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~ Business Manager's Report ~

Sisters and Brothers,

You should have received notification from the IBEW LU 347 Electrical Workers Health and Welfare Fund regarding dependent enrollment. It is very important that we all return the form in order to comply with the Plans enrollment procedure. This mandatory enrollment protects the plan participants from higher monthly premiums due to fraudulent claims and/or inaccurate or incomplete participant data. During the early stages of this enrollment process, it has already been determined that there were 86 people listed as covered by the plan that should not have been eligible to receive benefits. Let's assume for a moment that there was no loss due to fraudulent claims activity. Even if that is the case, we are already paying higher rates for the ACA reinsurance fee, the ACA PICORI fee and stop loss insurance premiums due to the inflated dependent numbers. In addition, the contracts we have with our service providers are based on per member per month fees. We will save the plan money on the plans payments to VSP, Delta Dental, UHC and CompuSys. These numbers are significant. Another more important angle to think about; if a covered participant gets married or has children but fails to add the dependent (s), that plan participant could be responsible for any charges incurred prior to the dependent(s) enrollment. All of this information needs to be complete for your protection and the protection of the plan.

If you need any assistance completing the enrollment, need a new enrollment form or would like us to scan and send any information to CompuSys for you, please call the Union Hall. We will do whatever is necessary to get this done for you. 515-243-1924.

It's never too soon to think about your retirement. When you become a participant in the Local 347 Retirement and 401K Plan, you have an elective deferral option available to you. This option gives you the ability to contribute tax deferred money in addition to the amount contributed by the contractor on your behalf. This is a great vehicle for growing your retirement dollars and the sooner you increase those contributions the better off you'll be in the long run. The maximum allowable elective deferral contribution amount for 2015 is \$18,000. There is also a catch up contribution if you are 50 years or older of an additional \$6,000. We also have financial advisors available for anyone that would like to sit down and have a talk.

Just a reminder; Local 347 scholarships will be available to dependent children (up to age 26) of members of IBEW LU 347 in good standing. There will be up to \$3000 in scholarships (continued on next page)



~ Business Manager's Report Continued ~

given away each year. This is a one-time cash award sent to individual winners for study beginning in the fall of 2015.

Applicants for scholarships are evaluated according to academic ability, financial need, appreciation of labor, and social awareness. You are required to submit a 300-700 word essay (typed), the topic must be: "How has Collective Bargaining impacted my life and what role will I play in the Labor Movement going forward?"

Please provide a complete résumé. The résumé should outline the applicant's education (including transcripts from high school and college) and where applicable; work history, military service, special honors or awards and involvement in union, civic, community, or religious affairs. Applicants may be asked to provide a birth certificate and photo ID.

Materials must be addressed to IBEW LU 347, C/O Executive Board 850 18th St Des Moines Iowa, 50314 postmarked prior to May 1st of the scholarship year (2015) or delivered in person during business hours Monday - Friday 8am-4:30pm.

Brotherhood Strong,
Pat Wells

~ President's Report ~

Happy Spring Brothers and Sisters

It's finally getting nice out and I'm pretty sure that has improved everyone's mood tremendously I know for a fact it has mine. It sure is nice to be outside and not freeze. Enjoying the fresh air and the beauty of nature sure does make it nice to work outside.

Don't forget the date for the union's summer picnic at the Labor park is Saturday, May 30th; please plan on attending. There will be great food, pony rides, game room, blow up rides and other activities for the kids. There will be door prizes and ice cold beverages for the adults I am sure everyone that attends will have a fantastic time so plan on attending so mark May 30th on your calendar and I will see you there. With every union function there are volunteer hours available we need help setting up the event and with a park clean up the next day on the 31st of May. If you are in need of volunteer hours this is a great way to get some in.

We had a great turn out for last month's UNION meeting with 82 members in attendance. A huge thanks goes out to Brian Kerkove, Ed Washington and Doug Wolf for cooking up some awesome hamburgers and brats. We also had potato salad and chips and dip with all the trimmings for the burgers. Don't forget to mark your calendar now for this month's meeting it's the second Thursday of every month at 5pm sharp hoping to see you there.

We had about 150 people come to this year's pin party. Those that attended had a great time and enjoyed some terrific food and brotherhood. Thanks to everyone that attended and congratulations to everyone that received a pin. Thank you for your service to the IBEW.

Work in our area remains real strong with close to 200 travelers working in the local's jurisdiction. I'd like to say thanks to all the traveling brothers and sister's thanks for helping us out, we needed the help.

