

# LIUNA!

## THE KENTUCKY LABORER

Fall 2018

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## KY LABORERS DISTRICT COUNCIL MARK ISAACS, PRESIDENT / BUSINESS MANAGER

It's hard to believe that 2018 is almost gone. Summer has just wrapped up and we're entering the Fall and Winter season.

Work around the state has been pretty good this year. We've had some long-term projects finish up and we are looking forward to the start of others.

I had the privilege of attending the ribbon cutting ceremony for the completion of the Olmsted Locks and Dam project. This \$3 billion project was the largest and most expensive inland waterway project undertaken in the U.S. It was a project shared by Local #1214 in Paducah, KY and the neighboring state of Illinois. It involved nearly 30 years of planning and construction. I would like to congratulate Brother Perry Blades and all of the hard working men and women of Local 1214 on a job well done!

Election time is right around the corner and I want to stress the importance of everyone getting out to vote. We must **REMEMBER IN NOVEMBER!** It seems as if attacking the working men and women across the Commonwealth has been the number one agenda since Governor Bevin took office. He and his supporters in the House and Senate wasted no time in getting Right-To-Work and the repeal of prevailing wage passed and instituted. Then he moved on to our teachers, first responders and public employees. On November 6<sup>th</sup>, we need to show Governor Matt Bevin that we are not "selfish, drowning victims with thug mentality", we are hard working Kentuckians who want safety in our workplace, the ability to make a decent wage that supports our family, healthcare and pension benefits that are respectfully earned for years of service on the job, and most importantly the voice and strength to fight the corporate greed passed on to workers from people like Governor Bevin and his buddies, the Koch Brothers, have been doing for years. It's time to stop believing in their "Americans for Prosperity" agenda because it is nothing other than "Americans for Inequality". It's time to put politicians in Frankfort that stand up and fight for the working men and women in Kentucky. In this newsletter you will find a list of those candidates that we have endorsed. Look that list over and remember those names when you go to the polls in November.

Speaking of elections, the Kentucky Laborers' District Council held its' Nominations and Election of Officers on August 17th. I am very pleased to announce that there were no contested offices and extremely proud to introduce your KLDC Officers for the next four years:

Mark Isaacs, President / Business Manager  
Johnny "Bill" Oney, Secretary-Treasurer  
Cornelius "Neal" Cotton, Sr., Vice President  
Justin Phillips, Executive Board  
Jon Scott, Executive Board  
Perry Blades, Executive Board  
Vince Casey, Executive Board  
Dwayne McCauley, Sergeant-At-Arms  
Jeremy Jenkins, Auditor  
Terry Blades, Auditor  
Larry Henderson, Auditor

I would like to personally thank everyone for the opportunity to serve as your District Council President / Business Manager. I appreciate the given ability to work closely with each local union and to be able to serve the membership across the state. In spite of the obstacles that have been thrown in our path since my appointment in January of 2017, (Right-To-Work and Repeal of Prevailing Wage), I can proudly say that we have some of the finest and dedicated individuals leading our state forward and I am privileged to work side by side with them.

I would also like to congratulate Brother Neal Cotton and the officers at Local #576, Brother Bill Oney and the officers at Local #1445, and Brother Jon Scott and the officers at Local #561 on their nominations and election of officers held earlier in the year.

As the holidays are quickly approaching, in closing, I would like to say that we hope that each of you has a bountiful and blessed Thanksgiving, a festive and family filled Christmas, and peace and prosperity in the coming New Year. Also, please remember our Veterans and their families, as many are missing loved ones as they gather during the holidays.

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## KENTUCKY LABORERS DISTRICT COUNCIL

### OFFICERS & DELEGATES

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Sergeant-At-Arms



**KLDC Officers being sworn in by International Rep. Darren Johnson**

L to R: Darren Johnson, Perry Blades, Jon Scott, Cornelius "Neal" Cotton, Sr., Jeremy Jenkins, Mark Isaacs, Larry Henderson, Bill Oney, Vince Casey, Terry Blades and Justin Phillips



### In Memory of Brother Shelby Miller

July 27, 1950 - September 26, 2018

With heavy hearts, we mourn the loss of Brother Shelby Miller. Shelby joined LIUNA on October 27, 1969 and spent many years working in the field before becoming a Field Representative and later Business Manager of Local 189. He then went on to become the Administrator of the Kentucky Laborers' Joint

Apprenticeship and Training Trust Fund before retiring on July 1, 2006. Throughout the years Shelby also served as a Delegate / Executive Board member of the Kentucky Laborers' District Council and a trustee on the training fund. Shelby was a good friend of many and will be deeply missed. Please keep his wife of nearly 50 years, Kathy, and his other family members in your thoughts and prayers.



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# HEALTH & WELFARE FUND

## DANA CROUCH, ADMINISTRATOR



### IMPORTANT REMINDERS TO ASSIST YOU WITH YOUR COVERAGE THROUGH THE FUND

#### **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU PROVIDE UPDATED INFORMATION REGARDING YOURSELF, YOUR DEPENDENTS AND YOUR BENEFICIARY**

If there has been a change of status regarding you or any of your dependents or if you need to update your beneficiary information regarding the Health and Welfare Fund's death benefits, please contact the Fund Office to request a new enrollment form to update this information. You can also go to the

Fund's website at [www.klhwf.com](http://www.klhwf.com) to print off an enrollment form.

#### **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU REVIEW THE QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT THAT YOU RECEIVE FROM THE HEALTH & WELFARE FUND**

This Quarterly Status Report provides information regarding the hours that have been reported on your behalf by the employers for whom you have worked and regarding your eligibility status for the next Eligibility Quarter. If you find that your employer has not reported hours or has incorrectly reported hours, you should contact the Fund Office.

