

# Wisconsin Laborer

Winter 2020



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WISCONSIN LABORERS' DISTRICT COUNCIL

*Feel the Power*

# District Council

## Business Manager's Report: John Schmitt



Brothers & Sisters,

I hope you had a happy holiday with family and friends. Construction season went late in 2019, given that we had a late start due to all of the rain last spring, so it was good that we were able to get in a few extra weeks of work before it got too cold.

If you have been laid off, or expect to be soon, please contact your local union office to be placed on to the out-of-work list.

In addition, with the construction season going later, we have had a later start to our training season. Please make sure you sign up for classes to update your skills prior to the start of the 2020 construction season.

2020 will be a huge year for the Wisconsin Laborers. Economic indicators and discussions with our signatory contractor partners signal that we will have a strong construction season, which will result in a lot of work for you and your brothers and sisters.

2020 will also have some significant contract negotiations, which include the following: 62-County Building; Asbestos; 66-County Sewer/Water; Local 113 Tri-County Building; Statewide Landscaping; Cable; and the WUCA Sewer/Water/Tunnel Agreement.

Please attend your local union meetings where you can provide input to your local union leadership for the upcoming contract negotiations and receive updates during negotiations.

Thank you to Local 330 for organizing the upcoming statewide benefits conference taking place on Saturday, March 7, 2020 in Kimberly, WI. This conference is open to ALL Wisconsin Laborers, and will be a great resource to learn more about your health and pension benefits with your fellow union brothers and sisters.

2020 will also be an important election year, where we will have important elections both in April and November. In April there will be an important Supreme Court election as well as local races, while in November there will be elections for President and state legislature. Not to mention in July, Milwaukee will be hosting the 2020 Democratic National Convention, which will result in significant construction work and volunteer opportunities.

It will be very important to have your voice be heard in the 2020 elections. In order to do so, please make sure you are registered to vote. You can check your voter registration by going to <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/MyVoterInfo>, and if you have questions on how to register to vote, please contact the District Council or your local union office.

On November 21, 2019, Governor Evers signed the Critical Infrastructure legislation (Assembly Bill 426/Senate Bill 386), now known as 2019 Wisconsin Act 33. This common sense legislation protects workers working on critical infrastructure projects throughout Wisconsin, and I would like to acknowledge and thank Governor Evers, legislators who supported the legislation, and you, the members who took the time to call and write your legislators asking them to support this legislation.

We are all members of our union, but being a union member also means that we are all organizers. Whether you are on your jobsite, at the Training Center, at a local union meeting, going through the grocery store checkout lane, or spending time with family and friends, we all play a part to help grow our union and make it stronger for our current members, but also for future members. Every day is an opportunity to organize.

Thank you for all that you do to make our union stronger, and I wish you a prosperous, successful, and safe 2020.



# Training Center Report

Craig Ziegler - Training Director

Hello Fellow Laborers,

I hope everyone enjoyed the Holiday Season. As you are aware, it is the busy time at the Training Center.

Hopefully you have thought about your winter training schedule and have already registered. If you have not, there is still time to get into classes that you may need to get back to work. However, if you wait too long the classes may be full and you will then be put onto waiting lists.

If you have already registered for a class and you cannot make it, please contact the Training Center and let us know as soon as possible, so we can fill the class with fellow members from the waiting list. It is very important that you contact us as soon as possible, because this year we are planning to get a lot of our union brothers and sisters through the training they need and if we have empty spaces to fill we need to know as soon as possible.

The State of Wisconsin D.O.T. has changed the Flagging standard. You will now have to have a refresher course every 2 years. If you previously received a card from us, you will have to disregard the refresher date, because the State of Wisconsin rule replaces ours. If you took a class in 2019, you will need a refresher in 2021, but it may not be a bad idea to take a course this year to learn about the change that have been made. If you are interested in taking a Flagging course, as always you can fill out the registration form in the Trainer or go to our website to register at <https://training.wislaborers.org>.

Myself and the staff at the Wisconsin Laborers' Apprenticeship and Training Fund are looking forward to seeing you again. It is your Training Center so if you haven't been here to see the new addition we opened last February, here is your chance.

Have a great winter season and remember to be safe out there.

## Got a Commercial Driver's License (CDL)?

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration recently started a new program called the *Commercial Driver's License Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse*.

This program requires all CDL drivers operating commercial motor vehicles to register in order to provide consent to current or prospective employers about any drug and alcohol program violations, and select a substance abuse professional if needed.

To register for the Clearinghouse, please visit <https://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov/Register> and click on the login.gov to begin creating your account. If you have questions or need assistance, please call the District Council or your local union office.





# Local 113

**Business Manager: Tony Neira**

Happy New Year!

Now that 2019 has come to an end, we can look forward to another busy season for Southeastern Wisconsin.

Besides the upcoming workload 2020 will bring, we will also have the Democratic National Convention in Milwaukee from July 13-16. The eyes of the world will be on Milwaukee for those four days, and the economic boost will not only be felt in Milwaukee, but throughout Wisconsin.

