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IUOE LOCAL 302

SPRING 2024



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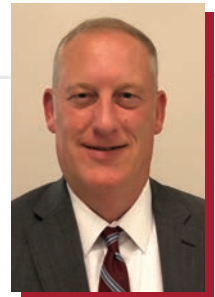
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### ON THE COVER

Local 302 member Josh Prasad at the 800 Fifth building in downtown Seattle, WA conducts annual chiller tube cleaning as part of the building's preventative maintenance program. The chiller tubes are cleaned using pressurized water to rid the tubes of any build-up, debris, and scaling. This ensures the chiller remains at peak efficiency.

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## BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

**T**he spring season always represents some “ends” but mostly “beginnings” for our Union. The obvious and welcome shift with the nicer weather means more work for our members. Read on to learn of other updates.

**The legislative sessions for the three states we represent, Washington, Idaho, and Alaska have adjourned.** The Idaho Legislature did not enact any significant policy or budget items concerning our members. However, Washington did enact a series of laws that will affect and/or possibly create some upcoming ballot measures that do have significant impacts on our members. These include legislation on natural gas (“clean energy”) transition modifications, Long-Term Care Taxation

(Initiative), and Climate Commitment Act (fuel and transportation budget impacts - Initiative) to name a few. We did see some modest improvements to our transportation package to ensure continued maintenance work and some forward progress in public employee member benefits for some of our members. A more complete report of these and the state of the various elections concerning our members will be in our summer edition of the Loadline, so more to come on that front.

**Thursday, April 11, 2024, IUOE Local 302's bargaining team met with Associated General Contractors (AGC) representatives to kick off negotiations for a new Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) to cover Western Washington.** The team continues to put member priorities at the forefront of discussions with the parties back at the bargaining table every week until an agreement is reached. As soon as an agreement is reached, it will be announced on IUOE Local 302's website and on our social media accounts. Then ballots will be mailed to members for a vote so make sure your address is up to date.

**Save the date for multiple upcoming events:** The “Shine and Show” on June 9 at the Bothell Hall, the Top Hand Competition at the Ellensburg, WA Training Center on June 22, and the Charity Golf Classic on August 17

at the Meadow Park Golf Course in Tacoma, WA. Find more information on these events throughout this edition of the Loadline.

**Also, we've included the invite to the annual retiree luncheons on page 6 of this Loadline,** so if you're a current retired member in good standing RSVP as soon as you can.

**You may have noticed Local 302 partners with Sunrise Dental for some Washington based events. That's because they strongly support unions.** We're proud to have added their Dental Assistants and Sterilization Technicians as Local 302 members at these Washington state locations: Bellingham, Lacey, Marysville, Mount Vernon, Puyallup, Sequim, and Snohomish.

**Sunrise Dental offers great discounts for union members at any of their locations. For more information visit [www.sunrisedental.com](http://www.sunrisedental.com).**

There is plenty to keep us busy in the months ahead. I look forward to seeing you at our events, and out in the field.

In Solidarity,

**Daren Konopaski**  
Business Manager and  
First International Vice President



IUOE LOCAL 302  
AND SUNRISE  
DENTAL



# CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

**17 AUGUST 2024**

**7AM CHECK-IN  
8AM SHOTGUN START**

**MEADOW PARK GOLF COURSE 7108 LAKEWOOD DR W TACOMA, WA**

## SPONSORSHIP LEVELS:

**ACE - \$2,500** - Includes sponsor recognition at 3 holes, banner, 8 golfer registrations with carts, recognition at awards presentation

**BEVERAGE - \$2,000** - Includes sponsor recognition at 2 holes, banner, 4 golfer registrations with carts, 10 drink tickets, recognition at awards presentation

**LUNCH - \$1,500** - Includes sponsor recognition at 2 holes, banner, 4 golfer registrations with carts, recognition at awards presentation

**EAGLE - \$1,000** - Includes sponsor recognition at 2 holes, 4 golfer registrations with carts

**BIRDIE - \$600** - Includes sponsor recognition at 1 hole, 2 golfer registrations with cart

**HOLE - \$350** - Includes sponsor recognition at 1 hole (does not include golfer registration) \*\*credit card or check payment \*Check or credit card payment accepted for sponsorship registration

## INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION:

**INDIVIDUAL ENTRY - \$140**

**INDIVIDUAL ENTRY (LOCAL 302 MEMBER) - \$85**

Foursome and twosome team options available

\*Credit card payment required at time of registration

## DETAILS:

- All registrations include: lunch, green fee, range balls, cart
- Mulligans
- Raffle prizes
- Awards presentation

REGISTER ONLINE BY AUGUST 1: [HTTPS://SUNRISEDENTAL.COM/GOLF-CHARITY/](https://sunrisedental.com/golf-charity/)

## Funds raised go towards:

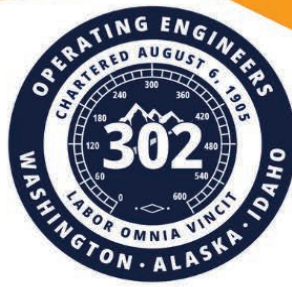
- Local 302 Hope Fund
- Sunrise for Children
- Puget Sound Labor Agency Food Bank



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# Retired Members: You're invited to the annual summer Retiree Luncheons!

As a thank you for your service and dedication to IUOE Local 302, you and a guest are invited to attend the retiree luncheons that will be held in our Washington, Alaska, and Idaho districts. *Please note, this invitation is for current retired members in good standing.* These luncheons are a great opportunity for you to enjoy the company of your peers along with a catered meal.

**Be sure to RSVP if you plan to attend.** Tell us whether you'll be bringing a guest and to which location so we can plan for the luncheons and budget responsibly.

## WASHINGTON DISTRICTS

### **DISTRICT 1 & DISTRICT 286**

Tuesday, July 2, 2024 – Union Hall 18701 120th Ave NE, Bothell – Noon to 2 p.m. **Please RSVP to the Bothell office at (425) 806-0302 by Monday, June 17.**

### **DISTRICT 2**

Monday, July 15, 2024 – Elks Lodge #1604, 2120 Market St, Mt Vernon – Noon to 2 p.m. **Please RSVP to the Bothell office at (425) 806-0302 by Friday, June 28.**

### **DISTRICT 3**

Wednesday, July 17, 2024 – Elks Lodge #1181, 4131 Pine Rd NE, Bremerton – Noon to 2 p.m. **Please RSVP to the Bothell office at (425) 806-0302 by Tuesday, July 2.**

Thursday, July 18, 2024 – Elks Lodge #1082 624 K St, Hoquiam – Noon to 2 p.m. **Please RSVP to the Bothell office at (425) 806-0302 by Tuesday, July 2.**