In Solidarity Scott L Farnsworth
President IBEW #347

Political Corner

Hello Brothers and Sisters:

Our endorsed candidate for School Board Nathan Blake was newly appointed to that position. Nathan was on a panel of 5 people running for the open seat that was once held by Youssaint Cheatom. Mr. Cheatom resigned from his position due to health reasons we wish Youss the very best, he was a good friend of labor. Having Nathan on the board will help us out considerably for the time being. He is just filling a vacant spot for now but will have to run and be elected in September. Right now we have three friends of labor on the board. Rob Barron is the vice chair which we helped get elected two years ago, Teree Caldwell-Johnson and Nathan Blake. If we can hold on to Nathan's seat and pick up an additional seat the pendulum will swing in our favor. We do have a person testing the waters right now by the name of Susan Griffiths she has been a CWA member for over thirty years, I have not had the opportunity to speak with her yet but I heard a lot of good things. I will fill you in more next month.

Now we have City Council, we as Local 347 are leaning towards Marty Mauk but have not endorsed him yet. We will wait until after the primary. Primaries make great candidates and politicians.

I would like to give a special Thank You to the Brothers and Sisters that came down to the rally at the Fair grounds on March 14th. It was a decent turn out but we as the IBEW Local Union #347 one of the largest private sector unions in the state should have had more participation from our members. The rally was to show Governor S. Walker of Wisconsin that Unions are alive and well in Iowa and to demand an apology from him for comparing Unions to terrorists. This guy is even more wacky than Steve King with his views on middle America.

On a lighter note, LU #347 has a softball team called 347 Lightning. Games will be played in the month of April either a Thursday or Friday night. If interested in playing please contact Misty at the hall. Everyone gets to play. This is about having fun and solidarity

As always Thank You
your brother Matt Marchese



GET TEED UP AT THE **IBEW LOCAL #347**

21st Annual Golf Outing

Date: June 13, 2015
Tee Time: 8 am
Ticket: \$30/person
Where: Terrace Hills Golf
Course
Door prizes & Lunch
served

Show up by 7:30 a.m.
Shotgun start 8:00 a.m.
Get a partner and sign up
early.

TERRACE HILLS GOLF COURSE
8700 N.E. 46TH AVENUE
ALTOONA, IA



Player #1 _____ Player #2 _____

Player #3 _____ Player #4 _____

\$30.00 per person. Please make checks payable to IBEW Local 347.

Detach this form and mail to Local 347, 850 18th Street, Des Moines, IA 50314, along with your check or money order. There is also a drop slot available on our front door. You can also pay by credit card over the phone or in person. The Union Hall accepts Visa, MasterCard and Discover.

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Membership News

Last Months Job Referrals

72—referrals sent out 54—Regular Calls 14—CW 2—VDV Calls 2—Apprentice

The Local Union would like to express it's sympathy to the families of the following members:

John W. Yeo Sr. passed away on February 25, 2015 at the age of 79 years old. He was a member for 43 years.

Thomas A. Brown passed away on March 6, 2015 at the age of 68 years old. He was a member for 41 years.

Newborns

Kingston Hill
 Born: 2/28/2015
 8 lbs., 21 “
 Parents: Sydney Hill & Mackenzie Anderson

Maxwell Richard Bailey
 Born: 3/6/15
 8 lbs., 11 oz., 21 1/2 “
 Parents: Seth & Amanda Bailey

Keira Lana Barnett
 Born: 3/5/15
 6 lbs., 10.4 oz., 20 1/4”
 Parents: Jamie & Dana Barnett



IBEW Local Union #347

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

- ∴ 17 New members sworn in since last meeting
- ∴ 3 First Readings, 1 Travel Card & 2 Retirements approved
- ∴ Raffle for prizes held

*** RETIREE LUNCHEON ***

Noon on Wednesday, April 8th at the Union Hall. Come by and have some lunch. Please call the Hall at 515-243-1924 and let Misty know if you are planning to attend. If you have any questions contact Mike Booker at 515-276-5458.

The following people will fall into reinstatement (\$30) if their dues are not paid by **April 30, 2015**. This list was run on March 20, 2015. This list is broken down into "A" and "BA" members.

