

**Summer 2017**



# **Local 68 Gauge**



**Local 68 Awards  
16 College Scholarships**



**Local 68 Picnic Held  
at Forest Lodge in  
Warren, NJ**



**Local 68 Training Center  
Graduates 37 Students**

**Local 68/68A/68B International Union of Operating Engineers Education Fund**



# Local 68 Training Center Celebrates Graduation

The Local 68 Training Center held its annual graduation dinner and celebration on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at the Park Savoy, Florham Park, NJ.

Each of the graduates completed 600 hours of classroom training and 8,000 hours of on-the-job training as part of the requirements of graduation. During their training, each student earned Black Seal Steam, Blue Seal Refrigeration and CFC Universal Licenses.

Following the graduation ceremony, Elvin Medina was announced as the Thomas F. Barry Award Winner. The late Thomas Barry was a Member of Local 68 for more than 45 years. He served as an instructor with the Union's Training Program for 33 years and Trustee of the Local 68 Education Fund for 19 years. The Barry Award is presented annually to the student who maintained the highest standard of excellence during their school attendance. Medina is employed by Hines Morgan Stanley.

"We congratulate Elvin on his achievement of winning the Thomas Barry Award. Many hours of hard work and dedication have gone into Elvin's and all of the graduates achievement," said Thomas P. Giblin, Local 68 IUOE Business Manager.

Local 68 IUOE Training Director Patrick Lynch congratulated the graduates and presented the completion certificates. "It is a great honor to present the certificates to the graduates tonight. We are very proud that they have reached this milestone. All of the Local 68 Training Center instructors and staff work very hard to prepare our students for the future and tonight we celebrate all of your success."

## Class of 2016:

John Ayres  
John Bartosh  
Phillip Botti  
Christopher Cortellino  
Brian Egan  
Henri Fatovic  
Jerry Frade  
Miguel A. Gascon  
James Gibbs  
Arturo Gonzalez  
Frank Ietto  
Richard Kickenweitz  
Kevin Kuhn  
Brian Lenahan  
Giovanni Lopresti  
Jason Malinowski  
Thomas McColgan  
Michael McCullough  
Elvin Medina  
Anthony Mineo  
Michael O'Connell  
Jorge Panchana  
Jose Peralta  
Jacob Pfeuffer  
James Powers  
Kevin Przyhocki  
Gary Salvano  
Alexander Silver  
Anthony Soda  
Matthew Steiger  
Marco Vieira  
Daniel Vizzacchero  
Eugene Washington  
Lewis Weeks  
Sean Whelan  
Thomas Wramage  
Salvatore Zarro



Above, Local 68 Training Center graduate Anthony Mineo is joined by his family at the graduation. Below, Local 68 Training Center graduate Jose Peralta and his family enjoy the graduation celebration.



Graduation group photo on cover: Front row left to right: Jacob Pfeuffer, Thomas McColgan, Elvin Medina, Anthony Soda, Miguel A. Gascon, Frank Ietto, Thomas Wramage, Henri Fatovic, Jerry Frade and Michael McCullough. Middle row left to right: Thomas P. Giblin, Jorge Panchana, Kevin Kuhn, Kevin Przyhocki, John Bartosh, Anthony Mineo, Eugene Washington, Gary Salvano, Salvatore Zarro, James Powers and Edward Boylan. Back row left to right: Jason Malinkowski, Daniel Vizzacchero, Alexander Silver, Jose Peralta, Brian Lenahan, Arturo Gonzalez, Brian Egan, Marco Vieira, Matthew Steiger and Michael O'Connell.



Above, Local 68 Training Center graduate Elvin Medina is presented with his graduation certificate and the Thomas F. Barry award for excellence. Pictured from left to right: Thomas P. Giblin - Local 68 IUOE Business Manager, Elvin Medina, Michael McGlynn - Local 68 IUOE Business Representative, and Edward Boylan - Local 68 IUOE President.



Above, Local 68 IUOE Business Manager Thomas Giblin addresses the audience and congratulates the graduates.

