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With Local 292, International
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It's Holiday Party Time!

Children's Party,
December 4

Retirees' Party,
December 8

Members' Party,
December 10

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Mark Dayton Labor-Endorsed For Governor



Labor-Endorsed candidate for Minnesota Governor, Mark Dayton, speaking to members of the Minnesota AFL-CIO.

*“Labor cannot afford to sit on the sidelines
during this November’s election.”*

Tom Olson (See page 2.)

**Remember to Vote
on Tuesday, November 2
Minnesota General Election**
**Please support our
Labor-Endorsed Candidates**

AT THE BUSINESS MANAGER'S DESK

BY TOM OLSON

STARK CHOICES FOR VOTERS**'Labor cannot afford to sit on the sidelines...'****"To have a middle class you must have a strong union movement."**

This isn't just the sentiment of union leadership or one of Labor's forefathers. The quote above is from a recent speech by Princeton economist and Nobel Prize winner Paul Krugman. Krugman argues that any decline in union membership in this country since the 1950's has been due to "political" problems and not to any lack of interest among workers in joining a union. In fact, recent polling suggests that 53% of non-union workers in the U.S. want a union today, but employer intimidation and weak labor laws prevent workers from exercising their free choice to join a union.

This is a timely reminder that political problems require political action. Labor cannot afford to sit on the sidelines during this November's election. We cannot afford to let the overwhelming amount of noise coming from our enemies drown out the positive message we have spent our lives delivering. The ballot in this election offers very stark choices for voters. We must not lose sight of the progress that is being made by the current administration in Washington, D.C. Please remember that it took many years to create the difficult conditions we are enduring today, and it will take time to get the country back on the right path.

Just as we must remain active and engaged in the political process, we must also remain committed to upholding our values and working standards within our union. We must remain true to our principles of respect and solidarity. Remember that these are the sources of our strength. Accept nothing less than the rights afforded to each of us under the terms of our Agreements, even in the face of temptation or intimidation. Remember, we are the key to preserving a strong middle class in this country, but we can't do that by sitting on the sidelines. Stay safe.

AT THE POLITICAL DIRECTOR'S DESK

BY DAN MCCONNELL

JOBS**IBEW Endorses Mark Dayton for Governor**

Brothers and Sisters:

I think we can all agree that the most important issue facing our union is our need for **Jobs** for our members. We have all struggled for too many years with the effects of unacceptable levels of unemployment.

Over the last several years we have come together to rally at the Minnesota State Capitol, asking for our Government to take action to create **Jobs**. As we all know, those efforts have met with mixed success. It is no coincidence that our years of hardship line up with the rein of Tim Pawlenty as Governor of Minnesota.

When you look at the legacy of Governor Pawlenty, you see that it is marked by disinvestment in our State. You can also see the toll this disinvestment has taken on our infrastructure. Ask yourself: are you tired of looking at the rusted-out light poles or driving down that street that is pocked with pot holes. Ask yourself: what business would want to invest in a state that is in such disrepair, where their products will sit in traffic jams instead of moving quickly onto store shelves.

On November 2nd, we have a choice to make.

I have no hesitation in saying that Mark Dayton is, by far, the best candidate for the hard-working men and women of Local 292. Unlike his opponents, Mark will make **Job**-creation and reinvesting in Minnesota his first priority. He will also vigorously enforce our state's licensing and prevailing wage laws, making sure that contractors who cheat on their bids do not profit at our expense.

Local 292 respects your right to vote for the candidate of your choice, but we also respectfully ask that you give full-consideration to casting your vote for our endorsed candidates.

Thanks.

Dan McConnell,
Political Director, IBEW Local 292
612-617-4234 (Office)

Labor Endorsed Candidates

MINNESOTA GENERAL ELECTION – Tuesday, November 2, 2010



Governor / Lt. Governor
Mark Dayton / Yvonne Prettner Solon

Attorney General
Lori Swanson

State Auditor
Rebecca Otto

Secretary of State
Mark Ritchie

U.S. Congress

CD 1 – Tim Walz
CD 2 – No endorsement
CD 3 – No endorsement

CD 4 – Betty McCollum
CD 5 – Keith Ellison

CD 6 – Tarryl Clark
CD 7 – Collin Peterson
CD 8 – Jim Oberstar

Minnesota State Senate

(By Senate District Number)

