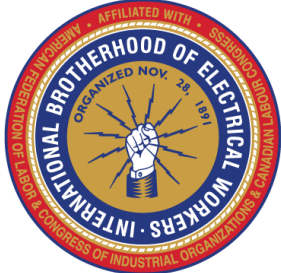




Watt's Up ?!!!!



IBEW Local 890's Newsletter

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Year in Review Newsletter

Dear Brothers and Sisters of IBEW Local 890,

As we look back on an exciting and successful year, we want to take a moment to celebrate all of the positive strides we've made together in 2024. We are proud to share these highlights and offer a glimpse into what's to come in the new year.

Highlights of 2024:

- **Fall Festival:** Our Fall Festival was a resounding success! It was a wonderful time for members and their families to come together, enjoy some fun, and celebrate our shared commitment to the union.
- **Retiree Breakfasts:** This year, we hosted two successful retiree breakfasts with our Apprentices. It was a great opportunity for our veteran members to share their wisdom and experiences with the next generation of IBEW electricians.
- **Reestablishment of the LMCC:** We are thrilled to announce the re-establishment of the Labor-Management Cooperation Committee (LMCC). This collaboration will help strengthen our relationships with employers and ensure that the interests of our members remain at the forefront.
- **New Faces and Roles:**
 - **Morgan – Office Assistant:** We're excited to introduce Morgan, our new office assistant! Morgan brings a fresh energy to our team and is eager to serve our members with excellence.
 - **Kyle Haney – New Organizer:** A warm welcome to Kyle Haney this year as our new organizer in 2024. Kyle's passion for the union and his dedication to growing Local 890 will make a significant impact in the coming year.
 - **Night School Coordinator and New Classes:** We're pleased to have a new Night School Coordinator in place, and with it, new classes for our members. These additions help expand opportunities for continuing education and skill development.

○ **NEBF Pension Increase:** We're happy to announce a raise in the NEBF pension from \$32 to \$33. This is a great step forward for the financial security of our retirees and future pensioners.

○ **Record-Breaking Apprenticeship Class:** Our apprenticeship program saw its largest class to date, and the 2025 class is on track to grow even more! This is a fantastic sign of the future strength of our Local, and we're proud to continue offering top-tier training to the next generation of skilled electricians.

Retirement Seminar: We are currently working on securing a date in the spring for another retirement seminar in collaboration with WEEBF and the International Office. This seminar will offer valuable information and resources for our members approaching retirement.

Looking Ahead to 2025:

We are optimistic about the year ahead. Work has been steady throughout 2024, and the outlook for 2025 is even brighter. As this year brings our current contract to a close, our team is already working on what we can negotiate on our next contract to better our conditions and local. We remain committed to providing our members with the tools, training, and opportunities needed to succeed in this ever-evolving industry.

As always, thank you for your continued dedication and hard work. We look forward to another year of growth, camaraderie, and success.

Wishing you all a prosperous and safe New Year!

Fraternally,
Ben Myers
Business Manager
IBEW Local 890

LOCAL 890 OFFICERS

- Ben Myers, Business Manager/
Financial Secretary
- Robert Walters, President
- Alex Brellenthin, Vice President
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- John Bennett, Exec. Board
- Nick Bell, Exec. Board
- Greg Humphrey, Exec. Board
- Dan Reuter, Exec. Board
- Rob Rygula, Exam Board
- Jason Trumpy, Exam Board
- Garrick Harwick, Business Agent/
Recording Secretary
- Kyle Haney, Organizer

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Retirement Breakfast

- The 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 more information.
- The December Retiree Breakfast with the 5th year class was a huge success. It was a great opportunity for retirees and our soon to be JWs to interact and share stories. We hope to continue these events in the new year to strengthen the solidarity of our Union!



Local 890 Updates!

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays Local 890 Family! I hope you are enjoying the holiday season. We have had a great 2024 in Local 890. As we look to the future, we are excited to continue to grow and engage with the community. In order to meet the challenges ahead, we are doing everything we can to be the best of the best. An updated user friendly website and online dues payments make life easier for members and new night classes and trainings ensure everyone has the chance to grow and learn. In the future we hope to make more things easier for members, including text alerts, an online referral system, online night class signup and payment are just a few of the things we would like to see in the future. I want to thank all of the membership for your support in 2024, and I look forward to advancing the IBEW cause in 2025.

