

ELECTRICIANS LOCAL 82

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• **Union Meeting - Monday, May 4, 2009 - 5:00 p.m.**

Nomination of Officers
Discussion and vote on the placement of the
\$1.00 per hr. raise effective June 1, 2009

• **Meet the candidates - Monday, May 11, 2009 -
5:00 p.m. in the Union Hall**

• **Election of Officers - Monday, June 1, 2009 -
Noon to 8:00 p.m.**

• **Union Meeting - Monday, June 1, 2009 -
Starts at 8:00 p.m. due to voting**

• **Run off Election (if necessary) - Monday,
June 22, 2009 - Noon to 8:00 p.m.**

Attendance Drawing

WE HAVE A WINNER!!

James Van Zant was signed up
and in attendance at our April
meeting, so he won all the
money. Now we'll start over
at the May 4th meeting.

March Sick List

Randy Reed
Michele Sparklin
Ron Ritchie
William Bussey
Bob Bach

**PAID THROUGH
JANUARY**

Dan Arrington
Denny Ashworth
Chad Barhorst
Lucas Bates
Casey Black
Derek Bradley
Oscar Brown
Eric Burton
John Burton
Ed Canan
Kevin Cottrell
John Dailey
Bobby Decker
Eric Demarcus
Mark Edens
Jeremy Evans
Greg Garrett
Phil Gerber
Matt Hamilton
Raymond Holland
Brian Holloway
Justin Holloway
John Holt
Steve Jones
Greg Jones
Joe Kucinsky
Joel Leshar
Lovill Lofton
Chris Mattern
Jeff McNeal
Jerry Montgomery
Ashley Mouser

**PAID THROUGH
JANUARY**

Steve Norris
David Null
Ernie Pittman
Reginald Pope
Mark Preuss
Ron Schaurer
Bill Seals
Ryan Seaton
Cole Spreng
Bryon Stacy
Larry Terry
Brian Thomas
Jason Tindall
Jonathan Towe
Tom Travis
Matt Vogt
Clifford Waldon
Daniel Watkins
Wayne Webb
Rick Weiser

**PAID THROUGH
DECEMBER**

Ron Bailey
Bob Brand
Dave Carman
Jesse Chandler
Rocky Davis
Scott Dempsey
Bill Gillespie
Scott Gillette

**PAID THROUGH
DECEMBER**

Brandon Gillum
Vern Greene
Joe Hudson
Alan Lupton
Terry Miller
Darlene Moorman
Fred Mullen
Ralph Peyton
Litford Puckett
Doug Rigsbee
Zan Silar
Adam Smith
Randy Smith
Craig Snyder
Tony Stevens
Mark Taylor
David Tussey
Eric Williams
Stuart Young

**PAID THROUGH
NOVEMBER**

Victor Bingham
John Burkhardt Jr.
James Edlridge
Eric Frisbee
Jason Fugate
Jeff Highfield
Cecilia Kennsion
John King
Jeremy Landis
Kendric Mallory
Jim Price
Ron Redic

**PAID THROUGH
OCTOBER**

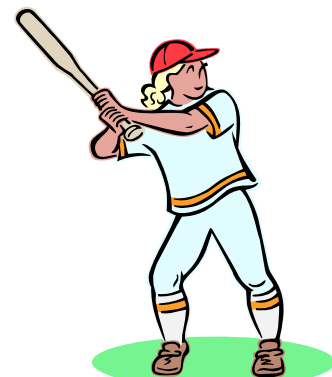
Shawn Bowman
John Currier
Gary Kercher
Jason Lambert
Jamie McGhee
Kevin Meenach
Rocky Wallace
Dave B. Wilson
Dave L. Wilson
Bryan Wilson
Doug Woodford
Terence Wright

OUT ON DUES

Michael Rhodes

**REDS & DRAGONS
TICKETS ON SALE
AT 4:30 P.M.BEFORE
THE UNION MEETINGS**

**Reds - \$80 for 4
Dragons - \$25 for 4**



ATTENTION MEMBERS!

BEWARE OF "TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE" CREDIT CARD OFFERS

Recently one of our members came to us with a letter from a credit card company out of Dallas Texas named, Union Workers Credit Services. This letter stated that he was approved for \$10,000 at 5% interest. Sounding too good to be true, he brought it to us and we contacted the BBB of Dayton. They looked into the company by going through the Texas BBB and informed us that this particular company has an "F" rating, one of the worst ratings there is. The card you receive is not an "all purpose" credit card, but a card that can only be used through a catalog of their merchandise. **BEWARE!!!**



**UNION WORKERS
CREDIT SERVICES**
1327 Empire Central
Suite 130
Dallas, TX 75247

Credit Limit: \$10,000.00 for: [REDACTED]
Member Status: PLATINUM
Classification: PRE-APPROVED
Expires: 03/25/09
Interest Rate: 5% APR
Credit Provider: Union Workers Credit Services

Address: [REDACTED]
Bank Affiliation: None
Service #: [REDACTED]
Approval #: [REDACTED]
*Applicable Law: Ohio

If you receive anything in the mail that you are unsure of please call the BBB of Dayton or a city near you!

