



INTERNATIONAL UNION OF BRICKLAYERS AND ALLIED CRAFTWORKERS  
LOCAL 9 PA - SERVING ALL OF WESTERN PA



# BAC in Touch

*"Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful."*

- Joshua J. Marine

*"People who are unable to motivate themselves must be content with mediocrity, no matter how impressive their other talents."*

- Andrew Carnegie

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## Message From The President . . .

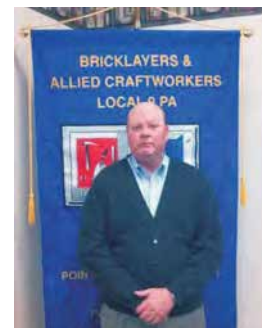
First and foremost, I hope all of you are having a happy and safe summer. Work in Local 9's jurisdiction has been very plentiful over the last several months, and the outlook for the coming months is very favorable also.

We have concluded the contract negotiations this spring and I feel we did a fantastic job securing wage increases for the next few years. We will review some of the highlights of the agreements within this newsletter and the contracts will be available to the membership when they are finished being printed. I would personally like to thank the members of the negotiating committees for all of their input on the Brick, Stone, Tile and PCC contracts, they have a thankless job and I appreciate the dedication and courage they have shown.

I would like to make you aware of one issue that is pressing us at this time and that issue is HEALTHCARE benefits. The rising cost of healthcare is really having a dramatic effect on our healthcare reserves, although we have made many changes to our plan designs in the last few years to cut costs, they have not been enough to keep up with the inflation in the local healthcare market and the requirements within the "Affordable Care Act". Our contribution rate per hour is \$6.75, in order to maintain our current benefit level and reserves we would need an hourly rate of \$10.71. We feel that number is not attainable. While other Building trades Locals in our region are paying that amount (and more), we feel its time to push back and explore other options. In the coming months we will receive several revised proposals for next year's renewal. Hopefully we can attain a viable plan that keeps our contribution level close to what it is now. I will give an update of our proposals at the Fall Mega Meeting.

As always there will be challenges to the staff and membership of Local 9, but rest assured that I will have the staff of local 9 working diligently to ensure only the best for our Local.

I hope to see all of you at the upcoming Chapter Meetings. And as always, if you need anything, my door is always open.



Fraternally,  
David "Bucky" Donkin

## WORK OUTLOOK LOOKING GOOD

Work in the Allied Crafts Chapter for Pointers, Cleaners, Caulkers and Stonemasons has been steady since last year, with several major jobs downtown, and one after another to bid on this year. Cost and Franco continue to keep most of our Stonemasons busy, and have expressed a need for more qualified members in the future with work already scheduled. The PCC work is, and has been good for the last couple of years now, with all signatory contractors working steadily. The Pittsburgh Brick Stonemason, and PCC contracts are completed and signed through 2017 with \$3.00 in the wages and \$0.50 for healthcare. I'd like to thank everyone who worked on negotiations, and voiced opinions to reach a fair deal. Politically, in Harrisburg legislators continue to run anti-prevailing wage bills through the House of Representatives. Please continue to get out and vote on the issues that concern our Union.

John Mains  
Allied Crafts Chapter, Stone Masons & PCC

## CONGRATULATIONS! Bates Scholarship Winner



Jake Vries

Jake Vries, step-son of member Scott Johnstone from the Washington Chapter has won the Bates Scholarship Award. Jake was born and raised in the Wexford area and attended North Allegheny High School where he was a merit student and ran track. For the Bates Scholarship essay he was required to write about an event in his life that signified his transition into adulthood, so his essay, very appropriately, was about his journey of learning and preparation for his Bar Mitzvah. Jake is looking forward to attending Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh for Chemical or Bio Medical Engineering. As you can see from his photo to the left, he has been looking forward to this for a long time!



Scott Johnstone Jr., Brielle Johnstone,  
Scott Johnstone Sr., Teri Vries,  
Jake Vries, Zach Vries

## JOHNSTOWN / GREENSBURG CHAPTERS

Work in the Johnstown and Greensburg Chapters is off to a slow start this spring. We have some little jobs but we need a few big jobs to get everyone to work.

