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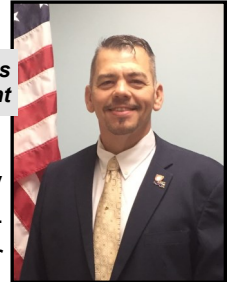
## EFFORTS MADE TO BETTER OUR LOCAL

It's hard to believe that we are already in the Fall of 2018. To date, Louisiana has not had any weather issues that would displace any of our 406 members or hinder them from being able to go to work. We need to count our blessings and remember our Brothers and Sisters affected by the recent storms and fires. As you read through these articles in this issue, you will see all the efforts put forth in order to make our Local Union second to none. I will touch on a few items since my last article to help bring everyone up to date, but of course, we are able to offer much more explanation at our Local Union meetings. When available, please make every effort to attend these meetings, they are very informative.

### Southern Operators Health Fund

I recently attended a meeting with the Trustees of the Southern Operators Health Fund in Atlanta and I am happy to report that there will be no in-

By *D. Jason Billings*  
*Business Manager-President*



crease for the current quarter. We have meetings quarterly each year with detailed information to bring back to our members. We report on this information at our Local Union meetings. As we move forward, with the rising cost of medical procedures and prescription medications, we will be discussing an increase in contributions in order to maintain the same quality of benefits we now have. Last year's financials reported record year earnings in the stock markets, therefore the Trust Fund had the opportunity to vote on increasing the benefit side to offer more coverages for our members and consequently we did. We evaluated the impact that it would have on the Fund and at the current time, we didn't have to impose an

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### SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 3, 2018

ATTENTION: ALL MEMBERS OF I.U.O.E. LOCAL 406 A, B, C, G, H & R

The Semi-Annual General Membership Meeting Will Be Held  
Saturday, November 3, 2018 - 10 A.M.

Operating Engineers Union Hall, 7651 Airline Highway, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

PLEASE ATTEND

Notice: Due to the Semi-Annual Meeting, All Regular Meetings for the month of November are Canceled

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Fredrick W. Hemphill	07/14/2018
Boyd L. Linder	09/10/2018
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Bridges C. Pardue	08/17/2018

### Lake Charles/Lafayette District

Paul L. Hinson	01/03/2018
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Wilbert Stelly	07/02/2018

### Monroe/Shreveport District

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Burling E. Scelson	08/02/2018
Mitchell J. Sikes	05/17/2018
Bailey J. Wallis, Jr.	08/14/2018

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increase, but as the market dictates the rise and fall of cost and savings, it also dictates shortages and increases. This year is different with the stock market playing a roller coaster game and things are tightening up. This is just a short update on our Health and Welfare Fund.

### International Training & Education Center

There have been a series of classes at the new International Training Facility in Crosby, Texas. As close as this site is to Local 406, it has been a tremendous asset to us and has allowed our agents to attend multiple classes and meetings while fulfilling their everyday workload. I would like to express my gratitude to General President James Callahan, General Secretary Brian Hickey and the International General Executive Board and Trustees for their efforts in investing into the future of Operating Engineers. I also express my thanks to all the Business Agents for the extra hours and dedication they have put into this effort that goes unseen. I also thank the members that are taking the advanced classes when they can. This truly is an investment in your future.

### Local 406 Training Site

As you read through the articles, you will see that we have a few additional pieces of equipment at Local 406's Training Site. This equipment was donated by an anonymous donor whose wishes was to remain anonymous. I thank our contractors, Boh Brothers, Turner Industries Group-Crane and Rigging, Deep South Crane and Rigging and B & G Crane Service for transporting this equipment to our Training Site. One of the cranes needed a heel section. Mike "Wolf" Kaiser, along with some of his contacts were able to locate one at an affordable price, so as to not put an undue burden on the Apprenticeship Trust Fund. It was purchased and after installation, the crane was put into service. That was a short explanation on paper, but in real time, there was a lot of work done to get this accomplished. I thank all members that helped make this happen as well as the Trustees of the Apprenticeship Trust Fund for their fast response in order to make this possible.

