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The quarterly and monthly dues schedule for Local 18 and its Branches and Owner/ Operator members is as follows:

Local 18 \$66.75 per quarter +2.5% Administrative Dues*	Local 18D \$24.50 per month
Local 18A \$66.75 per quarter +2.5% Administrative Dues*	Local 18G Two times the employee's hourly rate per month to be paid quarterly
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*The Executive Board, at its January 25, 2020 meeting, approved a resolution to Article VIII, Section 1, of the Bylaws, decreasing the administrative dues to 2.5% of gross wages for all members of Local 18, 18A, 18B, and 18RA. The Executive Board also approved a decrease of administrative dues to 1.5% of gross wages for 18C equipment shop members. Local 18C Quarry and Sand & Gravel Pit members, Local 18D, Local 18G, and Local 18S members dues will remain unchanged. The decrease is effective on April 1, 2020.



About the cover:

An operator from The Great Lakes Construction Company uses a Watson EDT-10 Foundation Drill to drill casing holes as an operator using a Komatsu PC-238 Excavator sets beams at the ODOT I-74 Westbound Slip Repair Project in Cincinnati, OH.

REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

by Michael R. Bertolone, Business Manager

Brothers and Sisters of Local 18, we hope that the holidays were good to everyone and you are moving forward into 2022. The season is shaping up to be a good one with funding from both the state and federal levels for highway work, so we are anticipating a great work year as a result.

For most, a career as an operating engineer is considered seasonal, and an annual layoff is experienced by most. If you are one of the fortunate operators who does not experience any downtime, be grateful for your position; many members wish they were in your place. I was always told by the retirees and the journeymen and journeywomen, "the key to steady work is being versatile." The ability to operate multiple pieces of equipment efficiently, obtain numerous certifica-

tions, and carry a current and clean CDL license are the keys to steady work. Do not let any downtime go to waste; make every effort to sign up for classes to upgrade your skills every year. It could

Take every opportunity you can...to get seat time or get familiar with any piece of equipment available.

who are required to take the class will be given first priority, followed by operators who are on permit and will become parent body members in 2022. If there are any open seats available, we will contact members from each district who are interested in attending. The labor history class has been handed down to us from its start in the early 1990s and has continued to evolve into what it is today. The labor history class allows us to paint a picture of the labor movement and how unions came about. We are also able to show the history of Local 18 from its inception and all of the great things the members are entitled to. For 2022, Jason Baker and I will continue teaching the class as we have for the last seven years. Jason and I enjoy getting around to all districts and meeting all the new members.

Coming up May 31, 2022, the Construction Employers Association (CEA) Building Agreement which covers the District 1 jurisdiction, is set to expire. We are currently preparing for negotiations and getting dates

be the difference between working or not working.

Another great tip I was given was to take every opportunity you can while on the job to get seat time or get familiar with any piece of equipment available. There is no shame in asking another operator how to run a piece of equipment they are on or asking them to show you a thing or two if the opportunity on the job is available. Forcing yourself out of your comfort zone could lead to an interest in new pieces of equipment and more job opportunities as well.

We are currently gearing up for our annual labor history classes, which will begin this month and continue into March for 2022. In all districts, the classes will be by reservation only so we can control the size of each class and give priority to those who are required to take the class. Apprentices set to meet with the CEA for these negotiations. If you have any proposals in mind related to this agreement, please send them to either Tom Perevosnik or me at the District 1 office so we can review them prior to our negotiations.

We want to congratulate all newly awarded Life Members of Local 18; this is quite an accomplishment and a great milestone to reach! We unfortunately had to postpone the January Semi-Annual State Meeting, where we normally award them in person. Due to the post-holiday surge in COVID-19 infections, all Life Membership Awards will instead be individually delivered or shipped to all members who qualify.

As a precautionary measure with the increase in positive cases of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Local 18 did cancel *continued on page 26*

Local 18 Calendar

Jan. 1 – Scholarship application

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Apr. 1 period (More information on page 26.)
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FEBRUARY

- 7 All Districts Advisory Board mtgs.
- 12 District 4/5 Labor History Class District Hall, 7:30 a.m.
- **14** All Districts Membership mtgs.
- 16 District 2 Info. mtg. Lima (No meetings until April)
- 16 District 1 Info. mtg. Ashtabula (No meetings until April)
- 19 District 2 Labor History Class District Hall, 7:30 a.m.
- 21 District 6 Info. mtg. Guernsey County Fairgrounds
- **21** Presidents' Day

MARCH

- 5 District 3 Labor History Class District Hall, 7:30 a.m.
- 7 All Districts Advisory Board mtgs.
- 12 District 6 Labor History Class District Hall, 7:30 a.m.
- **13** Daylight saving time begins
- **14** All Districts Membership mtgs.
- 16 District 2 Info. mtg. Lima (No meetings until April)
- 16 District 1 Info. mtg. Ashtabula (No meetings until April)
- 21 District 6 Info. mtg. Guernsey County Fairgrounds
- **26** District 1 Labor History Class District Hall, 7:30 a.m.

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The work outlook for District 1 for the upcoming season is good. Please take advantage of the many classes the training centers offer to improve your skills and maintain current or get new certifications in the off-season.

In Northern Cuyahoga County, in Cleveland, Eclipse Construction has the replacement of the steps for the new pedestrian bridge at the North Coast Harbor, Marra Services has the storm sewer repairs on East 78th St., and Independence Excavating and Vantastic Crane Service are working on the addition for Minute Men on Cedar Rd. Also, at the Northcoast Harbor is Eclipse Construction, making concrete repairs to the pedestrian bridge. ALL Erection & Crane is assembling a new gantry for the Great Lakes Shipyard. Keller North America and Independence Excavating started on the Sherwin Williams project in Downtown Cleveland.

Terrace Construction has valve and hydrant repairs throughout the City of Cleveland. Terrace Construction is also replacing the waterline on Anderson Dr. in South Euclid. Miller Cable has the replacement of electrical conduit at North Marginal Rd. in Cleveland. Delta Railroad Construction, RailWorks Track Services, and Cook Construction are making track repairs for RTA under Tower City in Cleveland.

