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# General Membership Meetings

## Our Next Union Meetings Will Be Held:

- Minneapolis:** **June 7 & July 5, 2018**  
6:30 p.m. - St. Anthony Union Hall  
2909 Anthony Lane
- Becker:** **June 21 & July 19, 2018**  
6:30 p.m. - 12423 Pine St  
Becker Union Hall
- Mo Valley:** **June 26, 2018 - 7:30 p.m.**  
St. Anthony - Union Hall  
**July 27, 2018- 7:30 p.m.**  
Grand Rapids Union Hall  
300 SE 17th St, Grand Rapids
- Great River :** **June 11 (Monday) & July 12, 2018**  
6:00 p.m. - 12423 Pine St  
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**From the Editor, Rose M Eiden**

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**Attention Retirees:** Your last meeting date before the summer will be May 23, 2018. So mark your calendars.

Anybody that is retired from Local Union 160 may join this club for **\$20.00** a year.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### IBEW LOCAL UNION 160'S 35TH ANNUAL PIG ROAST

**SEPTEMBER 27, 2018**

*Congratulations to Andy Kieffer and his wife Allie on the birth of their first baby. Meet their baby girl Iris Elizabeth Kieffer. Born on April 26, 2018.*



## HELP JUST ONE PERSON

The famed Louisville Slugger baseball bat was born from another bat—a broken one.

According to the official story, it began when a 17-year-old wood-working apprentice named Bud Hillerich went to watch a local ballgame one day in 1884. The star of the home team, Pete Browning, broke his bat during the game. Hillerich approached Browning, inviting him to his father's woodshop, promising to make a new bat for him.

With the new bat, Browning—who was known as The Louisville Slugger—had three hits during his next game. After that, more baseball players began visiting the shop for bats.

At first, Hillerich's father wasn't pleased by this development. Baseball was associated with booze, womanizing, and gambling. Soon the growing demand for bats and the profits from this new line of business could not be denied.

Currently, more than 3,000 Louisville Sluggers are manufactured each day—that number increases to 5,000 during the spring training season—all because young Bud Hillerich spotted an opportunity to help one person.

# *A Word or Two From Your Business Manager/Financial Secretary*

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Jon Michels, Mike Ringstad and myself recently attended the Outside Construction Conference. One of the items discussed at the conference was the Line Clearance Tree Trimming Coordinated Council. A committee was appointed to review the by-laws for that group and take input from the locals involved. November 10, 2018 is the new date for the Crane certification rule to take effect. At present, the exemption for digger derricks may still be part of the final rule. Another big item for the IBEW Local's business offices is a new electronic warrant system. This will allow us to get the warrants approved and signed by the president and recording secretary at a quicker pace plus have the checks signed electronically.

The Utility Conference was held the week of April 24, 2018. Local Union 160 had nine (9) representatives attend this conference. One of the biggest news was we were told of the new rules for obtaining a CDL. Effective February 2, 2020, there will be mandatory classroom time as well as behind the wheel requirements.

The mid-term elections were also a hot topic. The International Office is encouraging everyone to get involved in the process, (city councils, school boards, etc). With the Gerrymandering that took place after the last elections we all need to make sure our labor friendly candidates are supported.

Lastly, it has been brought to my attention the behavior of some of our members at a recent meeting. I received quite a few phone calls saying how disrespectful some people were. I would like to remind everyone, that under Article XXV Sec. 1 of the International Constitution, a member may be penalized for: (h) Entering or being present at any meeting of a L.U., or its Executive Board, or any committee meeting while intoxicated, or drinking intoxicants in or near any such meeting or carrying intoxicants into such meeting. (i) Disturbing the peace or harmony of any L.U. meeting or meeting of its Executive Board, using abusive language, participating in any disturbance. I fully realize it was only the actions of a few people but I just want to be clear that will not be tolerated again. The majority of our members are very respectful and professional which reflects the values of the IBEW.

Please remember, my door is always open for you.

In Solidarity,

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## **May is American Stroke Month**

With some health problems, you're fine to take a wait-and-see approach. After all, everyone gets the odd ache or pain here and there that go away on its own. But when it comes to stroke, you don't have a second to spare.

Stroke cuts off blood flow and oxygen to the brain, and to stay healthy, your brain needs a steady supply of both. The longer it goes without them, the more brain cells die and the more damage you have. Quick treatment can save your life and prevent long-term problems.