A special thanks to a couple of our retirees, Laddie B. Witherwax and Bill Dodds, for transporting the heel section back to our training site, which saved the Training Site on yet another expense of transporting a piece of equipment. I would like to acknowledge our Apprenticeship Staff, Craig Kaiser, Mike "Wolf" Kaiser and all of the instructors for all their help and dedication. I really appreciate everything they do for our organization. These guys work endless and thankless hours and I, for one, would like to recognize and thank them for all their efforts. By now, most of you know that Mike "Wolf" Kaiser has put in for his retirement and he truly was and still is an asset to Local 406. He worked until his last day of retirement and is looking forward to helping on a part-time basis and that is dedication. I hope Mike enjoys a little time for himself, he truly deserves it.

### North Louisiana Pipeliners and Retirees Picnic

We had our first North Louisiana Picnic with Pipeliners and Retirees and it was a great success. It was great to see some old friends and faces I haven't seen in a while. I would like to thank everyone for their participation and a special thanks to Brother William Young and his wife Seelita, Angie Moses and her husband Troy, and Brother Joe Reed and the cooks for all of preparation that went into putting this together. I ask for forgiveness in advance if you were left out. This is just an overview and more details will be put into the agent's report from the area.

### November 6, 2018 Open Primary/Congressional Election

November is an election month that will determine the future of workers in this country. Don't sit this one out and just wait for things to happen. Be a part of the decision making, take a stand and vote. We collectively come together across the state with all trades to ask questions to candidates running for offices on their views on things that affect our livelihood and based on their response and electability, we put out an educational sample ballot based on these findings. We are not telling you how to vote, we just want you to vote after you have done your educated research. Then we all vote and deal with what comes our way.

God Bless you and as time leads us into the holiday season and be careful in all you do. It's hard to put everything in just a few words and cover what you need to, but if there are any questions, please call and speak to the agents in your area.



Retired Brother Members Laddie B. Witherwax and Bill Dodds transporting the heel section to the Training Site.



Crane donated to our Apprenticeship Program being transported from Texas to our Training Site.

## W.W. Contractors loses federal contract/Local 406 signs 2 new contractors

by John Babin  
Business Rep.  
Stationary  
Engineers



Our federal contractor for about 10 years at the Hale Boggs Federal Complex in New Orleans, W.W. Contractors, has lost the bid to continue maintaining the Hale Boggs Federal Court House, the John Wisdom Federal Court of Appeals, the F. Edward Hebert Federal Building, and the U.S. Customs House. The last day with W. W. Contractors was September 30th.

On October 1, the new contractor Crystal Clear Maintenance took over the maintenance of the Hale Boggs Federal Complex. The new company is out of Albuquerque, New Mexico and they have subcontracted some of the work to a company named C & W Government Services. Crystal Clear Maintenance is a small disabled veteran contractor and C & W Services is a large government maintenance contractor that has agreements with IUOE all over the country.

Both Crystal Clear Maintenance and C & W Government Services have agreed to assume the current contract that Local 406 had with the previous contractor, W. W. Contractors. The agreement will stay in place until March 31, 2022. The only changes will be the insurance provided to the members. Crystal Clear Maintenance does not provide a health insurance plan so all the members will now come under Southern Operators Health Fund effective November 1, 2018. The members will get up front eligibility due to the special rules of the

Health Plan for newly organized contractors.

Although both contractors agreed to sign union contracts, there were some layoffs involved due to the changes in the contract from GSA going to a light maintenance contract. All members laid off should send me a resume to keep on file at the Local office. For the members who were picked up by the new contractors, you should continue to do the best job you can and hopefully the company

will recall some of our laid off brothers back to work.

I am working with C & W Labor Relations Vice President, Mr. James Canavan, to try to make the transition as smooth as possible for our members to make sure there are no interruptions in their pay and benefits. I will continue to work with W.W. Contractors on the on-going DOL investigation they are under and the 401k monies that are still due to all our members that worked for them in the past.



