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~ Business Manager's Report ~

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2016 has been and will continue to be a very busy year here at the Hall. Today we represent over 1,380 members working under thirteen different contracts and three different contracts represented by Labor Councils. Many of these contracts are up for negotiation this year and it is important that we all take a moment to think about what role we play not only during this process but throughout our lives. We must recognize our bond and understand that we are all working together towards common goals. It goes much deeper than just going to work each day to provide for our families. It is about strengthening the entire middle class and fighting for all working families. We are the job creators and the foundation of the middle-class economy. We do not stand idly by waiting for the crumbs to hit our plates as trickle-down economics would have it. We fight for a fair and just wage so that we may provide for our families with dignity and be able to provide a future for our children. So wear your colors proudly Sisters and Brothers. Let people know that you are a proud Union Member and do not hesitate to educate them on the importance of Collective Bargaining, how it affects your life and how it could affect theirs.

Volunteering on behalf of 347 is a driving force behind the success of our community relationships. It builds upon the positive image that we have earned over the decades here in our great state. This year we have begun to recognize these volunteers and we would like your input going forward. If you know of a Sister or Brother that has earned such recognition, put it in writing and send it to the Hall in care of the Executive Board. We will take each suggestion into consideration as we look to name the IBEW LU 347 Volunteer of the Year 2017. Congratulations to Brothers Joe Rivas and Rod Olson, 2016 Volunteers of the Year and thank you for all you do for Make A Wish!

The Union Sportsmen's Alliance Dinner was a huge success. There were over 65 tables filled this year with hundreds of Labor representatives from Building Trades, management, sponsors and vendors such as DiMeo Schneider & Associates, Principal, and Wells Fargo. There were over 75 guns given away, six of which were won by LU 347 Brothers. Congratulations to all of you. The Building Trades Committee in charge of the event will now determine what conservation project here in Central Iowa will receive the funds raised and where we will put boots on the ground to make the improvements for everyone to enjoy.

347 Retirement and 401k Participants, are you are interested in learning more about the benefits that you receive through Local 347 and Principal? Check out the online seminars that are available to you on the Principal website. It's a great interactive way to review benefit information, view PowerPoint presentations, and access key documents. First, log in, then from the account summary page click on the IBEW LU 347 investment option, hover over the retirement planning tab and click on Education Hub, once there you will have access to MY VIRTUAL COACH and all of the previous BRAINSHARK online seminars. There is a lot of very useful information there such as budgeting, investing, beneficiaries and estate planning. These are all topics that are important to each of us regardless of what stage of life we are in.

As Business Manager and Secretary to the Board of the 347 Scholarship Fund, I have the honor and duty to remind you all that the applications for the 347 Scholarship Fund are due May 1, 2016. If you have kids in college or are planning to attend this year, please have them apply. We give three \$1,000.00 scholarships annually. This is a benefit that is open only to the children of 347 members. Time is running out. If you have any questions give me a call. 515-243-1924

Brotherhood Strong,
Pat Wells

IMPORTANT DATES:

**MAY 7TH—
ANNUAL PICNIC**

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**JULY 16TH—
ANNUAL GOLF
OUTING**



~ President's Report ~

Happy Spring Brothers and Sisters

It's finally getting nice out and I'm pretty sure that has improved everyone's mood tremendously. I know for a fact it has mine, it's nice to be outside and not freeze. Enjoying the fresh air and the beauty of nature sure does make it nice to work outside.

2016 will go down as one of the most important years in a long time. This election cycle is for sure a pivotal year for organized labor. It is critical that all of us get out and vote. Do your research, educate yourself, get out and vote for the people that support us vote like your paycheck depends on it because I can tell you that it really does. We need a local school board, city council, the county board of supervisors, state legislators and senator's that support unions. With both houses of congress up for grabs in national elections and the president of the United States being elected this year we have all got to do our part and vote talk to our family and friends make sure they vote.

