

## Paint and Floor Coverer STARS!

**COMMITMENT TO TRAINING SETS THESE WORKERS APART FROM THEIR COMPETITION**

Nearly 75 union painters and floor coverers received bonus checks May 20 at a Safety Training Awards Recognition (STAR) banquet in Portland. The checks ranged from \$400 for Painters to \$599 for Floor Coverers. The craftsmen and women are members of Portland-based Painters Local 10 and Floor Coverers Local 1236 who work for employers of the Signatory Painting Contractors Organization and the Signatory Floor Covering Contractors. The union workers qualified for the bonuses after completing seven classes (painters only) and 24 hours of voluntary skill-advancement training and safety courses over a 12-month period.

The STAR program was initiated in 2004 when Painters and Allied Trades District Council No. 5 and the Signatory Painting Contractors Organization made a commitment to each other to field the best-trained, highest educated workforce in the industry. This led to the creation of the Painters Union/Management Partnership, or PUMP. The program is funded by a cents-per-hour contribution negotiated in their collective bargaining agreement. Local 1236 started funding its PUMP program in 2010. Bonus checks were awarded starting in 2012.

The following members received bonus checks:

**PAINTERS** — Jorge Arellano, William Barney, Eraclio Benitez, Juan Bernal, Joe Bishop, Mike Bokamper, Timothy Bradfield, Brian "Tim" Chung, Leordan Cruz, Angel Cuellar, Gregory Cunningham, John Daniels, Frances Delandro, Gerald Dooley, Foo-Beng "Allen" Foong, Jaime Garcia, Hector Gonzalez, Sergio Gonzales, Timothy Goodnight, Jason Graham, Eileen Grigat, Carlos Hernandez, Micah Herrera, Darrell Holbrook, Alan Jackson, Brian Jackson, Jonathan Jaimez, William Johnston, Damon Keene, Roger Kennedy, Joesph Langley, Michael Llanos, Hernando



Magallanes, Jose Maldonado, Justin Manning, Higinio Marcos-Jimenez, Julio Mena Fuentes, Richard Mentzer, David Mercado, Moises Mercado, James Meyer, Joel Miller, Alin Muresan, Daniel Norman, Ronald Pearson, Charles Pennell, Rudy Ponder, Kenneth Rheel, Francisco Rico, Steven Rodriguez, Joel Roman-Fernandez, Moises Romero, Matthew Sauer, Amber Schaeffer, Steven Smart, Roger "Skip" Smith, Vincent Spillman, Jeff Splichal, Todd Stange, Herb Steffl, Amber Vankuren, Juan Carlos Vaylon, Chris Vezaldenos, Seth Wannamaker, Robert Woods, and Juan Zepeda.

Several **Painter apprentices** were recognized for perfect attendance. Receiving awards were Michael Antrim, Jermie Ali, Maria Guevara, Steven Kauffman, James McClara, and Lacie Robinson.

**FLOOR COVERERS** — Rodrigo Morales-Corona, Jonathan Doran, Michael Nguyen, Daniel Ramirez, Andrew Sparks, Brent Tompkins, Ryan Weeks, and Robert Wheeler.



**ALL IN THE FAMILY.** Painters Local 10 STAR recipient Hector Gonzales (right), brought his father to the awards banquet. Pete Gonzales, 70, is a 46-year member of Local 10. He worked at several large manufacturing companies, and at the Portland shipyard before becoming a union instructor for the Job Corp. Now retired and living in Woodburn, the elder Gonzales says he is grateful for his union pension.

## IBEW Local 125 appeals for funds for man burned in an unprovoked attack at Denny's

IBEW Local 125 has issued a \$100,000 challenge to union members and industry partners to help a Portland man who was seriously burned in an unprovoked assault at a restaurant.



Scott Ranstrom

On the night of March 4, Scott Ranstrom, a 69-year-old man from Happy Valley, was drinking coffee and playing on his computer at the neighborhood Denny's restaurant, where he is a regular. A short while later, 24-year-old Deshawn Swanger came into the restaurant and sat down in the booth next to Ranstrom. Swanger then committed one of the most heinous acts of random violence anyone has ever heard when he allegedly threw gasoline on Ranstrom and lit him on fire.

Ranstrom was taken to Legacy Emanuel Burn Center,

where he is still being treated for his injuries. Initial estimates indicate that bills will approach \$100,000 or more.

"Instead of enjoying this phase of his life, Mr. Ranstrom must now fight to recover from this devastating act of violence," said Marcy Grail, assistant business manager of Local 125.

Local 125, which represents outside linemen and women, knows that Ranstrom is in good hands at the Burn Center. Over the years members who have sustained severe burns on the job have recovered there. And a good portion of Local 125 fundraising events goes to help expand the Burn Center and its services.

Now, Local 125 is asking union members and industry

partners for help to support a member of the community. Last month at a shop steward training, a number of Local 125 members donated either their expenses and/or wages to the cause. To date, the union has raised \$2,000.

Grail said that although there is a GoFundMe account set up to help Ranstrom, the union prefers to self-fundraise in order to save the roughly 10 percent that GoFundMe charges for its service.

If excess funds are raised, they will go to the Legacy Family House project on behalf of the Pacific Northwest Lineman Rodeo.

For more information, call 503-262-9125.

**Send donations to:**

IBEW Local 125, 17200 N.E. Sacramento St., Portland, OR 97230 c/o IBEW Local 125 \$100K Challenge

## BUILDING COMMUNITY



**National Nurses Week event at Local 5017.** The Oregon Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals Local 5017 teamed up with local women's shelters for a special Mother's Day project to celebrate National Nurses Week. Union members assembled 75 gift baskets with locally sourced goods and treats for children at three area shelters to give to their mamas on Mother's Day. The gift bags included chocolates, body wash and lotion, and movie tickets. Local 5017 donated to Monica's House in Washington County, Portland Rescue Mission "Shepherd's Door" in Multnomah County, and a Safe Place Family Justice Center in Clackamas, Oregon.

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