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~ Business Manager's Report ~

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We have a vacancy in the office of President of LU 347. As stated in Article XVI, Section 16 of the IBEW Constitution, "Vacancies occurring in any L.U. office, and the Examining Board, shall be filled by the L.U. Executive Board until the next regular election, except when filled by the I.P. The eligibility requirements for the election shall apply. Vacancies in the position of press secretary, registrar, door foreman, or inspector shall be filled by the L.U. president." To be considered for the office of President, IBEW local #347, you will need to have your resume submitted to the Executive Board no later than 4:30 pm on Monday, February 20, 2017. It should include all education, employment history and any skills acquired that would aid in performing the duties of the office. Your cover letter should include a brief explanation as to why you would like to be considered for the office. You can mail your resume to IBEW LU 347 c/o Executive Board at 850 18th St. Des Moines, Iowa 50314 or deliver it in person to the same address. You may be called in for an interview prior to the February 28, 2017 Executive Board meeting.

The NEBF has extended the Return to Work Amendment for the calendar year 2017. This permits retirees to work for a contributing employer for up to 600 hours while still receiving NEBF benefits. This is applicable to retirees with a pension effective date prior to January 1, 2017. Keep in mind, this applies only to NEBF, you will have a return to work status with the IBEW Pension Benefit Fund and must begin paying dues during this period of time. Also, if you are currently paying a retiree premium as a 347 Health Plan participant, the Board of Trustees has amended the Plan so that you may return to retiree premiums the month following your return to retirement vs waiting the 12 months as was before. Once the 600 hours are exhausted you may continue to take advantage of the 'less than 40 hours per month' rule or return to retirement completely. Please call the Hall if you are considering working under this amendment.

I mentioned last month that Sister Barb Mentzer with Brothers Rick Corbin, John Schoolen, Matt Marchese and Derek Sandy helped to save a life at a JW training class. As a follow up, I am proud to mention that they have been honored at the Clive City Council meeting on January 26, 2017 for their heroic efforts.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

**UNION SPORTSMAN
ALLIANCE DINNER
SATURDAY, MARCH
18TH
PRAIRIE MEADOWS**

**PIN PARTY ~
SATURDAY, APRIL 1ST
PRAIRIE MEADOWS**

Make A Wish Jolly Holiday Lights was a huge success. We had 37,000 cars go through the display, smashing previous attendance records. This is a tremendous opportunity to grant wishes for the kids and Local 347's participation is what makes it all possible. A huge thank you to the teardown crew, all of which are listed in Brother Carpenters report.

The IBEW Local 347, 2016 Volunteer of the Year is Brother Dan Rawlings. Congratulations and thank you for all the hard work. Your efforts have truly advanced Local 347 within the community.

Brotherhood Strong,
Patrick Wells

Its February already Brothers and Sisters!

I hope your new years resolutions are going well. Whether it's to quit smoking, lose a few inches around your waist, or just resolute to stay the same. I would like to challenge you, to add one more goal to your list. To keep our craft strong. To make sure our apprentices are learning how to do things the right way the first time. Ensure we are elevating our standards of craftsmanship, so that everything we do looks like the professional installation that it is. To be better members and mentors, today than we were yesterday. Maybe that's to volunteer a couple hours this year when you normally haven't in the past. Maybe make a few more meetings this year, than you did the previous year. Moving forward, I hope to see more of you all, at our meetings and events.

We had a great turnout for the Jolly Holiday lights tear down. We started at 8:00 am, was finished by 11:00 am, then we had lunch about 11:30 am. It was really nice to see the camaraderie and brotherhood at this event. It was a bit chilly, but we all had a good time. Without the help of the following people, this would have taken much longer than it did. Joe Rivas, Rod Olson, Blake Ryan, Josh Thompson, Chris Barr, Tracy Bethards, Kevin Goben, Alec Perkins, Justin Gibson, Rick Chumbley, Matt Regan, John Zaun, Jason Ballard, Adam Casady, Kayla White, Frank Schneider, Tim LeClaire, Jeff Loeffelholz, Bob Carico, Matt DeAngelo, Mark Dunagan, Matt Carpenter, Eric Houseman, Jeff Enga, George Wells, Scott Farnsworth, Al DeHeer, Doug Buchman and Lilly Stroud.

As Scott Farnsworth makes his transition to the Assistant Business Manager position, as the Vice President, I am happy to step up and temporarily fill the President's chair. If you are interested in stepping up, and filling in the Presidents' chair permanently, please submit your intentions in writing and get it to: Pat, Misty, Al, Scott or Doug at the hall. The Executive Board will then go through all of those interested and select the new President. Good luck to all of the candidates.

In Solidarity

Matt B Carpenter

President IBEW Local #347

Apprenticeship News

The Trustees have been working on the preliminary floor plan for the remodel of the new facility. We expect to have that finalized in early February and begin the construction drawings soon after. Our hope is to start the remodeling in the summer, if possible.

We hope to begin offering Journeyman training courses in late spring. Please remember that these classes will be posted on our website and that you must have an account to register for classes. Make sure that you follow through to the "checkout" when registering for classes. Upon checkout you should receive an email receipt. If you do not receive a receipt you are not enrolled in the class.

Membership News

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

Ronald W. Six passed away on December 12, 2016 at the age of 70 years old. He was a member for 26 years.

Michael L. Steck passed away January 11, 2017 at the age of 64 years old. He was a member for 45 years.

