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~ Business Manager's Report ~

Sisters and Brothers,

I would like to take a moment and congratulate all our Unit Officers now that all elections are over. I look forward to working alongside you all.

EP2 Chairman	Karl Smith	Bridgestone Chair	Bob Hathaway
EP2 Vice Chair	Dustin Ward	Bridgestone Vice Chair	Kip Etter
EP2 Recording Secretary	Michelle Johns	Bridgestone Recording Secretary	Zach Cavin
VDV Chairman	Brian Moss	Keystone Chair	Tania McPherson
VDV Vice Chair	Jesse Tharp	Keystone Vice Chair	Jon Burton
VDV Recording Secretary	Tim Rabe	Keystone Vice Chair	Loren Strait
Fort Dodge Chairman	Terry Glass	KCCI Chair	Brandi Vick
Fort Dodge Vice Chair	Ty Wyatt Jr.	KCCI Vice Chair	Will Emery
Stockman/Delivery Driver Chairman	Jason Harwell		

The RENEW and Women's Committees are trying to get more people involved by setting up group outings. They have one set up for this month on Friday August 22nd, here at the Union Hall. They will be hosting a Trivia Night. In order to have functions like these, we need to have member participation. They are requesting RSVPs to the Union Hall so we have a headcount before the night. This will help to ensure they have enough seating, enough prizes, enough snacks, etc. (food and drink are provided). Please help show our strength and solidarity by supporting our Local Committees.

We will be holding another New Member Orientation in September. If you are a new member that has been sworn in since our last class, you will receive a letter in the mail and we will post it on our website as it gets closer. If you are not new, but would still like to attend as a refresh of your benefits here, you are welcome to. More information to come - look ahead a few pages for the date and time.

Our Wellness Event is coming up here at the end of August for the Fort Dodge area and the end of September for the Des Moines area. Please take every opportunity to sign up for these valuable screenings. If you would, take the time to read a statement from one of our own members on the next page. This very screening has saved lives, OUR lives. It's completely free to attend, and only takes about 15 minutes a person. Let's make this year our most successful yet, and get as many plan participants screened as possible. Contact Nichole at the Union Hall to sign up for the Wellness Event, or visit our [Wellness Event](#) page to sign up yourself now!

Brotherhood Strong,
Dave L. Reid



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Friday, August 22, 2025
LU 347 Trivia Night @ the Hall

Saturday, August 30, 2025
Fort Dodge Wellness Screenings

Monday, September 1, 2025
LABOR DAY Parade & Fest

Friday - Sunday, September 26-28th
Des Moines Wellness Screenings



Health Gauge

Sign Up Now

ibewlu347.org/WellnessEvent

Participants of the 347 Electrical Workers Health and Welfare Fund, the annual wellness events have been scheduled. We are excited to announce that we are opening up more opportunities this year to hopefully be able to reach more people. **Saturday, August 30th, in Fort Dodge. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 26th - 28th in Des Moines** at the Union Hall. This important benefit has saved lives. Please contact Nichole to get scheduled for this valuable opportunity. (515-243-1924 or nchumbley@ibewlu347.org)

- Carotid Artery Screening
- Peripheral Artery Screening
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
- Biometric Screening
- Chemistry Panel, Lipid Panel & A1C
- Female - Thyroid (TSH) & Vitamin D
- Male - Prostate (PSA) & Total Testosterone
- Flu Shot (other vaccines available)

Saturday, August 30th – Fort Dodge 7-11am

Friday, September 26th – DSM 6-1pm

Saturday, September 27th – DSM 6-1pm

Sunday, September 28th – DSM 6-1pm

"IBEW 347 Family. I was recently diagnosed with Prostate Cancer, and I feel the information I learned is important to share with you. My wife and I participate in the IBEW LU 347's health screening each year. This year they added a new blood test to the screening. It is called a PSA (Prostate-Specific Antigen) test. I was unaware of the test until I received my results. While reviewing my results, I learned my PSA was a 10. The normal range is 0 to 4, anything over that is cause for concern. I scheduled an appointment with my family doctor. My doctor drew blood and requested another PSA test. In the course of a month, my PSA number had increased to 12.8. A side note here, I had no symptoms that anything was wrong. My doctor referred me to a urologist. Urology tests came back, confirming prostate cancer. They scheduled a PET Scan to get an idea if the cancer has spread beyond the prostate or not, lucky it had not yet. Biopsies were taken of the tumors. The results stated that I had a very aggressive form of prostate cancer. "As of 2017, in the United States, a man has a 50% chance of developing some type of cancer in his lifetime. Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in men. Early detection gives you the best chance of stopping cancer from spreading and makes your prognosis for recovery much better." Book: 100 Questions & Answers about Prostate Cancer by Pamela Ellsworth, MD. Men and women, please take the time to talk with your family about this and ask the uncomfortable questions about your family medical history. I learned that my mother's side of the family has a history of cancer. I did not know about it until after I told them of my diagnosis. I am only 50. However, I should have been tested 5-10 years earlier for prostate cancer due to family history. My daughters should also be screened for cancer earlier than what is recommended due to my family history. By participating in the union's health screening, it allowed for early detection, effective treatment plan and positive outcome. Had I not done the health screening my prognosis would not have been good given the aggressiveness of my strain of cancer. I hope this helps you take the next step and sign up for the health screenings, see your doctor for annual exams, and ask your family about your medical history. It can save your life. If you have questions feel free to reach out to me. Wishing you the best." -Dustin E.