## *Congratulations to Robert Masterson on his Retirement*

### **Masterson Lauded for Service!**



**R**obert Masterson, Local 68 IUOE Business Representative and Financial Secretary recently retired on July 1, 2017. Bob Masterson became a Member of Local 68 IUOE in 1976 with his first job at Ogden Allied - AT&T, Basking Ridge, NJ. He later worked at Warren Energy, Oxford, NJ, where he was successful in organizing

the facility for Local 68 IUOE. He was appointed a Business Representative in 1989 and set the standard for Local 68 Business Representatives with his work ethic and dedication to the members of Local 68.

Bob Masterson, a resident of Glen Gardner, where he resides with his wife Jan, are the proud parents of a son, Robert, and their daughters, Jennifer and Kerry, and loving grandparents of five grandchildren.

Thomas P. Giblin, Business Manager said, "It is with mixed emotions that I witness Bob's retirement! First, he's entitled to a long and healthy retirement since he gave 110% each and every day servicing Local 68 job sites and diligently fulfilling his responsibilities as an Officer; together with being a Trustee on the Unions' Pension, Welfare, Education and Annuity Funds. His leadership and talents will surely be missed!"

Giblin added, "I know that other Local 68 Members join in saluting Bob for his over 40 years of membership and stellar career as a Member and Official with Local 68."

"It has been a privilege to work alongside the many hard-working men and women of Local 68. I will miss everyone very much, but am looking forward to now enjoying my retirement with my family," said Masterson. "Thank you to everyone who supported me throughout my Local 68 career and best wishes to all Local 68 Members for a great future."

Bob has pledged to work with the Union as may be necessary to ensure the continued growth and status of the Union, as one of the premier Locals in New Jersey.



# Local 68 Engineer Brett Ratliff Wins Employee of the Year



*From left to right: Robert Masterson - Retired IUOE Business Representative, Sheila Geary - Human Resources Director, Richard Young, Brian Scudder, Matt Hosier, Brett Ratliff, Josh Dennett (Engineering Manager), Lisa Deeter - Director of Engineering, and Jon Davenhall - General Manager.*

An engineer never wins employee of the year, or at least that's what Local 68 Member Brett Ratliff thought. However, on February 15, 2017, at the Morristown Hyatt Regency's annual awards dinner, Ratliff was announced as the Employee of the Year. The benefit to winning this award is that the employee can choose an all-expense paid trip to any Hyatt property in the United States and Caribbean. When Ratliff won, he turned to his wife and said, "It looks like I will be able to finally take you to Hawaii."

Ratliff was selected from among more than 120 hotel employees to receive the award. Ratliff has been employed as the Lead Engineer at the Hyatt Regency in Morristown for the past 11 years.

Lisa Deeter, Director of Engineering for the Hyatt Regency, explained why Ratliff was selected, "Brett has a vast knowledge of the buildings interworking's and is extremely dependable and reliable. He has been a leader in the department as well as a mentor to our team giving our new members instruction, orientation and guidance to the department and building. His skills are at the top of our division and his never say no attitude and passion for the Hyatt drives us to success daily."

Ratliff counters this praise by saying, "I don't see myself as doing anything out of the ordinary. I look at our hotel as the guests' home away from home. I try to look at it that way and do everything we can to make the guests feel at home." He, along with five other Local 68 Members take care of all aspects of maintaining the hotel property, from repairs and preventative maintenance of the 256 hotel rooms, to HVAC, plumbing and electrical.

"Our hotel has one of the highest occupancy rates of any Hyatt property in the United States. This means that there is often very short windows of time to repair and maintain guest rooms. We need to be as invisible as possible, yet still get everything done," said Ratliff.

Jon Davenhall, General Manager for the property, explained that he hired Ratliff 11 years ago and has seen him grow into a well-respected team player and leader. "Brett exemplifies the global leadership qualities that we look for in the employee of the year. We were happy to present him with this honor and appreciate all that he and the entire engineering staff do for the success of the hotel."