That's why doctors came up with the F.A.S.T. system. It helps you quickly spot a stroke so you can take action.

It's an easy way to learn the key sign of a stroke and what to do when you see them. Remember these four things that start with the letters F, A, S, and T:

**Face drooping.** Does the face of someone you're with look lopsided? Is it numb? Ask them to smile. Is it uneven, drooping on one side? A "yes" to any of these questions is a sign of stroke.

**Arm weakness.** Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms in the air. If one arm drifts downward that's another sign.

**Speech difficulty.** Ask the person to say something very simple. Try "The sky is blue." Can they do it? Is their speech slurred? Is it hard to understand? Again, a "yes" to any of these could mean they're having a stroke.

**Time to call 911.** If you see any one of these sign, make the call right away. Even if you're not totally sure of or the symptoms go away, it's important to call. And make sure to say, "I think this is a stroke."

Note the time, too. When help arrives, they'll want to know when symptoms began because it affects treatment. Most strokes are caused by a clot. When that's the case, the drug that works best needs to be given within 4 1/2 hours of when it all started.

## MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 28, 2018

Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of Union veterans—the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) - established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Maj. Gen. John A. Logan declared that Decoration Day should be observed on May 30. It is believed that date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country.

The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery, across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C.

The ceremonies centered around the mourning-draped veranda of the Arlington mansion, once the home of Gen. Robert E. Lee. Various Washington officials, including Gen. and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, presided over the ceremonies. After speeches, children from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home and members of the GAR made their way through the cemetery, strewing flowers on both Union and Confederate graves, reciting prayers and singing hymns.

By the end of the 19th Century Memorial Day Ceremonies were being held on May 30th throughout the nation. State Legislatures passed proclamations designating the day, and the Army and Navy adopted regulations for proper observance at their facilities.

It was not until after World War I, however, that the day was expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress, though it is still often called Decoration Day. It was then also placed on the last Monday in May as were some other federal holidays.

Source: Military.com

### THE POPPY, A SYMBOL OF MEMORIAL DAY

The wearing of poppies in honor of America's war dead is traditionally done on Memorial Day (not Veterans Day). The origin of the red poppy as a modern-day symbol of this day was actually the idea of an American woman, Miss Moina Michael. Read more about the [inspiration for the poppy](http://www.greatwar.co.uk/article/remembrance-poppy.htm#inspiration) at (<http://www.greatwar.co.uk/article/remembrance-poppy.htm#inspiration>).

In war-torn battlefields, the red field poppy (*papaver rhoeas*) was one of the first plants to grow. Its seeds scattered in the wind and sat dormant in the ground, only germinating when the ground is disturbed—as it was by the very brutal fighting during World War I.

The practice of wearing of poppies was further inspired by the poem “In Flanders Fields,” written in 1915 by Canadian soldier John McCrae. He saw the poppies in burials around his artillery position in Belgium.

Today, poppies are both the symbol of loss of life as a symbol of recovery and new life, especially in support of those servicemen and women who were damaged physically or emotionally.

In Flanders Fields

By John McCrae, May 1915

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.*



## THE WEEK IN LABOR HISTORY: MAY 7-13

### May 07

The Knights of St. Crispin union is formed at a secret meeting in Milwaukee. It grew to 50,000 members before being crushed by employers later that year - 1867.

Two die, 20 are injured in “Bloody Tuesday” as strikebreakers attempt to run San Francisco streetcars during a strike by operators. The strike was declared lost in 1908 after many more deaths, including several in scab-operated streetcar accident - 1907.

### May 08

The constitution of the Brotherhood of the Footboard was ratified by engineers in Detroit, Mich. Later became the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers - 1863.

About 200 construction workers in New York City attack a crowd of Vietnam war protesters four days after the Kent State killings. More than 70 people were injured, including four police officers. Peter Brennan, head of the New York building trades, was honored at the Nixon White House two weeks later, eventually named Secretary of Labor - 1970.

### May 09

The first Anti-Slavery Convention of American Women was held on this date in New York City. Attendees included women of color, the wives and daughters of slaveholders, and women of low economic status - 1837.

Legendary Western Federation of Miners leader William “Big Bill” Haywood goes on trial for murder in the bombing death of former Idaho governor Frank Steunenberg, who had brutally suppressed the state’s miners. Haywood ultimately was declared innocent - 1907.

