

April 2016 Newsletter

The Next General Meeting for IATSE Local 8 will be Thursday April 14th, 2016. The Meeting will be held at the IATSE Local 8 Union Hall 2401 South Swanson Street Philadelphia Pa. beginning 11:00 a.m.

Second Quarter Stamps were April 1st. Members on the Road are required to submit their dues timely. If you are paying percentage on entertainment work outside Local 8's jurisdiction, take advantage of our new online payment option located on our website under Online Store.

Education classes are being posted on our website under Training and Facebook page. Please like us @ IATSE Local 8 Training. Check out the Lynda.com offering from our International at <http://iatse.net/member-education/iatse-and-lyndacom> Tricia Barnes Vargo is our Lynda.com contact. The Local is creating a member certification database. If you have a certification for ETCP, High Reach, Forklift, and or OSHA 10 email or drop off a copy to Kiera Barnes at kiera.iatse8@gmail.com

Political Action Committee Pennsylvania Primary is less then two weeks out. GOTV efforts start this weekend. TY for your Pac contributions. You have given us a stronger voice to protect our work and provide for our families. TV will be given away at the meeting tomorrow.

Member Outreach. If you know any member in need of help for any reason, please let the Office know. Please take the time to text, call or visit someone who is hurt or retired and let us know what's going on so we can inform the members. Thank You.

Thanks to the members who have been coming out to clean up Swanson Street. We built over 35 new parking spots so far. Local 8 also provided help for the EOM Community Awards and have been participating in election activities for the upcoming primaries. Your help is always appreciated.

Business Agent Report ESM benefit delinquency is being addressed by the Office and attorney. Contract negotiations are ongoing for Festival Pier (Live Nation contract under the National Agreement) Live Nation Outdoor Contract, Orchestra, the Walnut, University of the Sciences, DRWC and Tower Theater. Work will begin to pick up as the Outdoor venues start booking. Keep June, July and August open as we have a number of concerts, conventions and the DNC coming our way.

Young Workers have scheduled a bowling competition between Young Workers and Senior members Monday April 25th, 1:00pm at Southbowl on Swanson Street. \$35 for bowlers / \$25.00 non bowlers. Food, drinks and bowling included. Proceeds to benefit Local 8's Greater Good Fund. Contact Kevin Beebe 609.970.2542 or Mike Wichert 856.981.7536 for tickets.

Local 8 received the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO COPE award at the Biannual State Convention in Philadelphia last week. Our efforts to get worker friendly candidates elected to mayor and the Pa. Supreme Court was recognized by the entire labor community. It is good to know our efforts are making a difference.