#### **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU USE MEDICAL PROVIDERS THAT ARE IN THE CIGNA PPO NETWORK**

Using CIGNA "In-Network" providers will save you money. Their charges are discounted and the Fund pays a higher co-insurance percentage on those claims. You can register online at [mycigna.com](http://mycigna.com) and search for "In-Network" providers. You can also download the myCIGNA phone app and search for "In-Network" providers.

#### **WHAT TO ASK YOUR PHYSICIAN IF YOU ARE PRESCRIBED AN OPIOID**

If your health care provider believes a prescription opioid such as hydrocodone, oxycodone or codeine is the most effective way to manage your pain, it's important to understand that these medications are highly addictive. In 2015, overdose deaths from prescription opioids killed more than 20,000 people in the U.S. alone.

As you should with any new medication, if your health care provider wants to prescribe an opioid, it's important to ask questions before you get it filled.

Questions you should always ask include:

##### **Why do I need this medication?**

Ask if there are non-opioid options you could take instead.

##### **What if I have a history of addiction?**

Make sure your health care provider knows if you have had issues with drugs or alcohol and if you have a history of smoking. This could change your treatment plan.

##### **How long should I take this medication?**

Ask for the lowest effective dose in the smallest quantity so you don't have leftover medication.

##### **How can I reduce the risk of side effects?**

Take your medication as prescribed and make sure you are aware of potential side effects such as excessive sleepiness or craving more of the medication. Alert your health care provider immediately if you experience them.

##### **What if I am taking other medications?**

You can reduce your risk for dangerous interactions by making sure your health care provider is aware of all the prescription and over-the-counter medications and supplements you take.

##### **Where should I keep my opioid medication?**

If you have children at home, including teenagers, store it where it cannot be seen or reached.

##### **What if I have unused opioid medication?**

Don't keep it. Leftover opioids can be found and used by others. Ask your pharmacist how best to dispose of leftover medication – the answer may depend on the specific medication. Further information on safe drug disposal is available from the Food and Drug Administration at [www.fda.gov/Drugs/ResourcesForYou/Consumers](http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/ResourcesForYou/Consumers).

##### **Should I have naloxone in my house?**

Naloxone can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. Naloxone is available over-the-counter in many states and in all of Canada. Your health care provider can also prescribe naloxone if you want it in your home and live in a place where a script is required.

Write your questions down ahead of time and write down necessary information during your visit. If you think of something else after your appointment is over, don't be afraid to call back. Most medical offices have staff on hand who can help if your health care provider is not available and you need answers right away. Your pharmacist can also be a valuable resource.

Don't assume your health care provider will automatically tell you everything you should know about an opioid medication or any other treatment. Not asking questions can have serious consequences on your health and your life.

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# KENTUCKY LECET

## ROBERT AKIN, DIRECTOR

**"Those who can not remember the past are condemned to repeat it".** So goes the words of George Santayana, the late Spanish Philosopher. His words hold true today as a guide to our future if we do not act to control it. We have seen the history of our movement change quickly, decisively, and radically since November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

On that date Kentuckians went to the polls and gave complete control of our Legislative Branch of Government to right wing, anti worker extremist. Their first acts, as executed in House Bills 1 & 3, were to strip you of your rights through enacting so called "Right to Work" legislation and eradicating Kentucky's Prevailing Wage which had been state law since 1940.

If you don't believe this is influencing you and your family's life and your future, you don't have far to look. Our man-hours are down this year while the state's unemployment rate is dropping. The major hit in this area is Public Works. The amount of work that LIUNA is getting in this area is dropping due to cheap, substandard labor. A lot of it from out of state and going to out of state employers. This will not stop because we are now in a race to the bottom led by Governor Bevin and his group who believe that men and women are worth the lowest amount you can get them to work for, and you should work just to have a job and survive without the ability to build a secure life, benefits and retirement with dignity for you and your family. All this with the hope that your children can be educated and have an opportunity to build a better lives for themselves.

This is not limited to just union members but public workers as well. As we have seen the Governor has not sated his desire to hurt Kentucky's working families with union members he is now going after teachers, fire fighters, police and public workers attempting to gut their pension and put their future at the whims of his Wall Street pals.

This is the history as Santayana described it. So, remember November 8, 2016 as you go to vote on November 6, 2018. Fight this radical right-wing, anti-worker, Koch Brother's agenda by supporting and voting for candidates in the guide who, will under every circumstance, support you and your family. **Your future depends on it!**

## LIUNA ENDORSED CANDIDATES

### U.S. Congress

1st CD - Paul Walker  
4th CD - Seth Hall

2nd CD - Hank Linderman  
5th CD - Kenneth Stepp

3rd CD - John Yarmuth  
6th CD - Amy McGrath

### KY Supreme Court

3rd - Debra Lambert

### KY Court of Appeals

5th - Pamela Goodwine

7th - David Barber

### KY State Senate

2nd - Julie Tennyson  
8th - Bob Glenn  
14th - Stephanie Compton  
22nd - Carolyn DuPont  
28th - Denise Gray  
34th - Susan Byrne Haddix

4th - Dorsey Ridley  
10th - Dennis Parrett  
18th - Robin Webb  
24th - Rachel Roberts  
30th - Paula Clemons-Combs  
36th - Sheri Donahue

6th - C.B. Embry - R  
12th - Paula Setser-Kissick  
20th - Dave Suetholz  
26th - Karen Berg  
32nd - Jeanie Smith