Millions of dollars will be spent on direct convention-related expenditures, local and state taxes, and labor income. No matter what your political views are, this will be a massive windfall for our state, and result in a lot of labor hours with the work leading up, during, and following the convention.

Our December 2019 monthly meeting at Serb Hall was the largest turn out that I can ever remember in all of my years with Local 113. To the 365 brothers and sisters that attended, thank you for your participation! Congratulations to all of the members who got a winning raffle ticket, and we would like to thank our contractors who donated many of the prizes - including tickets for sporting events, gift cards, Milwaukee Tool sets, and a heated jacket. We truly value our partnership with our signatory contractors.

If you are currently working or plan on working outside of Local 113's jurisdictional area, please be sure to contact the Pension Fund office and ask for a "Request for Transfer of Pension Fund Contribution's" form. This form will ensure you receive your retirement benefit when you become eligible. If you have worked outside the area and have not filled out the transfer form, please contact the Pension Fund to see if those hours remain eligible for transferring. Local 113 participants can contact the Building Trades United Pension Fund at 262-784-7880.

Local 113 members who attend 8 meetings during the 2020 calendar year will receive a \$100 gift card to U.M.A. or Stars & Stripes for Local 113 apparel, or Red Wing Shoes or Boot Connection for footwear

In order to maintain your position on the out-of-work list, you must register with our dispatcher, Luis Guevera, during the following time periods:

- March 15-31
- June 15-31
- September 15-31
- December 15-31

Remember that your dues must be in good standing to be on the out-of-work list.

Save the date for August 8, 2020 for the Local 113 Zoo Picnic! We will be sharing more details in the coming months.

Good luck with the upcoming training season, and stay safe.

**Laborers' Local 113**  
**6130 W. Appleton Ave.**  
**Milwaukee, WI 53210**  
**(414) 873-4520**  
**[www.liuna113.org](http://www.liuna113.org)**

## Local 113 Officers

Anthony Neira-Business Manager  
 Richard Pusa-Secretary/Treasurer  
 John Swan III-President  
 Dave Goodwin-Vice President  
 John Hawley- Recording Secretary  
 Daniel Guetzow-Sgt-at-Arms  
 Joseph Vincent-Auditor  
 Eric Iseli-Auditor  
 Sean Maher-Auditor

Executive Board: Anthony Neira, Richard Pusa, John Swan III, Chris Olig, Dave Goodwin, John Hawley, and Eduardo Marquez

Dispatcher: Luis Guevera

Administrative Staff:  
 Mabel Planter  
 Denise Meyer

## Upcoming Meetings/Events

February 26, 2020	7:00 pm
March 25, 2020	7:00 pm
April 22, 2020	7:00 pm
May 27, 2020	7:00 pm

## Meeting Location:

Local 113 Union Hall  
6310 W. Appleton Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53210



# Local 140

Business Manager: Clark Jensen

Hello Brothers and Sisters of Laborers' Local 140, First off, our Local 140 office staff and E-board would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

I would also like to thank all of our members that attended our December 3, 2019 Union Meeting/ Christmas party. It was a great turn out, and was our largest meeting ever! Thank you again.

Dues for 2020 will remain at \$38.00 per month. Our Executive Board has passed and is allowing all active members who pay their 2020 dues in full (January-December) by April 30, 2020 to receive \$40.00 back. You will be given your choice of a \$40.00 check in May 2020, OR a \$40.00 clothing voucher that can be used immediately. We have sweatshirts, long sleeve shirts, and t-shirts available. All clothing must be picked up at our Local 140 office.

I encourage all members to take advantage of our Training Center and attend classes that are offered. We also have several classes we are offering here in La Crosse at the local, and I urge you to sign up ASAP because local classes fill up quickly. Remember, we train you GAIN! To sign up for classes go to: <https://training.wislaborers.org/> or call Samantha at the office.

We will soon be starting negotiations on the 62-County Building Agreement as well as the Sewer & Water Agreement. Both expire at the end of May 2020. I will keep you all posted once negotiations begin.

Please stop by the office and check out our free promotional items!

SAVE THE DATE! April 4, 2020 we will be holding our Pins Banquet at The Log Cabin in Bangor, WI. Members with 10 years or more of continuous service (no suspensions) will get an invitation to the 2020 Laborers' Local 140 pins banquet. The time of this event is to be determined, but we will be sending out postcards when everything is finalized.

On March 4, 2020 from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm we will be holding a Biometric Screening for the Wisconsin Laborers' Health Fund at our Local 140 office. To schedule an appointment please contact Samantha at 608-788-1095.

All active participants and their spouses may participate in a Biometric Screening for Wellness Year 1 (July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020). Arrive 15 minutes ahead of your scheduled screening to complete the health forms. You will receive a \$150 gift card or you may choose to have your deductible waived under the Health Plan.

Please note that if married, both the member and spouse must agree and sign to have their deductible waived rather than accept the gift card. Non-Medicare early-retirees are not eligible for deductible waiver but are eligible for the \$150 gift card.

Please remember if you are laid off, you NEED to be registered on our out-of-work list. Also when you return to work please call our office and let us know that you are back to work. Leave a message if it is after hours.

