

IBEW Local 234

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Happy New Year

Monterey Bay, CA:

Happy New Year's Brothers and Sisters!

I hope you had a great Holiday. This is actually the first year I celebrated New Years on East Coast time because it guaranteed that I'd be able to see 12:00am!

Bobby Scardina, Frank Aldape, Adrien Antosz, Dan Martinez, Carlos Vargas, Tony Kulich, Dave Evans, Miguel Bustos, Ken Scherpinski, Robert Tangonan, and Joe Lockshaw.

The list can go on so please excuse me if I didn't include you. These names that you read are individuals who have had a positive impact on my career. These individuals, and many other Brothers and Sisters of IBEW Local 234, have shown interest, coached, and believed in me. Their positive influence impacted me more than words can say. Looking back over the last 25 years I realized I was given an opportunity to succeed. Each and everyone of us deserves an opportunity to succeed.

What legacy will you leave behind when someone speaks your name? How will you be remembered 20 years from now? The question isn't can I positively impact my brothers and sister's life, but rather how much more of a difference can I make.

As we move into the solid looking year of 2023 our strength is in our Solidarity.

From my family to yours I wish you a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Paul Gutierrez

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Business Manager

Mortgage Paid Off!



Congratulations Brothers and Sisters, because IBEW Local 234 now owns outright our property across the street on Tembladera Road. The payoff has created a true asset, and will save over \$3,000 a month. The overall financial savings are greater than \$200,000 vs. the terms of financing.

I'd like to acknowledge and thank our previous Business Manager Andy Hartmann for having the vision, and laying the foundation for our continued success.

Electric Vehicle Update

IBEW Local 234 is a leader in promoting sustainable energy solutions and I'm pleased to announce the completed purchase of our Chevy Bolt EUV!

Electric vehicles (EVs) offer several benefits for the membership of IBEW Local 234.

First and foremost, the adoption of EVs will create new job opportunities for our members. As more and more people switch to electric vehicles, there will be a greater demand for IBEW Electrician's to install charging stations and maintain the electrical systems of these vehicles.

EVs also have the potential to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and mitigate negative environmental impacts.

In addition, the cost of charging an EV is significantly less than the cost of fueling a gas-powered vehicle.

Overall, the adoption of electric vehicles is great for IBEW Local 234 and its members because it presents new job opportunities, promotes sustainability, and will save money.



Important 2023 Updates & Info

Revised Dispatch Procedures

The dispatch procedure has been revised to benefit the membership of IBEW. The significant changes are listed below.

Listed are the Dispatch changes:

- (3) "All registrants must re-sign, in person, at least once per year. No more than 366 days may pass from one re-sign before the registrant must come into re-sign again."
- (4) "Other than registrants on Book I, any registrant who is employed under the terms of an IBEW Inside Agreement in any other jurisdiction is obligated to remove his or her name from the IBEW Local 234 Out-of-Work-List."

"Applicants shall be responsible for removing themselves from the Out-of-Work List. Please go to <https://ibew234.org/member-forms/> and submit Form E - Book Removal"

"Dispatch Start Time Changed to 3:30 PM"

GETTING A JOB:

"1. - a. - Applicants who apply for a referral must be available to receive a call back from the dispatcher between 3:30PM and 4:30PM. Dispatch will begin at 3:30 PM."

Membership Dues

The Delegates at the 40th International Convention, which was held in Chicago, IL, during May of 2022, approved the increase in the monthly (basic) dues. This increase is at the International level and not your local level.

For your reference and information, the rate changes that were approved are summarized below:

Effective Date: January 1, 2023	Dues will be \$46.00
Effective Date: July 1, 2024	Dues will be \$47.00
Effective Date: January 1, 2025	Dues will be \$49.00
Effective Date: July 1, 2025	Dues will be \$50.00

401k Info

Now is the Time!

You can enroll to start your 401k, or if you already have an account, change your investment amount.

401(K) levels of investing: \$2.00 per hour; \$5.00 per hour; and \$8.00 per hour.

Already enrolled? Ask your contractor for a contribution form. For first time enrollees - please click here to sign up www.nefp.org - "Enroll in the Plan" at the top of the page.

****Enrollment can be made at dispatch and at the beginning of the January payroll period***

2023 Contribution Limits have increased: \$22,500 plus \$7,500 for "catch-up" for over 50

Tri-County Electrical JATC Training News

Don't Miss NFPA 70E

NFPA 70E Training with Instructor David Martinez on **Saturday, February 4th** from **8:00 am – 2:00pm**
Space is Limited! Please call Stacy at (831) 741-9069 to sign up.

