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## ~ Business Manager's Report ~

### Brothers and Sisters,

L.U. 347, Des Moines, IA. -An open letter to all union members. What can the union do for me? This question is asked all too frequently. It is not only the non-union worker who poses the question. All too often, the question is asked by union members having several years standing. The answer to this question depends on you as a member, because the members are the union.

The question is actually comparable to asking- What can the schoolhouse do for me?

The union, like the schoolhouse, only houses the facilities for providing the ways and means for accomplishing its objectives. A community could have the finest schoolhouse in the Nation, but if nobody attended the school, the building would serve no constructive purpose.

Union meetings- A union whose members do not attend meetings and participate in the establishment of the union's objectives and purposes, like the vacant schoolhouse, cannot function efficiently.

Lonesome union officers- Union officers are plagued by lack of support by their membership. A union officer is a very lonely figure when he faces the employer, knowing that his members are not standing behind him.

Union dues- Many union members are of the belief that their Union obligations are fulfilled by the payment of union dues. Nothing could be further from the truth! Actually, union dues are the most insignificant part of a union member's obligation.

The only thing a union member can contribute to his union is his time and talent. The remunerative value of union membership is such that, in effect, the union pays the member for joining the union. In addition to the benefits afforded the member at the time of becoming a member, the first wage negotiation following such membership affiliation usually exceeds all dues obligations. So, it doesn't cost to be a union member, it pays!

However, union membership would pay far more if only all members would participate in union activities.

What can the union do for me? Why not start attending union meetings and help to prepare the answers? You may be delightfully surprised by the results.

**Written by Fred H. Powers**

**Article taken from the January 1968 Journal**

..... 44 years later and this still holds true.



Iowa State Fair

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# Membership News

## Last Months Job Referrals

75—referrals sent out    51—Regular Calls    0—Short Call  
 5—Apprentice    14—Unindentureds

## Newborns

**Brenna Rose Liske:** Born June 13, 2012. 8 lbs., 20” long. Parents: Brian & Heather Liske.



## IBEW Local Union #347

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

∴ 1 Final Reading for membership

∴ 1 Donation request approved

∴ 1 Normal Retirement approved



Not on IBEW Local Union #347's Facebook page yet? Here's a taste of what you've missed in July!

We've just reached 559 people who follow our Facebook! Suggest our page to your friends in the industry! This is a great tool to get updates from the Union Hall immediately and also to have discussions with others on IBEW related issues! “Like” us today!

\* Job calls—regular and short calls

\* IBEW related links

\* IBEW related videos

\* Journeyman Training info.

# Apprenticeship News

*Iowa Electrical Apprenticeship Training and Educational Trust to be recognized.*

On 1 August 2012, Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis will commemorate the **75th Anniversary** of the signing of the National Apprenticeship Act at the **“Out Educate, Out Build, Out Innovate”** summit.

The National Education and Action Summit will bring together Leaders, Partners and Stakeholders from throughout the National Registered Apprenticeship System. The National Education and Action Summit will celebrate the role Registered Apprenticeship has played in training the U.S. workforce for the last 75 years and will highlight the role Registered Apprenticeship can play in training America’s workforce for the next 75 years by featuring some of the **innovative and trailblazing programs**.

*On July 10, 2012 the United States Department of Labor announced that two of Iowa’s registered Apprenticeship Programs are being recognized as a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Registered Apprenticeship **Trailblazer and Innovator**. Based on the information that was provided to the National Office, their program, practice, strategy, or partnership demonstrates at least one example of the kinds of innovation and/or trailblazing efforts that has had a significant impact on the history of Registered Apprenticeship and/or has implications for Registered Apprenticeship in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.*

The two Registered Apprenticeship Trailblazers and Innovators programs are:

***Iowa Electrical Apprenticeship Training and Educational Trust, an IBEW/NECA Electrical JATC***

***Eastern Iowa Community College (Scott County) Registered Apprenticeship Chef Program***

The Iowa Electrical Apprenticeship Training and Educational Trust is the only Construction Trades Apprenticeship Program in Iowa to be recognized for this honor.



## **BACK TO SCHOOL PRODUCT HIGHLIGHT!**

The products below are all 100% Made in the USA, look for these while doing your back to school shopping!