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#### **DISTRICT 4**

Wednesday, July 10, 2024 – Palace Café 323 N Main St, Ellensburg – Noon to 2 p.m. **Please RSVP to the Bothell office at (425) 806-0302 by Tuesday, June 25.**

#### **DISTRICT 5**

Monday, July 8, 2024 – Ruby River Inn, 700 N Division, Spokane – Noon to 2 p.m. **Please RSVP to the Bothell office at (425) 806-0302 by Friday, June 21.**

Tuesday, July 9, 2024 – Union Hall, 2637 W Albany Ave, Kennewick – Noon to 2 p.m. **Please RSVP to the Bothell office at (425) 806-0302 by Friday, June 21.**

### **IDAHO DISTRICT**

#### **DISTRICT 5**

Wednesday, July 24, 2024 – Red Lion Hotel 1555 Pocatello Creek Rd, Pocatello – Noon to 2 p.m. **Please RSVP to the Bothell office at (425) 806-0302 by Tuesday, July 9.**

### **ALASKA DISTRICTS**

#### **DISTRICT 6**

Thursday, August 22, 2024 – Union Hall 4001 Denali St, Anchorage – Noon to 2 p.m. **Please RSVP to the Anchorage office at (907) 561-5288 by Monday, August 5.**

#### **DISTRICT 7**

Wednesday, August 21, 2024 – Westmark Hotel Gold Room 813 Noble St, Fairbanks – Noon to 2 p.m. **Please RSVP to the Anchorage office at (907) 561-5288 by Monday, August 5.**

#### **DISTRICT 8**

Tuesday, August 20, 2024 – Moose Lodge 8335 Airport Blvd, Juneau – Noon to 2 p.m. **Please RSVP to the Anchorage office at (907) 561-5288 by Monday, August 5.**

# DISTRICT REPORT

# 1



Local 302 member Nicholas Newton, pump operator at the I-90/SR 18 interchange project, DBM Contractors, Inc.

## I-90/SR 18 interchange project to improve safety and traffic

**G**rowth in Washington's Snoqualmie Valley has made the Interstate-90/State Route 18 interchange one of the busiest in the state, causing backups during peak times and busy travel weekends. Nearly 23,000 vehicles use the road daily, including roughly 4,000 commuting to jobs in the Valley. Freight trucks also frequent the highway, transporting more than 10 million tons of freight annually.

To improve traffic flow, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is building a diverging diamond interchange — only the second in the state — and is widening SR-18 to four lanes from the interchange to Deep Creek and constructing a four-lane bridge over Deep Creek and a two-lane bridge over Raging River. WSDOT contracted with design-builder Aecon on this \$188 million project with Local 302 members at the core of the work.

The center piece of the project is the diverging dia-

mond interchange that will reduce conflict points from 26 to 14 — which in turn, reduces the opportunity for collisions by 50 percent. Traffic flow will be improved by reducing the number of traffic signals and offering more free turns for drivers entering and exiting the interstate.

The improvements have several environmental benefits too. Crews will remove old culverts and fish barriers so salmon and other native fish can access nearly 13 miles of streams. New four-lane bridges at Deep Creek and Lake Creek will allow wildlife to cross safely under the freeway. The project is scheduled to be completed in 2025.



Design rendering of the I-90/SR 18 diverging diamond interchange looking east; Courtesy of WSDOT





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1. Local 302 member, and surveyor, James Hiller at the I-90/SR 18 interchange project
2. Twin cranes lift massive support beams into place on each end of a future bridge for State Route 18; Four concrete girders were hoisted and set atop columns rising more than 50 feet above Raging River, creating part of the support structure for a new two-lane bridge. Manitowoc GMK 5275 Crane Operator Tyler Ulsh, Oiler Ryan Ayers, Crane Coordinator John Trickey, Signal Person Isaiah Heeter, and Signal Person Dylan Brubaker; NessCampbell Crane + Rigging
3. From left to right: Local 302 members Eric Johnson, Evan Iuchau, Andy Baas, and Sam Yun working at the I-90/SR 18 interchange project
4. Local 302 member Jeff Sharon measures the depth of a hole that will be used to build a wall along the east end of the I-90/SR 18 interchange; The wall will form a stream channel under the I-90 bridges, helping to open fish access along a tributary to Lake Creek; DBM Contractors, Inc.



# DISTRICT REPORT

# 2

## 10 years after Oso landslide, new memorial is a gathering place for remembrance

It's been 10 years since a massive landslide near the small town of Oso in Snohomish County, WA killed 43 people, wiped out an entire neighborhood, and buried State Route 530 in mud. It was the deadliest landslide in U.S. history.

To mark the 10-year anniversary of that fateful day, a permanent memorial was unveiled March 22, 2024 on State Route 530, near the Stillaguamish River.

The memorial was years in the making, with Local 302 operators running all the heavy equipment for land clearing and grading for Konnerup Construction Inc and fulfilling paving for Lakeside Industries.

This is familiar ground for some operators who responded with their heavy equipment skill back in 2014 when the landslide occurred to help with search and recovery.

The memorial stands at what used to be the entrance to the Steelhead Drive neighborhood to commemorate and educate about the lives lost, a community destroyed, the first responders' and rescuers' heroic efforts, the grief and resilience of the survivors, and the geological event itself.



1. Community gathering for the grand opening of the Oso Slide Memorial on March 22, 2024
2. A view of the completed Oso Slide Memorial
3. Local 302 member Chris Whitson topside operates a paver with Local 302 members Mitchell Moore and John Lochmann on the screed at the Oso Slide Memorial
4. Aerial photo of the completed Oso Slide Memorial at the base of the aftermath of the slide, with a view of where the landslide occurred in the background; Photo courtesy of Snohomish County







# DISTRICT REPORT

# 3

Aerial view of the existing Elwha River Bridge and the new bridge with the girders set before the deck is poured; Photo courtesy of Ceccanti, Inc

CHECK OUT THE POSTER OF THE ELWHA RIVER BRIDGE PROJECT ON PAGE 22

## Operating Engineers replace the Elwha River Bridge on the Olympic Peninsula

**B**uilt in 1926, the 3-span, 388-foot concrete arch Elwha bridge has served the Olympic Peninsula community for more than 90 years. Recently, the Elwha River has dramatically changed its course and flow because of the dam removal, leading to significant erosion around the bridge foundations.

As a result, the Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) estimates the riverbed around the bridge's piers has lowered 14 feet.

