



Watt's Up ?!!!!



IBEW Local 890's Newsletter

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Summer Newsletter – 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We hope this message finds you well and enjoying your summer. As we move through the warm months, we have a lot of exciting updates and events to share with you!

LOCAL 890 OFFICERS

- Ben Myers, Business Manager/
Financial Secretary
- Robert Walters, President
- Alex Brellenthin, Vice President
- Nate Kalas, Treasurer
- Greg Phillips, Exec. Board
- John Bennett, Exec. Board
- Nick Bell, Exec. Board
- Greg Humphrey, Exec. Board
- Dan Reuter, Exec. Board
- Rob Rygula, Exam Board
- Jason Trumpy, Exam Board
- Garrik Harwick, Business Agent/
Recording Secretary/Exam
Board
- Josh Denzer, Organizer

JOIN THE EVENTS TEAM OR DESIGN COMMITTEE

We're still looking for members to join our **Events Team**, which helps organize great events like the Fall Festival. It's a great way to get involved and build community. Also, our new **Design Committee**, led by **Greg Phillips**, is working to personalize our union hall with **photos, memorabilia, and more** to better reflect our shared history. If you're interested in joining either team, contact the office!

WELCOME BACK BRAD WILDES

We're excited to welcome **Brad Wildes** back as our **full-time Apprenticeship Day School Instructor** this fall. Brad brings experience, enthusiasm, and a strong dedication to training future electricians. Welcome back, Brad!

MEET JOSH DENZER – OUR NEW ORGANIZER

Please welcome **Josh Denzer**, who has accepted the role of **Organizer**. Josh has hit the ground running with a strong drive and a genuine care for people. Feel free to stop by the office or give him a call if you haven't had the chance to meet him yet—we're thrilled to have him on board.

PROMOTING THE TRADE: CONDUIT LAB IN BELOIT

Through support from the **LMCC**, we're developing our **second high school conduit lab**—this one at **Beloit Memorial High School**. These labs are an excellent way to introduce students to our trade with **hands-on experience guided by IBEW members**. If you're interested in getting involved with this project, please contact the office for details.

FIRE ALARM LAB EXPANSION

Thanks to a generous donation from **Kidde**, we've received **six addressable and six non-addressable fire alarm setups**. These will be used to build a new lab and support a **new curriculum launching this fall**—another great step forward in expanding our training program.

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THANK YOU

Thank you for your continued support of Local 890. Whether you're a long-time member or just getting started, your participation helps strengthen our brotherhood and ensure the future of our trade.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

In Solidarity,
Ben Myers
Business Manager
IBEW Local 890

Retirement Information

- 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 more information.
- Join the retirees on August 5th for the next breakfast!

American Income Life

After following up with AIL on some member complaints, they have offered a solution to help with open communication. A team of veteran agents will take over the Local 890 account. All agents will state right away that they work for AIL. The Wisconsin and district representatives will be at our **August 8th Union Meeting** to answer any questions. AIL offers many great options for insurance and more, but if you would like to be on the “**Do Not Call**” list, please scan the **QR code** or contact the office and we will send your request to AIL. **Please remember, even if you do not send in the enrollment card, you are still covered under the free death and dismemberment plan.**

Opt-out:

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Local 890 Updates!

I hope everyone has had a great start to the summer season. Work has been steady in LU890 and the books have remained relatively low. We anticipate getting much busier this summer.

Our recurring dues payment option is working great and we have been adding members each month to the service. If you would like to sign up, stop by the hall and fill out the paperwork to join. We are also excited to announce our online referral and re-sign programs. If you are a member, you will be able to use the dues paying app on the website to bid on jobs, resign, and look up your job history. This service is available to any member of the IBEW who has signed with us in the past. All new registrations will still require in-person verification.

On September 27th, we will be hosting another Fall Festival for IBEW LU890 members and their families. We hope to see all of you there! Look for more information to follow.

Save the date for the IBEW Golf Outing to be hosted at Evansville Golf Course on October 18th at 9am. This will be a great solidarity event for members and will include participation from our neighboring local IBEW unions and members.

In Solidarity,

Garrik Harwick
Asst. Business Manager
Registrar
IBEW Local 890



Welcome New Staff

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

My name is Josh Denzer, and I am proud to have served and completed my apprenticeship in Local 890. While my years of training alongside some of the best Journeyman Wireman helped me develop my skills as an effective electrician, I will cherish the lessons of brotherhood most. Knowing that I can reach out to any of my IBEW brothers and sisters, both professionally and personally, means a great deal to me, and I extend the same support to all of you.

