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## Business Manager's Report

Robert Doyle

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Brothers and Sisters,

This article will address some common questions I have been asked over the past six (6) months. Do we intend to purchase a building? Yes. How would this affect the Labor Temple? Regarding leaving the Labor Temple, yes, we will physically leave Park Street but we will continue to support the Labor Temple by continuing to hold our general membership meetings here (along with Retiree Luncheon and other special events) and paying our per capita assessments. Additionally, we have purchased equity in the Labor Temple which will sustain them until they decide to develop and look at a self-sustaining method of operation.

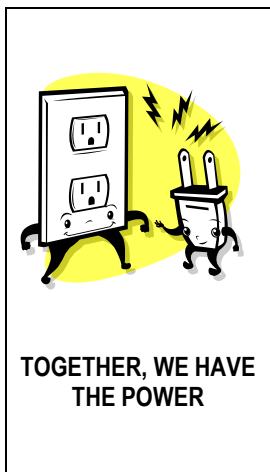
Can the local afford to do this? Our financial investment would remain intact. Over the past month we have started a building committee and are studying the feasibility of purchasing our own office/training facility. In the coming months we will present our findings, while highlighting issues such as: location, cost, maintenance, size and utility. When we have studied the issue exhaustively, the building committee will present the information at a general membership meeting.

We will continue to be part of the Building Trades and South Central Federation of Labor as well.

When we buy a building does that mean day school will not be held at Madison College anymore? By paying our per capita we remain Labor Temple members – just like the Firefighters, Plumbers and others who left the Labor Temple years ago. Should the membership decide to purchase an office/training facility then the day school for apprentices will remain at Madison College.

The new facility will be used for night school training of JWs, Apprentices, CWs and CEs. In closing, I want to remind you that your union is only as strong as the members who participate. I welcome any and all to give your input. Remember, “By choosing to do nothing, you have chosen something.”

Fraternally,  
 Robert P. Doyle



## **Referral Agent Jeff Crocker**

The bid system has been in place for over a month now and after working a few bugs out, it is up and running. Just a reminder to members on the out of work books, when you log in between the 10<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of any month, you will be automatically re-signed.

There are a couple of good sized projects bidding in August. Hopefully one of our contractors will bid the new Marcus Theatre in Sun Prairie.

The Poker Run was a great success. I want to thank all those who helped organize, volunteer and participate. A limited amount of shirts are still available. The cost is \$20. All proceeds are being used for #159 to buy gifts for Toys for Tots.

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## **Membership Development Casey Healy**

I would like to thank everyone that participated in the 2014 Bob Palmer Golf Classic which was held at the Bridges golf course. It was a great turnout, weather was beautiful, and by the golf scores posted, I think everyone was enjoying the day with friends, family and co-workers. Special thanks to Tom Lemens and Tim Cogger for all their hard work and dedication in planning and hosting this golf outing.

“REGISTERED LICENSE” if you are working under this license (excluding apprentices) you need to take 24 CEU’s (continuing education units or credits) within the first 9 months of your 1 year license. We do offer classes at the hall with CEU’s that are free. Go to our home page [www.ibew159.org](http://www.ibew159.org) and click on member resources and then click on class offerings. You will see a list of classes that are offered. Starting this fall we will be adding more classes for our members.

Our new referral bid system has been in effect for over 5 weeks. Just a reminder to all members, you need to place a bid for a job either online at [ibew159.org](http://ibew159.org) or by phone at 608-255-2989 in order to be considered for a job. . Bidding starts at 5:00 PM and goes till 7:00 AM. By placing a bid it does not guarantee you the job, it only puts you in a pool selection with other bidders for that job. The next morning starting at 7:30 AM calls will be made to the individuals who bid on jobs. The order in which phone calls are made to bidders is in accordance with their

position on the books. You must answer your phone and verbally accept the bid you submitted or else the job is offered to the next individual.