The Johnstown Chapter has work at the Altoona VA Hospital and Williamsburg Sewage Plant, plus a few small jobs. We have a nice size school job at Forrest Hills High School, but the General Contractor can't keep up with the bricklayers, and there are only two men on the job. They work a couple days, and then are off a couple days. We encounter the same problems every spring, and we are at the mercy of the General Contractors. Once this job gets going it should be able to employ a few of the Johnstown members. There were a few schools scheduled to go out to bid this spring but their bid dates were pushed back to this fall. Most of the Johnstown Members that are working, are working in other chapters at the present time.

The work in the Greensburg Chapter is also off to a slow start. We have some little jobs, but not enough big jobs to get everyone to work. We have school work at Penn Trafford High School, a small job at I.U.P., and a job at Brownsville High School just getting ready to start. Schools and Universities are our "Meat and Potatoes" jobs, and we don't have enough of them going at the present time. We have a lot of our members working in Pittsburgh which is becoming more common than ever. If you want to work you have to go to Pittsburgh. As spring turns to summer, I am hopeful we can get everyone to work somewhere in Local 9 PA. I wish everyone the very best this year, and remember to always use full head joints.

Glenn L. Smyers Jr.  
Greensburg/Johnstown Field Rep.

# Apprentice Training and Updates

## Apprentice Training Classes

Apprentice Classes for all Trades will start Saturday September 19 @ 7:00am. at both the Pittsburgh and Ridgway training centers. Apprentice classes are mandatory for all apprentices. Apprentices that do not attend the required training classes may be expelled from the program.



## Apprentice Contest!!!

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!!** to all of the winners of the Local 9 Apprentice Contests. We had three of our apprentices move on and compete at the regional contests. Brandon Brasili (Terrazzo), Zack Mancuso (Pgh. Brick) and Thomas Yanak (Warren Brick). Zack Mancuso placed at the regional contest in Philadelphia, and will now move onto the National Apprentice Contest in Bowie MD September 12, 2015. I would like to thank all of the apprentices that competed in the local contest for a job well done. I would also like to thank the Judges for donating their time and judging the contest. Congratulations Zack and good luck at the National Competition in September.

## Important Changes in OSHA Training!!!

OSHA 10 Hour, 30 Hour and MSHA New Miner training is now available online. You will be able to take the classes online and get reimbursed for the cost of the course. Call me for a list of authorized web sites prior to starting. Proof that you passed the course and a copy of your receipt will be needed for reimbursement. Classes will still be offered at the training center for those who do not want to do the training online.

## Related Training

Any member Needing AWP Training, OSHA 10 or 30 Hour, MSHA, First Aid or Scaffold Safety Training should let me know so I can schedule them for class. Any member wanting Welding or Blue Print Reading will be required to bring a \$75.00 check payable to the JATF on the first day of class. The \$75.00 check will be refunded upon completion of the course. You must attend 80% of the classes or eight out of ten classes in order to meet completion requirements. If you do not pass the Welding Certification Test but do attend the required classes your \$75.00 deposit will be returned. If you have any questions or want to register for a class call Kurt Keller at 412-825-0923.

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[www.local9pa.com](http://www.local9pa.com)

# Apprentice Training and Updates

## Certified/Experienced Welders

If you are not working and need to hone your welding skills, we can schedule a weekday to come in and practice welding .Call Kurt Keller to schedule.



## Welding Class Openings Available

We still have a few openings available for the September Certified Welding Class. Call soon to reserve your spot. Space is limited. First come first served.

## Continuing Education Classes @ BAC / IMI International Training Center

**No continuing Education Classes will be scheduled until after the National Apprentice Contest in September.**

**Class sizes are limited. Call Kurt Keller to schedule.**

## ICRA - Infectious Control Risk Assessment

UPMC is mandating that all workers take an eight hour ICRA Training Class before working on their property. Call Kurt Keller at 412-825-0923 to schedule a class.

Apprentice Training / Safety Coordinator  
Kurt Keller

## Retirees Breakfast Meetings

The retirees breakfast is held the 3rd Thursday each month, March through November. A list of all the dates is posted on the cover of this newsletter at the end of the chapter meeting schedule.

The cost of the breakfast is \$10.00 per member. We try to have speakers come to speak to the retirees on various subjects. If anyone has suggestions for speakers OR if you would like to be added to the list for post card reminders, please call Mary at the office at 1-800-238-0999. Please join the Local 9 Retirees group! Molly's Trolley's will transport retired members in the Labor Day Parade on September 7th, please call and reserve a seat, space is limited!

