



INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS

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### ~ President's Message ~

Hello Brothers and Sisters

The hot summer weather is hanging on strong. I hope everyone is enjoying all of the outdoor activities. On Saturday July 15th we held our Annual Local 347 golf outing and had a chance to see many of our members have a great time. It was really good to see people that I haven't seen for a while.

The July membership meeting was a good turnout of people. With our fast-growing membership our local has many new faces and you are always welcome, especially some of our younger workers. The generations before us worked hard, negotiated, and helped build a strong Union so all of the upcoming Brothers and Sisters could benefit from their efforts. With that being said the up-and-coming need to continue to build our membership and trade. Always remember this is your UNION!

It looks like the work in our area is about to take off strong again especially the data centers. We still need to take care of the regular 40 hour calls for our local contractors and man their work as well, because these are jobs from customers that have helped keep Local 347 moving when we didn't have some of these larger projects.

Labor Day is right around the corner on Monday, September 4th. I hope to see a large turnout for the parade and picnic. This is a good time to show our solidarity.

In Solidarity  
Jason Ballard  
President IBEW #347

#### **2017 Local 347 Wellness Event Schedule:**

All plan participants, spouses, and covered children over age 18 are eligible. This year a Flu shot will be included.

#### **Fort Dodge Health screening:**

Date/Time: **Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Address: 2031 Quail Ave – Fort Dodge  
Location: Iowa Central Community College East Campus – Triton Room

#### **Des Moines Health screenings:**

Date/Time: **Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>** 6:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
**Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>** 6:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Address: 850 18<sup>th</sup> Street – Des Moines  
Location: IBEW Local 347 Union Hall

#### **How do I participate?**

**Step 1:** Call Misty Turner at (515) 243-1924 to schedule your health screening. **An RSVP is required.**

**Step 2:** Attend your onsite health screening at the scheduled time.

**IMPORTANT:** The screening requires a 12-hour fast (no eating or drinking 12 hours prior to the screening, with the exception of water and/or one cup of black coffee). 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 (PWP).

The PWP should be completed and provided to a Stroke Detection Plus staff member before you leave your scheduled health screening. Hard copies will be available at the health screenings.

**Step 4:** Follow up consultations: telephonic one-on-one consultations will be scheduled the day of the screening.

## ~ Political Corner ~

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

I hope all is well with you and your family. I was talking with Matt about what to put in the newsletter this month and he brings up the special election. I am like what does one state house seat in parts of three counties in South East Iowa mean to me?

So I started thinking about this race which is in House District 82 encompassing Davis, Van Buren and part of Jefferson counties. So this intrigues me, I am like these are my folks I grew up down in that "neck of the woods" and I am wondering how a Democrat had held this seat. This is Trump country and he won this district by a significant amount. For you math nerds that is Obama won this district by 2% and Trump won it by 20%. So I dig a little deeper, which is what I call it when I read. The majority of registered voters was Republican, but by a very slight margin. So theoretically a significant amount of Independent Voters would decide the outcome. Unfortunately like everything else in politics this means lots of ads and money, a lot of it outside of the state.

I am thinking, wow here it is right here in small town southern Iowa the first real true test of what do Iowans think of Trump's policies and his conduct. At least that is what I thought. I realized that these individuals had actually done what I had pleaded with our members to do. I realize you hated Hillary, but please vote pro-union on the down ballot! I started to notice the differences between the rural counties and the urban areas where the majority of our members live. These individuals are not so happy about the tax cuts that were granted to the data centers. The state is way over budget as tax revenues fell short of Governor Kim Reynolds projections. I blame this on Brandstad/Reynolds commercial real estate tax cut, not the data centers, but I get their point. No job gains and cuts to the state budget are all that these folks are feeling. Small rural counties have the lower wages, higher percentage on Medicare/Medicaid some of the best jobs are state, municipal and county jobs. These are the very jobs that are being cut. It also should be made clear that these are also union jobs. See no jobs, no union jobs, no union. It is simple wipe out the Unions and who is left to stand in the way. I am aware that this is very partisan. I just want to point out these are statistics not opinions. My opinion is that Trump sucks and the opinion of House District 82 is largely opposite of that. Well at least it was nine months ago.

Which brings us back to the special election scheduled for August 8th. I am anxious to see where the state, and by that I mean, Bloomfield and Fairfield and the surrounding farms now stand. The Republicans already held two special election seats, now it is time to see if the Democratic seat in a red leaning district would hold. This should give us a good feel if more pro-labor candidates are going to be elected in 2018. If the turnout is equal, and as most registered voters tend to do, they vote along party lines, then the independents will have their say. I do not know if this will be a referendum on Trump or not. I do know this, our state legislators are definitely paying attention. Are their constituents happy with the gutting of the collective bargaining agreement? Are they happy with the minuscule allotment to education in this state? Are they happy we had to take money out of savings just to pay our bills? We will find out on August 8.