Triad Engineering has the storm sewer repairs on West 11th St. and on Seymour Ave., and J. D. Williamson has the bridge repairs on Grayton Rd. over I-480, both in Cleveland. Northeast Ohio Trenching has the sewer tie-ins on Church St. in Cleveland. George Gradel Company is dredging the Cuyahoga River.

Also, in Cleveland, Baumann Enterprises has the demolition of vacant structures on West 25th Street. DiGioia Suburban Excavating has storm sewer repairs off Aetna Rd. and Aggworx Inc. has site work and underground for a new Waverly Oaks apartment building on Detroit Rd. At West 25th St. and Lorain, ALL Erection & Crane, Chieftain Trucking, Cleveland Cement, Howard Concrete Pumping, Hydracrete Pumping, Berkshire Construction, Precision Engineering & Contracting, Perk Construction, and Michels Foundation Corporation are performing site work for a new *continued on page 5*



DIGGING a retention pond at the Western Reserve Masonic Community in Medina for SiteTech is Bill Norton.

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nine-story wood frame apartment/condo complex with shops along the lower level.

The Shoreline Storage Tunnel has started at Glenview Park and Gordon Park in Cleveland; McNally/Kiewit SST JV and Nicholson Construction are busy with its construction. The Westerly Storage Tunnel has Jay Dee Obayashi along with subcontractors Northstar Contracting and Marra Services busy with the project.

Independence Excavating and Kelly Steel Erectors are working at The Cleveland Food Bank on Coit Ave. in Cleveland. Cleveland Cement, ALL Erection & Crane, Burkshire Construction, Hydracrete Pumping, and Howard Concrete Pumping are working on the new Artisan Condos on Chester Ave. in Cleveland. Chagrin Valley Paving has bridge repairs on Scranton Rd. over I-90. Independence Excavating is working on the new Amazon Center on Canal Road.

Marous Brothers Construction, Donley's Inc., and Keller North America are performing site work for the new Waterford Bluffs Apartment Complex on West 20th St. in Cleveland. Donley's Inc., Fabrizi Trucking



OPERATING a front end loader for Great Lakes Construction at Charter Steel in Cleveland is Scotty Landers.

& Paving, and Stevens Engineering are working on the new Trio Apartments on West 25th St. in Cleveland. Marous Brothers Construction also has the site work for Battery Park Extension on West 70th St. in Cleveland, the addition at Longfellow



REPLACING catch basins on Karen Dr. in Seven Hills for Konstruction King is Nick Furio.



WORKING for KMI in East Claridon is Jesse Russell.

Elementary School on East 140th St. in Cleveland, the new storage units on Lorain Rd. in North Olmsted, and the site and underground work for the new Chabad Jewish Center addition on Harper Rd. in Solon.

Catts Construction has the ADA ramp repairs in Tremont. Sitetech Inc. has been working on the new parking garage for MetroHealth Medical Center on Scranton Rd. in Cleveland. Additionally, Sitetech Inc. has the demolition of Euclid High School on East 222nd Street. Nerone is replacing a water main on Lakeshore Blvd. in Euclid. Aggworx Inc. is working on the new Hebrew Academy on Warrensville Rd. in Warrensville Heights, B & B Wrecking & Excavating has demolition of a steel warehouse on Forbes Rd. in Bedford Heights in addition to the demolition of Beechmont Towers on Chagrin Rd. in Woodmere. In Highland Heights, Cioffi Cement is replacing the roadway on Bishop Rd.

Great Lakes Construction has the new pump station for the Westerly Storage Tunnel, dock repairs at the Port of Cleveland, two new warehouses at Charter Steel, and has the replacement of the bridge on West 44th St. over I-90. Union Industrial Contractors has the replacement of two culverts on Briar Hill Drive in Solon.

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Walsh Construction has the removal of the deck on the west side of the I-480 Union Workers Memorial Bridge; once that is finished, they will start pouring the deck to complete the project. Shelly & Sands Inc. has bridge repairs on Valley Parkway in Cleveland at Lorain Rd., I-90 and I-480.

Kokosing Construction continues working on Phase 3 of the Opportunity Corridor in conjunction with Independence Excavating. Kokosing Construction also has various plant upgrades at the Nottingham Wastewater Treatment Plant on Chardon Rd. in Cleveland and at the Euclid Wastewater Treatment Plant on Euclid Ave. in Euclid.

Cook Paving and Construction has site work for the new Cleveland Community Center on East 66th St. in Cleveland, in addition to making various upgrades at Kauffman Park in Lakewood. Marra Services and Huffman Equipment Rental are replacing an outfall on Summit Ave. in Lakewood.

Fabrizi Trucking & Paving has the Burke Brooke interceptor on E. 49th St. in Newburgh Heights. Fabrizi is also replacing the waterlines on Morewood Parkway in Rocky River and on Lauderdale Ave. in Lakewood, as well as reconfiguring the Detroit Rd. Interchange from Lakewood to Rocky River. In Rocky River, F. Buddie Contracting has concrete repairs for Saint



OPERATING an excavator for Aggworx on the Waverly Oaks Apartments on Detroit Ave. in Cleveland is Robert Anderson.



LOADING trucks for SiteTech at the dump site on Nettleton Rd. in Medina is Tom Keim.

Christopher Church on Detroit Rd., KMU Trucking & Excavating has site work for new condominiums along Lake Rd., and DRS Enterprises and Huffman Equipment Rental have the site work for the Bradstreet Landing Fishing Pier on Lake Rd.

Don Wartko Construction, ASW Pipeline LLC., 1127 Construction Inc., JAC Construction, Vallejo Company, SJS & Sons, H. M. Miller Construction, Miller Pipeline, and InfraSource Construction are busy with distribution and maintenance gas line projects throughout Cuyahoga County.

In Southern Cuyahoga County, Independence Excavating has the demolition of the old Brook Park Ford Engine Plant in Brook Park. Tri Mor Corporation has the road widening on Sprague Rd. in North Royalton and Parma. Ronyak Paving Inc. has the Pearl Rd. reconstruction in Parma Heights and Parma. Union Industrial Contracting has the bridge replacement on Cedar Point Rd. in North Olmsted. Independence Excavating has the site work at the old VA Hospital in Brecksville.

Work at Cleveland Cliffs has many members busy working for Stein Inc., Matt Construction, Kelley Steel Erectors, Bulk Transport, and KT Grant. Songer Services is working on the C5 blast furnace rebuild.

