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~ Business Manager's Report ~

Sisters and Brothers,

This year's pin party will be held on Saturday, March 14th at the Marriott in downtown Des Moines. Congratulations to all of you that are receiving a pin this year. Please take the time to review the material included in this newsletter as the cut off dates for room reservation and your RSVP will need to be addressed rather soon. Call us with any questions.

Retirees, in an effort to assist with an unprecedented amount of work across the country, the Trustees of the NEBF and National Employees Benefit Board have issued a temporary return to work amendment. This will allow retirees to continue to receive benefits while working for up to 600 hours in covered and contributory employment. Once the 600 hours are worked you may return to the less than 40 hours per month as were allowed previously. The amendment is good for the calendar year 2015. In addition, the Trustees of the Electrical Workers Local 347 Health and Welfare Fund have approved an amendment allowing the retiree to return to retiree coverage following this event. This will allow you to return to retiree coverage after you complete your employment whereas before you would have been required to wait for 12 months after becoming a covered employee. Please come to the Hall to discuss this further if you are interested.

All participants in the Local 347 Health and Welfare Fund will be receiving the annual re-enrollment form soon. Please be sure to fill out all of the information, listing all current dependents. You do not need to resend Marriage or birth certificates if they have been submitted before but we must all fill out the required information. This audit procedure must be followed by each of us annually, it is absolutely necessary to protect both yourself and the Fund.

It isn't often that we witness the birth of a new Local Union, especially this close to home. President Hill has drafted a Charter for the Sisters and Brothers at Trinity in Newton. They are now proud members of IBEW Local 411, a manufacturing Local. This will put a tremendous responsibility into their hands while allowing them the freedom and flexibility to meet their own unique requirements. We are in full support and will provide them with any assistance as they take on this challenge. Congratulations IBEW Local 411.

Brotherhood Strong, Patrick Wells



~ President's Report ~

Greetings Brothers and Sisters

On January 3rd members of the local took down all the Make-a-Wish lights at the water works park and loaded them into semi-trailers. We would not have been able to take all the lights down and put into trailers in one day without the help of the following people; Mark Hodge, Jeff Enga, Larry Enga, Chad Layland, Steve Nizzi, Pat Wells, Kayla Hutson, Jason Ballard, Kenton Hensley, Trever Reed, Dustin Kelley, Eric Hager, John Seel, Joe Rivas, Tracy Bethards, Tim St. Arnold, Dough Buchman, Doug Wolf, Dustin Eschliman, John Stahowick, Tim LeClaire and Tim Hawthorne. Thanks a ton and what a way to make our UNION look awesome in the eyes of the public.

Have you ever asked yourself what can I do to make your UNION better? What are some of the things we can do to make it better? Should we know the history of the IBEW? Have you ever read the constitution, do you know the by-laws, have you read and do you have a copy of the contract, do you help out your community by volunteering, do you ever come to union meetings, do you show up to work on time and give them 8 hours work and always do a quality install? These are just a few of the things that we can do to make our UNION stronger I would like to hear from everyone what they think we should be doing to make the local as strong as possible.

Congratulations to Doyle Horwart on winning the \$2,500 prize for the year end drawing. It was voted on at the last meeting to change the drawing to 5-500 dollar prizes and in order to qualify you need to attend at least 9 union meetings and do at least 15 hours union service. It was voted on at the last union meeting to continue to give away 2-25 dollar and 1-50 dollar door prize at the monthly meetings. Attendance has been pretty good at the monthly meeting with close to 65 people on average attending. The more members that attend the better and I really like seeing every seat taken, so come on down and help fill the hall up.

There will be a Pin Party March 14th and it's sure to be a great time. It will be held at the downtown Marriot and there are a limited number of hotel rooms available at a discounted rate. Make sure that you get your registration form and \$10 per person fee into the hall so that you can attend the 2015 pin party and help everyone that's getting a pin celebrate their years of service, its sure to be a good time and you might get a chance to talk to a brother or sister that you haven't seen for a while so make sure that you attend.

I read in the journal that the IBEW grew by almost 5,000 members and close to 400 contractors, I think most of these where in manufacturing but still an awesome year for the union. We need as many positive growth years as we can get to help maintain NEBF benefits and the overall health of our union as a whole.

Work in our area remains strong and should stay that way for some time to come.

In Solidarity,
Scott L Farnsworth
President IBEW #347

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Membership News

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

Paul R. Ostring Jr. passed away on December 23, 2014 at the age of 71 years old. He was a member for 22 years.

RETIREE LUNCHEON AT THE UNION HALL ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH AT NOON. PLEASE CALL MISTY AT 515-243-1924 TO RSVP. GOOD FOOD & GREAT COMPANY!

