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Jim Soosik – Business Manager’s Report



Happy New Year, Sisters and Brothers,

After the first of the year, we met with NECA and the twelve largest signatory contractors to review the projected work outlook. From all accounts, 2026 is shaping up to be a strong year, with hospital projects, solar arrays, and data centers expected to begin ramping up in April.

At this time, we have 150 Inside members on the out-of-work list. There have been no calls going to Book II since January 2, and SUB pay will be reinstated today, January 23rd. We currently have 40 LE members on the out-of-work list as well.

The January General Membership Meeting was well attended, with Michigan gubernatorial candidate Mike Duggan addressing the membership. Following his remarks, we returned to the regular order of business, which included extensive discussion and several motions from the floor. The membership overwhelmingly voted in favor of endorsing Mike Duggan for Governor of Michigan.

One of the objects of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers is to cultivate feelings of friendship among those in our industry. There are many ways to do this—on the jobsite, at the break tables, at the training center, and after work hours. Friendships develop when members get involved: sign up for a committee, volunteer, attend membership meetings, participate in the many events we host throughout the year, and support your Local. Even if you can’t make the meeting, stop by beforehand for dinner with the Brotherhood and break bread with your brothers and sisters. We are better together.

Earlier this month, I had the opportunity to attend the EWMC Leadership Conference in Seattle. It was a great conference featuring excellent speakers, a day of service, and workshops. I attended a workshop on suicide prevention that covered risk factors, early warning signs, mental health, and the importance of open dialogue. Please take the time to check in on your brothers and sisters. At Local 58, we have resources available, including our EAP program, 988 hotline stickers, and the HealthJoy app with counseling options.

The Detroit Electrical Workers Benevolent Fund will be hosting the 23rd Annual Ken Fitzhenry Super Bowl Party, with proceeds benefiting the Benevolent Fund to help members in need. You would be hard-pressed to find a better Super Bowl party than this one. Come out and enjoy some camaraderie and football. If you see someone selling tickets on the jobsite, know that it’s not just a ticket to a great party with a chance to win some nice prizes—it’s an opportunity to help a brother or sister who may be going through extremely tough times.

In Solidarity,

Jim Soosik

Kimberly L'Heureux – President

Protecting Our Future



Yesterday's Financial Executive Report was an important reminder of just how much is at stake and how deeply our future depends on staying informed, engaged, and united.

The presentation at the benefit conference walked us through current market conditions, interest rate trends, and the broader economic forces shaping our pension and benefit funds. While there are signs of stability in some areas, uncertainty remains. Inflation pressures, market volatility, and global influences continue to affect investment performance. These realities don't live on a spreadsheet, they impact real people, real families, and the retirement security of every member who has dedicated their career to our trade.

At its core, trusteeship is a fiduciary responsibility. That means acting solely in the best interest of our members, setting aside personal opinions or outside pressures, and making informed, thoughtful decisions based on what strengthens our funds long-term. It requires care, loyalty, and diligence. We are legally and morally obligated to protect these assets as if they were our own, because for many members, this is their entire retirement. Trustees must remain unbiased and impartial, overseeing the checks and balances put in place to make sure our future stays protected.

That's why trusteeship matters so much. Serving as a trustee is more than a title. It's a commitment to lifelong learning and responsible leadership. We owe it to our members to stay educated on the financial matters that influence fund health, whether that means understanding investment strategies, keeping up with regulatory changes, or asking thoughtful questions during executive briefings. This year, missing IFEBC put many of us behind in learning about the rapid changes currently taking place across benefit administration, compliance, investments, and labor policy. Yesterday's report helped close some of

that gap, but it also highlighted how important it is to stay plugged in. These conversations aren't always exciting. They can be dry. They can feel overwhelming. But listening, really listening, matters. Even when it's boring. Especially when it's boring. Because buried in those presentations are the details that shape our members' futures.

And today, that responsibility feels even heavier.

Anti-union policies and legislation pose a very real threat to our funds and our livelihoods. These efforts weaken worker protections, reduce collective bargaining power, and ultimately shrink participation in benefit plans, directly impacting fund stability. When unions are undermined, retirement security is undermined right alongside them.

This is why staying engaged matters. Education is our defense. Unity is our strength.