In Lake County, Platform Cement has the site work for the new Cleveland Clinic in Mentor. CIR Inc. is replacing the waterline on Fairfax Ave. in Mentor. J. D. Williamson has the bridge project on S.R. 306 over I-90 in Mentor. Marous Brothers Construction has the site work for a new senior *continued on page 7*

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living center in Mentor. Ohio Bridge has the replacement of the bridge on Markell Rd. in Waite Hill. Ronyak Paving Inc. has the paving on Lakeland Boulevard in Willoughby.

In Geauga County, Marucci & Gaffney Excavating Company has the road widening project on S.R. 87 in Middlefield, and Burton Scot Contractors has the paving. Eclipse Companies has the road widening project on Auburn Rd. and U.S. Rt. 322 in Munson. Precision Engineering & Contracting has the restoration work for the new Geauga County administration building in Chardon. Hallmark is doing the site work for the new Great Lakes Power headquarters on S.R. 528 in Thompson. The Ruhlin Company is replacing the bridge over the Cuyahoga River on U.S. Rt. 422 near Parkman.

In Ashtabula County, Capp Steel Erectors is reclaiming the coal at the Norfolk Southern Dock in Ashtabula. Berkel & Company has the drilling for the foundation of a new warehouse at the Kinder Morgan Pinney Dock in Ashtabula. Koski Construction Company has the road project on Lake Ave. in Ashtabula. ASW Pipeline LLC has the gas line replacement on U.S. Rt. 20 in Conneaut. Union Industrial Contracting has the sewer project in Geneva-on-the-Lake. VEC is putting a canoe ramp into Conneaut Creek, off of Old Mill Rd. in Conneaut.



GRADING topsoil for CJ Zak on the S.R. 113 and Baumhart Rd. Roundabout Project in Amherst is Ken Moore.



WORKING for R.W. Sidley in Thompson is Scott Peairs.

In Lorain County, on Diamondhead Dr. in Avon Lake, InfraSource Construction has new gas services. On Lear Rd. in Avon Lake, Tri Mor Corporation has the paving of a new road for a subdivision. On White Wing Way in Columbia Station, DiGioia Suburban has the site and underground work for a subdivision. Also in Columbia Station, Hydracrete is pumping the footers for a new storage facility. At the Avon Lake Ford Plant, Cook Paving and Construction has the grading of stone for the parking lot expansion. At Lubrizol in Avon Lake, Crossroads Asphalt has the milling of the parking lot. On Jaycox Rd. in Avon, Chagrin Valley Paving has the road resurfacing project. Also in Avon, on Chester Rd., Xtreme Elements LLC has the replacement of the sidewalk ramps.

On I-90 in Sheffield, Mosser Construction has the widening of a railroad bridge on the east- and westbound sides. On Abbe Rd. in Sheffield, Industrial Resource Group is building a car wash. Also, on Abbe Rd. in Sheffield, KMU Trucking & Excavating has the site work for a subdivision. At the Lorain County VA Clinic in Sheffield, DiGioia Suburban Excavating has the drain tile for the parking lot. On Butternut Ridge Rd. in North Ridgeville, InfraSource Construction has the replacement of the gas main services. On Bagley Rd. in North Ridgeville, Premier Asphalt has the paving of the parking lot for a new Drug Mart store. On U.S. Rt. 20 in Elyria, Chagrin Valley Paving has the joint repairs. On Fowl Rd. in Elyria, Xtreme Excavating has the site and underground work for a subdivision. On Boone Rd. in Columbia Station, Fechko Excavating has the site and underground work for a subdivision.

On Liberty Ave. in Vermilion, Herk Excavating has the site and underground work for rehab homes. On Leavitt Rd. in Amherst, Diggers of Ohio has been digging the utilities for a Biggby Coffee shop. At the new Firelands High School in Amherst, Herk Excavating has the grading of stone for the parking lot. At the intersection of S.R. 113 and Baumhart Rd. in Amherst, Karvo Companies has the roundabout. Miller Pipeline has the gas services on Washington Ave. and W. 19th St. in Lorain. Additionally, in Lorain, Mosser Construction has the replacement of the clarifiers at the Black River Water Treatment Plant. Precise Boring of Ohio is boring 12-inch force main sewer under S.R. 2 in Lorain. Chagrin Valley Paving has the paving of the parking lot and driveway entrances at the FAA Traffic Control Center in Oberlin, RMH Concrete has the water fountain project on College St. in Oberlin.

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DISTRICT



REPLACING a culvert on S.R. 162 in Lafayette Township are Mike Appeman, operating the excavator for Great Lakes Demolition and Robert Kendle, Jr., operating the pump truck for Hydracrete.

In Medina County, on Seville Rd. in Wadsworth, H.M. Miller Construction has the gas main as well as the replacement of gas services on Nottingham Way. Stanley Miller Construction has the box culvert on Ridge Rd. in Sharon Center. DiGioia Suburban Excavating has the site and underground work for a subdivision on 130th St. in Hinckley. Fechko Excavating has the site and underground work for the new Redwood Apartments on Lake Rd. in Medina. Miller Cable is upgrading the telecommunications line on Beach Rd. in Medina. Fabrizi Trucking & Paving has the footers and grading for the building pad at the Sandridge Food Corporation in Medina. Trafftech Inc. has the relocation of electric lines on S.R. 18 in Medina. Karvo Companies has the waterline replacement on Windfall Rd. in Medina. Sitetech Inc. has the grading of stone for the parking lots at the Western Reserve Masonic Community in Medina. Kelly Steel is flying rebar for the courthouse addition on East Washington St. in Medina.

In Erie County, on Merriweather Rd. in Sandusky, Smith Paving & Excavating has the sewer castings. Mosser Construction is building a new elementary school on Hancock St. in Sandusky. Great Lakes Demolition has the demolition of the old Carmeuse Lime & Stone plant in Huron. Smith Paving & Excavating has the sidewalks on Sanford St. in Vermilion. Additionally in Vermilion, Buckeye Excavating & Construction has the storm sewer on Mapleview Drive, APS Construction has the expansion joints on the Liberty Avenue Bridge, and Erie Construction Group has the resurfacing of S.R. 113 in Milan. Cook Paving is replacing telecommunication lines on Perkins Ave. in Sandusky for AT&T.

