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~Business Manager's Report~

Sisters and Brothers,

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was signed into law by President Biden on March 11! This bill is undoubtedly a huge victory for Labor and American families. It provides benefits such as funding for COVID-19 vaccinations, schools, child care and mental health. It extends additional federal unemployment benefits until September. It makes unemployment benefits received in 2020 tax free up to \$10,200. It provides assistance for certain health premiums such as COBRA health coverage. It provides a stimulus payment up to \$1,400 per eligible individual which includes adult dependents not included in prior stimulus payments. Of all its benefits however, perhaps the most notable would be the multiemployer defined benefit pension reform. The legislation provides direct assistance to declining or troubled plans, securing benefits for millions of workers and retirees for the next 30 years. Your NEBF is now protected! For more information on the Act you can access the text at <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1319/text>. THANK YOU Congresswoman Cindy Axne for supporting us in this fight! She is the only federal candidate in Iowa that did so.

Remember, your pension benefits are not a privilege, they are a right. You have earned them. They are something that you have negotiated from your wages and earnings potential to set aside for your retirement throughout your career. Do not let anyone convince you otherwise.

You can access your account by visiting NEBF.com. Once you have completed the registration process you will have access to all your NEBF benefit information. You can also access form 1099-R, view online documents, enter change of address, etc. You can also opt in to paperless communications to help cut overhead costs to the plan. If you do so, you will receive timely electronic communications and notifications from NEBF directly. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Fund office at 301-556-4300 or call the Hall for assistance.

The new Union Hall project has received final approval from International President Stephenson. We expect to start construction during the first week of April so anticipate additional progress reports going forward. This project is shaping up to be one we can all be proud of. Stop by and take a look as it progresses. It is located at 6809 SE Bellagio Ct. in Ankeny on the west side of I35, just south of Corporate Woods Dr.

Vaccinations in Iowa are still on limited supply but we are making some progress. As of now Iowa is vaccinating 1B, tier 1 & 2 groups such as first responders, health care workers, Iowans 16-64 with preexisting conditions and essential workers that include our manufacturing members. As specific groups become eligible for vaccinations, I am sending out a letter substantiating your positions as essential workers so that you have some evidence to the fact. Some service providers may require it, others may not. If you would like to request a letter please let Misty know at 515-243-1924. As of February 28 we have had 1149 Local 347 health plan participants tested for the Coronavirus, 125 testing positive. These numbers do not include any self performed test results such as Test Iowa or jobsite test results. Total paid by the plan for testing so far is \$210,059.33, total paid for treatment so far \$139,229.32. Everyone is expected to have access to a vaccination by June so I would encourage each of you to help stop the spread of the pandemic by getting vaccinated. You can find provider info here: <https://vaccinate.iowa.gov/providers/>. I plan to get vaccinated as soon as I meet eligibility and manage to secure an appointment. The good news is that we can see a return to what was once considered normal. We are planning to host a summer picnic, a golf outing and the best news yet, Labor Day activities. More information on all of these great Union built activities will be coming soon.

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The Union Sportsmen's Alliance dinner will be held virtually this year. Our Local Union will host all of our registered members at the Hall for a dinner event while participating virtually in the Union Alliance event. All of the auctions and drawings will be held as if it were in person. The date is April 24. If you would like to participate contact us at the Hall. Seating is limited.

Meeting dates for Des Moines Inside and Fort Dodge Inside negotiations have been established and we will have met at least once by the time you read this. Be sure to attend your Union meetings to stay informed on this important issue.

The LU 347 scholarship application is available at the Hall. Each year we award three \$1000 scholarships to the children or grandchildren of our Union members. This is a great opportunity, don't pass it up. The application and essay are due at the Union Hall no later than May 1 so don't delay.

Brotherhood Strong,
Pat Wells

~ Political Corner ~

Brothers and Sisters,

Things are moving quickly at the capitol, there was a legislative "funnel" on March 5th and the next funnel will be coming April 3rd. Each of these dates reduces the number of bills that may be considered this session by weeding out the ones that have made the least progress through the legislature. Unfortunately, these bills that I wrote about last month are still alive: SF 492 / HSB 203 (cutting unemployment), SF 159 (school vouchers), and SF 183 (banning design-build for public sector jobs). On top of that the Governor signed SF 413 into law which shortens the window for voting in Iowa. The polls will now close at 8 P.M. rather than 9 P.M. early voting will be limited to only 20 days prior to election day rather than 29 days, and county auditors will have less autonomy in future elections. This is a clear attempt at voter suppression after the record turnout and early voting we saw in the 2020 election, in which most people (76% of Democrats and 52% of Republicans) voted early.

In national news, HR 1 and the PRO Act both passed through the US House and will now be considered by the Senate. HR 1 would protect and expand the voting rights of all Americans, in contrast to the elections bill Gov. Reynolds just passed. The PRO Act, as I discussed last month, would be a huge step forward in expanding workers' rights and federal protections. It is great to see these pieces of legislation moving forward, but they won't make it to the President's desk unless the filibuster is changed/eliminated, or we can somehow get Republican Senators to support them. As it stands, a minority of senators can stop a bill in its tracks by simply stating that they are filibustering. Therefore, it seems like an obvious move to at least force senators who are against these bills to hold the floor like they would have had to do under the old filibuster rules.

