4th, the Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, which had been written largely by Jefferson. Though the vote for actual independence took place on July 2nd, from then on the 4th became the day that was celebrated as the birth of American independence.

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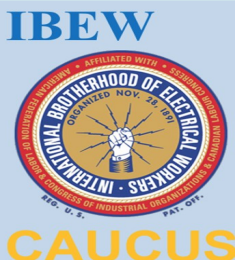
July – Calendar

4	Monday	Independence Day Have a Safe July 4th
5	Tuesday	NORTHERN UNIT MEETING 5:30^{PM} American Legion - 749 Milwaukee Ave - Gurnee
6	Wednesday	POWERTON UNIT MEETING 4:00^{PM} PACE - 300 McLean Street - Pekin JOLIET UNIT MEETING 5:30^{PM} Stone City VFW - 124 Stone City Drive - Joliet
7	Thursday	DIXON UNIT MEETING * 6:00^{PM} American Legion - 1120 W. First St. - Dixon ELMHURST UNIT MEETING 6:30^{PM} American Legion - 310 W. Butterfield Rd - Elmhurst
13	Wednesday	KINCAID UNIT MEETING * 3:45^{PM} South Fork Building - 124 Central Avenue - Kincaid CHICAGO UNIT MEETING 5:00^{PM} IBEW Local 134 2722 S MLK Dr - Chicago
14	Thursday	ROCKFORD UNIT MEETING 5:30^{PM} Holiday Inn - 7550 E. State Street - Rockford
		<p>** President McGoldrick will attend</p> <p>* Vice— President Busser will attend</p>



**NO JOB IS SO IMPORTANT,
NO EMERGENCY IS SO
GREAT,**

SAFETY



**THAT WE
CANNOT TAKE THE TIME TO
PERFORM OUR WORK
SAFELY.**

On May 23rd and 24th, Local 15 Business Representatives Mark Shaulis and Mike Keating attended the 2022 IBEW Safety Caucus held in Tempe, Arizona. The Safety Caucus was formed to allow IBEW Locals to gather and present, as well as discuss, safety information, products and trends affecting Locals across the United States and Canada.

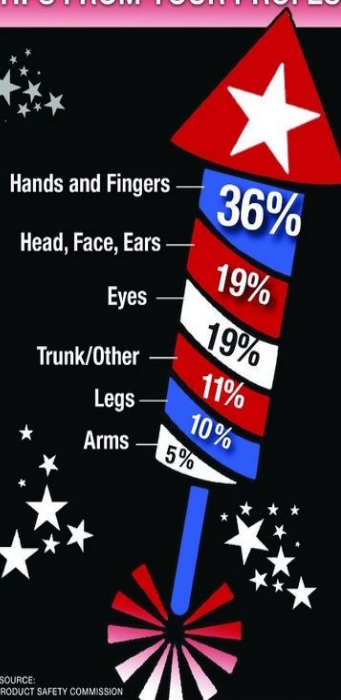
Included in the Caucus this year were subjects having impact on the Utility, Outside, Construction, Telecom, Broadcasting, Manufacturing and Maritime divisions of the IBEW. Some of the subjects presented included: the high rates of suicide in the workforce, a listing of accident reports from the IBEW Safety Department, the top 10 OSHA safety violations, OSHA standards and how they get written and amended, ANSI standards, the major increase in heat injuries, how to participate in OSHA investigations, and other subjects that affect the electrical workers across the trade.

The caucus also provided a forum for Locals in each of the sections of the IBEW to share issues happening in their jurisdictions and how those issues parallel with other Locals in the same portion of the industry. Some of those issues included: PPE availability-quality-cost, material shortages and how this affects the safety of Locals, safety practices at their companies, equipment failures, conductor and equipment grounding, and others.



FIREWORKS SAFETY

TIPS FROM YOUR PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS



**Fireworks injure
10,500 people
annually**

SAFETY TIPS:

- Attend a professional show instead of holding your own
- Always read the instructions
- Set fireworks up in a clear, open space
- Only adults should handle the fireworks
- Wear protective eye glasses and gloves
- Light at arm's length and then stand back
- Never attempt to re-light a "dud" or defective firework
- Never hold a lit firework item in your hand
- Have a bucket of water or sand or a fire extinguisher ready as a preventative measure



International Association
of Fire Fighters

DATA SOURCE:
U.S. PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Meeting Chairpersons and Recorders

In June, the Unit Meeting Chairpersons and Recorders were formally appointed. Nominations had taken place in May. The candidates were unopposed for the three-year terms. Our thanks are owed to these dedicated members for their commitment to our Union.