In Huron County, on Cleveland Rd. in Norwalk, D&M Earthmoving has the site



SETTING roof trusses at the new Hancock School in Sandusky for Jeffers Crane are Phillip Batianis and Ed Gortner. Phillip is the crane operator and Ed is the oiler.

work for a warehouse. In Norwalk, RMH Concrete has the sidewalks and curb project at the McDonald's restaurant. Underground Utilities Inc. has the new sanitary lines on Townsend St. in Greenwich. In Monroeville, R.A. Bores has the water main on U.S. Rt. 20. InfraSource Construction has the gas services on various streets in the City of Bellevue, and Cioffi Construction has the restoration work.

Thank you to the Executive and Advisory Boards for their continued support.

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REPLACING a gas line on Porter Creek Way in Avon for InfraSource is Grant Galloway.

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS, JULY 31, 2021

OHIO OPERATING ENGINEERS HEALTH AND WELFARE PLAN OHIO OPERATING ENGINEERS PENSION FUND OHIO OPERATING ENGINEERS APPRENTICESHIP FUND OHIO OPERATING ENGINEERS EDUCATION AND SAFETY FUND

	Health and Welfare Plan	Pension Fund	Apprenticeship Fund	Education and Safety Fund
ASSETS:				
Investments, at fair value:				
United States Government Obligations		\$ 379,567,145		
Corporate Bonds		181,136,585 1,190,441,452		
Preferred Stocks		1,292,793		
Equity Index Fund		.,_,_,,,,		
International Equity Index Fund				
Real Estate Fund.	• · · · · • • • • • • •	157,164,320		
Mutual\Common Collective Trust Funds	\$ 146,080,170	1,166,185,082		
Limited Liability Companies		138,617,562 11,383,606		
Money Market Fund\Short-term Investments	223	242,091		\$ 2,361,964
Interest-Bearing Cash Held With Brokers	5,614,274	25,825,344	\$ 1,557,604	¢ =/00 : // 0 :
	151,694,667	3,251,855,980	1,557,604	2,361,964
Cash Awaiting Investment		119,658,022		
	151,694,667	3,371,514,002	1,557,604	2,361,964
Cash	643,972	13,347,149	145,601	23,212
Accrued Interest Receivable	874	3,411,617		100.000
Accounts Receivable	17,633,123	10,475,927	1,652,715	128,320
Due From Other OOE Benefit Funds Receivable For Securities Sold	2,783,689	36,312,151		
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets		50,512,151	18,057	
Property and Equipment, net		2,611,390	24,847,355	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 172,756,325	\$3,437,672,236	\$ 28,221,332	\$ 2,513,496
LIABILITIES:	\$ 4.312.388	\$ 2,564,059	\$ 397,815	\$ 7,900
Accounts Payable Due To Other OOE Benefit Funds	\$ 4,312,388	\$ 2,564,059 2,912,570	\$ 397,815	\$
Deferred Gain on Leasing Equipment		2,712,070		12,000
Payable For Securities Loaned		117,637,296		
Payable For Securities Purchased		66,261,239		
Accrued Expenses	313,374	208,645	43,641	22,853
Capital Lease Payable			45,828 676,895	
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	\$ 4,625,762	\$ 189,583,809	\$ 1,164,179	\$ 73,553
NET ASSETS	\$ 168,130,563	\$ 3,248,088,427	\$ 27,057,153	\$ 2,439,943

Pension Plan Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits:	Health and Welfare Plan Statement of Plan's Benefit Obligations:	
Actuarial present value of accumulated	Net Assets	
plan benefits at August 1, 2020:	Benefit Obligations, at present value:	
Vested benefits:	Health claims and death benefits payable	
Participants currently receiving payments. \$1,406,112,224	Claims incurred but not reported 17,007,800	
Other participants	Accumulated eligibility credits 115,286,000	
2,370,979,063	Medical reimbursement account 43,483,590	
Nonvested benefits		
Total actuarial present value of	Net Assets, including benefit	
accumulated plan benefits	obligations	

Education

Getting ready for the new year



SWINGING steel on the new Liberty Benton School near Findlay for Capital City Crane is Connor Hiteshew.



OWNER William Baumann, Sr. and son William Baumann, Jr. working on a demolition project at the University of Toledo.



WORKING at the Birchard Library Expansion Project in Fremont for Kyle Sherman Excavating is Austin Hefflinger.



BUSY on I-75 in Toledo for Caterpillar is field mechanic Gary Bohaczenko.



ON THE JOB for Hite Concrete Pumping on I-75 in Toledo is retiree William R. Hill. additional District 2 photos on page 13



HEALTH TIPS

Is a gym membership worth it for you?

It's December as I'm putting together the Health Tips for February, and the first thing that came to mind for the new year and January 1st is the New Year's Resolutions that everyone makes as they are facing the new year and all of the ads for the gym memberships. They offer discounts to get more people to join in the new year. I'm wondering how many people join and how many people maintain their memberships after a couple of months. My guess is that the ones that truly benefit are the gyms, financially. I know I got sucked into it one time, many years ago, and back then, they had start-up fees and yearly contracts. I failed miserably and keep that in mind now every year as I'm thinking about what to improve in the new year.

Should you join a gym or not? That's a question you may ask if health and weight loss are top on your list for the new year.

There are some obvious benefits/pros in joining a gym:

- All kinds of equipment at your disposal, new and improved stuff - with all of that equipment, you can really get a good workout and change it up when you want/need to
- Trainers on hand to teach you how to use equipment properly and safely
- Scheduled classes you can really change up your cardio workout, stay on a schedule, and even make it a social event
- People are always there if you are social or need that encouragement – then it is a positive
- Some gyms may offer tanning, a spa, and/or massages – a nice way to end your workout

All those benefits are pretty obvious, but even more obvious is this statement: they are benefits IF YOU GO AND USE THE GYM REGULARLY. If you don't go, there are no benefits to that gym membership.

