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Merry Christmas Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people that worked at Jolly Holiday lights to get them all powered up for their annual lighting display. Dan Abbott, Rich Chumbly, Stephen Coxe, Chad Gregory, Doyle Horwart, Mike Murphy, Eric Rebhuhn, and Bryan Williams. As always, a special thanks to Joe Rivas and Rod Olson for your hard work and organizing efforts.

The Annual #347 Children's Christmas party is the December 14th at the Elwell Family Food Center in the Iowa State fairgrounds from Noon- 3 pm. List of activities included in this issue. Volunteers are still needed to help set up before, work during, and clean up after the party. If interested in helping and receiving some last minute Union Service Credits for the year end drawing, contact Stacy at the Union Office.

Don't forget that we are a sponsor for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots! We have two big boxes to fill at the hall. They do not accept stuffed animals or wrapped toys. Let's all do our part and fill up the boxes. It's an honor to be a part of this annual event that directly benefits the less fortunate children in our very own community!

At October's Executive Board meeting, it was decided that the E-Board would be the lead committee for the 100 year anniversary party for the local. We will need volunteers, however, to help with sub-committees such as finance, historical, entertainment, food and beverage, special guests, and a general setup committee, etc. To ensure the parties success, we need everyone's help! This includes all Retirees, Sub-Units and Apprentices. We are ALL part of what makes this local great! The party is scheduled for October 11th so mark your calendars NOW to attend.

Work in our area remains and will be strong with most of the last calls going to Book 2. If you are sitting for a contractor there really is no reason to. The JATC took in 50 first year apprentices this year to help man the work and there is currently 127 unindentureds working.

If you don't know for sure if you qualify for the end of the year drawing for meetings attended and union service call the hall. There will also be a list of eligible members at the December 12th General Membership Meeting. You must get in all requests for Union Service Credit prior to the December 30th Executive Board meeting.

In closing Brothers and Sisters, I truly hope that every one of you has a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year. Long live the IBEW - the greatest union in the world!

In Solidarity, Scott L Farnsworth, President IBEW Lu#347

**Dues increase
\$2.00 effective
January 1, 2014
for all members
and classes!**

**Breakdown of
amounts on
following page.**

~ Business Managers Report ~

Brothers and Sisters,

The Board of Trustees of both our IBEW Local 347 Electrical Workers Health and Welfare Fund and IBEW Local 347 Retirement And 401(k) Plan have agreed to seek out a new third party administrator to the plans. After aggressively researching potential candidates, the results were narrowed down to four very qualified administrators. Based on our research and the interview process we have reached a final decision. As soon as the contracts are in order you will be notified of our selection and we will begin a transition period that is expected to take six months. We will do everything we can to help ensure a smooth cutover. More information will become available soon.

The Electrical Workers Building Foundation will be holding its annual meeting on December 12th as per the bylaws. This meeting will take place at 4:00, just before the start of the General Membership meeting.

Our Local Union is about to celebrate our 100 year anniversary. If you know of any pictures, memorabilia or good stories that need to be told, please get ahold of us. We welcome all input and will forward it to the 100 Year Committee.

The staff and I here at the hall would like to wish each of you a Merry Christmas. Don't forget to load up the kids and drag them down to the IBEW Local 347 Christmas party this year. It is sure to be one of our best.

Brotherhood Strong,
Pat Wells, Business Manager

Political Corner

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to start out by thanking everyone that helped out with the City Council elections. I believe the IBEW, as a whole, made a difference in the election. We had five seats open, and we were able to seat four of those five endorsed candidates!

That being said, the election cycle is not over yet! In WARD 1 we have a run-off between Bill Gray and Sean Bagniewski. They are both good for labor, but as the IBEW, we are endorsing Sean Bagniewski.

We believe he is a little more in-tune with our needs. Sean has worked for Governor Vilsack and Culver securing 53 million dollars in statewide energy projects and has had a big part in securing PLA projects throughout the state.

So if you live in WARD 1, please get out and vote on December 3rd!!! It is in our best interest to get him elected. This is our future!

In closing, I would like to wish everyone and their families a Happy and Healthy Holiday!

Your Brother, Matt Marchese, Political Registrar

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Membership News

Last Months Job Referrals

88—referrals sent out	60—Regular Calls	7—Short Call
3—Apprentice	16—Unindentureds	2—CW/CE (Fort Dodge)

The delegates of the 38th IBEW International Convention, approved amendments to Article IX of the IBEW Constitution. The monthly dues rate will increase \$2.00 for **ALL** members effective January 2014. If you have your dues paid in quarterly installments from Tradesmen Community Credit Union, the December payment will increase to \$105.00.