Attention Flaggers! Effective January 1, 2020 any flagger working on Wisconsin State Highways will need to be certified. Flaggers will need to show proof of certification if asked by WisDOT or other state inspectors. Failure to show proof may result in a shutdown of the operation. Get certified now while you are laid off!

**Laborers' Local 140**  
**2771 George St**  
**LaCrosse, WI 54603**  
**(608) 788-1095**  
**[www.liunalocal140.org](http://www.liunalocal140.org)**

## Local 140 Officers

Clark Jensen-Business Manager

Pete Arentz-President

Justin Woodard-Vice President

Mark Clements-Recording Secretary

Clark Jensen-Secretary/Treasurer

Don Hansen-Sgt-at-Arms

Katie Baumbach-Auditor

Matt Johnson-Auditor

Michael Steele-Auditor

Executive Board: Corey Starr,

Kai Rodgers, Randy Larson

Administrative Staff: Samantha Jensen

## Upcoming Meetings/Events

February 4, 2020	7:30 pm
March 3, 2020	7:30 pm
April 7, 2020	7:30 pm
May 5, 2020	7:30 pm

## Meeting Location:

Boot Hill Pub  
1501 St. Andrew Street  
La Crosse, WI 54603



# Local 268

**Business Manager: Brian Dehnhoff**

Brothers and Sisters,

Happy New Year to you and your families.

All active members who have paid a full year's dues by March 31, 2020 will receive a \$38 check from Local 268 in April, 2020. This is only for active members and not retirees.

You have four different options that you can pay dues, including:

1. Mail check or money order payable to Local 268 to: 2233 Birch St., Eau Claire, WI 54703.
2. Pay at the Eau Claire office with cash, check, or money order.
3. Credit/debit card payments can only be done online at [www.268members.org](http://www.268members.org).
4. Another option for having dues paid automatically is to call your bank and set up a recurring payment with them mailing a check monthly. Retired members can opt to have their monthly dues deducted from their pension check and have the fund send a check monthly to the hall.

Please call to get on the out-of-work list when you are laid off, and to be taken off of the list when you return to work. When applying for unemployment benefits you need to call and get on the out-of-work list. You will be asked if you are a member of a trade union hiring hall in good standing and if you are on the out-of-work list to avoid doing a work search for a period of time. We have been receiving weekly checks on members and if you are not on the out-of-work list for the week they are inquiring about, they can ask when you last were on the list and go back and check prior unemployment claims.

If you are laid-off, please contact the WI Laborers' Training Center to get registered for classes. Your negotiated package provides for you to attend classes at no charge and if you are attending multiple-day classes, and you are more than 50-miles from the Training Center, you have the option of staying at a hotel they provide and have mileage reimbursed for your travel. Daily commuters will be paid \$20/day. Please go to <https://training.wislaborers.org/> for more information.

The Local 268 Executive Board voted to discontinue the informational meetings in Wausau due to the lack of attendance. Retiree Council meetings will still be held.

All members who attend one of the March 2020 meetings - general membership, informational, or retiree - will have a \$20 gift card mailed to them.

Upcoming Retiree Council meetings for retirees in good standing for Eau Claire, Wisconsin Rapids, and Wausau (Wausau Labor Temple - 318 S. 3rd Street) are scheduled for:

- March 18, 2020
- May 20, 2020

Good luck with the upcoming construction season.

**Laborers' Local 268**  
2233 Birch Street  
Eau Claire, WI 54703  
(715) 835-5001  
[www.liunalocal268.org](http://www.liunalocal268.org)

## Local 268 Officers

Brian Dehnhoff-Business Manager

Scott Johnson-President

Josh Garr-Vice President

Brian Dehnhoff-Secretary/Treasurer

Mike Shafer-Recording Secretary

Eric Deprey-Sgt-at-Arms

Trina Pierce-Auditor

Roger Lewallen-Auditor

Daniel Patz-Auditor

Executive Board: Scott Geissler, Allen Bradford, and Dave Prueher

Administrative Staff: Deb Heath

## Upcoming Meetings/Events

February 5, 2020 7:00 pm

March 4, 2020 7:00 pm

April 1, 2020 7:00 pm

May 6, 2020 7:00 pm

## Meeting Location:

Eau Claire Labor Temple

2233 Birch Street

Eau Claire, WI 54703

## WI Rapids Informational Meetings

March 9, 2020 - 6pm - 220 Johnson Street, WI Rapids, WI 54495

November 9, 2020 - 6pm - 220

Johnson Street, WI Rapids, WI 54495



# Local 330

Business Manager Tony Marcelle

Happy New Year Brothers & Sisters.

Do you know exactly how your health and pension benefits work? Do you know how to use your HRA card? Do you know how your drug benefit works with Sav-Rx? Or do you have any other questions for your health and pension benefits?

If you do have questions or are wanting to learn additional information about your benefits, you and your spouse should plan on attending the Laborers' Statewide Benefits Conference taking place on Saturday, March 7 from 2pm-5pm at the Liberty Hall in Kimberly, WI.

This conference is open to all active Laborers in Wisconsin, regardless of what local union they belong. It is also open to our contractors to help them understand the benefits the Wisconsin Laborers provide.