### KY House of Representatives

1st - Desiree Owen  
4th - Abigail Barnes  
7th - Joy Gray  
10th - Dean Schamore  
13th - Jim Glenn  
17th - Malcolm Cherry  
21st - Jarrett Cox  
24th - Terry Mills  
28th - Charles W. Miller  
31st - Josie Raymond  
34th - Mary Lou Marzian  
37th - Jeffery Donohue  
40th - Nima Kulkarni  
43rd - Charles Booker  
46th - Alan Gentry  
49th - Linda Belcher  
53rd - Dustin Burley  
57th - Derrick W. Graham  
60th - Jesse Parks  
63rd - Josh Blair  
66th - Roberto Henriquez  
69th - Col Owens  
72nd - Emily Ferguson  
75th - Kelly Flood  
78th - Greg Coulson  
82nd - Stefanie Kingsley  
87th - Dustin Allen  
91st - Cluster Howard  
94th - Angie Hatton  
97th - Craig Lindon  
100th - Terri Branham Clark

2nd - Charlotte Goddard  
5th - David Ramey  
8th - Jeffrey Taylor  
11th - Rob Wiederstein  
14th - Elizabeth Belcher  
18th - Donielle Lovell  
22nd - Wilson Stone  
25th - Tom Williamson  
29th - Ronel Brown  
32nd - Tina Bojanaowski  
35th - Lisa Willner  
38th - McKenzie Cantrell  
41st - Attica Scott  
44th - Joni Jenkins  
47th - Rick Rand  
50th - James DeWeese  
55th - Cathy Carter  
58th - Bobby Lacer  
61st - Darrell Link  
64th - Larry Varney  
67th - Dennis Keene  
70th - John Sims, Jr  
73rd - Pat Banks  
76th - Ruth Ann Palumbo  
79th - Susan Westrom  
84th - Tom Pope  
88th - Cherlynn Stevenson  
92nd - John Blanton - R  
95th - Ashley Laferty  
98th - Danny Bentley - R

3rd - Martha Emmons  
6th - Linda Edwards  
9th - Willie Coleman  
12th - Bruce Kunze  
15th - Brent Yonts  
20th - Patti Minter  
23rd - LaToya Drake  
27th - Jeff Greer  
30th - Tom Burch  
33rd - Rob Walker  
36th - Maurice Sweeney  
39th - Russ Meyer  
42nd - Reginald K. Meeks  
45th - Josh Hicks  
48th - Maria Sorolis  
52nd - Dean Sumpter  
56th - Joe Graviss  
59th - Diane Seaman  
62nd - Jenny Urie  
65th - Buddy Wheatley  
68th - Jason Kilmer  
71st - Travis Brenda - R  
74th - James Davis  
77th - George Brown, Jr  
81st - Morgan Eaves  
85th - Tommy Turner - R  
89th - Robert Goforth - R  
93rd - Chris Harris  
96th - Jill York - R  
99th - Rocky Adkins

# DO NOT VOTE TO SUPPORT THOSE WHO VOTED TO TAKE AWAY YOUR UNION RIGHTS!

## **HOUSE BILL 1** **RIGHT - To - WORK**

### OUR OPPONENTS

#### **House of Representatives - Yea**

Belcher	Benvenuti	Bratcher
Brown L	Bunch	Carney
Couch	DeCesare	Dossett
DuPlessis	Elliott	Fischer
Fleming	Fugate	Gooch
Hale	Hart	Heath
Herald	Hoover	Imes
Johnson D	Johnson DJ	King
Koenig	Lee	Linder
Mayfield	McCoy	Meade
Meredith	Miles	Miller J
Mills	Moffett	Moore
Morgan	Moser	Nemes
Osborne	Petrie	Pratt
Prunty	Reed	Riley
Rothenburger	Rowland	Rudy
Santoro	Shell	St. Onge
Stewart	Thomas	Tipton
Upchurch	Webber	Wells

#### **Senate - Yea**

Alvarado	Bowen	Buford
Carpenter	Carroll D	Girdler
Givens	Higdon	Hornback
Humphries	Kerr	McDaniel
Meredith	Raque A	Robinson
Schickel	Schroder	Seum
Smith	Stivers	Thayer
West	Westerfield	Wise

### OUR SUPPORTERS

#### **House of Representatives - Nay**

Adkins	Bentley	Blanton
Brown G	Burch	Cantrell
Castlen	Coursey	Donohue
Flood	Gentry	Graham
Greer	Harris	Harris
Jenkins	Kay	Harris
Marzian	Meyer	Hawkins
Nelson	Overly	Hawkins
Palumbo	Rand	Hawkins
Riggs	Schamore	Hawkins
Simpson	Sims	Hawkins
Stone	Turner	Hawkins
Wayne	Westrom	Hawkins

#### **Senate - Nay**

Carroll J	Clark	Embry
Harper Angel	Jones	McGarvey
Neal	Parrett	Ridley
Thomas	Turner	Webb

## **HOUSE BILL 3** **REPEAL OF PREVAILING WAGE**

### OUR OPPONENTS

#### **House of Representatives - Yea**

Belcher	Benvenuti	Bratcher
Brown L	Bunch	Carney
Couch	DeCesare	Dossett
DuPlessis	Elliott	Fischer
Fleming	Fugate	Gooch
Hale	Hart	Heath
Herald	Hoover	Herald
Johnson D	Johnson DJ	Imes
Koenig	Lee	King
Mayfield	McCoy	Linder
Meredith	Miles	Meade
Mills	Moffett	Miller J
Morgan	Moser	Moore
Osborne	Petrie	Nemes
Prunty	Reed	Pratt
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Greer	Harris	Harris
Hatton	Jenkins	Kay
Keene	Marzian	Meyer
Miller C	Nelson	Overly
Owens	Palumbo	Prunty
Richards	Riggs	Schamore
Scott	Simpson	Sims
Sinnette	Stone	Turner
Watkins	Wayne	Westrom
York		

#### **Senate - Nay**

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# LOCAL 189 - LEXINGTON JEREMY JENKINS, BUSINESS MANAGER



Hello Union Brothers and Sisters.