WSDOT is working to replace the US 101 Elwha River Bridge in Port Angeles, WA and hired Ceccanti, Inc for the \$27.6 million job. Jack Campbell, a 22-year International Union of Operating Engineers member is superintendent on the job for Ceccanti. Approximately 8 – 10 Local 302 operating engineers are leading the demolition of the existing bridge, building the new girder bridge with roadway realignment, installation

of engineered log jams, and other site work. The new bridge will be 40 feet wide and accommodate two 12-foot lanes with two 8-foot shoulders (the current bridge is 28 feet wide). A wider bridge will create a more comfortable crossing for travelers and provide adequate shoulder room for bicyclists and pedestrians.

The US 101 Elwha River Bridge is vital to the well-being of the communities on the Olympic Peninsula. Replacing the bridge will ensure the route continues to be a reliable transportation facility for decades to come.



Local 302 Brundage-Bone Concrete Pumping operators place concrete on the new Elwha River Bridge alignment; Photo courtesy of Ceccanti, Inc



Local 302 Barnhart crane operators unload the precast girders off the truck and place them on the Elwha River Bridge structure; Photo courtesy of Ceccanti, Inc



Local 302 operator drills a shaft to support the spans that hold the precast girders for the Elwha River Bridge deck; Photo courtesy of Ceccanti, Inc





# DISTRICT REPORT

# 4



Local 302 operators Kirklund Barnhart and Jory Rock on the ground, and Brett Colglazier in the excavator work at a data center project in Central Washington; Photo courtesy of Advantage Dirt Contractors

## Central Washington remains poised for data center expansion

Central Washington, with its hydroelectric power source, enjoys some of the lowest power rates in North America. This, coupled with other benefits such as seismic stability and a moderate climate that allows for free cooling 90 percent of the year has led to the region being one of the top locations in the United States for data centers.

Local 302 operators are at the core of this work from start to finish doing the mass excavation, utilities, support for the building infrastructure, grading, and finishing the sites.

A data center is a centralized facility with the primary function to store, manage, and disseminate data for

business operations, communication, and information processing.


They play a vital role in supporting modern digital services, enabling businesses to innovate, collaborate, and deliver value to customers in today's interconnected world. Their importance continues to grow as the volume of data generated and the reliance on digital technologies increase across industries.

As the demand continues to rise, Central Washington is poised to remain a top choice for industry players seeking a competitive edge in the global market. This means continued jobs for skilled Local 302 operators to complete the work from the ground on up.



# DISTRICT REPORT

# 5



Local 302 crane operators Wyatt Dillard and Rodney Free swinging trusses for the roof of a new building on the Sage High School campus in Pasco, WA; Photo courtesy of Fowler General Construction

Pasco is one of the fastest growing communities in Washington state

Pasco, WA grew by more than a third as 20,000 residents joined the city between 2010 and 2022.

With a current population estimated over 81,000, Pasco is among the fastest-growing communities in the state, according to the Washington Office of Financial Management.

Big growth brings big de-

mand for housing, schools, civic infrastructure, and recreation amenities to meet growing demand.

Pasco is responding on all fronts, bringing continuous jobs for Local 302 operators.

*Story continued on the next page*





Left to right: Local 302 mechanics Charles Bate-man and Charles Williamson change cutting edges on the fleet of scrapers



Local 302 members Charles Bussell in the excavator cuts slopes while Dustin Johnson places trench boxes with an excavator for the City of Pasco new sanitary sewer main project

# Expanding sanitary sewer main infrastructure

Apollo, Inc., with Local 302 operators at the core of the work, were awarded the fourth phase in a series of projects for the City of Pasco to provide critical infrastructure for the Urban Growth Area Expansion east of Road 68.

Construction began in October 2023 and entails over 740,000 cubic yards of mass grading and installation of more than 20,000 linear feet of new sanitary sewer main.

This project will support growth in north Pasco by providing new gravity sewer trunk mains to serve developing properties north of Burns Road between Road 68 and North Glade Road. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the spring 2024.





## Operators build Pasco's third high school to absorb regional enrollment growth

The new Sageview High School will help ease overcrowding for Pasco School District who's experienced more than a decade of transformational growth and already boasts the first- and sixth-largest high schools in Washington state in terms of enrollment. Pasco has more than 19,200 students total across all its schools and programs, making it the largest district in the Tri-Cities.

The 65 acre, nearly 300,000-square-foot school is scheduled to open in fall 2025. Fowler General Construction is the contractor, with Local 302 operators building the structures.



Left to right: Local 302 crane operator Rodney Free and crane operator/oiler Darryn Crum at the Sageview High School project in Pasco, WA



Local 302 members Jamie Bryant-Bogar and Jerald Christensen work on panel assembly at the Pasco Wastewater Reuse Facility, Pasco, WA; Photo courtesy of the City of Pasco

## Agricultural industrial wastewater treatment site upgraded and expanded

The City of Pasco's Process Water Reuse Facility (PWRF) is an active agricultural industrial wastewater treatment site.

The PWRF has been operating for 25+ years to pretreat, treat, and dispose of approximately one billion gallons of agricultural industrial wastewater on 1,854 acres of farmland.

Mayfield's Hoisting Service with Local 302 operators doing the heavy lifting, are providing upgrades and expansion to accommodate growth for existing processors and bringing new processors onboard.



# DISTRICT REPORT

# 6



Local 302 member John Dixson on crane removing a head on one of the engines at the Eklutna Generation Station in Palmer, Alaska

## Powering the future of south-central Alaska



**F**ounded in 1941, Matanuska Electric Association, Inc. (MEA), is Alaska's oldest existing and second-largest electric cooperative. MEA is owned and operated by more than 51,000 members.

Covering more than 4,300 miles of power lines, MEA serves south-central Alaska with an overall service area greater than the size of West Virginia.

MEA's 171-megawatt natural gas generation facility, the Eklutna Generation Station (EGS) in Palmer, Alaska, has been fully operational since May 2015. The completion of the facility marked the cooperative's transition to a vertically integrated utility in control of its own generation, transmission, and distribution system.

At the heart of the generation facility are ten dual-fuel engines manufactured by Finnish manufacturer Wärtsilä. Each of these massive engines is approximately 15 feet wide, 19 feet tall, 65 feet long with the genera-

tors attached, and weighs an impressive 390 tons. The plant operates primarily on natural gas but can switch seamlessly on-the-fly to diesel in case of interruption to the natural gas supply to ensure generation capacity remains available.

Local 302's members maintain and operate this power plant. Ten full time maintenance technicians and two instrument technicians work to maintain the engines and related power generation equipment. Nine operation technicians operate the power plant and deliver the required load to MEA's customers. There may also be as many as three temporary maintenance technicians augmenting the workforce depending on the workload.

The EGS is one of the most efficient thermal generation power plants in the "Railbelt" (consisting of five interconnected utilities who serve 65% of Alaskan population), which reduces MEA's consumption of fossil fuels.



