



INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS

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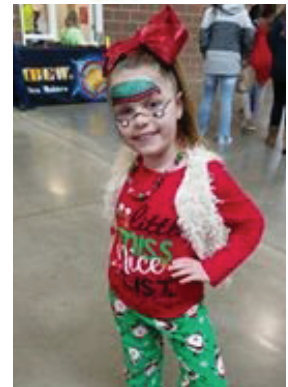
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# LOCAL UNION 347 CHRISTMAS PARTY

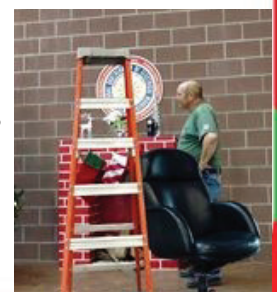


Come join the fun on December 8, 2018 for the best Christmas party in town!

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, balloon artists, bouncy houses and a giant slide. Catering will be provided by Brother Tom Bianchi. The 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



## ~ Political Report ~

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

The holiday season is upon us and the election is behind us. Well, we do live in Iowa so the presidential candidates have already started popping up here and there. This is one of the things that a political junkie like myself enjoys about living in Iowa, the opportunities we have here to have conversations with politicians and let them know how you feel about policies.

I hope I am wrong about the upcoming legislature and that they are not going to continue their attacks on the working-class men and women of this state. Let's just say I am not going to hold my breath. They are already talking about IPERS and changing that from a defined benefit to a 401K. Let me guess the company match is going to be low if existent at all. The thing in the aftermath of the election that surprised me was the polling. It showed a majority of Iowans wanted mental health treatment, proper funding of our schools and to restore funding to planned parenthood. Yet, for some reason they voted for the candidate that is against those very things they said they liked. Well politics is a funny business so I guess we will just have to wait and see how it all plays out. I just wanted to thank everyone who went out and knocked doors this year and attended a rally or a convention. A special shout out to those of you who were delegates to the county, district and state conventions. Tim LeClaire, Doug Wolf, Jeff Loeffelholz, Scott Farnsworth, John Stahowick and Pat Wells. Thanks for all the hard work. You see the whole electoral process starts on Caucus night and continues through the election. I take that back it starts before that getting volunteers and then training them to work the caucuses. It is a difficult process and by difficult I mean long and boring. However, it is a necessary evil to sort through the different platforms and candidates.

Full disclosure, everyone is a little tired of all the political rhetoric. I am going to relax and enjoy the holidays with my family and friends and I hope you do the same. Stay safe folks and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

P.S. I also wanted to thank Wade Lester for his hard work and dedication on the doors. Thanks, Brother.

In Solidarity,  
Randy Tucker

## Apprenticeship News

### State Licensing Continuing Education Courses:

The Des Moines Electrical Apprenticeship has offered 78 continuing education courses since the beginning of 2017. Of the 78 classes offered, 39 were cancelled due to lack of enrollment. The enrollment percentage for the classes held was only 60% of the available seats. We encourage everyone to take advantage of the course offerings throughout the entire 3 year code cycle and not to wait until the final year. Keep in mind that you will need to have 18 hours of CEUs by December 31, 2019 in order to renew your license.

**Reminder:** There will not be any classes offered from November 19, 2018 through January 2, 2019. Also there will not be any classes offered after November 22, 2019.

The Union Hall has tickets for Jolly Holiday Lights available on a first come first serve basis. One ticket per member. One ticket is good for one car admittance. Jolly Holiday Lights is open from November 23, 2018—December 29, 2018 from 5:30—10:00 PM. If interested, please stop by the Union Hall to pick up your ticket today!



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# Membership News

## Last Months Job Referrals

63-referrals sent out    44-Regular Calls

0-Short Call    4-Apprentices

0- Resi.    14-CW    1-VDV

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

Noon on Wednesday, December 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.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Terry Ryker Allen

9/22/2018

8 lbs. 9 oz.

21 inches

Parents: Joey & Samantha Allen

Arabella Talia Vannoy

10/21/2018

8 lbs. 4 oz.

19 3/4 inches

Parents: David & Tiffany Vannoy

Declan Alec Randall Kelly

10/26/2018

7 lbs. 15 .3 oz.

20 inches

Parents: Dustin & Sarah Kelly

**\*\*Please note: Effective January 1, 2019 Dues will increase by \$1.00 per month for all "A" members.\*\***

## RETIREMENT PLANNING

Today, the IBEW Local 347 Retirement and 401(K) Plan has nearly 1200 active contributing participants, and about an additional 750 inactive or non contributing participants. The benefit is available to bargaining unit members working under six different bargaining agreements in addition to those signatory to participation agreements. Our total fund value has grown to nearly 240 million dollars at its peak. Think about that, a Local 347 Union negotiated benefit valued at almost a quarter billion dollars. 100 million dollars of which is due to growth over just the last five years alone.