Raymon M. Powell receives his 70 year pin at the Lake Charles Union Meeting.



Business Representative Carlos Benoit receives his 40 year membership pin at the Baton Rouge Meeting in September.



Joseph Deverteuil Jr. receives his 25 year pin presented to him by Business Rep. Russell Maddie at Cooper T. Smith during a jobsite meeting.



Shelton Carlisle receives his 30 year pin at the Shreveport Union Meeting.

## Plenty of work expected

by Peter Babin, IV  
Business  
Representative  
New Orleans  
District



The last article was in July and it seems like yesterday I wrote it. Now we are in October. Where has the time gone? Summer flew by and hopefully so does the weather. Bring on the cool conditions we are all craving and along with it, plenty of work. From all indications there's a high probability we will experience both, starting with Marathon Oil working for Deep South in January, Day and Zimmerman at Waterford and several more tower cranes in the New Orleans area.

All of our out-of-work lists have been close to empty for the majority of this year with very small breaks in between jobs across the state. Why I know this is from talking to the other agents, Russell in Baton Rouge and David in Lake Charles. We have been working together filling the needs of our contractors with our members who are capable of doing a good job and also with travelers that can do the same. Occasionally we find it hard to man the work, but working together increases our chances of filling those operator positions, but there are still some hurdles to fill jobs. There is plenty of work across the nation. It's not just Louisiana with all the work. Travelers are not available as in the past which makes it a little tougher to bring in what we need. Weather plays a big factor up North. Hard winters increase our chances to get operators. This is nothing new, we have been through this before. Turnarounds ending right before others begin always helps and that happens on occasion, but not often enough. So we will see. All I can say is keep up the good work and keep in touch especially when out of work.

On Saturday, September 22, we all went to the first ever picnic for the pipeliners and members residing in the northern part of the state which was put on by Business Manager Jason Billings and the staff of Local 406. It was a great time with good food and I was able to visit with members I have not seen before and some I didn't remember knowing until we started talking. I met one brother I worked with on a pipeline job back in 1979 and 1980 as oilers. I say again, where has the time gone. I also talked to some old timers who went as far back as when my grandfather, Peter Babin, Jr. was Financial Secretary of this Local. It was nice to hear

some of the stories from way back.

Brother Harold Cupit received a 30 year pin that he didn't receive a while back. I did not know him, but he knew of me and recognized me from my photo from the Engineers News. We had a wonderful chat and I told him as long as you keep reading the news articles I will keep writing them. Its good to know some members take the time to read the articles we write and have interest in their local union, so I am personally acknowledging Brother Cupit on his comments. That made me feel good inside.

Well, lets save some room for the other agents. God Bless and be safe.



Apprenticeship Administrator Michael "Wolf" Kaiser receives a plaque and gift in honor of his retirement. Pictured are Business Rep. Peter Babin, Apprenticeship Coordinator Craig Kaiser, Business Manager-President Jason Billings, Business Rep. John Babin, Apprenticeship Administrator Michael Kaiser, Business Rep. William Young, Business Rep. Carlos Benoit and Apprenticeship Instructor Leon Lemoine.



Brother Harold Cupit receives his 30 year pin at the North Louisiana Pipeline/ Retirees Picnic pictured along with Business Rep. William Young and Business Manager-President Jason Billings.

## Donated equipment much appreciated

by Craig Kaiser  
Apprenticeship  
Administrator



Brothers and Sisters, as we go into the last quarter of 2018, it seems like work is really picking up in all areas of our trade: pipeline, rental and heavy and highway.

The equipment that was donated has been delivered to the site and with the help of the membership, signatory contractors, retirees and part time instructors. Everything is coming together. We have pulled the base section of the boom out of the 635 and brought it to the scrap yard as requested by the organization that donated it. Luckily, we were able to find a base section in Baytown, TX and with the help of retirees' donated time, we have it on the site and we have installed it in the crane, but we still need to mount the length real indicator and put the attachments on. I have also submitted the information for the RT-745 to be put on the test site pad and will put it in place of the P & H. It was a blessing to receive this equipment at the time that we

did and it does not go unappreciated. Also, before putting it to work, we will service all of it to give it a good fresh start since it has been sitting for a little while.

