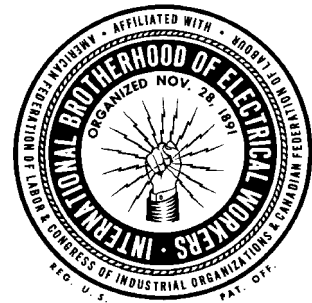


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**October  
2008**



**FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER'S DESK**

Well, it won't be long now. Just a few more days and the Election of 2008 will be here. Enclosed with this newsletter is a list of Labor endorsed candidates for Summit, Portage, Medina, Stark and Wayne counties. The list for Stark and Wayne counties have been provided courtesy of Local Union 540 of Canton and the endorsement are from the Canton area (Hall of Fame) Labor Council. The Summit, Portage and Medina county endorsements are from either Local 306, Tri-County Building & Construction Trades Council or the Tri-County Regional Labor Council. These endorsements are based on the candidates stance or record on Labor issues only. PLEASE support the candidates that support Organized Labor.

**On NOVEMBER 12, 2008**, Financial advisor Dan Gaertner will be presenting an open forum discussion on the state of the financial markets and will also field questions concerning member pension options. The 1st session will be held at 4:00 pm for Retirees and their spouses followed by a 2nd session held at 6:00 pm for non-retired

members and spouses. These town hall meetings will be held at the Training Center and class sizes are limited to **75**. **Call the Local Union Office @ 330-245-2240 to register for this meeting.**

Local 306, along with the other affiliates of Tri-County Building & Construction Trades Council, recently signed a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) for the Crystal Clinic-Summa Hospital Project on Market Street in Akron. This ensures that all labor will be performed under terms and conditions of the appropriate local trade agreement.

The 2nd Annual Pig Roast was held on October 4th at the Firestone VFW on Waterloo Rd. Many thanks to Brother Marty Klein and his assistants retired Brothers Lenny Klein and George Peters for their efforts in providing the "guest of honor". Attendance this year was 115, up about 20 from last year. A good time of Brotherhood was had by all who attended. The Shotgun raffle was won by an anonymous wireman (who bore a

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**Vern Says...**  
**"Lobby your Hobby  
Vote your Wallet"**  
(and we all love Vern!)  
**VOTE  
NOV. 4**

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**INVESTMENT  
ADVISOR**

Dan Gaertner, Putnam Investments, will be available for individual meetings at the Local Union Office on the following dates:

- November 12, 2008
- December 10, 2008
- January 14, 2009
- February 11, 2009

You must make an appointment in advance. Mr. Gaertner can be reached at **1-877-855-8449** to arrange an individual appointment.

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strong resemblance to Brother Mike Kippes). Next year's Pig Roast will be on Saturday, October 3. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

The Local Union Children's Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2008, at Todaro's Party Center. Additional information will be mailed as we get closer to December, but be sure to mark your calendars for December 6, 2008, at 11:00 am.

By now all active participants should have received the new insurance cards from Anthem/Blue Cross. We now longer carry Cigna as the PPO for the 4th District IBEW Health Fund. Along with the Anthem card you should have received, in a separate envelope, the Wage Works card. The Wage Works Program is a supplemental health fund program paid for by your hours worked and

paid by your employer to the 4th District Health Fund. If you have not received this information by now, please call the Local Union Office at 330-245-2240 and we will assist you in obtaining these important cards.

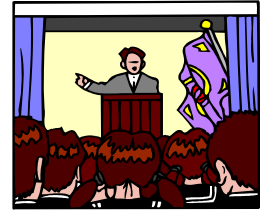
What was that? If a tree falls in the forest and no one is around to hear it, does it make a sound? If union members never go to a union meeting, do their voices get heard? The July, August and September meetings were attended by less than 50 members!! So, what was that? You didn't hear it?

See you on November 21st at 7:30 pm.

Bring a Brother...

Mark W. Douglas, Sr.  
Business Manager / Financial Secretary

NEXT  
UNION MEETING  
NOVEMBER 21, 2008



### **RETIRING SOON?**

**If you are considering retirement, please contact the Local Union Office to discuss retirement timelines.**

**Keep in mind, NEBF takes 6 to 8 months to process your application for pension.**

**This will make the transition into retirement much easier.**

## **Market Volatility & Your Retirement Plan Account**

### **What is "market volatility"—and how can it affect your retirement savings account?**

Generally speaking, the phrase "market volatility" refers to the unpredictable daily changes (large and small) in the prices of stocks and bonds. The term volatility is also used to describe certain types of investment vehicles. For instance, if the price of a stock moves up and down rapidly over short time periods, it has high volatility. If the price almost never changes, it has low volatility.

