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International Brotherhood of Electric Workers, Local Union No. 702

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Organize to Survive

Over the years, members come into and leave the Local. Some are fortunate to have a lengthy career as a member working for one of or for many of our contractors, or hiring on at one of the properties we represent. Most of our members leave the Local through retirement, but sometimes they go out on disability, or accept alternate positions.

The only way to ensure the survival and continued operation of any Local Union is dependent on the ability to organize new members. This Local is no exception.

With this issue as the backdrop, many items in this issue relate to the Local's long-standing and continued commitment to organizing new members. We are always looking for opportunities and hope the you will assist us in any way we ask.

For the latest happenings in IBEW Local 702, you can always check out our website - www.ibew702.org, - or , like and follow us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @IBEWLOCAL702.

International President Lonnie Stephenson has re-affirmed the IBEW's commitment to Organizing, and we here at Local 702 not only support, but embrace this approach. We have historically been a progressive organization that has fought for worker and social justice, and I think that makes us a magnet for workers when they are looking for Union representation. That says a lot about our Local and our members, and I couldn't be prouder.

*~ Steve Hughart,
Business Manager*

IBEW Local 702 contributes to Triopia High School

Local 702 member Mike "Bummy" Bumgarner (center left) and Business Representative Jason Woolard (far left) present a donation from the members of IBEW Local 702 to the Triopia Junior — Senior High School, located in Beardstown Unit of the Local's jurisdiction, for their fundraiser earlier this year. Donations help provide students with much needed supplies and equipment on the field and in the classroom. Receiving the donation on behalf of the school is Mike Lewis and Laura Skulteddy.



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Business Manager's Message



**Steve Hughart,
Business Manager**

As we are now into the heat of the year, things at the Local seem to be as busy as ever. Back at the end of April, we hosted the first Retirement Planning Workshop for our members. It was well attended and we intend to have additional workshops in the future; we encourage you to take advantage of this free service.

In May, we assembled an impressive team under President Sanchez's lead, with help from the International, and engaged in a door-to-door

campaign at Prairie State Generating Company. This power plant is the Local's number one organizing target and we will continue working with employees at PSGC to make sure they achieve the representation they deserve.

We have reached a tentative Agreement at Ameren Illinois which the negotiating committee is recommending ratification of, and we will have probably voted it by the time this issue reaches the members.

In June, we enjoyed our 19th consecutive Golf Outing, in which we were able to donate over \$10,000 to The Poshard Foundation for Abused Children. This event solidifies Local 702's commitment to be a socially responsible organization and we live up to our mission in helping those less fortunate.

As we move into the late Summer and Fall months, we invite all of our members and their family to join us on Monday, September 4th at the DuQuoin Labor Day Picnic where, at 1:00 p.m., we will draw for our Solidarity Drawing winners. Tickets are available — see your Rep or call the hall to purchase.

Our Lineman Training Facility is moving along. The site work is complete and the roads have been graveled in. Poles are being ordered and we are starting to assemble some material to go on them. I would really like to extend my appreciation to Business Representative Scott Kerley for his diligence and attention to detail on this project.

Finally, I am pleased to announce the Local will be hosting the first Union Sportsman's Alliance (USA) Inaugural Southern Illinois Conservation Dinner, on Thursday, September 21st. More details can be found in this issue.

DID YOU KNOW?

Labor Day was created as a way to acknowledge and pay tribute to the workforce for all that they have done to make our country prosperous and strong.

The first Labor Day was celebrated in New York City, and other cities followed this example in the following years. It was in 1894 that Congress passed a law making the first Monday of September a legal holiday.

Now that you know... **HAVE A GREAT LABOR DAY!!!**



From your President

Brothers and Sisters:

On June 29, 2017, IBEW 702 had its 106th birthday. IBEW 702 has been a strong and stable Union throughout the last 106 years; let's continue to keep our Union strong and stable for the next 106 years.

As most of you are aware, IBEW 702 is selling tickets for our Solidarity Fund to be drawn at the Labor Day Picnic in DuQuoin, IL on Labor Day, September 4th, 2017. We again are purchasing wrist bands for our members kids to ride the rides at the fair. We would like to see 702 members and their families come out to enjoy the food, fun and fellowship with each other. Also, don't forget the Twilight Parade on August 25th. This parade marks the start of the DuQuoin State Fair. Bring your families out and walk/ride in the parade with us. It's a great time.

