



FEATURED PROJECT

Peoples Gas North

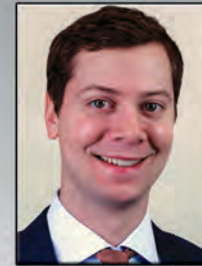
Block Electric recently finished the Peoples Gas North project. This project consisted of a total of 84,450 sq. ft. The facility housed 14,000 sq. ft. of office space along with a training center, fleet bay for vehicle repairs and maintenance, and state of the art fitness center. The building was completed in record time of 9 months, with more than 30 electricians working 6 days a week for most of the summer. Martin Will led the crew through over 160 design changes.

Marty's experience on his previous project, AA-GEM, showed up when the similar jobs required hands on experience and design input.

Peoples Gas has plans to build 8 of these similar facilities and Block is currently involved in building 3 of them. That is a testament to our employees' workmanship and dedication to *Customer Delight* which keeps us on top of our game and will continue for another 100 years.

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Vice President's Message



As we power through our 100th year in business, the overall economy and local project outlook is still looking positive.

Institutional, health-care, and commercial warehousing/office spaces are all continuing to grow.

Also, as of late January, bid packages for the development of "O'Hare 21" began to come out. The first few months of Winter took a toll on new projects beginning due to the fact that many owners were looking for budgetary numbers for many upcoming projects that are being set to start in early spring and summer.

It's important to know that these "slow-downs" are typical in our industry, especially during election years, and shouldn't be misconstrued as an economic recession.

Featured in this newsletter is the Peoples Gas North project led in the field by Martin Will and his superb crew. One of the large challenges this project faced was the amount of design changes and overall project schedule. Peoples Gas needed this project complete in roughly 9 months and began construction with about 60-70% of a completed design. Martin had to do a tremendous amount of pre-planning in order to manage a crew of up to 30 electricians plus sub-contractors and massive amounts of overtime in order to maintain the schedule. Thank you to all those who put in the time on this job to make it a success and *Delight* another *Customer*.

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Vice President's Message

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Pre-planning is the baseline to every successful project. To keep up with the fast pace project schedules that our customers demand of us, we must continue to innovate. Pre-planning is step one in this process. Meetings, BIM/CAD coordination, two or three week look ahead schedules, and prefabrication are some examples of how we can accomplish this process. Our customers are also demanding it by organizing "Pull Plan" meetings on job sites. In order for Block Electric to stay ahead of the marketplace and offer true Customer Delight we must continue to innovate our pre-planning process for every task that we take on individually and as a team. You will always help make a difference by doing your part in this innovative process.

Some of our recently added projects include the following:

- Silver Cross CVOR
- 25. E Washington – Interior Build out & Core and Shell
- NU Hinman – FA Upgrades
- Peoples Gas CBD Building
- APMC Elevator Modernization & PEDS Ultrasound
- Trans Union UPS Replacement
- Willow Estate Clubhouse Renovation
- Glenbrook Hospital – MRI Replacement
- Nouryon – various projects

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Vice President, Block Electric



Spotlight On:

William Rausch

FOREMAN

Before becoming an electrician and beginning his career at Block Electric on February 7, 2011, William Rausch worked as a carpenter for a couple of years. His first job at Block Electric was the Hinsdale Hospital addition.

William first had to gain experience by working for a non-union electrical company for one year before being accepted into the union.

"I feel that being an electrician is a very specialized trade and it gives me the freedom to craft and create a project that I am proud of," William said.

William has worked on a variety of projects for Block Electric, such as Glen Oaks Hospital, the College of DuPage Gym remodel and addition, and the Hinsdale Hospital addition. However, he mainly works at Argonne National Laboratory.

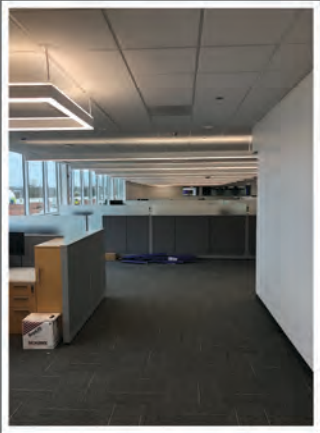
"Working at Argonne National Lab, we have created many good relationships with our clients at the labs," he said. "We continually see our clients on site, and when they express to us how much they enjoy and like the work that we have done, it gives you a good feeling that it was well worth our time and effort."

