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# General Membership Meetings

## Our Next Union Meetings Will Be Held:

**Minneapolis:** August 6 & September 3, 2015  
6:30 p.m. - St. Anthony Union Hall  
2909 Anthony Lane

**Becker:** August 20 & September 17, 2015  
7:30 p.m. - 12423 Pine St  
Becker Union Hall

**Mo Valley:** August 25, 2015 - 7:30 p.m.  
St. Anthony - Union Hall  
**September 18, 2015- 7:30 p.m.**  
Sawmill Inn  
2301 S. Pokegama Ave, Gr. Rapids



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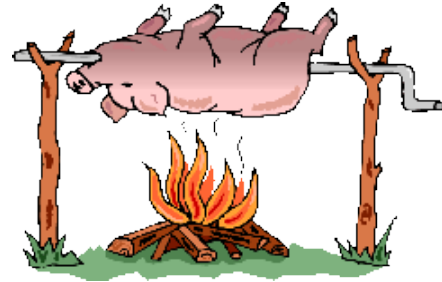
**Local Union 160 web site - [www.ibew160.org](http://www.ibew160.org)**

### **From the Editor**

Rose M Eiden

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS! SEPTEMBER 24, 2015 THE 32ND ANNUAL PIG ROAST



IBEW Local Union 160's 32nd Annual Pig Roast is September 24, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at 2909 Anthony Lane, St. Anthony, MN 55418. Hope to see you here.

## 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL BRETT BINMAN MEMORIAL CRUISE

WHEN  
**August 1<sup>st</sup> 2015**  
**11:00am-???**

WHERE  
**American Motorsports Bar & Grill**  
7240 E Polk Douglas Rd. South Cottage Grove, MN 55016



IN MEMORY OF  
FALLEN LINEMAN  
BRETT BINMAN  
WE ARE HAVING A  
BIKE RUN AND  
CRUISE IN HIS  
NAME. THE RIDE  
WILL BE FROM  
11:00AM - 4:00PM  
WITH BENEFIT TO  
FOLLOW WITH  
HAPPY HOUR  
PRICES AT  
AMERICAN  
MOTORSPORTS  
BAR & GRILL

WHAISTANDS WILL  
BE SOLD BEFORE  
AND ON THE DAY OF  
THE EVENT. THE  
COST IS \$20. ALL  
PROCEEDS WILL GO  
TO THE FAMILY OF  
SHAWN KIENHOLZ  
ANOTHER YOUNG  
LINEMAN WHO HAS  
LEFT US TOO SOON.



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN KNOWING THE ROUTE VISIT  
[http://ridespokaneharley-davidson.com/rideplaner/read.jsp?rideid=71361&locale=en\\_US](http://ridespokaneharley-davidson.com/rideplaner/read.jsp?rideid=71361&locale=en_US)

## *A Word or Two From Your Business Manager/Financial Secretary*

Since the last newsletter I have had the damaged ceiling tiles replaced throughout the St. Anthony building. Some of the damaged came when we replaced our roof two summers ago and some were damaged before the new roof was replaced.

The Grand Rapids building is moving along well. Once the contractor gets the building enclosed and sealed up from outside weather effects, we will get a firm date of when the building will be done. Right now we are being told by October 1st. If you are interested in seeing the progress, the address is 300 SE 17th Street. Below are two pictures of the new building. The picture on the left is the front door and the picture on the right, (the door on the other side of the pickup truck) is the door to the meeting hall.



Our document scanning program, - “Content Central”, is now installed and up and running. Stacy is scanning all of Local 160 documents into this program. Local Union 160 has nearly one million documents to be scanned and I am estimating that this project will take a little over a year to complete. Content Central will make it easier for everyone to research and retrieve documentation for grievances, arbitration cases, etc.

The Annual Sportsmen Alliance Clay Shoot will be on Saturday, September 12, 2015. With the help of a couple organizations and Local 160, there will be four teams of five people to fill. If you are interested in making a firm commitment, please contact Dan Kieffer, Business Representative, at (612) 309-8640. If there is an overwhelming response for joining a team, we will fill the teams by random drawing.