1 – LeRoy Stumpf
2 – Rod Skoe
3 – Tom Saxhaug
4 – Mary Olson
5 – David Tomassoni
6 – Thomas Bakke
7 – Roger Reinert
8 – Tony Lourey
9 – Keith Langseth
10 – Dan Skogen
16 – Lisa Fobbe
17 – Rick Olseen
20 – Gary Kubly
22 – Kevin Vickerman
23 – Kathy Sheran
25 – Kevin Dahle
27 – Dan Sparks
28 – Joseph Fricke
30 – Ann Lynch
31 – Sharon Erickson Ropes
38 – Jim Carlson
39 – James Metzgen
40 – John Doll
41 – Steve Elkins
44 – Ron Latz
45 – Ann Rest
46 – Linda Scheid
47 – Leo Foley
49 – Paul Meunier
50 – Barbara Goodwin
51 – Don Betzold
52 – Becky Siekmeier
53 – Sandy Rummel
54 – John Marty
55 – Charles Wiger
57 – Katie Sieben
58 – Linda Higgins
59 – Lawrence Pogemiller
60 – Scott Dibble
61 – Linda Berglin
62 – Patricia Torres Ray
63 – Ken Kelash
64 – Richard Cohen
65 – Sandra Pappas
66 – Ellen Anderson
67 – John Harrington

Minnesota State House of Representatives

(By House District Number)

1A – Dave Olin
1B – Bernie Lieder
2A – Kent Eken
2B – Brita Sailer
3A – Tom Anzelc
3B – Loren Solberg
4A – John Persell
5A – Tom Rukavina
5B – Tony Sertich
6A – David Dill
6B – Mary Murphy
7A – Thomas Huntley
7B – Kerry Gauthier
8A – Bill Hilty
8B – Tim Faust
9B – Paul Marquart
12A – John Ward
12B – Al Doty
13B – Al Juhnke
14B – Larry Hosch
16A – Gail Kulick Jackson
20A – Andrew Falk
20B – Lyle Koenen
22A – Ted Winter
23A – Terry Morrow
25B – David Bly
26A – Kory Kath
26B – Patti Fritz
27A – Robin Brown
27B – Jeanne Poppe
29B – Kim Norton
30A – Tina Liebling
30B – Andy Welti
37B – Phillip Sterner
38A – Sandra Masin
38B – Mike Obermueller
39A – Rick Hansen
39B – Joe Atkins
40A – Will Morgan
40B – Ann Lenczewski
41B – Paul Rosenthal
42A – Maria Ruud
43B – John Benson
44A – Steve Simon
44B – Ryan Winkler
45A – Sandra Peterson
45B – Lyndon Carlson
46A – Mike Nelson
46B – Debra Hilstrom
47A – Denise Dittrich
47B – Melissa Hortman
49B – Jerry Newton
50A – Carolyn Laine
50B – Kate Knuth
51A – Zak Chlebeck
51B – Tom Tillberry
53A – Paul Gardner
54B – Mindy Greiling
54B – Bev Scalze
55A – Leon Lillie
55B – Nora Slawik
57A – Jen Peterson
58A – Joe Mullery
58B – Bobby Joe Champion
59A – Diane Loeffler
59B – Phyllis Kahn
60A – Marion Greene
60B – Frank Hornstein
61A – Karen Clark
61B – Jeff Hayden
62A – Jim Davnie
62B – Jean Wagenius
63A – Paul Thissen
63B – Linda Slocum
64A – Erin Murphy
64B – Michael Paymar
65A – Rena Moran
66A – John Lesch
66B – Alice Hausman
67A – Tim Mahoney
67B – Sheldon Johnson

2010 IBEW Local 292 Service Pin Awards

70-YEAR MEMBERS

Art Ingebredtsen, Jr.
William Leeper

65-YEAR MEMBER

Jerry Ackerman

60-YEAR MEMBERS

William Baeten
Gary Boline
Jack Claypatch
Arthur Gibbs
Edry Hagen
Thomas Lebo
Donald Sewill
Earl Shamp
John Sieberz
Harold Smith

55-YEAR MEMBERS

Harley Barton
Leonard Bellefeuille
Charles Berger
Antonio Bosquez
Arnold Erickson
John Javner
Kenneth Jerde
Joe Koppi
Clarence Koski
Dale Lomas
Richard Nelson
William Peltier
Allan Poole
David Ranallo
Jerome Simpkins
David Sovell
Robert Tatley