CONGRATULATIONS [REDACTED]

It's nice to inform you that you have been identified and **PRE-APPROVED** for a **PLATINUM CARD Membership** from Union Workers Credit Services with a **GUARANTEED \$10,000.00 credit limit** valid exclusively toward all credit purchases from credit provider!

You don't have to worry if you have been denied access to a **VISA®** or **MasterCard®**. The UWCS Platinum Card Membership offers many benefits including a **LOW, LOW interest rate of 5% APR** all because you are **PRE-APPROVED**.

Full details of your membership and its exclusive benefits will be included with your new Platinum Card. Your satisfaction is assured by a 60 day refund of money guarantee!

This is a **limited time offer** and **all deadlines are final**, so act today. Failure to do so may result in your loss of your **PRE-APPROVED** status. Please enclose your annual membership fee of \$37 by check or money order along with the attached Platinum Card Activation Form by the deadline shown below.

note: the \$37 is fully refundable with your first purchase using your \$10,000.00 credit limit.

YOU HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR THIS PLATINUM CARD MEMBERSHIP OFFER BECAUSE YOU SATISFIED CERTAIN CONSUMER CRITERIA. VISA AND MASTERCARD ARE REGISTERED TRADEMARKS OF VISA INTERNATIONAL AND MASTERCARD, INC. RESPECTIVELY, AND ARE UNAFFILIATED WITH THIS OFFER OR UWCS. CREDIT AMOUNT REFERENCED HEREIN SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO FUNCTION AS ANY TYPE OF MULTI-PURPOSE CREDIT CARD AND IS EXCLUSIVELY APPLICABLE FOR CREDIT PURCHASES FROM UWCS. ADDITIONAL CREDIT MAY BE GRANTED IN THE FUTURE AT CREDIT PROVIDERS SOLE DISCRETION. FAILURE TO RESPOND BY EXPIRATION DATE WILL RESULT IN TERMINATION OF YOUR ELIGIBILITY.

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UNION PLUS

Union Plus has a new program of benefits for members facing economic hardship. The Union **SAFE** program helps at risk families in many different ways. For more information or to apply, please visit UnionPlus.org/UnionSAFE or call any of the numbers below in a category that may help you:

Credit Card Hardship: 1-877-761-5028

Credit Card Applications: 1-800-522-4000

Union Plus Mortgage: 1-800-848-6466

Union Secure Insurance: 1-800-393-0864

Credit Counseling: 1-877-833-1745

Save My Home Hotline: 1-866-490-5361

Free Health Savings Prescription Card: 1-877-570-4845

LOCAL LINES

THANK YOU

Softball Teams and Volunteer Cooks for the Annual Charlie Toon Memorial Fish Fry/ Monte Carlo night held on Saturday, March 7. There were somewhere around 1,000 people who came out to support the event and have a good time. This is the single largest event held at Local 82 each year. The Softball Teams raised enough money to donate \$2,500 to the Charlie Toon Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Scott Rairden for becoming an "alternate" on the Local 82 Health and Welfare Board of Trustees starting January 1, 2009. Those of you who know Scott know that he will give 110% in performing his duties and serving the membership. I feel that Scott will bring a fresh, new, young, and aggressive spirit to the Board.

Steve Ernst and Steve Cochran for agreeing to come on board as Treasurers/Advisors to the new Recreation Committee Officers.

Chris Toon, Doug Searcy (Scrugg), and Johnny Morris (Porkchop) for becoming the new Officers of the Local 82 Recreation Committee.

Paul Chaney (Chairman), Roger Dawson, Mark Nagel and Mike Gebhart who make up the Safety Committee. To say that this Committee has taken off like a rocket would be an understatement. They are currently working on installing a "Confined Space Trainer" here at Local 82, and hosting a "Safety Fair" in the fall. Paul has been named to numerous Local, Regional, State and National Safety Boards.