# Allied Craft Update . . .

After a hectic Spring we were finally able to wrap up our contract negotiations for Tile Setters, Tile Finishers, PCC and Stone Masons. We were able to secure wage and benefit increases of over 2% annually! I would like to thank the negotiating committees for their hard work and dedication throughout the process. It is a thankless job but you represented the membership well during the lengthy and arduous contract bargaining process. Details for each contract will be discussed at the Chapter meetings and as soon as the actual Collective Bargaining Agreements are rewritten and printed they will be available to the membership.

We are looking forward to a very busy summer construction season for Tile and Terrazzo. I have been taking applications for apprentice positions in both trades and have been recruiting tradesman from various independent contractors in the region. If you know of any experienced Tile or Terrazzo workers that may be interested in joining , have them call the office.

We have also staffed a new division at JT Thorpe. This is an epoxy coatings division which is an entirely new position and category for BAC Local 9, and the majority of the new positions are going to be Finishers. This new category will provide a big boost to our membership and with that the increase in man hours helps to solidify our Healthcare, Pensions and Annuities. I would like to welcome the new members to our Local and wish them much success in this new endeavor.

Bill Greer  
Vice President/Secretary

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## Allied Crafts Chapter Meeting Night Change

The meeting night for the Allied Crafts Chapter will change from the 4th Friday at 7 p.m. to the 4th Wednesday at 6 p.m. The next meeting of the Allied Crafts Chapter, including all Tile Setters, Tile and Marble Finishers, Stone Masons, Pointer-Caulker-Cleaners, Terrazzo I & II, Marble Masons and Coatings Finishers & Mechanics will be held on **Wednesday, August 26th, 6:00 p.m. at the Bricklayers Union Hall**. This will be a permanent change as a result of a unanimous vote of the members in attendance at the latest chapter meeting in an effort to make it more convenient for all members to attend and not intrude on your Fridays. Please make every effort to join us at the next meeting. **We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, August 26th.**

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# ERIE / NEW CASTLE CHAPTERS

As the weather warmed this year, big projects in both the Erie and New Castle Chapters needed to be finished. Both chapters increased manpower, and put guys back to work. The Erie Chapter has some substantial, upcoming projects. So, with the work already procured by the local contractors, most of the Erie membership should stay working until the cold returns. The New Castle Chapter will soon finish work that began this spring. Some of the contractors have picked up work in Pennsylvania and Ohio to keep small crews of men working. I foresee a slowdown period, due to upcoming work to be bid. Some is in-process now, and some is expected to be bid in the near future. There are some prevailing wage jobs out for bid, which our contractors compete well for. Some large retail shopping developments are also out for bid, but they are private money jobs which remain difficult for our contractors to procure. I will watch these developments closely as they move forward.

This year the Erie/New Castle Chapters' Waldameer Picnic will have some changes. Please review the flyer for these changes. One change is in the pricing for guests. Unfortunately, due to the yearly increases by Waldameer Park, an adjustment had to be made. There hadn't been an increase in guest pricing by Local 9 in at least ten years... Another change involves the picnic pavilion. With the increase in attendance by incorporating the New Castle Chapter, a larger pavilion is necessary. The new pavilion, Pine Hill, is right beside the old pavillion. Go to the same location, across the railroad tracks; look to your right and up the hill. Another change is that single members may now bring a guest at no charge. I'm looking forward to seeing an even bigger crowd this year. If you have taken your family there in the past, you know it is an enjoyable event. If you haven't been able to attend in the past, bring the family and enjoy a fun day.

Bob Veselich  
Erie/New Castle Chapters  
Field Representative

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## Pittsburgh Brick Chapter

Summer is off to a quick start in Allegheny County, with projects throughout the area. The North Shore will have a new ten-story Holiday Inn Express located adjacent to PNC Park. There is work being done in Heinz Field where the Pittsburgh Steelers are adding 2,400 seats to the south end zone. Both projects have very aggressive schedules for completion. Renovation of the twenty-one story Verizon building in the heart of the city has also kept members working throughout the spring and into summer. The Union Trust Building located on Grant Street is also being renovated. This impressive building sits on an acre of land, standing 237 feet tall. It was originally constructed in 1915 and completed in 1916 by industrialist, Henry Frick. A number of housing projects are ongoing in the East Liberty area. Cost Company is building Bakery Square, Hyatt House, and Morrow Park. Kusler Masonry is building a massive complex on Centre Avenue as well. The Strip District is seeing an explosion of waterfront apartments between 24th and 27th Streets. Marsa Inc., Harris Masonry, and Cost Company are currently on those sites. Some projects that are scheduled to begin are Sewickley Academy, Montour Elementary, Carnegie Mellon University, and Sky View Apartments. The delay in transitioning from current jobs to new ones is due to the general contractors being unable to keep up. Please call me if you are looking for work, at (412) 860-8398.