Work has picked up tremendously since our last newsletter. We continue to have shutdowns at EKP. Lock 10 at Boonesborough will be in full swing soon and we have asbestos and demo work coming up near Versailles. RLA and Miller have picked up on distribution work. We continue to look for more opportunities to keep you working daily. The out of work list has remained very low for this quarter and we have boosted our membership numbers. We have interviewed ten more apprentices. We hope you will help guide them to journeyman status, as it is our responsibility to help teach the next generation of Laborers and future leaders of LIUNA.

Politics and campaigning are in full swing. We will be needing volunteers for walks, phone calls, and people to attend rallies and events. It is very important that we send a message to Frankfort that we will stand with those who support unions and all working men and women in KY. We have to repeal the Right to Work for Less, and reinstate the Prevailing Wages. Please do your part and vote for union friendly candidates. If you need to know who is running in your area please feel free to call the hall. **REMEMBER IN NOVEMBER!!**

Please make plans to attend your union meetings. It is the best way to stay informed and keep up to date on current events, political news, training classes, and any upcoming work in our area.

I want to thank all the retirees as well. Without your hard work, your fighting spirit and your loyalty to our hall, we would not enjoy the wages or benefits we receive today.

Fraternally

Jeremy Jenkins, Business Manager



Carolyn Dupont  
State Senate, District 22



Kennedy Mill Bridge in Mercer County



Paula Clemons-Combs  
State Senate, District 30      R. Travis Brenda  
KY State Representative 71st District



## IMPORTANT MEETING INFORMATION!

The November meeting will be November 16<sup>th</sup>

The December meeting will be on December 28<sup>th</sup>

The Local 189 Christmas Dinner will be on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM.

The Clarion Hotel  
1950 Newtown Pike  
Lexington, KY 40511



The membership tracking program is now available at the Apple App Store and Google Play. 518283 Contact us if you need any assistance setting this up.

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# LOCAL 1445 - CATLETTSBURG

## BILL ONEY, BUSINESS MANAGER



Greetings to all my Union Brothers and Sisters.

Fall is here! Local 1445's work in the spring was slow, but picked up in the summer. Marathon has continued to employ laborers and currently has approximately seventy-five laborers at that plant. Brandenburg has had a small crew with the demo. Turner Industries, Rick Eplion Paving and Global Scaffolding have slowly brought a few guys back that were laid off over the winter. Enerfab has received some work at "MAP" also and we look forward to seeing them grow.

Thermal Solutions at the Louisa powerhouse has continued to man up utilizing laborers in the asbestos and hazardous waste fields along with American Demo, Entact, Global Containment and Enerfab all doing work at that plant.

J and J Construction has started a small project on the Braidy Industries Aluminum Plant with some pond and ground work. We have been told that Kiewit will be the general contractor there. We are looking forward to working with them on that project.

We also have had several members retire this year and we would like to thank and congratulate them for their years of hard work and dedicated service with Local 1445.

Ed Tackett  
Matthew Collett

James Kennedy  
Charles Johnson

Bobby Lewis  
Lonnie Priddy

Leon Lyon

Among the retirees we have Brother Malcom Kimbler, Brother Ed Bentley, Brother Willis Porter and Brother Jim Griffitts who have received their Gold Cards with 50 consecutive years of service!

2 Chronicles 15:7

"Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded." King James Version (KJV)

In remembrance of the laborers that we have lost since the last newsletter, may the Lord comfort the families in these trying times.

Stephen Mike Neal    Charlotte Fernandes    Raymond Blevins

We are facing a hard road ahead of us with the current "Right-to-Work" laws and we will continue to fight for the working class men and women of this state.

Remember the Legislators that have voted against our way of life at the polls in these upcoming elections!

Rest in peace our brothers.  
May God bless you all,

Bill Oney, Jill Fliehman,  
Nick Oney and Larry  
Henderson

Please be certain that you have your correct beneficiary named in writing on your Health Insurance. Local 1445 along with the Health and Welfare Fund have had issues in the past with former spouses, boy or girlfriends or no one at all named as beneficiaries. By law, the named beneficiary is entitled to this benefit and the fund has to issue it to them.

We are now accepting debit/credit card payments for monthly dues to better serve the membership. So if you cannot come in, you can pay your dues over the phone.

**OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS  
ARE HELD ON THE LAST  
TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH  
AT 6:30PM AT THE  
UNION HALL:  
214 26<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
CATLETTSBURG, KY  
PLEASE MAKE AN EFFORT  
TO COME OUT AND ATTEND.**

### 50 YEAR GOLD CARD MEMBERS



James Griffitts



Malcom Kimbler



Ed Bentley



Laborers Local 1445

# LOCAL 1214 - PADUCAH PERRY BLADES, BUSINESS MANAGER



This November will be the key election to getting our state back on the right track. We must get control of the house again and then go after the governor. We must do everything possible to get our union friendly people voted in. Get out and talk with friends and family about the upcoming election. People need to know what Bevin and his followers have done to our state. He has taken away state prevailing wage, pensions and weeks cut from our unemployment benefits. Just think about what he has done to our teachers and state workers. What are we going to do when there are no more teachers or state workers left?

