



INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS

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~Business Manager's Report~

Sisters and Brothers,

There is a lot happening these days, although not unusual. This year the Local had a record number of delegates (7) attend the IBEW 40th Convention (originally postponed due to COVID). We hosted the IBEW 11th District Progress meeting here in Des Moines, which we have not done since 2008 and we also held Union elections all while in the middle of bargaining over contracts with EP2 and KCCI. The remainder of the year will determine the outcome of three additional Agreements; Firestone, Keystone and the Statewide VDV Agreement (VDV askings meeting; August 17). All business as usual. As I write, the Laborers LU 177 are in a dispute with three employers at the COSTCO project in Ankeny which displaced some of our members from the site for a few days. The dispute is likely to continue for awhile but a dual gate system has now been established. A dual gate system as recognized by the National Labor Relations Act gives the GC on a construction project the ability to create a second entrance into a site, the neutral entrance. The neutral entrance is to be used exclusively by all employers/employees/suppliers of the neutral parties while the primary gate is to be used exclusively by the employers/employees/suppliers that are in a dispute with the respective Union. Once this system is set up correctly and legally, all other craft Unions are generally required to notify their members to utilize the neutral entrance so as not to put the Local in potential litigation over issues such as a sympathy strike. It can seem a little confusing and every situation is unique so if you find yourself pulling up to a jobsite that has a picket on it, the best way to handle it is to turn around and call me at the Hall. Do not cross.

The annual Investment Energy Conference is set to begin at 5:00pm on Tuesday, August 23 here at the Union Hall. This event was established to provide additional retirement/investment education to plan participants and their spouses. During this particularly volatile time in the global economy, who couldn't use the additional insight? This year's impressive lineup of speakers will discuss your investment options along with today's financial climate and provide you with the insight to make prudent investment direction choices based on your retirement goals and expectations. After the education piece, the IEC will host a casino night at LU 347. This event requires an RSVP so take a look at the info on the following pages and call Nichole at 515-243-1924 to get signed up.

IMPORTANT DATES

August 23; Investment Energy Conference

September 5; Labor Day

September 10 and 17; Des Moines Wellness Events

September 24; Ft Dodge Wellness Event

On the health front, it is important to know that our health plan will not cover an Injury or illness that arises out of the course of employment. This type of illness or injury is insured by your employer under Workers' Compensation and should always be reported as such. Our health plan is a self funded plan which means there is no "insurance company". It's simply our money in, our money out. Our premium is based on claims activity and industry trend. If someone incorrectly submits a claim related to an injury that could have been paid by Work Comp, it puts the burden of that expense directly onto our Sisters and Brothers, taking food off their tables. If you suffer an injury at work, be sure to report it to your employer immediately so it can follow the correct course in regard to coverage. There are ways we can try to reduce costs in order to keep our premiums down. We can save money by understanding the cost differences between same day utilization options. The average cost to the plan per visit for those services is illustrated below:

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Average Cost to the Plan
Per Visit:
ER - \$1,226
Telehealth - \$59
Urgent Care - \$110
PPO Virtual Visits - \$96

As shown in the chart, the ER visit has the most immediate and substantial impact per visit. Of course, if there is an emergency, no other options are viable but in many cases, urgent care or telehealth may be just as effective at a significantly reduced cost to the plan and to the participant. Our telehealth benefit, Dr. On Demand, costs you zero out of pocket for that visit.

Our plan premiums are actually lower today than they were five years ago and that is a rare occurrence in the medical industry. Lets all work together to keep our premiums low and protect our plan benefits for the next generation of electrical worker.

The IBEW is committed to the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP) and currently working to get as many Journeymen trained and certified as possible in order to secure the work that is being implemented by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. This training is a critical component designed to be sure only qualified, licensed Journeymen are eligible to perform the work. This will give us an advantage over our competitors, but only if we have the certifications to back up our experience. If you are interested in becoming EVITP certified and would like to know more about it, please check out this link: <https://evitp.org/>.

Brotherhood Strong,
Pat Wells

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2022 Local Union 347 Scholarship recipients!



Rylee Heryford, daughter
of Jason and Kerry
Heryford



Max Simmons, son of Tracy
and Janis Simmons



Kennady Jordan, daughter
of Scott and Carrie Jordan

As many of you know, Carol Harvey has retired after being with us for almost 23 years. We wanted to thank her for her compassion and commitment to IBEW LU 347.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Carol. We have benefited and will continue to, thanks to the care, as well as wisdom, you bestowed on our current staff and membership. Thank you for your years of kindness, respect and dedication. I look forward to the next opportunity we will get to spend some more time with you. Enjoy your retirement.