Timothy Wachter  
Vice President and  
Pittsburgh Field Representative

# LOCAL 9 AT WORK AND PLAY



Dan Coletta (L) receives BAC 25 year service pin from Erie Chapter Chairman Dennis Learn



Ed Barzeski & Bob Sekerak @ Penn Trafford High School



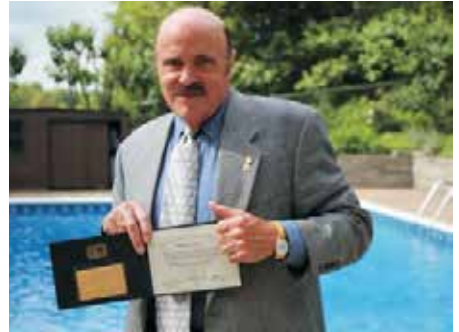
Foreman Josh Cron (L) and Steward Bob Walton at the New Castle 911 Center



View from top of the new Heinz Field seats



Jim Kahl @ Greensburg CVS



Life Member Tim Greer with his 50 Year Anniversary Award



L-R: Glenn Smyers, Kurt Keller, Zachary Mancuso, Tom Yanak, Tom Auman @ Regional Apprentice Contest in Philadelphia



Kurt Deitman @ Homer City Power Plant



L-R: Norm Ringer, Tom Auman, Zachary Mancuso, Kurt Keller, Tom Yanak, Glenn Smyers, David Donkin @ Regional Apprentive Awards Ceremony in Philadelphia



L-R: Tom Cooney, Joe Cheuka, Tom Auman @ Kinzua Project Warren Chapter



Paul Dolby & Brian Foust @ Clarion T-P (Macon)



Steward Marty Lample at the Butler Health System Building



# LOCAL 9 AT WORK AND PLAY



Apprenticeship Contest  
Instructors & Judges



Joel Johnston @ Smethport  
Office Complex (PA Masonry)  
Warren Chapter



Terry Buterbaugh & Bob Baker  
@ Indiana Hospital



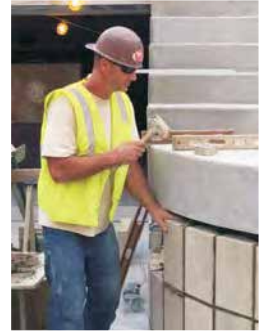
The Mansard roof and  
Flemish Gothic structures  
on the Union Trust Bldg.



Rodger Hufnagel  
at Union Trust Bldg.



Marissa Williams  
at Union Trust Bldg.



Allan Carr at  
Heinz Field



Scott Amsdell  
(Macon)  
Clarion Chapter



Scott Wittebert &  
Ken Rayback  
(Harris Masonry)  
Clarion Chapter



Stevan Durante in his  
all Masonry home!  
(Clarion Chapter)



Tom Schwabenbauer  
@ Kinzua Project  
(Warren Chapter)



Life member  
Joe Hubauer  
shows his 50  
Year Anniversary  
Awards



John Mains and  
Tim Wachter on  
Picket Duty



Don Cassidy and  
Jesse Beachem @  
JT Thorpe



Nick Bright and  
Julian DiFillippo  
@ JT Thorpe

# Member Dues Update

NEW DUES CARDS WILL BE MAILED AT THE END OF THIS YEAR. IF YOUR CARD NEEDS ANY CORRECTION OR BENEFICIARY CHANGE PLEASE CALL ME SO I CAN UPDATE THE INFORMATION IN ADVANCE. ONCE CARDS ARE SENT THERE WILL BE A \$1.00 CHARGE FOR A NEW CARD.

MEMBERS CAN PAY THEIR MONTHLY DUES IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

1. CHECK BY PHONE - CALL "EM" AT THE OFFICE WITH YOUR CHECKING ACCOUNT AND ROUTING NUMBERS, AND YOUR DUES WILL BE TAKEN OUT OF YOUR ACCOUNT. NO FEES. THERE IS ALSO AN OPTION FOR AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS.
2. PAY BY PHONE WITH CREDIT/DEBIT CARD - THERE IS A \$1.00 FEE PER EACH MONTH THAT YOU ARE PAYING FOR.
3. YOU CAN PAY AT YOUR CHAPTER MEETINGS.
4. YOU MAY SEND MONTHLY DUES TO OUR MAIN OFFICE IN PITTSBURGH, PA. IF YOU ARE PAYING BY MAIL, PLEASE ENCLOSE A SELF-ADDRESSED-STAMPED ENVELOPE FOR THE RETURN OF YOUR CARD.