Just a reminder, don’t forget that the 32nd Annual Pig Roast will be held on Thursday, September 24, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m..

Fraternally,

Thomas G. Koehler



## Do you have a Retirement Plan? Do you understand your Pension Options?

The Advisors at Union Retirement Alliance are experts in Retirement Planning and have a Comprehensive understanding of your Pensions. Get assistance with the following Retirement Topics.

- ◆ **Pension Options**
- ◆ **How to Apply for Benefits**
- ◆ **Social Security Benefits**
- ◆ **Health Care Options**
- ◆ **Other Retirement Needs**

Contact Mark Reichow at Union Retirement Alliance with Questions or to schedule a Complimentary Face to Face Meeting.

**Phone: 612-239-4371 Email: [mark.reichow@lpl.com](mailto:mark.reichow@lpl.com)**

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After a year of negotiations with Local Union 160 Business Representatives Tom Cassidy, Bob Boogren, Brian Frandle and Scott Duddeck with The City of North St. Paul, the City of North St. Paul's eight members ratified their first agreement. We would like to thank the negotiating committee for their dedication and determination in getting this done. Local 160 welcomes Paul Ammerman, Scott Duddeck, Brian Frandle, Thomas Lauth, Jason Mallinger, Stephen Milton, Dustin Nikituk and Keith Stachowski.

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Since the Fall of 2014 Local Union 160 has been in negotiations with Connexus Energy for the general contract which included the new group of thirteen members from the Utility Truck Services.

After many negotiation sessions, one mediation session and one rejected proposal, we are pleased to announce that the last contract proposal was voted on and the results were to accept.

Local Union 160 would like to thank the negotiating committee (James Dahlin, Chris DeCamillo, Chris Everson, Darrin Helget, Bob Hoppe, Dustin Jude and Scott Kiekow) for the many hours and dedication to this process. Welcome to Local 160 Jason Christians, Jason Dahlin, Rich Dewandeler, Chris Everson, Fred Glanz, Will Harris, Greg Hermann, Bob Hoppe, Mike King, Allen Millner, Scott Moore, Lee Olsen and Mike Paschke.

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There is a very interesting article that came out in *The New York Times* on June 12, 2015 titled Scott Walker and the Fate of the Union written by Dan Kaufman. Here is an excerpt from that article:

*If Wisconsin is a model for what Walker might achieve nationally, it is worth examining his results so far. Walker credits Act 10 in part for the decline in Wisconsin's unemployment rate since he took office in 2011 and has said he considers right-to-work "one more arrow in that quiver" for the creation of jobs. But since 2011, that state has fallen to 40th out of the 50 states in job growth and 42nd in wage growth, according to an analysis of Bureau of Labor Statistics data conducted by The Capital Times of Wisconsin. Act 10, officially called the Wisconsin Budget Repair Bill, was supposed to fix persistent budget shortfalls by lowering labor costs and eliminating union rules. But Wisconsin's two-year projected budget deficit has actually increased; in May, the Legislature approved a \$250 million cut to the state's prized university system to help close the gap. Wisconsin is now among the top 10 states people move out of.*

To read the whole article, go to [www.ibew160.org](http://www.ibew160.org) and click on Political Action section. It's worth the time to read it.





### **Attention Xcel Energy Members**

**Starting in 2014, the GATT rate calculation's change from November rates to August rates. This may bring up the following questions to address regarding pension and retirement planning:**

- ♦ ***What is the new GATT rate?***
- ♦ ***How does this interest rate affect my Pension Benefits?***
- ♦ ***Is this the right year for me to retire?***
- ♦ ***How do I plan for my retirement?***

**We have extensive experience working with Xcel Members like you, a solid understanding of the Xcel Energy Pension Plans, and a strong focus on retirement income planning.**

***Please contact Mike Dolezal or Jeff Kolodjski with Union Advisors to schedule a complimentary, no obligation meeting. We look forward to helping you pursue the answers you are looking for!***

**Office: 651-247-1015 and please visit our website [www.uadvisors.com](http://www.uadvisors.com)**

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### **Line Crew's Safety Training Saves Infant's Life**

IBEW line workers know more than just how to replace a transformer or properly climb a pole. They are also masters of safety.

