

Local 94

United We Stand

BY KUBA BROWN, BUSINESS MANAGER



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

There is a cold, ill-wind blowing out of Wisconsin which is threatening to carry away with it the rights of working men and women throughout the country. Riding the wave, Tea Party discontent and financed by the anti-worker industrialists Charles and David Koch, hard-line Republicans led by Governor Scott Walker captured total control of Wisconsin's

statehouse and both legislative houses.

Walker and his rubber-stamp legislature wasted no time in rewarding their wealthy overlords with tax cuts. When faced with the inevitable budgetary shortfall, Walker and his lackeys launched an evil and vicious attack on the collectively bargained health and pension benefits of Wisconsin's civil servants. Wisconsin's teachers, nurses, operating engineers, police officers, firefighters, custodians and anyone else with civil service title and a union card was to blame for Wisconsin's financial problems. So, without even offering to negotiate, Walker proposed a budget that not only imposed concessions but also eliminated the right to collective bargaining.

The International Union of Operating Engineers Local 94 ("Local 94") not only condemns the actions of Gov. Walker, but stands with all of the public workers in Wisconsin and anywhere else where the rights of working men and women are under attack. We are committed to the belief that an attack on one union is an attack on us all!

Gov. Walker's attack on his civil servants has served as a call to arms for decent, hard-working men and women within and outside the labor movement. Many have answered the call, stopping Walker's union-busting maneuver in its tracks. Rather than have this draconian bill rammed down their throats every Democratic State Senator walked out of

the Capitol and left Wisconsin preventing a final vote on the bill. Those legislators were replaced in the Capitol by tens of thousands of hard-working men and women who rallied, and continue to rally to protect their rights.

The Local 94 salutes the entire Democratic Caucus of the Wisconsin state senate who are forgoing pay and subjecting themselves to possible arrest in order to stand for the rights of public workers. We cheer those from all across the state and country who have inundated Madison, Wisconsin to stand in solidarity in the midst of a brutal winter.

My brothers and sisters, Governor Walker and too many other newly elected officials believe that workers should not have a right to bargain collectively. Their vision of America is that of the 19th century Robber Barons—Gould, Morgan, Carnegie and Rockefeller. They want to go back to a time before there were minimum wage, child labor and worker safety laws—and unions.

That cold Wisconsin wind is already blowing through Ohio, Tennessee, and Pennsylvania, and its first gusts are starting to be felt here in New York.

In Ohio, the state senate has already passed a bill which strips some state employees of collective bargaining rights and would eliminate tenure as a consideration when decid-



750 Seventh Avenue

ing on benefits. In Tennessee, the state senate's education committee forwarded a bill to abolish collective bargaining rights for teachers; and in Pennsylvania newly elected Governor Tom Corbett promised to modify the pension system for public employees and change their collective bargaining rights.

Right here in New York City, Mayor Michael Bloomberg - who says he believes in the right of collective bargaining- is shamelessly trying to reduce some of the pension benefits of police and firefighters; and has attacked the teachers union by introducing legislation seeking to overhaul tenure.

What the mayor and others like him fail to understand is that tenure is

critically important to the labor movement. It not only protects the worker from the "pick-and choose" retribution and whims of a supervisor, but most employers would more often choose to layoff the most experienced, capable worker over the less experienced one because it is cheaper.

This is wrong!

Take heed my brothers and sisters, today it is public employees but tomorrow it could be us and if it was left up to the Koch brothers, it will be us. The Koch brothers and their supporters are willing to spend hundreds of millions of dollars to abolish labor rights for all workers. Theirs is a simple mantra: "power and profits over people."

The time has come to be politically

active and stand up to the Scott Walker's wherever they are. Here in New York we must work toward supporting all of the members of the labor movement whether they are private or public employees.

I ask that you stand with your labor brethren in Wisconsin and fight back for the good of all working people. We cannot let Wisconsin become the beginning of the end of the labor movement. Please log into the web-site below and see how easy it is for you to get involved and have your voice be heard.

http://www.aflcio.org/splash_wearone.cfm?continue=/aboutus

We must make it the beginning of labor's revival!