Do you know any **outstanding apprentices**?
Someone you think deserves to be recognized?
Someone who would want some **free tools**?
Then please help us recognize the outstanding accomplishments of our electrical apprentices by nominating them today!

Each month we will select an apprentice, nominated for their great work in the field, for standing out in the classroom, for making an impact in the community, or for doing other nomination-worthy things.

The apprentice selected will be awarded a Milwaukee Tool package, recognized around the training center, and showered with praise!

Please scan the QR code or follow the link below to nominate someone today!

<https://form.jotform.com/240653557491058>





**IBEW LU 347
Women's & RENEW
Committees present:**

TRIVIA NIGHT

**6809 SE Bellagio Ct
Ankeny, IA 50021**

**Friday
August 22nd**

**Doors open at 6:30
Trivia 7-8 pm!**

**\$15/PER PERSON
OR
\$100/ TABLE OF 8**

**Join us for a fun filled evening of
trivia and socializing. We will
have prizes for winners and a
silent auction.**

All proceeds for charity benefit.



**Food and
drinks
provided!**

**THIS IS AN IBEW MEMBER
PLUS 1 ADULT EVENT**

**RSVP TO THE HALL BY:
AUGUST 15TH**



Dear new IBEW Local Union 347 member,

Welcome to LU 347. We are going to have a class for people that have recently joined the local. This class will be for any CWs, CEs, installers, first year apprentices and newly organized members. The class will be on **Thursday, September 18th, at 5pm** at the Union Hall. We will have pizza, pop and water available.

Please RSVP to Nichole (515-243-1924) at the hall, if you plan on attending to make sure we have enough food for everyone. This will be an informal class to discuss the Union, your benefits and anything else you may have questions about.



INVESTMENT ENERGY CONFERENCE

In the next month or two, please be on the look out for the announcement of our IEC date. This is a very important conference that many overlook every year. We partner with Principal, our financial advisors and attorneys to provide you with the latest insights into financial wellness and planning for your future. Here are a few reason's why you should attend:



- Get Ahead of the Game - Learn market trends and where the industry is going
- Make Connections - Network with industry professionals leading the way to tomorrow, and connect with members seeking the same answers you are
- Level Up your Knowledge - Gain insight into the business side of things and start making smart money moves to help your wallet on and off the job

When the session is over, meet new faces and celebrate your future career growth with peers and colleagues alike. Stick around for the prize raffle at the end!

NEWBORNS

Oliver Douglas Brady
Born: 06.09.2025
Weight: 7lbs 2.6oz
Length: 20.5 inches
Parents: Jordan &
Halie Brady

Luis Enrique Miranda III
Born: 06.11.2025
Weight: 8lbs 1.2oz
Length: 20.5 inches
Parents: Luis &
Ena Miranda



Our sincerest condolences go out to the family of Brother Thomas Tovrea. Brother Tovrea passed away July 4, 2025 at the age of 77. He was a member for 48 years.

If you would like to receive the Local 347 Newsletter via email as an alternative to an actual mailing, please email your request to Nichole at nchumbley@ibewlu347.org.

JOIN US - LABOR DAY - MONDAY SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2025 - PARADE & LABOR DAY FEST

PARK INSIDE THE MAIN GATE ON GRAND AVENUE AT THE FAIRGROUNDS. BUSES WILL BE AVAILABLE STARTING AT 9AM TO BRING YOU TO THE STATE CAPITOL. THE PARADE WILL START AT 11AM AND WILL END BACK AT THE FAIRGROUNDS. LU 347 TYPICALLY SETS UP IN THE LOT ON THE NORTH SIDE OF GRAND AVE AND WE WILL BE THERE BY 9AM GETTING READY. FOLLOWING THE PARADE THERE WILL BE A PICNIC FOR MEMBERS, THEIR FAMILIES AND SPECIAL GUESTS AT LABOR UNION PARK (4640 MORNINGSTAR DR DES MOINES). AT THE PARK THERE WILL BE LIVE MUSIC, FOOD AND DRINKS, INFLATABLES, FACE PAINTING, AIRBRUSH TATTOOS, AND MORE! WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE, IT'S GOING TO BE A GREAT TIME!