Local 302 members John Lackey and Shane Arneson working on the free end dampener at the Eklutna Generation Station in Palmer, Alaska



Local 302 members Nick Voorhis and Dave Rodkey working on a 36,000-hour overhaul DG3 at the Eklutna Generation Station in Palmer, Alaska



# DISTRICT REPORT

# 7



## Local 302 members make the City of Fairbanks a great place to live and work

**F**airbanks is the largest city in the Alaskan interior and the second largest in the state with a population of approximately 32,515.

IUOE Local 302 members lead the work for the Public Works Department with 7 – 10 operators and seven mechanics.

Operators provide street maintenance which includes approximately 350 miles of road and 30 miles of associated sidewalks, and storm drain systems. During the winter months, activities include snow plowing, street sanding,

and resolving drainage issues. During the summer months, activities include street sweeping, storm drain cleaning, clearing ditches, patching pot-holes, brushing, pavement resurfacing, re-striping roads, and miscellaneous repairs to storm drain system components. Local 302 mechanics maintain all the city-owned vehicles and equipment, including for the police and fire departments.

We're proud of our Local 302 members who make the City of Fairbanks a great place to live and work.

Photo above from left to right: Local 302 members and mechanics for the City of Fairbanks Gerard Bullard, Elduin Fermin, Mark Ward, Steven Reeves, Johnathan Stanton, and Misty Buckles stand in front of a dump truck used for snow removal

Local 302 member Myrlene Wheelock operates a grader with a grate to remove hard snowpack from the City of Fairbanks streets







Local 302 member Robert Carlson steaming frozen storm drains to prevent flooding for the City of Fairbanks



Local 302 member Jayla Conley stands in front of a Holder Municipal Sidewalk Tractor used for snow removal and brush clearing

## Welcome to District 7 Field Representative Ronnie Brunty!

Ronnie represents the City of Fairbanks members among many other units. He's a great fit as he was a mechanic foreman at the City of Fairbanks for over 10 years. Most recently, Ronnie served four years as a master mechanic trainer at the Alaska Operating Engineers Employers Training Center.



District 7 Field Representative Ronnie Brunty, in the middle, during his mechanic instructor days at the Alaska Operating Engineers Employers Training Center



## Did you know District 7 Field Representative Crystal Tidwell has been a Fairbanks City Council member, Seat D, since 2022?

Crystal has been a proud second-generation member of the International Union of Operating Engineers for over 16 years. Here at Local 302, we're grateful Crystal has a seat at the City Council table to champion construction and infrastructure improvement projects. Crystal is also making great strides to significantly increase public safety for the local community by getting a third ambulance and reaching an agreement to expand the ability of fire fighters to operate multiple kinds of equipment such as fire engines and ambulance. This has greatly improved emergency response time.





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LOCAL 302





ELWHA RIVER BRIDGE PROJECT  
OLYMPIC PENINSULA, WA

Photo courtesy of Ceccanti, Inc



# DISTRICT REPORT

# 8

## Local 302 advocates for union rights and job creation at the Alaska State Legislature

By Corey Baxter, District 8 Representative

Photo: Juneau, Alaska

**D**id you know the Alaska State Capitol is in downtown Juneau, Alaska? It was opened on February 14, 1931, as a federal building but after Alaska gained statehood on January 3, 1959, the building became home to the Alaska State Legislature and houses the governor's and lieutenant governor's offices.

As District Representative for District 8, one of my duties is to monitor what happens during the legislative session from January through May each year. Some of those legislative duties include advocating, testifying, or writing support letters for policies, laws, and regulations that benefit our members and the construction industry.

To achieve these goals, I collaborate with lawmakers and regulatory bodies to ensure the interests of our members are represented and protected. One of the primary objectives of IUOE Local 302 is to promote safe and fair working conditions for our members. I advocate for enforcing safety standards on construction sites, ensuring workers are protected from accidents and injuries.

A vital role is to lobby for infrastructure projects that create jobs and improve the state's economy. On behalf of Local 302 I advocate for projects that are aligned with our values and priorities, such as renewable energy, transportation, and water infrastructure. By supporting these projects, we help drive economic growth and create job opportunities for our members.

I also collaborate with other labor unions and industry organizations during the legislative session to advance shared goals by engaging in coalition-building and work to build support for policies that benefit the broader labor community.

Another important role is participating in political action, supporting candidates who share Local 302's vision for a better Alaska. It's important to note Local 302 support is not based on party lines but on the candidate's commitment to protecting workers' rights, promoting safe working conditions, and investing in infrastructure. This nonpartisan approach ensures the voices of our members are heard in the political arena, regardless of their political leanings.



**Did you know Alaska State Senator Click Bishop is a 49-year Operating Engineer member?**

Senator Click Bishop (R-Fairbanks) graduated from Lathrop High School in Fairbanks, Alaska in 1974. Upon entering the workforce, he joined the Operating Engineers Local 302 and went to work on construction of the Trans Alaska Pipeline, and later a myriad of civil, heavy, and highway projects across the state.

To that end, Click served as adminis-

trator and coordinator for the Alaska Operating Engineers Employers Training Trust from 1991 – 2006, where he oversaw the training programs needed to support a skilled workforce.

After that, he was appointed Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development. He served as commissioner for 5 ½ years under Governors Sarah Palin and Sean Parnell, until April 2012. Senator Bishop has been a member of the Alaska State Senate since January 2013.



Senator Click Bishop, Fairbanks, Alaska



From left to right: Local 302 District 8 Representative Corey Baxter, Field 7 Representative Crystal Tidwell, District 6 Representative Jason Alward, and Field 6 Representative Jamie Mack lobby for capital budget money for more road projects at the Capitol in Juneau, Alaska during the 2024 legislative session



## Stationary Engineers take commercial high-rise care to new heights

**O**perating Engineers lead the field in heavy construction, but did you know Local 302 Stationary Engineers work behind the scenes to keep high rise commercial buildings in tip-top shape?

Engineers across EQ Office's Seattle portfolio are central to sustainability initiatives, identifying efficiencies, and helping with cost saving measures. With four buildings throughout downtown Seattle, this team of engineers play a crucial role in each building's day-to-day

operations.

They are responsible for scheduled maintenance, safety inspections, and repairs to a variety of equipment such as boilers, chillers, cooling towers, pumps, motors, variable frequency drives, actuators, light fixtures, lighting controls, electrical equipment, plumbing, life safety troubleshooting, and all the automation that runs the building systems. In addition, they also handle most preventative maintenance and repairs for tenants.

### 800 5th Ave (800 Fifth)

In 2015, the tower's central utility plant (CUP) was replaced. The CUP is the epicenter where major mechanical, electrical, and sometimes plumbing systems converge to serve a building. It's essentially the heart of the infrastructure that keeps things running smoothly.