As members of Local 58, we carry a proud legacy of skilled craftsmanship, strong leadership, and looking out for one another. Generations before us fought hard to build the benefits and protections we now steward. It's our responsibility to honor that legacy by staying informed, asking questions, and making thoughtful decisions that protect every member...today and tomorrow.

By showing up, staying engaged, and continuing to grow as trustees and leaders, we help ensure our funds remain strong, not just for current members, but for the apprentices coming behind us.

Our work matters. Our voices matter. And Local 58 will continue to lead by example, together, protecting the future we've built.

In Solidarity, Your Sister,

Kimberly L'Heureux

Political Action Committee

General Information

The PAC Committee meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm. It is a committee open to all members who are interested in the political process. There is food provided, and a virtual option to join.

The committee is possibly looking into starting meetings again at the Port Huron Office. These meetings would not replace the monthly meeting but would be a place to get information in person.

The PAC Committee meeting is the place to have a voice in who receives Local 58 PAC Funds.

Let's build political power together!

Local 58 PAC Fund

The PAC Fund is a voluntary fund that helps us fund local candidates that will support and promote our interests. Contributions to the Local 58 Political Action Committee can only be used on the state level, federal candidates can't receive money from our Local's PAC.

You can donate to our fund by the following means:

- Payroll deduction (2 cents an hour)
- \$4.00 when paying quarterly dues
- Direct donation at the dues window

We try to cap total donations for the calendar year to \$175.00

Want to contribute to the IBEW Federal PAC?

Please go to [IBEWgov.org](https://ibewgov.org) and click Donate Now

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Registrar – Event Report

Jeff O'Donnell

Gov. Whitmer Addresses Auto Show One Last Time.

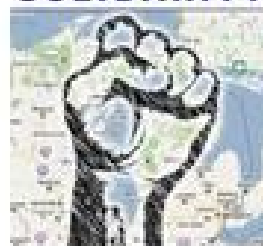
In her speech on Jan. 15th, she addressed the impact of the current Federal Administration's trade policies. The manufacturing industry as seen 10 straight months of industry contraction, and the loss of more than 63,000 manufacturing jobs. She discussed the need to maintain our global partnerships through strategic and stable trade policy rather than leaving voids that China is eager to fill. Michigan made 2 million vehicles in 2025, but China dominated by producing 6.8 million vehicles. To compete globally, there must be a focus on a future that includes strong global partnerships and investments in innovation to keep manufacturing strong here in Michigan. She finished her speech announcing an executive directive that will allow for the farming of hydrogen in Michigan and outlining her final policy goals.



Get Involved

MDP State Endorsement Convention

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Interested in joining the Democratic Party? The MDP State Endorsement Convention will be held on April 19th at Huntington Place. Delegates must become Democratic Party Members by March 19. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Registrars at the Local.

Registrar Contact Information

Jeannette Bradshaw – 313-408-1287

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Jeff O'Donnell [313-963-2130](tel:313-963-2130) Ext 3055

Registrar1@ibew58.org

We need your input

Showcase your creativity

The PAC Committee is looking into having a branded logo. This would be used on all PAC communications, given to endorsed candidates for use in their literature. Submission deadline is FEB 14th.

Submit your designs to Registrar1@ibew58.org

Federal Candidate Meet and Greet

February 19, 2026
6pm to 8pm
Local Union Hall



2026 PRIMARY SCREENING DATES

These dates do not conflict with any other open committees.
Held from 4:30pm to 8:30pm. 30 minute screening windows

February 3rd, 11th, 23rd, 25th
March 3rd, 5th, 11th, 25th, 30th, 31st
April 2nd

These dates conflict with standing committees but may be
needed to fit all primary candidates.
April 13th, 14th, 15th

These are the last screening dates to make the deadline for
final endorsements on the 6th of May.
April 27th, 29th, 30th
May 1st, 4th, 5th

SCREENINGS

We are looking for members to assist the PAC Committee to screen candidates seeking Local 58 endorsement. We will provide training. The set dates are listed. Additional information will be provided, look for a sign up link and join us to help choose our next representatives.