The Hyatt Regency in Morristown was organized about two years ago as a Local 68 site. "We are glad to be a part of this outstanding property," said Robert Masterson, Local 68 IUOE Business Representative for the site. "I am really happy to see one of our engineers recognized for his hard work and dedication to the hotel. Because our engineers are typically behind the scenes, this type of recognition goes a long way in showing everyone how important the role of building engineer is."

Brett and his wife are planning their vacation for the fall. They will be spending three days at each of three different Hyatt properties on the islands of Maui, Kauai and Oahu. Brett is also in the process of obtaining his SCUBA certification so he can take full advantage of the vacation amenities.

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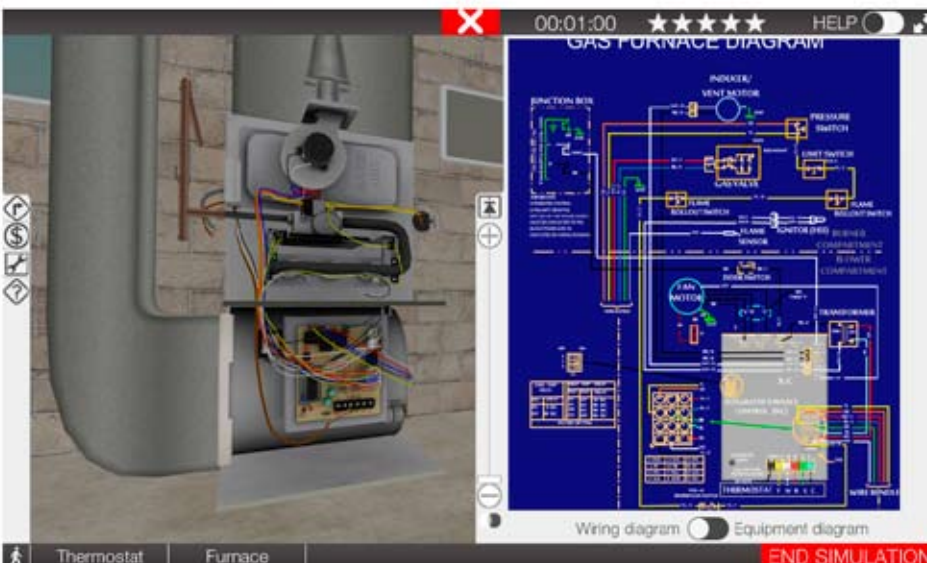
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# Local 68 Awards College Scholarships

The 31st Annual Local 68 IUOE Scholarship awards presentation was held on Thursday, June 1, 2017 at Doolan's Restaurant, Spring Lake, N.J. The scholarships were presented during a dinner just prior to the monthly union meeting. At the union meeting, the scholarship recipients were introduced to the Local 68 Membership in attendance.

Since the scholarship program's inception in 1985, scholarships totaling more than \$3.5 million have been awarded.

"This program continues to be made possible through the weekly contributions of each and every Local 68 Member," said Edward Boylan, Local 68 IUOE President. "We appreciate the Members' generosity and ongoing commitment to furthering the education of Local 68 Members' sons and daughters."

The 16 scholarship recipients successfully completed their applications and were selected among the applicants to receive a \$2,000 scholarship per year for four years.

"Congratulations to all of the recipients and we ask that you keep in touch and let us know about your progress in college," said Thomas Giblin, Local 68 IUOE Business Manager after the students were introduced to the Local 68 Membership.

## ***Congratulations to the 2017 Scholarship Recipients:***

*Deirdre Ann Brady  
Joseph Jorge Camara  
Jessica Rose D'Amico  
Rocquel Rianna Donofrio  
Jamiah Dunson  
McKenna Rae Ferraro  
Adriana Deanne Figueroa  
Samantha Garcia  
Christopher Gliwa  
Andres Javier Hernandez  
Mary Gianna Hill  
Faith Elise Kelly  
Ashley Elizabeth Korbeil  
Oluomachi Onyekwere  
Sophia Andrea Rodriguez  
Elizabeth Jane Short*