In Solidarity

Garrik Harwick

Asst. Business Manager

Registrar



Come join us for our annual IBEW Local 890 Christmas Party!

We will have Santa, a balloon artist, giveaways and raffles, and a very nice dinner catered by Knutes.

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YOU ARE INVITED
TO THE

**IBEW LOCAL 890
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

SATURDAY JANUARY 11TH, 2025
1-5PM
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS
JANESVILLE

COME JOIN US FOR DINNER, DRINKS,
PRIZE GIVEAWAYS AND MORE!

PLEASE RSVP BY JAN. 3RD
AT 608-752-0321
OR BY SCANNING THE QR CODE BELOW



Organizer Report



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope all of you were able to spend some quality time with family and friends over the holidays. 2024 has been a very busy year in the local for work and 2025 will be the same. The long arrival for the Ho-Chunk Casino in Beloit is here and expected to start ramping up in early spring. Cupertino in Edgerton will have steady work throughout 2025 as well.

2024 was a great year for organizing efforts. I attended over 10 high school career days throughout our jurisdiction and had great interactions with students at each event. I attended 5 organizing blitzes throughout the state during the year. My fellow organizers and myself visited over 3500 doors in 2024. 950 doors were visited in the Local 890 jurisdiction. We have organized a new contractor into the local, Accelerated Electric. Accelerated Electric focuses on the residential and light commercial markets. We are at an all-time high for membership in 890. We have accomplished our goal of hitting 800 members by the end of 2024. Our total membership stands at 841 members.

Organizing efforts will not slow down in 2025. I will be attending 6 organizing blitzes throughout Wisconsin, with more possibly to come. I will be attending 5 high school career fairs throughout our jurisdiction, with more to come. Local 890 will be hosting two job fairs in April of 2025. To cover more of our jurisdiction, one event will be held in Janesville, with the other being held in Lake Geneva. We will also be hosting COMET classes throughout the year at the hall. COMET is a course that explains the importance of organizing, and why we all need to be involved in organizing efforts. The International requires each local to have 80% of its membership to be trained in COMET. If anyone has questions about this course feel free to call me at the hall. My goal is to visit more non-union jobsites this coming year to attempt organizing. It is important to visit our own members as well on jobsites, so I will be increasing union job sites visits as well.

I want to give a sincere thank you to all the members who have helped me in the past year with the events we hosted. Your help does not go unrecognized and is greatly appreciated. I look forward to serving all of you as lead organizer in 2025 and thank everyone for your ongoing support.

Kyle Haney
Organizer

Billie's Corner

Merry Christmas and thank you to all Local 890 members. I look forward to another year working at IBEW Local 890!

. ~ *Billie Vazquez*



Billie's Puns: "Don't blame others for the road you're on, that's your own asphalt"



Upcoming Events:

Shawn's Toolbox– 1st Saturday after the Union meeting 1-3pm at the Local 890 Training Center

Renew Meeting– The renew committee meets at 5 pm on the first Thursday of every month before the union meeting.

Renew will be hosting another cornhole tournament on March 24th, 2025 at Sidelines in Janesville.

Check out our Facebook page, **IBEW 890 Renew**, for updates and events!

Cody Krause

Renew Committee President

Announcements

- Next union meeting is: Thursday, January 2nd at 6:00 pm at Hall.
- Death Benefit #153
- 2025 Monthly Dues- \$49.02—Quarterly- \$147.06—Annual \$588.24
- Watch for the latest news and work updates concerning Local 890 on our website (www.ibew890.org) and our Facebook page (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 890).

Accidents, Illness, Death of Members

- *NONE*

Quote of the Month

“There is no power in the world that can stop the forward march of free men and women when they are joined in the solidarity of human brotherhood.”

—Walter Reuther



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Union Meeting 6pm	3	4 Shawn's Closet
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Christmas Party 1pm
12	13	14 A&T Meeting 3pm	15	16 E-Board Meeting 5pm	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	