



# Official Publication of Local Union #347

## ~ Business Manager's Report ~

Sisters and Brothers,

The Des Moines Inside June 1, 2017 raise allocation is scheduled to be discussed and acted upon during the May General Membership Meeting. Letters have gone out to all Des Moines Inside Members. Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

We are expecting 2017 to continue to be another very busy year in our jurisdiction. There are multiple projects at various levels of completion, some just breaking ground. At the Des Moines City Council meeting on April 3, it was officially determined that Mandelbaum Properties would be awarded the opportunity to build at 5<sup>th</sup> & Court across from the courthouse. The project timeline on the 32 story building, parking garage and theater have been shortened in duration, now with a completion date set in 2020. Also, Blackbird Investments is still determined to build their 33 story building in downtown Des Moines. If all goes as planned, Des Moines will continue to see dramatic changes in its growth and opportunity. These are unprecedented times in our jurisdiction and we look forward to the challenge.

The next meeting of the Investment Energy Conference (IEC) will be held on July 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30pm. It is a worthwhile opportunity to gain valuable investment information, advice, market analysis and updates by industry experts. It is open to all IBEW LU 347 Retirement and 401(k) Plan participants and spouses. This year it will be held at the MB2 Raceway in Grimes, Iowa beginning at 5:30pm. The IEC with Dale Roshek will be providing every plan participant and their spouse a chance on the track after the meeting. You will be required to attend the conference beforehand and you must rsvp to Misty at the Hall. This opportunity will be limited to the first 50 participants or 100 people. Make sure to mention whether or not your spouse will be attending.

Congratulations goes out to our new Executive Board member, Ben Duke. He was recently selected from a pool of very qualified candidates. Thank you to all the Brothers that stepped up; Jake Anderson, Lance Gordon, Chad Lowe, Scott Mentzer, Tyler Nowell and Randy Tucker.

Our appreciation goes out to Brother Peter Swank who graciously donated \$500.00 to the James Bryan Memorial Fund. This fund was established after the passing of Brother Jim Bryan to help our apprentices. Again, thank you Brother Swank.

The Richard Griglione II scholarship fund is now available to the children of all members of Locals affiliated with CIBCTC. If your child is planning to attend college or is already enrolled you need to contact us at the Hall. The applications will be available soon for the 2017 – 2018 school year. The scholarship will award three \$1500 scholarships annually.

### **GOLF OUTING**

**July 15, 2017!**

Registration  
inside this  
issue!



Brotherhood Strong,  
Pat Wells

# ~ President's Report ~

Brothers and Sisters,

It's hard to believe that it is already May. Summer is approaching us just around the corner.

Work in our jurisdiction remains steady with about 120 travelers helping us with our work load.

A few projects are finishing up with more to come this spring.

The 2017 Pin Party was a success as always. We had pin recipients from 5 years of service to 65 years. I want to congratulate all the members who received a pin and thank all of the members who attended. I would like to personally commend Bud Glass for his 65 year achievement. It is always a special event.

Our Local Union 347 picnic is on Saturday June, 10th and I would like to encourage you to come out and bring your families. I feel that it is an event for good brotherhood and families as well. At the picnic you can enjoy the many activities and food provided.

As many of you know, there will be important elections coming up regarding our local jurisdictions. We need to pay attention to the candidates that are working for us in our political views and interests. Matt Marchese and Randy Tucker do a very good job at keeping us up to date on all of our important elections. If you have any questions about the coming elections, I would encourage you to talk to either of these men.

Attending the monthly union meetings, will keep you informed on all of the new matters we have before us. It was great to see young new members at the meeting and I would encourage all members to come and understand what our Local Union is about.

In Solidarity,  
Jason Ballard.



## FINANCIAL TIPS

### INCREASE YOUR CREDIT SCORE BY MANAGING CREDIT CARD ACCOUNTS

1. Limit the number of open credit card accounts to 3 or less.
2. Keep the balance on each card less than 50% of the available credit limit.
3. Keep one credit card account at a \$0.00 balance at all times.

