

# Local 4

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OPERATING ENGINEERS



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## NOTIFIED MEETING

**THE QUARTERLY NOTIFIED MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 8:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2011, AT FLORIAN HALL, 55 HALLET STREET, DORCHESTER, MA. THE OFFICERS WILL READ THEIR QUARTERLY REPORTS.**

## DUES REMINDER

**DUES FOR THE CURRENT QUARTER, APRIL, MAY AND JUNE, 2011 ARE NOW DUE AND PAYABLE.** Failure to maintain your good standing in regard to dues may cause your suspension from the Local Union and your removal from the jobsite.

**Mail Dues to: 16 Trotter Drive, Medway, MA 02053**

*Members are encouraged to remit dues payments on an annual basis (\$120).* Quarterly dues may also be paid in three, six, or nine-month increments. Dues payments can only be credited to your account on a quarterly basis, and must coincide with the calendar quarters.

Quarterly dues are due on the first day of each quarter.



## BUSINESS MANAGER LOU RASETTA

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope that you and your families have all weathered this latest New England Winter, and are ready for the upcoming spring. Although I am always optimistic when this time of year arrives, I must admit that the promise of abundant employment for our members has me particularly pleased.

As I said at our recent body meeting, work is, and always will be our primary concern. After speaking at length with all of the Agents at our weekly staff meeting, it became apparent that this appears to be our best year since the “Big Dig” ended. All of the areas are gearing up for work, and so I would encourage those who are unemployed to be in touch with all of the agents.

Also of great importance, are the upcoming negotiations for our Master Agreement, which expires on May 31 of this year. As I have said many times, we are in the enviable position of being respected and highly regarded by our Employers. I look forward to our negotiations and am optimistic that a fair, strong contract can be worked out. If you have any suggestions or requests for our negotiating meetings, I would be happy to discuss them with you. I expect to begin meeting in early April, in the hopes of completing them by the end of the current contract.

I spoke recently, at our March meeting, of our commitment to our men and women in the military. I feel a strong sense of thanks, and of obligation to them. Already, we are giving priority at our Apprenticeship Program to returning Veterans, and are encouraging these men and women to join us. These brave men and women have served our great Country, risking their lives for us, and we will not forget them. The fact that the unemployment rate, nationwide, for returning Veterans is exorbitantly high, is a disgrace. We at Local 4 will do everything possible to stem this tide, and to reward those who stood up for our freedoms, and the American Way of Life. Additionally, for our Veterans, we are currently looking into ways to provide Annuity monies for the time they spent serving. I will keep you posted on this process.

Another one of my goals is to try and upgrade our pension accrual rate. Because of our good fortune last year we were able to go from \$110 to \$115 per month.



Our Administrator and Trustees have done great work on your behalf, and I am very proud of them. When most other unions were cutting benefits, we are improving ours, as well as being able to help our current retirees with \$1000 at Christmas. Well Done!!

On another note, equally important, our medical coverage, under our Health and Welfare Plan, continues to improve, despite the high rate of medical inflation. We have been, and will continue to explore ways to strengthen all of our funds, and to get the best value for every dollar contributed.

In closing, I wish all of you a safe and prosperous season.

Fraternally,  
Louis G. Rasetta



**WILLIAM MCLAUGHLIN**

With the long, cold, stormy winter now behind us, we can look forward to this much anticipated new construction season. We all know how much of an impact these winter months can have on our business. Finally, we made it to spring! I am hopefully optimistic that this new year and positive projections will provide much needed opportunities. The forecast for upcoming work seems promising for the Operating Engineers.