Don't forget the date for the union's summer picnic at the Labor park is May 7 th please plan on attending. There will be great food, pony rides, game trailer, inflatables and other activities for the kids. There will be door prizes and ice cold beverages for the adults. I am sure everyone that attends will have a fantastic time so plan on attending now and mark May 7th on your calendar, I will see you there. With every union function there are volunteer hours available we need help cleaning the park right after the picnic, so if you are in need of hours this is a great way to get some in.

We had a great turnout for last month's UNION meeting with close to 100 members in attendance. A huge thanks goes out to Brian Kerkove, Ed Washington and Doug Wolf for cooking up some awesome hamburgers and brats . We also had crab salad and chips and dip with all the trimmings for the burgers. Don't forget to mark your calendar now for this month's meeting it's the second Thursday of every month at 5pm sharp. Hope to see you there.

We had about 180 people come to this year's pin party, those that attended had a great time, enjoyed some terrific food and brotherhood. Thanks to everyone that attended and congratulations to everyone that received a pin. Thank you for our service to the IBEW.

Work in our area remains very strong with about 180 travelers working in the local's jurisdiction. I'd like to say thanks to all the traveling brothers and sister's. Thanks for helping us out, we needed the help.

In Solidarity
Scott L Farnsworth
President IBEW #347

Apprenticeship News

Just a reminder,

If you follow the Des Moines Electrical Apprenticeship on Facebook you will be among the first to know when new classes are posted! Available classes are always posted on our website. If there are no classes shown on the website it is for one of two reasons. All the classes are at full enrollment or there are no classes scheduled.

Remember you need 18 hours of continuing education to renew your license, 6 of which must be a Code class. All 18 hours can be Code classes and you can take the same class more than once.

Please register for all Journeyman Continuing Education Units (CEU) using the on-line registration process on our website. Do not put off completing all 18 hours of CEU's. There is no grace period for CEU credits into 2017. If you do not renew your license by December 31st, 2016 you will have to take the state license exam!

To check your earned CEUs go to: http://www.dps.state.ia.us/fm/electrician/continuing_ed/Continuing_Education
Note that the instructor has thirty days to submit a course and the state updates the list about once a month.

We have an aggressive JW training schedule planned for the summer. However, we have had to cancel a few classes this spring because of below minimum enrollment. Looking ahead to the fall, we anticipate having the biggest group of apprentices to date for the 2016-2017 school year. This means that the JW CEU offerings may be limited at best.

We will stop offering continuing education courses for the 2017 license renewals in Mid-November! If you do not have your 18 hours of CEUs by then you will have to look elsewhere.

Political Corner

Hello Brothers and Sisters:

We have a short 8 months until election day! I cannot stress enough how important this year is for us and the middle class in general.

First and foremost we have the Presidential race and for everyone who thought that Obama was a bad president you should look at some facts:

<u>2009</u>		<u>Today</u>
6,629	The Dow Jones	17,481
683	S & P 500	2,040
10 %	unemployment rate	4.9 %
18 %	uninsured adults	11 %
10.4	American cars sold	17.5 million
9.8 %	Deficit % of GDP	2.8 %
37.7 %	Consumer confidence	92.2%

If anyone has any questions about the facts I have presented, please come see me after the meeting in April and I will have even more helpful information on how the President took us from the darkest days since 1929 and brought us back to prosperity. We are not 100% there yet but are heading in the right direction. So as an IBEW member lets learn the facts before we vote!!

In my opinion, I understand how important the seat for the White House is but we as citizens of Iowa and union members have an election that is just as important. For the election, all even seats are up for elections if we lose one seat in the Senate chamber, we will have all Iowa political seats working against us. So in the upcoming months, I will have a list of all our labor-endorsed candidates. Thank you for being educated and well informed in the construction trades. Let's keep up the good work and lead by example!

Thanks in advance,
Your Political Registrar
Matt Marchese



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NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL. ****

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Membership News

Last Months Job Referrals

121—referrals sent out 67—Regular Calls 1— Short Call 25 —CW 2 —VDV Calls 26—Apprentice



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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

- ∴ 1 First Reading
- ∴ 4 Final Reading for membership
- ∴ 1 Traveling card approved
- ∴ Raffles for prizes held

*** RETIREE LUNCHEON ***

Noon on Wednesday, April 13th 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 planning to attend. If you have any questions contact Mike Booker at 515-276-5458.