"We go to CPR training every year, and we're always told that we'll use it more away from work than at work," said Vacaville, Calif., Local 1245 member Arty Mayfield. "This is what we do. This is what we're trained to do."

As Local 1245's blog reports: IBEW 1245 members Facundo Ronquillo, Kjol Turner, Art Mayfield and Mark Hockenberger, along with IFPTE-ESC member Kurt Kidwell and their supervisor, Dustin James, were on their way to a job in Fort Bragg when they decided to stop off for a meal break at Mary's Pizza Shack in Cloverdale. The men were waiting for their order to arrive when they noticed something was going on at a nearby table, where a mother and grandmother were seated with their nine-month-old infant.

The men noticed that both women were growing increasingly panicked and the crew soon realized why: the baby wasn't breathing.

Local 1245 reports: The GC crew members, who are all trained in CPR and emergency preparedness, knew exactly what to do, and immediately leap into action. Kurt Kidwell was the closest and reached the baby first. He took the baby into his arms and held her close to his face to check for air flow, but felt no breath coming from her. "She wasn't breathing... and I knew that we needed to get an ambulance, so I yelled 'Call 9-1-1!'" said Mayfield...

While Turner and the restaurant manager called for help, Kidwell began to perform infant CPR. Supervisor Dustin James reports that Kidwell gently flipped the baby onto her stomach and balanced her on his arm and knee, while the baby's tearful mother knelt in front of him. With his other hand, he began to apply pressure to the baby's back. "Kurt was giving the baby a little Heimlich [maneuver], and pretty soon the baby started coughing up what was lodged in there!" Mayfield recalls.

The baby quickly recovered and was drinking milk by the time emergency personnel arrived.

"The culture of safety that IBEW & PG&E have worked to develop means that every lineman has the ability to save a life, whether it's the life of a co-worker who is injured on the job, or the life of a child they've never met who winds up choking in a restaurant," said Local 1245 Business Manager Tom Dalzell.

**David C. Ring College/University**

**Winners**

**Student**

**Parent/Member**

**School**

Brandon Whipkey

Brian Whipkey

Farmington High

Allie Conlin

Patrick Conlin

Centennial High

**Alternates**

Abby Shanahan

Timothy Shanahan

Chanhassen High

Eli Bettin

Sue Bettin

Delano High

**David C. Ring Vocational, Technical or Trade School**

**Winners**

Michael Nolt

Michael D. Nolt

Cambridge-Isanti High\*

Kathryn Frye

Mike Frye

Cooper High

**Alternates**

Samantha Stumpf

Chris Stumpf

Annandale High

Angela Lahti

Robert Lahti

Grand Rapids High

**Amy O'Sullivan Ongoing College/University**

**Winners**

Brianna Curtis

Steven Curtis

St. Scholastica

James Kripotos

James M. Kripotos

St. Scholastica

**Alternates**

Trina Sorce

Todd Meier

Northern Michigan U.

Nicoli Bettin

Sue Bettin

Marquette U.

**Amy O'Sullivan Ongoing Vocational, Technical, or Trade School**

**Winners**

Mikayla Mayer

Wayne Bruestle

So. Dakota U.

Matthew Boogren

Robert Boogren

MN St. Mankato U.

**Alternates**

Gwendolyn Bauer

Wayne Bauer

MN State, Mankato U.

Alexlis Mollner

Kent Mollner

Saint Cloud State U.

Congratulations to all the winners and alternates. Also congratulations to Ashley Koenig, daughter of Local 160 member Thomas Koenig, MN Valley Electric, on being selected by lot in the Minnesota AFL-CIO scholarship drawing to be the recipient of a \$1,000 Hubert H. Humphrey Scholarship Award.