Here are a few examples of some up-coming projects in the north of Boston area that are soon to begin:

- \* D&R Paving - \$3.5 million Everett Highway reconstruction project.
- \* MIG Corp - East Boston Bridge at Route 145
- \* Daniel O'Connell - Chelsea Pump Station
- \* Revoli - Melrose Water & Sewer Project
- \* Suffolk Construction - \$350 million Logan Airport Parking Garage
- \* Massport - \$50 million runway extension and improvement project
- \* Walsh Construction – Porter Square vertical transportation improvement project
- \* Blakeslee Prestress Inc. – Wonderland station parking garage
- \* J.F. White/Kiewit - \$75 million Medford Bridge project/Route 93. This is a monumental victory for Local 4 and the building trades. We were able to successfully win this job over some very fierce non-union competition which we all know exists in our business today. Congratulations to these two signatory contractors as well as Local 4 in achieving this highly publicized undertaking. J.F. White is also present at Craigie Bridge in Cambridge and at the Chelsea Street Drawbridge project.

Despite the efforts of the Governor of Wisconsin to abolish collective bargaining in public sector unions, we all know that workers in America need a voice with regards to their wages, conditions and benefits. Unions are not the cause of this economic crisis and destroying us will not solve it. We are the ones that raise the standard of living for the middle class by increasing salaries and in turn allowing families to spend locally. We should turn to each other, not on each other...shame on Governor Scott Walker! Let's all continue to support and rally for our brothers and sisters across the country when called upon. Solidarity Forever.

A friendly reminder...please keep current with your monthly dues.

In solidarity, as always, I thank you for your support.



**KEVIN BENNETT**

The snow is gone, the sun is shining, and work is beginning to break in the Boston Area. While the economic downturn stalled commercial and private construction projects for the last two years, we are now seeing developers and contractors breaking ground on several new projects.

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company has East Coast Slurry and A.A. Will working on the foundation for its 28-story World Headquarters on Berkeley Street. Boston University has Schnabel and Albert J. Welch beginning foundation work on new student housing on Bay State Road. Mass. College of Art has James F. Stearns erecting a 22-story dormitory. Northeastern University plans to build a 16-story residence hall on Huntington Ave. Berkeley College of Music is proceeding with a \$65 million mixed use building on Mass Ave. Wentworth Institute of Technology will break ground on two new buildings on campus this year. Boston College has several buildings under renovation on the Brighton Campus. Suffolk University is taking down a 10-story building on Beacon Hill, replacing it with a \$68 million academic building at 20 Somerset Street. University of Massachusetts Boston will be starting work on two new buildings very soon, the new Science Center and the Ted Kennedy Museum. The recovery of the endowments from these colleges has made our work outlook much brighter for the near future.

In the Hospital District there are several new projects. At Children's Hospital, a new 14-story has Derenzo and Hub Foundation starting the foundation. Mass. Mental Health has two six-story steel buildings under construction, with Prime Steel doing the erecting. Boston University Medical Center on Albany Street is under way with Derenzo and

Walsh Brothers. Mass. General Hospital is constructing a new museum on Cambridge Street.

Fenway Park has had James W. Flett, Daniel Marr and Sons, New England Restoration, and S&F Concrete working all winter on improvements to the park. A new concrete concourse, new seating, and a very large digital score board have all been added.



As you know, contract negotiations will begin shortly, and we welcome your input. If you have any suggestions or concerns, please contact any of your Business Representatives.

As always, thank you for your help and support.



## ***DAVID FANTINI***

As spring arrives, I hope this newsletter is finding everyone in good health. The work outlook is as promising as it's been in quite some time.

J.F. White is back to work on the Plymouth to Braintree rail job. They have about 180,000 ties to replace. LM Civil Heavy, Taibbi, and C&G Surfacing have all been subcontracted by White and should all have people on site for the season.

Kiewit continues work on the cooling towers at Brayton Point. They have also begun work on the scrubber project. Work has just started and this will be another job that provides some good work opportunities for the men and women of Local 4, including our 4E members.