800 Fifth Stationary Engineers have worked tirelessly to ensure the CUP equipment and automation operates at peak efficiency and they continue to find cost savings measures by doing work in house.

Photo to the upper right, from left to right: Local 302 team at the 800 Fifth building in downtown Seattle Josh Prasad, Matthias Lam, Lead Engineer John Campbell, Assistant Chief Engineer Tom Bowser, Josh Inman, Cash Inman, and Vadim Chorney [Not Pictured: Chief Engineer Robert Rogers]





## The Exchange Building at 821 2nd Ave (The Exchange)

The team is currently replacing all fluorescent bulbs and fixtures to LED, a much more energy-efficient system.

Photo to the right: Local 302 members Stationary Engineer Kevin Rubio (pictured here in the lobby) and Chief Engineer Douglas McDowell maintain the Exchange Building at 821 2nd Ave

*Story continued on the next page*





## 999 3rd Ave (999 Third)

The stationary engineering team recently repaired the Domestic Booster Pump #1. Engineers performed full maintenance replacing the seals and reinstalling the pump assembly with a newly refurbished 25HP electric motor.

Photo to the left, bottom up, left to right: Local 302 members Chief Engineer Daren Greene, Bart Kooyman III, Assistant Chief Robbie Hurlburt, Kenneth Hohbach, Senior Engineer Nick Griffith, and Nikolay Yanishak stand on the front entrance to 999 Third



## US Bank Center at 1420 5th Ave (USBC)

The engineering team helped facilitate a three-year major lobby remodel of three floors in addition to their normal tasks of maintaining the office tower.

Photo to the right, bottom up, left to right: Local 302 members Julian Herrera, Assistant Chief Jerry Chin, Chief Engineer Bill Babbitt, Jimmy Dalrymple, Richard Grantham, and Justin Finch in the newly renovated lobby they helped facilitate at the U.S. Bank Center [Not Pictured: Tim Eugley]





# FROM THE DESK OF THE DISPATCHERS

## Help us, help you: provide a complete and accurate list of equipment you operate

**W**hen registering for the Out of Work List make sure you're honest with yourself, and Dispatch, about the equipment you can run.

This means if you're tested on the

jobsite, you can demonstrate what you've listed at a journeyman-level.

It doesn't make you, or our Union, look good if you've embellished your ability level. Help us continue to be known as the most skilled

hands in the industry.

Also make sure to provide a complete list of what you operate so we can consider you for the widest number of open jobs.

### **WASHINGTON MEMBERS: If applying for unemployment, it's CRITICAL to apply correctly so you don't owe money back**

- Always ensure you're on the Local 302 Out of Work List as soon as you leave employment, and your membership dues are in good standing.
- Choose "regular layoff" as opposed to the "stand-by" option. If you are at the training center do not check you are in "school".
- Always check the "union shop" training option and that you are available for work.

More WA unemployment steps here:



**\*\*It's very important to re-register for the Out of Work List well in advance of when your registration expires. If you re-register late you'll get dropped off the list.**

**TIP: If registered for 90 days, re-register every 60 days.\*\***



# TRAINING CENTER UPDATES

ELLENSBURG, WA TRAINING CENTER

Save the date:

## TOP HAND COMPETITION AT THE ELLENSBURG, WA OPERATING TRAINING CENTER

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**Saturday, June 22, 2024**

**Sign up: 9 a.m.**

**Competitions start: 10 a.m.**

Bring your friends and family and try your hand at backhoe, dozer, excavator, loader, forklift, crane, grader, and truck and trailer competitions. Don't miss the food, music, and fun events for the kids too!



## SPANGLE, WA TRAINING CENTER

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The first half of the entry-level Spangle, WA Operating Engineers Regional Training Program students are in training; The second round of students start May 22, 2024. Students from left to right: Scott Harper, Wesley Simon, Kaely Turrentine, Malachi Barta, Hunter Hawk, Hank Heins, Ivan Afonin, and Randi Jordan

## ALASKA TRAINING CENTER

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Congratulations to great group of apprentice mechanics and service oilers who are almost done with their initial training at the Alaska Operating Engineers Training Program



### Seattle Public Schools members: Take advantage of access to training!

Welcome to Seattle Public Schools who joins the list of educational units who have access to training through the Western Washington Stationary Engineers Training Trust: Federal Way Public Schools, Clover Park School District, Lake Washington Institute of Technology, North Thurston School District, Tacoma Public Schools (security), and Bates Technical College. If your school isn't listed contact your Field Representative about adding training to your contract.

The summer schedule is out May 13. Summer quarter starts July 8 — sign up now.



# OPERATING ENGINEERS

LOCAL 302



**ATTENTION ALL SEATTLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS CUSTODIANS, GARDENERS, STATIONARY ENGINEERS, AND MECHANICAL COORDINATORS:**

**BIG NEWS** — As part of the new 2023-2025 Collective Bargaining Agreement, **YOU have access to training through the Western Washington Stationary Engineers Training Trust!**

**Examples of training (dependent on job classification):**

- \*Backflow/Wastewater \*Conflict Resolution \*Sustainable Housekeeping
- \*Computer Basics \*Welding \*HVAC \*Boiler Operator/Refresher \*Leadership
- \*Effective Communication \*Asbestos Training \*Basic and Advanced Electrical

**There are also reimbursement opportunities for specialized classes beyond what the Training Trust provides.**

## LEARN MORE TODAY!



Questions? Contact Training Coordinator Andrea Major at [amajor@wwsett.org](mailto:amajor@wwsett.org) or (253) 351-0184 [www.IUOE302.org](http://www.IUOE302.org)



**Congratulations to Jorge Castaneda from Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center who completed his four-year Stationary Training Trust apprenticeship in February 2024!** Learn more about furthering your career through apprenticeship here: [www.IUOE302.org](http://www.IUOE302.org).

Photo to the left: Local 302 member Jorge Castaneda, stands in front of Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center's fire alarm panel



# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

## MACKENZIE EMERICK

OPERATOR

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

Photo to the left: Local 302 member Mackenzie Emerick stands next to an Oshkosh model HB-2518. This snowblower can move up to 3,000 tons of snow per hour. It's used to clear snow at the Ladd Army Airfield located at Fort Wainwright in Fairbanks, AK as well as clearing out snow from parking lots.



### Why did you join IUOE Local 302? How long have you been a member?

I had wanted to join the Operating Engineers since I was 16-years-old. My very first job was working at our local landfill, and I enjoyed watching the dozer operators moving massive amounts of material around. I knew they made a livable wage, were left alone to do their job, and it looked fun. I joined the Alaska IUOE apprenticeship program in 2014 and have been a member for 10 years now.

