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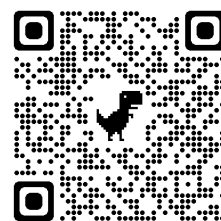
~ Business Manager's Report ~

Sisters and Brothers,

It's been a very busy year for a number of reasons but I would like to sincerely congratulate the Sisters and Brothers of LU 347 that have negotiated and ratified contracts in 2022. EP2, Keystone, Firestone and our statewide Voice Data Video Units have all very successfully reached settlements with notable improvements to conditions, benefits and wages. Each negotiation is unique and presents its own distinct challenges so my hats off to our Unit Officers for their selfless commitment and determination to reaching fair and just outcomes for the benefit of our respective unit members. As I mentioned, every negotiation presents its own distinct challenges and this year the Sisters and Brothers of our KCCI unit are facing those challenges head on. I'll not get into great detail as our negotiation is ongoing but the difficulties have been significant. The reason I mention this now is; you may not see LU 347 as one of KCCI's partnering sponsors in this year's Toys for Tots campaign. An employer that tries this hard to deny workers the wages and benefits they deserve should not benefit from their Union advertising dollars. These 347 members worked selflessly through a pandemic, potentially putting their lives and the lives of their families at risk in order for the employer to continue to thrive and as you well know, they face massive increases in consumer pricing without relief as bargaining continues at a sluggish pace. We will continue to work towards a fair contract with the station and I have confidence that we will remedy this situation to the benefit of our members. In the meantime, I have every intention of providing continued support to the US Marine Corps Toys for Tots program here in central Iowa as we have in the past with contributions, toys and boots on the ground.

Regarding apprentices working outside of our contract jurisdiction. It is important for you to know that you cannot be required to work outside of our jurisdiction. Crossing jurisdictional boundaries with an apprentice requires coordination between the local JATC, the receiving JATC and your Union Hall. Please contact your JATC or the Union Hall with any questions.

There are no remaining Journeyman Continuing Education courses for this code cycle available through the DSM JATC. If you have your classes done and simply need to renew your license at this time, please do so. You can use this QR code or go to <https://iowadps.force.com/s/login/>. An important note; not only has the 2022 Iowa Republican legislature reduced your maximum benefit weeks to 16, they have also qualified a failure to maintain your license as misconduct. This could jeopardize your ability to qualify for future unemployment benefits. CW's and Apprentices, you should be renewing your unclassified license online if you haven't already.



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The Union Hall has a limited number of tickets for Make A Wish Iowa's Jolly Holiday Lights display available on a first come first serve basis. One ticket per member. The Jolly Holiday Lights season runs November 25th, 2022- January 1st, 2023. If interested, please stop by the Union Hall to pick up your ticket today!



Last Months Job Referrals

150 -Referrals Sent Out
 85 -Regular Calls
 18 -Apprentice
 32 -CW
 5 -VDV Tech
 8 -VDV Installer
 2 -Stockman/Deliveryman

At our November 10 General Membership Meeting, a resolution to purchase the adjacent property formally known as Lot 5, Corporate Woods Pointe Plat 1, was considered and voted upon favorably. The next step in the process is to secure approval from the International President of the IBEW. Should approval be received, we expect to close on the transaction by the end of December. This will be our only opportunity to own this property and control its use. Considering our rich history, we simply do not know where we will be in 20-30 years. If membership keeps growing, that is the only direction that we can expand if it becomes necessary and I hope it does because that would mean continued success and growth of the IBEW here in central Iowa. The possibilities are endless as long as we own it.

As far as our old Union Hall at 850 18th St., we were required to move forward with a phase 2 environmental study to determine if the old gas station from the 1940-1950's to the North left any contamination in the soil on our property. The phase 2 study was completed and sent to the lab mid November so by the time you receive this newsletter we should have results. Pending no serious issues, we will close on this transaction shortly thereafter.

Now is the time you should be reviewing the General Membership meeting attendance and volunteer sheet to confirm that all your information is correct. You have to attend 9 GM meetings and volunteer 8 hours to qualify for one of five \$500 gift cards in our year end giveaway which is drawn for at the January GM meeting. Contact Nichole at the Hall if you need clarification.

Pension Benefit Fund and IO per capita rates; both are increasing by \$2 each on January 1, 2023. "A" member dues on January 1, 2023 will be \$46/month. "BA" members dues will increase by \$2/month. Please keep that in mind as we near the end of the year.

We are hosting a Social Security/Medicare seminar at the Union Hall on December 15 beginning at 4:30pm. This event is being coordinated by LU 347, 55 and 499 and is open to all IBEW members and their spouses. The event will provide guidance on Social Security, Medicare and how they coordinate with different retirement and health funds. You don't need to be nearing retirement to benefit from this education piece. Also, Principal will be presenting a short retirement education session during our December General Membership Meeting.