Work on the Brayton Point Cooling Towers is coming to an end. It has been a good job for Local 4

## IUOE REQUEST

### **Would you like to provide us with your e-mail address?**

There are a number of ways to submit your address:

1. E-mail our office at [office@iuoelocal4.org](mailto:office@iuoelocal4.org)
2. Go to our web page and click on – "[Please provide us with your e-mail address!](#)"
3. Note our e-mail on your dues remittance form.
4. Call our office at 508-533-1433 x413.

*Please note that you will receive a confirmation that your e-mail address has been entered in our database.*

Barletta is finally slated to get to work at the Weymouth Airbase. Their original \$65 million contract has been reduced to \$52 million. The state is still in the land taking process, but work began last fall and looks to resume around April 1<sup>st</sup>.

McCourt has started calling operators back to the Rte. 128 job in Canton. They expect to have another good season and with the amount of work McCourt has in other areas there should be some opportunities on this job.

The 3 hazmat jobs in the area are slated to go back this year. Conti in Norton has already started back. Even though they will be working with a smaller crew, they will be there for the season. Severson in New Bedford and Tetra Tech in Falmouth will both be starting back a little later.

Pilgrim Power Plant in Plymouth is getting ready for a scheduled outage. It happens every two years and gives a small number of crane operators a chance to get a jump on their hours.

I hope you all enjoy a prosperous 2011-construction season. As always, thank you for your support and I hope to see you at a meeting!



### **THOMAS MCCORMACK**

Finally, this long and brutal winter is over and we can all look forward to a warm spring, and hopefully a more prosperous construction season. I realize that a lot of you have been unemployed for a lengthy amount of time and I assure you that we are all working diligently to seek employment

opportunities for each and every one of you.

A fair amount of jobs in my area have been shut down due to the harsh winter and are now just beginning to start up again. Here's a look at some of those projects: D.W. White Co. is back out on Route 128 in Beverly, working on Routes 62 and 135 on the road widening project there. In Danvers, Atlantic Dismantling and Site Corp., is working on the Danvers High School Addition and Renovation project for Bacon Construction Company. They are also at the new Natick High School project performing the site work for the Brait Builders Corp.

In Nahant, Pihl Inc., is scheduled to resume work this coming week for the Nahant Beach Reservation Rehabilitation project. R.D.A. Co. is also onsite constructing a new sea wall.

Construction Management and Consulting Company, (C.J. Mabardy) is still involved with the site work in Lexington at the Shire Drug Project, and they are also scheduled to begin another project over in Bedford. McCourt Construction is just getting back underway at the Winter Street Bridge project in Waltham, and is also starting to gear up for the Route 128 widening project in Dedham. Hopefully this project will provide some opportunities for our members.

Albanese Brothers Inc. has just been awarded a \$4.9 million project in Lynnfield involving installation of water mains and piping along Route 1. Barletta Co. has just been awarded \$5.2 million job for the rehabilitation project of the Service Road Bridge over the Charles River in Newton.

P. Gioioso and Sons Inc., has recently been awarded a \$16 million job in Brookline, involving micro-tunneling along Beacon Street. This project is due to get underway at the end of April. Over in Chestnut Hill at Boston College, J. Derenzo is currently doing the site work for the new Stokes Hall project for Walsh Brothers. Across the way at Gasson Hall, Grande Masonry is involved with the re-facing of that building.

In closing, as always, I would like to thank you for your continued support through these difficult times. I wish you and your family a happy and healthy spring.



### **MICHAEL BOWES**

With the winter season finally behind us, we can now look toward the warm weather and what looks to be a busy work season for all of us.

