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~ Business Manager's Report ~

Sisters and Brothers,

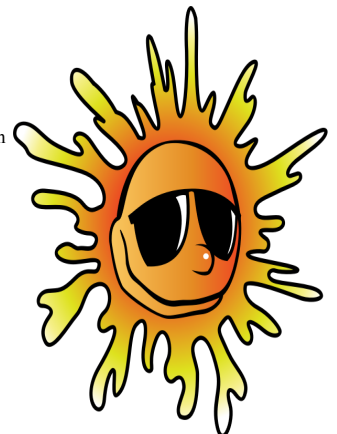
As you are well aware, the participants of the 347 IBEW Health and Welfare Plan continue to bear the weight of higher premiums. Due to the unusually high trend of large claims, rising medical care costs and the introduction of new specialty pharmaceuticals, the premiums are projected to continue an upward trend till years end before we see any change. The premium increase is also contributed to by the fact that our premium formula is derived in part by a trailing 12 month average. For each month that we experience a much larger claims trend, we are dropping off a month of what was considered low to average trend. We are now at a point where all twelve months in our premium calculation formula is on the higher end of the scale. What this means is that even if the claims activity tapers off and becomes what we once considered low, recent high claims will still affect the premium calculation for the next 12 months. Although the higher premium is a tough pill to swallow, we must all keep in mind that the Plan is doing exactly what it is designed to do, that is caring for all of our Sisters and Brothers who so desperately need it right now. The Board of Trustees is prudently reviewing potential cost savings analysis from our Plans actuary and as always I respect the Trustees dedication and sacrifice to the benefit of our 347 families, the Plan and the Industry.

On a related note, we are constantly reminded of all the safety concerns on a jobsite. Whether administered by a customer/owner, a general contractor or your own contractor, safety must be taken seriously and always be a priority. Do not become complacent, always be aware of everything that is happening around you. There was a young life lost on July 21st on the wind tower project in Huxley, Iowa. When that Union Brother left for work that morning, I'm sure that he had absolutely no reason to think that he wouldn't be returning home that night. I don't want to see this happen to any of our 347 family or anyone else. It is completely preventable in most cases. Please just be careful, on or off the job.

Wellness events are scheduled for Saturday, September 10th in Fort Dodge. In Des Moines, at the Union Hall, they will be held on Friday, September 30th, Saturday, October 1st and Saturday October 8th. Misty is taking reservations now, so be sure to call and secure your time slot. This is a valuable, potential lifesaving benefit of the Plan. Please take advantage of it.

There will also be a two hour Medicare education seminar put on at the Hall on September 6th at 5:00pm. If you are nearing retirement age or would like to know more about Medicare call Misty to RSVP. Spouses are also more than welcome as always.

Brotherhood Strong
Patrick H. Wells
IBEW Local #347



~ President's Message ~

Hello Brothers and Sisters

I truly hope that all is well with you and your families and you are enjoying great health and happiness in your life. To help ensure that you are the Union is having another wellness screening. Please get signed up for this it only takes about an hour or so and you never know it could end up saving your life. Simply call the hall and get on the list to get your wellness screening done. Fort Dodge is Saturday, September 10th. Des Moines is Friday, September 30th and Saturday, October 1st.

We have had good attendance at the monthly meetings. We are close to averaging about 80 members. It's always great when every seat in the hall is filled so plan on attending and help make our union better and stronger. We truly do need everyone to make the local as strong as it can be. Come to a meeting or volunteer your time at one of the events that we sponsor and help out the community. It's always a great time.

Next month we will have the Labor Day parade. We have ordered the T-shirts and will be getting the floats ready in the next few weeks. Please plan on attending this great event that truly shines a spotlight on organized labor. Labor Day is the one true day that is for all of us. Hope to see you at the parade Monday, September 5th.

There will be a full permit to carry class at the hall Thursday August 4th. Call the hall to get signed up for this class if you are interested.

It's never too early to start thinking about the Jolly Holiday lighting display. This year's event will be at Adventureland. We are hoping it will be even bigger and better than last year's which means we will need even more help to be successful. Please plan on coming out to help. We need you.

At last month's union meeting it was announced that there are 525 travelers working in our local. We owe our traveling brothers and sisters a huge thanks for coming and helping us out when we needed them.

In Solidarity
Scott L Farnsworth
President IBEW #347

Local #347 Golf Outing



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Membership News

Last Months Job Referrals

232 —referrals sent out	178—Regular Calls	6—Short Call
20—Apprentice	26—Construction Wiremen	1—VDV 1-Residential

The Local Union would like to express it's sympathy to the family of the following member: Retiree Bill Winkler passed away June 6, 2016 at the age of 80. He was a member for 53 years.

*** RETIREE LUNCHEON ***

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

Newborns

Journi Breeze Davis
 Born: 6/20/2016
 19 in. long, 8 lbs. 6 oz.
 Parents: J.D. & Lannie Davis

Elise Ruth Murphy
 Born: 7/14/2016
 22 in. long, 10 lbs.
 Parents: Chris & Elizabeth Murphy



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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES



- ∴ 4 First Readings for membership
- ∴ 1 Final Reading & Oath for membership
- ∴ 1 Honorary Withdrawal approved
- ∴ 2 Donation requests approved

Apprenticeship News

Just a reminder,

There are NO JW CEU classes scheduled for August or September. The final class offerings for the 2017 license renewal will be posted at a later date.