All those funds, negotiated by our Union, earned by hard working Union members, going to Union families at retirement.

Where will we go from here? What kind of investment choices will we make? What investment options will be made available to us in the future? Where will the market take us? There are a lot of uncertainties out there but one thing you can do today to prepare with certainty is to take advantage of your elective deferral option. It allows you to contribute additional funds into your 347 retirement account. You can begin contributing tax deferred contributions the first full payroll week in June and December. You simply need to provide written notice to your employer ten days in advance. You also have that option during any initial employment period. In 2019 the IRS will allow you to put up to \$19,000 into your account in addition to the employer's current contribution and an additional \$6000 if you are over 50 but the total of the two cannot exceed \$56,000.

For a participant that contributes an extra \$1.00 an hour (\$2,000 / year) over 30 years can accumulate \$203,695.71 at 7%. For a participant that contributes an extra \$3.00 an hour (\$6,000 / year) over 30 years can accumulate \$613,543.00 at 7%.

If you would like to increase or begin new elective deferral contributions you can download the form from our fund's website at [www.ibew347benefits.com](http://www.ibew347benefits.com) or call the Hall for info.

The following people will fall into reinstatement (\$30) if their dues are not paid by **December 31, 2018**. This list was run on November 20, 2018. This list is broken down into “A” and “BA” members.