175 Water Street



BY JOHN KRAMER, COMMERCIAL DELEGATE

The Engineers at 175 Water Street are waging war on electricity costs. "This is going to save a ton of money." Said Chief Engineer Lou DiGiamo, referring to the new energy-saving ideas he and his team are putting in to action. The owners are continuing to reap the rewards of their capital expenditures year after year.

Built in 1983, the 500,000 square foot office tower is owned and occupied by Chartis, Inc., a leading international insurance company. Since acquiring the building in 1996, engineers have continually brought the building up to date with new technologies and industry best practices.

They have installed motion sensors to control lighting in offices and bathrooms; new 650 ton cooling towers; and variable frequency drives on fans and pumps.

The new ideas keep coming. The Engineers expect to save in excess of \$150,000 per year through one new, simple no cost to the owner change. Currently the building management system (BMS) pulses off the lights in hallways and open areas once every two hours throughout the night starting at midnight. Starting in March, the BMS will begin pulsing the lights off at 8 pm and then every two hours after that. Employees can turn the lights back on if they are working late via a master override switch located on each floor. The override is only active for 2 hours at a time, thus ensuring a maximum savings from turning off the lights

The building also included some unusual security features. For example, fresh air drawn from the outside is exposed to ultra-violet light strong

enough to kill any pathogens. The system was installed in 2005, after the September 11th terrorist attack. If lower Manhattan were hit by a low level biological weapons attack, the occupants at 175 Water Street would be mostly shielded by the attack outside. As an extra benefit, the ultra-violet light kills any mold or fungus that would otherwise grow in the air conditioning coils and fan discharge and improve indoor air quality as well as the unit efficiency.

"It makes the air conditioning more efficient" said DiGiamo. "The



Crew of 175 Water Street - William Bruder, Louis DiGamo, Roberto Munich

savings not only pays for the electricity to power the ultra-violet lights, but over the seven years it will even pay for the total cost to purchase and install the system," said DiGiamo.

750 Seventh Avenue



**BY THOMAS COSTELLO,
VICE PRESIDENT
COMMERCIAL
DELEGATE**

The 36-story tower at 750 Seventh Avenue is now one of the most energy-efficient buildings in its Times Square neighborhood, thanks to a retro-commissioning effort.

“Hines Property Management, who owns and manages the property, works to continuously improve building operations and reduce operating costs of its portfolio,” said chief engineer Jeff Passafaro.

Supported by property manager Enzo Paternostro and Dan Pugliesi, director of engineering for Hines, the engineers set a high bar: a certification in Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED) for Existing Buildings: Operations and Maintenance from the U.S. Green Building Council. To attain that, the building’s Energy Star score would have to rise to 69 or better. When Hines began this effort in July 2006, the building’s score was just from 62, or 101.9 kilo-BTUs per square foot per year.

They had a lot of ground to cover: 625-foot-tall tower has a total conditioned floor area of approximately 690,000 square feet, including offices and a computer data center, along with several stores, a restaurant, and a comedy club on the lower floors.

The Hines team started in early

2007 with a retro-commissioning study to identify cost-effective improvements to equipment and operations at the building. Over the next ten months, experts analysed the building envelope and operations, along with its electrical and mechanical systems. By November, the team had identified a total of 55 measures with a potential to save over 4.5 million kilowatts of electricity and 2,173 million BTUs of natural gas annually which would represent savings of more than \$900,000 a year.

The improvements included installing of variable frequency drives (VFDs) for various pumps and fans, upgrading lighting systems and occupancy sen-



Crew of 750 7th Avenue: John Henderson, Leonardo Lupo, Fotis Nikitopoulos, Jeffrey Passafaro, John Murphy, Rodolfo Sanchez, Neil Crispo, Noel Drago, Thomas Gibson, Ismet Sahmanovic, Charles Churchill, Joseph Quinn

sors in various spaces throughout the building, resetting condenser water temperature and global supply air temperatures based on ambient conditions, balancing of pneumatic variable air volume (VAV) boxes,



750 Seventh Avenue

calibrating air flow on all supply and return fans, and enhancing the building management control system to improve overall control and operability of building equipment.

The whole package would cost a little over \$3. million, according to Hines estimate. But with more than \$900,000 a year in anticipated savings, the improvements would have an impressively fast 3.3-year payback.