Of course, there are obvious downfalls/ cons to joining a gym:



- There is a start-up fee (usually waived or discounted at the beginning of the year) and monthly fees
- Sometimes there is an agreement keeping your money tied to them for months, whether you continue using it or not
- Typical work out times, before work and after work, the gyms are overly crowded

 wait times for equipment, more people there to watch and distract you
- When you allocate time for your workout, you have to add in travel time – certain times it may be difficult enough to allocate time for a workout
- People are there always some people don't want to be watched or seen as they struggle to work out and as they sweat

Some gyms have opened up that are so convenient, their hours, their low start-up fee, their locations in neighborhoods everywhere, and that is all fine and dandy if you use them. (Even the low-cost ones are taking your money, and it is a waste if you aren't using the gym regularly). The truth of the matter is, you can discipline yourself and get a good workout without a gym and a gym fee, and you don't have to spend hours at a time to get fit. Try these basic things first, and then once you have built up to a full workout and have disciplined yourself, maybe then try one of those convenient, low-cost gyms to add to your workout regimen.

- Start by picking a time to work out. Set the time and stick to it, so it becomes a habit. I chose mornings, before work.
- Choose a simple workout to get started. I started by using an exercise trampoline, it's small and doesn't take up much space, and the workout can be pretty varied on it.
- Set a timer for five minutes and do your chosen workout every day or as often as you want to do your workout, and then every week, add more minutes daily. I like Monday thru Friday for a scheduled workout and then doing a fun activity over the weekend like a hike. I chose five minutes just to get the habit started, so I wasn't discouraged mentally. I exercised 5 minutes daily and did it until those 5 minutes weren't a chore. I then added time to it, increasing it weekly, up to 10, to 15, to 20, etc., until I got to my full workout time.
- Once I got to a duration I was comfortable with, I would add more in all day long to keep my body moving: lifting full cans or bottles, going up and down steps repeatedly, breaks every hour to stretch and for little bursts of exercise, walks at lunch, long or short, whatever time was available, and even walking or jogging in place while watching a show. I eventually added the low-cost gym membership to keep it interesting and to add more weights, but with COVID shutdowns, I found some inexpensive used equipment, not large quantities and nothing fancy, and took to my basement instead of the gym.

What I've personally found, it all can be done inexpensively and with not much room taken up at your home if you want to become more fit and health-conscious. If there is a will, there is a way!

Remembering Premo P. Panzarello

1948 - 2021

As we said goodbye to the year 2021, Local 18 received the unfortunate news that we had to say goodbye to retired staff and officer Premo P. Panzarello after his battle with cancer.

Premo was a 54-year member of Local 18 out of District 1 who began his career in the very first apprenticeship class in 1971. While out in the field, he worked as a mechanic, mainly in the asphalt industry for a number of years, and also served as an executive board member.

In 1998, Premo joined the Local 18 staff as a business representative and was responsible for the east side counties of the District 1 area. During his career at Local 18, he moved up through the ranks to become the Director of Organizing in 2004. Upon assuming this responsibility, he was tasked with managing a full-time staff of organizing representatives overseeing the entire State of Ohio and the campaigns Local 18 was pursuing. Premo was always involved in everything his staff was doing and constantly pushed for 100% of the market share. During his career, he and his staff were responsible for signing up close to 700 new contractors to an agreement with Local 18.



To this day and long into the future, the hard work and efforts that Premo was responsible for will continue to employ hundreds, if not thousands, of his brother and sister engineers of Local 18.

Working his way through the ranks of his day-to-day position was not the end of his accomplishments while on the staff of Local 18. Premo served in various officer positions and was elected to conductor, treasurer, and financial secretary during his 17 years on staff. Premo was well known by virtually all of the signatory contractors in town as well as the non-union contractors. He was also well known across the entire IUOE and the members of this great organization.

I was initially hired to the staff by Premo and worked alongside him every day, pursuing the work in the oil and gas industry. At first, he was a fellow operator and coworker, but he definitely became a close friend to the entire staff at Local 18. Most of the current staff and officers worked with or for Premo over the years, and we all still use the term "Premo Trained" every day. There was no one better at reminiscing about working out in the field than Premo, and he could always one-up your on-thejob story no matter how hard you tried.

I know I speak for the entire staff when I say that it was an honor and privilege to have worked with and to have gotten to know Premo over the years. He was one of a kind, and he will be missed by us all. We will continue our organizing efforts with a goal of 100%, just like Premo taught us!

Michael R. Bertolone IUOE Local 18 Business Manager





Getting ready for the new year

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DRIVING sheet piling on the Maumee River in downtown Toledo is The George Gradel Company.



WORKING on a demolition project for Great Lakes Demolition at the Millersville Quarry is operator Jason Moore.



INSTALLING a new water line on Napoleon Rd. in Allen County for Underground Utilities is Scott Riley on the boom truck.



EXCAVATING at the Birchard Library Expansion Project in Fremont for Kyle Sherman Excavating is Randy Jett.



Anticipating a busy year



WORKING nights at the Tunnel Hill Landfill in New Lexington is Beaver Excavating.



OILING for Capital City Group in New Albany is Brayden Ervin.



OPERATING a boom truck for MP Dory on the night shift on I-70 in Zanesville is Kenny Rockhold.



BUSY for Miller Pipeline on Hoover Rd. in Grove City is Brian Magill.



SLIP repair work on River Rd. in Athens County by Shelly & Sands.



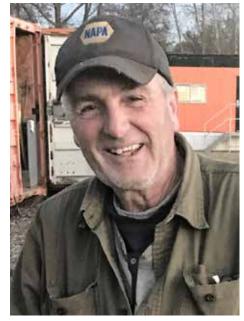
WORKING on site development for a warehouse in Groveport are Miller Brothers and Cem-Base. continued on page 15

Buckeye Engineer

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Anticipating a busy year



WORKING for Kokosing in Lancaster is life member Kelly Snell who retired on December 1, 2021. Congratulations!



PAVING in Commercial Pointe, Pickaway County is Decker Construction.



INSTALLING water line in Lockbourne Pickaway County is Kenmore Construction.



CLOSE to finishing the new spillway at Hargus Lake in Pickaway County is Ruhlin Construction.



DECEMBER membership meeting for District 3. February 2022



INSTALLING pipe on Cypress Project in Columbus is George J. Igel & Company.



DISTRICT 4/5

Enjoying a variety of work



OPERATING the shuttle buggy for John R. Jurgensen on I-75 in Hamilton County is Andrew Agee.



MILLING for Barrett Paving in Mason on Reading Rd. is Boca.