### What are your favorite things about being a union member?

Besides running equipment and loving what I do, it would be my health in-

surance and knowing that I am taken care of. I love that I am represented by a strong Union, have a pension, and I am making a good livable wage to support myself and my family. I was able to go back to college, work full time doing snow removal and pay for my associate degree in construction management out of pocket, along with scholarships, so I graduated debt free.

### What are the top things you wish you would've known when you started your career?

I wish I had known and practiced better money management when I got into the trades. I would have paid off my debt at an earlier age and started a Roth Individual Retirement

Account (IRA). Instead, I waited until I was well into my career to get serious about paying off my debt and being more financially responsible. I also wish I had joined IUOE right out of high school.

### What advice would you give to people considering a career in the trades?

Keep a good attitude, always continue to learn, ask questions, don't take things personally, learn from your mistakes, try not to make the same mistake twice, and learn a wide range of skills so you're highly employable and a valuable employee. Practice good money management skills and save your money wisely for your off season.



Local 302 member Mackenzie Emerick operates a Roadtec SB-2500 Shuttle Buggy which has a 25 ton storage bin for hot mix asphalt and helps continuously load asphalt into a paver

*Is there an active Local 302 member you think we should feature in the Loadline? Email [mainoffice@iuoe302.org](mailto:mainoffice@iuoe302.org).*



# FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

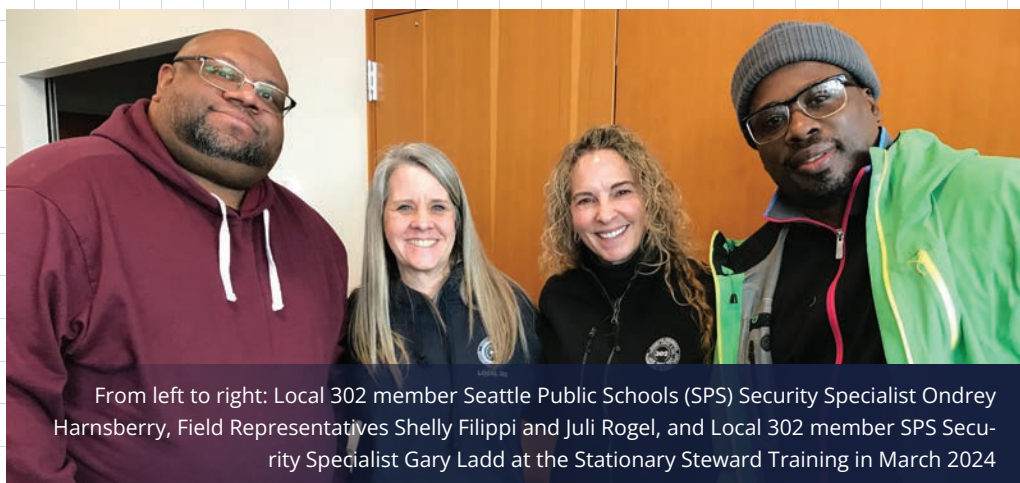
ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT JOBS IN THE UNION BELONGS TO THE STEWARD. WHY?



Steward training at the Bothell Hall, March 2024

- The Steward ensures justice on the job by enforcing the contract.
- Studies show your co-workers' image of the Union — and of the Union movement in general — evolves from the relationship with his or her Union Steward.
- Because you are a leader in the workplace, you can exercise leadership in other areas like political issues, civil rights, and community.
- Performing duties as Steward is the best possible training for other positions of responsibility in the Union.

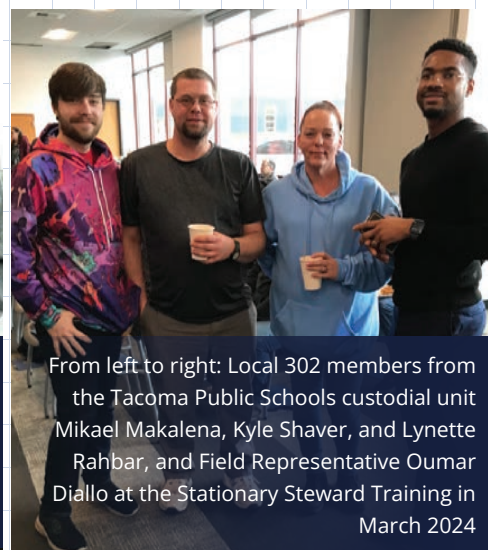
Contact your Field Representative to learn more.



From left to right: Local 302 member Seattle Public Schools (SPS) Security Specialist Ondrey Harnsberry, Field Representatives Shelly Filippi and Juli Rogel, and Local 302 member SPS Security Specialist Gary Ladd at the Stationary Steward Training in March 2024



From left to right: Field Representative Larry Kratz, Sean Stark Local 302 member and Steward at EvergreenHealth Medical Center, and Troy Farris Local 302 member and Steward for Kaiser Permanente at the Stationary Steward Training in March 2024



From left to right: Local 302 members from the Tacoma Public Schools custodial unit Mikael Makalena, Kyle Shaver, and Lynette Rahbar, and Field Representative Oumar Diallo at the Stationary Steward Training in March 2024





**OPERATING  
ENGINEERS**  
LOCAL 302

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- **SUNRISE DENTAL**, Puyallup, Lacey, Sequim, Snohomish, Marysville, Bellingham, and Mt. Vernon
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# LOCAL 302 ACHIEVEMENTS

## MEMBER AND STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

### **Stationary Engineer saves client close to \$1.8 million**

Shout out to Local 302 member Eric Hecox who is the Chief Building Engineer at a data center in Bothell, WA.

The data center underwent a \$20 million electrical control system renovation. Eric took the steps to see if the renovation might qualify for a Puget Sound Energy efficiency rebate.

Through trend logs he set up and evaluates, Eric was able to provide input/output data, specifically wattage and amperage logs that captured historic energy usage versus post renovation usage.

Eric partnered with the project design team to ensure they were aware of potential energy rebates through his subject matter expertise and assisted them through the process. Because of Eric's proactive initiative, the rebate will save his client almost \$1.8 million dollars! They are ecstatic.

Eric's success story is a great example for Stationary Engineers:

- When you see an opportunity to share knowledge someone else might not know, share it
- Mind the details, and set up trend logs so you can evaluate the old versus new systems — this is also incredibly useful for forecasting end of life equipment scenarios
- Always be willing to learn something new



Chief Engineer Eric Hecox stands in front of the site's building controls command center at a data center in Bothell, WA

### **Local 302 member volunteers to help install handicap access to boat dock**

We're proud of Matt Newman who volunteered to help provide handicapped access to the boat docks being installed at Hood Park in the Tri-Cities, WA. Matt assisted with excavating and preparing for concrete slab pours. He also helped groom trails for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access to the park and waterway.