*Essex-West Hudson Labor Council, AFL-CIO  
Scholarship Fund Winners*

- **Alexa Lynch** (daughter of Patrick Lynch – IUOE Local 68 Training Director) - Rowan University
- **Nicole Zeppieri** (daughter of Nicola Zeppieri – IUOE Local 68 - Seton Hall University)

*Below and cover photo: Front row from left to right: Andres Hernandez, Samantha Garcia, Elizabeth Short, Faith Kelly, Mary Hill, Adriana Figueroa and Chris Gliwa. Back row from left to right: Deirdre Brady, Ashley Korbeil, and Sophia Rodriguez.*





# Local 68 Site Wins BOMA Award

The Novo Nordisk / Ivy Realty site recently won Best Corporate Facility under the 2017 Outstanding Building of the Year (TOBY) awards. The awards program is run by the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA).

The mission of BOMA is to enhance the human, intellectual and physical assets of the commercial real estate industry through advocacy, education, research standards and information. BOMA New Jersey is a chartered member of Building Owners and Managers Association, an international federation with more than 18,000 members worldwide for commercial property and facility managers.

According to Tracy Verhage, Ivy Realty Services, Assistant Property Manager, the TOBY Awards are the most prestigious and comprehensive programs of their kind in the commercial real estate industry recognizing quality in buildings and rewarding excellence in building management.

During the competitions, all facets of a building's operations are thoroughly evaluated. Buildings are judged on everything from community involvement and site management to environmental and "green" policies and procedures.

The Vice President of Property Management for the building is Glenn Anecchino. Local 68 Members who are employed at this site in Plainsboro, NJ, include:

- Daniel McKelvey - Chief Engineer
- David Conner - Lead Engineer
- John Miller - Lead Engineer

- Vincent Kirkowski - Relief Engineer/Shop Steward
- Kenneth Valvano - BMS/Engineer
- David Leonard - Plumber/Engineer
- Jeremy Stieber - Shift Engineer
- James Geary - Shift Engineer
- Douglas Mayhew - Shift Engineer
- Raymond Cochran - Apprentice



Above from left to right: Tracy Verhage - Ivy Realty Services, Assistant Property Manager; Bravo Building Engineers Dave Leonard, Jeremy Stieber, Kenny Valvano, David Conner, John Miller, Shop Steward Vincent Kirkowski, Local 68 IUOE Business Representative Michael McGlynn. Kneeling Chief Engineer Dan McKelvey.



## Shop Steward training was held at the West Caldwell Local 68 Training Center in Spring 2017.

Pictured front row left to right: Drew Alban, Kenneth Schaffer, Francis Stadler, Ed Stabile, Frank Baron, Peter Amadio, Tamara Smith, Scott MacKay, Brian Schofield, Tracy Johnson, Thomas Kenney, Craig Garrett, Mike Merrill, Mike William, Dennis Danku, Dermot Slowey, Glenn Lydon and Moises Torres-Villamar. Middle row from left to right: James Egan, Juan Peralta, James McLaughlin, Michael Cahill, Omar Garcia and Delvin Nieves. Back row from left to right: David Buck, Stuart Archer, Michael Carey, David Hosterman, John Conway, Raymond Jacunski, Jeffrey Withum and Glenn Schneider.



# INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 68 ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC

## Local 68 Holds Annual Picnic in Warren, NJ

Continuing a long-standing tradition, the annual Local 68 Picnic was held at Forest Lodge in Warren, N.J. on Sunday, June 25, 2017.

Forest Lodge is located on nearly 50 acres in the Watchung Mountains. The amenities include three swimming pools - one with a tube slide, basketball courts, corn hole games, horseshoe pits, children's playgrounds, shaded pavillions and more.

"The feedback was so positive last year when we moved the picnic to Forest Lodge. We decided to keep the picnic at this new location, which again was a great success. The grounds are very clean and well kept. The activities are great for all ages of attendees, and the food and refreshments were outstanding," said Michael McGlynn, Local 68 IUOE Business Representative and Chairperson of the Picnic Committee.