We did not take this serious enough two years ago, and the house was flipped. Now that the Republicans are in control, our pay has been cut to 80%. **THIS IS ONLY GOING TO GET WORSE IF WE DON'T FIX IT THIS NOVEMBER!**

We have a list of Union friendly people that we are supporting. If they are in your district, please get out and vote!

US Congress- **Paul Walker**

State Representative House District 6 -**Linda Edwards**

State Representative House District 1 - **Desiree Owen**

State Representative House District 2- **Charlotte Goddard**

State Representative House District 3- **Martha Emmons**

KY State Senate District 2- **Julie Tennyson**

McCracken County Jailer- **Dan Sims**

Marshall County Judge Executive- **Will Coursey**

Marshall County Attorney- **Zack Brien**

Marshall County Sheriff- **Kevin Byars**

Marshall County Commissioner- **Rick Cocke**

Livingston County Judge Executive- **Jeff Armstrong**

Livingston County Attorney- **Bill McGee JR**

As always, the Labor Day parade was a huge success! This was an extremely hot Labor Day. I am thankful for each and every one of you and your families that took the time to come out and represent Laborers' Local 1214.

Olmsted Locks & Dam had their ribbon cutting ceremony at the end of August. There was over 45 million man hours for all crafts since the job started in 1992. This was one of the largest civil construction jobs in the United States.

Please remember our union brother Keith Guess. Please keep his family in your prayers.



The next two Union meetings will be: November 20<sup>th</sup> and December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

The retiree meeting is always every other month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 11:00 am.

The Christmas potluck will be December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

There will be reminders sent out about the meetings.

**October 27, 2018**

there will be a Rally to

"Remember in November"

held at Paducah Convention Center  
from 1:00pm -3:00pm. There will be

t-shirts on a first come, first serve  
basis, live music and all of our union  
friendly politicians will be there to  
speak. I am asking everyone to  
come out and support this event. I  
have said this once and I will say it  
again, this is a do or die election!



Executive Board having dinner and  
campaigning for Local and County Candidates



**CONGRATULATIONS LOCAL 1214  
ON A JOB WELL DONE!**

## **SECURING THE NATION THROUGH INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **A Look At The Olmsted Locks and Dam Project**

The Olmstead Locks and Dam project replaces the last of the wicket dams, number 52 and 53, near the confluence with the Mississippi River. Crumbling concrete, rusted metal and outmoded design meant that Locks and Dam 52, which was finished in 1928, and nearby Locks and Dam 53, which opened a year later, now had average delays of 15 to 20 hours. The structures were failing in place. The dam at 52 was so old that it was hard to find parts for frequent repairs. Locks 52 and 53 had far exceeded their 50 – year life span. Annually, boats carry on average 90 million tons of commodities while transiting this stretch of the Ohio River. Bottlenecks along America's 25,000 miles of inland waterways occur in a stretch of southern Illinois where the Ohio River meets the Mississippi, and the Cumberland and Tennessee rivers splinter off. With the former aging system, thousands of tons of grain, coal and steel were in jeopardy of sitting idle if river delays occurred because of a breakdown of these former locks and dams.

The \$3 billion Olmsted Locks and Dam was an ambitious project to replace locks and dam 52 and 53 on the lower Ohio River. The project is the largest and most expensive inland waterway project undertaken in the U.S. It has been in the works since the 1980s and offered promises of getting tows through in less than an hour. Longer transportation time increases costs for everything from bread to gas. The completion of this project was critical to keeping America's water highway moving. Near the confluence of the Mississippi, Ohio, Tennessee and Cumberland Rivers is where more commerce traverses than any other location on the entire U.S. inland waterways. With Olmsted Locks and Dam, economic net benefits to the nation are more than \$640 million annually, and the structures will pay for themselves in approximately four years.

The 2,596 foot-wide Olmsted Dam project included the installation of five 110-foot tainter gates X 1,200' locks, a 1,400-foot navigable pass section with 12 monoliths consisting of 140 wicket gates, and a fixed weir that ties the dam into the Kentucky bank. The completion of this project makes Olmsted, McAlpine and Smithland the only navigation projects in the world with 1,200' locks. An onsite concrete batch plant was used to produce 55 precast concrete shells, the largest of which weighs nearly 5,000 tons. The shells are approximately 100 feet wide, 100 feet long, and range in height from 30 to 75 feet. They were lifted by a massive gantry crane and moved onto a skidway, where they were then transported to the river's edge. From there, a catamaran barge transported the shells out into the river where they were lowered onto an underwater foundation using high-tech sonar, video-imaging, and real-time kinetic GPS. Once the shells were set, tremie concrete was pumped into the area under the shells to form a continuous bond with the foundation. The project's 5,300-ton gantry crane is the largest of its kind and the "aqua-digger" excavator barge, which is capable of digging in 80 feet of water, was one of only two in the world. The project also holds 23 million tons of rebar.

Olmsted's operational achievement represents 30 years of innovation excellence and more than 45 million labor hours.

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# LOCAL 576 - LOUISVILLE CORNELIUS COTTON SR., BUSINESS MANAGER



Greetings Sisters and Brothers.