Hollywood studio mogul Louis B. Mayer recognizes the Screen Actors Guild. SAG leaders reportedly were bluffing when they told Mayer that 99 percent of all actors would walk out the next morning unless he dealt with the union. Some 5,000 actors attended a victory gathering the following day at Hollywood Legion Stadium, a day later, SAG membership increased 400 percent - 1937.

### May 10

Thanks to an army of thousands of Chinese and Irish immigrants, who laid 2,000 miles of track, the nation’s first transcontinental railway line was finished by the joining of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific lines at Promontory Point, Utah - 1869.

A federal bankruptcy judge permits United Airlines to legally abandon responsibility for pensions covering 120,000 employees - 2005.

### May 11

Nationwide railway strike begins at Pullman, Ill. Nearly 260,000 railroad workers ultimately joined the strike to protest wage cuts by the Pullman Palace Car Co. - 1894.

Seventeen crewmen on the iron ore freighter Henry Steinbrenner dies when the ship, carrying nearly 7,000 tons of ore, sinks during a violent storm on Lake Erie. Another 16 crewmen survived - 1953.

### May 12

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents raid the Agriprocessors, Inc. slaughterhouse and meat packing plant in Postville, Iowa, arresting nearly 400 immigrant workers. Some 300 are convicted on document fraud charges. The raid was the largest ever until that date. Several employees and lower and mid-level managers were convicted on various charges, but not the owner—although he later was jailed for bank fraud and related crimes - 2008.

### May 13

The Canadian government establishes the Department of Labour. It took the U.S. another four years - 1909.

UAW President Douglas A. Fraser is named to the Chrysler Corp. board of directors, becoming the first union representative ever to sit on the board of a major U.S. corporation - 1980.

Thousands of yellow cab drivers in New York City go on a 1-day strike in protest of proposed new regulations. “City officials were stunned by the (strike’s) success,” *The New York Times* reported - 1998.



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## Interest Rates are Rising

### What Impact will this have on your Pension Benefits?

As of 2014, the GATT rate calculations changed from November rates to August rates. This may bring up the following questions to address regarding pension and retirement planning:

*What is the new GATT rate?*

*How does this interest rate affect my Pension Benefits?*

*Is this the right year for me to retire?*

*How do I plan for my retirement?*

**Reach out to our office to discuss how this could effect you individually.**

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## RANDOM FACTS

1. When hippos are upset, their sweat turns red.
2. If you lift a kangaroo's tail off the ground it can't hop.
3. Bananas are curved because they grow towards the sun.
4. Billy goats urinate on their own heads to smell more attractive to females.
5. An eagle can kill a young deer and fly away with it.
6. Heart attacks are more likely to happen on a Monday
7. In 2015, more people were killed from injuries caused by taking a selfie than by shark attacks.
8. There is a species of spider called the Hobo Spider.
9. A lion's roar can be heard from 5 miles away!
10. A toaster uses almost half as much energy as a full-sized oven.
11. A baby spider is call a spiderling.
12. You cannot snore and dream at the same time.
13. A baby octopus is about the size of a flea when it is born.
14. In Uganda, 50% of the population is under 15 years of age.
15. Hitler's mother considered abortion but the doctor persuaded her to keep the baby.
16. Arab women can initiate a divorce if their husbands don't pour coffee for them.
17. Recycling one glass jar saves enough energy to watch TV for 3 hours.
18. Catfish are the only animals that naturally have an odd number of whiskers.
19. Facebook, Skype and Twitter are all banned in China.
20. The Titanic was the first ship to use the SOS signal.
21. About 8,000 Americans are injured by musical instruments each year.
22. A crocodile can't poke its tongue out.
23. Sea otters hold hands when the sleep so they don't drift away from each other.
24. A small child could swim through the veins of a blue whale.
25. Bin Laden's death was announced on 1st May 2011. Hitler's death was announced on 1st May 1945.
26. The total number of steps in the Eiffel Tower are 1665.
27. It snowed in the Sahara desert for 30 minutes on the 18th February 1979.
28. If you leave everything to the last minute...it will only take a minute.
29. Unlike many other big cats, snow leopards are not aggressive towards humans. There has never been a verified snow leopard attack on a human being.
30. The first alarm clock could only ring at 4 a.m.
31. Birds don't urinate.
32. Dying is illegal in the Houses of Parliaments - This has been voted as the most ridiculous law by the British citizens.
33. The most venomous jellyfish in the world is named the Irukandji and is smaller than your fingernail.
34. The 20th of March is known as Snowman Burning Day!
35. Slugs have 4 noses.
36. The front paws of a cat are different from the back paws. The have five toes on the front but only four on the back.
37. The average person walks the equivalent of twice around the world in a lifetime.
38. An apple, potato, and onion all taste the same if you eat them with your nose plugged.
39. The Bible is the most shoplifted book in the world.
40. Mel Blanc - the voice of Bugs Bunny - was allergic to carrots.
41. Squirrels forget where they hide about half of their nuts.
42. In total, there are 205 bones in the skeleton of a horse.
43. In 1895 Hampshire police handed out the first ever speeding ticket, fining a man for doing 6 mph!
44. Each year, there are more than 40,000 toilet related injuries in the United States.
45. Every year more than 2500 left-handed are killed from using right-handed products.