On May 17th, 18th, and 19th, we had an organizing blitz for the Prairie State employees, where we went door to door and visited with employees. It was a very busy 3 days. The 6th District sent 10 organizers from Michigan, Arkansas, Kansas, North Carolina, Illinois and Wisconsin. I would like thank the 6th District for the knowledge and experience these Brothers and Sisters brought with them. I would also like to thank the IBEW 702 Reps for their help as well; Business Manager Steve Hughart, Greg Millsap, Jamie Hatfield, Mark Baker, Josh Holmes, Scott Kerley, Brad Beisner and Jason Woolard. And finally, I would like to thank the volunteers that came and helped us on their own time. From ALCOA — John Tyler; from BMU — Jim Tigart, John Roberts, and Mark Williams; from NEWTON — Skip Moore, Phil Mayer, Jesse Beard, & Kenny Johnson; from SIPC — Lonnie Tanner, Alan Watkins, Kevin Williams, Dale Fry, Tracy Jackson, & Randy Meade; from the

OUTSIDE BRANCH — Scott Jackson; from the INSIDE BRANCH — Tim Schulein. We are still reaching out to employees at Prairie State, so if you or your family and friends know of anyone working up at Prairie State Generating Company, please contact me at the IBEW 702 Union hall.

I hope you all had a great and safe July 4th.

STICK TOGETHER & SUPPORT EACH OTHER.

See you all at the Union Meetings.

In Solidarity,

Jim Sanchez



Organizing Prairie State



Left: IBEW Region 6 Organizing Coordinator Lynn Arwood (standing) addresses those in attendance during the May 16th briefing of the Prairie State Generating Company's house blitz effort the Local conducted.

Below: IBEW Organizers from all over the Midwest, along with IBEW Local 702 members and staff, receive guidance and direction from Sister Lynn Arwood on how the Prairie State Generating Company's house blitz campaign would be handled. The Local received a lot of tremendous feedback because of the effort and engagement of our members from multiple properties across all three (3) States of our jurisdiction. Our effort was so suc-

cessful that the final day of the blitz was cut short due to the effectiveness and numbers of houses we were able to visit. We will continue reaching out to all employees of PSGC to make sure they understand the benefit of becoming IBEW Local 702.



Welcome new Members from the City of Poplar Bluff, Municipal Utilities Water ~ Sewer ~ Meter Reading Departments



On Tuesday, July 11th, we welcomed several new members into IBEW Local 702. Recently, we completed a first Agreement with the City of Poplar Bluff, Municipal Utilities, for the Water & Sewer Distribution, Meter Reader, Water Plant, and Sewage Treatment Plant employees. This is a group of over twenty (20) new members, and many of them were present at the Quarterly Meeting in Poplar Bluff, MO to take their obligation from Sikeston Unit Chairman Jay Kruger. **WELCOME TO THE IBEW!!!**

New Staff Member

IBEW Local 702 is pleased to announce the addition of Corey L. Jarrett to the Staff of the Local. Corey has been appointed by Business Manager Steve Hughart to fill the vacancy left by Brother Dennis Peterson's recent retirement.

Corey joined Local 702 as a Residential Wireman in 1993 and completed 1 year of school before being accepted into the Inside Wireman program in 1994. He then completed the 5-year training program and served his apprenticeship working for Yeager Electric, Brown Electric and W.J. Burke Electric Co. He had been employed by W.J. Burke Electric Co. since the end of his apprenticeship and has worked as a Foreman since 1999. In 2009, he joined the Membership Development Committee and has been an active member until present.

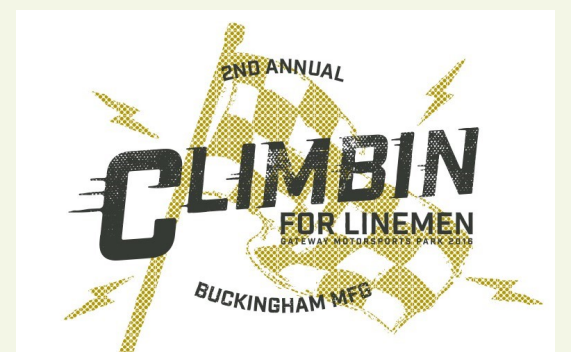
Corey hails from Jacob, IL, and married to Tina (Ellet) Jarrett in 1991, and they have two (2) children and reside in Murphysboro, IL.



702 Member Places at Lineman Rodeo

The Local would like to give a big shout out to Apprentice Lineman Dustin Hinman (pictured left) for his recent performance at the 2nd Annual "Climbin for Linemen" event, held at the Gateway Motorsports Park in eastern St. Louis on Saturday, June 17th, 2017. Dustin placed 5th overall, competing against thirty four (34) other participants, including both apprentices as well as journeymen. The Local sent fourteen (14) competitors to this event that honors linemen who have given their lives to the industry over the previous year. Many competitors wear the name of a deceased lineman on their back when they compete in the Hurtman Rescue and Speed Climbing events. Great job Dustin!!!

#702Proud #702Strong



BACK TO BACK CHAMPS!