Work has been moving along pretty good this year. The International Convention Center has finally opened back up. The MSD Tunnel project has been moving along and now they have added another mile of tunneling to what was already there. The Shawnee MSD Basin job is close to being completed. The City of Louisville, Kentucky is being built up and the good thing about it is that our members have been able to be a part of that. With that being said, we are still out here working hard to get more work for you all. Right now, we are working with MSD to put an agreement in place that will give our union contracts a better chance to get even more of these projects. We have also been working close with Passport to secure more work for the members. While doing this and more, we have been staying engaged with our community. Standing together to prosper. We are now working hard with the preachers and churches to build a state wide coalition so that we can come together to be even stronger to make the changes that the working people deserves. The Greater Louisville Metro Council has also been working with us to get a lot of things in order. On another note, I would like to thank all of you that was able to make it to the Labor Day Picnic at the zoo and encourage the ones who didn't come, to come out next year and let's enjoy it together. Also, the retirees had their picnic at the Kentucky Laborers Training Center in Lawrenceburg. They really enjoyed themselves. Hope to see more of you all there next year. I would also love to see even more of the retirees to start coming to the monthly retiree meetings. Of course, you all know that this year was election year for Local 576 and the Kentucky Laborers District Council. Local 576 had our nomination meeting and after that we didn't have to have an election because we had no opposition! From what I was told by some of retirees, they have seen nothing happen like this in over 50 years. I would like to thank all of you for the support and all that you do. I will continue, along with the rest of our team, to stand up and represent you all. It has been an honor. Please remember to get out and vote in November.



Reverend Charles Elliot receiving his honorary Gold Card from LIUNA Vice President & Regional Manager Robert E. Richardson and Local 576 President/Business Manager Cornelius Cotton, Sr.



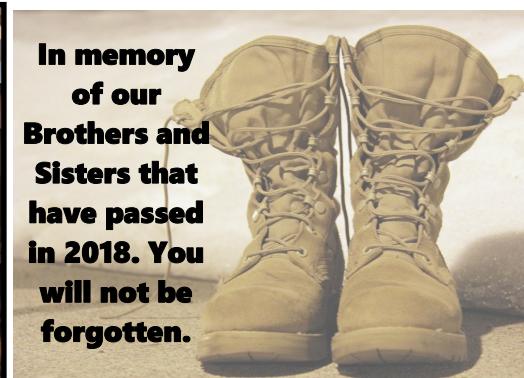
Local 576 Officers being sworn in by LIUNA Vice President & Regional Manager Robert E. Richardson



Brother Billy Gray receiving his Gold Card from 576 Retiree Council President Don Thomas and President / Business Manager Cornelius Cotton, Sr.



Brother Jacob Dove receiving his Gold Card from 576 Retiree Council President Don Thomas, 576 Retiree Council Vice President Joe Jackson and President / Business Manager Cornelius Cotton, Sr.



**GO  
VOTE**

Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6PM.  
Retiree meetings are also on the 3rd Wednesday with a luncheon at 12PM and  
meeting at 1PM. Please come join us for brotherhood, food and drawings!

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# LOCAL 1392 - OWENSBORO

## VINCENT CASEY, BUSINESS MANAGER



We are closing in on the end of 2018. I hope it has been a good year for you and your family. Work has been good at Local #1392. We have sold a lot of new books this year and in the process we have taken in a lot of good strong union members. Our training hours are higher than they have been in years. We are working hard to send contractors, trained and skilled laborers. Right now, with Right to Work, this is important. Speaking of Right to Work, please remember to get out and vote in November. If you know someone that is not registered to vote, go a step further and help them get registered. Every one of you have a voice. You need to make your voice heard. We need to get our state back and we can't do that lying down. Stand up and fight with us.

I want to remind you about our website [www.laborerslocal1392.org](http://www.laborerslocal1392.org), where you can pay your union dues online. I hope this option is helpful to all of our members. Also keep in mind, the training center offers classes all year long. You can find an updated schedule at [www.klft.org](http://www.klft.org). You can also sign up for classes on that website. We are still accepting applications on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 am-10 am. If you know someone who would make a great laborer, please refer them. I hope you and your family enjoy the upcoming Holiday Season.

Blessings,  
Vince Casey

### UPCOMING HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

#### THANKSGIVING

Our office will close at noon on Wednesday, November 21st and remain closed through Friday, November 23rd

#### CHRISTMAS

Our office will be closed December 24th and 25th

#### NEWYEARS

Our office will be closed December 31st and January 1st

### LOCAL 576 ENDORSED CANDIDATES

Louisville Mayor	Greg Fischer
Bullitt Co. Sheriff	Myra Minton
Bullitt Judge Executive	Tony Thompson
Bullitt Magistrate District 2	Cindy Robertson
Bullitt Magistrate District 3	Mike Higgins
District Judge 53rd District	Linda Dixon Bullock
District Judge Division 3	Kristina Garvey
District Judge Division 4	Todd Hollenbach
District Judge Division 6	Sean Delahanty
District Judge Division 9	Karen Faulkner
Family Court Judge Div. 4	Lori Goodwin
Family Court Judge Div. 10	Emily Digenis
Jefferson County Attorney	Mike O'Connell
Jefferson County Sheriff	John Aubrey
Metro Council District 1	Jessica Green
Metro Council District 7	Paula McCraney
Metro Council District 9	Bill Hollander
Metro Council District 11	Derek Trent Ashcraft
Metro Council District 13	Mark Fox
Metro Council District 15	Kevin Triplett
Metro Council District 17	Markus Winkler
Metro Council District 21	Nicole George
Metro Council District 25	David Yates
Oldham County Sheriff	Steven Sparrow
Jefferson County PVA	Colleen Younger
Shelby Circuit Clerk	Austin Redmon

### WHAT CAN I DO?

#### Kentucky Election Day November 6, 2018

(1) A phone call to your County Clerk's Office. Make a phone call to your county clerk's office. Make sure you are registered to vote. Make sure where your voting precinct is. See when the Absentee Vote will open either by mail or by voting at a machine through the clerk's office.