Since November 2007, Hines has spent an estimated \$1.1 million to im-

plement 38 of these recommendations. The building is already saving an estimated 2.9 million kilowatts-a-year, a savings of about \$600,000-a-year in utility costs.

The building continues to look for ways to reduce energy and save resources and is in the process of completing its LEED application. The tower has already earned its ENERGY STAR label in October 2009 and again received this award for 2010. The Energy Star score for 750 Seventh has climbed steadily to reach 80 in February 2010, or 86.6 kilo-BTUs per square foot per year.

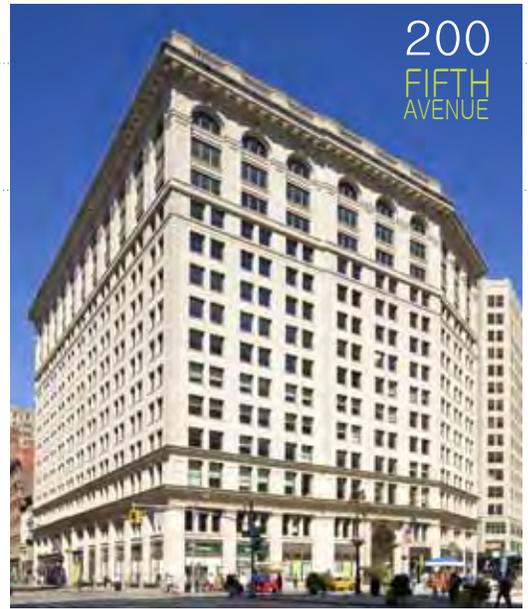
The building also received the 2008 Office of the Year award from the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) in the category of Best Operating Building from 500,000-to-1,000,000 square feet. The tower also won one of BOMA’s The Outstanding Building of the Year (TOBY) awards in 2009.

200 Fifth Avenue

200
FIFTH
AVENUE



BY THOMAS
HART,
COMMERCIAL
DELEGATE



As the Green Movement continues to grow at a rate that no one expected, people in our city are beginning to increase their involvement in this dynamic movement.

In 2007, Mr. David Levinson and Mr. Robert Lapidus, partners of L & L Holdings, purchased 200 Fifth Avenue with a vision of reviving this 102-year-old landmark and putting it back into our city's valuable real estate market.

The old Toy Building, as it was known to many of us, had outlived its usefulness. But today, 200 Fifth Avenue is a model in 21st century sustainability.

Through the efforts of Local 94 Group Chief Engineer Ralph Urizzo, Chief Engineer Joseph Shearin, Executive Vice President for Development William Potts, building manager Herb Gonzalez and the engineering staff at 200 Fifth Avenue, the building has achieved a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) GOLD certification for Core and Shell construction.

Joseph Ralph working with Mr. Potts were involved from the very beginning of the demolition and construction process. They were instrumental in ensuring the equipment was installed as designed. They supervised the testing and commissioning process required for LEED GOLD certification of 200 Fifth Avenue's operating systems.

New systems were then put into

place, including a new domestic water system, new 25,000 amp 460 Volt electrical service, and all new mechanical systems.

Special detailed precision was utilized to insure that all the new systems comply with the difficult LEED standards.

The efficiency and operation of the building has been improved by several systems, each of which is dependent on the others: four mammoth, 40-ton units per floor with environmentally-friendly 410A refrigeration, along with the utilization of hundreds of variable air volume dampers,

One of the key features of the



Crew of 200 Park Avenue- Robert Lora, Herb Gonzalez, Hiram Perez, George Trapatsas, Eugene Yazzetti, Joe Shearin, Ralph Urizzo, Robert Lora, Herb Gonzalez, Hiram Perez, George Trapatsas, Eugene Yazzetti, Joe Shearin, Ralph Urizzo

mechanical systems is its perimeter hot water system. Its slant fin enclosed hot water system can generate 190-degree water on just two pounds of steam per hour in given conditions. The system has sharply lowered the amount of steam consumed by the building.

Major tenants who rent space at

200 Fifth Avenue have also embraced energy efficiency, including Grey Advertising, (LEED GOLD) Tiffany & Co (Platinum), and Eatly (did not pursue LEED certification). As a result of their efforts, all of interiors at 200 Fifth Avenue will meet the LEED Gold standard for commercial interiors—which is more than any other multi-tenant office building in New York City.