Jeanette Caldwell
Business Representative
Wayne County

Paul Ledsworth
Business Representative
Huron, St. Clair & Sanilac Counties



Last year ended with jobsite visits, lunch with members and a yearly Christmas lunch date with stewards. January 2026 is starting with the continuation of jobsite visits, city planning commission and city council meetings. Thus far, the main discussion is data centers, specifically in Allen Park which proved to be an interesting, heated and contentious expression of concern from the community. The proposal:

Name: Allen Park Inference Edge Data Center (Closed Loop) Location: 7500 Enterprise Drive, South of I-94, Owner: Solstice Data. This is a 26 MW, 45,000 sq. ft. facility which will be powered by a nearby Ford Facility Substation. Representatives from Solstice Data stated, that water will be provided by a third-party source, not city water, there will be 12 back-up generators, 20 cooling chillers, liquid cooling system, gas suppression fire system and are wanting to recycle the by-product (heat). It was determined to postpone the project due to community concerns. I would like feedback from the downriver community about data centers in the area, contact information below. Previous jobs reported in the Downriver corridor has remained steady. Motor City Electric has upcoming/current work in the Dearborn Area, Ford Product Development Center, Dearborn Inn (light poles), Stellantis/ Trenton Engine and Brownstown Battery Assembly.

Until the next time be well Brothers & Sisters.

Jeanette Caldwell
Business Representative

Brothers & Sisters,

J Rank has a new Solar Field located just south of Sandusky in Watertown Michigan. This job will be starting in March 2026

Motor City Electric has a new hospital in Sandusky Michigan. They have a few Wiremen on site. The footings are being poured now.

MJ Electric has begun work on a new solar field in Bad ax. Temporary power and trailer city is completed. The actual field work will begin in the March 2026.

I will keep the membership updated with changes and further work outlook as these projects progress.

In Solidarity,

Paul Ledsworth
Business Representative

Scott Glaza – Business Representative Northwest Wayne & Livingston Counties



Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

The Northwestern Wayne County region continues to hold steady as we move through the winter months. Although no new projects have formally begun for our contractors, the outlook ahead remains optimistic. If the anticipated projects proceed as planned, we expect to see the start of a large-scale data center, an expansion at GM Romulus, and two new initiatives at Detroit Metro Airport. These prospective developments position us well for a significant increase in workload as we move toward spring.

At the Meijer project in Livonia, Halligan continues with the interior build-out, keeping a small but steady crew on site. During the most recent visit, the team was in the process of installing and wiring the building's main electrical service equipment. Additional crews are progressing on general lighting, cold-storage units, and loading dock doors, marking continued forward movement despite seasonal challenges.

The Meijer site in Plymouth has faced delays due to complications with concrete installation. This issue temporarily halted the placement of loading dock levelers and slowed progress in the refrigeration rooms. However, the general contractor believes they have resolved the problem, allowing Halligan to resume work and keep the project on track.

Detroit Diesel has seen a noticeable slowdown in activity, leading Silco Electric to reduce its workforce, with some employees moving to other jobs and others facing layoffs. Slifco is nearing completion of the office renovation project with a small remaining crew, while Ferndale Electric continues installing lighting in the machine shop. Bayview is making progress on a fire alarm upgrade within the engineering building. At this time, none of the contractors have received information about upcoming work at Detroit Diesel, making the near-term outlook uncertain.

The Brighton Trinity St. Joseph Hospital project is gradually winding down, with Centerline now working with a reduced team of roughly twelve members. They are nearing completion of the new patient area and working on tying the existing hospital infrastructure into the new addition. Both Innovative Energy Controls and Fontanesi and Kahn are also completing their remaining scopes of work as the project approaches its conclusion.

At Detroit Metro Airport, two significant new projects appear to be on the horizon: renovations at the Evans Terminal and the construction of a new Freedom Center within the McNamara Terminal. Both Centerline and Bayview have submitted bids. Meanwhile, ongoing airport work continues. Centerline maintains a small crew on current terminal tasks, while Bayview remains heavily involved work on the Blue Deck parking structure, lift pump stations, passenger loading bridges, and retail store changeovers, keeping a large team actively engaged. In Romulus, Advantage is wrapping up work at Trade Center Building #5 and has already moved forward with underground installations at Building #4, demonstrating consistent progress despite the seasonal slowdown. Likewise, work at the Northville Psychiatric Hospital remains steady. Although the project experienced a small reduction in workforce, it continues its path toward completion.

As we all know, this time of year often brings reduced workload and harsh working conditions. I want to extend my sincere appreciation to every member working outdoors who has faced the extreme weather with resilience and dedication. Though we may not be able to predict the future with certainty, all indicators point to a strong rebound in available work as we move into the spring months. Thank you for your continued hard work and commitment.