Mr. Hanson must of been a true partisan to hold a seat where he consistently performed better than the top of the ticket. No Republican even opposed him in the last election IN A DISTRICT THAT TRUMP WON BY 20%. This in addition to being coupled with a majority of registered Republicans. I wish I could of met this man and picked his brain. Thank You for your time and your obvious commitment to the people of your district. Individuals who vote what they believe to be best for the people of Iowa, not for campaign contributions is what we need more of these days.

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

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# Membership News

## Last Months Job Referrals

199 —referrals sent out      99—Regular Calls      9—Short Call  
39 —Apprentice      43 —Construction Wiremen      8—VDV      1-Stockman/Del.

***The Local Union would like to express it's sympathy to the family of the following member: Brother Brian Haege passed away June, 21, 2017 at the age of 31. He was a member for 2 years.***

## \*\*\*RETIREE LUNCHEON\*\*\*

Noon on Wednesday, August 9th 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

Camilla Jo	Jordan Russell
Coco	Bishop
Born: 6/14/17	Born: 6/21/17
20 1/2 inches	20 1/4 inches
8 lbs., 1 oz.	8 lbs., 3 oz.
Parents: Matt & Jessica	Parents: Jimmy
Coco	& Amy Bishop



*I have enclosed a photo.  
Maybe it can be used in  
a newsletter. He is in  
good health.*

*Keith A. Claude*

*my father was thrilled to  
receive his 65yr pin and  
certificate from IBEW. We have  
hung it on the wall in his living  
room. Thank you for recognizing this  
achievement Cindy Claude Olson*

# Local #347 Golf Outing



**JOIN US MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, FOR WHAT'S SURE  
TO BE, THE LARGEST LABOR DAY PARADE AND  
PICNIC IN MANY YEARS!!!**



Central Iowa Building and  
Construction Trades is back  
in full force!



**Craft vs. Craft  
TUG OF WAR!!**  
Feeling Strong? We need  
you to pull for your  
Local Union!

**Park inside the main gate on Grand Avenue at the fairgrounds. Buses will be available starting at 9:00 a.m. to bring you to the State Capitol. Parade will start at 11:00 a.m. and will end back at the fairgrounds. LU 347 typically sets up in the lot on the north side of Grand Ave and we will be there by 9am getting ready.**

**Following the parade, there will be a picnic for members, their families and special guests at Union Labor Park, 4640 Morning Star Drive in Des Moines. At the park, there will be food, drinks, bounce houses, giant slides, rock climbing wall, balloon artists etc. Although it's not absolutely necessary, please feel free to bring a pot luck or side dish in a disposable container. Going to be a great time, looking forward to seeing you there!**

The following people will fall into reinstatement (\$30) if their dues are not paid by **August 31, 2017**. This list was run on July 21, 2017. This list is broken down into “A” and “BA” members.