As the rest of our community looks to study the impact of the Green Movement, trying to determine the impact of their carbon footprint, one thing is for sure, the future is going to be Green. The impact is going to be good for Local 94 and our members.

The modernization of these buildings requires qualified engineers to sustain these complex designs. This is evident at 200 Fifth Avenue because upon purchasing the building the folks at L & L Holdings realized the need for a qualified engineering staff and converted the building to Local 94 which has created six new positions for us.

Special thanks to L & L Holdings and their staff for their commitment to excellence. Congratulations is also in order, they recently received a Pinnacle Award from BOMA for being the top building in its class.

We look forward to working with L & L Holdings in all their future development projects.

John Dewey High School



BY RAY MACCO AND JACK REDDEN,
SCHOOL DELEGATES

It's a big job to care for a big, public high school like the John Dewey High School in Brooklyn, N.Y. In tough times for school budgets, a small staff of two engineers and one fireman keeps the 320,000 square feet complex warm in the winter and cool in the summer – plus a long list of other duties including maintaining a fleet of tractors and turf equipment.

“My job title includes cleaning, handyman work, and everything else,” said Tom Judge, whose official title is “stationary engineer and day foreman.”

The 15-acre campus serves about 2,800 students with 200 staff, a principal and nine assistant principals. Often the vast complex has just two engineers to care for the equipment, in addition to all their other duties. On some days when one engineer is out sick, the re-

maintaining engineer must cover the whole building.

The heating and cooling plant for the high school needs a lot of attention with five low-pressure boilers, numerous fan rooms, a 120-ton cooling system, and more than 100 window air conditioning units. The filters on all of these windows must be changed every two weeks because of the school's location next to



a dusty train yard, a cement factory, and close to a major highway.

The school's boilers also require frequent maintenance and cleaning and have grown idiosyncratic with age. Installed in 1969 when the school first opened, the giant boilers each stand more than forty feet tall. Engineers must leave boiler doors open to provide fresh air to the fire. Caring for the boilers recently became a little easier, however, with new alarm bells on the pump system provide a warning when water levels fall too low in the tanks.

In addition to caring for the boilers,

engineers must also be familiar the Board of Education's new rules that require all cleaning supplies to be “green” or environmentally friendly. For example, the school can no longer be cleaned with bleach. Instead, engineer/custodians use hydrogen peroxide.

Despite their busy days, the engineers also give to the school in other ways. Joe Perez, an engineer at Dewey High School, found time to convert an old woodworking shop into a room for students to work and relax between classes, complete with cafe tables and a bank of computers. At the age of 39, Joe died of a sudden heart attack on June 24, 2008. The room he converted was dedicated to him for all his hard work and dedication to the students and staff of John Dewey. A wooden plaque with his photograph hangs above the doorway to the study space that he helped to create.

Local 94 Still Fighting for Prevailing Wage

I.U.O.E. Local 94 is pursuing a law suit in Manhattan Supreme court against the NYC Comptroller regarding the wage and benefit inequality between the contracted schools and the custodial schools. There is no better time but the present for you to talk to your city council mem-

ber, assembly member and state senator regarding this issue. We want the school workers to drive the message again and again to their local politicians. We need to make a significant effort in this fight. Stopping by their office is the best way to state your case. Follow up with a letter and then follow up with

another visit to see where it is going and what is being done. We have supported many of the sitting city council members, assembly members and state senators in the past and it is time that they step up and show us their support. This fight will not be won without member involvement.

Remember you are the council

IUOE Local 94 Scholarship Dinner Dance



On January 14, 2010 a record number of Local 94 members turned out for an outstanding event in support of the IUOE Local 94 Scholarship program.

Through the tremendous support of our membership for the past fifteen years, we have been able to award scholarships to many worthy recipients.

Since its inception, Local 94 has provided one hundred and twenty-five scholarships of \$8,000.00 each to the daughters and sons of our

union brothers and sisters. This year over 700 members and friends joined us at Russo's on the Bay to honor those receiving our 2010 scholarship awards. The event was spectacular and dancing continued until the wee hours of the morning.