Upon accepting the role of Organizer, I have begun to learn the internal functions of the office and build my relationship with our Wisconsin sister-local organizers. Visiting non-union jobsites in our local from Lafayette to Walworth and Jefferson County, attending the Local 14 blitz in May, the Local 430 blitz in June, and the 6th District M.D. Conference has given me a deeper understanding of the organizer role.

As your Organizer, I will work hard every day to build and nurture positive relationships with those who are unrepresented, demonstrating that there is a superior way to make a living as an IBEW member. It brings me immense joy to know that I will play a part in changing someone's life for the better.

In Solidarity,
Josh Denzer



Come join us again this year at the IBEW Local 890 Fall Festival!

September 27th, 2025

11am-3pm

IBEW Local 890 Hall

Join your fellow members and their families as we celebrate IBEW solidarity and a day of fun. We will have member's only giveaways, raffles, drinks, Doña Concha Food Truck, Knute's Catering, inflatables, games and face painting for the kids!



Organizer Report



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

While I officially started on June 2nd, I was able to assist in our Local 890 blitz in April. With the help of our sister local organizers, we hit over 400 doors and attracted 40 people to our Job Fair. In May, I was part of the Local 14 Eau Claire blitz, and in June the Local 430 Racine blitz. Year to date in Wisconsin, we've made over 2,800 visits to licensed electricians.

Working with Local 159 Organizer Josh Stern, we visited jobsites in Janesville, Brodhead, Juda, Monroe, and New Glarus to speak with our members and the unrepresented. In the coming months I will continue my efforts to visit our jobsites and develop positive relationships with those who are not represented.

Work in Local 890 continues to look good, with expected calls coming in for the Beloit Casino mid-July. The new "Bank of Brodhead" in Milton was awarded to Staff Electric. Also, the Lake Mills School District projects were awarded to Westphal Electric. They are projected to start by the end of year 2025 with various other projects along the way.

In Solidarity,

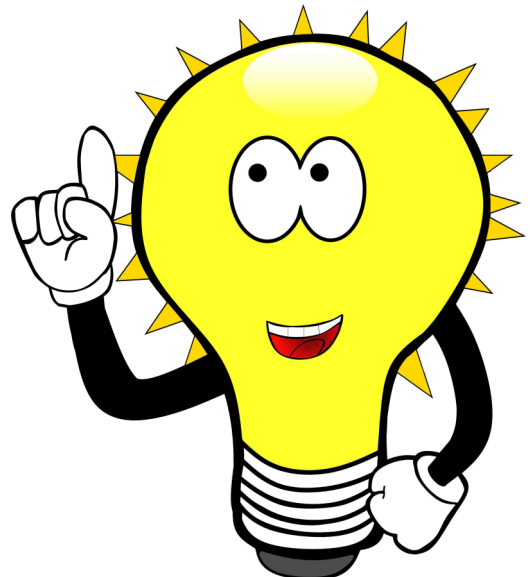
Josh Denzer
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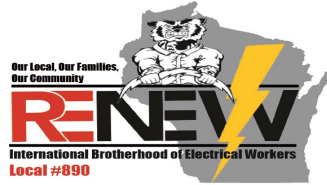


Billie's Corner

Billie's Joke of the Day:

"If you plant a light bulb in your garden, does it grow into a power plant?"





Upcoming Events:

Shawn's Toolbox– 1st Saturday after the Union Meeting, 1-3p.m. at the Local 890 Training Center

Renew Meeting– The Renew Committee meets at 5 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month before the Union Meeting.

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

Cody Krause

Renew Committee President

Announcements

- Next Union Meeting is: Thursday, July 10th at 6:00 p.m. at the Hall.
- Death Benefit #155
- 2025 Monthly Dues- \$50.02—Quarterly- \$150.06—Annual \$600.24. If sending payment via check, please call ahead for exact amount depending on time of year paid.
- 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

- *Brother James “Jim” McGuire passed away on April 22, 2025. Brother McGuire was initiated into the IBEW on October 1, 1959 and was a proud member for 66 years.*

Quote of the Month

“There is power in a factory, power in the land, power in the hands of a worker. But it all amounts to nothing if together we don’t stand.” – Harry Bridges



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Closed Independence Day	5
6	7	8 A&T Meeting 3pm	9	10 Union Meeting 6pm	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Executive Board Meeting 5pm	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		