There is more information later on page 13 on how to sign up. Please take the time to learn how best to use our plan's benefits. I look forward to seeing you. And by the way, we will be providing food and drinks following the conference.

In Northeast WI, the Point Beach nuclear power plant will be having an outage for refueling this spring. B.H.I will need approximately 33 laborers to complete this project. We already have some members on this job site.

Construction work for 2020 looks very promising in our area, and we currently have some very large projects that are ongoing that are keeping members working during the winter months.

If you are laid off, please do two things. First, make sure you call the local union hall and be placed on the out-of-work list. You must do this when collecting unemployment benefits.

Secondly, please make sure you are taking full advantage of the Training Center. In addition to the classes at the Training Center in DeForest, we have also been hosting classes at our local union hall.

2020 is also an important election year. Make sure you are registered to vote, and support candidates that support our issues as Laborers.

I hope to see many of you at the upcoming Statewide Benefits Conference, and I hope you all have a safe and healthy construction season.

**Laborers' Local 330**  
**886 W. Airport Road**  
**Menasha, WI 54952**  
**(866) 340-0330**  
[www.laborerslocal330.org](http://www.laborerslocal330.org)

### Local 330 Officers

- Tony Marcelle-Business Manager
- Paul Daugherty-President
- James Lenz-Vice President
- Gerald Schomaker-Recording Secretary
- Kelly Buss-Secretary/Treasurer
- Tim Miller-Sgt-at-Arms
- Brian Hubers-Auditor
- Brian Lee-Auditor
- Milana Robinson-Auditor

### Executive Board:

- Tony Marcelle, Kelly Buss, Paul Daugherty,
- Gerald Schomaker, James Lenz, Ryan
- Young, and Mark Linsmeier

### Administrative Staff:

- Kerri Guseck
- Lisa Peterson

### Upcoming Meetings/Events

#### Appleton - 2828 North Ballard Road

- February 11, 2020 7:00 pm
- March 10, 2020 7:00 pm
- April 14, 2020 7:00 pm
- May 12, 2020 7:00 pm

#### Green Bay - 1570 Elizabeth Street

- February 19, 2020 6:00 pm
- April 15, 2020 6:00 pm

#### Fond du Lac - 50 E. Bank Street

- March 4, 2020 6:00 pm
- May 6, 2020 6:00 pm



# Local 464

Business Manager: Jim Foye

Greetings to my Local 464 brothers & sisters,  
We have had a lot of work throughout the fall and winter months, which bodes well for a strong 2020 construction season.

KS Energy and Michels have completed distribution and fiber work on Hwy 19 in Dane County, while Larson Construction has poured the abutments on the new Hwy 19 bridge, with columns for the new deck starting soon, and James Peterson & Sons have installed the new storm sewer with this project expected to continue through summer.

We have construction beginning on the Sun Prairie, DeForest, Monona, and Milton school districts. Work on those projects will begin as early as March, 2020.

Work on the I-90 corridor will take place throughout the year.

A couple of major projects starting later on this summer include the Green County wind turbines project, liquified natural gas storage containers in Jefferson County, and the UW Hospital in Dane County.

Local 464 staff attended the Argyle School Board meeting in December 2019 where we had a good meeting with the goal of speaking with technical education classes later on this spring.

The Volunteer Organizing Committee (VOC) met on December 17, 2019. Discussion was had on the committee's role and ideas were shared. Starting next month, we will have a container at the back of the Local 464 hall for donations to homeless shelters and food pantries. Canned foods, non-perishable foods, and health & hygiene items are suggested.

Primary elections are scheduled for February 18, 2020 for county boards, school boards, municipal elections, and the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Once the primary elections have concluded, we will be endorsing candidates for spring elections. The next VOC meeting will be on February 19, 2020 starting at 4:15pm. Any and all are welcome to attend.

Please make sure you are on the out-of-work list when you get laid off. We have been receiving phone calls from Unemployment checking on your status. Also, make sure you are taking classes at the Training Center when you are laid off.

Breakfast with Santa was a great success this year. We had 183 adults, and more importantly 162 very happy kids! Thanks to all who helped set up and attend.

Finally, we have a few upcoming events that we are inviting you to participate in:

- **Janesville Biometric Screening** - January 29, 2020 - 3pm to 7pm - Janesville Labor Temple - 1605 Center Avenue, Janesville
- **New Member Orientation** - February 5, 2020 - 4:15pm - Local 464 Hall
- **Winter Hockey Event** - March 7, 2020 - Bob Suter's Capitol Ice Arena - 2616 N Pleasant View Rd, Middleton
- **Retirement Luncheon** - April 15, 2020 - 11:30am - Local 464 Hall

**Laborers' Local 464**  
1438 N. Stoughton Road  
Madison, WI 53714  
(608) 244-6400  
[www.union464.com](http://www.union464.com)

### Local 464 Officers

Jim Foye-Business Manager

Charlie Schuett-President

Kevin Roth-Vice President

Dean Hackl-Secretary/Treasurer

Ben Mau-Recording Secretary

Johnny Rupprecht-Sgt-at-Arms

Jim Staskal-Auditor

Jeff Semmens-Auditor

Ron Niebuhr-Auditor

### Executive Board

Jim Foye, Dean Hackl, Kevin Roth,

Charlie Schuett, Ben Mau,

Robert Dixon, Neil Grman

Office Staff: Diana Kirkpatrick,

Kati Koss & Jana Herron

### Upcoming Meetings/Events

February 5, 2020 6:00 pm

March 4, 2020 6:00 pm

April 1, 2020 6:00 pm

May 6, 2020 6:00 pm

### Meeting Location:

Local 464 Union Hall  
1438 Stoughton Road  
Madison, WI 53714





# Local 1091

Business Manager: Dan Olson

Happy New Year from all of us here at Local 1091 in Duluth/Superior.

