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General Membership Meetings

Our Next Union Meetings Will Be Held:

Minneapolis: **October 1 & November 5, 2020**
6:30 p.m. - St. Anthony Union Hall
2909 Anthony Lane

Becker: **CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER**
NOTICE - 12423 Pine St
Becker Union Hall

Mo Valley: **October 27, 2020 - 7:30 p.m.**
St. Anthony - Union Hall
November 20, 2020 - 7:30 p.m.
Grand Rapids Union Hall
300 SE 17th St, Grand Rapids



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From the Editor, Rose M Eiden

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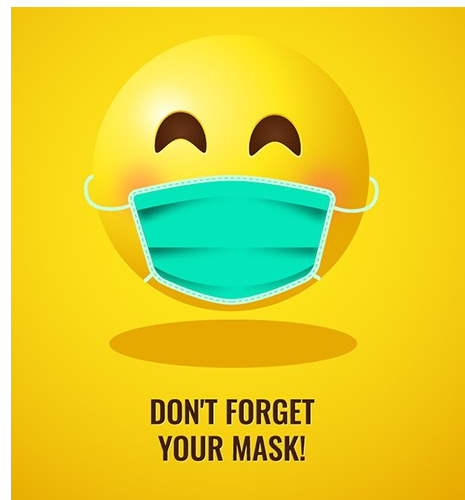
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Throughout the last (six) 6 weeks of mandated mask wearing, we have found some members being so persistent in not wearing one. If you want to come into the hall, it is the law that you have to wear a mask. It is not only to protect yourself but your fellow human beings. If you do not wear a mask when you come into Local 160, you will be asked to put one on. So please, in solidarity with your sisters and brothers....Wear.A.Mask.



A Word or Two From Your Business Manager/Financial Secretary



Dear Sisters and Brothers:

As we begin the final quarter of 2020 and look back at the beginning of the year it's amazing how much our world has changed in a few months. There is close to 200,000 less Americans due to a virus, civil unrest like we haven't seen since the 60's, hate and disrespect for law enforcement (which incidentally, makes no sense as these are the people who keep us safe) and partisan politics.

Once again, I'd like to remind everyone to be sure they are registered to vote. As far as organized labor is concerned this may be one of, if not the most important election to date. The sitting president through his appointments to the NLRB, the Supreme Court, and district court judges has done more to eliminate organized labor than any other president. Please keep this in mind when at the polling place, your job may depend on it.

Marty Carey has announced his retirement. I would like to thank him for all of his years of service and hard work he has done for the Local. We will miss him and his alter ego (Carl)! We wish him a long and happy retirement.

Our executive board has some changes after our local elections. I'd like to welcome Travis Sullivan (treasurer), Ken Conrad (board member), and Jeff Polson (board member) to the board.

Lastly, I want to thank our retiring board members for their service and dedication, Al Rademacher (President), Jim Tobin (board member), and Dan McConnell (treasurer).

It has been a pleasure to work with Marty, Al, Jim, and Dan. I for one will certainly miss your presence and our occasional "spirited" conversations. Good luck to all of you!

As always my door is open for all members of Local Union 160. So please don't hesitate to contact me.

In Solidarity,
Robert J. Boogren

The Organizing Front

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope that you're all doing alright with everything that has been thrust upon us in 2020. This virus might be changing much of how we live our lives, but the important work of spreading the message to workers must continue. As such, our sister locals' organizers and I have continued to beat the trail while trying to be mindful of the new world we live in.

Aside from the everyday organizing I can happily report on a couple of recent wins. By the time you all read this we should be able to welcome two more brothers who work for the City of Truman. Also a couple of weeks ago we filed for an election at the Princeton Public Utilities. Though we have a long way to go, this group is eager to become part of the IBEW. While I cannot openly speak about another active campaign, I have confidence that I will be able to report on another election in the next newsletter.

Finally, we will be holding Comet Training on Wednesday, October 7th at 6:00PM at the St. Anthony Hall. This construction training focuses on a member's role in organizing, why the membership should actively participate, how it strengthens our union and what approaches we should take when speaking to other workers about the IBEW. Even though this training is focused on construction, I recommend attendance to any member who wants to strengthen the Brotherhood.

In the meantime, stay safe out there and if you find yourself in Truman say hello to our new brothers John and Wayne of the Street Department.

In solidarity,

Andy Kieffer
Membership Development Coordinator
612-258-5833

THE WINNERS OF IBEW LOCAL 160'S 2020 ELECTIONS:

PRESIDENT: Kevin J. Kaeter

VICE PRESIDENT: Darrin L. Helget

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mark A. Ring

BUSINESS MGR/FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Robert J. Boogren

TREASURER: Travis J. Sullivan

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The I.O. Delegates are the top eight (8) with the most votes. It will be determined next year if all eight (8) will be going to the I.O. Convention because it is based on our membership count.

I personally would like to thank Al Rademacher, Dan McConnell and Jim Tobin for their years of dedication to Local Union 160 and our members. It has been a pleasure working with you. I would also like to give a special thank you to Al and Dan for all your patience with the learning and processing of all the warrants. I wish all three of you a long safe, healthy and happy retirement.

Rose

TO ALL I.B.E.W. LOCAL UNION 160 MEMBERS

*WHETHER YOU ARE A DEMOCRAT, REPUBLICAN,
ETC. PLEASE GET OUT ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020 AND
VOTE. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT ELECTION FOR
THE UNIONS THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTRY.*

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As a pre-retiree, there is a lot to think about and these four common money mistakes should be at the top of your list as they could cost you a pretty penny.