With love and gratitude,
Rick Chumbley, Vice President IBEW 347



Brothers and Sisters,

Political Corner

While we still have a few months until the midterm elections in November, I'd like to take some time to go over some changes to the voting rules in Iowa that were made last year. Many of these changes boil down to reducing the amount of time you have to cast your ballot, or otherwise making it more difficult to vote. Remember that polls now close at 8 PM on Election Day rather than 9 PM. You now have a smaller window to vote early in person with that period starting 20 days, rather than 29 days before Election Day. You also need to bring an ID to the polls, such as your driver's license, to be able to vote. The biggest changes were made to the mail-in ballot system.

If you plan to use a mail-in absentee ballot, you need to be aware of the timeline to make sure that your vote is counted. The new deadline for receiving ballots at your county auditor's office is 8 PM on election day, rather than the following Monday as it was previously. You will not receive an Absentee Ballot Request form automatically, so you must either be request one or print one out yourself. The people that are allowed to return someone else's absentee ballot have also changed, and it is now limited to a member of your household, an immediate family member, or a caregiver.

This year we have a chance to elect new representatives to several offices; including a U.S. Senator, four U.S. House seats, and the Governor, among others. These races will not be easy and we will need to put the work in if we want to win. Contact Randy Tucker at the hall to volunteer.

In Solidarity,
Wade Lester

RENEW

*"REACH OUT AND ENGAGE THE NEXT
GENERATION OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS"*

Brothers and Sisters,

The RENEW committee is currently working on rebuilding the Labor Day floats in preparation for the Labor day parade this year. This year's parade is now about a month out, it will be held Monday, September 5th. The next event we are looking forward to will be our second Trunk or Treat, coming up in October. If you'd like to get involved, please feel free to attend one of our meetings. We meet the last Tuesday of the month at 4:30, at the hall.

In Solidarity,
Wade Lester

Pictured below are Brothers Wade Lester, Stephen Coxe, Devon Wolf, Dave Reid and Randy Tucker while working on this year's Labor Day float.

Congrats go out to Brother Nathan Howie for winning the IBEW golf bag that was raffled by RENEW at the golf outing!



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Re-sign: resign@ibewlu347.org

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Misty: mrtturner@ibewlu347.org
Randy: rhtucker@ibewlu347.org
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The Local Union would like to express our sincerest condolences to the family of Retired Brother Stephen Nizzi, age 66, of Des Moines, IA. He passed away on 06/19/2022. He was a member of IBEW Local 347 for 46 years.



NEWBORNS

Lyla J. Smith
Born: 6/30/2022

6 Lbs. 15 oz

19.5 Inches

**Parents: Julian and
Christina Smith**

Barrett Cummins
Born: 6/28/22

8 Lbs. 10.5 oz

19.75 Inches

**Parents: Keith and
Lindsey Cummins**



State Licensing Continuing Education Courses:

The Des Moines Electrical Apprenticeship will post new classes on our website www.dmelejatc.org and our Facebook page. Please use the on-line registration to sign-up for the classes. Make sure that you complete the registration process by putting the class in your "cart" and then checking out. If you have completed the process and checked out you will receive a confirmation email from the system. If you do not receive an email the sign-up process was not completed. **If you do not see any classes posted it is for one of two reasons: no classes are scheduled or the classes are full.** Keep in mind that you will need to have 18 hours of CEUs (6 must be code) by December 31, 2022 in order to renew your license.



***** There will not be any classes offered after November 22, 2022. *****

Reminder– Des Moines Inside Harassment Training is given every Tuesday and Friday at 10am, here at the Hall. Call in advance for placement.



Pictured above is President Emeritus Tim LeClaire swearing in new President Chad Lowe.



Pictured below from left to right are the officers that were sworn in at the July General Membership Meeting: *Upper row:* Business Manager/Financial Secretary Pat Wells, Vice President Rick Chumbley, Recording Secretary Matt DeAngelo, Executive Board Stephen Coxe, Executive Board Mike Jones, *Lower row:* Executive Board John Stahowick, Executive Board Bronson Weese, Treasurer Kyle Overton, Executive Board Nate Friesen and Executive Board Ben Duke.



HAPPY 2022 Labor Day

Bring the family and join us on Labor Day, September 5, for the South Central Iowa Federation of Labor's 2022 Labor Day Parade.

We will be gathering beginning as early as 8:30am on the NE corner of E.12th and Grand Ave in Des Moines to set up our floats.

We will distribute t-shirts as members and their families arrive to walk with us in the parade. In addition, during the period prior to the parade, we will have snacks and water available.

Plan to park just inside the west end of the fairgrounds near the Elwell building. There will be buses bringing you to the capitol complex, beginning at approximately 9am. The parade route will end back at the fairgrounds.

The parade is scheduled to begin at 11:00am.