If you have question or concerns about something please call the Union office at 608-255-2989 and we will do our best to help you.

Brothers and sisters travel and work safely and enjoy the rest of the summer.

## **Union is strength Casey Healy**

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## **Organizers report Jeremy Waugh**

This month started with a local blitz on visible targets in the Madison area. Our records go back for quite some time, some are active and some have moved on. Visiting with each one we saw that would speak to us to let them know we stand for a better way of life, were all in the same trade, let’s all get the same pay and benefits.

The Building Trades Organizers were at the Alliant energy center for a cookout. Total Electric from Marshfield is on that job. The workers brought a lunch to work with them that day, I guess their shop didn’t want us to speak to them, even the temporary workers from Trillium staffing.

I went to Local 494, Milwaukee, for an organizing blitz. I spent the day with their lead organizer Rick G. We spent the day in the northern neighborhoods, the response was great that we were reaching out to them.

We held our (Local #159) first poker ride. We had people from all walks of life join us. The day went just like someone had planned it and knew what they were doing. It was a good day.

We continue to visit contractors to build our base of work. We reach out in all aspects of the electrical world and are willing to speak with anyone that is receptive to new ideas.

## **In Brotherhood Everybody Wins**

## Office Update

Kara and Sue are in the office 8-4:30 to assist members. Please keep that in mind when you are planning on coming to the union office or calling.

Any phone calls after 5:00 p.m. are automatically transferred to the night attendant voice messaging system.

We are taking applications for the apprenticeship programs in our office Monday-Friday from 8:00 – 4:00. If you know anyone interested in either the Voice-Data-Video apprenticeship or Construction Apprenticeship, please let them know about this change in the application procedure. Check out our new signs outside the Labor Temple.

Applications will not be picked up until February 27, 2015

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### Wedding Bells are ringing!

Brother Scott Swenson and DeVonna Wylie were married on July 11, 2014 after a well-tested engagement period. Congratulations and best wishes.

Happy Anniversary to Sister Carol Grundahl and Brother Dan Grundahl – 7 years on July 28<sup>th</sup>.



### Retirees Club

The retirees met at Fitz's in Okee. We had a record attendance this month, at least in my memory. Great to see. The following were present: Kenneth Goss, Elmer Racek, Lee Lemens, Don Dushek, Jim Virnig, Terry Stamm, Bill Kracke, Bernie, Braun, Tom Kepler, Dave Ruhnke, Dennis Wiczorek, Jeremy Waugh, Eldon McDaniel, Rich Gorst, Ron Disch, Marvin Milleville, Bob Call, Jeff Rowley, Mike Stassi, Steve Greenheck, Thomas Riechman, Del McGregor, Gary Gander, Donald Leonard, Carmon Howe, Dave Krey, Donald Boe, Roy Holm, Kevin Olson, Howard Diehl, Tom Corcoran, Jerry Miller and Don Small.

A moment of silence was held for retired Brother, Rex Fritz, Jeff Crocker's Mother, Jeanette and #159 apprentice, Kyle Hendrickson's wife, Kristina. Our prayers are with their families. Jeremy Waugh came seeking some help with the Fantasy in Lights.

We recognized three birthdays. They were Don Small, Mike Stassi and Steven Greenheck. Next month we plan to return to Fitz's in Okee for our August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting and hope you will come join us.

Volunteers are still needed for the union picnic and for Labor Day. Please call the hall if you can help.

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AVOCA - Donna J. (Davis) Ladd, age 58, of rural Highland/Avoca, passed away far too soon on July 17, 2014, at University Hospital of an aneurysm.

Donna was born on Nov. 25, 1955, the daughter of Gerald and Margery Davis. She grew up in Richland Center. She would tell stories of a very close family, their many outings, cleaning squirrels for her dad (the Tom Boy that she was), and her many friends. She was very proud of that time. She had two sons, Jamie and Caleb Buroker. They became the foundation of her life.