(SEE NEXT PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS)

LET'S CELEBRATE OUR HARD WORK

LABOR DAY

SEPTEMBER 1, 2025
UNION LABOR PARK



FOLLOWING THE LABOR DAY PARADE
FOOD WILL BE SERVED BEGINNING @ 12:30 PM

MUSIC | FOOD | DRINKS | INFLATABLES
FACE PAINTING | AIRBRUSH TATTOOS

Rain or shine, we'll have tents to keep you cool and dry!
Bring a chair or blanket!

4640 NW Morningstar Dr, Des Moines, IA 50313

The following people will fall into reinstatement (\$30) if their dues are not paid by **August 31, 2025**.
This list was run on July 25, 2025. This list is broken down into "A" and "BA" members.

"A" MEMBERS

AARON	K	ALEXANDER	KAYDEN	L	PAGE
KILE	E	ANDEWAY	ANDREW	C	PELTZ
HUNTER	C	BALLARD	PHILLIP	E	PETRIE
RANDY	D	BIRKENHOLTZ	BRETT	L	PHIPPS
JOSHUA	J	BROUGHTON	DAVID	T	RAMSELL
BLAKE	M	BUCKINGHAM	ZACHARY	A	RAMSEY
MATTHEW	A	CARRA	ZACHARY	A	RAY
JOSE	M	CHAVEZ	MILES	DL	RICH
RICHARD	A	COHENOUR	CLINT	R	ROBBINS
MADISON	E	CORBIN	NICHOLAUS	J	ROSONKE
JOSEPH	D	DAKE	KORBIN	A	ROULSTON
BRYAN	E	DILLON	SEBASTIAN	E	RUSHER
WADE	C	DINSDALE	JACOB	M	RUSTAN
DARION		DIXON	BENJAMIN	L	SCHNEIDER
ANTHONY	J	DURIAN	CHAD	D	SCHNELL
KYLE	M	EASTERBERG	JASON	R	SENECAUT
CHARLIE	L	FOX	ANTHONY	J	SMITH
RYAN	C	GALLAGHER	REECE	A	SODDERS
LEONEL	M	GARZA	DAKOTA	E	SPRAGUE
NOAH	J	GASPAR	JORDAN	T	ST. ARNOLD
JASON	B	GRANDSTAFF	JONATHAN	L	STELPFLUG
ZEBULON	Z	HATFIELD	RYAN	M	TAYLOR
DAVID	J	HAYES	CHASE	D	TINNERMEIER
TYLER	W	HECKMAN	CHANDLER	K	WELLS
KLAYTON	M	HEIMAN	BRANDON	L	YEARLING
TRENTON	L	HERRERA	COLLIN	J	ZIMMER

"BA" MEMBERS

DEVON	L	INGLE	GREGORY	L	HAECKER
ERIC	A	JORGENSEN	KUANYIN		KUANYIN
BRYSON	P	KINYON	THON		THON
ERIC	A	KLINGENSMITH			
NICHOLAS	J	LEONARD			
ZACHARY	T	LITTLE			
NICHOLAS	D	LONG			
DEON	R	LOPEZ			
DIEGO	J	LOPEZ-MARTINEZ			
COOPER	R	MACUMBER			
ELLIOTT	J	MANN			
LANCER	T	MARTIN			
ROBERT	J	MCCAULEY			
MATTHEW		MCCLINTIC			
DOMINIC	D	MEYER			
MARISSA	M	MOK			
RENE	T	MULLANEY			
RICARDO	I	MUNIZ			
DRAKE	Z	NOBLE			



The following people will be dropped if their dues are not paid by August 31, 2025. This list was run on July 25, 2025.