The ratios of the number of credit card accounts a person has open and the balances on those cards have a direct impact on the credit score. If you have questions or would like more information on how to improve your credit, call us at 515-243-8735 or 515-282-3603.

## ~ Political Corner ~

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying shrooming season, also called Spring. Well as I write this the Legislative Session is just about to wrap it up. See what a great job they are doing they rammed through so much anti-union legislation they can wrap it up 10 days early this year. Most of the new laws don't go into effect until this Summer so we will see the effects of this session in the next few years. We lost collective bargaining rights for public employees and that alone would have been bad enough, but they now can't bargain for insurance, work schedules and management has less accountability in discipline matters among other conditions. We have new workers compensation laws that amazingly enough also strip away rights from the worker. The counties that decided that minimum wage should be higher than 7.25 well let's make that illegal too. It honestly is enough to make me ill. I could start talking about the budget cuts and their impact on our schools. This is especially important for those who live in rural Iowa, as the schools and the government are the largest employers many times in these communities.

I don't know maybe I am wrong and at the core of these new laws is an honest effort to improve the quality of life and the economic well being of our state as a whole. I was proud and amazed that Iowa still holds on to our number one status of graduate rates and low drop out levels. However, I think this is attributable to the hard working staff and teachers our union brothers and sisters who make due with less each and every year while having more students per class to deal with. I realize that education is not a labor issue..... or is it? Say for instance all union members no longer wanted to be teachers. If you freeze the pay of the very people that spend more time each day with our children than we do, how good of teachers are they going to be? I don't know, I think day care providers make more. Maybe we could just have somebody watch our kids until their old enough to move to China and work in one of Trump's factories. If this keeps up our cubs will only need "general math" to qualify for the apprenticeship because private schools will be the only ones with enough money to teach math. The saying used to be reading, riting, and rithmatic the 3 R's. Well we no longer teach cursive and heck who needs math or reading. I realize this will make it hard to follow memes on FB, but hey as long as ATN 5&6 go it's all good.

I am in a kind of bad place right now as the negativity may suggest. The fight continues. Rallies and town hall meetings across the globe continue. I implore each of you to take part in the political process. I want to repeat last months appeal please contact your Congressman, Senator or Mayor. Make your voices heard. In 2016, there were 14.6 million members in the U.S., down from 17.7 million in 1983. The percentage of workers belonging to a union in the United States (or total labor union "density") was 10.7%, compared to 20.1% in 1983. Union membership in the private sector has fallen under 7% — levels not seen since 1932. We are a small group. We have to fight hard or we are going to lose lifestyle our forefathers made possible for us. Educate yourself so when some jackass says all the candidates are the same anyway you say let's discuss this and have something to say. So please the time is at hand. We have local elections coming up soon. If you want to participate please let myself, Matt know, or call the hall.

One final thought is this, the main reason we have unions is through legislation. That is why we are active in the political process. It isn't because we enjoy door knocking on our days off, it is essential to the life of the union. Workers will always fight back, but it's kind of hard to fight when the law says you are wrong before you ask for a pay raise! I know we have rolling 40, but do we want to lose everything else? Maybe the answer is we don't care.

A Union member voting Republican is like a rabbit voting for hunting.

In Solidarity,  
Matt Marchese and Randy Tucker

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# Membership News

**Last Months Job Referrals**

61—referrals sent out 36—Regular Calls 1—Resi  
 1—Short Call 6-Apprentice 12—CW 5-VDV

**\*\*\*RETIREE LUNCHEON\*\*\***

Noon on Wednesday, May 10th 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 plan-  
 ning to attend. If you have any questions contact  
 Mike Booker at  
 515-276-5458.