— Chicago —

Chairperson Sherman Thomas

Recorder..... Vacant

— Dixon —

Chairperson Scott Ragan

Recorder..... Bob Bass

— Elmhurst —

Chairperson Gladys Negron

Recorder..... Bridget Brennan

— Joliet —

Chairperson Jose Garza

Recorder..... Jennifer Nanak

— Kincaid —

Chairperson Joe Dooley

Recorder..... Mindy Himes

— Northern —

Chairperson Anthony Trentadue

Recorder..... Ed Mennecke

— Powerton —

Chairperson Ian Hacker

Recorder..... Deaun Gillespie

— Rockford —

Chairperson Shawn Mattingly

Recorder..... Donna Raschke

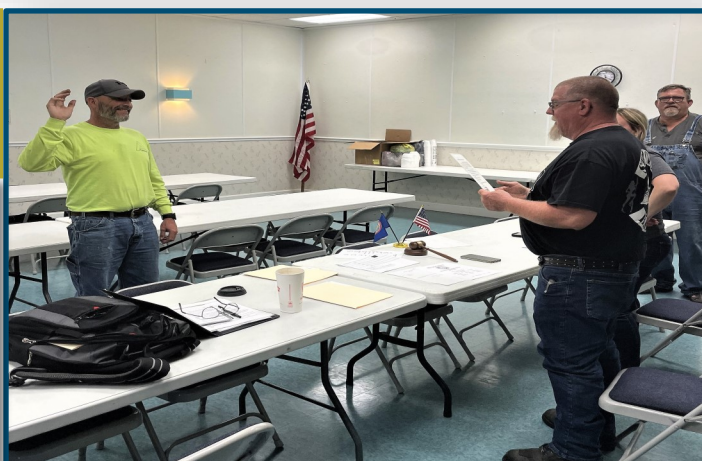
Congratulations

to the New
Assistant Operator School Graduates.

(Below) Jill Lynch, Pat McBride,
Penny Minick, Nathan
Wojczynski, Stacey Bell, and
Madeline Elenes Medina.



(Below) Joliet Unit Chairman Jose Garza swears in
new member Alex Essington, a Pontiac Construction
Worker



(Above)
Kincaid Unit Chairperson,
Joe Dooley swears in Kincaid Station Maintenance
Mechanic and New Local 15 Member, Kevin Johnson.

WAUKEGAN GENERATING STATION RETIRES

After generating power to the city of Waukegan for almost 100 years the plant stopped coal fired generation on May 29th 2022 at 5:04am. Unit Operator, Eric Smally took Unit 7 offline for the last time, after Unit 8 had been shut down earlier in the month. Waukegan station started supplying power to the city of Waukegan in 1923. As the city grew, so did it's need for reliable power, thus the station had to grow to keep up. By 1963 there were 8 running generators at the site. In 1958 Unit 7 came online as the world's largest generator at 326.4 Mega Watts. At the time of closing, the station was producing 700 MW's from coal and another 100 MW's from the Peaker jets that were installed in 1968. The plant is located in the Northeast corner of the city on the shore of lake Michigan. The warm water discharge at the site was known to be some of the best Trout and Salmon fishing year-round between Racine WI, down to the city of Chicago for a number of years.



Nuclear Fuel Handling Transfers

Local 15 V.P Ben Busser, Business Rep Brian Daniels, and Chief Steward Russ Ruettiger have been discussing transfers with the Nuclear Fuel Handling Management team. 5 Fuel Handlers had put in transfer forms. On 5/17/22, a conference call was held and all 5 accepted the transfers.

Nuclear Maintenance Transfers

On 4/27/22 Local 15 V.P Ben Busser, Business Rep Brian Daniels and Maintenance Stewards worked with Labor and Human Resources to successfully complete Maintenance lateral transfers. The list started with 14 individuals that were interested in transferring to another nuclear site. At the end of the meeting 7 accepted and 7 declined the opportunity. The seniority dates were set by Local 15 and a release date of 1/9/23 was determined by the Company.