**LOCAL 160 WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS**

Eric Anderson	Michael Arndt
Jeremy Banks	Eric Beldo
Logan Bell	Brady Bluhm
Parker Busse	Joseph Chap
Gunnar Deilke	Zachary Downs
Joshua Edmonds	Jeff Elsenpeter
Corey Gades	Melissa Gibson
Donovan Gilson	Sean Graden
Scott Guthrie	Randy Haavisto
Daniel Hewitt	Joel Hill
Gage Hinderscheid	Jarret Imlay
Dakota Jaros	Nicholas Jedinak
Alec Jensen	Ryan Jones
Brent Kelm	Ross King
Ryan Koivisto	David Kollar
Tyler Kunkel	Patrick Lang
Brady Larson	Travis Madrazo
Mitchell Mann	Travis Marson
Tyler McKinnon	Michaih Melhas
Kody Mitchell	Jacob Mortenson
Leroy Nelson	Michael Nolt
Nicholas Norton	Philip Patch
Robbie Paulson	Aaron Peterson
Brandon Pickerign	Rex Pingleton
Tyler Puhl	Brandon Pumper
Jacob Reinhart	Randy Salzl
Maxwell Sarkinen	Tyler Schmitz
Albert Seguin	Kyle Seichter
Derek Swanson	Zachary Swanson
Dan Theiss	Neal Underdahl
Cameron Vinar	Jacob Wemeier
Reid Wheeler	Jonathan Whitney
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**Membership Count = 3163**

To all active or retired members. If you have any ideas for future newsletter articles, please feel free to call me with suggestions.

You know the number (612) 781-3126.

Thank you.

Rose

**GET WELL WISHES WERE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**



Todd Bohnen - Xcel Energy  
 John Gustafson - Xcel Energy  
 Reid Nelson - Wright Hennepin  
 Kellen Schmidt - Xcel Energy

**IN MEMORIAN**

*We are deeply saddened by the loss of our brothers. Our deepest sympathy goes out to their families & friends.*

Louie Angrimson - Retired NSP - Died 4/9/18  
 Arland Opsaahl - Retired NSP - Died 4/23/18  
 Wallace Peterson - Retired NSP - Died 4/24/18  
 Roger Remer - Retired Asplundh - Died 1/28/18

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING BROTHERS ON THEIR RETIREMENT.**

David Borntreger - Xcel Energy  
 Gary Grams - Xcel Energy  
 Scott Johnson - Xcel Energy  
 James Klosowski - Xcel Energy  
 Mark Rosheim - Mo Valley  
 Roger Schmig - Mo Valley



**EVEN A SAINT NEEDS ONE**

During his term as mayor of New York, Edward Koch survived a stroke. While he was recuperating, he received a surprise visit from a world-famous figure—Mother Teresa. She and Koch were already acquainted, but this visit and Koch’s gratitude for it made their relationship even stronger.

After talking for a while, Koch offered to do a favor to express his appreciation. As Mother Teresa pondered this, the mayor was no doubt thinking she’d request funds or use of the city’s facilities or employees to advance her work. Koch had to be little surprised when all she asked for were a couple of reserved parking places in front of her AIDS hospice.

Mother Teresa knew to ask for only what she needed. Even then, she probably also knew that in a crowded city like New York, not even a saint can pass up a chance at a parking spot.

Everyone have an enjoyable and safe summer.