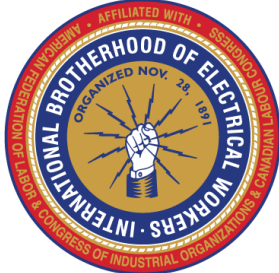




Watt's Up ?!!!!



IBEW Local 890's Newsletter

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

To all members of Local 890,

Dear Local 890 Brothers and Sisters,
 Welcome to the latest edition of our quarterly newsletter! As we dive into the second quarter of 2024, I am pleased to say we are extremely busy with a great work outlook. There are a few things I would like to get out to the membership to let you know what we have going on around the hall. As of writing this letter, we have over 60 people signed up for our in-house retirement seminar including representatives from EMPOWER, PIMCO, and WEEBF. I feel it is always easier to ask the questions you have in-person as opposed to watching a webinar. We have another Health Gauge event coming up May 22nd to promote preventative healthcare. Last year when we offered this at different locations statewide, they reported 2 members had to be rushed immediately to the hospital for different issues that may have saved their lives. Remember to sign up today to get your free health screening.

We are also excited to say the training center is coming along with more classes being added each semester. It is our plan to offer more diverse options and some shorter classes for those who are looking for a quick refresher and CEUs. We already have 7 members attending the annual National Training Institute this year and will bring back the tools and material to expand our class options.

As many of you have heard, we have a Local 890 Job Fair coming in June. We are looking to add membership and fill the demand for workers as we continue to grow our local and gain market share. We are excited to host this outreach to get to know other electricians in the area and share what we have to offer.

As healthcare costs continue to rise, the health and welfare trustee board has decided to increase the premium by 5% and \$.25 to the reserve. This increase is needed as the average monthly premium does not cover the average monthly outgoing cost per member. We have another raise coming in June of \$2.38. Wage allocation options will be presented at the May meeting and be voted on in June. It is my hope to start to chip away at our 150-hour requirement for health care premiums to a lower hour amount and in turn, raise our dollar banks. This will give members more opportunity for optional time off without worrying about coverage. This would also give us the ability to maintain full coverage for any of us that would like the option to retire early.

In closing, I would just like to thank you all again for the opportunity to represent this local and our membership in this position. I have learned so much since being elected, and I appreciate your trust in me to have the locals best interests at heart. In solidarity,

Benjamin Myers
Business Manager
IBEW Local 890

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- Jason Trumpy, Exam Board
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Recording Secretary
- Kyle Haney, Organizer

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Retirement Breakfast

The Retiree Club would like to invite all retirees to their monthly breakfast at Eagle Inn, Janesville WI. The retirees meet at **9 am on the 1st Tuesday of every month**. For the May meeting, the retirees will have a catered meal at 9 am, and enjoy it with the first year apprentices at the 890 union hall. This will be a great opportunity for our retirees to share their stories, tips, tricks, and knowledge with our newest members. To RSVP for the Retiree Breakfast at Local 890 in May, please call the hall at 608-752-0321. We look forward to seeing you there!



Local 890 Updates!

There have been updates at IBEW Local 890 that we would like to highlight for our membership. We recently have gone live with online dues payments through the apps listed below or directly on www.ibew890.org. This has been working out great and is a quick way to stay on top of your dues. Local 890 has also added an online storefront to our Local 890 website to offer some different options for clothing. These items are sold and shipped from union printer Stars and Stripes through this partnership.

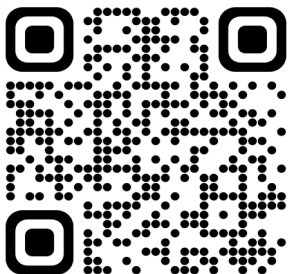
IBEW Local 890 is back on Facebook! We are online with a new Facebook page after our page was hacked. The name of our Facebook page is “**International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 890**”. Look for important events, job postings, union information and updates on the page. Please like, follow, and share our page to help connect all of our brothers and sisters in our jurisdiction.

New Local 890 2024 pocket calendars are available at the hall. Also, be sure to check out the new Local 890 challenge coins. And lastly, stop by to see the newly installed monument sign at the hall!

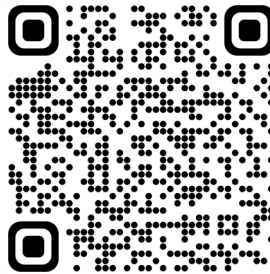
In Solidarity,

Garrik Harwick

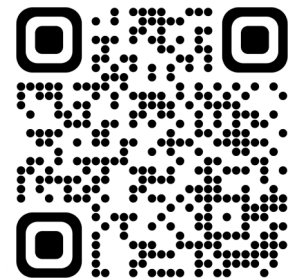
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Welcome to our new Staff Member!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am excited for the opportunity to join the leadership team of the IBEW Local 890 as Organizer. I have been in the trade for close to 9 years now and have been a member in 890 for those 9 years. I served an apprenticeship in our local, completing it in 2023. During my time in the field, I have held positions from Apprentice to Foreman. I have a background in residential, commercial, industrial, and solar. With my well-rounded experiences in the trade and social skills, I will help build a stronger and more united workforce in Local 890.