“A” Members			ERIC	S	FLINN	KEITH	L	MARSCHEL	JAMES	L	THOMAS	CHRIS	M	MILLER			
			CODY	R	FOGARTY	RONNIE	L	MARSHALL	SEAN	P	TOTTEN	TRAVIS	J	NAIMI			
RYAN	W	ALLEN	JAMES	C	FREY	JORDAN	M	MARTZAHL	WILLIAM	A	TUCKER	MIKE	L	OH			
JESUS	L	ALVARADO	KALE	A	GOBEN	SEAN	E	MCKEE	DOUGLAS	K	ULREY	JUSTIN	N	OLNEY			
ROBERT	R	ANDREWS	DOUGLAS		GOMES	TYLER	J	MCNULTY	CLINT	G	UNDERWOOD	RYAN	R	OSTRING			
TONY	W	ANGRAN	TYLER	L	GRAHAM	SCOTT	M	MCTAVISH	NATHAN	A	UTSLER	DON	C	PATE			
TANNER	J	ARNOLD	SEAN	T	GRASTY	CALEB	C	MEIS	JOSHUA	D	VAN MAANEN	TREVER	J	REED			
JOSHUA	M	BABCOCK	DANIEL		GRAY	MICAH	J	MOELLER	JASON	W	VANBAALEN	MATTHEW	D	ROLLAND			
BLAYDE	C	BAKER	DALTON	R	GURNETT	JAMIE	R	MOORMAN	RICHARD	R	VANDEBOE	PATRICK	R	SANFORD			
ANTHONY	J	BEMRICH	DAVID	G	HALVERSON	DON		MORGHEIM	DEREK	J	VANDER WAAL	ERIK	L	SHELDAHL			
MATTHEW	P	BERG	BENJAMIN	B	HAMILTON	GREG	M	MORRIS	MICHAEL	E	WADDELL	RAYMOND	G	SHOGREN			
DOUGLAS	P	BOOTH	EMILY	S	HAMILTON	BRANDON	S	MORRIS	JOSHUA	D	WADE	BRIAN	D	TATE			
ROBERT	T	BOWMAN	QUINTIN	L	HARRISON	JOEL	C	MURPHY	BRIAN	L	WALLACE	PHILLIP	M	THOMPSON			
BRANDON	M	BREGAR	JASON	A	HARWELL	CURTIS	J	NELSON	JOHN	E	WALLACE	COLLIN	J	TUTTLE			
TRAVIS	D	BROCK	SHAWN	M	HAUF	THOMAS	J	NIKKEL	CODY	A	WEATHERMAN	“BA” Members					
BRIAN	W	BROOKINS	BRANDON	L	HAUS	TIM	J	O'CONNOR	GARY	P	WEIL	MICHAEL	J	MOHLER			
JOSHUA	J	BROUGHTON	BENJAMIN	M	HEATH	DEVAN	J	OLSON	ADAM	L	WHISNEY	GARY	W	ROSS			
HAROLD	F	BROWN	CHRISTOPHER	C	HEER	MARK	A	ORFIELD	KAYLA	R	WHITE	ROBIN		YOUNG			
TAYLOR	L	BROWN	JASON	E	HICK	JORDAN	S	PALMER	RANDY		WHITFIELD	JAMES	D	ZAHN			
ANTHONY	J	BURNS	RICHARD	R	HILL	TODD	E	PAULSEN	ERIC	L	WILSON	<div>NOVEMBER 1ST DROPS</div> <div>“A” Members</div> <div>Randall J. Christie Clayton E. Cogley Allan J. Kennedy Lance T. Martin Zane A. McGee Jesse J. Birmingham Darren I. Bradley Patrick E. Casteel Jakob D. Etter Kathryn J. Ferber Nicholas A. Ghormley Alex M. Hensley Gavin Jackson-Weaver Lisa M. Kratzke Nick D. Silbey Harrold W. Wessel</div> <div>“BA” Members</div> <div>Kimberly S. Brown Patrick H. Murphy Denney Ounkeo</div> <div></div>					
ANTHONY	L	BURROWS	GEORGE	W	HOOD	MICHAEL	A	PAUSCHER	MICHAEL	E	WISEMAN						
AARON	M	CHAPMAN	JEFFERY	T	HOOVER	THEODORE	E	PERSCHALL	SKYLAR	M	WRIGHT						
RAYMOND	R	CLARK	KERRY	A	HORNER	PATRICK	J	PETERSON	ETHAN	P	YETMAR						
“BA” Members			“BA” Members			“BA” Members			“BA” Members						“BA” Members		
DAN	E	COMEGYS	CHRIS	D	HOWE	PHILLIP	E	PETRIE	RYAN	A	BAILEY				The following people will be dropped if their dues are not paid by December 31, 2018. This list was run on November 20, 2018.		
DEREK	E	CONOVER	JEREMY	R	ISAAC	AUSTIN	L	PRUITT	ANDREW	P	CHRISTIAN				“A” Members		
RICHARD	B	CORBIN	DYLAN	M	JENSEN	BEN	M	REEVES	STACY	M	HICKMAN				ANTHONY		
JULIAN	J	CORDOVA	ROB	D	JOINER	NICHOLAS	A	REINHART	CORDERIOUS	C	MURRY				NATHANIEL		
LUCHIANO	D	CORUJO	JASON	D	JONES	KYLE	J	RIGGLE	JAMES	A	PRICE				ANDREW		
MICHAEL	D	CRIGGER	SCOTT	A	JORDAN	BRANDAN	A	ROSS	MICHAEL	L	WOOD	ROBERT					
JOSEPH	D	DAKE	NIC	D	KAHOE	DANIEL	W	ROWLING				TRAVIS					
BERGAN	A	DALLEY	COREY	M	KELLEHER	MATTHEW	B	SANDERS				CHRISTOPHER					
JAMES	D	DAVIS	CORY	L	KELLER	DERRICK	L	SANDY				TIM					
DON	E	DAWSON	CHRIS	L	KESTERSON	PHILLIP	J	SCHAFFER				JACOB					
KEVIN	S	DAY	ZACKARY	S	KEUBLER	JONATHAN	W	SCHMIDT									
BRENT	P	DEWITT	ERIC	A	KLINGENSMITH	SCOTT	B	SCHOONOVER									
JOSEPH	B	DONALDSON	DILLON	J	KOVACEVICH	CHRIS	L	SCHWIENEBART									
TRAVIS	J	DOWIE	JEREMY	J	KUBLI	SEAN	C	SCIESZINSKI									
KENT	O	DUDNEY	ABE	J	LAWSON	WILLIAM	M	SHAW									
KOLBY	R	DUDNEY	TIMOTHY	S	LEROY	JASON	M	SMITH									
ANTHONY	J	DURIAN	TIM	R	LEWIS	ANDREW	A	SMITH									
SHAWN	M	ELLIOTT	LEON	L	LEYDENS	JORDAN	T	ST. ARNOLD									
SCOTT	M	EMBRY	COREY	A	LITTLE	LEE	R	STAHL									
ERIC	W	ERICKSON	DEVON	S	LOONEY	JOHN	D	STEINKE									
JARED	R	FEE	JOSHUA	D	LUNDY	MATTHEW	R	TALLMAN									
KENNETH	P	FERGUSON	BARRY	F	MADDEN	JESSE	L	THARP									

# December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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 Joint Nov/Dec Fort Dodge Mtg. 5:00 PM	7	8 <b>CHRISTMAS PARTY!</b> Noon-3PM Animal Learning Center, IA State Fairgrounds!
9	10	11 Firestone Mtg. 4:00 PM	12 Firestone Mtg. 4:00 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 E-Board 4:00 PM	22
23	24 Union Hall Closed	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS 	26	27	28	29
30	31 Union Hall Closed					



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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](http://www.ibew347benefits.com)

**LOCAL 347 HEALTH PLAN GROUP #78-380001**

Dollar Bank Billing & Claims Information: Call CompuSys

1-844-347-4239 (IBEW)

To search for a United Health Care in-network provider call: 1-866-596-8447 or go to [www.uhc.com](http://www.uhc.com) and click on Options PPO.

**L.D.I. INFORMATION (Prescription)—[www.LDIRx.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.vsp.com)**

To search for a provider or to look at available benefits go to [www.vsp.com](http://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:**

1-800-547-7754

[www.principal.com](http://www.principal.com). When calling have your P.I.N. ready

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