DUES SCHEDULE IS LISTED BELOW:

JOURNEYMEN	\$20.00
SUPPORT	\$20.00
IMPROVERS	\$16.00
APPRENTICES	\$16.00
RETIRED	\$13.00
INACTIVE	\$13.00
*CONTRACTORS	\$26.00
*DISABLED	\$10.00
*COUNTY WORKERS	\$26.00
FORTY YR. RETIRED	-0-
LIFE-50 YR.	-0-

IF YOU ARE A JOURNEYMAN AND ARE PLANNING TO RETIRE, PLEASE CALL AND NOTIFY US OF THE MONTH YOU ARE RETIRING AND THE LAST DATE OF WORK. YOUR NOTIFICATION WILL ENABLE THE UNION TO LOWER YOUR DUES AT THE PROPER TIME.

AS STATED IN THE LOCAL 9 CONSTITUTION, IF YOU THINK YOU QUALIFY AS AN INACTIVE MEMBER (NOT WORKING IN THE TRADE BECAUSE YOU HAVE CHANGED OCCUPATIONS DUE TO PERMANENT CAREER MOVE OR DISABILITY), YOU CAN WRITE TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND LET THEM KNOW YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES. YOUR LETTER WILL BE REVIEWED AT THE MONTHLY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING AND YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED BY PHONE OR MAIL AS TO YOUR ELIGIBILITY FOR THE INACTIVE STATUS.

IF YOU THINK YOU QUALIFY FOR DISABLED DUES, PLEASE CONTACT ME TO REQUEST THE FORM NEEDED TO APPLY FOR DISABILITY DUES.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF ANY ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER CHANGES.

IF YOU REQUIRE A BENEFICIARY CHANGE PLEASE CONTACT ME TO HAVE ALL NECESSARY FORMS SENT TO YOU.

Thank you,  
Mary Blazier  
Membership Services

# Scholarship Information

There are several Scholarships available throughout the year for members and their families.

I have a list of members who want applications mailed to them when the applications become available to me. You can call our office, leave your name and address and I will mail you each one as I receive them. I will send applications to the names I have listed until you call to be removed from my list.

Anyone who has children who will be Juniors in the fall, please don't forget to take advantage of the Bates Scholarship. (information below). Many people miss it because they don't start looking for scholarships until the kids are Seniors.

\*\*\*The Bates Scholarship is offered by the International. It usually is available around November and is offered to children or step-children of members who are JUNIORS and have taken the "PSAT" in October. Information is available on line: [www.bacweb.org](http://www.bacweb.org), select Member Benefits, then Education, and finally Bates Scholarship. (The member's 6 digit IU number and local of Membership, BAC Local 9 PA must be provided)

The Pennsylvania AFL-CIO Scholarship is an essay contest. It comes out late in the year and is offered to; Graduating High School Seniors, All Post-Secondary Students, and Affiliated Union Members attending an Accredited Institution. Note: Scholarships are available exclusively to PA AFL-CIO Union Members and their families. Questions regarding this scholarship should be directed to Carl Dillinger (717)231-2843 or AFL-CIO web address:<http://www.paaflcio.org>. This scholarship has already been distributed to all members who are on my scholarship mailing list. The deadline for application was January 31, 2013.

The Annual Building Trades Scholarship is available to member's children or grandchildren who are graduating high school the year the application is made and have a grade point average of C (2.0). This application is available early in the year, February or March and is also based on the evaluation of an essay.

The Greater Johnstown Regional Central Labor Council Scholarship is also an essay contest sponsored by the AFL-CIO and is available to High School Seniors who will be attending a post secondary educational institution and to Full time students currently attending an accredited post-secondary institution. I don't think you have to live in Johnstown to apply. This scholarship is also available early in the year, February or March.

Instead of sending out information when each application is available, I have given you an idea of what time of the year each scholarship will be offered and members can either get the information on line, or call our office at 1-800-238-0999 and get on my mailing list.