Becoming an IBEW Local 890 member years ago was one of the best things to happen in my life. It has provided me with the quality of life we all strive for. I will communicate all the benefits in becoming an IBEW member to new potential members, so they also can have the quality of life many of us have fought for in the past and present. I look forward to working for all of you.

In Solidarity,

Kyle Haney



Health Gauge has been chosen by The Wisconsin Electrical Employees Health and Welfare Plan to coordinate our **2024 health fair on Wednesday, May 22nd** at Local 890's Union Hall. Health Gauge has provided mobile health screening services for over 20 years. Since they have started working with Union Health and Welfare plans, H.G. understands our commitment and the importance of health and safety for our members and their families. Health Gauge's health fair includes identifying chronic diseases and preventing unforeseen illnesses to protect our members and their families. Not only does this save lives and keep unions strong it also helps keep health cost down and put more money in the member's pocket.

Services include:

- Stroke/Carotid Artery Screening
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)
- Peripheral Arterial Disease (ABI)
- Biometric Screening and bloodwork
- Prostate Specific Antigen – PSA (Men 40+)
- Thyroid Stimulating Hormone – TSH (Female 18+)

IBEW 890

1900 Reuther Way

Janesville, WI 53546

Wednesday, May 22nd 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Register online: <https://wee.hgscreenings.com/>

Organizer Report



Dear brothers and sisters,

It has been a busy start to the year for our organizing team. Local 890 has been very busy with work in the beginning of the 2024 year and will not be slowing down anytime soon. With more projects starting in the spring/summer, organizing efforts will be crucial to man these jobs. We will continue to make job site visits to non-union contractors and make house visits to non-union individuals. These efforts will continue to help the growth of our membership and keep up with the demand. I am proud to say that Local 890 has had a net growth of 7.1% in our membership over the past year. This surpasses the IO benchmark of 4%. We were in the top 3 in the 6th District for net growth over the past year. We look to continue this trend this coming year to stay on top in the 6th District.

Local 890 assisted our brothers and sisters from LU-430 in blitz and job fair in the beginning of March. As a group we knocked on a total of 326 doors and visited 8 non-union job sites. The job fair brought in a total of 109 applicants, with 79 individuals having zero electrical experience, and 30 having at least one year of experience.

Local 890 will be attending many events coming up in the near future, including 6 career fairs throughout our local. We will be hosting a two-day blitz, and job fair in June. We would appreciate member participation in this event. Be on the lookout for more information in the coming months. Thank you for all your support!

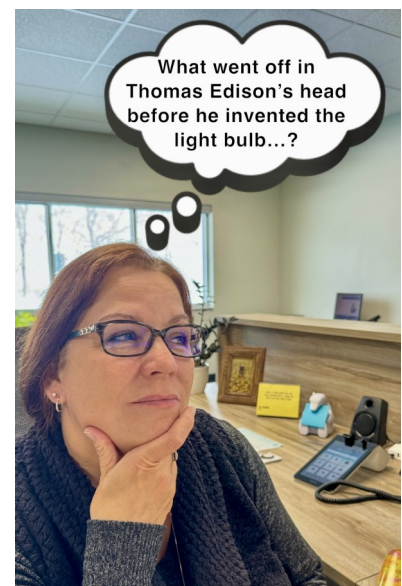
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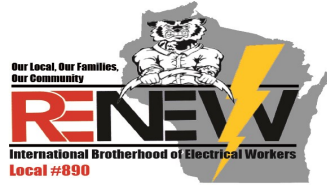
Kyle Haney

Billie's Corner:

I want to thank all of the members who reached out and sent well wishes on my 5th year anniversary. I love my job and couldn't be more proud to work for such a wonderful union. I am so grateful to be part of all of the growing changes at Local 890!

Cheers to many more! :)





Renew Committee is currently working on rolling out our new “Shawn’s Toolbox”. This program is designed for the more “seasoned” members of the local to pass on tools and other work gear to newer members just starting out in the trade. Information on events for members to come check out the items available will be coming in the near future. Anyone with donations for “Shawn’s Toolbox” can contact Cody Krause at 920-728-1518 and bring them to the hall.

Our semi-annual trash clean-up event will be happening in the coming months, with more information to come. Any apprentices volunteering with the clean-up will earn night school hours toward completion.

Renew will also be running tip boards for a chance to win custom Local 890 key fobs. They will be arriving in the next month, look for Facebook updates!

Cody Krause

Renew Committee President

Announcements

- Next union meeting is: Thursday, April 4th at 6:00 pm at Hall.
- Death Benefit #152
- 2024 Monthly Dues- \$46.02—Quarterly- \$138.06—Annual \$552.24
- Watch for the latest news and work updates concerning Local 890 on our website (www.ibew890.org) and our Facebook page (IBEW Local 890).
- Retiree Breakfast is on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 9am at Eagle Inn, Janesville, WI. Please contact Local 890 at 608-752-0321 for any information.

Quote of the Month

“The Labor Movement was the principal force that transformed misery and despair into hope and progress.”

-Martin Luther King Jr.-



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Retiree Breakfast 9am	3	4 Union Meeting 6pm	5	6
7	8	9 A&T Meeting	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 E-Board Meeting 5pm	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				