OPERATING a Digger Derrick for Complete General in Springfield is Shawn Russell.



WORKING for Evers Steel in Eastern Hamilton County are Terry Helton in the crane and Brad Balsley.



BUSY for Barrett Paving at S.R. 129 and S.R. 27 in Millville is William Morris.



PUTTING the final touches on the 3rd Street Bridge over the Great Miami River in Dayton is Eagle Bridge.



ON THE JOB in Oxford is Nelson Stark. continued on page 17

Buckeye Engineer



DISTRICT 4/5

Enjoying a variety of work



ON THE JOB for D-Crane are (I-r) Rob Nickels and Jeremy Stith.



OPERATING an asphalt paver for John R. Jurgensen on I-75 in Hamilton County is David Fussnecker.



RESTORATION work for Minnesota Limited in Greene County by Richard Reynolds.



PAVING the new roundabouts in Blue Ash, Hamilton County is John R. Jurgensen.



INSTALLING pipe in Madison County is Miller Brothers. February 2022



FINAL structural beam sits at Midwest Steel's Bolts Project.

BUCKEYE REPORT

District 1 projects picking up



DISTRICT

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SWEEPING up asphalt millings for Karvo Paving with the mechanical sweeper on Prospect Ave. in front of Local 18 HQ in Cleveland is James Pence.



OPERATING a crane for Vantastic Crane Service, setting structural iron for the new Dexter Place Apartments in Cleveland is Anthony Urch.



WORKING for InfraSource Construction on High St. in Seville is Ryan Kacic.



EXCAVATING for Black Horse Bridge Construction on the Queenswood Dr. culvert replacement project in Bay Village is Ryan Rambo.



DIGGING a gas service on Boston Rd. in Hinckley for InfraSource is Andy Minek.



OPERATING a loader for Stein, Inc. at ArcelorMittal in Cleveland is Ray Johnson.



CUTTING in a turn lane for Buckeye Excavating on S.R. 4 in Sandusky is Brian Stieber.



Working on a variety of projects



WORKING for Shelly & Sands is Alex Fields.



KEEPING busy for DTJ Enterprises at the Kenmore School Project is Martin Abbe.



ON THE JOB at Three Rivers Energy Ethanol Plant near Coshocton is Blackhawk Foundation.



WORKING for the City of Kent on the Middleberry Sewer Project is Eclipse Excavating. February 2022



BUSY on the Hudson Water Line Project for Spano Brothers is Steven Reed. continued on page 20



Working on a variety of projects

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INSTALLING storm sewer in Aurora is Fechko.



INSTALLING storm sewer in Mansfield is Underground Utilities.



WORKING for the City of Kent on the Middleberry Sewer Project for Eclipse Construction is Bruce Shaffer.



ON THE JOB for Spano Brothers on the Hudson Water Line Project is Jeff Campbell.



SHARING a meal together at the retiree luncheon.



SPEAKING at the D-6 retiree luncheon is Gary Siesel.



SHOPS

Members staying active



WORKING on a power generator for Ohio CAT – Youngstown are (I-r) Ed Snyder and Jeff Myers.





WORKING for Cummins – Cleveland is New Member Leo Zamoramendez.



ON THE JOB for Southeastern Equipment Burlington, KY is Richard Rose.



BUSY for Gallo Equipment – Cleveland is Josh Vargo.



KEEPING busy for Barnhart Crane and Rigging in Canton is Roger Roe.

BUSY for W.W. Williams in Hubbard is Joe Matteson.



WORKING for W.W. Williams in Columbus is Shawn Powell.

February and March Local 18 Training Schedule

Richfield (800) 842-9419				
January 31- February 3 February 1-4 February 3-4 February 7-10 February 9-11 February 11-12 February 12 February 12 February 14-18 February 16 February 17 February 18 February 19 February 19 February 19 February 21-25 February 22-23	32-Hour Asphalt Milling 32-Hour OSHA 30/STP 16-Hour Trench Safety 32-Hour Asphalt 24-Hour Skidsteer 16-Hour OSHA 10/STP 8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher 40-Hour HAZWOPER 8-Hour First Aid/CPR/AED 24-Hour MSHA 8-Hour First Aid/CPR/AED 8-Hour First Aid/CPR/AED 8-Hour First Aid/CPR/AED 8-Hour Signal Person 40-Hour Crane I 16-Hour Remote Control Equipment	March 1-2 March 5, March 12 March 7-11 March 12 March 12 March 12 March 12 March 14-17 March 14-17 March 14-18 March 17-18 March 21-25 March 21-25 March 22-25 March 26, April 2	 16-Hour Trench Safety 16-Hour: 8-Hour Each OSHA 10/STP (2 Saturdays) 40-Hour Support Equipment & Maintenance 8-Hour Forklift Combination 8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher 8-Hour Labor History - District 6 8-Hour Signal Person 32-Hour Tower Crane 40-Hour Grader 16-Hour Trench Safety 40-Hour Grader 16-Hour Crane II 32-Hour Tower Crane 8-Hour Labor History - District 1 16-Hour Signal Person 	
February 24-25 February 26 February 28- March 4	16-Hour Remote Control Equipment 8-Hour Hydro-Excavation 40-Hour Crane II	March 28-30 March 31- April 2	24-Hour GPS Grade Control 24-Hour GPS Grade Control	
Cygnet (888) 634-6880				
January 31- February 4 February 7-11	40-Hour HAZWOPER 40-Hour Crane I	February 28- March 4 March 5,	40-Hour Deep Excavation and Pipe Crew 16-Hour: 8-Hour Each OSHA 10/STP	
February 7-11	40-Hour Grader	March 12	(2 Saturdays)	

February 8-10 24-Hour MSHA February 16-17 16-Hour OSHA 10/STP February 19 8-Hour Hydro-Excavation February 19 8-Hour Forklift Combination February 19 8-Hour Labor History - District 2 40-Hour Welding February 21-25 February 21-23 24-Hour GPS Grade Control February 24-26 24-Hour GPS Grade Control February 26 8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher February 28-40-Hour Crane I March 4

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(2 Saturdays)
32-Hour Asphalt Milling
8-Hour MSHA Refresher
32-Hour Asphalt
40-Hour Crane II
8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher
40-Hour Directional Drill
16-Hour Crane Rigging
8-Hour Signal Person
40-Hour Drones in Construction