Last Months Job Referrals

39—referrals sent out	27—Regular Calls	0—Short Call
2—Apprentice	10—CW	0—CW(Fort Dodge)

Journeyman Training

“VDV Foreman Development Series”

This class will be held on February 9th, 10th, 23rd, 24th & March 2nd, 3rd, 9th, 10th 2015 from 5:00PM-8:00PM each evening at the Des Moines Electrical Apprenticeship Training Center, 1948 NW 92nd Ct., Clive, IA. The Foreman Development Series provides a broad overview of practical hands-on fundamentals based on industry “Best Practices” and do not represent any particular management style or point of view. All sessions are interactive with small group “break-out” activities. The goal of this series is to provide additional tools for the Estimator, the Project Manager and the Foreman that will compliment other training programs either from the contractor or other industry partners. These sessions will present twelve modules within the series. This class does not count toward CECs for an electrical license renewal issued by the Iowa State Electrical Licensing Board.



2015 PIN PARTY/RECOGNITION
NIGHT
SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2015

The event will be located at Marriott Downtown
700 Grand Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50309

Room reservations may be made directly with the Marriott at 1-800-228-9290 or 515-245-5500. Just mention IBEW LU 347 and your rate will be \$99.

****Cutoff date for room reservations is February 28th ****

Members on the out-of-work list plus one guest are admitted free, for all others it is \$10.00 per person

Reception begins at 6:00 PM Dinner begins at 7:00 PM

After dinner there will be prizes, music and dancing!!!!

↓ Please send in your registration by March 3, 2015 ↓

SIGN ME UP FOR RECOGNITION NIGHT!

Please detach and mail to Local #347, 850 18th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50314 or drop off at our office. Please make checks payable to Local #347.

Name of Member or Retiree

Name of Guest attending:

Total Number Attending: _____ @ \$10.00 per person = TOTAL \$ _____

Hey! I'm on the out-of-work list, so my guest and I are admitted free!

Office Use Only _____ Pin _____ Year Paid: CASH C.C. CHECK# _____



PIN RECIPIENTS FOR YEAR ENDING 2014

75 YEAR PIN

Richard L. Franklin

50 YEAR PIN

Dale Belcher
Daniel C. Johnson
James LaVelle
Ted Thorne
Charles R. Thornton

45 YEAR PIN

James E. Aller
Arnold C. Becker
Jerry Crouse
David M. Demeyer
Gerald A. Granberg
Richard L. Grant
Leon L. Leydens
Danny L. Lundberg
Timothy Manriques
Chris C. Rahm
Edward F. Ruddy
Robert A. Rykhus
David Schott

40 YEAR PIN

Gary W. Boot
Patrick A. Harrison
Craig E. Harvey
Paul F. Keul
Jon C. Kirkhart
In Taik Lee
Frederick N. Leon
Antonio Rivas
Danny L. Roberts

35 YEAR PIN

Leonard B. Ballard
Martin D. Belcher
Bob Delzell
Don L. Erickson
Donald M. Halligan
David L. Henry
Roger D. Innis
Les O. Leonard
Roderick L. Olson
Mark A. Orfield
Michael A. Thompson
John M. Zaun

30 YEAR PIN

Jeffrey A. Enga
Guy H. Freeman
Duane K. Langley
Joseph T. Rivas
Brian Weatherly
Gary D. Wessels

25 YEAR PIN

Jack Alsted
Kevin Bower
Mark S. Camos
Randall J. Christie
David A. De Bruyn
Dan G. Dowell
Kenneth W. Drewes
Mark A. Duffy
Marcia J. Elder
Scott L. Farnsworth
Armando A. Fernandez
Gergory J. Garcia
Jeff D. Hummel
Brett G. Jackson
David S. Keicher
Harold L. Larrington
Scott M. Mooers
Thomas L. O'Neal
Mike R. Quick
Andrew D. Rahm
Jerry L. Rhone
Trevor D. Schmidt
Ralph E. Schmitz
Ray D. Smith
Charles R. Soper
Martin W. Sprague
Duane A. St. Claire
Fred M. Sturdevant
Jimmy Wicker
Dale C. Wion

20 YEAR PIN

Thomas V. Bianchi
Doug L. Buchman
Lynn A. Cooke
Don E. Darrah
Donnavon A. Engle
Michael J. Farrell
J. 'Rick' Fletcher
James E. Franchetti
Chad Gregory
James A. Griffith
Timothy Hawthorne

Curt A. Hutcheson
William T. Krahl
Merlin C. Kruse
Keith L. Marschel
Scott Mentzer
Timothy W. Miller
Merle R. Miner
Eric J. Nuno
Michael J. O'Brien
Marc A. Ortiz
Courtland R. Pfaff
Michael F. Ranson
John A. Rus
Tim J. St. Arnold
Charles J. Thompson
Charles D. Tinnermeier
Michael C. Vanderhart
Joe S. Vickroy
Douglas E. Wolf

