

GALVERTON SOLAR FARM

On May 26 Business Reps Sean Meehan and Tom Lawless and I went out to the Calverton solar project being done by Elecnor Hawkeye. We brought some six-foot heroes and some drinks; we also brought our drone so we could take some pictures of the site. The project started in February and was working 6-10's pretty much right from the start. The job peaked at 109 Local 25 members. I would like to thank all the Brothers and Sisters who worked on this project. The job will be completed by the June 15 deadline. Well done, Sisters and Brothers.

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THE CONDUIT

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BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT



Sisters and Brothers,

BY KEVIN B. CASEY

As I sit here and write this article of the Conduit, Memorial Day weekend has just passed. Employment is still very good. The Calverton Solar Farm is starting to wind down and should be completed in the next couple of weeks. Employment should be steady for a while. Some other nice jobs that should be getting ready to start by the end of the year: the Brookhaven

Lab Welcome Center, Good Samaritan Hospital, Jakes 58 extension, UBS Retail Village, and the Northpoint project on Sills Road, just to name a few.

Since the last Conduit article, the "A" Construction and CW/CE Contracts were overwhelmingly ratified by the membership. Both were three-year contracts, and both contracts saw the highest monetary increases in the history of Local 25. Some highlights of the contract besides money were an additional holiday off for Martin Luther King Day, some added temporary light language, some changes to the tool list removing chain wrench and adding wire strippers, adding scope of work language to include all renewable energy which includes solar, photovoltaic, wind, biomass, wave, hydropower, battery storage, fuel cells and micro turbines. Also added to the contract was a 6:00 am and 6:30 am start time. With the way traffic and gas prices are here on Long Island, we felt this would benefit the members if they wanted to utilize these start times. We also increased the Annuity from 10% to 12%. The annuity has been 10% since 1987. Local 25's Negotiating Team was President John Guadagno, Treasurer Ryan Casey, Business Reps Jack Majkut, Tim McCarthy and myself, Business Manager Kevin Casey. I would like to thank the Negotiating Team for a great job.

This past May was the IBEW 40th International Convention. The convention is held every 5 years, and this year it was held in Chicago, Illinois. At this year's convention there were 1750 Delegates from 539 locals. Local 25's Delegates to the convention were President John Guadagno, Vice President Chis Callahan, Financial Secretary Jim Malley, Treasurer Ryan Casey, Business Reps Jack Majkut, Tim McCarthy, Jim Pena, Tom Lawless and myself, Business Manager Kevin Casey. Each day's session was packed with information with 42 Resolutions and 31 Amendments that had to be voted on. There were many guest speakers that spoke at the Convention. Some of the speakers were: National Building Trades President Sean McGarvey, AFL/CIO President Liz Shuler, Mayor of Chicago Laurie Lightfoot, Governor of Illinois JB Pritzker; with the highlight of the Convention coming when the President of the United States addressed the IBEW delegation. It was the first time in the history of the IBEW a sitting United States President addressed the IBEW delegation.

Some Local 25 events for this summer are the Yankee Game bus trip on July 31st, Local 25 Block Party on Saturday, August 13th, and the Local 25 Softball Tournament on August 26th, 27th and 28th. Please try to make your Union Meetings this summer.

Brothers and Sisters, that ends my report for this issue of the Conduit. Remember to work safe, turn off energized circuits, and always remember to stick together out there.

IN UNITY THERE IS STRENGTH!



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BY JOHN GUADAGNO

As we enter the months of June and July, I hope all are having a great summer with your families. On the Union front, we have reached Book 2 on our Referral for the sixth year in a row and work continues to be strong for the rest of the year.