**Thank You!**  
**Mary T. Pegg**

## An update from Norm.....

I'm happy to announce that our new venture with JT Thorpe has gotten off to a great start. This new division of resin coatings has brought a large number of new members to our Local and has employed dozens of our existing members. This work is something that no one has done before and is going to be a new category of member with its own pay rates. We are hoping for a long and successful partnership with JTT on their new endeavor. Their success will only help to shore up our membership and benefits for years to come. As with any new project there will be and have been bumps in the road but I will be on top of any issues that arise and will always represent "you" the membership, and ensure our objectives are always expressed.

Work in the steel industry has been lagging due to the foreign imports. We are seeing less and less maintenance projects coming into the region, which is a big blow to our refractory workers. We need to remember this next time you vote for your federal representatives! American steel = American jobs for all of us.

Your Friend  
Norm Ringer, *Executive Vice President*



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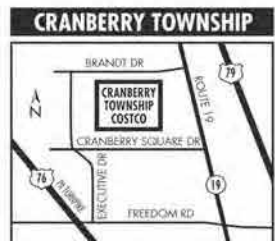
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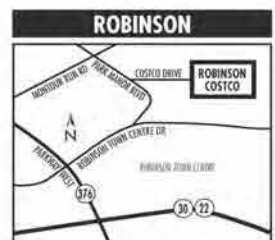
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# IMI UPDATE

## BUILDING INFORMATION MODELING

The design and construction industry has been transformed to reflect our culture of technology. Building Information Modeling (BIM) has taken the place of "old school" information sharing. Paper drawings/blueprints, submittals, specifications, and other related print documentation has been replaced by electronic, computer generated information. The days of architects and engineers developing project documents with pencil and paper are behind us. These computer programs allow the user to graphically and virtually "build it before you build it" on a screen. As the previous BIM software has been somewhat limited for masonry, it currently is making huge progress. Building Modeling for Masonry (BIMM) was created in 2012, and continues to evolve. Several industry organizations are behind BIMM, including BAC/IMI, who currently is one of the leading stakeholders in the program. Benefits of this initiative are:

- Enables designers (Architects and Engineers) to include masonry wall and floor assemblies into contract documents more efficiently and cost effectively
- Exhibits not only graphic clarity, but schedule and cost information for the project as well
- Clarifies interfacing of different trade materials
- Empowers masonry contractors to communicate clearly with the construction team in the accepted method
- Provides clash detection with other trades, in particular, structural elements, mechanical/electrical and plumbing
- Reduces the amount of Requests for Information and Change Orders
- Positions masonry as relevant wall and flooring systems in the industry

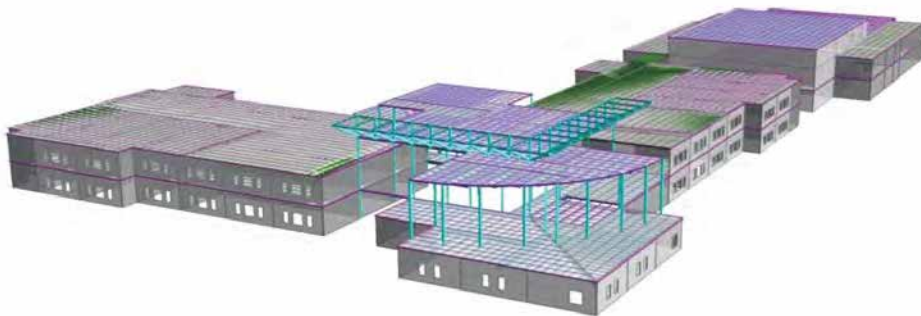
IMI recently, in cooperation with OH-KY ADC and masonry contractors, produced a BIMM video clip that exhibits the schedule virtues of structural masonry vs competing systems. Unit masonry clearly was the more efficient wall system, showing a completed project months ahead of the alternate system. The key here is that masonry materials are readily available, whereas other structural materials need significant lead time for shop drawing preparation/review/approval, followed by material fabrication.

BIMM will assist in making all of the masonry disciplines more efficient and cost effective, including restoration. Through electronically "modeling" of an existing structure, the repair/renovation becomes much more clear and accurate.

It is obvious that embracing the BIMM initiative will have a positive effect on the future of masonry.

The goal, as always, is to continually create work opportunities for the BAC members and contractors.