(2) Make sure that your family and friends do the same. Vote on November 6, 2018 from 6AM to 6PM in your time zone.

(3) Volunteer to participate in your Local Unions GOTV efforts call your Business Manager for information. Volunteer to help endorsed Candidates directly. Try to get others to do the same

(4) If you do your part, we can all secure the future for Labor in Kentucky. If every LIUNA member would volunteer 5 days a year we could move mountains. Just think about it if you have a 25 year career with LIUNA 100 days of volunteering secures your work, pension, and benefits.

- Robert Akin, KY LECET



To contact your representative, you can call the Message Center Line: 1-800-372-7181

You can also find information at <http://lrc.ky.gov/house.htm>

## GOLD CARD CLUB

We are going to start showcasing one Gold Card Member per each of the five Kentucky locals in our newsletter. Our retirees are the backbone of this Union. They have sacrificed and worked hard to help make our Union what it is today. For a member to receive a Gold Card, he or she must have been a member in good standing for 50 years. This is a tremendous honor and achievement! We are so very proud of each and every one of our members and retirees, but for a member to reach the Gold Card status, it makes us extremely proud! Beginning in the next edition, we are going to start "The Kentucky Laborers' Gold Card Club". The showcase will include a photo(s) and short bio on those that are chosen. Each local will be responsible for submitting a Gold Card member to be showcased. The process will not be an easy task because every one of them are deserving and worthy of this honor. For those lucky Gold Card members that are chosen, each will receive \$200.00.



### Willis Porter, Local 1445

Brother Willis Porter was born in 1940 to a working class family where his father, Ray was an elementary school teacher and his mother, Katherine was a hard-working house wife that took care of Ray, Willis and his sister. He started working with LIUNA in his early twenties and recalls starting work in 1963 doing tunnel work for Hansen Tunneling out of Pittsburgh's Local 373 at their high scale of \$4.00 per hour. He came to 1445 in 1968 working for Nick Denny Alco and Den-Rail Construction at our Armco steel mill. He retired working for Union Boiler at our Marathon Ashland Petroleum plant in April of 1998. When I asked Willis what he thought about the union, he said "Working union has been good to me they put a lot of money back for me when I needed it." As he has received his pension, I could not help to think that he and the members of this Gold Card club are the ones that have done their part in building this union. I hope that someday members will think that about you and I.



Brother Luttrell with Local 576 Retiree Council Vice President Joe Jackson and KLDC Office Manager Kim Darnell

### Charles Luttrell, Local 576

Local 576 would like to recognize Gold Card member Brother Charles Luttrell. Brother Luttrell initiated on January 15, 1951, retired in 1986 and received his gold card in January 2001. We were privileged to spend some time with Brother Luttrell at the local's recent retiree dinner held at the training center. He traveled with his son all the way from Crawfordsville, IN to join us. You could see the pride in his eyes when he talked about never being late to a job and never being fined. He spent several years of his construction career traveling with Traylor Brothers. Those travels took him to a variety of places including Washington state, St. Louis, and Chicago to name a few. At the age of ninety-two, Brother Luttrell is the local's oldest living member and he will turn ninety-three on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations Charles and thank you for your fifty-seven years of dedicated membership!

### Jerry Payne, Local 1392

I got in the local in August of 1968. I didn't grow up in a union family, my family were farmers. It didn't take me long to believe in the union. I worked in the field for 23 years, then became Business Manager. I worked alongside some great people like Richard Beck and Randall Gilbert who taught me a lot about being a Business Manager. Without the help of my membership, I would not have been anything. It's no different from a foreman on a job; good employees makes a foreman look good and good membership makes the Business Manager look good. I was fortunate to work with people who had the grit to do what was right in the labor movement for the betterment of our great union. There's so much more that I could say, but in the end I am proud everyday that I am a retired union laborer construction worker. This union has been good to me and my family.

Local 1392 would like to congratulate Jerry for 50 years of service!





## Willie Peters, Local 189

Local 189 would like to recognize Brother Willie Peters. Brother Willie joined the laborers in 1962. He worked for many different contractors throughout his career. His work helped transform Lexington and surrounding areas. He worked on the original Commonwealth Stadium, First Security Bank and parking garage. Brother Willie helped turn what was once a cow pasture here in Lexington into the Eastland Shopping Center and he also helped with the stadium in Richmond, KY. Much of his work still stands today for all Kentuckians to enjoy. Brother Willie retired in 1991 upon doctors orders but was able to have some piece of mind due to the benefits received for his many years of hard work through the union. Now, Brother Willie enjoys meeting up with friends and neighbors at the local Hardees restaurant and attending church. He still works hard on the farm. We appreciate all your hard work and we hope you enjoy many more years of retirement. Thank you from all your Union Brothers and Sisters at Local 189!!



## Kenneth Gibson, Local 1214

Kenny started his career with the Laborers' Union hall back in June of 1967. Kenny has worked on all the Locks & Dams and all the bridges. He has worked his way up for being a Laborer to Steward to General Foreman on many projects. Kenny is a real union man. He has seen many ups and downs with the union. Kenny has raised his family on good union wages. We are proud to have a union man like Kenny as a member. Thank you Kenny Gibson for all your hard work and dedication.