As we ring in another year and decade, your local is poised to become more active in the political process. We understand the importance of every election for federal, state, county, and municipal office. Your local school boards are important as well. With the competition for federal and state dollars going towards schools, infrastructure, and housing widening we need to be in constant touch with our elected officials to make sure we lobby to have that money awarded to our community.

Our Northern WI Building Trades Council and I worked together with the City of Superior to amend the city's Responsible Bidder Ordinance to further protect our work and our industry. We strengthened the apprenticeship language and made a change to have the ordinance called the Responsible Contractor Ordinance. This adds a layer of protection to ensure contractors possess all the federal, state and local requirements, including a city contractor's license, to perform work in the City of Superior.

Husky refinery is finally moving forward with the rebuild of the Superior Refinery that suffered an explosion in April of 2018. They are currently doing the work under the National Maintenance Agreement (NMA). Myself and others will be meeting with their construction team in the very near future to propose some additional compensation for shift work and travelers. Job timeline is roughly two years.

P&R Construction has started on a new 136 room apartment complex in Superior with retail outlets on the first floor. This development is located at the old Superior Central High school site on Belknap St in the middle of Superior. The work is all union and is using many of our Local 1091 members on the project.

We also have additional union projects taking place in Ashland, Bayfield and other parts of Douglas County.

I would like to remind all of our apprentices and journey workers that our training facilities offer scores of training opportunities or continuing refresher classes to make sure that we remain a step ahead and above of our non-union competitors. Train Up!

2020 will have us negotiating our Superior building agreement in April; having a local officers election in June; and our annual summer membership picnic in August. In addition to that are some save the date items to consider:

All monthly membership meetings are on the third Thursday of the month at the Duluth Labor Temple at 7pm. Bring a brother or sister to the meetings with you. In March, June, and Sept we will be having town hall style membership meetings to encourage our members to engage in activities through activism and volunteering for activities that are for the good of the union.

Your monthly membership dues will remain at \$38 for active members and \$8 for all active retirees.

In closing, on behalf of me and your executive board, have a safe and prosperous 2020 construction season, and Feel the Power, Be the Power and Use the Power. Congratulations on being loud and proud members of Laborers' Local 1091.

**Laborers' Local 1091**  
**2002 London Road**  
**Duluth, MN 55812**  
**(218) 728-5151**  
[www.liunalocal1091.org](http://www.liunalocal1091.org)

## Local 1091 Officers

Dan Olson-Business Manager & Secretary/Treasurer

Chris Thacker-President

Curt Davey-Vice President

Derek Pederson-Recording Secretary

Tony Moselle-Sgt-at-Arms

Herb Meyer-Auditor

Eric Miller-Auditor

Patrick Hill-Auditor

## Executive Board

John Schneider, Jeremy Wehr, and

Zac Hanson

Wendi Mattinen-Office Manager

## Upcoming Meetings/Events

February 20, 2020 7:00 pm

March 19, 2020 7:00 pm

April 16, 2020 7:00 pm

May 21, 2020 7:00 pm

## Meeting Location:

Local 1091 Union Hall  
2002 London Road  
Duluth, MN 55812



# Apprenticeship

Ray Wiatt - Apprenticeship Coordinator

Below is the upcoming Accuplacer Testing Schedule, and the full schedule can also be accessed through our website at [www.wilaborers.org](http://www.wilaborers.org).

Anyone interested, or may know someone that is interested in the Laborers' Apprenticeship program, or seeking assistance or tutoring prior to testing may contact me at O: (608) 846-5768; C: (608) 212-0802; or [rwiatt@wislaborers.org](mailto:rwiatt@wislaborers.org).

## 2020 Accuplacer Testing Dates

### Milwaukee - Local 113

Location: 6310 W. Appleton Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53210

Dates: February 11, 2020; March 10, 2020;  
April 14, 2020; May 12, 2020; June 9, 2020  
July 14, 2020; August 18, 2020

### Eau Claire - Local 268

Location: 2233 Birch Street  
Eau Claire, WI 54703

Dates: February 7, 2020; March 6, 2020;  
April 3, 2020; May 8, 2020; June 5, 2020;  
July 10, 2020; August 7, 2020;  
September 11, 2020

### Menasha - Local 330

Location: 886 Airport Road  
Menasha, WI 54952

Dates: February 12, 2020; March 11, 2020;  
April 15, 2020; May 13, 2020; June 10, 2020;  
July 15, 2020; July 15, 2020;  
August 19, 2020; September 16, 2020