All Members who attended the March 26, 2009 "Special Benefits Meeting". These meetings are held by your Officers and Trustees to keep you informed about the state of the benefits programs, to answer your questions, and to get your input. I would ask that before you get angry and curse about your benefits you make an effort to attend these meetings, get informed, and learn how your plans are designed, how they work and where your benefit dollars go.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!:

Bill Melke was awarded the Montana Dakota Utilities, (MDU) National Company Community Service Award. Bill received this award as an employee of ESI Electric for being the top MDU Employee Nationally for all of the work that he does as a volunteer in helping people all over the Miami Valley. Bill's biggest project every year is spending several weekends doing electric work and repairs for the less fortunate as part of "Re-Building Dayton". Thank you Bill for being a wonderful representative of Local 82.

Mike Evans, Jeff Davis and Dick Brooks helped sponsor and were part of the South West Ohio Skills USA competition at the Miami Valley Career Training Center on Saturday, March 14, 2009. This competition involves the best High School Electrical Vocational students from all over southwest Ohio. This program has been the "domain" of the ABC contactors for many years, and Local 82 was so well received that we have been asked to be part of the Ohio State Skills Competition in June. This is a landmark accomplishment for us!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

May 20, 2009, Apprentice Graduation

May 21, 2009, Market Share Recovery Banquet

June 1, 2009, Election of Officers

June 4, 2009, Dragons Party Deck

June 12, 2009, Local 82/NECA and MVACP will host the Send a Scout to Camp Luncheon at Riverscape on Monument Ave.

July 18 -19, 2009, Midwest IBEW Softball Tournament in Chicago, Illinois

August 1, 2009, Reds Excursion

August 11, 2009, Dragons Party Deck

August 14, 2009, Retiree's Pin Dinner and Local 82 Hall of Fame Inductions

August 18-21, 2009, Wireman's Golf Association Tournament in Hamilton, Ohio

September 26, 2009, Local 82 Family Picnic

December 11, 2009, Children's Christmas Party at the Boonshoft

December 12, 2009, Retiree's Christmas Dinner

WORK!!!!:

What can be said?

The work situation is pretty much in the crapper nationwide! George W. has left Americans with one last "Hell of a Mess" to deal with. On the bright side Kastle Technologies has been successfully awarded the new Miami Valley Hospital Heart Tower Infrastructure Cabling Project. This is a very nice sized Tele-Data project that in the past would have been predominately done non-union. Good job Kastle Tech!

MYTH BUSTERS:

To set the record straight, share the facts and insert rumor-control, the bulk of the work in Dayton Ohio and Local 82 "*IS NOT BEING DONE BY CONSTRUCTION WIREMEN AND CONSTRUCTION ELECTRICIANS*". In fact, the unemployment and "out-of-work" list is worse, percentage wise, than either the Inside Wireman Book 1 or the Apprentice Book. Since August of 2008 there has been a total of 1 person added to that workforce. This 1 person was explained at the February Union meeting and has since been laid-off. There are currently 15 Construction Wireman working; all of these have been working since before last August. There are 34 Construction Wireman available for work; 20 of these have previously worked in the program. There are currently 7 Construction Electricians working; all of these have been working since before August of 2008. There are 9 Construction Electricians available for work; all of these have previously worked in the program. The numbers speak for themselves. Local 82, the IBEW Fourth District and the IBEW Nationally are currently working on "Some Way" to quantify how much market share has been gained and how many labor hours have been worked by our members since the inception of the Construction Wireman/ Construction Electrician Program. In Local 82 the Construction Wireman / Construction Electrician Program replaced and added structure, monitoring and training to the Helper - JWA - Small Works - Market Recovery Programs. We basically have had a similar program since 2005.

WDTN:

An update on our Brothers and Sisters who are employed in our Broadcasting Unit at WDTN Television in Dayton, Ohio. Local 82 has been successful in having an "Unfair Labor Practice Complaint" issued against LIN Television, the parent company of WDTN-TV for "Failing to Bargain in Good Faith". We are currently awaiting the trial date for the hearing. Please be sure to offer your support, thoughts and best wishes to the Local 82 Unit of Photographers, Editors, Engineers and Technicians at WDTN.

EDUCATION:

WELDING CLASSES - Local 82 has partnered with the Local 24 Sheet Metal Apprenticeship to offer a limited number of "Basic Welding" classes. These will be a 4-hour Saturday class that will teach the simple basics of stick welding. There will be a very limited number of spaces, filled on a first come basis. The classes will be offered at no cost. The final details should be worked out in the next few weeks, and will "probably" begin sometime in July.

PHOTOVOLTAIC - Local 82 is sending 5 members to Omaha the week of April 20th, and purchasing the equipment necessary, to train our members in the installation of photovoltaic (solar) equipment. This will keep Local 82 on the leading edge of our industry.

Closing in Brotherhood,
Thank you and God Bless,
Nick
And the ugly dog Clifford