Tom Nagy, Area Director  
International Masonry Institute  
1-800-IMI-0988  
tnagy@imiweb.org



# Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Blood Donor Month

Entire month of July

Please call 1-866-366-6771 to set up an appointment at one of our convenient donor centers

## Incentive

All participating donors will receive a limited edition Donor-Rita-Ville T-shirt (while supplies last) and entered into our Cheeseburger in Parrot-dise random drawing to win a tabletop grill with accessories. As an added bonus, all participating donors will also receive entry into a random drawing to win a pair of tickets to the Aug. 13 Jimmy Buffet concert (four winners; two CDC/fixed site and two mobile).

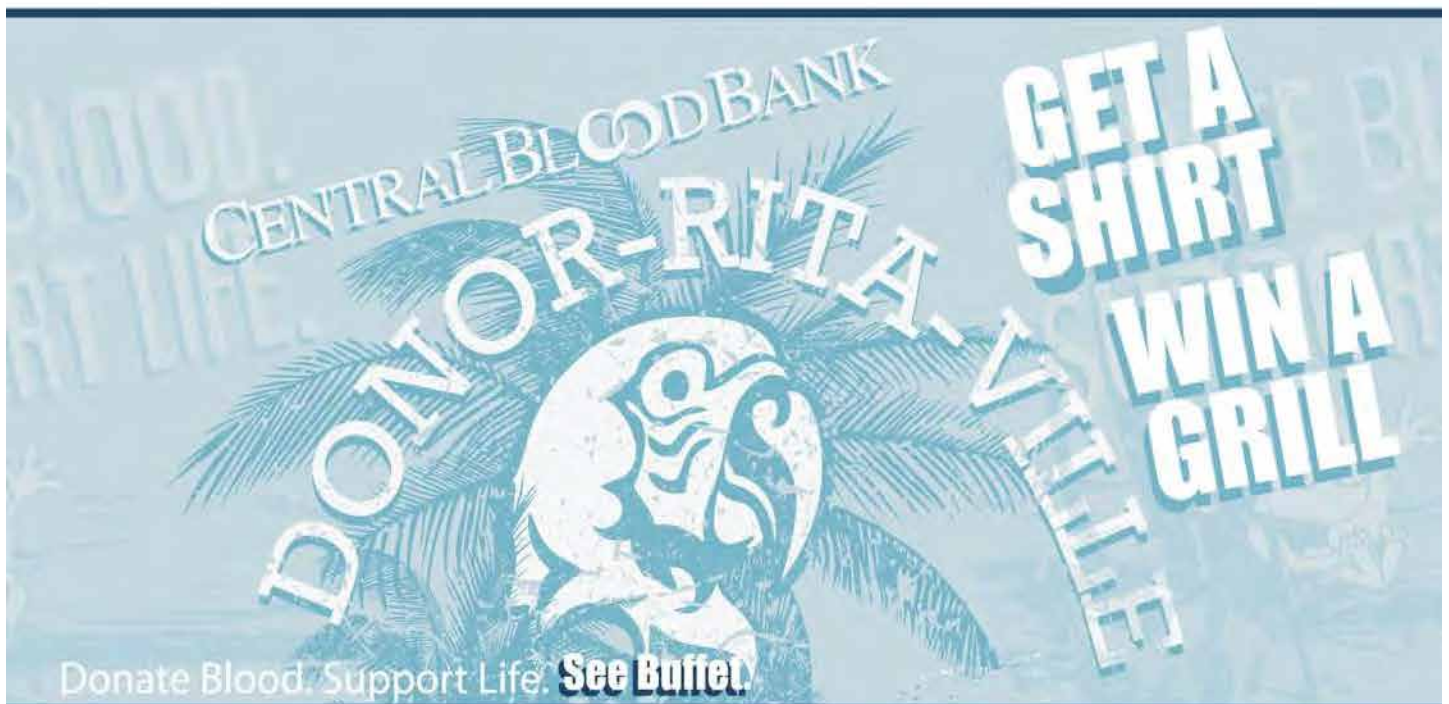
## To schedule an appointment:

Make sure to use group code S017 so we can send you a special gift

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Promotion runs the date of the individual drive as listed above. When offered, all giveaways, prizes and tickets are nontransferable, nonrefundable and not redeemable for cash. Must be at least 17 years of age (16 years of age with signed parental consent) for actual donation and, due to gaming laws, must be at least 18 years of age to be entered in a random drawing. ITXM and Central Blood Bank employees and their immediate family members are not eligible to participate. Void where prohibited by law. Please bring ID with you on the day of donation. Proper ID is required to donate blood. A Central Blood Bank or military ID, driver's license, passport or employee or student ID with picture and full name are all approved forms of ID. Birth certificate along with a picture ID that includes the donor's full name will also be accepted.