### La Crosse - Local 140

Location: AmericInn Hotel & Suites  
125 Buol Road, Room #100  
West Salem, WI 54669

Dates: February 3, 2020; March 2, 2020;  
April 6, 2020; May 4, 2020; June 1, 2020;  
July 6, 2020; August 3, 2020;  
September 7, 2020

### Wausau - Local 268

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

Dates: February 6, 2020; March 5, 2020;  
April 2, 2020; May 7, 2020; June 4, 2020;  
July 9, 2020; August 6, 2020

### Madison - Local 464

Location: Wisconsin Laborers' Training Center  
4633 LIUNA Way, Suite 100  
DeForest, WI 53532

Dates: February 13, 2020; March 12, 2020;  
April 16, 2020; May 14, 2020; June 11, 2020;  
July 16, 2020; August 20, 2020;  
September 17, 2020; October 8, 2020





# LECET

Keith Saeger - Wisconsin LECET Director

The kids went back to school this fall which means that the Career and Job Fair season is upon us. We have registered to attend events for school districts, Workforce Development offices and local Chamber of Commerce groups. The Wisconsin Laborers continue to focus on the next generation of young adults to fulfill the needs of our contractors and our industry. Since our last newsletter, LECET has registered for approximately 70 career/job fairs statewide.

Winter and fall are also time for conferences for our educators as well. We use these events to provide information to the attendees (educators, counselors, school board members) about our trade, our training facility and the benefits of our apprenticeship program for their students. LECET and our GROC marketing representatives (Great Lakes Regional Organizing Committee) continue to partner for these conferences.

We continue to meet with many industry professionals (architects, engineering firms and developers) to discuss our industry, our signatory contractors and the benefits of using skilled labor on their projects. Most of these firms are very receptive and in fact, are already familiar with a lot of our contractors.

We have joined two new community/industry groups recently. The Waukesha Business Alliance works with businesses in Waukesha County to provide a wide network of industry professionals for the continued improvement of the County. Many of our signatory contractors belong to this group as well.

We have also joined the WI Veterans Chamber of Commerce. One of their primary goals is to promote the employment of our Veteran brothers and sisters throughout the state. The Wisconsin Laborers' goal is to attract those Veterans who are looking for a career in the skilled trades. Once again, several of our signatory contractors are members of this organization.

I have been asked to attend the World of Concrete trade show in February on behalf of the Wisconsin Laborers. I will be attending various seminars and meeting with various industry professionals to learn more about the many advances in concrete and related products and applications. I will be bringing this information back to our District Council, Local Unions and Training Director for their review. I have also confirmed that several of our signatory contractors will be in attendance as well.

Keith Saeger  
Wisconsin LECET Director  
[ksaeger@wilaborers.org](mailto:ksaeger@wilaborers.org)





# Health and Pension

Tracy Suber - Administrative Manager

Greetings everyone & Happy New Year! As we have mentioned prior, the Health Plan has made changes this year along with updating our website to make it easier for you to navigate. Again, a reminder to please visit the new website at: [www.wilbenefits.com](http://www.wilbenefits.com).

Once you access the website, you will see the most popular forms available under the PDF File to download. You can find instructions on how to access your hours and benefit information through the MemberXG portal (Link also provided on the right side), submit an updated Enrollment form with beneficiary information, or access the Pension application. You also have access to upload completed forms to us with the Upload Button. There is also access to all Health, Pension, HRA documents and a FAQ section with contact information for Service Providers that provide services for the Laborers Fund.

**VISION** - As I mentioned in the prior newsletter, the Fund now offers a Safety Glasses benefit for its active members! You should have received the notice recently which also explains "how" to use the EyeMed benefit to your advantage. If you do not recall receiving the notice, it is also under Health and then Notices on the website. The main point to remember is to always use your health benefit of \$250.00 before using your HRA card.

### **HRA Card Helpful Hits:**

- When using your HRA card, supporting documentation (aka substantiation) must exactly match the amount of the debit card swipe and include the patient, provider, date of service, and service or item purchased
- Remember that unsubstantiated debit card expenses are subject to tax as income
- Substantiation can be mailed to the Fund office or emailed to [wihra@bpalja.com](mailto:wihra@bpalja.com). Please be sure that items emailed are legible.
- Always use your health fund \$250 vision benefit before using your HRA card.

**Yearly Reminder** - Other insurance update information is requested for each family member on an annual basis and must be completed and returned to the Fund office before claims are released.

**Disability** - When filing disability claims, always include both sides of the disability form with the back side completed by your physician

**Health Fund Claims Request for Information** - Accident detail information is requested on any initial claim that may be an injury or have third party liability (such as workers comp, auto insurance, or homeowner's insurance). Again, we cannot release the claim(s) until this information is received.

**Biometric Screening Events (Wellness)** - If you have not signed up for a wellness event, please check the listings below to see if one is available in your area. It only takes 15 minutes for the screening! Remember to watch for the Orange Post Cards for additional dates this year.