Here is a look at some of the jobs that are on-going in the area. A.J. Welch is still working at the Albert Sherman

Center along with Stearns hanging the iron. ET&L and J.F. White are still working on the 6 bridges they are raising for CSX in the area. Marois has just started to gear back up at the Southbridge High School and at the Recreation Center at WPI College. Manafort Bros. has started the work at the Shrewsbury Middle School. NASDI is still working at Fitchburg State College and is still doing abatement at the City Square job that has been dragging on. J.H. Lynch is back to work in Bellingham on the Pulanski Blvd job which should go for the rest of the season. Capco Steel is just about done with the steel at the new recreation center at WPI College. McConnell Enterprises is still doing the demo at the old Crompton & Knowles building. Daniel O'Connell's Son, Inc. has started the work at the Millbury Waste Water Treatment Plant, with T&M Construction doing the site work for them. Borrgaard Construction is still working on the Northboro and Shrewsbury jobs also. J. Derenzo is still at work on the power plant at UMass in Worcester. Construction Management & Consulting (C.J. Mabardy) is still at work on the Grafton and Norfolk School jobs. There are also many other on-going jobs in the area.

On the job front, the CSX job in Worcester is going to start in the next week or so. The survey on that job has gone to Kapur & Associates from Wisconsin and they are going to be using our local guys on that job. The rest of the job is out to bid and we should know by the time this letter reaches you who has the work. The site work is going to start April 1<sup>st</sup>. J.H. Lynch just won the Route 9 Roadway Widening project. Daniel O'Connell's Sons has the new WPI Gateway project in Worcester and should start in the coming months. Along with the paving contractor in the area having a good amount of work, it looks to be a good season for all.

I would like to remind everyone, if you are looking for work, to make sure you call all the Agents to seek work opportunities.

In closing, I look forward to working with all of you now and in the future. I wish you and your families a safe and happy spring season.



**PAUL DIMINICO**

As the spring season is finally upon us, jobs in the area are starting to pick up.

There are a few jobs in Lowell that are currently ongoing, the Lowell General Hospital, UMass Nanotechnology Building, Appleton Mills Project, Rt. 38 & Rt. 110 bridge project. In Amesbury, the Hynes Bridge, the Tyngsboro Bridge, in Lawrence, Rt. 28 Falls Bridge and also the Duck Bridge. There are also a few other smaller jobs ongoing in the area.

As for upcoming work, there is a Stop & Shop in Chelmsford that has a good sized site package, and the University Bridge in Lowell which is a \$30 million four year project. UMass in Lowell has a couple of jobs out for bid that will be done union, and a \$14 million road reconstruction job in Haverhill to name a few.

The quarries have begun calling people back to prepare for the upcoming season. Seabrook Station is gearing up for another shutdown. This is perfect timing to help get some of our members a jump on their hours for the upcoming season. It certainly is good to start seeing our member's finally starting going to work in the area!

In New Hampshire, Weeks Marine has started a job at the Dover Point Bridge. Albanese Bros. is still working on their Portsmouth N.H. sewer job, and George Cairns and Sons is still going on their Rt. 93, Exit 3 project.

I know this has been mentioned many times by the other agents in their newsletter articles, but please be sure to stay current on all of your licenses and certificates. I have spoken to a handful of members about a hazmat job and they did not have their 40 hr. hazmat! So please be in touch with the Training Center and acquire all the necessary licenses that are needed.

In closing, as always, if there is anything I can do for you and your families please do not hesitate to call. If you are out of work, please stay in touch as work in the area is beginning to pick up.

I want to wish all of you a happy and safe spring!



**ROD GILLESPIE**

I am sure we are all glad the winter of 2011 is finally behind us after record amounts of snowfall. It has been years since I remember having so much snow during the winter months.

Lane Construction has returned several operating engineers to work for repair work at each of their plants located in Bangor, Hancock, Belfast, Washington and Presque Isle. The paving season looks good early on, with some areas having work left over from last year to start this spring.

I want to thank Business Manager Rasetta and Agent Chris Fogarty for coming to Maine recently and meeting with Lane management to hammer out another three year agreement for the one hundred plus members. As of this writing we are still in negotiations and I believe at the end of the day we will come away with a decent raise for those operators employed with Lane Construction. In mid February of this year we had twenty-one operators in Clinton for a week taking the NCCO class for Crane Operator Certification, taught by William LaFlamme. In early March we had forty-nine operators take the Crane Tagging and Rigging qualification course with William O'Neil, and in late March we had 30 operators take the Pipeline Certification class. The operators in Maine really appreciate having the training center come to Maine and offer these classes.