In Solidarity,

Scott Glaza

Don Thieke – Business Representative – Macomb County



Happy New Years Brothers and Sisters,

The work outlook for Macomb County looks promising as we head into the new year. There are all sorts of projects on the docket for our municipalities, and we are working feverishly to make ensure our members are on it. The GM Tech Center is progressing at the BCDC Project, as well as various small projects being wrapped up at the Warren Tech Center. The Macomb County Jail site is moving along. Local 58 and Motor City Electric are doing their part to show Macomb County how we do work as organized labor.

Local 58 prides itself on representing our workers on the job and in the political arena as well. As we move into the midterm election cycle, our Business Manager and the rest of the Agents myself included, encourage the membership to pay attention and take part in your Local and State elections. These decision makers are the ones that write legislation that affects us on and off the job. We the people can influence who those people are and what legislation they'll write. The more informed and involved we are, the stronger that organized labor, and by proximity all others, will be.

As a final note, I encourage all members to participate in all of our Locals Committees. There are lots of opportunities for involvement within the Local by virtue of these committees. Volunteers, new ideas, Local history, and free thought are welcomed and desired. Let us make this Local the strongest that it can be by having its members engaged.

In Solidarity,

Don "TIKI" Thieke
Business Agent – Macomb County



Macomb County Jail

Brothers and Sisters,

We continue active work on the following CBAs: JLL, CBRE – Ford Flat Rock and CBRE – Ford Detroit Train Station.

Thank you to IBEW Local Union 58 for the opportunity and support in sending me to the 6th District Advanced Arbitration Training in Madison, WI at the Fluno Center. This advanced training strengthens our ability to effectively represent members and protect contract language through the grievance and arbitration process.



IBEW Local Union 58 was proud to be part of the 2026 Detroit Auto Show, supporting the future of the EV industry and electrical infrastructure. Event Highlights & Guests:

- Special guest appearances, including champions Claressa Shields and Franchon Crews-Dezurn, announcing their championship rematch (Jan. 23, 2026)
- Concept vehicles, classic cars, and new cars & trucks

- EV test-drive tracks from multiple manufacturers
- Lincoln electric vehicle chargers showcased on the show floor, highlighting the importance of skilled IBEW labor in EV charging infrastructure
- Live broadcasts from 96.3 FM at our location
- Visits from NECA partners Jason Head and Joe Diederichs
- Guests including Andrew Mitchell (KLA) and Dave Krausman
- IBEW Local Union 58 Brothers and Sisters throughout the event, representing our Union with professionalism and pride.



Friendly Reminder: Please check your mail for the latest CBA agreement. These were mailed out. We have books available at the Hall as well.

In Solidarity,

Phil Terrill
Limited Energy Representative

Kurt Boardman – Limited Energy Business Representative



Happy New Year, Brothers and Sisters,

The new year has arrived with frigid temperatures, plenty of snow, and a handful of job calls so far. At this time, the out-of-work list has climbed to approximately 40 members. While most contractors appear to be holding steady, few have slowed down and made reductions to their field staff. We are currently scheduling conversations with our Limited Energy contractors to get a clearer picture of what the next six months may hold for our division.

Motor City Technologies has indicated the potential for upcoming job calls at COSM, the Macomb County Jail, and the U of M Center for Innovation. Conti and VEG may also have job opportunities on the VA project, which could include a second shift. Compass Technology Solutions, along with Fontanesi and Kann, have secured work at the new U of M Troy project, which appears to have a second building planned as well.

As you travel north on the Lodge Freeway, be on the lookout for the new MSU Research Center and the new Henry Ford Hospital, both of which are rapidly changing the skyline. This massive, campus-style project is expected to keep many of our Local 58 LE members busy throughout the year. Additionally, Ferndale Electric has mobilized at Huntington Place for the Skybridge project, which will connect to the brand-new JW Marriott currently under construction.

I am also happy to announce that our signatory partner, Bluestone Communications, has once again provided our Local 58 membership with a one-year subscription to the Commscope Infrastructure Academy. If you were unable to attend training opportunities at the EITC this winter, I encourage you to take advantage of this excellent resource. The Commscope portal offers over 75 courses and is a great way to earn BICSI CEUs to maintain your hard-earned credentials. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time to get enrolled.

