



Official Publication of Local Union #347

~ Business Manager's Report ~

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IMPORTANT DATES:

**JUNE 10th—
ANNUAL PICNIC**

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**JULY 15TH—
ANNUAL GOLF
OUTING**



Sisters and Brothers,

Our Healthcare premiums have taken a wild ride over the last year. With an unforeseen surge in large claims activity coupled with heavy volume and outrageous pharmaceutical increases, our premium has reached new highs in 2016. The good news is that we may start to see some relief. Although you cannot predict unforeseen illnesses, we are currently seeing a downward trend in large claims activity. January and February were both mild in comparison to prior months. In addition, the recent change to the new PPO Choice Plus network has provided larger discounts on negotiated medical expenses. If all actuarial values remain stable, we could continue a downward trend over the next few months, a much needed break making it possible to add funds to dollar banks and HRA accounts.

Also, the annual health and welfare dependent verification forms were sent out. This form should have listed all of your current dependents that the administrator is currently aware of. It is necessary that you answer the questions on the form, sign and return it. If you added dependents, you will need to fill out the enrollment form that was included. We can assist you with both filling it out and returning it, but it must be done. If you have any questions you can call us here at the Hall or contact CompuSys at 844-347-IBEW (4239).

Submissions for the IBEW LU 347 scholarship fund are due in to the Hall no later than May 1, 2017. If you have a child planning to enter college or is already enrolled, make sure you have them apply. There will be three \$1,000 awards given each year. Come by the Hall for an application or call Misty and have one emailed to you.

It has been brought to my attention that there may be someone going around jobsites, getting into lunchboxes and stealing wallets and other valuables. It is unclear whether or not this person is supposed to be on site to begin with or if it is even the same person. Please keep an eye out for potential security concerns, keep your valuables with you and report any theft. We have to look out for each other.

Brotherhood Strong,
Patrick Wells

~ President's Report ~

Brothers and Sisters of Local 347,

I would like to say how happy I am to be your new president. It is truly an honor and I would like to thank my fellow members who supported me through the times I held a position in this local.

Our local was involved in the St Patrick's day parade on March 17th, and had many members participate in this event. I would like to thank them for their solidarity.

Work in our jurisdiction remains strong. We have had a large number of travelers working who I would like to thank for helping us man our work. However, we still have plenty of need for regular jobs that need our attention also.

We have seen on the political side what is going on in our state house which has been everything but satisfying. Hopefully, in two years we will be able to change some of the new occurring issues in our government.

With Spring ahead, I myself am ready for the good weather to come. I cannot wait for the new opportunities that spring will bring us this year, and hope to see you all at the Local 347 picnic this June.

In Solidarity,
Jason Ballard
President Local #347

Apprenticeship News

With the new building comes the opportunity to expand and enhance not only our apprentice classes but also the journeyman training classes. To do so, we would like to assist and complement our full-time instructor staff with a few part-time instructors. The training center is planning to expand our hands-on labs so that our journeymen course offerings also include labs. Hands-on labs take more time and need multiple labs so that will require more instructors to meet the demand. There will be a training period for part-time instructors where you will co-teach with a full-time instructor. It is our hope that our part-time instructors can offer four to six courses a year. Part-time instructors are, and will be, paid at a flat hourly rate. If you are interested in a part-time instructor position, please contact the JATC for more information.

Journeyman classes are under way for the 2020 License renewal cycle. Please check our website for available classes at www.dmelejatc.org. If there are not any classes shown it is for one of two reasons: the class is FULL or there are no classes scheduled at this time. Follow the instructions provide on the webpage to register. As a reminder, a \$50 fee will be assessed to any individual that is a "no-show" without cancelling prior to class. No additional classes may be taken until the \$50 fee is paid · A NON-REFUNDABLE \$25.00 REGISTRATION FEE WILL BE ASSESSED FOR ALL PERSONNEL WHO HAVE NOT PRE-REGISTERED. Phone sign-ups are no longer accepted

Political Corner

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this finds you and yours doing well. As I write this the Legislative Session for Iowa in 2017 is a little better than half over. This session has been a bitter pill for me to swallow as it saw our Public Sector Unions come under attack as well as the continued under-funding of our Schools. There are still a number of bills out there that should interest you as Union Members. Both the House and Senate have bills attacking AFSCME members even more by trying to break up Des Moines Water Works. This of course is so they can dismiss the lawsuit trying to keep our water clean. I never thought I would see the day when clean drinking water was a partisan issue. Republicans are also making our country great again by circumventing the BUY AMERICAN provisions in building roads and while they are at it they thought they would weaken the Workmen's Compensation laws in Iowa as well. I personally am not seeing a lot of putting Iowans first, but mostly workers can get by on less laws being passed. I am not against paying my fair share, or belt tightening, but when the budget shortfall is brought on by tax cuts for the rich and then turned into a crisis which they use to justify cutting school funding and attacking the teachers union it makes me angry.