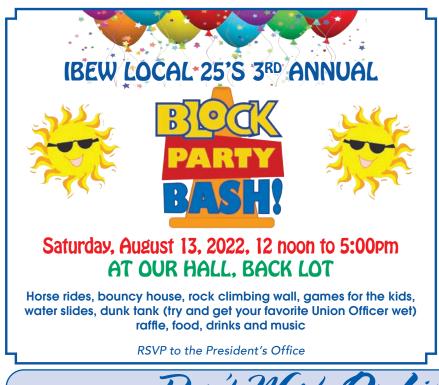
Our "A" Construction Agreement was approved by our "A" members on March 7, 2022. The Local 25 Negotiating Committee; consisting of Kevin Casey, Jack Majkut, Tim McCarthy, Ryan Casey, and myself, along with NECA contractors put in long hours to make sure we brought the best possible contract back to our members. Thank you to all my fellow committee members and NECA contractors for the outstanding job and approval of this Agreement. A special thanks to our members who attended the contract Round Table meetings. Showing unity to our NECA partners made it easier to ensure an agreement. We will continue working together to move our electrical industry forward.

On the volunteer front, we are in the final stages of the Winter Brothers project and have completed installing new LED lights at the AMVET Post 18 in East Islip. Thank you to all who have helped.

Our 51st Annual Softball Tournament will be held on August 26th, 27th, and 28th at Baldwin Park. Volunteers are needed and appreciated. Please contact the President's Office if you would like to volunteer.

Local 25 will be holding our Annual Block Party on Saturday, August 13, 2022, at our Union Hall in the back parking lot, from 12 pm to 5 pm. Please come join the fun.

This concludes my report for this edition of the Conduit. Enjoy the rest of your summer. Work smart and work safely until we meet again.



LOCAL UNION 25 CALENDAR

Regular Meeting 5:00 PM 2nd Tuesday each month

Executive Board Meeting 6:00 PM 1st & 3rd Thursday each month

UNIT MEETINGS

Neon Sign 4:30 PM 3rd Tuesday every month

Maintenance 4:30 PM 4th Thursday every month

CW/CE 4:30 PM 2nd Thursday every month

Residential 4:30 PM 2nd Thursday every month

Telecommunications 4:30 PM 1st Thursday each month

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Amber Light Women's Committee LU25 4:30 PM 3rd Thursday each month in the Long Island Room

Apprentice Awareness Committee 4:00 PM

4:00 PM Last Friday each month

E.W.M.C. 4:30 PM Last Thursday each month

Foreman Committee 4:30 PM 3rd Thursday each month

Retirees Club 12 Noon 1st Thursday each month

Veteran's Committee 4:30 PM 3rd Monday each month

V.U.F. Committee 4:30 PM 1st Wednesday each month

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V.U.F. COMMITTEE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Your donations help those families who find themselves in hard economic times. If you could find it in yourself to give and if you can give a little. I know that we all do what we can, but it would really mean a lot to those families if you could.

Come on down to the General Meeting every month on the second Tuesday at 5:00pm. I hope to see you soon and if you need to reach me, you can call me at 1-631-615-9295 or email me at cirinc@ verizon.net for any concerns.

Yours in Brotherhood. Christopher Callahan Chairman of the VUF

V.U.F. Donations April 1, 2022 to May 31, 2022

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PLEASE USE THE ATTACHED ENVELOPE TO MAKE YOUR DONATION TO THE VUF COMMITTEE TO HELP THE MEMBERS WHO ARE UNEMPLOYED V.U.F. Committee Local 25, I.B.E.W. PO Box 18033 Hauppauge, NY 11788-8833

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 \hat{C} ven when we have our day planned out, life can sometimes take us by surprise. No matter what, it's always good to know you have support to help you move forward.

National EAP offers confidential counseling and work/life services for all Local 25 Members and their family. National EAP's services are <u>confidential</u> and provided at <u>no cost</u> to you and your family through Local 25. NEAP can help with:

- Mental health and wellbeing
- Child care, elder care, and family support
- Work and career growth
- Grief & addiction
- Legal & financial needs
- Pre-qualified referrals to providers, specialists, and resources

We are here for you! Contact us at 1-800-624-2593 or email info@nationaleap.com.

RETIRED MEMBERS

Our most sincere congratulations to the following Brothers & Sisters who will or have retired: We all wish them the very best! May they enjoy a future filled with happy times and good health.