Winners of the Upper Division at the IBEW's 2017 Midwest Softball Tournament, IBEW Local 702 team members are, front row, left to right: Andrew Soldner, Daniel Henderson, Paul Whittaker, Business Manager Steve Hughart, Bryson Whitehead, Mike Lustig, and Kendall Toliver. Back row, left to right, are: Chase Hughart, Conner Hughart, Tyler Krough, Cody Lee, Ryan Wright, Kenton Parmley, Mike Smothers, and Adam Cadle.

Winning the Upper Division at the IBEW's Midwest Softball Tournament last year in Cleveland, OH was quite an accomplishment for the Local's team. Defending that title proved to be an equally challenging task against a 31-team field, but one the members were up to!

This year's tournament, held in Louisville, KY during the weekend of July 29th-30th, saw a lot of action and outstanding play from several teams, but none outshone Local 702.

In pool play on Saturday, the team went 2-1, losing their first game to Local 3 out of New York, who they would see again in the Championship. On Sunday, being seeded third, the team won five consecutive games, ousting #1 seed Local 26 from Washington D.C. / Baltimore in the third game, then achieving revenge on Local 3 in the Championship game that saw several lead changes throughout. Down 21-20 in the top of the 7th inning, Local 702 rallied for 6 runs to take the lead and shut down Local 3 in the bottom half of the inning to secure the championship!!!

Finally, we wish to express our appreciation to Local 369 for hosting a great tournament!

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#702Proud

SOLIDARITY FUND IMPACT

Occasionally, inquiries are made about the purpose and use of the money in the Solidarity Fund. The typical short answer is—to help members in need and for the promotion of the Local. While this is easy enough to understand on its face, sometimes it helps to be able to correlate the purchase of a ticket into the goodwill and comfort it provides.

Earlier this year, the Local learned that Ryan Jarrett's son, Aiden, had to be admitted to Children's Hospital in St. Louis with Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID), a primary immune deficiency ~ the "boy in the bubble" syndrome, if you will. Ryan, a member at

SEMO Electric Cooperative at the Bloomfield, MO office, eventually donated over 1200ccs of bone marrow to his son, but the transplant was ultimately rejected, and Aiden had to be rushed back in and started on chemotherapy. While Ryan has long been out of sick leave, many of his co-workers, have donated paid time off (PTO) for him to be with his family as much as possible. With the maxing out the their deductible and/or co-insurance on one or all of them, and knowing many future expenses awaited them, at the May 11th Sikeston Unit meeting the Local was proud to present Ryan with a \$2,000 Solidarity check from IBEW Local 702 and its members.

While we know that amount won't come close to covering the costs and expenses he and his family have faced and are facing, Business Manager Steve Hughart emphatically endorsed this payment and authorization by the Board. We wish Aiden the best of luck!!!



IBEW Local 702 member Ryan Jarrett with his son Aiden.



At the May 11th, Sikeston (MO) Unit Meeting (l to r): Chairman Jay Kruger, W.F. Executive Board Member Mark Williams, & Ryan Jarrett.



The Poshard Foundation for Abused Children

"Every child deserves a safe place, a safe person, and a safe community."

IBEW Local 702 Golf Outing nets over \$10,000 for support of The Poshard Foundation for Abused Children





(L to R): IBEW Local 702 Business Manager Johnny Johnson (donated his 50/50 drawing winnings), Dennis Poshard (from The Poshard Foundation), and IBEW Local 702 Business Manager Steve Hughart.

IBEW Local 702 would like to thank everyone that participated in our Annual Golf Outing on Friday, June 16th, 2017. Through sponsorships, entry fees, donations, and all sources of income, the Local was able to make another donation to The Poshard Foundation for Abused Children. This year's amount exceeded \$10,000 due to the generosity of all those involved.