The activities also featured a blow-up bounce house for the younger set, as well as a craft table, spin art, temporary tatoos and a remote control car racetrack. The recreation staff were on hand to run various contests throughout the day, including a three-legged race. The day ends with the ever-popular egg toss (pictured below).

The Willie Lynch Band made their annual appearance at the event, making the day even more enjoyable.

Unlimited food was offered throughout the day, including hamburgers, hot dogs, french fries, fried chicken, ice cream, watermelon, and a variety of beverages.

"Thank you to Mike McGlynn for chairing the picnic committee and organizing such a successful event," said Thomas P. Giblin, Local 68 IUOE Business Manager. "Thank you also to our office staff members Rose Sudziarski and Suzanne Corns who handle many of the details of planning this wonderful event."

During the middle of the day, Local 68 IUOE Business Manager Giblin also introduced Monsignor John J. Gilchrist to the attendees. Monsignor Gilchrist offered a word of thanks for being invited to the annual picnic. "This day is always a great opportunity to gather together and enjoy each other's company," said Gilchrist.

Local 68 IUOE President Edward Boylan also addressed the guests. "We look forward to the picnic every year as the start of summer. It is a great day and we appreciate everyone who came out to enjoy the event."

After the close of the day, McGlynn said, "The picnic was a great success, as always. We are already looking forward to next year's and we hope we have the same great weather again."





# *Lots of Fun at the Local 68 Annual Picnic!*



Above, Local 68 Member Paul Olives with his daughter Sophia and son Nicholas enjoy the pool. Below, Georgia Cowan enjoys ice cream (her father William Cowan is a Local 68 Member).



Above, Anali and Nevaeh Farmer attend the picnic and have fun in the pool. Below, Trinity DiSarro gets a temporary tattoo (her father Andrew DiSarro is a Local 68 Member). Bottom left photo: Jamier and Ja'Niyaah Gamble have fun at the craft table (their grandfather Anthony Gamble is a Local 68 Member). Bottom right photo: Connor and Aidan McColgan swim in the pool (their father Thomas McColgan is a Local 68 Member).





## Local 68 Recognizes its 35-Year Members

During the September Union Meeting, Local 68 IUOE recognized the Members who reached the milestone of 35 years as a Local 68 Member. The event began with a dinner at the Hanover Manor, followed by the Union Meeting at the East Hanover Fire House.

"We are very appreciative of the amount of time the 35 year Members have dedicated to our Union," said Thomas P. Giblin, Local 68 IUOE Business Manager. "Their loyalty and commitment have been unwavering and have added greatly to the success of our Union."

Each 35-year Member who attended the meeting was presented with a plaque engraved with their name. The group was recognized and the Membership applauded them.

"I am grateful to have been a Member of Local 68 for 35 years and also be here to acknowledge my fellow Union Members on this milestone in our careers," said Edward Boylan, Local 68 IUOE President and 2017 35-Year Member.

*Below front row from left to right: Dave Weck, Michael Rooney, Richard Jones, Thomas Delasko, Edward Boylan, Sean Dougher and Arturo Manilio.*

*Back row from left to right: Giuseppe Rutigliano, John Catelli, James McLaughlin, David Leach, Kevin Williams, John McDonald, James Mackenzie, Michael Brady and Paul Bulger.*