IBEW LOCAL 25 PENSION FUND

John R. Perkins John Mazzola Christian Burgbacher James Mahlmann Richard B. Sherwood, Jr.

IBEW INTERNATIONAL OFFICE PENSION

William G. Martin Kenneth C. Whitfield

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NOTICE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY JAMES P. MALLEY

As a result of an amendment to the IBEW Constitution at the 40th International Conventionheld May 2022 the per capita dues are:

Please take note of the Amounts & Renew early Unit Work Cards are due by June 30, 2022 "A" Maintenance, CE/CW, Pump & Tank, Neon Sign and Technicians

July-September 2022

All "BA" Members

Payment Methods

1. By mail (please include a self-addressed stamped envelope)

2. Online, visit www.ibew25.org (under "Secure Member login")

Master Card, Visa & Discover

The Financial Office is no longer accepting Cash as of January 1, 2021

Notice to Active & Retired Members Please update Beneficiaries

Every member of Local 25 is entitled to a **death benefit** provided by the **International Pension Plan**. Most members also participate in our **Group Life Insurance** with the **Union Labor Life Insurance Company**.

When you were initiated, you selected a beneficiary to receive each of these benefits. Please review your beneficiary designations. The beneficiary that you designated when you were sworn in may not be appropriate today. If you wish to change the beneficiary or either or both benefits, please contact the Financial Office at 631.273.4567.

James P. Malley, Financial Secretary

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\$133.00

\$ 66.00

To the Members of IBEW Local #25

After 42 years as a member of this fine Local it has come time for me to enjoy the fruits of my labor. As of July 1st, 2022, I will be retiring as a member of Local #25. I have had a good run and it is time for me to move on. The Executive Board has appointed Brother Ryan Casey to fill the rest of my term, I have 150% confidence in Brother Casey and sure he will do a fine job.

Thank you for letting me serve Our Brotherhood. Until we meet again.

James P. Malley

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Former Financial Secretary IBEW Local#25



Brothers and Sisters:

There is a saying "if you are not at the table, you are on the menu." This is especially true here on Long Island. C.O.P.E is an integral part of Local 25, and due to Covid-19 restrictions during this pandemic, it was not possible to do what is our strength. That being, boots on the ground, knock on doors, and making phone calls for Candidates that support Labor.

We have the green light to show what we do best. We are in the middle of the primary for Democratic nominee for the Governor of the State of NY.

Local 25 is supporting Tom Suozzi and will continue to do so as we have for many years. In support, we are currently phone banking, which can be done from anywhere. This Primary is June 28, 2022.

The primary for Congressional and State Senate offices is scheduled for August 23, 2022 and the General Election is November 8, 2022.

It is our duty to make sure those who support labor get our union's support.

To quote what former Business Manager Kevin Harvey used to say, "Vote your wallet; vote for those who support Labor."

For those of you who are looking to join the ranks of C.O.P.E, "We're gettin' the band back together man!" Please contact the President's office for more information.

Your Brother in Solidarity Joshua E. Margolis C.O.P.E. Committee Chairman Email: IBEWLocal25COPE@gmail.com • Cell phone 1-516-361-0508

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Shut it Off



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NEC CODE CORNER

This month we will examine Article 230.46 Spliced and Tapped Conductors. The requirement for power distribution blocks installed on the line side of service equipment was added to the 2017 edition of the NEC at 314.28(E)(1) Pull and Junction Boxes and **Conduit Bodies, Power Distribution Blocks,** Installation. For the 2020 NEC, the opening sentence of 230.46 remains the same as previous editions of the code and new text was added to indicate that power distribution blocks, pressure connectors, and devices for splices or taps must be listed, including a requirement that becomes effective on January 1, 2023. The 2020 edition of the National Electrical Code has specific language concerning many types of installations. Remember to consult the code book for additional information. The Outline and Language of the code is included below. Practice using the Codeology Method to answer all your code challenges.

CHAPTER, ARTICLE, PART, and SECTION!