## Newborns!

Kinnick Tate Vannoy Born: 4/5/17 20" 7 lbs., 10 oz. Parents: David & Tiffany Vannoy	Claire Marie Whitaker Born: 4/7/17 20" 7 lbs., 11 oz. Parents: Daniel Whitaker & Michelle Smith
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*The Local Union would like to express it's sympathy to the families of the following members:*

Retiree Brother Calvin Mealey passed away on March 11, 2017 he was 90 years old. He was a member for 53 years.  
 Brother Michael Jacobsen passed away on April 15, 2017 he was 47 years old. He was a member for 2 years.

## Apprenticeship News

With the new building comes the opportunity to expand and enhance not only our apprentice classes but also the journeyman training classes. To do so, we would like to assist and complement our full-time instructor staff with a few part-time instructors. The training center is planning to expand our hands-on labs so that our journeymen course offerings also include labs. Hands-on labs take more time and need multiple labs so that will require more instructors to meet the demand. There will be a training period for part-time instructors where you will co-teach with a full-time instructor. It is our hope that our part-time instructors can offer four to six courses a year. Part-time instructors are, and will be, paid at a flat hourly rate. If you are interested in a part-time instructor position, please contact the JATC for more information.

Journeyman classes are under way for the 2020 License renewal cycle. Please check our website for available classes at [www.dmelejatc.org](http://www.dmelejatc.org). If there are not any classes shown it is for one of two reasons: the class is FULL or there are no classes scheduled at this time. Follow the instructions provide on the webpage to register. As a reminder, a \$50 fee will be assessed to any individual that is a "no-show" without cancelling prior to class. No additional classes may be taken until the \$50 fee is paid · A NON-REFUNDABLE \$25.00 REGISTRATION FEE WILL BE ASSESSED FOR ALL PERSONNEL WHO HAVE NOT PRE-REGISTERED. Phone sign-ups are no longer accepted.

# GET TEED UP AT THE IBEW LOCAL

## #347

# 23rd Annual Golf Outing

Date: July 15, 2017

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



Deadline to Register: July 7, 2017

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.

Office use only: Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Persons Paid for \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Payment Cash Credit Check MO Check or MO# \_\_\_\_\_



The following people will fall into reinstatement (\$30) if their dues are not paid by **May 31, 2017**. This list was run on April 20, 2017. This list is broken down into "A" and "BA" members.

### "A" Members

ROBERT	R	ANDREWS
LONDON	D	BEARD
JACOB	M	BELCHER
JOSHUA		BELL
ANTHONY	J	BEMRICH
JOSEPH	A	BERNARDINO
NICHOLAS	D	BRADSHAW
TRAVIS	D	BROCK
HAROLD	F	BROWN
LEONARD	A	BROWN
JON	T	BUNTING
TAIT	H	CHAPMAN
TIMOTHY	A	CLARK
PENNY	L	CLARK
MICHAEL	T	CLAYTON
DEREK	E	CONOVER
AUSTIN	L	COOK
CHAD	A	DAVIS
DOHN	J	DEAN
DYLAN	L	DEGNER
JOSEPH	B	DONALDSON
ANTHONY	J	DURIAN
RANDY	N	ETTER
DUSTIN	A	EWING
JARED	R	FEE
CONNOR	M	FINDLAY
JUSTIN	L	FLYNN
JEFFREY	R	FOSTER
CHARLIE	L	FOX
THADEUS	J	GIBBONS
DANIEL	J	GISVOLD
TERENCE		GLASS
JAMISON	L	GOODYK
JASON	B	GRANDSTAFF
DAVID	A	GRETT
DEREK	J	HANNAM
NICOLAS	L	HANSEN
ZEBULON	Z	HATFIELD
ALEX	M	HENSLEY