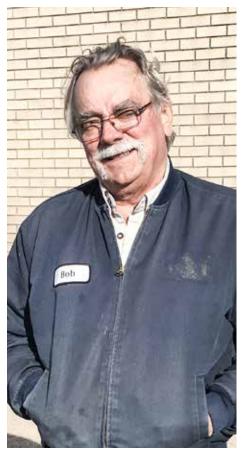
40-Hour Pipeline Distribution & Locating

	Logan (888) 385-2567	
January 31-	24-Hour Skidsteer	February 28-	32-Hour Asphalt Milling
February 2		March 3	
February 2-3	16-Hour Crane Rigging	March 3-5	24-Hour GPS Grade Control
February 3-4	16-Hour Remote Control Equipment	March 5	8-Hour Labor History - District 3
February 4	8-Hour Signal Person	March 7-10	32-Hour Asphalt
February 4-5	16-Hour Trench Safety	March 7-11	40-Hour Crane II
February 5	8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher	March 9-11	24-Hour MSHA
February 7-11	40-Hour Plan Reading	March 12	8-Hour Skidsteer Refresher
February 7-9	24-Hour Skidsteer	March 12	8-Hour MSHA Refresher
February 9	8-Hour Forklift Combination	March 12,	16-Hour: 8-Hour Each CCO Refresher
February 10-11	16-Hour Remote Control Equipment	March 19	(2 Saturdays)
February 12	8-Hour Load Securement	March 14-18	40-Hour Crane II
February 14-18	40-Hour Crane I	March 14-18	40-Hour Deep Excavation and Pipe Crew
February 14-18	40-Hour Grader	March 19	8-Hour Forklift Combination
February 18-19	16-Hour OSHA 10/STP	March 21-25	32-Hour Pipeline Distribution & Locating
February 18-19	16-Hour Trench Safety	March 23-24	16-Hour Crane Rigging
February 19	8-Hour Skidsteer Refresher	March 24-25	16-Hour OSHA 10/STP
February 21-25	40-Hour Welding	March 25	8-Hour Signal Person
February 26	8-Hour First Aid/CPR/AED	March 26	8-Hour CCO Exam
February 28-	24-Hour GPS Grade Control	March 26	8-Hour Hydro-Excavation
March 2		March 28-	40-Hour Drones in Construction
		April 1	



DISTRICT 18S

Getting the job done



WORKING as a CBRE Route Technician is Bob Goins.





KEEPING BUSY for Canton Drop Forge is Travis Dixon.

February and March Local 18 Training Schedule

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Wiamsburg (600) 035-4726		
16-Hour Crane Rigging	February 28-	40-Hour Deep Excavation and Pipe Crew
24-Hour Skidsteer	March 4	
40-Hour Directional Drill	March 5	8-Hour First Aid/CPR/AED
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8-Hour First Aid/CPR/AED	March 7-11	40-Hour Pipeline Distribution & Locating
8-Hour Signal Person	March 12	8-Hour Forklift Combination
8-Hour Labor History - District 4/5	March 14-18	40-Hour HAZWOPER
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(2 Saturdays)	March 19	8-Hour Signal Person
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32-Hour Asphalt	March 24-25	16-Hour Trench Safety
40-Hour Plan Reading	March 26	8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher
40-Hour Crane I	March 26	8-Hour Skidsteer Refresher
8-Hour MSHA Refresher	March 28-	40-Hour Support Equipment & Maintenance
40-Hour Crane II	April 1	
	March 28-30	24-Hour MSHA
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Introducing Member XG Portal at OOEXG.COM

MemberXG IS NOW AVAILABLE!

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MemberXG is an internet-based product that links participants to their benefit information. It is a self-service tool that is available to you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to view the current status of your benefits.

All that you need is:

- an Internet connection
- a valid username, which must be an email address
- a password

All of the following are accessible via the MemberXG web portal:

- live demographic information for members and dependents
- eligibility
- contribution records
- pension credits
- pension options
- pension projections
- MRA activity

In order to establish your online account access, you will first need to click on the Create Account link or + sign if using your mobile phone or tablet located in the upper right corner of your screen.

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Access your benefits.		
Check your benefits 24/7, no need to call the fund office. Login with your email and password to continue.		
someone@example.com		
Password		
Log In Create Account		
Can't access your account? Non-discrimination		

After clicking on "Create Account", you will be directed to the following screen:

Registration: Create Your Ac	count			
Email Address	Confirm email address			
someone@example.com	someone@example.com		Get access to your benefits information anytime.	
First Name	Last Name		Membership is FREE for members.	
Enter last <mark>4 d</mark> igits of SSN/SIN	Date of Birth	nte of Birth		
Last 4 digits	MM/DD/YYYY		MemberXG account.	
Zip Code/Postal Code	Mobile Phone (optional)			
Zip/Postal Code	(123) 456-7890			

You can still access your benefit information via Local 18's website at www.oe18.org/members/fringe-benefits/

If you encounter any problems with the MemberXG website, please contact the Fund Office at (800) 282-1767 and select option 7 which will connect you to the Information Technology Department.

* You will be required to use an email address as your login name.

Once you submit your information:

- First Name
- Last Name
- Last four digits of your SS#
- Date of Birth
- 5 digit Zip Code that matches file at Fund Office
- Create a Password: 8 characters,
- 1 uppercase, 1 lower case,
- 1 number, 1 special character
- 3 Answers to Challenge Questions

The first time you login, you will receive a six digit access code via email for security verification. You will then be able to view your benefits.

Please note:

"*Private Browsing*" settings could result in the receipt of an access code each time you login.

If you need help creating an account, click on the "here" link in the lower right corner.

February 2022

2022 Labor History classes scheduled

Classes are by reservation only.

Date	Location	h
February 12, 2022	District 4/5 – Middletown Union Hall	Ν
February 19, 2022	District 2 – Toledo Union Hall	Ν
March 5, 2022	District 3 – Columbus Union Hall	Ν
March 12, 2022	District 6 – Akron Union Hall	Ν
March 26, 2022	District 1 – Cleveland Union Hall	Ν

Instructor

Michael Bertolone / Jason Baker
Michael Bertolone / Jason Baker

2022 Steward Training classes scheduled

Date	Location	Instructor
April 6, 2022	District 4/5 – Middletown Union Hall	Joe Casto
April 13, 2022	District 2 – Toledo Union Hall	Joe Casto
April 20, 2022	District 3 – Columbus Union Hall	Joe Casto
April 27, 2022	District 6 – Akron Union Hall	Joe Casto
May 4, 2022	District 1 – Cleveland Union Hall	Joe Casto

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RETIREE CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 2 District 3 mtg.
- 24 District 1 mtg.