In Solidarity,
Wade Lester

Newborns!



Oaklee Andrew Stepp
Dunsbergen
Born: 2/02/2021
6lbs. 6 oz.
18"
Parents: Jacob & Jamie
Dunsbergen

Max Michael Miller
Born: 2/03/2021
6 lbs. 14 oz.
20 1/4"
Parents: Tanner & Kelsey
Miller

Brenden James Saf
Born: 2/10/2021
8 lbs. 13 oz.
20"
Parents: Ron & April Saf

Lena Lynn Garcia
Born: 2/23/2021
5 lbs. 11 oz.
17 1/2"
Parents: Jonathan &
Brienne Garcia

~ Apprenticeship News ~

- All classes are subject to change, or cancellation, as we adapt to the changing pandemic guidelines from our local and state government agencies.
- Classes will be available for registration about 14 calendar days prior to the first day of class.
- You must register for classes online at <https://secure.tradeschoolinc.com/v5/dmelejtc-org/login>
- Follow our Facebook page to receive a notification when a CEC is available for registration.
- If the class will be held virtually, you must complete the Virtual Journeyman Continuing Education Course agreement. It is available on our website.
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TENTATIVE JOURNEYMAN CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASS (CEC) SCHEDULE

NEC Requirements for Determining Available Fault Current and Required Field Labeling of Service Equipment	719	04/13/2021	4:30-7:30 PM	Conduit Lab/	Code Credit 3 hours
Conductor Ampacities	720	04/14/2021	4:30-7:30 PM	Conduit Lab/	Code Credit 3 hours
Basic Codeology	707	04/20/2021-04/21/2021	4:30-7:30 PM	Conduit Lab/	Code Credit 6 hours
NEC Requirements for Determining Available Fault Current and Required Field Labeling of Service Equipment	721	04/20/2021	4:30-7:30 PM	Conduit Lab/	Code Credit 3 hours
Conductor Ampacities	722	04/21/2021	4:30-7:30 PM	Conduit Lab/	Code Credit 3 hours
NFPA 70E - Electrical Hazard and Safety Awareness for the Qualified Worker	713	05/25/2021-05/27/2021	4:00-8:00 PM	Conduit Lab/	Non-Code Credit 12 hours

Last Months Job Referrals

30—Referrals sent out
10-Regular Calls 7-Apprentice
3-VDV Installer 0-VDV Tech
9-CW 1- Res. Apprentice

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Dave: dlreid@ibewlu347.org	Randy: rhtucker@ibewlu347.org	Re-sign: resign@ibewlu347.org

The following people will fall into reinstatement (\$30) if their dues are not paid by **April 30, 2021**. This list was run on March 19, 2021. This list is broken down into “A” and “BA” members.