On the training side, I would like to thank part time instructors, Leon Lemoine and Nicholas Demars who spent time putting together their class material and as well as teaching the classes. The weekly schedule is new and seems to be working out okay at this time. I can say that the apprentices are getting to know each other better this way as they are together for a few consecutive days instead of one. They also seem to do better with the years split up so a first year is not intimidated by a fourth year apprentice.

We are still short dirt instructors and we have two slots left for anyone interested in part time work (approximately 1 week per quarter). Anyone interested, please contact me at 225-505-8185 with any questions. We already have four names that are interested, but we need to pick a date to sit down with them and see if they are on board after going over the requirements. A fair amount of what is required is working on computers, mostly with Power

Points, our Blackboard System, scanning and emailing, etc.

Thanks also to Tonya and Crystal from the Baton Rouge Building & Construction Trades Council for putting together a CPR, AED, First Aid Class for our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year apprentices. Hopefully they will not need to use it in the workplace, but in the event that it is required, they will be prepared.

Please remember also that we take in apprentices from March to March each year, so anyone interested in coming into the Apprenticeship Program will need to contact the Apprenticeship Site at 985-542-4322 and leave their information to come in next year before the end of March, 2019.

The last quarter coming up is usually packed with career fairs and hopefully we can pick up some new applicants to start building a class for 2019. Throughout the year I am normally contacted by members regarding what is required to join. The minimum requirements are 18 years or older, drivers' license, high school diploma or equivalent, birth certificate and social security card.

Thanks to all and have a safe ending to 2018 and a great holiday season.



**APPRENTICESHIP  
FIRST AID  
A.E.D.  
COURSE**



The next CCO test will be as follows:

**Class Dates:**

Saturday, October 13, 2018

Saturday, October 20, 2018

**TEST DATE:** November 17, 2018

**\*\* Last day for applications is November 2, 2018. All Classes and Test are scheduled for 7 AM.**

To participate in any of the classes please contact the Training Site at Tel #985-542-4322 to get on the roster and have an application mailed to you.

### Work is at full throttle

by  
Russell Maddie, Jr.  
Business  
Representative  
Baton Rouge  
District



Brothers and sisters, I hope all of you are doing well. As for the Baton Rouge District, the first three quarters have been such a blur. The time has flown by so quickly with one quarter running into the next and work hasn't slowed but for a few weeks at most. What a great problem to have! From requests and contractor reports, work should be busy throughout the fall and early spring.

Work within the district is at full throttle and with little light at the end of the tunnel trying to man jobs. Requests are steadily coming in from crane rentals and maintenance jobs.

Turner is manning up Shintech and Deep South is starting to wind down a bit at Marathon and should be finishing in early October.

Maintenance turnarounds will be happening at CF Industries, Rubicon, PCS/Nutrien, to name a few, starting early October. That being said, please call or come by the union hall to get on the out-of-work list after completion of the job. We will possibly be in need to fill some seats.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and patience while getting background checks and clearances while on boarding for these plants. I look forward to seeing you guys at the monthly meetings. May God bless and keep you safe.

### APPRENTICESHIP CLASSES



CPR , First Aid AED Class  
Brennan Bueche, Cameron Jarreau, Tyler Naquin, Instructor from Baton Rouge Building Trades Tonya Dugan, Troydell Pugh



Skid steer & Forklift Class  
2nd & 3rd Years  
Paul Demars, Instructor



2018 1st year Class  
Day two of Osha 10 Class



NCCCO Class 8/11/2018  
Jerrod Celestine, Ryan Rapp, Austin Wroten, Edward Saunders, Matthew Steel, Noel Patrick, Jeffrey Sargent, Anthony Miller

**Vacation Fund Checks to be issued in December**

The fiscal year for the 2018 Vacation Fund ends with the payroll period through September 30, 2018.  
Checks will be distributed on Saturday, December 1, 2018 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. at the New Orleans Union Hall. All remaining checks will be mailed. Discrepancies in the amount received and the amount deducted from your pay will be handled by the New Orleans office.  
However, to correct any discrepancies, the member involved must be able to furnish all check stubs for the fiscal year (10/1/2017-09/30/2018).