This year's recipients included:

1. Joseph Coneglio, son of Joseph Coneglio
2. Jennifer D'Alessio, daughter of Joel D'Alessio
3. Nicholas Ehret, son of Michael Ehret

4. Matthew Gentile, son of Frank Gentile
5. Anthony Graziano, son of Anthony Graziano
6. Rachel Hamm, stepdaughter of Anthony Marrale
7. Monica Horan, daughter of Michael Horan
8. Allison Muller, daughter of Brian Muller
9. James Naegely, son of Robert Naegely
10. Amanda Trantel, daughter of James Trantel





Health and Benefits

Kathy Fisler
Health & Benefit Administrator

The Health and Benefit Fund

I would like to remind any member that is planning to retire this year, that you should make an appointment with the Health and Benefit Fund office and discuss exactly what type of coverage is available to you as a Retiree and if you meet the eligibility requirements as set forth by the Board of Trustees for medical coverage as a Retiree.

Social Security Disability

If you the member are no longer able to work due to an illness or injury you may be eligible for certain plan benefits. If you the member is totally and permanently disabled and not eligible for Medicare at the time eligibility terminates, the member will remain eligible for benefits for the disabling condition for 29 months, or until the member becomes eligible for Medicare, if earlier. This applies only to total and permanent disability, with a Social Security Disability Award as evidence. If this pertains to you please contact the Health and Benefit Fund to discuss.

School Division—Reimbursement of Medicare Part B and Part D Premiums

The Board of Trustees of the Plan recently approved to implement two benefit improvements regarding the reimbursement of Medicare Part B and Part D premiums paid by eligible retirees (those receiving a pension under the Central Pension Plan and who satisfy the eligibility requirements under the SPD for such benefit). First, the annual calendar year maximum for the reimbursement of Medicare Part B and Part D premiums is increased from \$500 to \$1500. Second, this benefit is now also available for an eligible retiree's spouse. However, the "new" annual calendar year maximum of \$1,500 is not applied on a per person basis, but instead is a combined annual maximum for Medicare Part B and Part D premiums paid by the eligible retiree and/or their spouse. The foregoing changes are effective as of January 1, 2010. Accordingly, the new annual calendar maximum amount of \$1,500 will apply for Medicare Part B and Part D premiums paid by an eligible retiree or their spouse throughout the 2010 calendar year.

In order to be reimbursed for the Medicare Part B and Part D premiums that you (or your spouse) have paid during a calendar year, you (and your spouse) must send the Plan proof of such premium payments within one year following the end of the calendar year. The following forms of proof are acceptable.

- 1.** If you (or your spouse) have Social Security Income and/or Supplemental Security Income (collectively referred to as ("SSI")), and are qualified for Medicare, the following proof must be submitted:
 - a. Form SSA-1099 Social Security Benefit Statement (this statement can be obtained from your local Social Security Office)
- 2.** If you (or your spouse) do not qualify for SSI, but qualify for Medicare and pay premiums directly, the following proof must be submitted:
 - a. "Proof of Income" Letter or "Proof of Award" Letter from Social Security. You can also request the form online via <http://ssa.gov/onlineservices/>. (It may take up to 30 days for delivery); and
 - b. a cancelled check (front and back) and a copy of the quarterly invoice statement (CMS 500) from Social Security Office for the current year; or
 - c. Latest bank or credit card statement showing the current premium for Medicare Parts B and D charged against your account (please wipe out your account number).

Once the Fund Office receives the required proof of payment, it will process your application for the reimbursement of the paid Medicare Part B and Part D premiums up to the annual calendar year maximum.

Please remember that the Fund office is available on a daily basis for any questions or issues concerning your benefits. Simply call (212) 331-1800 or stop by and speak to a representative at the Fund Office.

Top Hotel *NEEDS* Top Engineers



**BY MICHAEL GADALETA,
HOTEL DELEGATE AND
KELLY DRUMMOND,
HOTEL DELEGATE**

The energy-saving gadgets at the brand new InterContinental Hotel, in Midtown Manhattan, save the hotel a huge amount of money.

“We are well under budget on everything,” said Mike Cummings, lead engineer for the building. The savings range from electricity expenses to repair costs to the bill for water. But it takes a skilled team of engineers to coax the most savings out of the InterContinental’s new technology.