Lastly, if you haven't made plans for Super Bowl Sunday, please join us at the Local 58 Union Hall for one of the best Super Bowl parties in Detroit. There will be food, raffles, beverages, and plenty of fun for everyone. This event is one of the largest annual fundraisers for our Benevolent Fund, which relies on your continued support. I look forward to seeing you there.

Please continue to be safe and stay warm on the jobsite during these challenging winter months.

In Solidarity,

Kurt Boardman
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DAY BOOK

Just a reminder our Referral System is a Day Book, You have to be here, in person, to pick up a Job Call. Calls have been going to back of book or unfilled. The hall opens at 8am. Dispatch begins at 8:30am. If you have any questions, contact Michael Bellhorn or Tim Scott.

SHORT CALLS

You **SHOULD** never miss a short call or **QUIT** a short call. It can make you eligible for Sub Pay If:

- You were originally laid off before the qualifying date
- Had been working outside of the jurisdiction and did **NOT** qualify for Sub Pay
- Had quit or been fired from last Contractor and did not qualify for Sub Pay

Technically, if you miss 2 calls (short calls included) it *could* cause you to lose Sub Pay and Health Insurance

When you get laid off from a short call you have 48 hours to notify us of your Lay-off and be put back on the book to your original spot.

PAY YOUR DUES!

It is the first Quarter of 2026. Make sure to have a current Dues Receipt to sign the Book or pick up a job call.

MUST DRUG TEST & SAFETY MODULES

Please remember to stay current on your drug test and safety modules. most jobs require your drug test to be posted on your must report card and will not accept chain of custody paperwork.

JOB CALLS NOTIFICATION

The Daily Job Call List is located under Member Tools > Job Call Tab. **Please check the app after 6:00pm daily for updates. there is no push notification for this update.** if you cannot view the job calls, please call the job call line for the information.

JOB CALLS APP INSTRUCTIONS

INSIDE JOB HOTLINE: 313.963.2133

LE JOB HOTLINE: 313.963.4001

INSIDE SUB PAY REINSTATEMENT

Unemployment Benefits for participants covered under the Inside Agreement will resume effective for anyone laid-off on or after January 2, 2026. Participants meeting the criteria above wishing to receive payment on February 4, 2026, must fill out an application no later than Thursday, January 29, 2026, for the scheduled disbursement on February 4, 2026.

Due to the reactivation of Unemployment Benefits, applications will be accepted back to January 3, 2026, pay-week ending until Thursday, January 29, 2026. Applications received after January 29, 2026, will not be eligible for retroactive benefits and will be on the next application and disbursement schedule.

The Port Huron Labor Temple will be open on Wednesdays from 12pm to 4pm for Sub Pay.

Local 58 Committee Meeting Information



HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

The next Health & Safety Committee Meeting will be on Monday, February 2, 2026, at 5:30 PM.

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

The next committee meeting will be Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 5:30p.m. The Wobbly Kitchen (Sundays in the Park) will be the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, starting at the Union Hall and then traveling to Cass Park. We are asking volunteers to show up at the hall at 8:00a.m. to help with food prep, organization, and loading. Questions can be directed to Ray Kujawski at (248) 496-1916 (call, text, leave a voicemail). Local 58 is very active with community service in the Metro Detroit area and has a variety of upcoming projects that require the help of volunteers and helping hands. Contact the Union Hall (313) 963-2130 or Ray Kujawski (number above) for further information about volunteering or participating.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

The next Entertainment Committee meeting will be Tuesday, February 10, 2026, following the Community Service Committee meeting that starts at 5:30 p.m.

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (PAC)

Political Action Committee: PAC meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month via Zoom and in person at the Hall at 5:30 pm. If you have questions or concerns or would like to attend a PAC meeting, you can reach out to our Registrars at registrar1@ibew58.org.

GRASSROOTS COMMITTEE

The focus of this committee is to increase member involvement within our local. Through education opportunities and brotherly discussion, we want to get back to promoting the original idea that is brotherhood. Please come out on the second Thursday of every month at 5:30 PM to our Union Hall for conversation and information sharing. If you cannot make it in person, we will do our best to make the Zoom meeting available online to anyone that would like to participate virtually. Please reach out to one of our organizers, or the Union Hall, to get signed up for that virtual invite.