# North Louisiana and Pipeline Members Picnic



Brother Joe Reed was a tremendous asset in the preparation of the food for this event.



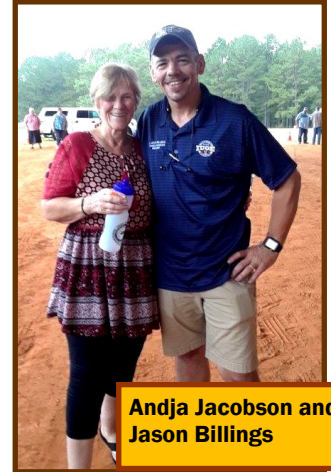
Tory Lazarus and family



Jimmy Ratcliff and Ron Dousay



Bus. Manager/President Jason Billings speaking at the event.



Andja Jacobson and Jason Billings



Local 406 Business Agents



Laddie Bob Witherwax and Jason



Jackie and Wayne Yates and Larry Gilbert



Lavell Smith and grandson, Kris, and Pat Henry



Bus. Manager/President Jason Billings pictured along with his step-dad, Tom McDaniel



# North Louisiana 406 Picnic a success

by William Young  
Business Representative  
Shreveport-Monroe Districts  
And Pipeline Business Rep.



Fall is here and with that, Business Manager-President Jason Billings has instituted the first ever North Louisiana District Retirees and Pipeliners Picnic. With the help of staff, secretaries, members and families we had a great picnic. A special thanks goes out to Brother Joe Reed and his staff. The food was wonderful and the fellowship was great. There were members there that we haven't seen in years and it was great to catch up with them and let them see the forward progress that Local 406 is making. We are already looking forward to next year and the good times that will follow. For any members who attended, please spread the word to others that may have missed this one and let them know that they won't want to miss the next one.

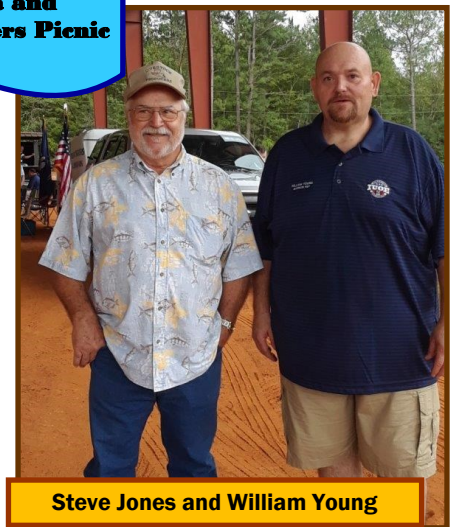
We are now finished with the Woodson project! Thank you Ron Dousay for stewarding the job and all that you put into making it a success. Work is very slow for pipeline. We are hoping that it will pick up soon. Requests for people to travel to the northeast are coming in daily. If you are willing to travel, I will try to help you find work. The hills are steep, the hours are long and the weather is not cooperating with the contractors, so please keep this in mind before you travel to these hosting locals. Please call me at 318-686-7745 if I can help. There are Locals from all over the United States requesting manpower and we are doing our best to get this information out to the members so

that you can utilize every opportunity possible to stay employed. If you are interested and don't have the credentials to work both sides of our business, please call me or any of the District offices and we can direct you to the right places to get the certifications to heighten your chances of going to work.

## North Louisiana and Pipeline Members Picnic



Michael Dubois "Preacher" saying grace at the picnic.