Last Months Job Referrals

110-referrals sent out	85 - regular calls	5-short calls	5-apprentice	14-cw	1-resi
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2017 PIN PARTY/RECOGNITION NIGHT

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017

Mark your calendar for an evening to honor
both the young and the experienced.

\$10.00 per person
Members on the out-of-work list plus one guest
are admitted **FREE!**

Located at Prairie Meadows
1 Prairie Meadows Drive
Altoona, IA 50009
515-967-1000

A block of rooms have been reserved. They will go fast.
Use Group Code "0311171BE" when making your
reservation.

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

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# _____



The following people will fall into reinstatement (\$30) if their dues are not paid by **February 28, 2017**. This list was run on January 23, 2017. This list is broken down into "A" and "BA" members.

<u>"A" Members</u>					
ROBERT	R ANDREWS	LINDSAY	D LESLIE	BLAINE	A THOMAS
JOSHUA	M BABCOCK	TIM	R LEWIS	COLBY	D VANARKEL
BRIAN	L BAILEY	ZACHARY	T LITTLE	JEFFREY	D WALKER
LONDON	D BEARD	CORY	R LUETH	CODY	A WEATHERMAN
JOSEPH	A BERNARDINO	ELLIOTT	J MANN	EDWARD	H WEERS
BRANDON	M BREGAR	RICHARD	J MARTIN	JACOB	A WILKENING
AARON	M CHAPMAN	TRACEY	N MCAVOY	ADAM	M WILSON
CLAYTON	E COGLEY	RICHARD	K MCCABE	JOHNNIE	J WRIGHT
JAMES	J COLES	KEVIN	J MCCARTY	MILES	A YOUNG
AUSTIN	L COOK	ROBERT	J MCCAULEY		
TED	A CROSS	JEFF	L MCCUTCHEON		
DEMARCUS	J DAMERON	MATTHIAS	P MEREDITH		
BRIDGET	C DAVIS	JAMIE	R MOORMAN		
ANDREW	C DESSAUER	BRANDON	S MORRIS		
JOSH	P DEVORE	JOEL	C MURPHY		
JOSEPH	B DONALDSON	MICHAEL	W MURPHY		
TRAVIS	J DOWIE	ERIC	J NUNO		
TRAE	M EDDIE	ANDREW	D PEACOCK		
RYAN	L EDGINGTON	MICHAEL	A PIPER		
TODD	P EMERY	NICHOLAS	S QUINTANA		
JEFFREY	R FOSTER	LOGAN	M RICHARDSON		
DOUGLAS	GOMES	MATTHEW	D ROLLAND		
RICHARD	D GRANDQUIST	KIRK	I RUNDALL		
KEVIN	R GRANT	CLINT	E RUSSELL		
STEVE	C GREENE	JAMES	C SCHIEFFER		
MICHAEL	E GUNN	JACOB	D SCHMEHR		
DEREK	J HANNAM	NICHOLAS	R SCHULTZ		
NICOLAS	L HANSEN	JASON	A SCHUTTY		
ALEXANDER	M HENSLEY	CHRIS	L SCHWIENEBART		
TYLER	J HOUGHAM	CODY	M SCROGGIE		
CHRIS	D HOWE	JONATHAN	C SHUMAKER		
ADAM	M IRVING	JACOB	P SLEETH		
ADAM	J IVANOVICH	STEPHANIE	M SLIGER		
GERALD	J JACOBS	DEREK	R SMITH		
NIC	D KAHOE	ANDREW	A SMITH		
MICHAEL	V KELLEHER	JORDAN	T ST. ARNOLD		
MATTHEW	A KIRBY	TIM	J ST. ARNOLD		
BRENT	A KRAPFL	TODD	A STEWART		
		TYRELL	L TAYLOR		



The following people will be dropped if their dues are not paid by February 28, 2017. This list was run on January 23, 2017.

"A" Members

ZACHARY J BAETSLE
 ROBERT J CARICO
 MICHAEL E DIRKSEN
 CHARLIE L FOX
 ALEX J GILLESPIE
 AUSTIN B GREEN
 JORDAN M MARTZAHN
 ZANE A MCGEE
 JACOB T MCKNIGHT
 MICHAEL A NUSS
 RON J SAF
 KEVIN W TALLMAN
 BRYCE A WELCH
 RANDY WHITFIELD

"BA" Members

KHAMSOUK VILAVONG

JAN. 1ST DROPS

"A" Members

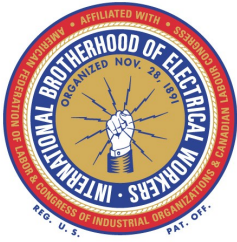
Timothy A. Grubb
 Guy W. Newberry Jr.
 Dillon W. Prough
 Brent S. Ramthun
 Chance G. Veach

"BA" MEMBERS

Bill D. Conley

February 2017

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 Firestone Mtg. 3:00 PM	8 Firestone Mtg. 3:00 PM Retiree Luncheon Noon @ Hall	9 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG. 5:00 PM	10	11
12	13	14 Valentine's Day! 	15 V.D.V. Mtg. 4:00 PM	16 KCCI Mtg. 1:00 PM	17	18
19	20 Stockman/ Deliveryman Mtg. 4:00 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	<p style="text-align: center;">RETIREE LUNCHEON AT THE UNION HALL ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH AT NOON. PLEASE CALL MISTY AT 515-243-1924 TO RSVP. GOOD FOOD & GREAT COMPANY!</p>			



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LOCAL UNION 347—www.ibewlu347.org Business Office open 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday-Friday: Phone: (515) 243-1924 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 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)
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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