## Congratulations 35-Year Members

Edward Adams	James Jaskiewicz	William Pelszynski
Victor Anaya	Norman Jeffries	Daniel Pelszynski
Bruce Bahr	Donald Jennings	Edward Pelszynski
Carl Banashefski	Douglas Jones	Firmino Pereira
Michael Barnaby	Richard Jones	Thomas Pinto
Hector Berrios	John Kaiser	Steve Pompei
Edward P. Boylan	Joseph Kelly	Joseph Pomponio
Michael D. Brady	Lester Kiger	Levi Reader
Robert M. Brooks	Raymond Kleiwerda	Gary Redden
Paul Bulger	Raymond Krygier	Richard Reed
Michael Cabrera	Victor Kuebler	Carl Rettig
Armond Capoferri	Thomas Lawrence	E. Robert Rizzo
John Catelli	David Leach	Lanette Roberts
Walter Chasmar	George Longo	William Roche
Fred Christiansen	William Lucas	Michael Rooney Jr.
Thomas Coggins	James MacKenzie	Charles Ross Jr.
Robert Coleman	Arturo Manilio	Eugene Rusiecki
Jo Anne Collins	Theodore Marx	Giuseppe Rutigliano
Morris Corsey	James Mason	Nicholas Santillo
Lawrence Costello	Kenneth Matta	Anthony Sepsick
Thomas Delasko	Paul Matthews	Richard Silvestri
Sean Dougher	James McCarty	John Smyth
Joseph Dougherty	Joseph McCormick	David Soltz
Ronald Fiore	John McDonald	John Thomas
Joseph Flood	Patrick McGowan Jr.	Timothy Timmons
Stephen Forster	Daniel McKelvey	Irene Turnure
Frederick Fox	James McLaughlin	Michael Underwood
William Gallagher	George McMahon	Christian Vander-Groef
Patrick Gaskill	Joseph Melone	Thomas Vesey
Donald Gibson	George Merriman	James Walsh
Timothy Gilkie	Robert Middleton	Donald Walsh
Thomas Glennon	Darren Miller	Michael Warren
Eddie Grace	Jerome Mitchell	Dave Weck
Michael Griffin	Robert Mullan	John Weigel
Lawrence Haines	James Mullaney	Thomas Weiss
Robert Halpin	Frank Murano	Charles Wich
Patrick Hetherington	John Murphy	Kevin Williams
Richard Hughes	Ramon Navarro Jr.	Michael Ziegler
William Jackson	George Noona Jr.	





# Engineers Sunday Tradition Continues

In the winter of 2017 Local 68 held its 56th Annual Ecumenical Mass and Breakfast at the Hanover Manor in East Hanover, N.J. The annual event is meant to honor the lives of all of the Local 68 Members who have passed away during the previous year. The event starts off with a mass celebrated by Monsignor John J. Gilchrist, Local 68 IUOE Spiritual Advisor. Following the mass, a lunch is served and speaker presentations take place.

Below photo, front row from left to right: Michael McGlynn, Patrick Gilrane, Edward Boylan, Senator Robert Toricelli, Thomas Giblin, and Robert Masterson. Back row from left to right: Keith Weicker, Andres Restrepo, Michael Lewis, Dahlia Vertreese, Salvatore Costanza, Tom Coyne and Charlie McDonald. Photo at right: from left to right, Business Manager Thomas P. Giblin, Rev. Jean Maurice, Hon. Theodore N. Stephens, II, Essex County Surrogate & Business Representative Michael D. Lewis.



## Pensions Approved

Ronald Alexander Tropicana	Juan Carlos Garcia Rosdev	Robert Masterson Local 68 Staff	Albert O'Neill III Trump Plaza	Marc Pyontek Caesar's	Haimraj Somwaru Jones Lang LaSalle
Linda Austin Haagen Dazs	Michael P. Giblin Evergreen	James Mateszewski ABM	Felix Ortiz Trump Taj Mahal	Raymond Remus Nassau Inn	Steven Thomas Tri Maintenance
Bruce Bahr Golden Nugget	Donald J. Gibson Bally's	Patrick McGowan Borgata	Peter Petillo DCO Energy	Daniel Rinaldi Bally's	Gary Truehart Tropicana
Robert K. Baillie Unicco	Jose Gonzalez Penguin	Daniel McKelvey Bravo	Wilbert Pfannerer Harrah's	Glenn Russo Trump Taj Mahal	Joseph Windfelder Trump Taj Mahal
Thomas Biebel Claridge Hotel	Paul Gottlick Core	Kenneth Meredith Bally's	David Pfeiffer Tropicana	Joseph Schaedel ABM	
Joseph Botta Jr. CBRE	Charles Grusovnik Jones Lang LaSalle	Jeffrey Navallo CW Serv	William Pitchford Tropicana	John Smyth CBRE	
Edward Brady Tri Maintenance	Miguel A. Guzman Trump Taj Mahal				
Aldo Celeste AV Ports	Larry Hopkins Trump Taj Mahal				
Anthony Clark Borgata	Frank Hrabar Jr. ABM				
Michel Cuillerier NJ PAC	Larry Hutchinson Trump Taj Mahal				
Arthur Exner ISS Energy	Daniel Johnson ISS				
William Flynn NJSEA	Anthony Laielli Pepco				
Peter Fraleigh Trump Reg	Brendan Landers Larkin				
Jeffrey Frieri Anheuser	Jeffrey Lynn ABM				
John Gaffney Cushman & Wakefield	Nagassar Mahabir US Facilities				