<b><u>“A” MEMBERS</u></b>								
JOHN	R	ALEXANDER	WILLIAM	M	GARIBAY	MATTHEW	N	PONTIOUS
JOSHUA	R	ALLSUP	THADEUS	J	GIBBONS	ANTUAND		PRUNEDA
JESUS	L	ALVARADO	TERENCE		GLASS	DAVID	T	RAMSELL
JOSHUA	M	BABCOCK	THOMAS	B	GOMEZ	NOLAN	H	RAYMOND
JUSTIN	R	BARNETT	AUSTIN	B	GREEN	GARRETT	M	REYNOLDS
LEE	J	BECK	BENJAMIN	B	HAMILTON	JERRY	L	RHONE
JOSHUA		BELL	NICOLAS	L	HANSEN	BRANDON	E	RICHARDS
ANTHONY	J	BEMRICH	WILLIAM	A	HARDING	LOGAN	M	RICHARDSON
JOSEPH	A	BERNARDINO	MARTIN	J	HASS	DANIEL	W	ROWLING
RANDALL	S	BIANCHI	ZEBULON	Z	HATFIELD	MATTHEW	J	RUSSELL
RANDY	D	BIRKENHOLTZ	ALEX	M	HENSLEY	AARON	B	RUTER
DOUGLAS	P	BOOTH	WILLIAM	L	HINEY	DERRICK	L	SANDY
NICHOLAS	D	BRADSHAW	GEORGE	W	HOOD	PATRICK	R	SANFORD
THOMAS	A	BRIGHTON	TYLER	J	HOUGHAM	JAMES	C	SCHIEFFER
TRAVIS	D	BROCK	CAMERON	E	HUNWARDSEN	JACOB	D	SCHMEHR
ANTHONY	J	BURNS	COREY	A	JACKSON	DREW	N	SCHMIDT
NICOLAS	W	CAMPBELL	GERALD	J	JACOBS	BENJAMIN	L	SCHNEIDER
NATE	A	CASKEY	JON	E	JELLIFF	CHAD	D	SCHNELL
MICHAEL		CLAMAN	ANDREW	T	JOHNSON	NICHOLAS	R	SCHULTZ
ROBERT	J	CLAUSEN	SCOTT	A	JORDAN	CHRIS	L	SCHWIENEBAIT
JASON	S	CLAYTON	ERIC	A	JORGENSEN	ADAM	J	SCOTT
MICHAEL	T	CLAYTON	ROGER	S	KEHO	LUKE	W	SEE
MICHAEL	A	CONNER	JAMES	L	KLOPPENBURG	JASON	R	SENECAUT
DEREK	E	CONOVER	BRENT	A	KRAPFL	DARRELL	W	SILVERTHORN
JOHN	R	CONROY	JEREMY	J	KUBLI	DAVID	A	SMITH
LYNN	A	COWDEN	JOSH	D	LEONARD	ANDREW	A	SMITH
ANDREW	R	COX	LINDSAY	D	LESLIE	JOSHUA	R	SODERGREIN
TED	A	CROSS	KURT	D	LOVING	ANTHONY		SOLIVERAS TORRES
HUNTER	N	DAVIS	JORDAN	B	MAYER	MATTHEW	R	SPAINHOWER
DON	E	DAWSON	JACOB	T	MCKNIGHT	MATTHEW	D	SPECK
KEVIN	S	DAY	CURTIS	W	MILBURN	JORDAN	T	ST. ARNOLD
JOSH	P	DEVORE	JAMIE	R	MOORMAN	TIM	J	ST. ARNOLD
JOSEPH	B	DONALDSON	MICHAEL	M	MORRIS	TODD	A	STEWART
ANTHONY	J	DURIAN	MICHAEL	W	MURPHY	AARON	J	STILLER
RYAN	L	EDGINGTON	GUY	W	NEWBERRY	TANNER	J	SUSIN
MATTHEW	J	EWALD	PHI	V	NGUYEN	MICHAEL	B	SWANSON
DUSTIN	A	EWING	BRANDON	L	NORTH	MATTHEW	H	TALCOTT
RAYMOND	L	FAST	TYLER	C	NOWELL	MATTHEW	R	TALLMAN
JARED	R	FEE	ERIC	J	NUNO	BRIAN	D	TATE
CONNOR	M	FINDLAY	TIM	J	O'CONNOR	JOHN	W	TORREY
JACE	S	FOSTER	JUSTIN	M	OLIVER	COLLIN	J	TUTTLE
TYLER	C	FRANCE	JORDAN	S	PALMER	DOUGLAS	K	ULREY
KYLE	R	FRITH	DON	C	PATE	COLBY	D	VANARKEL
SCOTT	S	GARDNER	MARTIN	D	PETERSEN	RICHARD	R	VANDEBOE
			ADAM	T	PETRO	BRONSON		WESE

### **“BA” MEMBERS**

ELIZETH ALBARRAN  
ASHLEY A BIRKINBINE  
ERIC J GANNON  
CASEY R GRAY  
STACY M HICKMAN  
ERIC T HUGHES  
GARY W ROSS  
MATTHEW E VANCE  
ROBERT E WARE  
ROBIN YOUNG

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will be dropped from  
membership if their dues  
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### **“A” MEMBERS**

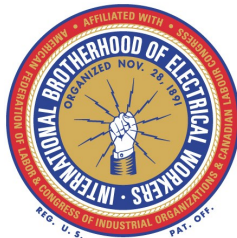
GEORGE A CATALDO  
AUSTIN L COOK  
JEFFREY R FOSTER  
CHARLIE L FOX  
JAMISON L GOODYK  
ALAN P NEWELL  
LOGAN L SINK  
RANDY L SMITH  
KEVIN W TALLMAN  
PHILLIP M THOMPSON

### **“BA” MEMBERS**

ALEX G CHAMBERS  
IVAN H HATHCOCK  
RICHARD A SONGER

# August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 EP-2 Mtg. 4:00 PM	2 Residential Mtg. 4:00 PM	3	4	5
6	7 Trans-Lux Mtg. 2:30 & 3:15 PM  ADT Mtg.. 5:00 PM	8 Firestone Mtg. 3:00 PM	9 Firestone Mtg. 3:00 PM  Retiree Luncheon Noon @ Hall	10 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG. 5:00 PM	11	12
13	14	15 Keystone Mtg. after work	16 V.D.V. Mtg. 4:00 PM	17 KCCI Mtg. 1:00 PM	18	19
20	21 Stockman/ Deliveryman Mtg. 4:00 PM	22	23	24 Fort Dodge Mtg. 5:00 PM	25	26
27	28	29 E-Board Mtg. 4:00 PM	30	31		



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# IOWA STATE FAIR DATES

## AUGUST 10-20

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<b>LOCAL 347 HEALTH INSURANCE GROUP #78-380001</b> 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 <a href="http://www.uhc.com">www.uhc.com</a> and click on Options PPO.		
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<b>DELTA DENTAL INFORMATION—<a href="http://www.deltadental.com">www.deltadental.com</a></b> 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		
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<b>LOCAL 347 PENSION PLAN &amp; 401K #4-31329 Admin. by Principal:</b> 1-800-547-7754 <a href="http://www.principal.com">www.principal.com</a> . When calling have your P.I.N. ready Address changes: 1-800-547-7754		
<b>TRADESMEN CREDIT UNION:</b> (515) 243-8735		
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