William and his "wonderful wife" Melissa, who is a high school English teacher, live in Downers Grove with their 3 children—Danielle, 13, who dances competitively; Billy, 11, who plays travel baseball; and Katelyn, 7, who takes dance classes.

When he's not busy at work or with his kids' activities, William enjoys playing roller hockey, softball, and a yard game called "Kubb". And "Go Cubs!"

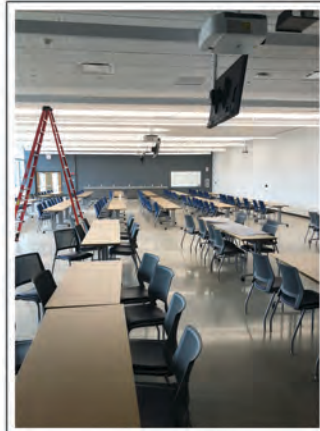
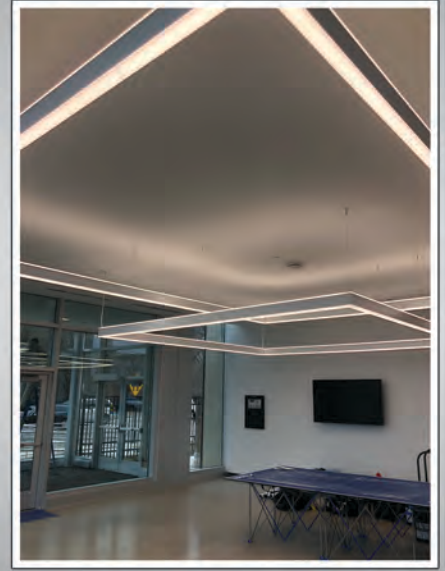
He travels and plays Kubb competitively in Illinois and Wisconsin. William has played in the U.S. National Championship in Eau Claire for the past 4 years.

"I would like to make a shout out to all the great people that I have worked with in the past and present," William said. "Gerald Martin, Adam Mellen, Mike Smith, Vinnie Pulio, Jason Carline, Dave Senko and Kris Hajak, to name a few. Block has some great people in the office and in the field. I'm just proud to be part of the team! In the words of Bill Murray, "Gunga Galunga!"



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Celebrating 100 Years of Customer Delight!



Thank you to all who attended our 100th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at the Shedd Aquarium. It was a great honor to gather with friends, family and colleagues to celebrate this milestone with us. Here's to 100 more years of *Customer Delight!*





NEW IDEAS NEEDED... WIN A VISA GIFT CARD! New Products, Tools & Prefab Assemblies

Congratulations to Chad Fowler for his featured prefab this quarter!

The conduit penetrating the floor is considered an impalement hazard. We have used rebar caps in the past but these ProCap Safety Caps are designed specifically for EMT, and can be kicked off easily. We can reuse them as long as they hold up and it eliminates plugging the conduit with a screw in plug or duct tape.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are looking for fresh and innovative ideas for new products, tools and ongoing prefab assemblies to feature in future issues of the Block Electric newsletter.

In an effort to make our jobs run more efficiently and be more cost-effective, we are looking for your suggestions regarding which tools can be used in your day-to-day work to make your lives easier.

There are no right or wrong answers. We're looking for any and all products and ideas to share with the team.

Congratulations to Rick Madison for your featured prefab this quarter!

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

If your idea is featured in the Block Electric newsletter, you will receive up to a \$50.00 Visa gift card.

FOCUS ON SAFETY

Winter Walking Safety Tips

In the winter, slips and falls on ice and snow are some of the most common injury causes around. By following the tips and recommendations below, you can reduce the chances that you will fall and get hurt this winter.

Winter Walking Tips

- Wear footwear with slip resistant soles and good treads.
- Adjust your pace to the surface conditions...
GO S-L-O-W.

- Watch where you are stepping and always step down off curbs before stepping out or away.
- Walk in cleared designated walkways as much as possible.
- Keep your hands out of your pockets.
- Anticipate ice. Beware of thin sheets of ice that may appear as wet pavement (black ice). Often ice will appear in the morning, in shady spots or where the sun shines during the day and melted snow refreezes at night.

WINTER LESSONS: HOW TO WALK ON ICE



Block Electric's Safety Policy

It is our policy to provide all employees with a safe, healthful, and hazard-free work place. The intent at all times is to comply with the provisions of the Williams-Steiger Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSHA).

Block Electric recognizes that accident prevention and efficient production are interrelated. We further recognize our responsibility to provide adequate training, safeguards and safety equipment for each employee. In turn each employee bears the responsibility to comply with all safety regulations and the use of required safety equipment. The safety and well being of our employees has been and will continue to be of primary importance.