## In Memoriam

**Local 68 IUOE extends its condolences to the family and friends of the following Local 68 Members who have died since the last printing of the Local 68 Gauge:**

Luis Abreu	Gerald Kielty	Joseph Reilly
David Balot	Christopher Kroll	Charles Rhodes
Robert Birch	Jean Lamothe	William Sandman
Roy Blackman	Joseph Lombardo	Brian Scott
Chester Brown	Charles Metelski Sr.	Frank Scozzafava
Walter Cole	George Milner	Rocco Senatore
Michael J. Daly	John Morrison	George Sinnott
Howard Disney	Denis Mulvaney	Richard Slappy
Joseph Donnelly Jr.	Vincent J. Murphy III	Charles Swartz
John P. Giblin	John Pelc	Dominick Tansey
Elmo Green	Germano Pellegrini	Michael Turchiano
Ken Hrabovecky	Richard Pereira	Giuseppe Valentino
Michael Kenny	Silvio Perez	Mingo Williams
Lester Kiger	Henryk Plawecki	Justyn Zysk



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## Letters to Local 68

Mr. Thomas Giblin and Local 68 Scholarship Committee:

I am writing to thank you again for your continued financial support to my college career. I have finished my second year at Northeastern and am beginning my third year in summer classes. The previous spring semester, I lived in Boston while working full time at PricewaterhouseCoopers as a tax intern for my first co-op. Other highlights of my spring semester were Relay for Life where my sorority raised over \$20,000 for the American Cancer Society. I have a lot of exciting things happening currently and in the future and I want to thank you again for your continued support this semester. This scholarship has been essential to blossoming into the person I want to become.

Sincerely, Elizabeth Hunt

Father- Joseph Hunt, Cushman & Wakefield,  
Prudential Newark

Dear Thomas P. Giblin, Business Manager

I would like to thank you and everyone responsible for the beautiful bible that was delivered to me after my husband's death. It meant so much to my family and me. My husband, James M. Lynch, was in the union for 50+ years. He started working in Bambergers in Newark and ended his career in Macy's, Toms River, NJ. Local 68 always provided a good salary and benefits to my husband and our family. Thank you to all that was responsible for that!

Sincerely, Mrs. Dorothy M. Lynch

Dear Thomas P. Giblin, Business Manager

I have been a member of Local 68 Operating Engineers Union for 32 years. I recently retired from the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, Newark Airport Central Heating & Refrigeration Plant. As a member, my family and I enjoyed attending many of the annual picnics and we will miss them. We built memories and friendships throughout the years. Two of my children received scholarships from Local 68, which helped them immensely when furthering their education. My children learned the importance of being a part of a strong union; as well as, the vast benefits and opportunities given with that membership. I want to thank Local 68 for all it has done for my family and myself.

Sincerely, Allen J. Swirz, Retired Member

Mr. Giblin and the Local 68 Scholarship Committee:

I simply wanted to take the time to once again thank you for granting me the 2016 Local 68 Scholarship. After finishing my first semester of freshman year, I feel nothing but grateful knowing that your efforts, along with many other hard working operating engineers, have made my dream of attending school a tangible reality. Once again, thank you for all of your time and efforts!

My Best Wishes, Sarah Tyms, Daughter of  
Brian Tyms – 95 Christopher St, Jersey City, NJ