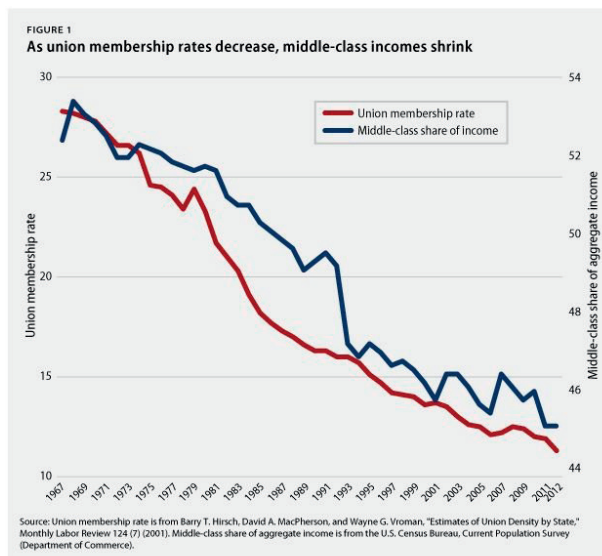
I have been talking to different members since the election and try and figure out why Union Members would vote for a party that attacks the very way that we earn our living. I know that personally when I was asked if I would like to be a Registrar for this local I was like sure I know a little bit about politics piece of cake. Then I realized that I don't even know who my State Representative was. What district do I live in? What about the Senate? What about the Mayor, or City Councilmen? Take this test yourself and see if you can answer these questions.

I have spent a little time recently attending different forums from our representatives both state and federal. I realize most of you don't think that is a good time, but they will avoid answering the tough questions for you if you show up. Yes, in case you were wondering that is sarcasm. But, the good news is we still live in America and you can talk to these people. You can e-mail, call their office, visit their office, attend a forum, or even go to the capital and ask to speak to them. You can even tell them you think they are doing great. So I am asking you to get involved. Research the issues and find out what they think and then vote.

Union members are a small minority of voters. If we are not active in the process and make our voices heard we will continue to be ignored. Who else is there to protect working families in Iowa? I always say if I find a Republican candidate who will vote in favor of a pro-labor bill I will door knock for them.

I have to conclude with this many of us ignore politics, maybe you aren't even registered to vote, or didn't bother to vote or caucus. I want to remind you that laws are what make the unions strong. If it is illegal to organize a union how many of you are willing to stand up and fight. I mean look at the list of people that don't even bother to pay their dues on time! Say they repeal the Wagner Act giving us the right to organize, say there is no NLRB to appeal unfair labor practices too. Then who do we turn to? Maybe a President who outsources jobs and is in favor of Right to Work. The struggle is real ladies and gentlemen and sitting on your hands is not getting it done.

In Solidarity,
Randy Tucker & Matt Marchese
IBEW Local #347 Registrars



***PLEASE CALL MISTY AT THE HALL 515-243-1924 OR E-MAIL
mrtturner@ibewlu347.org IF YOU WOULD PREFER TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL. ***

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 Dues, Carol: caharvey@ibewlu347.org
 Scott: slfarnsworth@ibewlu347.org
 Re-sign: resign@ibewlu347.org

Membership News

Last Months Job Referrals

88—referrals sent out 53—Regular Calls 2-VDV Calls 13—CW
 17—Apprentice 1-Res Apprentice 2— Short Calls



Karson Daniele Davis

Born: 2/25/17

18"

5 lbs, 13 oz.

Parents: Josh & Chelsea Davis

Newborns



Rosalyn Elizabeth Perkins

Born: 3/6/17

18"

6 lbs. 14 oz.

Parents: Alec & Brooke
Perkins

Rowan June Schaffer

Born: 3/17/17

20 "

7 lbs., 7 oz.

Parents: Phil & Angie
Schaffer

RETIREE LUNCHEON

Noon on Wednesday, April 12th 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~

23rd Annual Golf Outing: Saturday, July 15, 2017 @ 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.

Office use only: Date Paid _____ Amount Paid _____ Persons Paid
for _____

Type of Payment Cash Credit Check MO Check or MO#



Local Union #347



**Saturday, June 10th, 2017
From 12:00 PM—4:00 PM**

**Union Labor Park
640 NW Morningstar Drive
Des Moines, IA 50313**



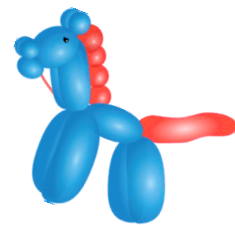
Directions

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 have smoked brisket 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 May 26, 2017
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, 2017**. This list was run on March 20, 2017. This list is broken down into “A” and “BA” members.