Local 58 Committee Meeting Information



EWMC COMMITTEE

EWMC of Southeastern MI – The next chapter meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 16, 2026, at 6pm. This will be an in-person meeting with a ZOOM option. Please make sure your cell phone number and your email address are up to date. The meeting information will be sent out as soon as available. If you are not receiving the notices, please make sure that your information is updated here at the hall. Please bring any suggestions that you have for EWMC involvement and engagement. We are moving forward with our challenge coin fundraiser. The third coin in the series is now available for sale. Our IBEW car flags are also in. We will be selling them at any upcoming union events and Membership meetings.

VETERAN'S COMMITTEE

The IBEW Veterans Committee serves all those who have served, building community and strengthening veteran voices within the IBEW and throughout the entire electrical industry. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm at the hall with an option attend via Zoom. At our next meeting we plan on reviewing the Veterans Committee field manual that has been put together by the I/O.

In recognition of service to country and union, all IBEW members who have served in the military can claim their free challenge coin by clicking the link below:

[Veterans Committees - International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers](#)

RENEW COMMITTEE

The Renew Committee will be meeting on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm. Zoom options are available.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

The next committee meeting will be Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 5:30p.m. at the Hall and on Zoom. If you have questions, please contact Committee Chair Angela Panicucci (586-291-8014) or Co-chair Liz Gorski (586-921-3087), Email at: 58womenscommittee@ibew58.org.

Local 58 Grassroots Committee



Happy New Year Brothers and Sisters,

The Grassroots Committee has made great developments with a program that will encourage new member development and reinvigorate current member involvement. We have taken many steps into thinking outside of the box that will, with enough membership input, rekindle the flame of volunteerism and promote the internal growth of our local. Please stand by for when this program hits its release.

The Grassroots Committee meets every second Thursday of the month at 5:30 PM. Food will be provided. There is also a regular Zoom invite sent out to join in on the committee meeting virtually. Please reach out to the Membership Development team or anyone else from the Hall and we will get you pointed in the right direction. If you would like to join in on the Grassroots Committee on the GroupMe App, please reach out to Don Thieke or Justin Steenbergh and we will make this happen. This app has the ability for the members to share locations, upload images, or reach out in the name of Brotherhood. We encourage all members to participate and to help guide the future of the committee and this local union.

Finally, as our leaders continue to make decisions that shape the future of our Local, I want to thank them all for their time and sacrifice that mold the image of Local 58. With continued training and community involvement, both locally and Statewide, we stand as a tall and proud organization for all others to follow. Local 58 remains the steward of organized labor in the Detroit area and takes great pride in that ownership. The members of this great local must continue standing side by side with those on the front lines. We shall continue proving to the rest of the area, to this State and to this Country, what it means to be Local 58!

In Solidarity,

The Grassroots Committee

Don "TIKI" Thieke
Justin Steenbergh
Ben Jones
Dejuan Moss
Steve Schwartz

LOCAL 58 FRIENDSHIP NIGHT

Friday, January 23rd, the Union Hall buzzed with laughter and conversation as we hosted our very first Friendship Friday game night. Members and friends gathered after work to unwind, connect, and enjoy a relaxed evening together. Pizza was served for dinner, giving everyone a chance to grab a slice, mingle, and settle in before the games began.

Tables quickly filled with classic board games and new favorites, sparking friendly competition and plenty of laughs.

From strategy games to easygoing crowd-pleasers, there was something for everyone, you came to play seriously or just to socialize.

The night was a great reminder of how important it is to build community outside of meetings and work. We're excited to keep the momentum going—our next Friendship Friday, February 27th, will take a more health-focused approach, featuring a yoga session to help members relax, recharge, and connect in a new way. - Angela Milam



Pictures provided by Brother James Melton

RENEW COMMITTEE
PRESENTS

SOLIDARITY *NIGHT*

JOIN US FOR A SOCIAL NIGHT!

