

# IUOE Local 310 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

## August 8, 2009

The 75th Anniversary Celebration of IUOE Local 310 was held on Saturday, August 8th at the Union Office. Although the weather wasn't fully cooperative, the members, retirees, their families and invited guests seemed to enjoy themselves. The day started out stormy but the sun broke out a little later. The temperatures went up (along with the humidity) and then the rains came again, but it didn't dampen the fun!

Plenty of food and beverages were available for everyone. Inside the office was a historic display sponsored by Wisconsin Public Service that showed the early days of line and gas work along with the transit system that was later sold to the City of Green Bay. WPS and the city also provided some buses for display that included a brand new bus and one from 1947.

A special thank you is extended to the members of the historical group from WPS that were on hand and provided some insight into the history behind Local 310 and WPS. They included; Jim Dobratz, Mary Frank, Karl Johansson, Jerry Mikulsky, and Arnie Rentmeester. Some of the pictures that

appear elsewhere in this edition were provided by that group. Other pictures were provided by Kevin Dessell.

Several guests included Father Dave Kasperik (who dedicated the Operating Engineers memorial), State Senator Dave Hansen, State Representative Jim Soletski, State Assembly leader Tom Nelson, Larry Weyers, and Mayor Jim Schmitt. Also on hand was James H. Flaherty, son of our founder, first president and later our Business Manager, James Flaherty.

Local 310 was chartered in 1934 by workers at the Bayside (Pulliam) Power Plant. Local 310 was instrumental in passing legislation in the state of Wisconsin for the 40-hour work week and we continue to be politically involved in state and national legislation.

Lastly, the entire celebration wouldn't have been a success without the dedication and imagination of the committee that included Roger Zimmerman, Tina Webb, Kevin Dessell and Chris Satterburg. Also, a special thanks to those who pitched in "just because".



The Operating Engineers Memorial



The inflatable slide was a hit with the kids



Face painting & tattoos were popular with the kids too.



Buses on display from the City of Green Bay

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Part of the historical display included this picture of a 1940's line truck



Line crew from 1965



Line crew from 1944



An Algoma line crew



1946 line crew



Gas servicemen