~ ANNUAL GOLF OUTING ~

22nd Annual Golf Outing: Saturday, July 16, 2016 @ Terrace Hills Golf Course. Tee Time 8:00 am

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.

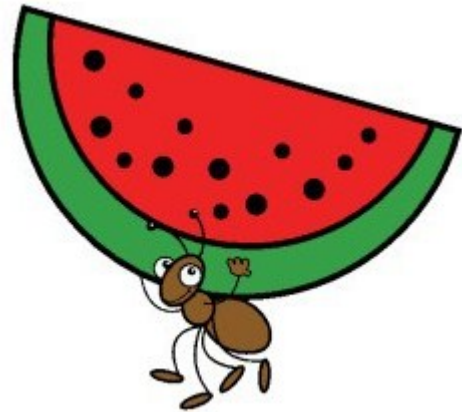
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Local Union #347

PICNIC

Saturday May 7th, 2016
From 12: 00 PM—4:00 PM
Union Labor Park
640 NW Morningstar Drive
Des Moines, IA 50313



Directions

From 2nd Avenue (North of Euclid), go West on Aurora Avenue. Continue until you get to NW Morningstar Drive and go North. The park will be on the West side of the road.

**This is a fun event for the
entire family!**

Activities will include:

Bounce Houses

Balloon Artist

Pony Rides

Gaming Trailer

Temporary Tattoo Artist



Wolfie's Bar-B-Que will provide smoked meats along with sides and beverages will be provided.

Hot dogs and hamburgers for the kids and the ICE CREAM TRUCK the last hour!

Please call the Hall with the number of people attending by April 22, 2016

at 515-243-1924

~Hope to see you there!~

The following people will fall into reinstatement (\$30) if their dues are not paid by **April 30, 2016**. This list was run on March 21, 2016. This list is broken down into "A" and "BA" members.

<u>"A" Members</u>		ADAM	M IRVING	CASEY	M SLOSS
RYAN	E BARNETT	JEREMY	R ISAAC	DEREK	R SMITH
KAREN	L BARNETT	ADAM	J IVANOVICH	JAMES	J SMITH
LONDON	D BEARD	COREY	A JACKSON	JOHNNY	F SOUTH
HAROLD	F BROWN	MATTHEW	S JESSE	TIM	J ST. ARNOLD
JON	T BUNTING	BRYAN	W JOHNSON	TODD	A STEWART
PAUL	B BUSHONG	KADE	A JONES	SEAN	R SULLIVAN
JAMES	J COLES	NIC	D KAHOE	MICHAEL	B SWANSON
MICHAEL	A CONNER	ABE	J LAWSON	KEVIN	W TALLMAN
LYNN	A COWDEN	MICHAEL	D LEACH	MATTHEW	R TALLMAN
JAMES	D DAVIS	JOSH	D LEONARD	NATHAN	W TARR
DYLAN	L DEGNER	KURT	D LOVING	TYRELL	L TAYLOR
ANDREW	C DESSAUER	CORY	R LUETH	RYAN	W THODE
JOSEPH	B DONALDSON	ELLIOTT	J MANN	DOUGLAS	K ULREY
DAVID	A DUFFY	RONNIE	L MARSHALL	DANIELLA	R VAUGHN
TODD	P EMERY	JORDAN	M MARTZAH	JOSEPH	A VYMETAL
SCOTT	A ESPE	TRACEY	N MCAVOY	ADAM	L WHISNEY
CHAD	S FANE	KEENAN	R MCBROOM	KAYLA	R WHITE
JARED	R FEE	ROBERT	J MCCAULEY	ZECHARIAH	E WICKER
CONNOR	M FINDLAY	SETH	W MCKINNESS	DALTON	P WICKETT
THOMAS	R FISHER	SCOTT	M MCTAVISH	ERIC	S WILCOX
DENVER	J FORTUNE	JEFF	M MEASE	JONAH	T WILLIAMS
JAMES	C FREY	JEROME	J MILLER	TED	F WOOD
NICHOLAS	A GHORMLEY	TYLER	J MURPHY	JORDAN	W WRIGHT
TERENCE	GLASS	BRANDON	L NORTH		
THOMAS	B GOMEZ	ERIC	J NUNO		
JAMISON	L GOODYK	TODD	E PAULSEN		
AUSTIN	B GREEN	PHILLIP	E PETRIE		
DAVID	A GRETT	BRIAN	T PIPPERT		
BRIAN	J GURNSEY	BRENT	S RAMTHUN		
PATRICK	J HANNAM	GEOFFREY	J RANDALL		
DEREK	J HANNAM	JERRY	L RHONE		
TIMOTHY	P HARRINGTON	KELLY	K RILEY		
MARTIN	J HASS	CLINT	R ROBBINS		
SCOTT	J HEATER	PHILLIP	J SCHAFFER		
STEPHEN	L HENSON	ADAM	L SCHMIDT		
STEVE	J HERMANN	FRANCIS	J SCHNEIDER		
TANNER	L HILPIPRE	JASON	A SCHUTTY		
SHANE	J HOWARD	CHRIS	L SCHWIENE-BART		
JOSHUA	D HUMMEL	TED	R SCOGGIN		
CHRIS	D HYLER	TROY	P SHANNON		
				<u>"BA" Members</u>	
				IVAN	H HATHCOCK
				STACY	M HICKMAN
				BOBBY	M HUNTOON
				GARY	L KENT
				ALAN	H KLINE
				TERRY	E MUHLSTEIN
				JAMES	A PRICE
				LARRY	A STENSLIE
				MATTHEW	E VANCE
				ERIC	M WESTBERG
				ROBIN	YOUNG