2020 National Electrical Code

<u>Chapter</u>	2 Wiring and Protection
<u>Article</u>	230 Services
<u>Part</u>	IV. Service Entrance Conductors
Section	230.46 Spliced and Tapped Conductors

230.46 Spliced and Tapped Conductors.

Service-entrance conductors shall be permitted to be spliced or tapped in accordance with 110.14, 300.5(E), 300.13, and 300.15. Power distribution blocks, pressure connectors, and devices for splices and taps shall be listed. Power distribution blocks installed on service conductors shall be marked "suitable for use on the line side of the service equipment" or equivalent.

Effective January 1, 2023, pressure

connectors and devices for splices and taps installed on service conductors shall be marked "suitable for use on the line side of the service equipment" or equivalent.

So what does this mean?

The requirement for power distribution blocks installed on the line side of the service equipment to be listed and marked "suitable for use on the line side of service equipment" or equivalent was added to the 2017 NEC at 314.28(E). For the 2020 NEC this language is now located at 230.46, the correct location for the requirement dealing with power distribution block markings and listings installed on service conductors, in the Services article, at 230.46. An additional sentence was added with an effective date of January 1, 2023 that states pressure connectors and devices for splices and taps installed on service conductors shall be marked "suitable for use on the line side of service equipment" or equivalent. The reason for the deferred request date is to let product manufacturers to review their product, allow for revisions to product standards and additional product testing by a nationally recognized testing laboratory (NRTL), to permit the product to be listed with the "suitable for use on the line side of sevice equipment" marking. This testing and marking requirement for pressure connectors and devices for splices and taps installed on service conductors is due to the tremendous magnetic and thermal forces these connectors and devices are subjected to during short circuit current conditions. This code change was brought about because Code-making Panel 10 was provided with information that showed failures of some devices, as an example, split bolt connectors, used for termination of service conductors at higher amounts of available fault current. The 2020 edition of the National Electrical (Continued on next page)



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Code certainly meets the purpose of the code – sensible revisions reflecting advances in technology along with industry practices for the practical safeguarding of persons and property from hazards arising from the use of electricity.

CODE KNOWLEDGE = CODE CONFIDENCE Tom Dunne

MONTHLY CODE CHALLENGE

Find the correct Chapter, Article, Part and Section and win a prize!

Power distribution blocks installed in metal wireways shall be listed. Power distribution blocks installed on the line side of the service equipment ______ "suitable for use on the line side of service equipment" or equivalent.

Use the 2020 National Electrical Code Book

Send in your **answer** with the correct **Chapter**, the correct **Article**, the correct **Part** and the correct **Section**, including the correct 1st, 2nd and 3rd level subdivision to: ckelly@ lijatc.org and win a prize.



The Sportsman's Club will be holding shotgun shoots on Sunday, 6-26-22, 7-24-22, 8-21-22, and 9-18-22 at 9:30 AM. The venue will be Peconic River Sportsman's Club, 1 Connecticut Avenue, Manorville, NY 11949. For those interested in attending the shoots, you will need 100 rounds of $\#7 \frac{1}{2}$ or #8 target loads.

Targets cost \$50.00 per hundred **Cash only**. Only the use of traditional shotguns with standard magazines will be permitted.

You must RSVP via email to Jasper Kassay (jasper25sport@gmail.com) to let us know you are coming.



Thanks, Jasper Kassay, Jr. Al Murphy, Sr. Bill Martin Bill Summers



In Memoriam

Retired Sister Darlene Ross-Brandoff

Passed away May 16, 2022

NAME

CARD # D770622

In Sympathy

The officers and members of Local Union No. 25, IBEW extend their deepest sympathy to the following members and their families on the sorrowful loss of their loved ones:

Retired Brother Robert A. Frandolig Mother

Deceased Brother Edward Krause Wife

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY BOARD'S NEW MEMBER WEBSITE

The Electrical Industry Board is happy to announce the launch of its MemberXG website. This website will enable Local 25 members online access to view important benefit information, such as Annuity, 401k and MRA account balances.