“A” Members

JOHN	R	ALEXANDER
JOSHUA	R	ALLSUP
JASON	T	ANANIA
MATTHEW	L	ANDERSON
JACOB	A	ANDREWS
ANTHONY		AVINA
CLINT	J	BAILEY
JAMES	C	BROWN
JARAD	J	BROWN
PAUL	B	BUSHONG
CHAD	M	DANLEY
KEVIN	S	DAY
TODD	P	EMERY
DON	L	ERICKSON
SCOTT	A	ESPE
CHAD	S	FANE
JASON	A	FOUCHE
SCOTT	S	GARDNER
WILLIAM	M	GARIBAY
NICHOLAS	A	GHORMLEY
ANDREW	V	GRAHAM
DAVID	A	GRETT
BRIAN	J	GURNSEY
DENNIS	B	HAGEN
EMILY	S	HAMILTON
TYLER	J	HANKE
TYLER	S	HAROLDSON
SCOTT	J	HEATER
BENJAMIN	M	HEATH
STEPHEN	L	HENSON
STEVE	J	HERMANN
DAVID	J	HUMMEL
GERALD	J	JACOBS
KENDRICK	G	JEFFERSON
BRYAN	W	JOHNSON
CHRIS	L	KESTERSON
CHASE		KOHLER
DAVID	C	KUNKLE
CHAD	D	LAWSON
CARL	V	LENGER
LINDSAY	D	LESLIE

ZACHARY	T	LITTLE
PATRICK	D	LITTLE
SAYNHAN	L	LOVAN
RICHARD	J	MARTIN
JORDAN	M	MARTZAH
SCOTT	M	MCTAVISH
JEFF	M	MEASE
JEROME	J	MILLER
JONATHAN	D	MILLER
ANTHONY	P	MITCHELL
ZACHERI	C	MOEHLE
DANIEL	R	MOEN
SCOTT	D	MORROW
WILLIAM	P	MULSTAY
BRANDON	L	NORTH
MATTHEW	W	OOSTERHUIS
RYAN	R	OSTRING
RYAN	L	PENNINGTON
MARTIN	D	PETERSEN
PATRICK	J	PETERSON
BRIAN	T	PIPPERT
MATTHEW	N	PONTIOUS
ANTUAND		PRUNEDA
JERRY	L	RHONE
ROBIN	D	RILEY
JOSEPH	J	SANDERS
PATRICK	R	SANFORD
JASON		SCHERFF
DREW	N	SCHMIDT
TED	R	SCOGGIN
LUKE	W	SEE
DARRELL	W	SILVERTHORN
DEREK	R	SMITH
JAMES	J	SMITH
ANTHONY		SOLIVERAS TORRES
JOHNNY	F	SOUTH
ZACHARY	E	SPAIN
MATTHEW	D	SPECK
ANTHONY	T	STELPFLUG
JODI	M	STRAIT
TYRELL	L	TAYLOR
DEREK	J	VANDER WAAL

CHANCE	G	VEACH
JEFFREY	L	VOLL
DUSTIN	H	VOLQUARDSSEN
DUSTIN	J	WAAGE
ERIC	S	WILCOX
JAMIE	W	WILLEY
JARED	G	WILSON
TED	F	WOOD
MICHAEL	G	WRIGHT



“BA” Members

ELIZETH		ALBARRAN
ERIC	J	GANNON
STACY	M	HICKMAN
MICHAEL	J	MOHLER
TERRY	E	MUHLSTEIN
JAMES	A	PRICE
JOHN	D	RIDDLE
MANUEL	A	TERRAZAS
MATTHEW	E	VANCE
ERIC	M	WESTBERG
ROBIN		YOUNG

The following people will be dropped if their dues are not paid by April 30, 2017. This list was run on March 20, 2017.

“A” Members

ANDREW	R	COY
DAVID	A	DUFFY
TIMOTHY	G	KRUSE
MICHAEL	M	MORRIS
AARON	M	NIEHUS
T.J.	L	THIELMANN
JONAH	T	WILLIAMS

“BA” Members



HEATHER	L	COLE
RODNEY	J	HASS
DENNIS	L	REEDY
JERRY	J	ZAVODSKY

MARCH 1ST DROPS

“A” Members

Alex Gillespie
Bryce Welch

April 2017

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



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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