The Intercontinental’s resource-saving, energy-efficient technology earned the new building a Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. The bells and whistles range from thousands of switches and sensors to two “green roof” areas planted with hardy grasses and irrigated with captured stormwater.

To keep this new and unusual technology running, lead engineer Cummings isn’t satisfied with operating manuals. He also asked the manufacturers to send representatives to train his seven-engineer staff in person. He recorded these training sessions on a digital video recorder and he keeps the DVDs of the sessions stacked next to his computer, where they will stay long after the warranties have run out for much of the equip-



Mike Cummings, lead engineer; Jose Granja; Arnold Hill; Richard Bracero; Vladimir Rabkin; Frederico Mota; Hector Dominguez.

ment and the manufacturers no longer provide technical support.

There is a lot of new equipment to keep track of, from motion detectors on light switches to the more complicated equipment that heats and cools the building.

Each guest room at the Intercontinental has its own thermostat and “four-pipe” supply of heated and cooled water to the room’s fan-coil heating and cooling system. For areas where hot or cold air is blown from a fan-coil system to several rooms or hallways, Variable Air Volume boxes measure the air temperature outside each vent and open or close the vent accordingly. The fan that blows treated air through the vents also has a sensor that measures the volume of air inside the duct. As the halls and room in an area approach the desired temperature, vents close, the air pressure rises in the duct, and a Variable Frequency Drive on the fan slows down.

The technology makes the whole building more efficient – providing heating or cooling to places that need it without overheating other parts of the building. As a result, the hotel’s six energy-efficient, gas-fired boilers, with a total capacity of three million British Thermal Units, can use less fuel.

The same technology saves on air conditioning costs. There’s also an 800-ton air conditioning system called a “plate exchange” that uses cold water in the building’s water tanks to chill the water in the building’s air conditioning system. That means the building’s two 800-ton York centrifugal cooling towers don’t have to work as hard.

“It’s free cooling,” said Cummings of the plate exchange system. But innovative technology like this will take a lot of care to keep running for the long haul. everyday, 24/7, and get it done!



Money and Finance

Patricia Sheehan
Annuity Fund Administrator

ARE YOU BEING PAID THE CORRECT HOURLY RATE?

Beginning in 2004, Helpers covered by the Realty Advisory Board Agreement, hired new in the industry received a starting pay rate of 75% (and then, beginning in 2007, starting at 70%) of the current Helper minimum rate. Helpers must present a certificate of satisfactory participation or completion of the Training Program in order to be eligible for each step increase until they reach the full current Helper minimum rate. Depending on your date of hire, this could mean up to three (3) increases per year until you reach full Helper rate (two incremental and the annual increase in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement). If you are not sure you are being paid correctly, please call the Union Office at 212-245-7040. When you call please have your paystub and your start date readily available. With this information, the Union staff will advise you if your employer is paying the correct hourly wage.

It is your responsibility to obtain a copy of the completion certificate for each class or letter confirming your participation in the Program semester from the Training Program (please note, your increase date is based on your hire date, not the date the course ends) and submit it to your employer for the increase. The Union Staff can provide you with a list of your increases and when they should be effective, provided you are enrolled in and continue to participate in the Training Program.

Example-John begins work as a helper new to the industry on 3/8/10. Provided he attends classes, his hourly rate would increase as follows:

Date	Percentage	Hourly Rate	Sick Fund	Monthly Dues
March 8, 2010	70%	\$17.89	\$0.53	\$40.26
September 1, 2010	75%	\$19.17	\$0.59	\$43.13
January 1, 2011	75%	\$19.55	\$0.60	\$43.99
March 1, 2011	80%	\$20.86	\$0.66	\$46.93
September 1, 2011	85%	\$22.16	\$0.72	\$49.86
January 1, 2012	85%	\$22.60	\$0.75	\$50.85
March 1, 2012	90%	\$23.93	\$0.81	\$53.84
September 1, 2012	95%	\$25.26	\$0.87	\$56.84
January 1, 2013	95%	\$26.02	\$0.90	\$58.55
March 1, 2013	100%	\$27.39	\$0.97	\$61.63

If you do not receive your increase, contact your Business Agent immediately. Keep your paystubs and compare them to the hours reported for you monthly. Check that the rates being reported for the Sick Fund and Dues are correct. Some employers adjust the wages, but not the Sick Fund or Dues rates. You can view the hours reported for you through www.ibenefitcenter.com. Once you login, click the "My Accounts" tab, and select "Payroll History Inquiry". This section will detail the hours reported for you to date this year.