Other features of the site include the ability to view your:

- Pension credit summary;
- Work history for all years from 2013 to present;
- Vacation payments issued, including the breakdown of taxes and fees;
- Eligibility for health coverage.

Listed below is the website address for MemberXG. When you sign on for the first time, you will be asked to provide an email address and a password. The information on this site is very personal to you, do not share your login information with anyone and be sure to keep your login information stored in a safe place that only you can access. Your spouse can create their own account to view their eligibility. We suggest using a personal email address and not one that you might currently have through your employer. If you lose your login information, just click on the "Can't access your account?" tab at the bottom of the login page to help you gain access.

The website address is:

https://memberxg.gobasys.com/EIBNY/main/#!/account/login

Once you sign on, you will be able to see your benefit funds in real-time, review work history, and check your health coverage eligibility.

If you have any questions, feel free to call the EIB office for assistance. We ask that you please be patient with us, this site is a work in progress and may take a little time to perfect

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Veterans Canteen Service

VCS is through the Veterans Administration. They operate Patriot stores at over 200 V.A. Medical Centers nationwide and online. They offer a wide variety of products & services at a discounted rate. All Veterans are eligible to sign up online at www.shopvcs.va.gov.

Sincerely, Jason Helfer LU 25 Veterans Committee Chairman



The 2022 Local 25 golf outings are scheduled as follows:

• Saturday, July 16, 2022 – 11:00am – Rock Hill Golf & C.C.

The two outings above include golf cart, range balls, lunch, and dinner for \$125.00 per person. For Apprentices, unemployed members, and retired members of Local 25 the cost is \$100.00.

The third outing is scheduled for:

• Wednesday, August 17, 2022 – 10:30am – Smithtown Landing C. C.

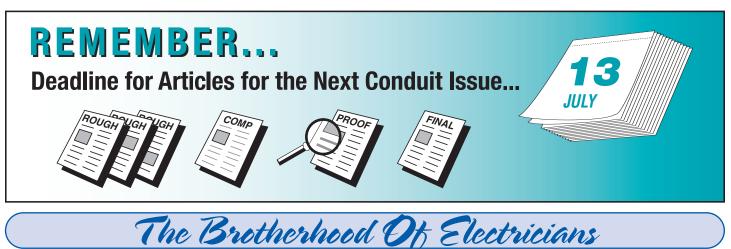
This outing includes dinner and awards following golf and will cost \$125.00 for all golfers.

Each outing includes gross and net prizes, as well as closest to the pin and longest drive winners. You need to be a low handicapper to attend. Bring friends, family and co-workers and enjoy a day on the links. All those interested can contact me at 516-369-2280.

Special thanks to the Golf Committee: Roy Starke, Robert Bjornson, Jim Starke, George Starke, Sal Stuto, Matt McDermott, Jim Sutherland, Vinny Ferravanti and Billy Jankowski. Without their time, efforts, and dedication these outings would not be possible.

Mike Zeffer

Golf Committee Chairman



Important Phone Numbers

The following telephone numbers and websites are listed for the convenience of all covered members:

ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY BOARD

Benefit Fund Office, 631-434-3344 Fax 631-434-3397 E-mail: info@eibofli.org Web Site: EIBofLI.com

LOCAL 25 IBEW

631-273-4567 Fax 631-273-4773 www.IBEW25.org

HEALTH & BENEFIT FUND MAGNACARE

Customer Service Hospital/Medical Toll free 1-877-624-6224 www.magnacare.com

Medicare Eligible Retirees

Aetna PPO: 1-844-374-5223 24 HR nurse line: 1-855-493-7019

Hospital Precertification/2nd Opinion Toll Free 1-877-335-4725

Dental:

DDS Preferred Provider 516-794-7700 www.ddsinc.net

Davis Vision

For information: 1-800-999-5431 www.davisvision.com

EPIC Hearing Service Plan: 1-866-956-5400

Express Scripts: For Information: 1-800-251-7689 www.medco.com

National EAP Employee Assistance Providers 1-800-624-2593 www.nationaleap.com

I.B.E.W. LOCAL 25 PENSION FUND: The Prudential Insurance Co:

Pension Checks: Missing/Change of Address, Call: Toll Free, 1-800-421-1056 <u>www.prudential.com</u>

NEBF Pension: 1-301-556-4300 NEBF Education & Information Web Site can be accessed at: NEBF.com

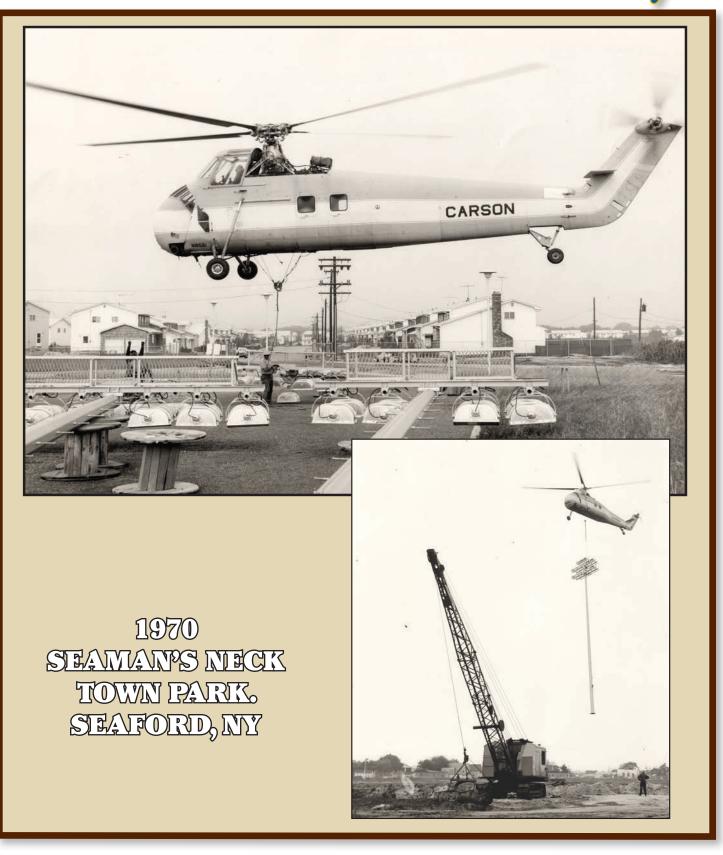
Did You Know?

- Sudan has more pyramids than any country in the world with 255, compared to Egypt's 138.
- The bumblebee bat is the world's smallest mammal with a body length of 1.25 inches.
- There are parts of Africa in all four hemispheres
- Human teeth are the only part of the body that cannot heal themselves. Teeth are coated in enamel which is not a living tissue.
- The Ancient Romans used to drop a piece of toast into their wine for good health - hence why we 'raise a toast'.
- The real name for a hashtag is an octothorpe. The 'octo' refers to the eight points in the symbol, but according to the Merriam-Webster dictionary the 'thorpe' part is a mystery.
- The actors who voiced Mickey and Minnie mouse got married in real life.
- The heart of the blue whale, the largest animal on earth, is five feet long and weighs 400 pounds. For comparison, an elephant's heart weighs around 30 pounds. And a human heart...a mere 10 ounces
- There are no muscles in your fingers: Their function is controlled by muscles in your palms and arms
- Humans could never "land" on Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus or Neptune because they are made of gas and have no solid surface
- Although no longer connected to the beer company, Guinness World Records was founded by the managing director of Guinness Brewery in the 1950s.

Vinnie D'Ambrosio

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Important Notice

The job line number is 631-273-4557, press option 6. Daytime job line hours are from 3:30 am to 5:00 pm. Alghttime job line hours are from 5:00 pm to 3:30 am.



Saturday, August 13, 2022, 12 noon to 5:00pm AT OUR HALL, BACK LOT

Horse rides, bouncy house, rock climbing wall, games for the kids, water slides, dunk tank (try and get your favorite Union Officer wet) raffle, food, drinks and music

RSVP to the President's Office