We have 100 Union Sportsmen's Alliance 2023 two Guns A Week sweepstakes calendars available at the Union Hall. The USA mission is to unite the Union community through conservation to preserve North America's outdoor heritage. It really is an outstanding Union organization with the full support of North America's Building Trades Unions. Calendars are \$35 each and enters you into a drawing for one of two Savage Axis II rifles chambered in 6.5 Creedmoor. We will draw for these two rifles at the first GM meeting following the sale of the 100th calendar.



Brotherhood Strong, Pat Wells

Newborns

Royce Lee

Born: 10.17.22

Weight: 10 lbs. 10 oz.

Length: 21 inches

Parents: Alexander & Allison Lee

Emmett Henry

Travelbee

Born: 11.5.22

Weight: 6 lbs. 1/2 oz.

Length: 19 inches

Parents: Steven & Season Travelbee

Parker Decker

Born: 10.23.22

Weight: 8 lbs. 14 oz.

Length: 22 inches

Parents: Fisher & Tatum Decker

Jason Clark

Born: 10.15.22

Weight: 9 lbs. 15 oz.

Length: 20^{3/4} inches

Parents: Raymond & Elizabeth Clark

The Local Union would like to express our sincerest condolences to the family of Retired Brother John G. Erickson, age 79, of Polk City, IA. He passed away on 11/18/2022. He was a member of IBEW Local 347 for 52 years.



LOCAL UNION 347 CHRISTMAS PARTY



Come join the fun on Saturday, December 10, 2022 for the best Christmas party in town!

Santa will be there with a couple of his favorite reindeer. There will be a present for every child and lots of fun activities like face painting, temporary tattoos, bouncy houses and a giant slide. Food and fun starts at 12:00pm and will continue until 3:00pm at the Iowa State Fairgrounds, Animal Learning Center (plenty of parking in the area).



Christmas party set up begins at 9am. If you are available we could certainly use the help. It's always a good time! If you have any questions please give us a call at the Hall 515-243-1924 anytime prior to the event. The day of the event you can reach me at 515-313-1516.

Brotherhood Strong, Pat Wells



SAVE THE DATE!

2023 PIN PARTY/RECOGNITION NIGHT

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2023

COCKTAIL HOUR: 5:00 – 6:00 PM

DINNER SERVED: 6:00 PM

**\$10.00 PER MEMBER OR \$20 PER MEMBER WITH ONE GUEST
[ADDITIONAL GUESTS MAY BE ACCOMMODATED (IF
SEATS ARE AVAILABLE) AT \$30 EACH]**

**BISHOP BALLROOM
At Prairie Meadows
(Enter through The Meadows entrance)
1 Prairie Meadows Drive
Altoona, IA 50009
515-967-1000**

SEE THE JANUARY NEWSLETTER FOR MORE INFORMATION

The following people will fall into reinstatement (\$30) if their dues are not paid by **December 31, 2022.**

This list was run on November 22, 2022. This list is broken down into "A" and "BA" members.

"A" MEMBERS

RONNIE	D ALLBEE	SCOTT	A JORDAN
BENJAMIN	ALVARADO	ERIC	A KLINGENSMITH
JOSHUA	D BELL	NICHOLAS	J LEONARD
MATTHEW	C BETZ	MICHAEL	T LEYDEN
BRANDON	M BREGAR	TRACEY	N MCAVOY
RUSSELL	J BRETON	DOMINIC	L MCCARL
TRAVIS	D BROCK	GRANT	J MCDERMOTT
DOMINIC	M BYERS	JACOB	T MCKNIGHT
IAN	J CARPENTER	FAITH	A MONTGOMERY
NATHANIEL	A CASKEY	J. BRAD	MOREN
JOSE	M CHAVEZ	MICHAEL	M MORRIS
SCOTT	E CLARK	RENE	T MULLANEY
NICK	L CLARK	CHRISTOPHER	M MURPHY
JAMES	J COLES	ALAN	P NEWELL
KEVIN	S DAY	PHILLIP	E PETRIE
JOSEPH	B DONALDSON	ANDREW	D RAHM
NOAH	W DUDLEY	BRENT	S RAMTHUN
ANTHONY	J DURIAN	ZACHARY	A RAY
JULIA	D EBERLE	JUAN	E RIVAS MARTINEZ
CHASE	R ELLIOTT	SHAWN	W ROBERTSON
PATRISHA	L FARLOW	TREVOR	J RUS
CONNOR	M FINDLAY	JUSTIN	M RUSH
LOGAN	J FOETISCH	RON	J SAF
DENVER	J FORTUNE	JOSEPH	J SANDERS
TYLER	C FRANCE	CHAD	D SCHNELL
JOSE	O GARCIA	SCOTT	B SCHOONOVER
CLINT	J GARDNER	LUKE	W SEE
LEONEL	M GARZA	JASON	R SENECAUT
NOAH	J GASPAR	STEPHANIE	M SLIGER
NOAH	X GRANT	ANDREW	A SMITH
JENS	J GREFF	AUSTIN	B SMITH
WILLIAM	P GUIZAR	ROBERT	L SMITH
DENNIS	B HAGEN	GIDEON	P SMITH
QUINTIN	L HARRISON	CALEB	D SPAIN
SHAWN	M HAUF	SEAN	R SULLIVAN
BRANDON	L HAUS	BO	VAN WYNGARDEN
JACOB	M HINES	JEREMY	D VANDERWELL
ZACHARY	J HOLTMAN	DUSTIN	H VOLQUARDSEN
REESE	E HOUTAKKER	WILLIAM	V WEST
AHMED	IBISEVIC	DENNIS	J WILLIAMS
		JORDAN	W WRIGHT