Please be reminded also, anytime your hourly wage increases, your monthly dues increase as well. If you are on Dues Check-Off and your employer does not adjust the dues withholding, YOU are responsible for any dues which are unpaid. If you have any question about your monthly dues or your hourly wage, contact the Union Office at 212-245-7040.

Training



HOWARD STYLES
TRAINING CENTER
CO-DIRECTOR



BOBBY FANTINE
TRAINING CENTER
CO-DIRECTOR

Our last newsletter featured an example of our versatile training program which resulted in a BOMA Pinnacle award. Another example of our specialized training is how we were able to provide training for Pfizer where Jones Lang LaSalle is the managing agent. JLL was interested in teaching their employees energy conservation techniques. Of course, Local 94's Training program has an energy conservation course already in place. What they requested different was in-house training. What JLL wanted to do different is get this training to their targeted employees while minimizing their time away from their facility. We worked out an unprecedented opportunity for making this happen by making the energy conservation course available to JLL at their facility. The way we accomplished this was being flexible enough to provide training in their building at 219 East 42nd Street for their employees and for them to welcome any additional local 94 students. Andrew Rothman of Pfizer was very instrumental in orchestrating this endeavor. Also, this in-house training would not have been possible without the cooperation and expertise of Zach Stern the instructor of the Energy Conservation course. The class was completed in

February, and every student passed. We received complements from the management team for accommodating them, and the great instruction that was delivered by Zach Stern.

March 9th started our OSHA certificate training. We held a morning and afternoon classes for students to obtain their OSHA general industry training for a certificate. We ran this class in the past and we



The picture above was taken on the first day of class.

are planning on continuing to provide this class for our members.

March 7th started our evening package unit hands on training course again. For the first time we began offering a daytime

class that started March 9th. The daytime class will accommodate evening workers.

The Training Program always acknowledges all of our successful graduates. These are the students that endured through our 3 year program and passed all of the 6 units. The Training Fund would like to congratulate the following graduates that are now eligible to participate in our BOMI and College programs.

2010

Joseph M. Anello	Wilfredo Asencio	Balieram Beharry
Darren Brennan	Keith M. Busti	Sean M. Byers
Francis Camilleri	Gerald Canesa	Robert P. Cauchi
Anthony Cruciatia	David A. Curtin	Daniel R. Dawson
Zamalodin Gaffoor	Samuel Garcia	Jaime H. Gomez
Brian G. Kern	Stefano C. Mattelini	John A. McGrath
Christopher Mckeown	Matthew G. Miller	Frank A. Mollica
Salvatore Ocello	James D. Pietrzak	Alvaro Santamaria
Domingo Santana	Scott L. Stefanski	Mark Vadala
Raymond Ziccardi		

Local 94's Training program is also proud to acknowledge all of our members who take initiative to take additional elective courses. The Building Owners and Management Institute (BOMI) program is one of those elective courses. BOMI recognize the following members as Systems Maintenance Technicians (SMT) graduates.

Johnny J. Cruz Philip Diaz Stephen Khadaroo



JUST A REMINDER

If you have not made your PAC donation for this year, please make your check payable to: LOCAL 94 PAC and bring to the Local 94 Union Hall or mail to Local 94-337 West 44th Street, NY, NY 10036

Cooper Bussmann “KTK” Fuse Recall

Cooper Bussmann recently advised of a recall on their “KTK” fuses which were manufactured from June 6, 2010 to November 17, 2010.

The affected part numbers are as follows:

KTK-1/10	KTK-4
KTK-1/8	KTK-7
KTK-2/10	KTK-8
KTK-1/4	KTK-9
KTK-3/10	KTK-10
KTK-4/10	KTK-12
KTK-1/2	KTK-15
KTK-5	KTK-20
KTK-6	KTK-25
KTK-6/10	KTK-30
KTK-3/4	MSK-45K
KTK-1	KTK-2-1/2
KTK-1-1/4	KTK-3
KTK-1-1/2	KTK-3-1/2
KTK-2	

It has been determined the label on the fuses contains incorrect markings which in turn rate the fuse for 600Vdc.