“A” MEMBERS

ALEX	M	ADKINS	TINA	E	HELLYER	BENJAMIN	J	REED
LAWRENCE	D	ANTHONY	DAVID	C	HIRSCH BAUTISTA	NOAH	C	RESZEL
AMANDA	M	BAILEY	WILLIAM	L	HOLLOWAY	BRANDON	E	RICHARDS
SETH	A	BAILEY	KERRY	A	HORNER	ROBIN	D	RILEY
LUKE	L	BALDWIN	ANDREW	T	JOHNSON	ANDRES		RODRIGUEZ
JUSTIN	M	BEAM	RICK	A	JOHNSON	BRANDAN	A	ROSS
DENNIS	E	BEERY	SCOTT	A	JORDAN	KIRK	I	RUNDALL
JACOB	M	BELCHER	ERIC	A	JORGENSEN	EDDIE	R	RUSH
HAROLD	F	BROWN	COREY	M	KELLEHER	WANO	N	RUSSELL
ANTONIO	M	BROWN	JOSEPH	M	KELLER	KIRSTEN	M	RYNISH
MITCHELL	A	BUNCH	CHRISTIAN	A	KIMMEL	JAMES	C	SCHIEFFER
ANTHONY	L	BURROWS	BRYSON	P	KINYON	BENJAMIN	L	SCHNEIDER
CHRISTOPHER	J	CALKINS	MATTHEW	A	KIRBY	JASON	A	SCHUTTY
RAY		CAMACHO	ERIC	A	KLINGENSMITH	JOHN	A	SCHWERING
ADAM	B	CHRISTIAN	MHIKEALY	M	KNIGHT	LUKE	W	SEE
JONATHAN	J	CLARK	ZACHARY	O	LANGE	SKYLAR	M	SEIDENKRANZ
MONTEZ	D	CLARK	ALEXANDER	J	LEE	DANIEL	D	SIMMERMAN
COOPER	L	COFFMAN	TIMOTHY	S	LEROY	JAMES	J	SMITH
ALLEN	L	COOK	KYLE	A	MALDONADO	ANDREW	A	SMITH
OWEN	D	CRAWFORD	RONNIE	L	MARSHALL	JOSHUA	R	SODERGREN
MICHAEL	D	CRIGGER	DOMINIC	L	MCCARL	ANTHONY		SOLIVERAS TORRES
HUNTER	N	DAVIS	ROBERT	J	MCCAULEY	PATRICK		SOMSAVATH
OLEKSIY	O	DOBRYDEN	JAKOB	M	MCFARLIN	ZACHARY	E	SPAIN
BRIAN	N	DRAKE	JONATHAN		MEZA-RAMIREZ	LEE	R	STAHL
CHASE	R	ELLIOTT	CURTIS	W	MILBURN	SHANE	L	STONEBURNER
KEANAN	J	ELMORE	RICKY	J	MILLER	STEVE	B	SWENSON
JACOB	J	ENGLAND	CARLTON	C	MOORE	PHILLIP	M	THOMPSON
DON	L	ERICKSON	JAMIE	R	MOORMAN	BLAKE	E	TICE-TAYLOR
SCOTT	A	ESPE	RENE	T	MULLANEY	JESSE	D	VAN RIPER
CHASE	A	FARRELL	JASON	P	MURPHY	ALEX	G	VANDENBROEK
CORY	S	FERREL	CAMRUN	S	NELSON	JORGE		VARGAS
RYAN		FINER	LOUDEN	W	NILES	CHANCE	G	VEACH
KOHL	J	FISH	GREGORY	M	NORDSTROM	DUSTIN	H	VOLQUARDSEN
GARRETT	R	GALVIN	MICHAEL	D	OLIVER	TANYA	M	WADDELL
JOSE	O	GARCIA	MICHAEL	T	OSBORN	HALSEY	C	WASSON
THADEUS	J	GIBBONS	MATTHEW	A	PARKS	ORIN	D	WATERS
TRAE	D	GILLILAND	MICHAEL	A	PAUSCHER	CHANDLER	K	WELLS
KALE	A	GOBEN	PATRICK	J	PETERSON	BROCK	G	WILEY
JENS	J	GREFF	JESSE	M	PETERSON	DENNIS	J	WILLIAMS
EMILY	S	HAMILTON	PHILLIP	E	PETRIE	ADAM	M	WILSON
KEVIN	D	HARRIS	BOWE	R	PORTER	BENJAMIN	A	WOOLDRIDGE
BRANDON	L	HAUS	AUSTIN	L	PRUITT	JORDAN	W	WRIGHT
SEBASTIAN	T	HEBERT	ANTUAND		PRUNEDA			
TYLER	W	HECKMAN	NICHOLAS	S	QUINTANA			
CODY	L	HEISTAND	ZACHARY	A	RAMSEY			

“BA” MEMBERS

GARY	A	BROWN
DOUGLAS	L	EDWARDS
LARRY	W	ETTER
MEGHAN	N	FREISE
STACY	M	HICKMAN
CONSUELO		LEIVA CASTILLO
DAVID	S	LOPEZ
CLARA		LOZANO ESTRADA
ATID	V	LUONG
NEIL	H	NELSON
JOHN	D	RIDDLE
GALVIN	Q	THIPHAVONG
JUSTIN	G	WELLS
ERIC	M	WESTBERG

The following people will be dropped if their dues are not paid by April 30, 2021. This list was run on March 19, 2021.

“A” Members

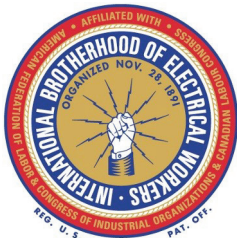
RANDY	D	BIRKENHOLTZ
NICHOLAS	J	BRANDT
JEREMY	C	BUNN
NICCOLO	J	DARR
STEVE	J	HERMANN
CHESTON	B	HILTON
PATRICK	E	HUBBY
ALLAN	J	KENNEDY
MARQUEZ	D	LEWIS
COREY	A	LITTLE
FRANCIS	P	MAURO
DEVON	E	ORTEGA
D. KURT		POTTHOFF
DREW	N	SCHMIDT

“BA” Members

COREY	D	COMEGYS
CRISTEN	R	GALLOWAY
DILLON	M	NALL
LARRY	L	RICHE
RABIN		SHAH

April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 	5	6 EP 2 4:00 PM	7 Residential Mtg. 4:00 PM	8 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG. 5:00 PM	9	10
11	12	13 Firestone Mtg. 3:00 PM	14 Firestone Mtg. 3:00 PM	15 KCCI Mtg. 1:00 PM	16	17
18	19 Stockman/ Deliveryman Mtg. 4:00 PM	20 Keystone Mtg. after work	21 VDV Mtg. 4:00 PM	22 Fort Dodge Unit Mtg. 4:30 PM	23	24 UNION SPORTSMEN'S ALLIANCE
25	26	27 E-Board Mtg. 4:00 PM RENEW 4:30 PM	28	29	30	



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