**Rock County Labor Temple, 1605 Center Ave. Janesville**  
Wednesday, January 29, 2020, from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Laborers' Local 140, 2771 George Street, La Crosse**  
Wednesday, March 4, 2020 from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Active Participants and their Spouses may participate in a Biometric Screening in Wellness Year 1 (July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020). Arrive 15 minutes ahead of your scheduled screening to complete the health forms. You will be handed a gift card of \$150 or you may choose to have your 2021 deductible waived under the Health Plan. Please note that if married, both the member and spouse must agree and sign to have their deductible waived rather than accept the gift card. Non-Medicare Early Retirees are not eligible for deductible waiver but are eligible for the \$150 gift card.

As always, if you have any questions, please call the Fund office at:  
608-842-9101 (claims)  
608-842-9102 (eligibility)  
608-842-9103 (pension)



# Laborers' Statewide Benefit Conference

Saturday March 7th, 2020

2pm—5pm

Liberty Hall - 800 Eisenhower Drive,  
Kimberly, WI 53146

**Health Insurance**

Topics Include:

**Pension Benefit**

**Union Perspective**

**Food & Drink to Follow**

Get your Questions Answered!!

You Must Register by February 26th

Bring your Spouse

Call (920) 722-2104

Email: [info@laborerslocal330.org](mailto:info@laborerslocal330.org)

*Reduced hotel room rates available at  
**Hilton Garden Inn** - 720 Eisenhower Drive,  
Kimberly, WI 54136 - (920) 730-1900*

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[www.amplifonusa.com/wilaborers](http://www.amplifonusa.com/wilaborers) ..... Hours: M - F, 7am - 7pm



[Anthem Blue Preferred Plus POS & National BlueCard PPO](#) ..... Phone: 1-800-810-2583  
(to find in-network provider/physician)



[Anthem EAP Specialist](#) ..... Phone: 1-800-865-1044

[Anthem Identity Protection Services: AllClear](#) ..... Phone: 1-855-227-9830

[Anthem anywhere app](#)

[Anthem Provider Search](#) – [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com) then click on Find a Doctor (right side) enter 3 digit alpha from your ID card, Either WZD or WZL

[Delta Dental of Wisconsin](#) ..... Phone: 1-800-236-3712  
Delta Dental ..... Email: [claims@deltadentalwi.com](mailto:claims@deltadentalwi.com)  
PO Box 828  
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[Epic Hearing HealthCare](#) ..... Phone: 1-866-956-5400  
Hours: M - F, 8am - 8pm  
[www.epichearing.com/registration](http://www.epichearing.com/registration) ..... Phone: 1-877-606-3742



[EyeMed](#) ..... Phone: 1-866-939-3633



[Healics \(biometric screening\)](#) ..... Phone: 1-414-375-1600  
8919 W. Heather Ave. .... Toll Free: 1-800-432-5427  
Milwaukee, WI 53224  
CMS Health Coach ..... Phone: 1-262-563-6460



Health Insurance Marketplace for your state at .... Phone: 1-800-318-2596  
[www.HealthCare.gov](http://www.HealthCare.gov)



Labor First [www.laborfirst.com](http://www.laborfirst.com) ..... Phone: 1-856-780-6218  
300 Midlantic Dr. Ste. 101 ..... Toll Free: 1-800-716-0774  
Mount Laurel, NJ 08054 ..... Email: [members@laborfirst.com](mailto:members@laborfirst.com)



[www.LiveHealthOnline.com](http://www.LiveHealthOnline.com) ..... 1-888-548-3432  
24/7 NurseLine ..... 1-866-670-1565  
To join this program ..... 1-877-351-8389  
Hours: 24/7



Medicare [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) ..... Phone: 1-800-633-4227  
TTY: 1-877-486-2048



[Office for Civil Rights of the United States Department of Health and Human Services](#)  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W. .... Phone: 1-800-368-1019  
Room 509F, HHH Building ..... Toll Free: 1-877-696-6775  
Washington, D.C. 20201 ..... TDD: 1-800-537-7697  
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[SAV-RX Pharmacy](#) ..... Phone: 1-800-228-3108  
P.O. Box 8 ..... Fax: 1-888-810-1394  
Fremont, NE 68026 ..... Hours: 24/7



[www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) ..... Phone: 1-800-772-1213  
TTY: 1-800-325-0778  
Hours: M - F, 7am – 7pm



Employee Benefit Security Administration (EBSA) Phone: 1-866-444- 3372  
Toll Free: 1-866-487-2365

[U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration](#)  
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200 Constitutional Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20210

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# Raffle



Congratulations to Milana Robinson (Local 330) and Dennis Cordts (Local 464) on winning the Fall 2019 Newsletter Raffle Prize for \$250 Cabela's Gift Cards

## Winter 2020 Newsletter Raffle Prize

# 8-Inch Ice Fishing Auger & Milwaukee Tool Drill



Thank you to Milwaukee Tool for donating the drill set!

**To Enter via Email:** Send your Name, Local Union Number, Address, and Cell Phone Number to [info@wilaborers.org](mailto:info@wilaborers.org)

**Or To Enter via Facebook:** Like the Wisconsin Laborers' District Council Facebook page, and send us a private message with your Name, Local Union Number, Address, Email Address, and Cell Phone Number. You must enter on the District Council Facebook page - NOT ON YOUR LOCAL'S FACEBOOK PAGE.