50-YEAR MEMBERS

George Braunwarth
Michael Bruner
Ronald Fortmeyer
Myron Foslien
Curtis Hagfors
Duane Hansen
Sheldon Jones
Robert Joseph
Wallace Kalscheuer
Gerald Koskiniemi
John MacLennan
Robert Meyer
Larry Murray

Vincent Ratka

Jerome Renk

Frank Spartz

Wyman Spoons

Michel Sutton

Richard Tessmer

Sheldon Vanasse

John Vitols

Donald Warrington

40-YEAR MEMBERS

Donald Adams

John Anderson

Daniel Barto

Frank Bellcour

Edward Bies

Gerald Campbell

Rodolfo Castro

Jerry Christenson

Gary Combs

Mike Critchfield

Steven Degidio

Michael Demarais

Raymond Essendrup

Bradlee Flateland

Michael Frank

Marvin Garbers

Oliver Geist

Gary Golay

Leroy Gratke

Douglas Gustafson

Barry Hample

Ronald Holscher

Andrew Hornsten

Shirley Houghtelling

Donald Houle

Donald Jacques

Lonnie Johnson

Richard Johnson

Kevin Jones

Rodney Kossila

John Kovach

Donald Laffey

Kenneth Lakeman

Jeffrey Lange

James Lass

Virgil Linn

Donald Logan

Michael Loisel

Ronald MacMillan

David Martinson

James Meyer

Eugene Neyens

Dennis Niemi

James Niskanen

David Novack

Gary Novotny

Larry Oberender

Gregory Olson

Jerry Olson

David Otto

William Partyka

Thomas Petschl

Jerry Popma

Alden Rabe

Roger Redepenning

Larry Reece

Robert Rice

Joseph Ryan

Gary Sandberg

Timothy Sardelli

Loren Schmidt

Michael Shannon

James Shelledy

Benjamin Storey

Larry Sullwold

Thomas Tobias

David Trombley

Van Welke

Michael Wood

25-YEAR MEMBERS

Guy Anderson

Robert Anschutz

Jerome Borowicz

Kevin Brandt

Rick Cariveau

Craig Carlson

Mark Carney

Thomas Closner

Scott Cook

Robert Davidson

Guy Demesy

Donald Deutsch

Richard Dills

Kenneth Dropik

Duane Eisenschenk

Gregory Fox

James Gessner

Jeffrey Green

Marc Groenke

Jeffrey Gunderson

Scott Higgins

Barry Hollins

Roger Iskierka

Daniel Jackson

Jay Kafka

Dennis Kilian

Douglas King

Scott Klitzke

Don Laborde

Paul Lakanen

Matthew Larson

Joseph Lechner

Scott Lindquist

Margaret Lund

Mark Lureen

Jeffrey Lynch

Lawrence Martin

George May

Douglas McDaniel

John Merkel

Charles Mike

Thomas Moe

Joseph Nelson

David Nies

Daniel O'Brien

Patrick O'Fallon

Joel Ohman

David Palmer

David Perkins

Paul Perreault

Barry Przybylski

Steven Russell

David Sand

Lee Schaefer

Thomas Schrank

Michael Schreiber

Daniel Smith

Mark Stimac

Kurt Stumpfa

Richard Swanstrom

Robert Thordson

Michael Von Arx

Michael Voss

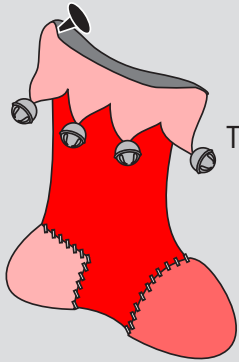
Roland Wivoda

Steven Yahnke

Michael Yohnke

If members have not already received their awards, the awards will be presented at the Retirees Holiday Party.

CHILDREN SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4



DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS CONVENTION CENTER

Doors Open at 8 a.m.

The Teddy Bear Band Plays at 9:30 a.m.

Candy, Toys, Songs, Dance,
Face Painting, Magician, Clown.

Have your picture taken with Santa Claus!

For answers to your questions:
call Dan Ferguson at 612-617-4239

A MONETARY DONATION TO THE FOOD SHELF IS ENCOURAGED.

