



# IBEW 3rd District Youth Caucus (3DYC)/ RENEW

## Newsletter

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Brothers and Sisters,

What a successful weekend the IBEW 3DYC just had! The IBEW 3DYC/RENEW Tour took place over two days in four cities - Albany, Buffalo, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh. The theme of the Tour was, "Growing the Movement – One Day, One City, One Person at a Time." As shown by the participation of over 120 young IBEW members from almost 30 3<sup>rd</sup> District Local Unions, the weekend was a tremendous success! The main elements of the weekend were community service, a social reception, and a morning of interactive workshops.

A number of community service projects took place, ranging from planting a community garden and assisting at a community outreach center BBQ in Albany; maintaining and replacing smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in a neighborhood outside Philadelphia; electrical work at a number of homes that are part of a refugee center program in Buffalo; to making improvements at a community WPAL gym in Pittsburgh. The 3DYC members participating in the projects stood out wearing their new t-shirts, which spurred locals to ask who we are and why we were helping. Besides doing good work in our neighborhoods, the open dialogue with members of our communities is what makes projects like these even more successful.

The evening events in all the cities consisted of BBQ's and receptions. This provided an opportunity to talk about the projects from that day and also about the young worker initiative taking place all over the 3<sup>rd</sup> District and the IBEW. While some Local Unions have established 3DYC RENEW groups, others are just getting started and looking for ways to move the initiative forward. Coming together in a relaxed social setting allowed for that interaction and discussion.

Sunday morning was a chance for interactive workshops. Covering a number of topics from Leadership Development, IBEW and RENEW history, Communication Skills, and Common Sense Economics, IBEW 3DYC members stepped up to

facilitate the workshops and provide an educational element to the IBEW 3DYC Tour.

All in all, this weekend provided a new way for young workers from across the IBEW's 3<sup>rd</sup> District to get involved with this initiative, in engaging and educating young IBEW members. By making four regional events, we attempted to keep the costs and travel reasonable which allowed many new faces to participate.



*A huge thank you to IVP Siegel for supporting the IBEW 3DYC/RENEW program and providing a space for young IBEW members to step up and become engaged in the future of the labor movement. Thanks to all the Local Unions who participated by sending young workers. Special thanks to Local Unions 236, 1249, 41, 5, and 98 for sponsoring the t-shirts, meals, receptions, and meeting rooms.*

Also, a big thank you to the IBEW 3DYC members who stepped up to help organize, facilitate the events, and run the workshops Sunday morning:

**Albany: Chris Erikson Jr., Local 3, 3rd District Rep Ellen Redmond & Jenn Schneider, Local 1249**

**Buffalo: Matt Gaiser, Local 41 & Ryan Youngman, Local 1249**

**Philadelphia: Tara Chupka, Local 98 & Wendell Yee, Local 3**

**Pittsburgh: Buddy Franklin, Local 5 & Larry Neidig III, IO - Education Department**

Be sure to send us your photos from the weekend so we can post everything. Thanks again for coming out, supporting the IBEW 3rd District Youth Caucus, and helping to grow the IBEW with a new generation of young workers.

Faternally,

*Tara Chupka*

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*Chris Erikson Jr.*

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