The fuses themselves are operational and do not pose a safety hazard when used in an appropriate Alternating Current (AC) application. However, if they are used in the Direct Current (DC) system, a system occurrence may lead to fuse failure which could lead to equipment damage and/or personal injury or death.

The potential for equipment damage or personal injury is extremely low given that these fuses have been in use for many years and have never been marketed for the use in DC applications. However, out of the abundance of caution, Cooper Bussmann is advising that the label is incorrect, and there is a risk for mis-application.

If you have affected fuses at your site, you must return them to Cooper Bussman immediately. To return these fuses and obtain replacement fuses:

Send an email to:

Ordermanagementteam@cooperindustries.com

1. In the subject line please put “KTK Safety Notice – User”
2. Please provide the following contact information:
 - Company Name
 - Physical Address
 - Email Address
 - Contact Telephone Number
 - The affected part numbers and quantities to be returned
3. You will receive a confirmation email with instructions for return

You can call Cooper Bussmann at 636-527-1241 for more information.

Fuses that are currently in Cooper Bussman inventory are being modified with by striking out the DC rating.

Prevailing Wage, Continued from Page 5

member’s constituents and they are there to serve you. Don’t think the responsibility is the other guys. It is your responsibility to be active in this fight. Make every effort to visit your council member along with the assembly member and the state senator. Please contact your business agent after you visit your local politician so we can keep track of council members that were visited.

If you are not sure who your council member is then go to the Local 94 website at www.local94.com and go to the political action page. For city council members you can go to the following link <http://council.nyc.gov/html/members/members.shtml>. For your NYS Assembly member go to <http://assembly.state.ny.us/> and for your NYS Senator go to the following link:

<http://www.nysenate.gov/>.

Those members who have not already joined the Political Action Fund should consider joining the P.A.C. fund. We need all the political muscle we can muster to win this fight.

If you have any questions please contact Ray Macco (212)586-7633 or Jack Redden (212)245-7935.



IUOE Local 94, 94A, 94B
International Union of Operating Engineers
331-337 West 44th Street
New York, NY 10036

Mark Your Calendar *for* 2011

Upcoming Events

Local 94 Scholarship – Deadline for Scholarship Applications – May 2, 2011
Contact: Joan DiMarco – 212-331-1836 or check the website: www.local94.com – Scholarship Fund – for application and detail

Golf Outing – Staten Island, NY
Monday, May 9, 2011
Contact: Jack Redden – 212-245-7935

Retirement Seminar
Thursday, May 19, 2011 – 4PM
Hotel Trades Council
305 West 44th Street, NYC

Service Anniversary Awards
Wednesday, June 8, 2011 – 5PM
Hotel Trades Council
305 West 44th Street, NYC

Local 94 Family Picnic
Saturday, July 30, 2011
Contact: John Kramer – 212.245-7904

General Membership Meetings

Times: 8:30AM, 2:00PM, 5:00PM
@ 305 West 44th Street (between 8th & 9th Avenues closer to 8th Avenue)

Wednesday, April 13, 2011
Wednesday, May 11, 2011
Wednesday, June 8, 2011- (Service Award Ceremony)
Closed for July/August
Wednesday, September 14, 2011
Wednesday, October 12, 2011
Wednesday, November 9, 2011
Wednesday, December 14, 2011

NEW Members Meeting

NOTE: New Member Meetings are held at the Hotel Trades Council
@ 305 West 44th Street (between 8th & 9th Avenues closer to 8th Avenue)

Wednesday, May 4, 2011-*(New Members Meeting) – starts promptly at 4PM

Wednesday, October 5, 2011*(New Members Meeting) –starts promptly at 4PM

Please Visit Local 94 at www.local94.com

The Cutting Edge, the Newsletter of Local 94, 94A, 94B, I.U.O.E., is produced quarterly at the Union's offices at 331-337 West 44th Street, New York, NY 10036. Copies are sent free to Union Members. • Editor: Thomas Costello Associate Editors: LaborPress