"A" Members

JERAMY	J	AKINS
BRYAN	J	ALLER
NATHANIEL	P	ALLER
JASON	T	ANANIA
ROBERT	R	ANDREWS
JOSHUA	M	BABCOCK
ZACHARY	J	BAETSLE
RANDAL	R	BALLARD
ARTHUR	L	BEEK
RANDY	D	BIRKENHOLTZ
JOSHUA	R	BOEHLER
JUDITH		BRAUN
JAMES	C	BROWN
ROBERT	J	CARICO
ALEXANDER	G	CHAMBERS
ERIC	C	CHRISTENSEN
PENNY	L	CLARK
TIMOTHY	A	CLARK
ROBERT	J	CLAUSEN
BRANDON	C	CLUTE
TAMMY	L	COOPER
CHESTER	P	CRAWFORD
JAMES	D	DAVIS
JAMES	D	DAVIS
ROBERT	K	DENNIS
WADE	C	DINSDALE
DAVID	D	DREIER
SCOTT	A	ESPE
JASON	D	FETT
CONNOR	M	FINDLAY
ADAM	J	FOUST
ANDREW	J	FULTON
ROBERT	K	FULTON
ALEJANDRO		GALVEZ BARRAGAN
FRANKLIN	T	GERLACH
NICHOLAS	A	GHORMLEY
JASON	R	GILBERT
TERENCE		GLASS
KEVIN	R	GRANT
MICHAEL	E	GUNN
ROBERT	H	HALL
TITUS	D	HAMMOND
SHAWN	M	HAUF
STEPHEN	L	HENSON
STACY	M	HICKMAN
DAVID	J	HUMMEL
ADAM	M	IRVING

ADAM	M	IRVING
JOSEPH	E	JELLIFF
SARAH	A	JOHNSON
JERRY	D	JOHNSTON
MICHAEL	D	JONES
JASON	A	JORDAN
ERIC	A	JORGENSEN
DANIEL	K	KEMBOI
GARY	L	KENT
MATTHEW	A	KIRBY
NEIL		KOSTER
ANDREW	J	LAWRANCE
COREY	A	LITTLE
KURT	D	LOVING
SETH	W	MCKINNESS
JEFF	M	MEASE
STEVEN	L	MINGUS
RENE	T	MULLANEY
JASON	P	MURPHY
TYLER	C	NOWELL
ERIC	J	NUNO
THAD	J	O'BRIEN
LEE	A	PATTERSON
PHILLIP	E	PETRIE
BRIAN	L	PIERCY
MATTHEW	N	PONTIOUS
JAMES	A	PRICE
SABAS	J	RAMIREZ
COLIN	P	RANKIN
GARRETT	M	REYNOLDS
LOGAN	M	RICHARDSON
RON	J	SAF
MAXX	W	SCHULTZ
TED	R	SCOGGIN
CHARLES	D	SHULL
JACOB	P	SLEETH
DAVID	A	SMITH
DEREK	R	SMITH
JAMES	J	SMITH
JASON	M	SMITH
JOSHUA	R	SODERGREN
JOSEPH	A	STEC
LARRY	A	STENSLIE
TODD	A	STEWART
NATASHA	C	STUCKER
BRENT	T	SWALIN
KEVIN	W	TALLMAN
MATTHEW	R	TALLMAN

DAVID	C	TERRILL
RANDY	S	THARP
WILLIAM	A	TUCKER
CHRISTOPHER	M	VANDERPOOL
BRIAN	L	WALLACE
COLBY	R	WATERS
ERIC	M	WESTBERG
JIMMY		WICKER
MICHAEL	G	WRIGHT
MICHAEL	R	WRIGHT
ETHAN	P	YETMAR
ROBIN		YOUNG

The following people will be dropped if their dues are not paid by April 30, 2015. This list was run on March 20, 2015.

"A" Members



"BA" Members

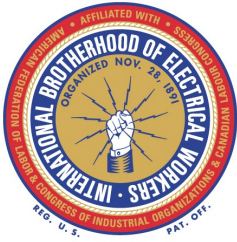
JOSH	P	DEVORE
ALEXANDER	M	HENSLEY
MARTIN	T	HEWITT
MICHAEL	P	JOHNSON
MICHAEL	D	OLSON
JASON		SCHERFF
MATTHEW	J	TEMPLE

March 1st Drops
Craig Brookhart
Shane A. Genochio Sr.
Warren F. Young



April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Residential Mtg. 4:00 PM	2	3 Good Friday	4
Easter!  5	6 Trans-Lux Mtg. 2:30 & 3:15 PM ADT Mtg. 5:00 PM TYCO Mtg. 5:00 PM	7 EP-2 Mtg. 4:00 PM	8 Firestone Mtg. 3:00 PM Retiree Luncheon Noon @ Hall	9 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG. 5:00 PM	10	11
12	13	14 Firestone Mtg. 3:00 PM	15 V.D.V. Mtg. 4:00 PM	16 KCCI Mtg. 1:00 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		



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LOCAL 347 HEALTH INSURANCE GROUP #78-380001 Dollar Bank Billing & Claims Information: Call CompuSys 1-844-347-IBEW (4239) 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	
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www.principal.com . When calling have your P.I.N. ready	
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TRADESMEN CREDIT UNION:	(515) 243-8735
RETIREE RESOURCES:	
IBEW Retiree helpline:	1-800-733-4239
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