**THE REMEMBER 1934 COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE**  
Honoring Descendants

**We Won't  
Forget  
Ever**



**THERE ARE** no permanent historic plaques to recall the dynamic and society changing events that were the MINNEAPOLIS TEAMSTERS STRIKES of 1934. **That is about to change.**

Successive strikes in Feb, May, July and August of 1934 were fought out in the streets, alleys and on loading docks against scabs, gun toting police and businessmen armed with clubs. The Union's victory against great odds inspired workers across the country and launched the successful movement to "make Minneapolis a union"



**PLAQUE UNVEILING AND CELEBRATION**

Saturday, July 18, 2015 \* 11:00 a.m.

At the site of Bloody Friday, the intersection of 7th Ave.  
and 3rd Street North, Minneapolis, 55401

**The Remember 1934 Committee**

For more information please contact:

Dave Riehle, 612-802-1482 \* [remember1934mpls@gmail.com](mailto:remember1934mpls@gmail.com) \*  
[www.facebook.com/Remember1934](http://www.facebook.com/Remember1934)

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Respect your fellow human being, treat them fairly, disagree with them honestly, enjoy their friendship, explore your thoughts about one another candidly, work together for a common goal and help one another achieve it.

*Bill Bradley*

## **LOCAL 160 WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS**

Paul Ammerman	Alan Antiel
Ryan Blyton	Andrew Boxell
Anthony Bradford	Tyler Brisbin
Daniel Cain	Steven Calabrese
Greg Carr	Danny Cassidy
Jerry Cobenais	Marvin Creel
Jason Christians	Robert Curry
Jason Dahlin	Samuel Deboer
Richard Dewandeler	Thomas Diers
Scott Duddeck	Brian Evans
Christopher Everson	Brian Frandle
Fred Glanz	Matthew Hanson
Will Harris	Brian Hartmann
Aaron Hauser	Jason Hecksel
Derek Heckt	James Heidelgerger
Greg Hermann	Brandon Holland
Robert Hoppe	Andrew Hunter
Daniel Jelen	Joshua John
Gary Johnson	Ryan Johnson
Matt Kaderlik	Andrew Keller
Matthew Lauseng	Thomas Lauth
Jason Mallinger	Scott mavencamp
Jeremy McCarty	Justin Meagher
Christopher Miller	Tanner Miller
Allen Millner	Stephen Milton
Brent Mitchell	Scott Moore
Dustin Nikituk	Lee Olsen
Sam Papa-Richardson	Mike Paschke
Cole Pieper	Joseph Priem
Anthony Ross	Matthew Sallila
James Schoon	Ryan Signore
Adam Simon	Dustin Skorich
Tyler Sloan	Keith Stachowski
Dustin Steiner	Justin Sterling
Brock Torfin	Andy Widmark
Adam Wilson	Brandon Winch
Myles Wolden	

**Membership Count = 3102**

## **GET WELL WISHES WERE SENT TO THE**

### **FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**



Mark Bistodeau - Xcel Energy  
Blaine Eichstadt - Asplundh Tree  
Mark Fuchs - Xcel Energy  
Ryan F. Jude - Xcel Energy  
James Lottie - Connexus Energy  
Michael Martin - Xcel Energy  
Terry McEachern - Xcel Energy  
David Shappell - Connexus Energy  
John Turpin - Xcel Energy  
Adam Warehime - Mo Valley



## **IN MEMORIAM**

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

Gary Hicks - Retired Mo Valley - Died 5/10/15  
Shawn Kienholz - Active - Mo Valley - Died 5/28/15  
Gary L. Kremer - Retired NSP - Died 3/25/15  
Paul Richter - Active - Xcel Energy - Died 6/8/15  
John "Jack" Scovil - Retired NSP - Died 6/7/15  
Thomas Welter - Retired Mo Valley - Died 5/8/15



### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ON THEIR RETIREMENT.**

Charles Bertelson - Mo Valley  
Lillian Dahms - Xcel Energy  
Mark Frank - Wright Tree  
Ray Gagnon - Xcel Energy  
James LaMotte - Xcel Energy  
Robert McGillic - Xcel Energy  
Gary Palmer - Asplundh Tree  
John Shillingford - Asplundh Tree  
Daryl Tindle - Local Union 160

