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Ton in Ten... a sweet success

What do you do with over 5 tons of peanut butter? Donate it to The Foodbank!

In May, the AFL-CIO asked for peanut butter donations for its food drive known as the “Ton in Ten” which benefits The Foodbank. The food drive ran for ten days, from May 1 until May 10.

Almost 130,000 people in the Miami Valley struggle with hunger and The Foodbank counts on donations to help feed them. AFL-CIO’s food pantry supports families in the northern part of Montgomery County as well as families who are seasonal workers and have

a hard time, time-to-time with putting food on the table. The AFL-CIO hoped the food drive would result in one



(from left) Executive Committee member Ann Sulfridge of the Miami Valley AFL-CIO; Business Manager IBEW Local 82 Greg Gust; Executive Director MV AFL-CIO Diane Walsh; President MV AFL-CIO Tom Ritchie, Marcia Knox; and Lora Davenport with The Foodbank.

ton of peanut butter being donated. Diane S. Walsh, Executive Director of Dayton, Miami Valley AFL-CIO Regional Labor Council, says, “AFL-CIO is an advocate for hunger relief in the Miami

Valley. We are excited to strengthen our partnership with The Foodbank as we help them in providing more protein to our neighbors in need. We encouraged everyone to donate peanut butter at local union shops throughout the Miami Valley.”

Not only did they collect a ton of peanut butter, they donated more than 5 tons, 11,000 pounds to be exact! Participating in the drive was the International

Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 82. “We put the word out,” says Business Manager IBEW Local 82 Greg Gust, “and our members came through.”

Michelle L. Riley, CEO of The Foodbank, says, “This peanut butter will certainly make a difference as protein items are not always easy to come by in pantries. We are thankful for AFL-CIO’s support and look forward to helping our neighbors in need.”

The mission of The Foodbank is to relieve hunger through the acquisition and distribution of food to hungry people throughout the Miami Valley. Food and related



The Foodbank warehouse.

supplies are distributed to a network of pantries, community kitchens, shelters and other charitable programs, all of which support the health of food insecure individuals.

Downtown Dayton Metro Library... not your ordinary library!

The downtown Dayton Metro Library has undergone a massive renovation over the last two years. The downtown branch is part of the \$187 million bond funded facility upgrade project across the Dayton Metro Library.

Two members of the Western Ohio Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA), ESI Electrical Contractors and

Chapel-Romanoff Technologies (CRT) are responsible for the electrical and low voltage cabling and advanced audio-video systems installations in the newly renovated library.

ESI Electrical Contractors

This project consisted of a 224,000-square foot renovation and addition at the Dayton Metro Library Main Branch. ESI, Inc. worked

under the coordination efforts of Skanska/ATCS on this project, and was subcontracted to perform new normal and emergency power distribution, branch circuiting, lighting, lighting controls, and fire alarm system.

Some of the challenges on this project involved the existing three-story building being taken down to its structural core and connected to a four-story high addition.

The lower levels were converted to underground parking garages that also house the main electrical room, which includes a unit substation, an emergency generator, and all the primary electrical equipment needed to power the building. ESI, Inc. provided 3D installation/coordination drawings, along with the other trades on the

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project, to ensure all systems would be installed without impact.

Construction is scheduled to be complete early in the 3rd quarter of 2017.

“ESI, Inc. is proud to have been involved in such a challenging project,” says Matt Hartshorn, Vice President of ESI. “This will be a landmark to the City of Dayton for many years to come.”

During the renovation, the downtown library is being temporarily housed in the old Hauer Music building. ESI was instrumental in getting this space ready for relocation. This project consisted of a 41,000-square foot renovation of a 125-year-old historical building. ESI, Inc. was subcontracted to perform new normal and emergency power distribution, branch circuiting, lighting, lighting controls, fire alarm system, and network

cabling. The biggest challenge was maintaining the original historical architecture and styling during the multi-discipline infrastructure installations. And ESI also recently completed a renovation and addition at the



Artists rendition of the newly renovated downtown library.

branch located in Miami Township. The facility operated out of the existing building until the addition was completed, and then the construction team completed a full-scale renovation of the existing side of the building.

CRT

Chapel-Romanoff Technologies has implemented state-of-the-art technologies in support of the Main Branch

library. The design of the renovated library is an open environment with cascading ceilings. “This created a challenge for the installation of cabling for the high tech environment, including the installation of a laser projector, sound systems, and automated control panels for audio-visual system interaction,” says Foreman Doug Rigsbee.

CRT also installed a shade control system in the windows that surround the building. For added security, an internal telephone system was installed with call boxes in the stairwells and elevators, where a button is pushed that signals immediate help is required. Their work included:

- Structured voice/data cabling
- Central PA system

- Integrated AV systems
- Digital signage system
- Area of rescue
- Network electronics equipment
- Security access control/intrusion systems
- Video surveillance system
- Video displays

While the new library will have ample room for its popular collections and reading space, the modern branch will have rows of community rooms, two rooms to serve as nonprofit incubators, a space dedicated for audio-visual projects and a performing arts room overlooking the city.

The library has also used a gift donation to substantially invest in commissioned artwork for the downtown branch and other branches across the system. Modern libraries will continue to be places where people explore information with books and other media, but they are becoming community gathering places.