Kuhnhehn Brewery

36000 Groesbeck Hwy, Clinton Township, MI 48035

FEBRUARY 6TH 4:00PM

YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN TAB

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Detroit Electrical Workers Benevolent Fund Committee

"MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS"



Members appointed by
Michael Bellhorn, DEWBF President

Meets first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM. We host several fundraising events throughout the year to raise money for assistance to the members of 58 and their families. If you need assistance, please contact:

Mike Bellhorn 586.612.5964
58benevolentfund@ibew58.org

Kelly Lynch 313.963.2130 ext. 3023
kelly.lynch@ibew58.org

Kurt Boardman: 313.676.0666
kurt.boardman@ibew58.org

DEWBF 23RD ANNUAL KEN FITZHENRY SUPER BOWL FUNDRAISING DINNER

The DEWBF is proud to announce the 23rd Annual Ken Fitzhenry Super Bowl Fundraising Dinner on:

Sunday, February 8th, 2026
at Local 58!

Raffle Tickets are \$20 each
Now available for purchase at the Hall.

Grand Prize - 75" TV & Stadium Recliner,
PLUS many more prizes!

Entrance Fee this year is \$20 per person.

Doors open at 4pm!

Food & Beverages provided by the
volunteers of the DEWBF and Local 58
Members!

Come out and enjoy the big game with your
Brothers & Sisters of 58!



Detroit Electrical Workers Benevolent Fund Committee

3rd Annual John Mayernik Memorial Scholarship



**DETROIT ELECTRICAL
WORKERS BENEVOLENT FUND**

PROUDLY ANNOUNCES

**3RD ANNUAL
JOHN MAYERNIK
MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP**

IBEW Local 58 Apprentice Scholarship Program



**SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO
ONE (1) APPRENTICE EACH
YEAR IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$2,000**

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:
**MUST BE AN ACTIVE IBEW LOCAL 58 APPRENTICE SECOND YEAR OR
HIGHER IN GOOD STANDING WITH LOCAL 58 & TRAINING CENTER**

**APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON
THE LOCAL 58 WEBSITE: IBEW58.ORG
OR CONTACT MIKE BELLHORN: 586-612-5964 OR
KELLY LYNCH AT THE UNION HALL 313.963.2130 EXT. 3023**

**APPLICANTS MUST EMAIL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:
58BENEVOLENTFUND@IBEW58.ORG**

DEADLINE TO APPLY MARCH 15, 2026

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The Detroit Electrical Workers Benevolent Fund is proud to announce the 3rd Annual John Mayernik Memorial Scholarship. This is open to any Active 2nd year Apprentice in Good Standing, with the Training Center and the Union Hall.

Please see the link below for the fillable Application and Questionnaire.

Applications can be returned by email to Michael Bellhorn at: 58benevolentfund@ibew58.org

The deadline to apply is: Sunday, March 15, 2026.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Mike Bellhorn at: 586.612.59.64 or Kelly Lynch at the Hall: 313.963.2130. ext. 3023.

Good luck to all the candidates this year!

[3rd Annual DEWBF John Mayernik Memorial Scholarship Packet](#)

Local 58 Announcements



GENERAL MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Membership Meetings are held at the Union Hall every third Tuesday of each month. Brotherhood Dinner begins at 5:30PM followed by the meeting at 6:30PM. We encourage ALL members to attend these informative monthly meetings.

IBEW LOCAL 58 BRICK PAVERS AVAILABLE

IBEW Local 58 Brick Pavers- are Available for purchase, if you would like to purchase a brick, please contact the Union Hall for an Order Form. 7x9 brick pavers can have up to 6 lines of lettering and 17 spaces per line, \$100.00 Donation per Brick. To purchase or for questions about the brick pavers please contact Stacy at the Union Hall 313-963-2130, extension 3015.

ALCOHOL ANONYMOUS WEEKLY MEETINGS

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings take place every Wednesday at the Union Hall, Meetings start at 6:00 pm. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. All welcome.

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (formerly known as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline) offers 24/7 call, text and chat access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing suicidal, substance use, and/or mental health crisis, or any other kind of emotional distress. Please Call, Text, Chat! IBEW Local 58 Cares! Call 988!

ULLIANCE EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Please see the link below to access Ulliance Life Advisor Program available at no or little cost to members of Local 58 and their families, plus other benefits and discounts lifeadvisorwellness.com or phone: 800.448.8326

ANNUAL PIN PARTY - SAVE THE DATE - APRIL 25, 2026

All members who will be receiving a 50, 55, 60, 65, 70 or 75-year pins this year, our Annual Pin Party is happening the last Saturday in April, so mark your calendars now, (Saturday, April 25, 2026) All members we are celebrating will be receiving your invitation from the local union in March. Honorees are our guests at the luncheon, and all the folks the honoree invites, will be \$25 per person. More information will follow later this winter.