There have been 136 classes offered since January of 2014. Of those classes, 27 have been cancelled. 24 classes have been cancelled since June 1st of 2016.

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 of Iowa 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 of Iowa updates the list about once a month.

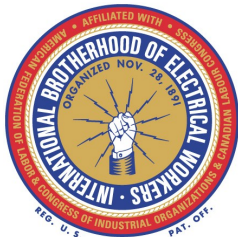
The last week that CEU classes will be offered will be during the week of November 14th, 2016 for the 2017 license renewal.

The following people will fall into reinstatement (\$30) if their dues are not paid by **August 31, 2016**. This list was run on July 20, 2016.

<u>"A" MEMBERS</u>								
LANDON	D	BEARD	BRENT	A	KRAPFL	CODY	A	VOS
MATT	P	BERG	MICHAEL	D	LEACH	BRIAN	L	WALLACE
COREY	M	BRANT	CARL	V	LENGER	JACOB	A	WILKENING
RAY		CAMACHO	PATRICK	D	LITTLE	JONAH	T	WILLIAMS
NATE	A	CASKEY	JORDAN	M	MARTZAHN	CALEB	J	WILSON
AARON	M	CHAPMAN	RICHARD	K	MCCABE	MICHAEL	G	WRIGHT
TED	A	CROSS	ROBERT	J	MCCAULEY	<u>"BA" MEMBERS</u>		
BERGAN	A	DALLEY	PATRICK	L	MCDONALD	ALEXANDER	G	CHAMBERS
JOSH	P	DEVORE	JAMIE	R	MOORMAN	JEFFREY	D	COWIE
MICHAEL	D	DORRIAN	PHI	V	NGUYEN	IVAN	H	HATHCOCK
JESSE	K	DUDNEY	DEREK	L	NISH	STACY	M	HICKMAN
LARRY	K	ENGA	THAD	J	O'BRIEN	GARY	W	MURRAY
ERIC	W	ERICKSON	MICHAEL	S	PERRAULT	ANTHONY	A	RHOADES
DENVER	J	FORTUNE	DAVID	T	RAMSELL	LARRY	A	STENSLIE
NICK	A	GHORMLEY	COLIN	P	RANKIN	MATTHEW	E	VANCE
ALEX	J	GILLESPIE	NOLAN	H	RAYMOND	ROBIN		YOUNG
ANDREW	V	GRAHAM	JERRY	L	RHONE	The following members will be dropped from membership if their dues are not paid by August 31, 2016. This list was run on July 20, 2016.		
KEVIN	R	GRANT	CLINT	E	RUSSELL	<u>"A" MEMBERS</u>		
STEVE	C	GREENE	WANO	N	RUSSELL	ZACHARY	J	BAETSLE
BRIAN	J	GURNSEY	RON	J	SAF	JASON	A	BAXTER
NICOLAS	L	HANSEN	JOSEPH	J	SANDERS	JAMES	C	BROWN
STEPHEN	L	HANSEN	JACOB	D	SCHMEHR	NATHAN	J	HIBBS
MARTIN	J	HASS	JASON	A	SCHUTTY	MITCHELL	D	HUTCHINS
ALEX	M	HENSLEY	JASON	R	SENECAUT	TIMOTHY	G	KRUSE
STEVE	J	HERMANN	JONATHAN	C	SHUMAKER	ZANE	A	MCGEE
KERRY	A	HORNER	DARRELL	W	SILVERTHORN	JASON	D	MOORMAN
TYLER	J	HOUGHAM	JACOB	P	SLEETH	AUSTIN	L	PRUITT
CHRIS	D	HYLER	STEPHANIE	M	SLIGER	RICHARD	R	VANDEBOE
DEREK	W	INGLE	MATTHEW	D	SPECK	<u>"BA" MEMBERS</u>		
ADAM	J	IVANOVICH	ANTHONY	T	STELPFLUG	FRANKLIN	D	BIRDINE
COREY	A	JACKSON	TODD	A	STEWART	HEATHER	L	COLE
AARON	M	JOHNSON	TANNER	J	SUSIN	STEVEN	R	RUMSEY
BRADLEY	W	JOHNSON	KEVIN	W	TALLMAN	<u>July 1st Drops</u>		
ANDREW	T	JOHNSON	MATTHEW	R	TALLMAN	Todd Dickerson Tyler Humphreys James Neuwerth Jr. Jamison Sanders Devin Waddill Dylanger Williams		
SCOTT	A	JORDAN	KENNETH	W	TEMPLETON			
MATT	A	KIRBY	PHILLIP	M	THOMPSON			
STEVEN	L	KOPP	DANIELLA	R	VAUGHN			
			JOE	S	VICKROY			

August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Trans-Lux Mtg. 2:30 & 3:15 PM ADT & Tyco Mtg. 5:00 PM	2 EP-2 Mtg. 4:00 PM	3 Residential 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	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	30 E-Board Mtg. 4:00 PM	31			



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IOWA STATE FAIR DATES

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LOCAL UNION 347—www.ibewlu347.org Business Office open 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday-Friday: Phone: (515) 243-1924
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

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

LOCAL 347 PENSION PLAN & 401K #4-31329 Admin. by Principal:

www.principal.com. When calling have your P.I.N. ready 1-800-547-7754
Address changes: 1-800-547-7754

TRADESMEN CREDIT UNION:

(515) 243-8735

RETIREE RESOURCES:

IBEW Retiree helpline: 1-800-733-4239
NEBF: 1-301-556-4300
Have your Card# or SS# ready