2022 Local 347 Wellness Event Schedule:

All plan participants, spouses, and covered adult children are eligible. Flu shots are included.

Fort Dodge Health Screening: Saturday, September 24, 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Iowa Central Community College East Campus – Classroom 205
2031 Quail Ave – Fort Dodge, IA 50501

Des Moines Health Screenings: Saturday, September 10, 6:00 AM - 1:00 PM and Saturday, September 17, 6:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: IBEW Local 347 Union Hall
6809 S.E. Bellagio Crt.
Ankeny, IA 50021



How do I participate?

Step 1: Call Nichole Chumbley at (515) 243-1924 to schedule your health screening.

****RSVP IS REQUIRED****

Step 2: Attend your onsite health screening at the scheduled time. The screening requires a 12-hour fast prior to the screening. Please be sure to drink water during your 12 hour fast to ensure proper hydration. If you normally take medication, continue to take it as recommended by your doctor.

Step 3: Complete a personal wellness profile.

This will be available prior to and during the health screenings.

Step 4: Follow up consultations will be scheduled the day of the screening.



2022 IEC

INVESTMENT ENERGY CONFERENCE



You are invited!
Come join the fun at Local 347's annual Investment Energy Conference on Tuesday, August 23rd. Guest speakers, retirement education and entertainment will begin at 5:00 pm. Dinner will be provided along with a hosted casino party by Casino Entertainment. The purpose of the IEC is to provide valuable investment guidance involving your 401(k) and retirement planning.



COME JOIN THE FUN AT

CASINO NIGHT

GUEST SPEAKERS

- Jeff Benoit
- Jason Trine
- Matt Ochoa

Schedule of Events

5:00 pm | Happy Hour

5:30 pm | Grill Out

6:15 pm | Speakers

7:15 pm | Casino Party

9:00 pm | Drawing/Closing

Please RSVP to Nichole Chumbley at 515-243-1924 or email at nychumbley@ibewlu347.org

The following people will fall into reinstatement (\$30) if their dues are not paid by **Aug 31, 2022**. This list was run on July 18, 2022. This list is broken down into "A" and "BA" members.

"A" MEMBERS

BENJAMIN		ALVARADO	DRAKE	A LOURENS
HUMBERTO		ALVARADO	COLTON	J LOWE
MASON	C	ANDERSON	ROBERT	L LOX
JOSHUA		ANDERSON	JASON	D LYON
ZACHARY	J	BAETSLE	JACOB	G MARLIN
SETH	A	BAILEY	TROY	EL MARTIN
DEREK	A	BALLARD	WILLIAM	J MARTIN
KEITH	D	BARK	SPENCER	D MAUK
JUSTIN	L	BAXTER	TRACEY	N MCAVOY
ROBERT	T	BOWMAN	KEENAN	R MCBROOM
TRAVIS	J	BRIGGS	KYLE	F MCNAMARA
TRAVIS	D	BROCK	MARK	G MENDENHALL
EDWARD	L	BROCK	RYAN	R MILLS
ETHAN	J	BUTCHER	MERVIN	D MINDE
MICHAEL	I	BYERS	JASON	D MOORMAN
RODNEY	J	CARNEY	JAMIE	R MOORMAN
GRANT	S	CASADY	DON	MORGHEIM
JOSE	M	CHAVEZ	JOVANI	MORQUECHO-RUIZ
MICHAEL		CLAMAN	BRANDON	S MORRIS
ALLEN	L	COOK	RENE	T MULLANEY
LUCHIANO	D	CORUJO	CHRISTOPHER	M MURPHY
TED	A	CROSS	THOMAS	J NIKKEL
LANCE	R	DIXON	THAD	J O'BRIEN
JOSEPH	B	DONALDSON	VICTOR	P OCHOA
TOBIAS	X	DOWNING	DEVAN	J OLSON
JACOB	S	DUNSBERGEN	ZACHARY	P OWENS
RICHARD	R	EATWELL	MICHAEL	A PAUSCHER
KEANAN	J	ELMORE	DEVIN	A PEARSON
JEFFREY	A	ENGA	RYAN	L PENNINGTON
ERIC	W	ERICKSON	ERIC	B PEPPERS
TREY	L	EVANS	KENNY	K PHAYDAVONG
CHASE	A	FARRELL	AUSTIN	L PRUITT
JOSE	O	GARCIA	JASON	M RAHM
CLINT	J	GARDNER	ZACHARY	A RAMSEY
LEONEL	M	GARZA	ZACHARY	A RAY
THOMAS	B	GOMEZ	BENJAMIN	J REED
ROBERTO	C	GOMEZ	RICHARD	J REIDBURN
KAYLA	A	GRAYSON	TRISTAN	J RETHMEIER
MICHAEL	E	GUNN	TOMMY	L RILEY
PATRICK	J	HANNAM	CHANCE	A ROBISON
CHRISTOPHER	T	HARDEN	JUSTIN	M RUSH
JACKSON	A	HAWXBY	ZACKARY	D SALEVSKY
MATTHEW	L	HEBERT	ROBERT	E SAMPLE
SEBASTIAN	T	HEBERT	JOSEPH	J SANDERS
CHRISTOPHER	C	HEER	CHAD	D SCHNELL
JEFFREY	L	HENDERSON	LUKE	W SEE
STEVE	J	HERMANN	JAN	L SHAFER
JASON	E	HICK	JACOB	P SLEETH
JENNIFER	S	HITT	AUSTIN	B SMITH
NICKOLAS	V	HOFBAUER	CONNER	K SMITH
JESSE	D	HOUSE	CONNOR	M SPENCER
NICHOLAS	P	HOWARD	FRANK	T SPOSETO
JACK	M	HUTCHISON	CHAD	R STIVER
MIGUEL	A	IBARRA	SEAN	R SULLIVAN
MATTHEW	S	JESSE	ETHAN	M SWANSON
TANNER		JOHANSEN	RYAN	W THODE
JESSIE	J	KADOUN	PHILLIP	M THOMPSON
COREY	M	KELLEHER	CROIX	D THOMPSON
RAYMOND	R	KIEFER	SEAN	P TOTTEN
ERIC	A	KLINGENSMITH	SHANE	M WARE
THOMAS		KOEP	COLBY	R WATERS
DILLON	J	KOVACEVICH	TREVOR	D WHARTON
JOSHUA	A	LANE	ERIC	S WILCOX
CHAD	D	LAWSON	BROCK	G WILEY
ALEXANDER	J	LEE	ADAM	M WILSON
TIM	R	LEWIS	NICHOLAS	C WOLFE
			JORDAN	W WRIGHT