Steve Jones and William Young



Jason Billings, Peanut Fontenot and Carlos Benoit



Katie Hyatt with members' Children helping out at the event.



Lavel Smith and Jason Billings



## 2018-2019 PIPELINE TRAINING

The IUOE announces its 2018-2019 Regional Pipeline Training Program Schedule of more than 159 classes. The new state of the art International Training and Education Center ("ITEC") located in Crosby, TX, in conjunction with the National Pipeline Training Fund, and the IUOE National Training Fund, is leading the way in providing the most highly developed, innovative and efficient training classes (both classroom and practical) in all aspects of pipeline construction.

- 46 three-week Intermediate training classes
- 13 Excavation classes for existing live pipelines classes
- 17 Pipe bending classes
- 20 John Henry rock drilling classes
- 11 Vacuworxs Pipelifter classes
- 12 Deckhand Pipelifter classes
- 9 three-week HDD/Mud Reclamation System classes
- 23 Hydro-Excavation classes
- 2 Advanced Pipeline Training classes
- 2 Excavator for Road Bore classes
- 2 Excavator for Waterway/Creek Crossing classes
- 3 Excavator for Mat Handling/Bridge Building classes

Instructors have extensive industry experience and emphasize safe and efficient hands-on training. The new ITEC has allowed expansion of training opportunities available to members, including but not limited to, the ability to offer more specialized classes designed to upgrade and enhance the skills that are essential to obtaining gainful employment in the pipeline construction industry. Prior pipeline experience is not required but applicants must demonstrate competency in operating basic construction equipment. These basic skills are necessary for work in the pipeline industry. Apprentices who have demonstrated relevant skills are welcome to attend. The training program will evaluate applicants at the beginning of the course. Those without the required skills for equipment used in the course will be dismissed.

Member application forms are available at any Local 406 office. You can call our office at 504-241-1311 to request a full schedule of classes along with an official application form to be mailed to you. Please note applications must be on the official form for the 2018-2019 pipeline training classes being offered at the ITEC. All applications must be returned to Local 406.

The NPTF will provide all students training at the ITEC with all necessary training materials, lodging, meals, airfare or mileage reimbursement. For any classes held at a hosting Local Union, the students will be provided with all training materials, lodging, lunch, as well as a \$50.00 per diem and mileage reimbursement.

Class sizes are limited, so if you are interested, please call as soon as possible.

## 2019 looks good for Lake Charles work

by David Hyatt  
Business  
Representative  
Lake Charles  
District



The summer months have been slow in the Lake Charles District with very little going on. Our crane rentals have managed to maintain with the manpower that they have employed without laying any of our operators off. There has been some work at a paper mill that was a good opportunity to employ one of our operators for a few months in a sheet pile job. The work toward the end of this past quarter suddenly accelerated and with the surprising amount of work in the Baton Rouge district, all of our operators with the credentials to work have been over there helping man our jobs and left a void in operators for the Lake Charles area.

B & G had a turnaround at the P66 plant and used up just about all of the operators that we had on the out of work list. Turner called for work at Westlake South and some at Sasol. I was able to put a couple of our guys out and then had to utilize travelers for the rest. The reports for 2019 are sounding good for work in this district as the contractors are confident that all looks well going into the new year. Frankly, that's good news for us because it puts more of our operators to work and keeps the ones working that are already employed. If you get laid off, please call immediately to the district that you want to work in and get on the out of work list so that we can try to get you back out as soon as possible. We enjoy seeing 100% employment because we know that our Brothers and Sisters are prospering.

As this reading finds you, we should be going into the holiday season. I would like to take this time to wish all a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. Take advantage of the down time to nurture

relationships with family and find those in need during this time. We are very fortunate to have what we have and should be willing to extend that blessing into service to others. "No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another."

- Charles Dickens

## Thank you Local 406

by  
Michael Kaiser  
Apprenticeship  
Administrator



As I write this final article for the Engineers News due to my retirement, I am very grateful to belong to an organization like Local 406 that really looks out for their members both in the present and in the future of operating engineers. I was very fortunate to work for one of our signatory contractors, B & G Crane Service, for forty years and they were like family. I only wish everyone had the opportunity to work for such a great company.