MARCH

- 6 District 6 Board Meeting D6 Union Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- 17 District 2
- 24 District 1

February and March training schedule appears on page 22-23.

Scholarship Application Period

The Education and Safety Fund scholarship application period runs from January 1, 2021 through April 1, 2021. Applications are available at the Fringe Benefit Office, or at any Local 18 district office, as well as on Local 18's website, by clicking on the "FRINGE BENEFITS" link below the "MEMBERS" tab, or by going directly to https://memberxg.gobasys.com/OOEFBP.

Scholarships are available to members of Local 18 who are eligible for benefits from Ohio Operating Engineers Health and Welfare Plan, or who have at least one month of eligibility in the twelve-month period immediately preceding the date that the application is received at the Fringe Benefit Office. Qualified dependents may also be eligible for a scholarship if they meet the requirements established by the Board of Trustees.

Special Dependent Scholarship Award

Once again, the Education and Safety Fund Trustees will be awarding a special scholarship to an eligible dependent child with a declared major in a construction industry-related course of study. If interested for consideration of this special award, the Trustees require that a two-page, double-spaced, essay is submitted, along with your scholarship application and proof of your major. The essay should include answers to the following:

- 1. What is the reason you are pursuing a construction industry-related major?
- 2. Who or what influenced you to pursue a construction industry-related major?
- 3. What is your connection to the IUOE Local 18?
- 4. What are your long-term plans?

If you have submitted an essay in a prior year, please be sure to write a new essay. All scholarship applications and essays must be submitted to the Fringe Benefit Office by April 1, 2022.



Report to the members

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the January Membership Meetings. We will continue our monthly Advisory Board Meetings and our Executive Board Meetings moving forward since we can control the attendance at these meetings. In lieu of any postponed meeting, we will keep the membership informed via this publication, Local 18 social media, and our website. If you have specific questions, please feel free to reach out to any one of our District offices or me directly.

Whether you are vaccinated or not, you can and most likely will end up dealing with COVID-19 in some way, shape, or form. Local 18 is trying to do our part to prevent the membership or staff from getting infected. All of these decisions are in accordance with our International and the directives given by our International General President to all IUOE locals during this ongoing pandemic. We will take this one month at a time and make the best decision for the membership and your safety.

As always, it is an honor, and I appreciate the opportunity to represent all of the members of this great union. On behalf of my fellow officers, I appreciate the support you all have given to us. Be safe, and we hope to see you soon.

📕 In Memoriam

Local 18 extends its sympathy to the families and loved ones of the following members who have passed away.

LM Terry Mandell (D-1)	October 28
LM William Fullager (D-6)	November 7
LM Robert Jackson (D-4/5)	November 9
Michael Ward (D-3)	November 17
Roger Fitzpatrick (D-4/5)	November 30
LM Ford Delawder (D-3)	December 1
LM Donald Barrows (D-6)	December 6
LM George Massey (D-3)	December 8
LM Richard Stout (D-2)	December 10
LM William Little (D-6)	December 12
Timothy Thomas (D-6)	December 15
LM Robert Kiggans, Jr. (D-6)	December 19
Joe Sowers (D-2)	December 25
LM Donald Pietila (D-1)	December 27
LM Premo Panzarello (D-1)	December 29

APPRENTICE APPLICATION PERIOD

WE TAKE APPLICATIONS YEAR-ROUND ON OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.LOCAL18TRAINING.COM.

Recent Club 18 Contributors

\$118.00 Gerald Kurtz, Distict 6

\$100.00 Mark Milanczuk, District 1

\$100.00 James Weingart, District 1

\$18.00 Robert A. Martin, District 6

\$11.00 Thomas Zumbro, District 3

February 2022

Publications Available

The following publications are available through your District Office upon request.

- 1. International Union of Operating Engineers Constitution
- 2. Local 18 Bylaws
- 3. U.S. Department of Labor Publications
 - A. Election of Officers of Labor Organizations
 - B. Rights & Responsibilities Under the LMRDA

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Temporary Extension of Deadlines Due to COVID-19 National Emergency

The federal government announced that the country is under a COVID-19 National Emergency starting March 1, 2020. The period between March 1, 2020 and the 60th day after the announced end of the COVID-19 National Emergency will not count against certain deadlines under the Ohio Operating Engineers Health and Welfare Plan and the Ohio Operating Engineers Pension Plan. The extension applies to deadlines to file a claim or appeal, enroll a new spouse or child, report COBRA qualifying events and to elect and pay for COBRA under the Health and Welfare Plan. The extension also applies to deadlines to file a claim or appeal under the Pension Plan. This may give you a longer time to take certain actions. Please contact the Fringe Benefit Programs Office if you have questions.

IN ALL DISTRICTS: ADVISORY BOARDS WILL MEET 1st MONDAY OF EACH MONTH. MEMBERSHIP WILL MEET 2nd MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

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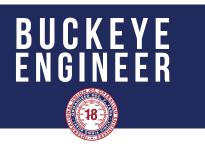
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Yes, I would like to do my part to support candidates and issues that help promote work for Local 18.

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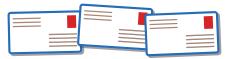


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Survivor, pension benefits go to 11

District 1:

Francis A. Calarco, Joint & Survivor (early retirement); John D. Fieldhouse (early retirement); and Robert J. Zaverl (normal retirement).

District 2:

Randall G. Dachenhaus, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement); Victor B. Hernandez, Joint & Survivor (early retirement); and Jeffrey A. Nonnemaker and James R. Young, Joint & Survivor (normal retirements).

District 3:

John D. Hardesty, Joint & Survivor (early retirement) and Kirt D. Morrow (normal retirement).

District 4/5:

Douglas P. Keaton, Joint & Survivor (early retirement).

District 6:

Randy L. Ball, Joint & Survivor (normal retirement).