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Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you to all the members and their families who participated in the Labor Day parade, at times it rained hard but we still showed our Union pride. I would like to give a special thanks to Scott Farnsworth for all of his help putting the parade together and Dave Henry from Golf Carts of Iowa, who is also a 347 member, for supplying his air conditioned building for storing all of our candy.

Election day is coming up fast please make sure you get out and vote. Matt Marchese and Randy Tucker work hard for our local on the political side. Please contact either of them if you have questions or you would like to donate time to help.

DO NOT forget what happened in February 2017, what Branstad and his majority party did to the state workers Union members. They wasted no time in destroying what we spent years getting. PLEASE GO VOTE!

Mark your calendars, the Make A Wish Jolly Holiday Lights set up this year will be Saturday, October 20th at Adventureland campgrounds. Any time you can donate to help would be greatly appreciated.

In Solidarity, Jason Ballard

### \*\*\*APPRENTICESHIP NEWS\*\*\*

#### **Upcoming Journeyman Training Classes:**

September 24 & 25 – Codeology October 3 – Control Diagrams and Verbal Logic October 8 – Motor Calculations October 9 – Conductor Ampacities October 15 & 16 – Codeology Transformers class for Des Moines on 10/15 and 10/16 Transformers class for Fort Dodge on 11/12 and 11/13 First Aid/ CPR class in Fort Dodge on October 30 NFPA 70E on October 22, 24, and 25

☆  $\bigstar$ In honor of Veterans Day next month we would like to hear from all of our LU 347 Veterans. Currently  $\bigstar$ ☆ working or retired, please let us know what branch of service you served under and when you ☆ ☆ served. Call Misty at the Hall and we will put your name and service information in next month's news-☆ letter.  $\bigstar$ ☆ ☆  $\bigstar$ 

# IBEW ENDORSED CANDIDATES LABOR 2018 ISSUES MATTER. VOTE UNION!

#### **Governor and Lt. Governor**

Fred Hubbell and Rita Hart Iowa Secretary of State Deidre DeJear Attorney General Tom Miller State Auditor Rob Sand State Treasurer Mike Fitzgerald

#### **Congressional Seats**

CD-1 Abby Finkenauer CD-2 Dave Loebsack CD-3 Cindy Axne CD-4 JD Scholten

**Iowa Senators** (Counties in our jurisdiction) SD-13 Vicky Brenner, Madison and Warren County SD-15 to be announced on Wed Aug 22 SD-17 Tony Bisignano, Polk County, Des Moines SD-19 Amber Gustafson, Polk County, Ankeny SD-21 Claire Celsi, Polk County, Des Moines SD-23 Herman Quirmbach, Story County, Ames SD-25 Tracy Freese, Hardin County

**Iowa House** (Counties in our jurisdiction) HD-9 Megan Srinivas, Webster County, Fort Dodge area HD-10 Jake Thompson, Pocahontas County HD-12 Peter Leo, Carrol and Audubon Counties HD-20 Warren Varley, Dallas and Guthrie Counties HD-21 Dennis O'Brien, Union County HD-25 Ryan Marguardt, Madison and Warren Counties HD-26 Scott Ourth, Warren County, Indianola HD-27 Richard Foster, Clarke, Decatur and Wayne HD-28 Ann Fields, Marion and Lucas Counties HD-29 Wes Breckenridge, Jasper County, Newton area HD-30 Kent Balduchi, Polk County, Altoona HD-31 Rick Olson, Polk County, Eastside HD-32 Ruth Ann Gaines, Polk County, East Central HD-33 Brian Meyer, Polk County, SE, Easter Lake HD-34 Bruce Hunter, Polk County, Southside HD-35 Ako Abdul-Samad, Polk County, North Central HD-36 Marti Anderson, Polk County, Windsor Heights HD-37 Andrew Rasmussen, Polk County, Ankeny HD-38 Heather Matson, Polk County, Ankeny HD-39 Karin Derry, Polk County, Johnston HD-40 John Forbes, Polk County, Urbandale HD-41 Jo Oldson, Polk County, South Central HD-42 Kristin Sunde, Polk County, Southeast side HD-45 Beth Wessel-Kroeschell, Story County, Ames HD-47 David Weaver, Greene and Boone Counties HD-48 Tim Winter, Hamilton and Boone Counties HD-49 Brenda Brink, Story and Marshall Counties