2014 MONTHLY DUES

Inside/Residential Wireman	\$35.00
Voice/Data/Video	\$35.00
Stockman/Deliveryman	\$20.00 + One Hour wages
Maintenance “A” Member	\$35.00 + One Hour wages
Maintenance “BA” Member (Bridgestone)	\$20.00 + One Hour wages
Manufacturing “A” Member	\$35.00 + One Hour wages
Manufacturing “BA” Member (EP-2/Keystone/Trans-Lux/Trinity)	\$20.00 + One Hour wages
Electronic/Broadcast Technicians “A” Member	\$35.00 + One Hour wages
Electronic/Broadcast Technicians “BA” Member (KCCI/ADT/TYCO)	\$20.00 + One Hour wages
City of Des Moines “A” Member	\$40.10
City of Des Moines “BA” Member	\$26.10
Des Moines School District	\$35.00 + One Hour wages



The Union Hall has several tickets for Jolly Holiday Lights available on a first come first serve basis. One ticket is good for one car admittance. Jolly Holiday Lights is open from November 26, 2013—January 1, 2014 from 5:30—10:00 PM. If interested, please stop by the Union Hall to pick up your ticket today!





Local Union #347
Annual Christmas Party!

December 14, 2013—From Noon—3:00 PM

Iowa State Fairgrounds—Elwell Building

This is a fun event for the entire family!

This years activities will include:

3 bounce houses

Spin Art

2 Face Painters

2 Balloon Animal Artists

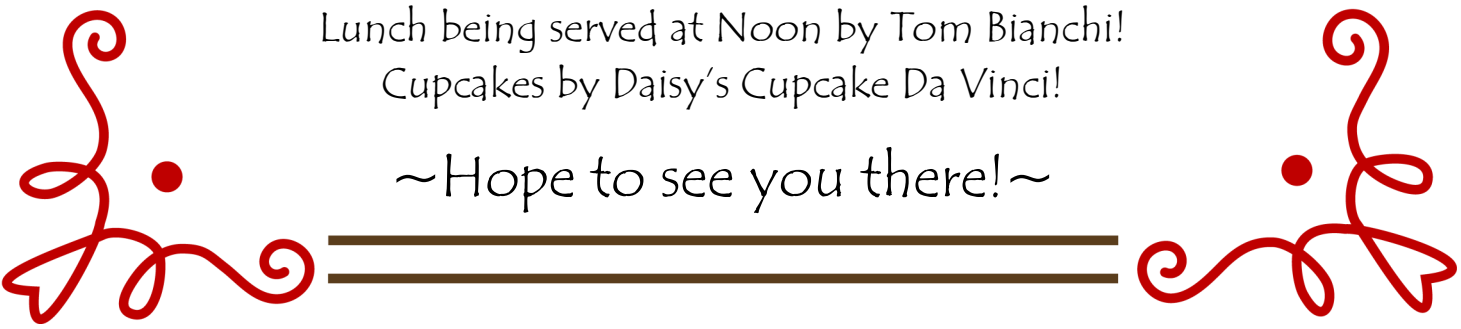
Cotton Candy & Popcorn

TOYS & SANTA!

Lunch being served at Noon by Tom Bianchi!

Cupcakes by Daisy's Cupcake Da Vinci!

~Hope to see you there!~



Apprenticeship News



The JATC is in need of volunteers to act as Test Proctors 1-3 mornings a month for 3-3 ½ hours at the JATC starting in January 2014. Union Service credit will apply to all that volunteer. Call the JATC and speak with Ron Pinegar if interested in this opportunity at 515-224-4349.

On behalf of the entire staff at Iowa Electrical Apprenticeship, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!
~Ron, Steve, Lois, Clint, Ed, Dale and Steve~



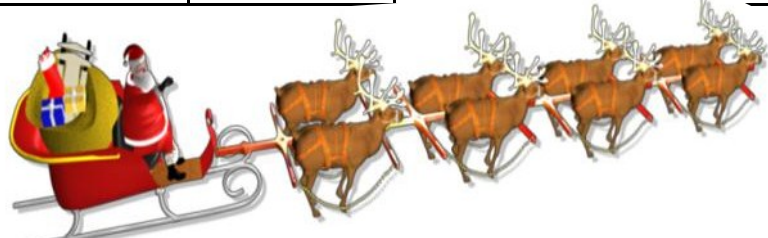
Daisy's Cupcake Da Vinci: Tired of the same old sheet cake for your special event? Local #347 Member Amanda Johnson runs an in-home specialty cupcake business with over 120 different and unique flavors! 95% of her flavors can be made gluten free as well! You can reach her on Facebook or call the Union Hall and we can put her in contact with you! Just in time for the holidays!

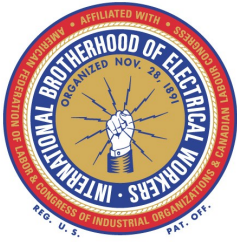


The following people will fall into reinstatement (\$30) if their dues are not paid by **December 31, 2013**. This list was run on November 20, 2013. This list is broken down into “A” and “BA” members.