"BA" MEMBERS

JOSEPH	S CLAYTON
SHARBATULLAH	INTEZAR
ALI MOHAMMAD	KHAN
ABDUL QAYOOM	MAQSOODI
MYRON	O SHERIFF

The following people will be dropped if their dues are not paid by December 31, 2022. This list was run on November 22, 2022.

"A" Members

HUMBERTO	ALVARADO
LUKE	L BALDWIN
JOSEPH	P FARHAT
C. TYLOR	FREDERICK
MICHAEL	J GRIESSE
MARTIN	J HASS
TINA	E HELLYER
BRIAN	M JIMENEZ
JACOB	J JOHNSON
MICHAEL	V KELLEHER
TROY	R KUNZE
DAWSON	S NAEVE
MIKE	L OH
CALEB	P REED
JOHN	A RUS
RYAN	D SAUNDERS
DAVID	K SHARON
JASON	A SIMONSON
DREW	M VESPESTAD

"BA" Members

ANDREW	B EATON
NATHAN	C MERRYFIELD
JOSEPH	B PRITCHARD
HTOO	D SOE
MOO	TAW

Nov 1st DROPS

Bradshaw, Thomas T	A
Peck, Daltyn	A
Pope, Peyton C	A
Scace, Dylan SJ	A
Sharon, Trey E	A
Sheldahl, Erik L	A
White, Brian A	A
Hardwick, Tyler J	BA
Rufati, Bashkim	BA



December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Fort Dodge Unit Mtg. 4:30 PM	2	3
4	5	6 EP 2 4:00 PM	7 RESIDENTIAL Mtg. 4:00 PM	8 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG. 5:00 PM	9	10 
11	12	13 Firestone Mtg. 3:00 PM	14 Retiree Lunch Noon at Hall. Firestone Mtg. 3:00 PM	15 Social Security/ Medicare Seminar KCCI Mtg. 1:00 PM	16	17
18	19 Stockman/ Deliveryman Mtg. 4:00 PM	20 Keystone Mtg. after work	21 VDV Mtg. 4:00 PM	22	23	24
25 	26  Hall Closed	27 E-Board Mtg. 4:00 PM RENEW 4:30 PM	28	29	30	31

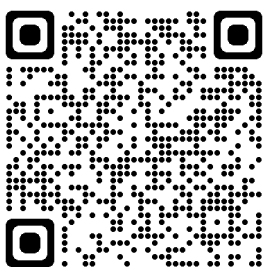
Please RSVP for the Retiree Lunch by calling Nichole at the Union Hall at 515-243-1924.



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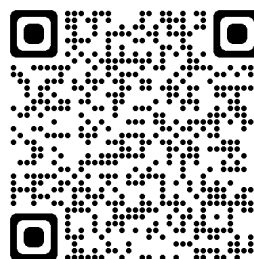
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Re-sign: resign@ibewlu347.org
Tim: tshawthorne@ibewlu347.org
Randy: rhtucker@ibewlu347.org
Misty: mrturmer@ibewlu347.org
Nichole: nchumbley@ibewlu347.org



Scan Above to See Job Calls

LOCAL UNION 347 www.ibewlu347.org Business Office hours: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday-Friday	
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	
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: 1-888-257-0225
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
LOCAL 347 RETIREMENT & 401K #4-31329 Principal Financial:	
When calling have your P.I.N. ready	Phone: 1-800-547-7754
Address changes: www.principal.com	Phone: 1-800-547-7754
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