MICHAEL	R	HOTMAN
TYLER	J	HOUGHAM
SHANE	J	HOWARD
ADAM	J	IVANOVICH
COREY	A	JACKSON
ERIC	A	JORGENSEN
MICHAEL	V	KELLEHER
ERIC	A	KLINGENSMITH
BRENT	A	KRAPFL
TIM	R	LEWIS
BLAKE	A	LOSSNER
KURT	D	LOVING
CORY	R	LUETH
JONATHAN	E	MATHERLY
TRACEY	N	MCAVOY
JAMIE	R	MOORMAN
J. BRAD		MOREN
BRANDON	S	MORRIS
CHARLES	J	MYERS
BRIAN	M	NEUENKIRK
ALAN	P	NEWELL
CLIFFORD	C	NOLTE
TRAVIS	L	OVERTON
JORDAN	S	PALMER
PATRICK	J	PETERSON
BRIAN	L	PIERCY
JASON	M	RAHM
CLINT	E	RUSSELL
AARON	B	RUTER
RON	J	SAF
JOSEPH	J	SANDERS
JACOB	D	SCHMEHR
JONATHAN	W	SCHMIDT
CHAD	D	SCHNELL
NICHOLAS	R	SCHULTZ
JASON	A	SCHUTTY
JAN	L	SHAFER
MATTHEW	J	SHOENHAIR
JONATHAN	C	SHUMAKER
LOGAN	L	SINK
ANDREW	A	SMITH

RANDY	L	SMITH
JORDAN	T	ST. ARNOLD
AARON	J	STILLER
MATTHEW	H	TALCOTT
KEVIN	W	TALLMAN
MATTHEW	R	TALLMAN
BRIAN	D	TATE
PHILLIP	M	THOMPSON
JOHN	W	TORREY
DOUGLAS	K	ULREY
COLBY	D	VANARKEL
RICHARD	R	VANDEBOE
SHANE	M	WARE
MILES	A	YOUNG



### "BA" Members

ASHLEY	A	BIRKINBINE
FRANCESCA	F	BROWN
ALEX	G	CHAMBERS
BRIAN	A	GATEWOOD
CASEY	R	GRAY
IVAN	H	HATHCOCK
JASON	A	JORDAN
CHRISTINE	M	LENSCH
RICHARD	A	SONGER
ROBERT	E	WARE

### **APRIL 1ST DROPS**

#### "A" Members

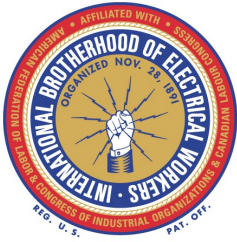
KAREN	L	BARNETT
ZAKKARY	J	BRANNEN
JUSTIN	T	EDGINGTON
CURTIS	W	MILBURN
BRANDON	M	MILLER
KADEN	D	MORGAN
ADAM	L	SCHMIDT
ALEXAN- DER	J	VOCKINGS
JESSE	L	WHITSON
CALEB	J	WILSON

#### "BA" Members

RICHARD A HUFF

# May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Trans-Lux Mtg. 2:30 & 3:15 PM ADT Special Mtg. 5:00 PM	2 EP-2 Mtg. 4:00 PM	3 Residential Special Mtg. 4:00 PM	4	5	6
7	8	9 Firestone Mtg. 3:00 PM	10 Firestone Mtg. 3:00 PM Retiree Luncheon Noon @ Hall	11 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG. 5:00 PM	12	13
14 <b>Mothers Day!</b>	15 Stockman/ Deliveryman Mtg. 4:00 PM	16 Keystone Mtg. after work	17 V.D.V. Mtg. 4:00 PM	18 KCCI Mtg. 1:00 PM	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Fort Dodge Mtg. 5:00 PM	26	27
28	29 <b>Memorial Day!</b> Hall closed	30 E-Board Mtg. 4:00 PM	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 Benefits Website: [www.ibew347benefits.com](http://www.ibew347benefits.com)

**LOCAL 347 HEALTH INSURANCE GROUP #78-800047**  
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 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.

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

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 When presenting your ID Card, please notify the provider to only use the last 9 digits or your Member ID #.  
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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.  
 To contact V.S.P. directly if you do not have internet access: 1-800-877-7195

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

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 NEBF: 1-301-556-4300  
 Have your Card# or SS# ready