The following people will be dropped if their dues are not paid by April 30, 2016. This list was run on March 21, 2016.

"A" Members

JASON T ANANIA
 GEORGE A CATALDO
 KOLBY R DUDNEY
 LUCAS E DUIT
 BRENT R KRUSE
 GABRIEL D MCCLASKEY
 JASON D MOORMAN
 MATT J NEESE
 ROBERT L RICHT
 JAMES C SCHIEFFER
 JASON R SENECAUT
 MATT J TEMPLE




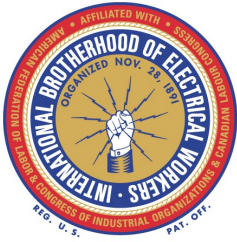
MARCH 1ST DROPS

"A" Members

Justin Blankman
 Larry Curtis III
 Benjamin Hamilton
 Joel Murphy
 Jason Tassi
 Caleb Walker

April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
						
3	4 Trans-Lux Mtg. 2:30 & 3:15 PM ADT Mtg. 5:00 PM TYCO Mtg. 5:00 PM	5 EP-2 Mtg. 4:00 PM	6 Residential Mtg. 4:00 PM	7	8	9
10	11	12 Firestone Mtg. 3:00 PM	13 Firestone Mtg. 3:00 PM Retiree Luncheon Noon @ Hall	14 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG. 5:00 PM	15	16
17	18 Stockman/ Deliveryman Mtg. 4:00 PM	19 Keystone Mtg. after work	20 V.D.V. Mtg. 4:00 PM	21 KCCI Mtg. 1:00 PM	22	23
24	25	26 E-Board Mtg. 4:00 PM	27	28 Fort Dodge Mtg. 5:00 PM	29	30



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LOCAL 347 HEALTH INSURANCE GROUP #78-380001 Dollar Bank Billing & Claims Information: Call CompuSys 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.	
L.D.I. INFORMATION (Prescription)—www.LDIRx.com Retail & Mail-Order Prescription and Drug Programs To contact L.D.I. directly if you do not have internet access: 1-866-516-3121	
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: 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: 1-800-877-7195	
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