## UP NORTH!

Work in the Warren/Clarion Chapters has been somewhat challenging lately. It seems that as soon as projects start, they come to a halt for various reasons, such as issues with getting brick/materials. The process of stick framing is hindering our contractors as well. Other projects are simply behind schedule as they have not yet begun. We will push through these issues and get men to work on these projects as soon as possible.

Some of our current ongoing projects are: St. Mary's Hotel (Etzel Masonry), Kinzua Visitors Center (JC Orr), Warren Treatment Plant (Quattrone Masonry), Beacon Light (Quattrone Masonry), CG (Quattrone Masonry), Mersen (Quattrone Masonry), Bradford SPCA (Quattrone Masonry), Clarion University Dorms (Cost Co.), Bect Hall (Marsa Inc.), Clearfield Treatment Plant (Marsa), Colonial Courtyard (Harris Masonry), Village At Water Run (Harris Masonry), Smethport Office Complex (Pa Masonry), and Verizon Building (Tervo Masonry). Several of these projects have been running with limited manpower for one reason or another. We also have projects that should be starting soon. My hope is that we can eventually put more men on these jobs and keep them moving forward throughout the summer months.

Projects that are coming out for bid at this time are: Carlson Library (Marsa Inc.), Warren High School, Clarion YMCA, as well as several smaller projects in the Warren/Clarion Chapters.

I have spoken with many of our members about the current (Act 60) Unemployment Compensation requirements. Since these requirements changed, we've found that several members are not eligible. As agents of Local # 9 PA, we all work for you, and are proud to do so. However we need **ALL OF OUR MEMBERS' HELP** to get the current UC requirements repealed. Please call the State Representatives in your area and let them know that (ACT 60) is having a reverse effect on the working person and the middle class! Again - We need your help on this issue, **PLEASE CALL!**

I would like to take this time to wish everyone a happy and safe summer. I hope much time is spent with friends and family.

### *In Memory* *Latest Deaths in Local 9 PA*

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Guy Bacco  
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Richard Duron  
Russell Strait

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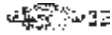
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### ★ FIRST WEEK EVERY OTHER MONTH ★

#### WARREN CHAPTER (Former Local 24)

**Joe Cheuka, Chapter Chair**

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

V.F.W. Hall

95 Wetmore Avenue • Kane, PA 16735

#### PITTSBURGH BRICK CHAPTER (Former Local 2)

**Kevin Cogley, Chapter Chair**

Thursday, 7:00 p.m.

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### ★ SECOND WEEK EVERY OTHER MONTH ★

#### WASHINGTON CHAPTER (Former Local 11)

**Rick Ringer, Chapter Chair**

Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Labor Temple

1 South College Street • Washington, PA 15301

#### ERIE CHAPTER (Former Local 28)

**Dennis Learn, Chapter Chair**

Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

IBEW 56 Union Hall

185 Pennbriar Dr. • Erie, PA 16509

#### CLARION CHAPTER (Former Local 10)

**Adam VanSteenberg, Chapter Chair**

Thursday, 7:00 p.m.

Clarion Hotel, 1896 Rich Hwy., DuBois, PA 15801

Off Route 80 @ Falls Creek, Brockway Exit

#### GREENSBURG CHAPTER (Former Local 75)

**Steve Viazanko III, Chapter Chair**

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

Westmoreland County Community College

Commissioners Hall - Room 2101

400 Armhurst Rd. - Youngwood, PA 15697

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### ★ THIRD WEEK EVERY OTHER MONTH ★

#### NEW CASTLE/BEAVER CHAPTER (Former Locals 7 & 17)

**Gary MacDonald, Chapter Chair**

Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

The Elk's Club

410 S. Cascade Street • New Castle, PA 15697

#### JOHNSTOWN CHAPTER (Former Local 4)

**Ray Zwick, Chapter Chair**

Friday, 7:00 p.m.

Richland American Legion

390 Oakridge Dr., Richland Twp. • Johnstown, PA 15904

### ★ RETIREES BREAKFAST ★

RETIREES BREAKFAST - the 3rd Thursday each Month at 9 am  
Mar. 19, Apr. 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, Aug. 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19

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### ★ FOURTH WEEK EVERY OTHER MONTH ★

#### PGH ALLIED CRAFTS CHAPTER (Former Locals 33 & 20)

**Ron Becker, Chapter Chair**

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