One entry per member.

Winner will be notified on February 17, 2020.

Winner must be a Laborer in good standing.



# Political & Legislative Action

## Critical Infrastructure Legislation Becomes Law

On November 21, 2019 Governor Evers signed Assembly Bill 426/Senate Bill 386 into law, becoming 2019 Wisconsin Act 33. The bill passed both the Assembly and Senate on bipartisan voice votes. The Wisconsin Laborers' District Council was very involved in helping pass this important piece of legislation, by having members contact their legislators and testifying at the Assembly and Senate hearings.

This common sense bill simply expands upon current law where it was already illegal to trespass or cause damage to the property of an energy provider, and this bill expanded the definition of what types of infrastructure projects are protected. Many Wisconsin Laborers work on important infrastructure projects throughout Wisconsin, and guaranteeing members' safety and a safe jobsite is paramount.

In addition, this new law protects constitutional rights to assemble and protest, and provided significant labor protections, such as compliance monitoring for safety, wage and hour requirements, picketing, and union organizing.

Thank you to Governor Evers and members of the Wisconsin Legislature for supporting worker safety and passing this common-sense bill into law.

## Voter Registration

Recently an Ozaukee County judge decided in a lawsuit to purge nearly 234,000 Wisconsin residents off of the voter registration rolls. While there are legal appeals being made to this ruling, it is important for you to check to verify that you and members of your family are still registered to vote. You can do this by visiting <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/MyVoterInfo>.

If you are not registered to vote, the Wisconsin Laborers' District Council and your local union can help you get registered before the 2020 Elections. Please contact either the District Council or your local union to learn more on how to register to vote.

## 2020 Democratic National Convention

Wisconsin will be the epicenter of the 2020 Elections, with Milwaukee hosting the 2020 Democratic National Convention from July 13-16, 2020. The host committee is looking for volunteers and there will be significant building and construction work at the various venues throughout Milwaukee.

Local 113 member and Milwaukee Area Labor Council President Pam Fendt is leading the labor volunteer program for the 2020 DNC. Union brothers and sisters and their family members interested in volunteering during the week of the convention should send their name, telephone number, and email address to [malc@milwaukeeelabor.org](mailto:malc@milwaukeeelabor.org). From there you will be contacted and directed how to get signed up with the host committee. Thousands of volunteers will be needed, and we know that labor always shows up to assist in this type of civic engagement activity. For more information call (414) 771-7070.

## 2020 Elections

The election for President, WI Supreme Court, state legislature, and local elections all will have an impact on Wisconsin Laborers and all Wisconsin's working people. We will be conducting significant research to make endorsements on candidates who best support our issues. We encourage you to please engage with your local unions to learn more on how you can volunteer to educate union members on this year's important elections.



# LiUNA Member Photos



Turnout was high for the various 2019 Holiday meetings and local union events around the state.  
Top Left & Top Right: Local 140 Meeting & Holiday Party.  
Bottom Left & Middle Right: Local 464 Breakfast with Santa.  
Bottom Right: Local 113 Meeting and Holiday Party at the American Serb Hall.

## LiUNA Member Photos



Top Left: Local 140 members taking part in a CPR class at the Local 140 hall in La Crosse.  
Top Right, Bottom Left & Bottom Right: Students taking part in the Training Center's pipelaying class doing hands-on learning for core drilling, installation of fire hydrants and repair, and pressure testing of water distribution systems and sewer systems.

# LiUNA Member Photos



Top: Members from KS Energy working in Sauk City.

Middle: Local 464 working on a curb as part of the Bell Laboratories project for Raymond P. Cattell Inc. in DeForest.

Left: Local 464 members working for InterCon in Wisconsin Dells using a skidsteer to unload a compactor.

# LiUNA Member Photos



*IEI General Contractors, Inc. and Kiewit Cherne are constructing the New Chester Dairy in Grand Marsh. Members from both Local 330 and Local 464 are working on this project.*

# LiUNA Member Photos



Top & Bottom Left: A Homburg Contractors, Inc. crew working on a parking lot addition in Monona.

Bottom Right: Capitol Underground, Inc. (Local 464) workers installing a new manhole in a subdivision in Madison.

## LiUNA Member Photos



Top: In November, 2019, Wisconsin Laborers joined their fellow brothers and sisters from around the country in Chicago at the LiUNA Pipeline Stewards Conference. This conference provided substantial updates on issues impacting LiUNA members working in the industry, and it was a great opportunity for members to listen and learn from each other. From left-to-right are: Chris Olig (Local 113); Matt Holmes (Local 330); Brian Leitzke (Local 464); Kelly Buss (Local 330); Charlie Schuett (Local 464); Paul Daugherty (Local 330); Jason Lloyd (Local 113); Brian Dehnhoff (Local 268); Kent Miller (Local 464); Mark Linsmeier (Local 330); Dan Olson (Local 1091).

Bottom Left & Bottom Right: A Mid-States Concrete Industries Local 464 crew installing precast plank on a multifamily housing project in Madison.

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