Hello Brothers and Sisters,

By the time you receive this newsletter we will have approximately 30 days till ELECTION DAY. I can not tell you how much is at stake and how much this administration is looking to destroy all Unions and the middle class. With all that has happened in the last two years do you still believe that Reynolds and this administration is looking out for our best interest. Let me re-iterate the policy's that have been made into law the last two years and I promise not a single one is to help the middle class.

- Senate File 130- which is budget cuts in the amount of \$117 million dollar towards schools, infrastructure and health benefits.
- HF542-Qualifying for unemployment- which states you must make 8x your weekly benefit to be eligible for your second term of unemployment benefits. This might not sound like much but we will not have good times forever brothers and sisters.
- HF 203 Davis-Bacon made in America rules This allows this administration to bypass Federal Funded Jobs with cheap labor and cheap materials not made in America also undermining Davis-Bacon prevailing wages resulting in lower wages.
- SF 166 K thru 12 School Funding The school board and the teachers were pushing for a 4 to 7% increase of appropriations due to the neglect of this administration over the last few years. Instead they awarded them a whopping 1.1%. This will increase classroom sizes, under mind the principles authority to keep our kids safe and cause qualified teachers to leave the state.

#### Continued

- HF 291/ SF 213 Which is stripping Collective Bargaining from State, County and City workers which in a nutshell stripped workers from bargaining in good faith for Wages, Pension, Health Coverage, and Re-tirement age. If that doesn't make you sick as Union Members I don't know what will.
- Final Passage of SF 438 which is now Law, NO Project Labor Agreements in the State Of Iowa. How's does that grab you, does it make you angry? Angry enough to make you do something about it Try this one on for size:
- SF 376 Asbestos Cases This bill makes it much more difficult to sue the responsible parties. If they or their family member has suffered due to asbestos exposure. What a load of BS that is, but true. How about this one:
- HF 518 Workers Compensation Overhaul This law is the largest overhaul of any compensation laws in the history of Iowa Law (Too much to write, if you want to no more just ask).

I can go on and on but I am sure you get the gist. We need to get our friends elected, our Labor Endorsed Candidates. No one else will stick up for us and fight for our way of living. It is imperative that we get out and VOTE. We need to have these conversations with our family members, friends, neighbors, co-workers and anybody that is willing to listen. Let's make a commitment to ourselves and get at least five people out to vote this election day

I don't need to tell you how important this election is. Every election is important with different goals. This election we need to capture at least one branch of government and implement a pro-worker agenda or we may not recover for a generation.

Membership

Local Union Registrar, Matt Marchese

Meredith Lynn Hartman

Parents: Matt & Katie Hartman

Last Months Job Referrals

5- Apprentice

3 -VDV

80—referrals sent out 52—Regular Calls

20—CW

7 lbs. 12 oz., 20 1/2"

Born: 9/5/2018

Major Ivan Kennedy Born: 9/2/2018 5 lbs. 8oz., 17.7" Parents: Tom & Jill Kennedy



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

Noon on Wednesday, October 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.

## **Pension Education Investment Energy Conference**

This years Conference will be held on November 15th beginning at 5:30pm. It will be held at MB2 Raceway located at 1350 SE Gateway Drive, #108 in Grimes Iowa. The Conference is an opportunity to interact with industry experts, gain valuable insight into current market conditions and learn more about what your retirement plan has to offer. It was designed to be both fun and informative. This year, you will have a chance to get a race or two in on the high speed go cart track at MB2 immediately following the meeting. Spaces are limited, make sure you contact Misty at the Hall (515-243-1924) to get you and your spouse on the guest list.

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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	<b>25</b> Fort Dodge Mtg. 5:00 PM	26	27	
28	29	<b>30</b> E-Board Mtg. 4:00 PM	31				



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