

President's Statement on 2017



As 2017 comes to a close, I want to wish a Happy Holiday season to all our members. There were challenges we faced in 2017. For some, like the PPL and Brookfield contract negotiations we worked through the challenge successfully. Unfortunately, we also had to work through the downsizing effort by Talen Energy. While the lay offs at the end of the process was limited to 7 employees, we lost a lot of members to retirement or severance. I encourage all our members, but especially the members that work in generation, to read the December issue of The Electrical Worker. The front-page article is a window to what the electrical industry is going to look like. This is not a Talen or PPL issue, it is the changes to the electrical industry nationwide. The article can also be found

at: IBEW.org, under the IBEW news & media center tab click on articles. But just as 2017 had challenges, 2018 will have its own and we will get through them.

During this Christmas season I'm sure we all heard the song Santa Clause is Coming to Town. I can't help but relate what Business Rep Dan Zerbe wrote in this month's newsletter to the lyrics of this song. To all our members that drive company vehicles, talk to customers on the phone or scan your ID in and out of work, just like the song says, "Santa sees you when you're sleeping, knows when you're awake, knows if you've been bad or good" the companies we work for have a constant eye and ear on you. With that, just as the song says, "so be good for goodness sake".

Happy Holidays to all and your families and stay safe out there.

Personal Safety Tip: When walking backwards make sure you know what is behind you.