1

Neglecting to Create a Retirement Plan
8 in 10 retirees feel confident that they'll have enough to live a comfortable retirement, yet only 4 out of 10 have actually attempted to calculate and plan for how much money they'll need in retirement.

2

Waiting To Start Saving
One out every five near-retirement households has no established savings or pension.

3

Underestimating Healthcare & Long-Term Care Costs
Those between the ages of 65 and 74 spend an average of \$5,956 in healthcare costs annually, not including any type of long-term care.

4

Underutilizing Tax-Advantaged Accounts
About 50% of two-earner couples, only one earner is covered by an employer retirement plan and that worker tends not to increase contributions to account for his or her spouse.

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Union Sportsmen's Alliance Annual Clay Shoot

Local Union 160 sponsored three (3) teams for the annual clay shoot:

Team #1 = Mike Ringstad, Eli Jensen, Dominic Gergen, David Faulk and Jon Oberfeld.

Team #2 = Mark Deter, Will Henricksen, Doug Bitzen, Ryan Signore and Matt Oeffling.

Team #3 = Andy Kieffer, Brandon Ziebarth, Zac Johnson and Matt Bogart.

Grey Fox Financial sponsored two (2) teams for the annual clay shoot:

Team #1 = Mason Sheehy, Dave Faulk, Chris Hicks, Aaron White, and Jay Dewart.

Team #2 = Mike Follese, Luis Gomez, Miguel Gomez, Tom Carlson, and Troy Ecker.

I realize teams do tend to switch up because of unforeseen absences so if I missed your name I apologize.

We would like to thank both IBEW Local 160 and Grey Fox Financial for sponsoring these 5 teams.



LOCAL 160 WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Kyle Barbrick	Anthony Bauer
Jordan Canesi	Jonah Carr
William Devries	Ryan Dieter
Timothy Engleman	Dennis Franaschouk
Wiley Harris	John Houck
Steven Huntley	Ben Isbell
Casey Johnson	Mackenzie Kerrigan
Andrew Knewtson	Riley Kuschel
Michael Leckel	Christopher Lucht
Mitchell Marah	Vance Matejcek
Allen Mcleod	Joshua Mills
Cody Peckman	Matthew Roberts
Gregory Rosnow	Aaron Sandy
Keden Schlake	Matthew Stone
Mitchell Strittmather	Tom Torgersoerson
Robert Turner	Alysha Vanderpool
Austin Zapzalka	

Membership Count = 3159

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING BROTHERS & SISTERS ON THEIR RETIREMENT.

Robert Aylsworth - Great River Energy
Gregory Berthiaume - Mo Valley
Mark Broman - East Central Energy
Mark Deters - East Central Energy
Scott Elsola - Mo Valley
Daniel Garvey - Xcel Energy
Scott Hammarlund - Mo Valley
Richard Iano - Xcel Energy
Marc Jackson - Xcel Energy
Stephanie Lucken - Xcel Energy
Michael Maslow - Great River Energy
Donald Pasanen - Xcel Energy
Charles Schafer - Mo Valley
Scott Schultz - Willmar Municipal
Arthur (Sonny) Sparby - Mo Valley
Anthony Studer - Xcel Energy
Michael Treptau - Xcel Energy



TIME FOR SOME RELAXATION!!!

GET WELL WISHES WERE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS



Courtney Bauer - Xcel Energy
Martin Berg - Redwood Electric Coop
Craig Couette - Xcel Energy
Jeff Lemay - Xcel Energy
Kory McCalla - Xcel Energy
Kellen Schmidt - Xcel Energy

IN MEMORIAN

We are deeply saddened by the loss of our brothers. Our deepest sympathy goes out to their families & friends.

William Bachmeier - Retired Mo Valley - Died 8/18/20
Joseph Harbinson - Retired Xcel Energy - Died 8/19/20
Allen Lillebo - Retired NSP - Died 8/30/20

True teacher stories: Funny stuff kids say in the classroom

As Christmas approached, a boy announced that Santa Claus isn't real. One of my bright students tearfully said, "Ms. A., he's disrespecting my religious beliefs!!"

I teach kindergarten and when I was urging a student to get down to work, he looked up at me and said, "You do know that I didn't sign up for this. My dad did it."

This one came from my then 4-year old grandson...I had promised to take him to the local ice cream shop one summer evening. He had been playing with some neighborhood friends and if we were going to get to the shop before it closed we needed to leave. As I put him in the car, he protested because he wanted to play some more. Well, we were driving and I turned to him and asked, "what kind of ice cream are you going to get tonight?" He would not answer me. So I turned to my husband who was driving and said, "I guess I'm getting the silent treatment." From the backseat we heard, "I don't think they have that kind."

My favorite came from a child in my pre-first grade class. He'd been gone for several days because his grandfather had passed away. When he returned I told him we'd missed him. He told me, "I had to go to Iowa because my grandpa died and I had to be at the back a be a polar bear." When I called the mom to share that with her, she told me that indeed, all the grandsons ages six to adult had been the pallbearers. I have never been to a funeral since that I don't think of that and smile.

As a child my family's menu consisted of two choices: Take it or leave it.
Buddy Hackett

The favorite machine at the gym is the vending machine.
Caroline Rhea