Instructor Bill O'Neil from the Training Center teaching a Crane Tagging and Rigging class to 49 Maine members at the Clinton Union Hall.

The project in Berlin, New Hampshire with Babcock & Wilcox is still on schedule to start in late April. This \$160 million boiler re-build will put several operators to work for up to two years. Also, there is a pipeline proposed to run 54 miles from Richmond to Augusta, Waterville, Skowhegan and on to Madison. A \$70 million project to supply natural gas to those cities and the paper mills as well.

On the political front, our new Governor Paul LaPage, (Republican) has promised to bring to Maine the same anti-union legislation that has been all over the networks regarding the Right to Work Law. This law on the surface may sound good, but the reality is this legislation would be very destructive to all labor unions. The law would eliminate the union security clause in our contracts and we would be forced to refer people out to work that were not union members, who would not have to pay union dues or even join the union. This movement is on going all over the country and is now law in 22 states, mainly in the south and mid west. The republicans are in charge of congress, as well as the Maine house and Senate, with organized labor in their cross hairs. Please take the time to call your representatives and tell them Right to Work is no good for Maine workers and should not be supported.

Enjoy the warm weather, work safe and drive carefully.



**CHRIS FOGARTY**

It looks as though winter is finally behind us, and the long awaited spring is rapidly approaching. Although it seems like it has lasted a few years for some of us, with the work situation not having as many opportunities as years gone past. I am glad to report that work has slowly returned for many of the Equipment Houses and Construction Shops that Local 4 currently represents. I will start with the large rental houses such United Rentals, Sunbelt Rentals, NES Rentals, Hertz, and RSC, all of which collectively employ over 500 of our members basically year round. They are large corporate companies that have to answer to stock holders, and are all about having simple formulas of doing business. This is how they do it: so many bodies to so many pieces of equipment on rent, and utilization numbers that have to be met before they can even consider hiring more people. Simple, but it has not translated into to many jobs up until these past few months, with these companies reaching out for some of our talented members. It is very encouraging on the work front all around, if equipment is being repaired and sent out on rent, then there are certainly places for operators in the seats of these machines starting to become available.

I have the same to report for the dealerships such as C.N. Wood, Woodco, Shawmut Crane, Casey and Dupuis, Case and CRW to name a few. The turn-around has been a little slower as far new sales are concerned but there seems to be some movement in trade-in deals and equipment repairs that people have been putting off for lack of funds for a few years. To me it means companies are gearing up for the next

construction season that is rapidly approaching as the weather starts to change. We have a wide variety of smaller equipment houses, many of which are family owned and employ a smaller number of our members. ATS Equipment, Baystate Equipment and service companies such as Flaherty Equipment and ARC Welding, to name a few. These companies fill a niche that the others can't fill and are the next companies to expand into areas that compete with the big companies.

The Field Engineers continue to have some work opportunities coming available, with companies calling back some 4E members that have worked with them on a regular basis. Bigger projects are in the works, and with the help of all the Business Agents, the Field Engineers are looked at in a new light as a talented group that brings a lot to the table in helping an employer be successful. Mike Bowes has been very diligent in helping us secure the Field Engineer work on the CSX job in the Worcester area, with an employer who is new to the area and looking to expand into the market with our membership. While not perfect, we are making strides in an area that was neglected long ago, and through the leadership of Lou Rasetta we will change this together.

I look forward to the new year and hope all of you stay safe and prosper in the up-coming months.



**DAVID SHEA**

Spring is finally here and I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well. Although it has been a long and snowy winter, it looks like the work is beginning to break along with the weather.