RETIREMENTS

The following Members have received Honorary Withdrawal Cards from IBEW Local 15
 Congratulations and Thank You for Your Service - from Your IBEW Local 15 Sisters and Brothers

Darin Miller	Nuclear Station Operator	Byron	Mar-91
Carlos Cousino	OH Elec Spec	Chicago North	Feb-91
Jeffrey Berry	Crew Leader Construction	Libertyville	Feb-98
Steven Ward	Liability Rep	3 Lincoln Center	Jun-84
Derrick Daughtry	OH Elec Spec	Rockford	Jan-99
Bradley Sievert	Control Systems Tech	Byron	Apr-84
Nancy Friedericks	Financial Stmts Clerk	Commercial Center	Mar-79
Dave Roseen	PPT OM	Joliet	May-85
James Brian Russell	Unit Operator	Powerton	Aug-90
Juan Perez	CRO	Joliet	Oct-81
David Benassi	Maintenance Electrician	Powerton	Apr-07
Sidney Avila	Crew Leader Line	Chicago North	Sep-91
Timothy Walker	OH Elec Spec	Chicago South	Jul-84
Nancy Picchiotto	Billing Clerk	3 Lincoln Center	Feb-85
Joseph Mccraren	Crew Leader Line	Libertyville	May-90
Manuel Cuevas	Control Systems Tech	Braidwood	Feb-92
Dennis Kays	OHT Crew Leader Line	Rockford	Oct-84
Thomas Parkos	DO Lead Crew Leader, Line	Freeport	Jul-84
Elizabeth Watters	Clerk A Steno	Services & Training Center	Feb-82
Elizabeth Barreto	Cust Service Rep	2 Lincoln Center	Feb-12



Kathy Flynn Retires

After 38 years with the Company, Oakbrook Call Center C1 and Chief Steward Kathy Flynn is planning on retiring this month on July 7th, 2022. Kathy originally started with the old Commonwealth Edison Company back on May 29th, 1984 as a Company Mail Clerk at the General Office location downtown – back when company mail was hand delivered to all employees



and not sent electronically. From there Kathy promoted to a General Clerk II in 1997 in the Treasury Department and then Customer Service Representative at the Chicago North Call Center later that year where she remained until 2007. Kathy then moved to a Commercial Clerk III at Mt Prospect position for a few months before she promoted to

New Construction Representative in Oakbrook, a position she would hold from 2007 – 2011. Kathy then moved to hold a Construction Order Clerk position from 2011 – 2013 at Chicago North. While working in the city, Kathy served as the Unit Recorder for the Chicago Unit Meeting. In 2013 Kathy returned to the

Call Center – this time in Oakbrook - as a Commercial Clerk I, the position she still holds today. Kathy also served as a Steward and Chief Steward at Chicago North from 2011 – 2013 and then again from 2015 – currently at Lincoln Center 2. Kathy has been a regular at the Elmhurst Unit meeting during her time in Oakbrook. Kathy was elected to Local 15's Executive Board in 2016 and again in 2019. She has served as the Executive Board Chairman since 2019. Kathy was also elected as a delegate to the 40th IBEW

International Convention, which was just recently held in Chicago, IL. Among the experiences gathered along the way were attending the IBEW 6th District Arbitration Institute at the University of Illinois in Champaign, Membership Development confer-

ences and several Women's Conferences. Throughout it all Kathy has maintained a cheerful attitude and pleasant demeanor and has always been available for the workgroups she worked with as well as represented, often taking Union-related calls on off days and outside of her shift. Local 15 would like to wish Kathy a long and healthy retirement! She will be missed!

Business Reps visit crews during Storm Restoration



On Wednesday, June 15th and Thursday June 16th, Business Reps Jim Collins (Chicago Region), Mike Keating (Southern Region) and Shawn Wachter (Northern Region) visited multiple crews in the Maywood area, passing out water and Gatorade, to help the crews stay hydrated during the heat wave. They also talked with the crews to address any concerns they had.

Constellation & IBEW Local 15 Members team up for 2022 “Fishing for a Cure”

to raise over **\$57,000** for **Advocate Children’s Hospital**

On May 22, 2022, Braidwood Generating Station hosted their 21st annual “Fishing for a Cure” bass tournament. This brings the tournaments 21-year fundraising total to more than \$750,000. Every year a different organization is nominated by station employees to benefit the proceeds. IBEW Local 15 members at Braidwood have been involved with this event since it started in 2002.