"A" Members

ALAN	P	NEWELL
ROBERT		ROBINSON
JOSIAH	M	VARBLE
LUKE	D	HIGGINBOTTOM
BRANDON	M	WHEELER
JOHN	C	SAMSON

"BA" Members


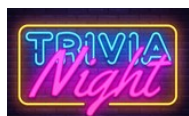


ANNIE		AMPHONEPHONG
JOSELYN		DURON
CHANH		INTHABOUNH
COLTON	R	JAMES

July 1st DROPS

Alfaro, William A	BA
Aunspach, Walter E	BA
Barnes, Matthew E	A
Eichhorn, Dalton C	BA
Garcia, Giovanny	BA
Hickman, Vance R	BA
Johnson, Seth X	A
May-Vargues, Angelica E	BA
Perez, Francisco A	BA
Safi, Ismail	BA
Starr, Sydney M	BA
Zelayou Jr., Dora	BA



August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 State Licensing Courses Available @ <u>DSM Electrical Apprenticeship</u>					1	2
3	4	5 EP2 4PM	6 Residential 4PM	7	8	9
10	11	12 Firestone Mtg. 12:30PM & 2:30PM	13 Retiree Lunch Noon @ Hall	14 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG 5PM	15	16
17	18 Stockman/ Delivery- man Mtg. 4:00 PM	19 Keystone Mtg after work KCCI Mtg. 1:00 PM	20 VDV Mtg. 4:00 PM	21	22  7-8PM @ Hall Please RSVP	23
24	25	26 E-Board Mtg. 4PM Women's Committee & RENEW 5pm	27	28 Fort Dodge Unit Mtg. 4:30 PM	29	30  FTD Wellness Event 7-11am (RSVP only)
31	<u>Last Months Job Referrals</u> 75 -Referrals Sent Out 21 -Regular Calls 3 -VDV Tech 3 - Resi Appr 35 - Apprentice 8 -VDV Appr 1 -VDV Installer 4 - CW					

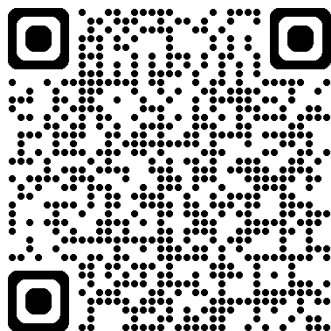
Please RSVP for the Retiree Lunch by calling Nichole at the Union Hall at 515-243-1924.



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6809 SE Bellagio Court
Ankeny, Iowa 50021

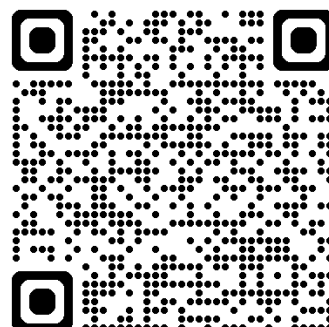
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Randy: rhtucker@ibewlu347.org
Chad: calowe@ibewlu347.org
Ben: btduke@ibewlu347.org
Nichole: nchumbley@ibewlu347.org
Misty: mrturmer@ibewlu347.org
Re-sign: resign@ibewlu347.org
General: info@ibewlu347.org



Scan Above to See Job Calls

LOCAL UNION 347 www.ibewlu347.org		Business Office hours: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Mon-Fri
Local #347 Benefits Website: https://www.solxsys365.com/	*NEW*	Phone: (515) 243-1924
For Job Calls, call after 4:30 PM daily and all weekend long: (515) 243-5412.		Fax #: (515) 243-8772
DES MOINES ELECTRICAL APPRENTICESHIP	www.dmelejatc.org	Phone: (515) 224-4349
LOCAL 347 HEALTH PLAN: NEW GROUP #78-800672 NEW MEMBER ID# UL10025*****		
Dollar Bank Billing & Claims Information: Call Solxsys		Phone: (515) 644-3200
To search for a United Health Care in-network provider call: 1-866-596-8447 OR go to www.uhc.com and click on Choice Plus.		
Local #347 Benefits Website: https://www.solxsys365.com/		
HRA Website: SOLXSYS.LH1ONDEMAND.COM		HRA APP: Solxsys HRA
SAV-RX: BIN# 006558 GROUP# IBEW347	www.savrx.com	MAKE SURE TO UPDATE
DELTA DENTAL INFORMATION: www.deltadental.com		Member ID is your SSN.
To contact Delta Dental directly if you do not have internet access:		Phone: 1-800-544-0718
V.S.P. INFORMATION (Eye Care): www.vsp.com		Member ID is your SSN.
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:		Phone: 1-800-877-7195
LOCAL 347 RETIREMENT & 401K #43-1329 Principal Financial:		Phone: 1-800-547-7754
When calling have your P.I.N. ready www.principal.com		
Address changes: Contact the Union Hall & Kristal Mar w/ Solxsys		Phone: 1-947-225-0348
JOURNEY CREDIT UNION:		Phone: (515) 243-8735
RETIREE RESOURCES: IBEW Retiree helpline:		Phone: 1-800-733-4239
Have your Card# or SS# ready		NEBF: Phone: 1-301-556-4300