# Labor 411

MAKING IT EASY TO SUPPORT GOOD JOBS

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Thanksgiving is a time for gratitude, reflection and plenty of delicious food. As you gather for a feast with the family, friends and the special people in your life, Labor 411 reminds you to be grateful for the employers who provide their employees with living wages and favorable working conditions. Consult our Thanksgiving shopping list and you'll support good middle class jobs and help us feast our way to a stronger America.



### Food for the Feast

#### Whole Turkey

Butterball  
Foster Farms

#### Stuffing

Stroehmann Bakery Products  
Kraft

#### Ham

Boar's Head  
Hormel  
Farmland  
Cook's  
Hillshire Farm  
Thumann's  
John Morrell  
Alexander & Hornung  
Sahlen's

#### Cranberries / Cranberry Sauce

Dole  
Ocean Spray

#### Pie

Entenmann's  
Marie Callender's

#### Salad / Vegetables

Amaral Ranches Broccoli and Romaine Lettuce  
Andy Boy Broccoli, Cauliflower, Lettuce  
Birds Eye and Mann's Green Beans  
Del Fresh Mushrooms  
Dole Salads  
Fresh Express Salad  
Gargiulo Tomatoes

#### Potatoes / Sweet Potatoes

Betty Crocker  
Dole  
Ore-Ida  
Homestyle Bakes  
Mann's

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## JOINT APPRENTICESHIP & TRAINING TRUST FUND ED WILLOUGHBY, ADMINISTRATOR

Class Name	Date	Location
OSHA 10	Sept 26-27	Training Center
Traffic Control (1st day starts at noon)	Sept 27-28	Training Center
CDL Inspection Prep	Oct 8	Training Center
Hazardous Waste Refresher	Oct 13	Training Center
General Construction - Week 1	Oct 22-25	Training Center
Asbestos Worker Refresher	Oct 27	Local 1445
Asbestos Supervisor Refresher	Oct 27	Local 1445
General Construction - Week 2	Oct 29 - Nov 1	Training Center
Hazardous Waste Refresher	Nov 2	Local 1392
Hazardous Waste Worker - Week 1	Nov 5-8	Training Center
Hazardous Waste Worker - Week 2	Nov 12-15	Training Center
Hazardous Waste Refresher	Nov 10	Local 1445
Hazardous Waste Refresher (4 hours Part 1 of 2)	Jan 9	Local 1214
Hazardous Waste Refresher (4 hours Part 2 of 2)	Jan 10	Local 1214
Hazardous Waste Refresher	Jan 11	Local 1214
Hazardous Waste Refresher	Jan 12	Local 1214
Asbestos Worker Refresher	Jan 19	Local 1214
Asbestos Supervisor Refresher	Jan 19	Local 1214
Asbestos Worker Refresher	Feb 2	Training Center
Asbestos Supervisor Refresher	Feb 2	Training Center
Hazardous Waste Refresher	Feb 9	Training Center
Asbestos Worker Refresher	Mar 2	Local 1392

*Notes: Due to changing needs of the industry the training schedule may change, without notice. Please contact the Training Center to confirm that classes/class dates have not been changed.*

## SKILLS PAY BILLS

It's never too late to learn and learn how to work smarter, more efficiently and learn advanced skills. Your time will be spent in attending classes at the Training Center in Lawrenceburg or at your local union. One of the first questions we get at LECET when we speak with developers, contractors and government officials is about how well trained the workforce we have is. That is you and your local union brothers and sisters. So, consider upgrading your skills or learning new skills. Ask your local Business Manager what needs they see coming in work that training will give you, the ability to secure work on those jobs.

*Training = Skills = Pay the Bills*

-Robert Akin, KY LECET



# Apprentice Spotlight

If you are currently enrolled in the Kentucky Laborers' Apprenticeship Program, or if you have already completed it and graduated, we would like to know how becoming a member of LIUNA has changed your life for the better. This will be an essay contest. In order to be considered, you will need to submit your story in written or typed format and send it to the Kentucky Laborers' District Council office. You will find the address on the back of this newsletter. Mark your envelope with the words "Apprentice Spotlight". Submitting your story may take a little time and effort on your part but will be well worth it. The winning entry will receive a check in the amount of \$500.00! Those essays that are not chosen will move forward for a chance to win in the next newsletter.

## Gina Colburn, Local 1214



I worked hard, never missed, nor was I late. GONE...22 years meant nothing! Then the reality check - I had no useable or relative skills in the general workforce. Starting over at 40, this for damn sure wasn't in the plan! The new plan was to make a 360° turn!

Starting with Laborers' Local 1214 Apprenticeship Program, where you get paid while you learn, earn a pension, receive health insurance and the training is free! Free "real" training! Training that means something - a future!

October 2014, my future began with a TVA shutdown. I remember being teased over my new boots. I was new and it was obvious! I don't have a bad memory about being the "new girl". They took care of me, made sure I was safe and started me down the road I proudly walk today. The next 2½ years were spent at the Smithland Hydro Electric Project. I learned carpentry, concrete work, water blasting, cleaning and demolition just to name a few things.

The work and classroom training I've received is a long list. A list with a future of high paying jobs ranging from asbestos abatement, hazardous waste work, to OSHA 30 and numerous safety certifications. With my current contractor, Jim Smith Contracting, I can receive, with hours worked on heavy highway projects, a state certification for highway safety training.

All of this has led me to today where in the last year, I have worked as a flagger, vehicle escort and as the saying goes, "I've hung up my mailbox" there. And all in good company no less! Laborers have worked for Smith for 20+ years. Here's to the future! My appreciation for all that I have learned at the opportunities I have in front of me is beyond measure. These things afforded to me are not without my deepest gratitude and appreciation!

Gina Colburn  
Local 1214, Paducah, KY

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