In taking on the position of Apprenticeship Administrator for Local 406, I have enjoyed and had the pleasure of working with many fine people throughout the years and in doing so received the all the help and support needed to make the transition.

I thank our Business Manager Jason Billings for all his support and for coming out and giving us a hand when needed. I am very pleased with the direction our Local is taking and I believe we will continue to grow and prosper. I encourage you all to value and support our Local Union and all its endeavors. Keep up the good work, it has truly been a pleasure working with everyone at Local 406.

## SOHF explanation on charges

Carlos Benoit  
Business Rep.  
Baton Rouge District



At the time of this writing the work in the Baton Rouge District is bursting at the seams. I will yield this information to Russell's article.

Continuing from the last article from the Southern Operators Health Fund Booklet:

Usual, Customary and Reasonable Expense: The term "Unusual Customary and Reasonable Expense" means a level of charges that does not exceed the prevailing range of charges generally made by providers in the locality for similar or comparable services or supplies. The term "locality" means geographic area that includes a cross-section of persons or entities regularly furnishing the type of treatment, services or supplies for which the charge is made. In determining whether charges are Usual, Customary and Reasonable Expenses, due consideration will be given to the circumstances that may require additional time, skill or experience. The determination of Usual, Customary and Reasonable Expense is at the sole discretion of the Trustees. This information can be found on page 14 of the SOHF booklet.

Remember to stay safe while hunting and take a child hunting, it could make a difference in their life. I hope to see everyone at the Semi-Annual Meeting in Baton Rouge on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**It's Your Union  
Please attend  
a meeting**

**ELECTION DAY - NOVEMBER 6, 2018***IUOE Local 406, the Greater New Orleans AFL-CIO and the Central Trades & Labor Council Endorsements***STATEWIDE and Multi-Parish**

SECRETARY OF STATE Kyle Ardoin - Dual Endorsement  
 Renee Fontenot Free - Dual Endorsement

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE-1ST SUPREME COURT DISTRICT Greg Guidry

**U.S. CONGRESS**

U.S. Representative—1st Congressional District Jim Francis - Dual Endorsement  
 Tammy Savoie - Dual Endorsement

U.S. Representative—2nd Congressional District Cedric Richmond

U.S. Representative—3rd Congressional District Mildred "Mimi" Methvin

U.S. Representative—4th Congressional District Ryan Trundle

U.S. Representative—6th Congressional District Justin Dewitt - Dual Endorsement  
 "Andie" Saizan - Dual Endorsement

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

Act 719- YES    ACT 717-YES    ACT 721-YES    ACT 722-YES    ACT 720-YES    ACT 718-NO

**ORLEANS PARISH:**

Clerk, 1st City Court Timothy David Ray  
 Judge, Civil Dist. Court/ Div. E Omar Mason  
 Clerk Civil Dist. Court Jared Brossett

**JEFFERSON PARISH:**

Judge Juvenile Court/Sec. B Amanda Calogero  
 School Board District 1 Mark Morgan  
 School Board District 2 Ricky Johnson Sr.  
 School Board District 3 Tiffany Kuhn  
 School Board District 4 Glenn Mayeaux  
 School Board District 5 Cedric Floyd  
 School Board District 7 Billy North  
 School Board District 8 Marion "Coach" Bonura  
 Mayor of Harahan Tim Baudier  
 Harahan City Council Tommy Budde  
 Harahan City Council Craig Johnston  
 Harahan City Council Nathan "Nate" Lepre  
 Harahan City Council Carrie Wheeler  
 Harahan City Council Bryan "Keko" Whittle Sr.