Our EMR is .77 and our Contractor Score is 2390. Phil Casto is our safety director.

Block Electric Announcements

Block Electric Employee Celebrates Milestone Anniversary

Congratulations to Gary Jones, who celebrated 30 years with Block Electric on February 5, 2020. Thank you for being part of our company's success over the years. We greatly appreciate and value your hard work and success. Happy Anniversary!

Block Electric Scholarship Application Deadline: April 30

The application deadline for the annual Block Electric Scholarship is Thursday, April 30, 2020. Application instructions are listed below and are in your Team Member Handbook. Submit all applications to: Ms. Pauline Staab, Porte Brown Accounting and Consulting, 1752 Capital Street, Suite 400, Elgin, Illinois 60124

Scholarship Eligibility/ Application Instructions

Block Electric is committed to the success and achievements of the people who make up our company. We are also interested in promoting the achievements of the next generation of individuals. In order to help accomplish this, we offer a partial scholarship program to our people for their children who are interested in attending college. The funding is made through Block Electric Co.

Eligibility

The following persons are eligible to apply for a scholarship:

1. Children of a Block Electric Co. employee. The employee must be employed by Block Electric for at least five (5) years prior to application.
2. The applicant must have maintained a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale during the last two (2) years of high school, or if presently attending college, a 2.5 average in the last complete year.
3. Applicants must be seeking enrollment or enrolled in a four year accredited college or university.
4. Prior recipients can also be eligible. They must re-apply annually, and must have maintained a 2.5 grade point average while attending college.
5. Children of the officers of Block Electric Co. are not eligible to participate.

Scholarship Amounts

Individual scholarships of \$2,000.00 will be made available. A maximum of three (3) scholarships will be awarded each year.

Selection Criteria

Selections of recipients will be based on the following:

1. Selections will be made by the independent accounting firm of Porte Brown.
2. In the event that more than three applications

are received in any year, eligible applicants who have not received a scholarship from Block Electric Co. in prior years will be given precedence.

3. At least two-thirds of the annual awards will be made to children of field personnel. Field personnel are defined as Apprentices, Electricians or Supervisors.

4. In the event that more than one application is received from the same family, the second family applicant will receive an award only if there are less than three other eligible applicants.

Application Process

All applications must be in writing only and sent to: Ms. Pauline Staab, Porte Brown Accounting and Consulting 1752 Capital Street, Suite 400, Elgin, IL 60124

Any questions can be directed to Ryan Underwood at 847-647-4030.

The application is simply a letter written to Ms. Pauline Staab stating the following information:

1. Name, address, telephone number and social security number of the applicant.
2. Name of parent of applicant.
3. Name and address of college or university to be attended.
4. The applicant's high school and/or college (in the event of re-application) should be instructed to send the applicant's transcripts to Ms. Staab at the above address.
5. A summary of why the applicant is in need of this scholarship.

The deadline for the application, along with the other information, is April 30. The selection and notification will be made by May 31.

Other

Block Electric Co. reserves the right to change the eligibility, scholarship amount, and selection criteria at any time.

REGISTER NOW! Walk & Roll Chicago

Saturday, June 13, 2020

Maggie Daley Park, 337 E. Randolph



Please join Team Block Electric for the 48th Annual American Cancer Society Walk & Roll on Saturday, June 13, 2020 at Maggie Daley Park, 337 E. Randolph Street, Chicago, IL.

There's still time to support Team Block Electric for the annual American Cancer Society Walk and Roll. To sign up for Team Block Electric, go to: <http://main.acevents.org/goto/BlockElectric>. Click on either "Join a Team" or "Donate Now".

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Donna Dreksler or Crissy Sorensen at 847-647-4030 or ddreksler@blockelectric.com or csorensen@blockelectric.com.

One Day. One Goal. Four Ways to Roll.

Walk & Roll Chicago is the longest-running cancer fundraiser in Illinois. For the past 48 years, people from all over Chicagoland have gathered for Walk & Roll to support the American Cancer Society. This one-of-a-kind event offers participants of all ages and skill levels the opportunity to walk 5K, run 5K (timed), skate 10K or bike 15K to raise funds and help save lives from all cancers.

Bring your family, neighbors, and coworkers and help us celebrate cancer survivors and caregivers! Be sure to stick around for our kid's dash, picnic, DJ, live band, and so much more!

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REGISTER NOW!

WALK AND ROLL CHICAGO – SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2020

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