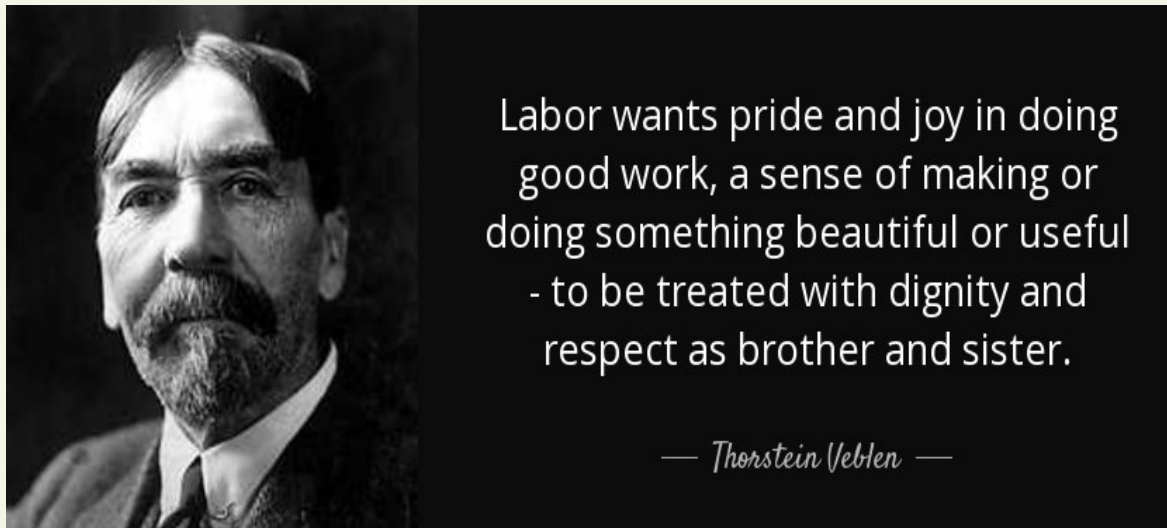
Labor Day Events!

As usual, the Local will be celebrating Labor Day in a **BIG** way, in all three (3) States of our jurisdiction.

In **Illinois**, prior to Labor Day, on Friday, August 25th, we will be participating in the Twilight Parade in Du Quoin, IL. Like in the past, we will try to have the float in position by 5:00 p.m. with the parade starting at 6:00 p.m. We will then enjoy a great opportunity for food and fellowship on Monday, September 4th, where all of the Labor Unions in Southern Illinois have a chance to assemble on the north ends of the Fairgrounds, using Gate 4 off of East Jackson Street. We will be picking one of the youngsters to pull the winning tickets in our Solidary Drawing at 1:00 p.m.

In **Indiana**, the Labor Day celebration is in Princeton at the Gibson County Fair Grounds. It starts on Friday, September 1st, and runs through Monday, September 4th, with free rides all weekend. The Labor Day Parade occurs on Monday morning, September 4th at 9:00 a.m., which is followed by a catered meal for IBEW members and their families. If you need more information, please contact IBEW Local 702 Assistant Business Manager Jamie Hatfield by mobile phone (812) 459-1955 or by email at jhatfield@ibew702.org, or feel free to check out the event's website: **www.labordayassoc.com**.

In **Missouri**, on Sunday, August 27th, we will once again be having our annual SEMO Labor Picnic. This event is held at the North Cape County Park (near Interstate 55 at the #99 exit), pavilions 4 & 5, and starts around 11:00 a.m. with a Washer Tournament at 12:00, a kids fishing tournament at 1:00, and a Union vs. Union Tug of War at 3:00, followed by the raffle drawing for door prizes and silent auction items. Food is furnished for all who attend and this event is open to all union members and their families, regardless of location.



Labor wants pride and joy in doing good work, a sense of making or doing something beautiful or useful - to be treated with dignity and respect as brother and sister.

— Thorstein Veblen —

"The Labor movement means just this: It is the last noble protest of the American people against the power of incorporated wealth."



Wendell Phillips

Wendell Phillips, American orator, abolitionist, 1871

For more information, contact **Dustin Frankie** by cell phone at (618) 925-0632 or by email at dustinfrankie@gmail.com.



On Thursday, September 21st, the Local will be hosting the first Southern Illinois Conservation Dinner for the Union Sportmen's Alliance. This will be an annual event that will rotate between three locations in the southern half of the State. As a long time supporter of the USA, we are proud and honored to be given the opportunity to host the inaugural event. Details are below, outlining the time, location, and cost, and we encourage any and all members to reach out to any and all of our friends who support the Local and our members in this area. The event is open to the public for participation, but our preference is to restrict the invitation to persons, businesses, and organizations that are labor-friendly. For more information, please feel free to reach out to your Business Representative, or contact Cindy Lingle at the hall [(618) 932-2102 or clingl@ibew702.org] to RSVP for the event! *We hope to see you there!!!*



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☐ **Silver - \$3,000 & 2 Table Prizes**
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IBEW Local 702 Retiree's Club

Over a dozen retirees attended the May 10th trip to the Henry Miller Museum in St. Louis. During a full tour of the facility, provided by IBEW Local 1, many reflected with stories from the past, along with a feeling of gratitude and appreciation for what the IBEW meant and provided to them and their families. Those that attended encourage all members, young and old, to make this trip whenever possible.

The Retiree Club met on June 1st at the Golden Corral in Carbondale, IL and expressed support for the Local's Solidarity Fund by purchasing two tickets for the upcoming Drawing to be held on Labor Day.

If you are interested in attending a Retiree Club meeting and/or joining the Club, or need more information, please feel free to contact Club President Gary King at: (618) 201-2610.

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