"BA" MEMBERS

ROBERT	K	BELL
BURNEY	D	BRANDEL
MARIA MAGDALENA		BRITO
WILLIAM	M	HOSTETTER
DEIJAHN	M	JOHNSON
JASON	A	JORDAN
OWEN	G	WALTERS
JUSTIN	G	WELLS



The following people will be dropped if their dues are not paid by Aug 31, 2022. This list was run on July 18, 2022.

"A" Members

DALLY	A	BARDOUL
JOEL	W	CALDERON
RAY		CAMACHO
TRENITY	A	CULBERTSON
CARTER	A	DIRKSEN
JOSEPH	P	FARHAT
MICHAEL	G	LUNA
ADAM	S	LYONS
RONNIE	L	MARSHALL
TREVOR	J	RUS

"BA" Members

ERIC	R	KRIEGER
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July 1st DROPS

Steve G Contreras	Corey A Little
Lucien M Evans	Odie J Lofton SR
Jacob A Farrell	Neil H Nelson
Grant A Green	Austin J Paige
Abdishakur M Ibrahim	Daniel D Simmerman
Heath E Johnston	Mya K Spengler
Zackary S Keubler	Steven D Whelan

Last Months Job Referrals

108-Referrals sent out
59-Regular Calls
7-Apprentice
2-VDV Installer
1-VDV Tech
39-CW

August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 EP 2 4:00 PM	3 Residential Mtg. 4:00 PM	4	5	6
7	8	9 Firestone Mtg. 3:00 PM	10 Retire Lunch Noon at Hall Firestone Mtg. 3:00 PM	11 GENERAL MEMBER- SHIP MTG. 5:00 PM	12	13
14	15 Stockman/ Delivery- man Mtg. 4:00 PM	16 Keystone Mtg. after work	17 VDV Mtg. 4:00 PM	18 KCCI Mtg. 1:00 PM	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Fort Dodge Unit Mtg. 4:30 PM	26	27
28	29	30 E-Board Mtg. 4:00 PM RENEW 4:30 PM	31	  <div> Please RSVP for the Retiree Lunch by calling Nichole at the Union Hall at 515-243-1924. </div>		



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Local #347 Benefits Website: www.ibew347benefits.com	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 GROUP #78-380001	
Dollar Bank Billing & Claims Information: Call CompuSys Phone: 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.	
HRA BALANCE BY PHONE:	Phone: 1-844-472-2251
SAV-RX GROUP# IBEW347 www.savrx.com	
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:	Phone: 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:	Phone: 1-800-877-7195
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When calling have your P.I.N. ready www.principal.com	Phone: 1-800-547-7754
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JOURNEY CREDIT UNION:	Phone: (515) 243-8735
RETIREE RESOURCES: IBEW Retiree helpline:	
Have your Card# or SS# ready	Phone: 1-800-733-4239 NEBF: Phone: 1-301-556-4300