Graduation 2017

On May 31, the Dayton, Ohio Area Electrical Training Alliance held the Class of 2017 graduation banquet. This was the 71st graduation with fourteen apprentices moving up the ranks to Journeymen, eleven Inside Wiremen and three Telecommunication Technicians.

Training Director Mike Gebhart kicked off the celebration with a few comments. “The first class graduated in 1946, and here we are today continuing to graduate our Journeymen with well over the national grade point average,” says Mike.

“We currently have 100 apprentices enrolled in our program and anticipate that



Inside Wiremen Journeymen Graduates, from left, Kevin Peavy, Bruce DeBore, James Templeton, Tyler Edmondson, Bradley Howard, Kevin Fortkamp, Ramiro Ramirez, Joshua West, Mark Haney, Ty Evans and Cody Vencill.

next year that number will grow to 110-115. I want to thank our many instructors who cover over 20 areas of expertise in

the electrical industry, for their dedication in making our apprentices the best Journeymen in the industry.”

“You should all be proud of your achievement,” says

Business Manager of Local 82 Greg Gust, “and I hope that you will carry this pride with you throughout your career. What sets

us apart from the non-union trained electricians is our dedication to craftsmanship and continuing education,

even for instructors. All of our signatory contractors have an interest in training investment which enhances the skills of our workforce.” There are many career paths for these graduates, 59 to be exact, from Foreman, Inspector, Contractor, Instructor, to Training Director.

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Lakeside Lake community clean-up

What does it take to improve a community? The support of several civic minded organizations and the hard work of dozens of volunteers. Efforts by CityWide Development, the City of Dayton, the Pineview Community, Ohio AFL-CIO, IBEW Local 82, Dayton Miami Valley Regional CLC, and the Garden Club of Dayton have thrown their resources together to clean up Lakeside Lake, adjacent to the Veteran's Administration Medical Center.

Lakeside is a spring fed lake off Lakeside Boulevard which borders Gettysburg and US 35. The lake was once connected to the Lakeside Amusement Park. Built in the 1890's, Lakeside Park was an attraction for the many visitors to the Dayton Soldiers Home (today's VA) created by Abraham Lincoln. Many Dayton residents have fond memories of the amusement park which was open until the late 1960's.

Over the years, honeysuckle and other invasive species overgrowth have marred the beauty of the surrounding old growth trees

and the vista into the lake from homes in the Pineview neighborhood.



IBEW Local 82 volunteers (from left) Bruce DeBore, Donald Brown and Steve Noland.

For over 40 years, CityWide Development has played a critical role in the revitalization of neighborhoods throughout the City of Dayton. CityWide selected this area for cleanup and beautification to boost the confidence of the community and the City's ability to attract additional investment to West Dayton. The first task was to coordinate with other stakeholders, including the Ohio AFL-CIO.

The Union Sportsmen's Alliance (USA) and the Ohio

AFL-CIO host a USA Dinner fundraiser every March and the proceeds from those dinners, stay here in Ohio. It was the USA Ohio State Conservation Dinner Committee, led by Ohio AFL-CIO Field Director Jeanette Mauk, that made the decision about how to allocate proceeds raised by the more than 450 USA members and avid sportsmen and women through attendance at the dinner. "We chose the Lakeside project,"



says Jeanette, "because it was in line with the criteria for the funds that need to go towards Conservation efforts and the Lakeside Project certainly fits

that criteria. Although my office is in Columbus, I live in Dayton and to be able to "give" back in my home town is certainly a plus for me!"

For the last several Saturday's, members of IBEW Local 82, joined by volunteers from the other organizations, have cleared out the trash along the lake's edge and cut back the overgrowth surrounding the lake.

"The Lake Restoration project is only one element of a larger community development strategy for the Pineview neighborhood," says Karen DeMasi, Director of Community Development for CityWide. This is a three year project which will include an enhanced entrance designed

by the Garden Club of Dayton. A floating dock with a ramp will be built for fishing in the lake. LED lighting will be installed under the overpass to showcase the lake. The VA also will initiate a project to change

their front entrance so it aligns with the US 35 ramp, making its current entrance a dedicated historical walk.

Graduation cont'd.

graduates for the Inside Wireman program, Bruce DeBore, who graduated with a 93.34% grade point average and Tyler Edmondson, who graduated with a 93.17% grade point average. The top graduate for Telecommunications is John Seibert with an 89.4% grade point average.

A big thanks to the JATC Instructors, JATC Staff, Local 82



Telecommunications Journeymen Graduates, from left, Tyrone Brown, Nicholas Creamer, and John Seibert.

Officers and Staff, Western Ohio Chapter NECA and the Local 82 Mentoring Group for their dedication and participation in the success of this graduating class.

This is the third year for the Local 82 Mentor

Group. Their purpose is to instill a sense of pride in being a union electrician. They also provide one-on-one help with studies by guidance in everyday conversation, passing on their knowledge gained through experience to first and second year apprentices.

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Upcoming Events

**LMCC / NECA / IBEW
14th Annual Golf Outing**

**WHERE: Walnut Grove Country Club
Dayton, Ohio**

WHEN: Monday, September 18, 2017

The 14th Annual LMCC/NECA/IBEW Golf Outing will take place on Monday, September 18 at Walnut Grove Country Club.

For registration information, please contact Cindy Tucker at cindy.tucker@att.net.



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