15 YEAR PIN

Robert P. Alexander
Lawrence D. Anthony
Paul J. Ballard
Arthur L. Beek
Chris L. Boyce
Doug T. Brandenburg
Richard C. Bucy
Paul B. Bushong
David R. Butler
Michael I. Byers
Tim J. Crowley
David P. Devin
Kent O. Dudley
Kent W. Ellsworth
Michael T. Ertl
Thomas R. Fisher
Pat A. Freeland
Scott S. Gardner
Lance A. Gordon
Robert M. Hathaway
Shane J. Howard
Shane A. Jameson
Matthew S. Jesse
Michael D. Jones
Gary L. Kent
Ray J. Koster
Kurt D. Loving
Curtis L. McNeley
John J. Merrick
Don Morgheim
Jason P. Murphy

Kelly J. Jurphy
Eric J. Olsen
Eric Rebhuhn
Steven Rinker
David J. Rouh
James L. Ruddy
Kirk I. Rundall
Adam L. Schmidt
Gary D. Short
Mary R. Springer
Ian M. Tibboel
Brian Vinke
James D. Zahn

10 YEAR PIN

Jamie M. Baughman
Andrew J. Birch
Mike D. Brown
Cody L. Bullock
Charles T. Cater
Kevin D. Chenoweth
Paul A. Cooper
George W. Dutrey
David D. Dykstra
Jason D. Eaton
Derek L. Flynn
James A. Gates
Larry V. Gay
Alexander R. Graham
Titus D. Hammond
Scott J. Heater
Curtis P. Hendrickson
Eric D. Houseman
Mark E. Hunziker
Jeff M. Mease
Chris M. Miller
Fehim Muhamedagic
Ryan C. Pray
Shawn C. Reynolds
Brian J. Roeder
Ryan P. Rysavy
Tammy L. Van Wart
Michael G. Walkup
Matthe J. Warner
Caleb M. Wheeler
Bryan W. Williams
Adam M. Wilson

5 YEAR PIN

Jacob R. Anderson
Timothy M. Anderson
Kile E. Andeway

Amanda M. Bailey
Landon D. Beard
Edward L. Brock
Francesca F. Brown
David E. Buchman
Shawn L. Burk
Anthony L. Burrows
Matthew J. Coco
Keith E. Cummins
Chad A. Davis
Andrew C. Dessauer
Jacob A. Farrell
Josh D. Grooms
Jason W. Grosvenor
Dustin R. Hagen
Matthew D. Hartman
Jon Ivanovich
Thomas V. Jacobs
Marc D. Jenkins
Jason A. Jordan
Adam S. Lyons
Troy J. Nikkel
Travis L. Overton
Eric W. Padgett
Anthony A. Rhoades
John D. Riddle
Dennis E. Schirm
Scott B. Schoonover
Chanthara C. Sphongsai
Rick A. Stout
Sean R. Sullivan
Travis L. VanGundy
Chance G. Veach
Colby R. Waters
Cody A. Weatherman
Johnnie J. Wright

The following people will fall into reinstatement (\$30) if their dues are not paid by **February 28, 2015**. This list was run on January 20, 2015. This list is broken down into "A" and "BA" members.

"A" Members

DANIEL	T	BENGE
DOUGLAS	P	BOOTH
CRAIG		BROOKHART
HAROLD	F	BROWN
ROBERT	J	CLAUSEN
JEFFREY	D	COWIE
KOLBY	R	DUDNEY
JASON	D	FETT
SHANE	A	GENOCHIO
AARON	J	HAMEL
DAVID	J	HUMMEL
HAMON	O	JOHNSON
CORY	L	KELLER
NICHOLAS	A	KOEHLER
RONALD	J	KURTZ
ROBIN	D	RILEY
JASON	A	SCHUTTY
DANIEL	T	SMITH
CHARLES	N	WALKER
ZECHARIAH	E	WICKER
TED	F	WOOD
WARREN	F	YOUNG

"BA" Members

None to list this Month.

The following people will be dropped if their dues are not paid by February 28, 2015. This list was run on January 20, 2015.

JAN. 1ST DROPS

"A" Members

Matt Z. Gruis
Allan J. Kennedy

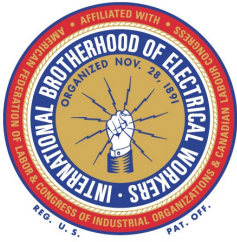
"BA" Members

Matthew A.
Gregory
Brandi J. Vick



February 2015

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



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LOCAL 347 HEALTH INSURANCE GROUP #78-380001 Dollar Bank Billing & Claims Information: Call CompuSys 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.	1-844-347-IBEW (4239)
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 Address changes:	1-800-547-7754 1-800-547-7754
TRADESMEN CREDIT UNION:	(515) 243-8735
RETIREE RESOURCES: (Have your Card# or SS# ready)	IBEW Retiree helpline: 1-800-733-4239 NEBF: 1-301-556-4300