RETIRES—WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

RAMADA INN & CONFERENCE CENTER NORTHWEST

6900 Lakeland Ave. N., (CR-81 & I-94),
Brooklyn Park

Lunch will be served at 12 noon.
Reservations required.

You are cordially invited to celebrate with
your friends at this annual Holiday event.

An informational flyer with a reservation
form will be mailed to all retirees on
November 1.

THERE WILL BE NO REGULAR RETIREES CLUB MEETING THIS MONTH.



**NEW
LOCATION!**

MEMBERS—FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS CONVENTION CENTER

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

A Buffet Supper will be served from
7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Live music performed by The Resistors
with Special Guest.

Spouses and significant others
encouraged to come!

For more information:
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Deaths

Active Members

Robert Germundson	9-3-2010
Todd Schmidt	8-7-2010

Deaths

Retired Members

Dean Eggert	8-12-2010
Roger Merkl	7-25-2010
Edward Metcalf	7-28-2010
Kenneth Tilbury	8-3-2010

Retirements Congratulations

Steve Baumann	7/2010
Randolph Bowman	8/2010
Basil Lilyquist	8/2010
Patrick Stack	8/2010
Roger Welle	6/2010
Alvin Zachman	6/2010

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**Minnesota
General
Election**

**Please
support our
Labor-
Endorsed
Candidates**

Deadlines: January, March, May

Union scholarships open to local members, families

A variety of Union higher education scholarships are available in 2011 to both Local 292 members and their dependents. Each scholarship has its own requirements, application process, award amount, and deadline.

Local 292's **Alexander & Krech Scholarship** is open to both members and their dependents for attending college or trade school. The application process requires completion of an application form, the writing of a personal introductory letter, and the writing of a "perception of labor unions" essay. (The application form for the Alexander & Krech Scholarship is included in this issue of Keeping Current.) The scholarship award is \$1,500 towards further education in 2011 at a college or trade school. The deadline is March 1, 2011.

The **IBEW Founders' Scholarship** is awarded only to IBEW members, and provides as much as \$200 per semester credit hour at any accredited college or university toward an associate's, bachelor's, or post-graduate degree in one of several approved fields. The deadline is May 1, 2011.

IBEW International President Edwin D. Hill and International Vice President Lonnie R. Stephenson recently reminded local unions that Labor's **Union Plus Scholarship** program is open to the child dependents of IBEW members as well as other AFL-CIO affiliated unions. Winners receive a one-time \$500 to \$4,000 award to attend a college, university, community college, technical college, or trade school. The deadline is January 31, 2011.

The Minnesota AFL-CIO will announce its scholarships in January 2011 and provide each award's application form and requirements. Traditionally included are the **David K. Roe Achievement Award**, the **Hubert H. Humphrey Memorial Award**, and the **Donald Pilla Memorial Award**.

The state AFL-CIO also refers racial minority union families to the **Nellie Stone Johnson Scholarship** program which features \$500 to \$2,000 awards for students. The deadline is May 1, 2011.

Some applications are quite lengthy and involved, requiring significant research, thought, and writing. Members and their dependents are referred to each organization's website for further details.

**SAFETY
CORNER**

scaffolds

"I fell off the roof the other day. The insurance man told me the accident policy covered falling off the roof, but not hitting the ground."

"You only need two tools in life: WD-40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and it should, use the WD-40. If it moves and it shouldn't, use the duct tape."

"I think Mr. Smithers picked me for my motivational skills. Everyone always says they have to work twice as hard when I'm around."

These corny jokes are just for laughs, but there is nothing funny about real accidents. Consider scaffolds.

Electrical workers are often required to climb and work while on scaffolding. This includes scaffolds that might not readily be recognized as scaffolds, such as scissor lifts and bucket trucks.

In some areas, electrical workers may be required to construct the scaffolding they are going to work on, while in other areas the scaffolding will be constructed for them. Recent OSHA scaffolding changes require that those who work on scaffolds—as well as those who erect, dismantle, or alter scaffolding—must be properly trained before beginning their work assignment.

Subpart L in OSHA Standards 1926 contains the requirements for scaffolding, fall protection, and falling object protection for scaffolds. Check-it-out!

SMILES

Scholarship Information

Alexander & Krech Scholarship
www.ibew292.org/

See application form in this issue.