Matt Newman volunteering to help provide handicap boat dock access at Hood Park, Tri-Cities, WA



# HEALTH & WELFARE

## TIPS FROM THE WELFARE & PENSION ADMINISTRATION SERVICE, INC. (WPAS)

*The following information applies to WPAS participants.*

### QUALIFIED DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDERS

In the realm of pension benefits, the most common reason we receive a Domestic Relations Order (DRO), is that it supplements a divorce decree. If you are getting a divorce where a portion of your pension benefit will be awarded to another person, please contact the Pension Trust. We will need a copy of your divorce decree with the property division, along with a domestic relations order. This is also a good time to submit a new beneficiary and tax form (if retired). Below are some things we would like to stress.

A DRO may direct all or part of your benefit be paid to another person, called an "alternate payee". The alternate payee can be your spouse, former spouse, child, or other dependent.

We ask the proposed order be sent to the Administrative Office for approval. If the proposed order is not provided to the Pension Trust for approval prior to it being filed with the courts, the Pension Trust could determine it is not qualified. If the order is not qualified, it is not enforceable by the Trust, and we will ask you to redo the process.

Upon receipt of an order (or proposed order) affecting your interest in the retirement plan, the Administrative

Office will notify you and the alternate payee. Within a reasonable time, we will determine whether the order is qualified and notify you and the alternate payee. If the order is not qualified, the notice will explain how the order could be changed to make it a qualified Domestic Relations Order.

We ask you to contact the Administration Office for further details before preparing a DRO. A senior staff member can help you understand the process. It is common for us to prepare account statements and calculation estimates, along with anything else you might need. We can send this directly to you or your counsel. We sympathize this is a stressful transition, and we want to help members get this done right the first time.

Sample QDROs for each scenario, beneficiary forms, tax forms, and your retirement plan booklet can be found at:

- [www.EngineersTrust.com](http://www.EngineersTrust.com) (Alaska/Western Washington)
- [www.WA-IDEngineersTrustFunds.com](http://www.WA-IDEngineersTrustFunds.com) (Eastern Washington/Idaho)



# SAFETY FIRST

## I've been injured on the job. What should I do?

If injured at work, your most important next steps are to:

1. Get medical help
2. Tell your employer

You can also reach out to your Field Representative to let them know.

While an injury may not bother you much initially, complications can emerge over time so it's very important to take the steps described above, and take notes of the dates, times, and complications of what you're experiencing.

You have certain rights and protections under the law to ensure you receive appropriate medical care, compensation for your injuries, and job-related support. While specific regulations may vary depending on your location and the type of employment, here are some general rights you typically have if you're injured at work. You have the right to:

- Seek medical attention for your work-related injuries
- Return to your job if your doctor clears you to do so
- Generally, if you are unable to return to work temporarily or permanently, you have the right to disability compensation
- File a claim for your injury in the state industrial court or workers' compensation court

- Have a hearing before the workers' compensation court or your state's equivalent
- Receive all workers' compensation benefits you're entitled to
- Appeal a workers' compensation claim denial
- Representation by a workers' compensation lawyer throughout the process — as early as the moment of your injury

It's crucial to familiarize yourself with the specific workers' rights and compensation laws in your jurisdiction, as they can vary. Additionally, promptly reporting any injuries and following the identified steps will help protect your rights and ensure you receive the necessary support during your recovery.

If you have concerns or encounter difficulties, seeking advice from a legal professional specializing in workers' rights can be beneficial. While Local 302 doesn't offer injured worker legal support, we are here to support you in the ways we can.

For more information about Workers' Compensation visit scan these QR codes:

- Washington:



- Alaska:



- Idaho:





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# CONGRATULATIONS RETIREES

## JANUARY - APRIL 2024

ALVIN ROSKAM - WASILLA, AK	DONALD JOHNSON - ABERDEEN, WA	MILTON DUNAHOE - ANCHORAGE, AK	STEVE HUNSTAD - LOON LAKE, WA
ANDREW DENNY - KENNEWICK, WA	GEORGE ROCK - ENTIAT, WA	NELSON FREDRICKSON - KODIAK, AK	STEVEN ORORKE - SEQUIM, WA
ARNAM MOODY - CHUGIAK, AK	GERI BRAULIK - OAK HARBOR, WA	NORMAN ANDERSON - WHARTON, TX	STEVEN MALLERY - NORTH BEND, WA
BOYD HOMELVIG - CHUGIAK, AK	GORDON CARLSON - CANTWELL, AK	RANDALL HODNELAND - SPOKANE, WA	STUART DALLAS - ROCHESTER, WA
BRAD BRETTHAUER - PRIEST RIVER, ID	HIEN NGUYEN - UNIVERSITY PLACE, WA	REGINALD WOHLWEND - KINGSTON, WA	THOMAS ELLIOTT - MONTLAKE TERRACE, WA
BRANDI BAKER - COUNCIL, ID	JAY DAVIS - MESA, AZ	RICHARD HENSON - BOTHELL, WA	THOMAS EDDY - STANWOOD, WA
CHARLES TRUJILLO - EVERETT, WA	KEITH JOHNSON - LAKE STEVENS, WA	ROBERT MAYOVSKY - COVINGTON, WA	VICTOR HEUVING - SNOHOMISH, WA
CHARLES HILL - LEWISTON, ID	KEITH HOLEN - ANCHORAGE, AK	ROBERT NORMAN - ANCHORAGE, AK	WILSON BOURDON - NOME, AK
CHARLES CAMPBELL - SEATTLE, WA	KENNETH TONGSGARD - SNOHOMISH, WA	RODNEY BROWN - GOLD BAR, WA	
CHARLES AMES - LEWISTON, ID	LARRY GREGORY - TACOMA, WA	RONALD RADY - NORTH POLE, AK	
CHRIS JELICH - BONNEY LAKE, WA	MARK BOWLING - MARYSVILLE, WA	ROY SMITH - NEW MEADOWS, ID	
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DONALD WAY - HEALY, AK	MICHAEL SONGER - BONNERS FERRY, ID	SCOTT MCCUMBY - FAIRBANKS, AK	
DONALD MURPHY - KENNEWICK, WA	MICHAEL KLOEMPEN - MONTESANO, WA	SEAN ELDER - MONROE, WA	