### **How can I fight volatility?**

While you can never eliminate market volatility, you can make some smart moves to help yourself deal with it. Many experts agree that asset allocation—spreading your money across different asset classes (stocks, bonds, and cash equivalents)—is a good way to help manage some of the risks of investing. And taking that a step further by diversifying your investments within each asset class (large-cap stocks, small-cap stocks, long-term bonds, short-term bonds, etc.) can help limit volatility with investment returns while managing your investment risk. That's because different investment types tend to move in different cycles; when one kind of investment is up, another type may be down.

### **I'm worried about losses. What can I do?**

Consider creating a long-term investment strategy—and sticking to it. Have you ever been on a boat in rolling

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## 2008 POLITICAL ENDORSEMENTS

### PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT

Barack Obama & Joe Biden

### REPRESENTATIVES FOR CONGRESS

13<sup>th</sup> District            Betty Sutton  
14<sup>th</sup> District            William O'Neill  
16<sup>th</sup> District            John Boccieri  
17<sup>th</sup> District            Tim Ryan

### FOR OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL

Richard Cordray

### OHIO STATE SENATOR

22<sup>nd</sup> District            James E. Riley  
28<sup>th</sup> District            Thomas C. Sawyer

### OHIO STATE REPRESENTATIVES

3rd District            Merle Joe Miller  
41<sup>st</sup> District            Brian Williams  
42<sup>nd</sup> District            Mike Moran  
43<sup>rd</sup> District            Steve Dyer  
44<sup>th</sup> District            Vernon Sykes  
45<sup>th</sup> District            John Otterman  
51st District            Scott Oelslager  
61st District            Mark Okey  
68<sup>th</sup> District            Kathleen Chandler  
69<sup>th</sup> District            Jacks Schira  
97<sup>th</sup> District            Luke Brewer

### SUMMIT COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Russ Pry

### SUMMIT COUNTY CLERK OF COURT

#### **COMMON PLEAS**

Daniel Horrigan

### SUMMIT COUNTY SHERIFF

Drew Alexander

### SUMMIT COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER

John Donofrio

### SUMMIT COUNTY ENGINEER

Greg Bachman

### STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Heather Heslop Licata

### JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT

Joseph D. Russo  
Peter M. Sikora

### COURT OF APPEALS

5th District            William Hoffman  
9th District            Eve Belfance  
11th District           Timothy Cannon

### SUMMIT COUNTY COUNCIL

District 1            Nick Kostandaras  
District 2            John N. Schmidt  
District 3            Paul Colavecchio  
District 4            Frank C. Comunale  
District 5            Cazzell Smith  
District 6            Jerry E. Feeman  
District 7            Tim Crawford  
District 8            Paula Prentice

### SUMMIT COUNTY COURTS

#### **COMMON PLEAS**

Orlando J. Williams  
Lynne Callahan  
Deborah S. Matz  
Mary Margaret Rowlands  
John Fickes  
Robert M. Gippin  
Linda Tucci Teodosio (Juvenile)  
John P. Quinn (Domestic Relations)  
Elinore Marsh Stormer (Probate)

