NORTHEAST REGIONAL COUNCIL OF



Local 83

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September 2024 Newsletter

From the desk of Regional Manager Rob Monahan:

As we move into fall, work has continued to remain constant, but we are expecting this to slow. The Nano NFR has had some setbacks so the start date for our trade will most likely be in early winter. On 8-20-2024 Gilbane Turner had an informational meeting for contractors, labor, and providers to meet with each other for the Wadsworth Laboratory. The bidding for the first HVAC dry contract is out in September, with the bid being awarded by the 4th quarter of this year.

Local 83 has signed Eckert Mechanical, LLC to a one-line agreement on a job at Albany Airport, they are a full signatory with UA Local 7 and the goal is for them to become a full signatory with SMART Local 83 next.

I would like to thank the members for sending John and I to the 3^{rd} SMART General Convention. It was a great honor to represent Local 83.

I am pleased to announce we have joined together with the Greater Capital Region Building Trades for the 3rd Annual Health & Wellness Fair, Saturday October 19th. This is a FREE rain or shine event that is kid friendly, and costumes are encouraged. We encourage our membership to attend and to also bring your kids and grandkids for a day of fun! Please see the enclosed flyer for additional details.

After much thought and consideration, the Entertainment Fund decided to cancel this year's steak bake. This was not an easy decision to make but with the low-ticket sales it was agreed to cancel. The Entertainment Fund continues to look for any ideas for an event that the membership would like to have and also would like to see more membership participation. An extreme amount of time and planning goes into any event that we have and without membership participation it gets increasingly harder to plan an event.

From the desk of Business Rep John Shustz:

Work remains steady. There have been a few layoffs but from what I hear, it might pick up in a month or two. I am still working with the contractors on winning smaller jobs and recruiting new members. If anyone knows someone that is interested in being a sheet metal worker now is the time. Have them reach out to me or fill out an application on our website.

We have been out Bannering, and plan on continuing to fight for our work back!!! I appreciate the few members that reached out to help. If anyone is interested in coming out to stand up for our local, please give me a call 518-709-3691. Also do not hesitate to contact me if you see a project that you would like to know if its UNION or not. REMEMBER WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER!!!!

If you get laid off or go back to work, please notify the hall or myself.

From the desk of JATC Coordinator Stephen Savoca:

The 2024-2025 school began September 4, 2024, and we welcome back our students along with 12 new first year 1A apprentices. We currently have 25 apprentices enrolled with the intention of adding more as we continually interview candidates for the program.

I attended the 2024 Coordinators Conference on 8/25-8/28 in Falls Church Virginia, topics discussed were:

Accreditation Updates, Trade Instruction, Leadership Development, Evolving Training/ Curriculum, Membership Assistance Program and Naloxone Training.

As stated in the last newsletter a sign-up sheet for the Journeyperson welding upgrade class is on the counter in the office, there are currently 3 members signed, we need to have at least 7 to justify the cost of the course.

Steak Bake:

As you may or may not know, this year's Steak Bake was unfortunately cancelled due to lack of participation/ticket sales. Did you know that LU 83 has a membership of 451 members? Over the last several years the maximum attendance for the steak bake has been 110 people with every year seeing a decline in attendance. Last year (2023) we only sold 64 tickets and out of those 64 tickets sold only 17 were our members. The remainder of the tickets sold have historically been vendors as well as other trades. The ticket form went out in both the July & August 2024 newsletters and were also put on Facebook and our website. When the Entertainment Committee met at the end of August and saw that we only had sold 11 tickets with only having one week left before having to give our numbers to the caterer the decision was made by the committee to cancel the event. The increasing cost to put on this event along with the time and effort put in on the day of the bake with no volunteers we felt was just not feasible this year.

We are grateful that our caterer has agreed to carry our deposit over to the annual Christmas Party, which will be held on December 12, 2024, at the Union Hall. With gifts already donated for the Steak Bake it has been decided that they will be given out at the Christmas party. We are hoping that you will make every effort to attend the Christmas Party, your attendance is crucial to the survival of future Local 83 events.

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Robert Monahan Regional Manager

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Local 83 Presents...

With the Greater Capital Region Building Trades

3rd Annual

Health & Wellness Fair



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH ~ 10AM-2PM

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Wellness Services by:

Ameriprise

The EAP

Amplifon - Hearing Aids

Albany Guardian Society

AARP

Saratoga Peanut Butter

Alzheimer 's Association

All Natural Therapeutics

Red Cross

Retiree First

BARE Blends

Ghostbusters

Milwaukee Tool

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