I'm sure everyone is aware of what has happened in Wisconsin, and is happening in many states around the Country. Collective bargaining rights are under attack. Unions are under attack. WE are under attack. This needs to be a wake-up call to all of us to get involved and let our voices be heard. There have been several rallies of which many Local 4 members have turned out for. I urge everyone to get involved.

The best defense is a good offense. Organizing is vital if we are going to remain strong into the future. We need to increase our market share and our numbers in order to continue to enjoy the wages, working conditions and benefits that we enjoy, and all workers should strive for.

I have been asked if organizing new members creates a larger pool of people competing for the same jobs. All of

the new members organized in the last several years have come in as part of a company organizing. These new members already have employment with their companies and in many instances, these companies hire existing Local 4 members right away. Last year, many of our members achieved their hours working for recently organized companies. Some recent signings are Olimpia Industries, Weeks Marine, and CBI Services, Inc.

Please contact me if you have any information on any non-union contractors.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

## *The Women of Local 4*



*Plan participants, spouses and significant others were invited to a seminar, hosted by IUOE Local 4, MassMutual Financial Group & Cammack LaRhette Consulting on March 26, 2011*



*Pictured above is Gina Alongi, Administrator of IUOE Benefits Plans and Elaine Sarsynski, Executive Vice President of MassMutual Retirement Services*

## **SAFETY CORNER**

### **Crane Certification**

Many calls have been fielded at the Training Center regarding crane certification. As the Business Manager stated at the last meeting, crane certification is here and now, we must get on board. The new regulation states that by November 8, 2014 all crane operators will be certified. This is not to say that a company, city or state can require this before this date. As of right now, we have many contractors and institutions that are requiring the certification. The reason being, it will reduce insurance costs for the project. We have been in contact with the Department of Public Safety as to what their policy will be on this matter, but they have not made a decision as to what they will do. At this time, there are approximately 40,000 hoisting licenses in the Commonwealth and at \$60.00 per renewal, every two years, this generates over a million dollars per year to the general fund. I seriously doubt the Commonwealth will give up this revenue. We are hoping they will accept a "Crane Certification" and reduce the license fee for the crane portion of our hoisting licenses, but it remains to be seen. We encourage you to sign up for the "Crane Certification Course". This is an intense 40 hour course to prepare you to sit for the test. Our passing rate is above 93% for people who have attended the course. The test is expensive, so please don't go it alone. Trying to pass this test without the course is nearly impossible. To take the course, the written test, and the practical test and receive the results takes a minimum of 8 weeks, so please sign up early. **Don't loose a job because you're not certified!**

Please think twice and be safe!

Bill O'Neil  
Co-Safety Officer

**IN MEMORIAM**

The Officers and Members of the Local offer their sincere condolences to the families and friends of the following:

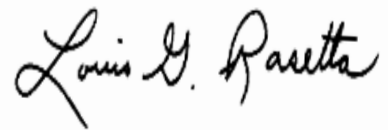
Manuel Aguiar	Daniel A. Garner
Brian Borges	Norman R. Hooper
Robert J. Boselli	Robert W. Jeffrey
James H. Cronin	William R. Johnson
Roland A. Delsapio	Thomas H. Joy
Harry J. DeNapoli	Harry D. LaCortiglia
Orlando DiRoma	Frank D. Silvio, Jr.
	Todd W. Thibodeau

**IN RETIREMENT**

We wish a long, healthy and well-deserved retirement to the following:

Joseph K. Berardi	Barry S. Harriman
Lawrence E. Cameron	Robert E. Knight, Sr.
David S. Capotosto	Marcel L'Etoile
Joseph V. Cloutier, Sr.	Christopher C. McNamara
Kenneth G. Crowell	Gilbert R. Miller
Mario J. Figueiredo	Robert W. O'Leary
Nicholas T. Fortune	Donald M. Pereira
Edward J. Gallagher, Jr.	Michael L. Riendeau
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Christopher Grande	David M. Wheeler
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**Fraternally yours,**



**Louis G. Rasetta  
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