### STATE ISSUE #2

YES

### STATE ISSUE #5

YES

### STATE ISSUE #6

NO

**MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

John Sharkey II  
Brian Feron

**MEDINA COUNTY CORONER**

Neil Grabenstetter

**MEDINA COUNTY PROSECUTOR**

Dean Holman

**MEDINA COUNTY SHERIFF**

Neil Hassinger

**MEDINA COUNTY TREASURER**

Mike Todd

**MEDINA COUNTY COURT**

COMMON PLEAS  
James Kimbler

**MEDINA COUNTY RECORDER**

Larry Courtney

**STARK COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS**

Nancy Reinbold

**STARK COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

Peter Ferguson

**STARK COUNTY CORONER**

P.S. Murthy

**STARK COUNTY RECORDER**

Rick Campbell

**STARK COUNTY TREASURER**

Gary Ziegler

**STARK COUNTY PROSECUTOR**

John Ferrero

**STARK COUNTY SHERIFF**

Timothy Swanson

**STARK COUNTY COURTS**

**COMMON PLEAS**

Charles Brown  
Frank Forchione  
Taryn Heath  
Dixie Park

**PORTAGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Maureen Frederick  
Christopher Smeiles

**PORTAGE COUNTY ENGINEER**

Michael Marozzi

**PORTAGE COUNTY PROSECUTOR**

Victor Vigluicci

**PORTAGE COUNTY RECORDER**

Bonnie Howe

**PORTAGE COUNTY CORONER**

Roger Marcial

**PORTAGE COUNTY SHERIFF**

David Doak

**PORTAGE COUNTY TREASURER**

Steve Shanafelt

**PORTAGE COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS**

Linda Fankhauser

**PORTAGE COUNTY PROBATE**

Thomas Carnes

**WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

Terry Kline

**Vote As If  
Your Future  
Depends On  
It...  
Because  
*IT***

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seas? An old sailor's trick for easing the queasiness in your stomach is to keep your eye on the distant horizon and not focus on the swells beneath your feet. It's the same with market volatility. Keep your eye on your long-term goals and don't react to short-term market swings. You can make yourself crazy by watching the daily fluctuations in both the markets and the value of your retirement plan account. Try not to make drastic portfolio changes based on current market conditions. *Remember:* You don't want to miss any of the market's "best days." Selling off poorly performing investments will turn a potential short-term loss into a *permanent* one. Although past performance is no indication of future results, history shows us that markets tend to recover, even if it takes a year or more to do so.

**Position yourself for your future...**

There are several ways you can help yourself prepare for a better tomorrow. Here are just a few:

- Be sure to check your asset allocation from time to time to make sure it's still in line with your long-term goals and investor style. To take an informative online asset allocation course, visit [www.ibenefitcenter.com](http://www.ibenefitcenter.com).
- Contact Dan Gaertner at 877-855-8449 ext. 2747 for great ideas on various ways you can maximize your retirement savings strategy.
- Come to the Town Hall Meeting discussing "How to Manage your Pension/Annuity and 401(k) accounts." at IBEW Local 306 Union Hall on Wednesday, November 12 at 4 PM for Retirees and 6 PM for Journeymen.



# DATES TO REMEMBER

## FAMILIES & FRIENDS @ TOYS 'R US

On Sunday, November 2, 2008, Toys 'R Us at Belden Village is opening their doors at 7:30 pm for a special Open House for Families & Friends of IBEW Local #306. There will be snacks and door prizes. Here is an opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping.

## PENSION/401(K) EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

**November 12, 2008  
4:00 & 6:00 P,**

**Training Center  
2650 S. Main St. Suite 100  
Akron, OH 44319  
CALL TO REGISTER**



## Local 306

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

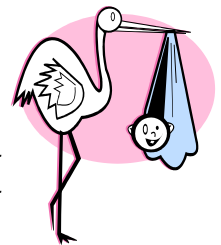
**December 6, 2008**

**Todaro's Party Center  
1820 Akron Peninsula Rd.  
Akron, OH**

Additional Information will be sent at a future date.



# Births



*Brother Leonard Green and Chastity Wilson are new parents. Mason Alexander was born July 11, 2008, He weighed 7lbs 11oz.*

*Sister Ellen Herman is a "Grandma" again. John Michael Herman was born September 15, and weighed 6 lbs 8 oz.*



**If it is not made  
IN THE USA  
DON'T BUY IT**



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## *Our Sympathies*



We mourn the passing of Brother Dan Cook on June 25, 2008. Brother Cook was initiated into Local 306 August 20, 1971. He was 57 years of age.

We will deeply miss Pension Brother Danny Clark. Brother Clark passed away on July 19, 2008. He was initiated into Local 306 November 16, 1959. Danny retired April 1, 2002.

Brother Don Rouser passed away July 30, 2008. He was initiated into Local 306 May 16, 1969. Brother Rouser was 60 years of age.

We mourn the passing of Brother Jerome Crawford on September 4, 2008. Brother Crawford was initiated into Local 306 October 18, 1974. He was 53 years old.

We will deeply miss Brother Rocky Mervin who passed away on September 24, 2008. Rocky was initiated into Local 306 December 19, 1997. He was 51 years of age.

*Our deepest sympathies to all of these families.*

*Our Brothers will be deeply missed by all.*

**Please check your beneficiary forms to see that these forms are up to date. The death of a family member, a new spouse, or the birth of a child will make old forms obsolete.**