IBEW BENEFICIARY FORM UPDATE REMINDER

Please make sure your beneficiary info is updated at the Benefits Office and also for IBEW. The IBEW beneficiary form can be updated at any time, you don't have to wait until you're on that pension – if they pass before they collect there's still a death benefit as long as they are in good standing with their dues.

2026 DETROIT AUTO SHOW

IBEW Local 58 was well represented at the Detroit Auto Show working on pulling the show together and keep things running smoothly and in collaboration with the Powering Michigan Labor Management effort sponsoring the Track Experience and EV Learning Center. IBEW 58 agents and leadership were on hand throughout the show to discuss our expertise in installing EV charging systems and partnered with companies like Lincoln Electric and Schneider Electric to showcase product and provide education. The EV Learning Center was highlighted by WXYZ, CBS Detroit, WJR, WWJ and was the broadcast home for WDVD for the duration of public days.

2026 Powering Michigan IBEW NECA Detroit Auto Show Interview

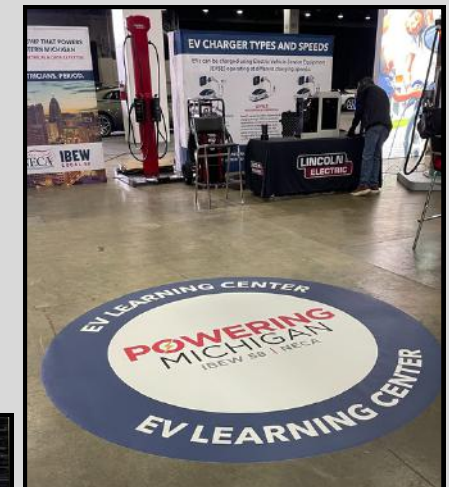
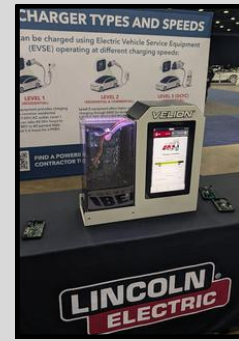
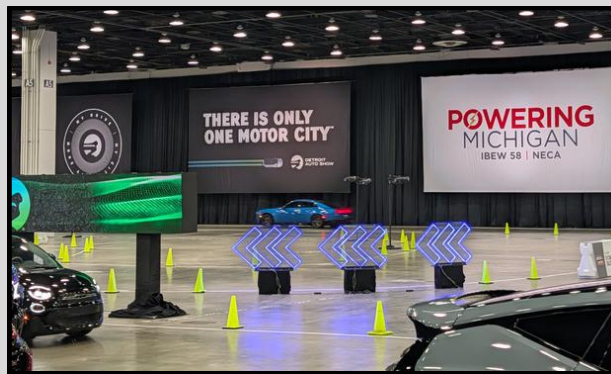
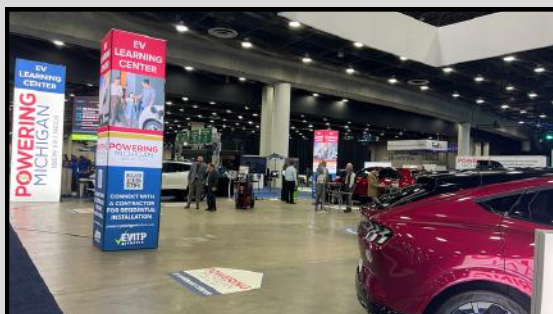


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EDDIE SLANEC

58 Member In Need



As many of you may know, Hannah, wife of Journeyman Eddie Slanec, was recently involved in a serious accident and has been hospitalized since December 7 with a spinal cord injury, paralyzed from the chest down with very little movement in her arms and hands. Those who know Hannah understand her incredible strength, determination, and resilience.

While her recovery is underway, the road ahead will be long and may include extensive out-of-state physical therapy. Along with this journey comes a significant financial burden for his family.

To help ease some of that stress, an account has been established at the Local 58 Credit Union to support Ed, Hannah and their family during her recovery under the "Ed Slanec Account".

In the spirit of Brotherhood, please help in any way you are able.

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