In 1992, Donna married her lasting love, Leslie Ladd of Highland. In 1993, they purchased Les's family farm, a place she transformed into their beautiful country home, where friends and family often gathered. Her work on the yard and in the gardens was something she loved. She tirelessly canned jars of her trademark pickles, sharing them with her lucky guests. Donna was always a worker. She was a daycare provider in Richland Center before joining the staff at Beverly Healthcare, where she worked for ten years. There is no greater love in the world than the love she had for her grandchildren, Jesse, Haley, Byron, Nina and Carson. There was absolutely nothing that meant more to her than the time she had with them. We will all miss her.

Donna is survived by her beloved and supportive husband, Leslie; sons, Jamie Buroker of Montfort, (Jesse and Haley) and Caleb (Sarah) Buroker of Highland, (Byron and Nina Buroker and Carson

Bryant); sister, Veda (Bob) Powell; and brother, Gordy (Sandy) Davis, all of Onalaska, sister, Sandy (Steve) Welte, and her twin brother, Don Davis, both of Richland Center; sister-in-law, Bonnie (Benish) Davis; and brother-in-law, John Cupp. She was preceded in death by her mother and father; sister, Karron Cupp; brother, Rick Davis; husband, David Jackson; and great-nephew, Christopher Davis.

**Brother Leslie Ladd would like to thank the crew at the East Campus – UW Hospital for all the kindness and consideration they have showed him during this very difficult time.**



**August 9th—Warner Park Starting at noon.  
Fun for the whole family.**

**Food/beverages/Games**

**Bouncy house**

**No alcoholic beverages will be provided by #159**

<b>SAVE THE DATE</b>	
<b>Aug. 9</b>	Union Picnic, noon Warner Park
<b>Aug. 11</b>	Retirees Luncheon – Fitz’s - noon
<b>Aug. 12</b>	Election Day
<b>Aug. 14</b>	Union meeting, 5:30 p.m.
<b>Sept. 1</b>	Labor Day -noon Labor Temple

## Pro Union Contracting Course

**We will need 20 people to sign up for this course to hold it at #159. It will be a 3-day course covering all aspect of becoming a union electrical contractor. The course would be held sometime in January 2015. The cost will be \$500, with the possibility of having all or a portion of it reimbursed upon completion.**

**It will give members a very good idea of what is involved to do this and give you the tools to become a successful contractor.**

**Please contact the union office at 608-255-2989 for more details or to sign up for this course**



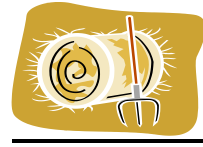
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**Marsh Hay For Sale**

Brother Marc McCarville has small bales of marsh hay for sale at \$3/bale. Call him if you are interested – 608-438-9563



**Please patronize these Wall to wall union grocery stores.**

**Metro Market – Cottage Grove Rd and Regent Street Co-op Regent St. Woodman’s west and Metcalfe at Hilldale both have unionized meat markets.**



**FALL COLLEGE ELITE BASKETBALL EXPOSURE SKILLCASE FOR HIGH SCHOOL BOYS AND GIRLS**

**WHEN:** Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup>. The cost of the Skillcase is \$75. Registration is only available online. Payment may be made online as well or sent to:

Seneca Blue - 3149 Harmony St. Sun Prairie, WI 53590 \*\*\* Registrations are not complete until payment is received!!!

**WHERE:** Sun Prairie High School - 888 Grove St. Sun Prairie, WI 53590

**SKILLCASE DETAILS:** A great opportunity to “showcase” your skills in front of D2, D3, NAIA and JUCO coaches from all over the Midwest while competing with and against some of the top HS/JUCO players in Wisconsin and bordering states. The event feature innovative and intense drill work as well as 30-minute running clock equal playing time mini-camps. The staff will consist of current/former college players as well as HS/College coaches. Every participant will receive a numbered t-shirt. Every participant must bring their own basketball for drill work.

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