The following people will fall into reinstatement (\$30) if their dues are not paid by **August 31, 2012**. This list was run on July 24, 2012

Adam S. Ames	Brian L. Piercy
Derek A. Ballard	Matthew N. Pontious
Kasey R. Barnes	Matthew J. Puis
Justin R. Barnett	David T. Ramsell
Scott P. Baysinger	Logan M. Richardson
Landon D. Beard	James R. Ruge
Mark A. Brinkman	Wano N. Russell
Edwin C. Rose	Adam L. Schmidt
Jeffery J. Burns	Scott B. Schoonover
William M. Carmody	Tony L. Short
Krzysztof Chrzaszcz	Stephanie M. Sliger
Robert J. Clausen	Lee R. Stahl
Derek E. Conover	James D. Sullivan
Richard B. Corbin	Phillip M. Thompson
Ryan L. Edgington	Dustin J. Waage
Michael J. Ford	Kenneth R. Wallace
Michael A. Garcia	Jamie W. Willey
Daniel J. Gisvold	Bryan H. York
Jason W. Grosvenor	Michael D. Ballantini
Matt Z. Gruis	Cory A. Black
Aaron J. Hamel	Jeremiah J. Cornelison
Chris T. Harden	Jason A. Hanna
Ronald S. Harmon	Allan J. Kennedy
Jennifer S. Hitt	Brandon E. Nilius
Kerry A. Horner	Jerry E. Place
Shane J. Howard	Aaron L. Straight
Mike I. Hyde	Thomas J. Street
Andrew T. Johnson	
Jason D. Jones	
Michael D. Jones	
Justin A. Lantz	
Heather Larson	
Carl V. Lenger	
Corey A. Little	
Elliott J. Mann	
Tracey N. McAvoy	
Kevin J. McCarty	
Michael J. McNerney	
Jamie R. Moorman	
William C. Moriarty	
Matthew W. Oosterhuis	
Michael A. Pauscher	

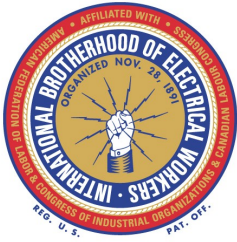


The following people will be dropped if their dues are not paid by August 31, 2012. This list was run on July 24, 2012.

Braden D. Hofmeister  
 Ronnie L. Marshall  
 Barbara J. Mentzer  
 Scott Mentzer  
 Jason D. Moorman  
 Jason P. Murphy  
 William T. Newton  
 Alex G. VanDenBroek  
 Brian L. Wallace  
 Robert J. Wiles  
 Alan H. Kline  
 Jeffrey L. Mitchell

# August 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Residential Mtg. 4:00 PM	2	3	4
5	6 Trans-Lux Mtg. 2:30 & 3:15 PM  ADT Mtg. 5:00 PM	7 EP-2 Mtg. 4:00 PM	8	9 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG. 5:00 PM  Retiree Luncheon	10	11
12	13	14 Firestone Mtg. 3:00 PM	15 Firestone Mtg. 3:00 PM  V.D.V. Mtg. 4:00 PM	16 KCCI Mtg. 1:00 PM  T.S.T. Mtg. 3:30 & 4:30 PM	17	18
19	20 Stockman/ Deliveryman Mtg. 4:30 PM	21 Keystone Mtg. after work	22	23 Fort Dodge Mtg. 5:00 PM	24	25
26	27	28 E-Board Mtg. 4:00 PM	29	30	31	



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For Job Calls, call after 4:30 PM daily and all weekend long: (515) 243-5412 Fax #: (515) 243-8772

**LOCAL 347 HEALTH INSURANCE GROUP #78-380001**

Dollar Bank Billing & Claims Information: Call Wilson-McShane (515) 224-4308 or 1-877-224-4308  
To search for a United Health Care in-network provider call: 1-866-596-8447 or go to [www.uhc.com](http://www.uhc.com) and click on Options PPO.

**L.D.I. INFORMATION (Prescription)—[www.LDIRx.com](http://www.LDIRx.com)**

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To contact L.D.I. directly if you do not have internet access: 1-866-516-3121

**DELTA DENTAL INFORMATION—[www.deltadental.com](http://www.deltadental.com)**

When presenting your ID Card, please notify the provider to only use the last 9 digits or your Member ID #.  
To contact Delta Dental directly if you do not have internet access: 1-800-544-0718

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To search for a provider or to look at available benefits go to [www.vsp.com](http://www.vsp.com) and click on member benefits.

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[www.principal.com](http://www.principal.com). When calling have your P.I.N. ready 1-800-547-7754

**TRADESMEN CREDIT UNION:**

(515) 243-8735

**RETIREE RESOURCES:**

IBEW Retiree helpline: 1-800-733-4239  
NEBF: 1-301-556-4300  
Have your Card# or SS# ready