**ST. BERNARD PARISH:**

Judge 34th Judicial District/Div. D Darren Roy  
 School Board District 5 Joe Long, Sr.  
 School Board District 9 Shelton Smith  
 School Board District 10 Rosiland White

**PLAQUEMINE PARISH:**

President Amos Cormier

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH:**

State Representative, Dist. 90 Sean Morrison  
 Mayor of Pearl River David McQueen  
 Alderman Town of Pearl River Bridgett Bennett  
 Alderman Town of Pearl River David McGregor  
 Alderman Town of Pearl River Virgil Ray Phillips  
 Alderman Town of Pearl River Don Thanars  
 Alderman Town of Pearl River Kathryn Walsh  
 School Board District 1 Matthew Greene  
 School Board District 2 Elizabeth Heintz  
 School Board District 4 Stephen "Jack" Loop  
 School Board District 5 Lee Barrios  
 School Board District 7 Willie Jeter  
 School Board District 8 Peggy Seeley  
 School Board District 9 Sharon Drucker  
 School Board District 11 Robert "Bob" Womack  
 School Board District 13 James Braud  
 School Board District 15 Robert Broome

**BATON ROUGE & VICINITY**

Baton Rouge City Court Judge, ES 2A Chris Hester  
 Baton Rouge City Constable Terrica Williams  
 Baton Rouge School Board Dist. 2 Vereta Lee  
 Baton Rouge School Board Dist. 3 Kenyetta Nelson-Smith  
 Baton Rouge School Board, Dist. 4 Dawn Collins  
 Baton Rouge School Board, Dist. 7 Tania Nyman  
 Baker School Board, Dist. 2 Dana Carpenter  
 Baker School Board, Dist. 3 Joyce Burges (Dual Endsmt.)  
 Baker School Board, Dist. 3 Rosatina Johnson (Dual End.)  
 Baker School Board, Dist. 5 Calvin J. Dees Sr.  
 Mayor, City of Zachary David Amrhein  
 Zachary City Council, Dist. 2 Vincent Cimino  
 Mayor, City of Central Jr. Shelton  
 Chief of Police, Central Roger Corcoran  
 Central City Council, Member at Large Ryan Meador  
 Central City Council, Dist. 1 Charlie Habig  
 Central City Council, Dist. 2 Joshua Roy  
 Central City Council, Dist. 3 Dave Freneau  
 Central City Council, Dist. 5 Briton Myer  
 Point Coupee Parish President Major Thibaut  
 Point Coupee Council, Dist. H Justin Cox (Dual Endsmt.)  
 Point Coupee Council, Dist. H Kurt Jarreau (Dual Endsmt.)  
 Point Coupee School Board, Dist. H James "Bado" Cline  
 Mayor, City of New Roads Kevin "Cat" Bridgewater  
 Associate Justice-5th Supreme Court Erin Wiley Lanoux  
 Parish President, West Feliciana Kenneth "Kenny" Havard

**SHREVEPORT & VICINITY**

Mayor, City of Shreveport Ollie Tyler  
 Caddo Parish City Council, Dist. A Willie Bradford  
 Caddo Parish City Council, Dist. B Laura McLemore (Dual End.)  
 Caddo Parish City Council, Dist. B LeVette Fuller (Dual Endsmt.)  
 Caddo Parish City Council, Dist. D Keith Hanson  
 Caddo Parish City Council, Dist. E James Flurry  
 Caddo Parish City Council, Dist. F James Green  
 School Board, Dist. 3 Terence Vinson  
 School Board, Dist. 4 Kandee Kelley Flint  
 School Board, Dist. 7 Raymond Green  
 School Board, Dist. 8 Sumer Cooner (Dual End.)  
 School Board, Dist. 8 Denise Locke (Dual End.)  
 School Board, Dist. 10 Durwood Hendricks, Jr.  
 School Board, Dist. 12 Dottie Bell  
 Webster Parish City Council, Dist. B Terika Williams  
 Red River Parish School Brd., Dist. 5 Kasandria White  
 Red River Parish School Brd., Dist. 6 Andre Cole  
 Red River Parish School Brd., Dist. 7 Susan Taylor

 We wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving and a Happy Holiday Season 