IBEW Founders' Scholarship
www.ibew.org/
Click-on "Resources, Links."

Union Plus Scholarship
www.unionplus.org/
Click-on "Union Plus Scholarship."

All AFL-CIO Scholarships
www.mnafcio.org/
Enter key-word "Scholarship."

Nellie Stone Johnson Scholarship
www.nelliestone.org/
Click-on "Scholarship Program."



APPLICATION
for
GUY ALEXANDER & JOSEPH KRECH
 (College or Trade School)
IBEW LOCAL 292 SCHOLARSHIP

TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS PLANNING TO BE ENROLLED AS
 FULL TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS THIS COMING ACADEMIC YEAR.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MAILED TO:
 IBEW LU 292 SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
 312 CENTRAL AVENUE SE – ROOM 292
 MINNEAPOLIS MN 55414

Entry Deadline: March 1, 2011

DATE _____

FULL NAME OF APPLICANT _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ SOCIAL SECURITY _____

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT AND/OR STUDENT STATUS _____

NAME OF PARENT _____

HOME ADDRESS OF PARENT _____

PARENT'S EMPLOYER _____

PARENT'S TYPE OF WORK OR TITLE _____

ESTIMATED ANNUAL INCOME OF BOTH PARENTS _____

STUDENT'S TYPE OF WORK OR TITLE _____

STUDENT'S AGE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

FOR CURRENT COLLEGE STUDENTS:

Send college and high school transcripts with your application.

FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:

Present this application to your high school counselor, requesting a transcript that shows grades, high school rank, and aptitude scores. Send these items with your application.

NAME OF SCHOOL YOU EXPECT TO ENROLL IN _____

WHAT WILL BE YOUR MAJOR COURSE OF STUDY IN THE SCHOOL INDICATED _____

- **On a separate sheet, please WRITE and attach a **personal letter**, addressed to the Scholarship Committee, telling about yourself:**

How well you have done in school
 Your school extracurricular activities
 Your outside-school involvements
 What you want from higher education
 Why you need or deserve this scholarship

(Include any additional information that you want the Scholarship Committee to consider in evaluating your personal qualifications.)

- **On a separate sheet, please WRITE and attach an **essay** of at least one hundred words, reflecting your perception of labor unions, including specific changes (if any) that you feel would strengthen organized labor.**

Please be specific about what unions have done for you, personally.
 (You are encouraged to speak with your parents and/or school teachers about this.)

Please refer any questions about this scholarship or the application form to the IBEW Local 292 Office, 612-379-1292.



Calendar

November 2010

- 4 **St. Cloud Informational** meeting. 6 p.m.
St. Cloud union hall, 103 Doctors Park.
- 9 **Retirees Club** meeting. 12:30 p.m.
Stewards meeting. 5 p.m.
General Membership meeting. 6 p.m.
- 11 **Veterans Day. Provisional holiday.**
- 16 **Limited Energy** meeting. 5 p.m.
- 23 **Executive Board** meeting. 5 p.m.
- 25-26 **Thanksgiving Holiday.**
Office closed. (Thursday & Friday)

December 2010

- 2 **St. Cloud Informational** meeting. 6 p.m.
St. Cloud union hall, 103 Doctors Park.
- 4 **Children's Christmas Party. 8 a.m.**
Minneapolis Convention Center
- 8 **Retirees' Christmas Party. 12 Noon.**
Ramada Inn & Conference Center NW
- 10 **Members' Christmas Party. 7 p.m.**
Minneapolis Convention Center
- 14 **Stewards** meeting. 5 p.m.
General Membership meeting. 6 p.m.
- 21 **Limited Energy** meeting. 5 p.m.
- 24-27 **Christmas Holiday.**
Office closed. (Friday & Monday)
- 28 **Executive Board** meeting. 5 p.m.

January 2011

- 31-3 **New Year's Holiday.**
Office closed. (Friday & Monday)
- 6 **St. Cloud Informational** meeting. 6 p.m.
St. Cloud union hall, 103 Doctors Park.
- 11 **Retirees Club** meeting. 12:30 p.m.
Stewards meeting. 5 p.m.
General Membership meeting. 6 p.m.
- 18 **Limited Energy** meeting. 5 p.m.
- 25 **Executive Board** meeting. 5 p.m.

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