# IN MEMORIAM

## JANUARY - APRIL 2024

### IUOE LOCAL 302 MOURNS THE PASSING OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS

ALFRED TURNER - STUART, VA	ELIJAH CLAYTON - BOISE, ID	KEN BROWN - SNOHOMISH, WA	RONALD WALL - PAYSON, AZ
BEN MEYER - PALMER, AK	FAIZER CAYRON - DUTCH HARBOR, AK	KENNETH CURZON - POCATELLO, ID	ROY BRYSON - MOUNT VERNON, WA
BILL HUBBS - LEWISTON, ID	GARY QUINN - SPOKANE, WA	LARRY WITTGOW - SELAH, WA	RYAN SMITH - CARNATION, WA
BILLY POPE - WESTPORT, WA	GREGORY STICKNEY - ISSAQUAH, WA	LYLE TRIPP - COOS BAY, OR	THOMAS RAWLINS - PORT ST LUCIE, FL
BRADLEY HATFIELD - SPOKANE, WA	HOWELL BISHOP - MEXICO, MO	LYLE SKREDSVIG - BOW, WA	THOMAS FISHER - CHEHALIS, WA
CHARLES KAESTNER - LAKE HAVASU CITY, AZ	IVAN WOMACK - JUNEAU, AK	MARK FRIESEN - MONROE, WA	TROY WILLIAMS - ARLINGTON, WA
CHARLIE DOOLITTLE III - SHELTON, WA	JAMES GALLEY - FAIRBANKS, AK	MARK LYMAN - MONTICELLO, UT	WAYNE FARLEY - SAND POINT, ID
CLARENCE ISAAK - BOISE, ID	JAMES ENGEL - SOUTH HAVEN, MI	MASON WELMERS - CONCRETE, WA	WAYNE LEWIS - POCATELLO, ID
CLIFFORD STORLIE - DEER RIVER, MN	JAMES COHN - YAKIMA, WA	MICHAEL HRISKO - ENUMCLAW, WA	WILLIAM GLOVER - GIG HARBOR, WA
CLYDE OLINGER - HUMANSVILLE, MO	JAP CATLETT - KAPOWSIN, WA	ROBERT ROSS - JUNEAU, AK	
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EARL MC DONALD - GRAND COULEE, WA	JOHN CAUDLE - ORAN, MO	ROBIN BARRINGTON - HOUSTON, AK	
EDDIE VAN LANDINGHAM - PONDEROSA, NM	JOHN MC GURTY JR - WINNEMUCCA, NV	RODNEY JAMES - CAMAS VALLEY, OR	



Our thoughts and condolences go out to the family of Brother Mikhail Lazukin who passed away on September 1, 2023. Mikhail and his brother Anton were working on an ice sculpture for the 2024 World Ice Art Championships in Fairbanks, Alaska before Mikhail passed. Anton finished the sculpture in Mikhail's honor.





### Voluntary Political Contributions

The Public Disclosure Commission requires that all employers and labor unions who offer voluntary political contribution options to their employees and members inform their employees and members of certain statutory protections. The statutory language from the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 42.17A.495 is:

#### Limitations on employers or labor organizations.

(1) No employer or labor organization may increase the salary of an officer or employee, or compensate an officer, employee, or other person or entity, with the intention that the increase in salary, or the compensation, or a part of it, be contributed or spent to support or oppose a candidate, state official against whom recall charges have been filed, political party, or political committee.

(2) No employer or labor organization may discriminate against an officer or employee in the terms or conditions of employment for (a) the failure to contribute to, (b) the failure in any way to support or oppose, or (c) in any way supporting or opposing a candidate, ballot proposition, political party, or political committee. At least annually, an employee from whom wages or salary are withheld under subsection

(3) of this section shall be notified of the provisions of this subsection. (3) No employer or other person or entity responsible for the disbursement of funds in payment of wages or salaries may withhold or divert a portion of an employee's wages or salaries for contributions to political committees or for use as political contributions except upon the written request of the employee. The request must be made

on a form prescribed by the commission informing the employee of the prohibition against employer and labor organization discrimination described in subsection (2) of this section. The employee may revoke the request at any time. At least annually, the employee shall be notified about the right to revoke the request.

(4) Each person or entity who withholds contributions under subsection (3) of this section shall maintain open for public inspection for a period of no less than three years, during normal business hours, documents and books of accounts that shall include a copy of each employee's request, the amounts and dates funds were actually withheld, and the amounts and dates funds were transferred to a political committee. Copies of such information shall be delivered to the commission upon request.



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## AUBURN, WA STATIONARY TRAINING CENTER

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## CALENDAR

### DISTRICT MEETINGS

ALL MEETINGS CONVENE AT 7 P.M.

#### DISTRICT 1 – BOTHELL

1st Thursday of each month  
Union Hall, 18701 120th Ave NE

#### DISTRICT 2 – BELLINGHAM

3rd Thursday of each month  
1700 North State St

#### DISTRICT 3 – HOQUIAM

2nd Thursday of each month  
Elks Club, 624 K St

#### DISTRICT 3 – SILVERDALE

3rd Wednesday of each month  
Union Hall, 3525  
NW Anderson Hill Rd

#### DISTRICT 3 – PORT ANGELES

3rd Thursday of each month  
Eagles Hall Aerie No. 483,  
2843 E Myrtle St

#### DISTRICT 4 – WENATCHEE

2nd Thursday of each month  
Veterans Hall,  
1206 N Wenatchee Ave

#### DISTRICT 4 – ELLENSBURG

2nd Wednesday of each month  
Union Hall, 403 S Water St

#### DISTRICT 5 – BOISE

4th Tuesday of each month  
IBEW Hall, 225 N 16th St

#### DISTRICT 5 – LEWISTON

2nd Wednesday of each month  
Central Labor Council,  
1618 Idaho St Suite 102

#### DISTRICT 5 – POCATELLO

4th Wednesday of each month  
Labor Temple, 456 N Arthur St

#### DISTRICT 5 – SPOKANE

2nd Monday of each month  
Union Hall, 510 S Elm St

#### DISTRICT 5 – KENNEWICK

2nd Tuesday of each month  
Union Hall, 2637 W Albany Ave

#### DISTRICT 6 – ANCHORAGE

4th Thursday of each month  
Union Hall, 4001 Denali St

#### DISTRICT 7 – FAIRBANKS

4th Wednesday of each month  
Union Hall, 3002 Lathrop St

#### DISTRICT 8 – JUNEAU

4th Tuesday of each month  
Union Hall, 9309 Glacier Hwy,  
Suite A-105

#### DISTRICT 286 – AUBURN

2nd Tuesday of each month  
Union Hall, 18 E St SW

## JUNE

6 Semi-Annual Meeting  
9 Shine and Show  
22 Top Hand Competition

## JULY

Retiree Luncheons  
4 Independence Day

## AUGUST

Retiree Luncheons  
6 IUOE Local 302 chartered 1905  
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Local 302 member Adam Hansen, picking up pile in an excavator to build a wall along the east end of the Interstate-90/State Route 18 interchange project, Snoqualmie Valley, WA — check out the story on page 8