<p><u>“A” Members</u> Nick A. Ashenfelter Brian L. Bailey Paul J. Ballard Ryan E. Barnett Corey M. Brant John R. Breeden Mark A. Brinkman Anthony L Burrows Anthony N. Cano Bradley M. Daggett Ryan E. Dillon Tywon J. Dudley Joshua J. Fett Nathan P. Findlay Scott S. Gardner Nicholas Ghormley David G. Halverson Titus D. Hammond Ronald S. Harmon Richard R. Hill Jacob Hilton Kerry A. Horner Tyler J. Hougham Bill J. Johnson Sarah A. Johnson Michael D. Jones Eric A. Jorgensen Allan J. Kennedy Chris L. Kesterson Chase Kohler Timothy G. Kruse John D. Ladurini Justin A. Lantz</p>	<p>Kory J. Leiker Cory R. Lueth Robert J. McCauley Nile R. McLeran Jeff M. Mease Chris M. Miller Scott A. Mills Steven L. Mingus Jamie R. Moorman Rene T. Mullaney Joel C. Murphy Brandon L. North Tyler C. Nowell Patrick K. O’Brien James H. Olson Randall R. Patrick Brandon S. Pollock Matthew N. Pontious D. Kurt Potthoff Colin P. Rankin Doug W. Renslow Chad R. Rinehart Phillip J. Schaffer Jared A. Seehusen Jan L. Shafer Erik L. Sheldahl James J. Smith James D. Sullivan Brent T. Swalin David C. Terrill Charles Tinnermeier Barry E. Vandelaar Chance G. Veach Michael G. Walkup</p>	<p>Brian L. Wallace Halsey C. Wasson Colby R. Waters Rodric J. Welsher Robert J. White Joe W. White Eric S. Wilcox Michael R. Wright</p> <p><u>“BA” Members</u> Charles E. Albertson Judith Braun Jeffrey D. Cowie Michael A. Hansen Eric E. Hasley Stacy M. Hickman Michael P. Johnson Jason A. Jordan Jeffrey W. Lampe James A. Price John D. Riddle Brandi J. Vick</p>	<p>The following people will be dropped if their dues are not paid by December 31, 2013. This list was run on November 20, 2013.</p> <p><u>“A” Members</u> Mike I. Byers Ronald W. Crook Alan T. Fluharty Jeffrey R. Foster Matt Z. Gruis Nathan W. Russell Adam L. Schmidt Brendan P. Shanahan Nathan P. Smith Mike C. Susanin Miles A. Young</p> <p><u>“BA” Members</u> Gautam M. Beirman Joshua A. Bennett Joseph M. Burchett James A. Sturgill Michael D. Thomas David E. Willemsen</p>
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December 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Trans-Lux Mtg. 2:30 & 3:15 PM ADT Mtg. 5:00 PM	3 EP-2 Mtg. 4:00 PM	4 Residential Mtg. 4:00 PM	5 Joint Nov/Dec Fort Dodge Mtg. 5:00 PM	6	7
8	9	10 Firestone Mtg. 3:00 PM	11 Firestone Mtg. 3:00 PM	12 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG. 5:00 PM Retiree Luncheon	13	14 CHRISTMAS PARTY! Noon-3PM Elwell Building @ IA State Fairgrounds!
15	16 Stockman/ Deliveryman Mtg. 4:30 PM	17 Keystone Mtg. after work E-Board Mtg. 4:00 PM	18 V.D.V. Mtg. 4:00 PM	19 KCCI Mtg. 1:00 PM T.S.T. Mtg. 3:30 & 4:30 PM	20	21
22	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS! Union Office Closed	26	27	28
29	30 E-Board 4:00 PM	31 NEW YEARS EVE!				



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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 Benefits Website: www.ibew347benefits.com

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 and click on Options PPO.

L.D.I. INFORMATION (Prescription)—www.LDIRx.com

Retail & Mail-Order Prescription and Drug Programs
To contact L.D.I. directly if you do not have internet access: 1-866-516-3121

DELTA DENTAL INFORMATION—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

V.S.P. INFORMATION (Eye Care)—www.vsp.com

To search for a provider or to look at available benefits go to www.vsp.com and click on member benefits.
To contact V.S.P. directly if you do not have internet access: 1-800-877-7195

LOCAL 347 PENSION PLAN & 401K #4-31329 Admin. by Principal:

www.principal.com. When calling have your P.I.N. ready 1-800-547-7754
Address changes: 1-800-547-7754

TRADESMEN CREDIT UNION:

(515) 243-8735

RETIREE RESOURCES:

IBEW Retiree helpline: 1-800-733-4239
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