2017 NEC Significant Changes Class

Instructor David Martinez has scheduled a **Significant Changes** class for **Tuesday, January 17th** from **5:30—8:30 pm**.

This is a once a month class. Please note that while you are still welcome to drop in for the class, we encourage you to sign up if you plan to attend. This will ensure that if the class is cancelled or postponed, you will get a call notifying you of the change.

Please call Stacy at (831) 741-9069 to sign up.

CPR/First Aid Certification Class

A **CPR/First Aid class** is scheduled for **Saturday, February 11th** from **8am—1pm**.

Instructor Merralinda Goddard will be teaching the basics of First Aid and CPR.

Please call Stacy at (831) 741-9069 to sign up.

to sign up and reserve your space.

If you reserve a space and do not show up for class, you will be responsible for paying for the class.

Limited space available—sign up soon!

****Please Note: This is NOT a drop-in class—sign up is required****

Congratulations on Completing Class

CPR / First Aid on 12/3/2022

Lamont Adams, Roberto Alanis-Aguilar, Bryan Craddock, Tyler Daly, Gilberto Espindola, John Greene, Michael Julian, Ernie Magallan, Robert Meloney, Alfredo Nicolosi, Chris Olsen, Jonathan Stanley, and Philip Villaneda.

Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training

The EVITP program provides the most comprehensive training for the installation of EVSE (Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment) in North America today. More than a technical installation course, EVITP offers a full overview of the Electric Vehicle industry including an extensive section on Customer Relations & Customer Satisfaction. More information to come.

Benny Card Update

New Benny cards have been sent out should have been arrived for those that expired in 12/22.

Also, for those members whose Benny cards were suspended in 2022 for not substantiating charges your card should have been reactivated on January 1, 2023.



Nurse Rasha Update

Nurse Rasha will no longer be servicing the membership.

The Health and Welfare trust is working on interviewing qualified candidates and expanding the role and responsibilities of our future Nurse Advocate in order to best serve you.

We are here to help and ask you contact the Hall with any questions or assistance you may need.

Christopher Burditt Memorial Scholarship

2023 Scholarship Opportunities!

IBEW Local 234, in partnership with the Burditt Family, is offering **three (3) \$1,000** scholarships to high school graduates – one each in Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito County, who will graduate during the current school year and who meet all qualifying criteria.

To apply, a student must have at least one present or past union member, **of any affiliation**, in his or her immediate family and type an essay of approximately **500 words** on **one** of the following topics:

- What is the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and what has it done to enhance organized labor?
- Why is the organized labor movement important in the United States today?
- How has the union movement played a key role in the life and well-being of my family member who **is or was** in a union?

Essays must be typed and mailed with a completed Application Form to:

Christopher Burditt Memorial Scholarship Essay Contest
10300 Merritt Street
Castroville, CA 95012

Entries must be **received by Friday, March 31, 2023**. IBEW Local 234 will judge essays for content, clarity, and originality. Proof that application requirements are fulfilled, including graduation, will be required, as will proof that the winner enrolls in a university, college, junior college, or other institution of higher learning in the summer or fall of **2023**. No essays will be returned. IBEW Local 234 is not responsible for any entries that are not received or are damaged before being received.

The announcement and application form are available for download on our website **www.ibew234.org**.

Please share with any interested students.

Happy January Birthdays!

Abraham Adams Jr.
Joseph Antoni
Rafael Castro Jr.
Mark Clough
William Clough
Matthew Craddock
Ruth Dean
Scott Gaffney
Manuel Garcia
Ralph Garcia
Cristian Gonzalez
Robert Greene
Gregory Hague
Darrell Hickey
Cory Hoffman
Valentin Ivanov

Jesus Jara
Artemio Juarez
Philip Karleen Jr.
Sean Kent
Michael Kulich
Jaime Lara
Jose Leon
Giovanni Lopez
Ernest Magallan
Ronald Martinez
Aiden McNutt
George Mellone
Gale Michalek
Jose Moncada
David Morales
Ernesto Morales
Bill Moua

Yeng Moua
Francisco Mundo Jr.
Luis Ortiz
Roberto Paz-Murillo
Nicholas Pregovisk
Reynold Ramirez
Orlando Ramirez Pinedo
Manuel Ramos
Bryan Ruiz-Herrera
Dana Saccullo
Maxwell Schnittger
Jorge Suarez Jr.
Trudi Teller
Jaime Urzua
Michael Wolfe
Jim Zupkus

This Month's Local 234 Winners!

C.O.P.E.: \$5.00

Apprentice Give-Away: \$23.40—Angel Lopez-Magana

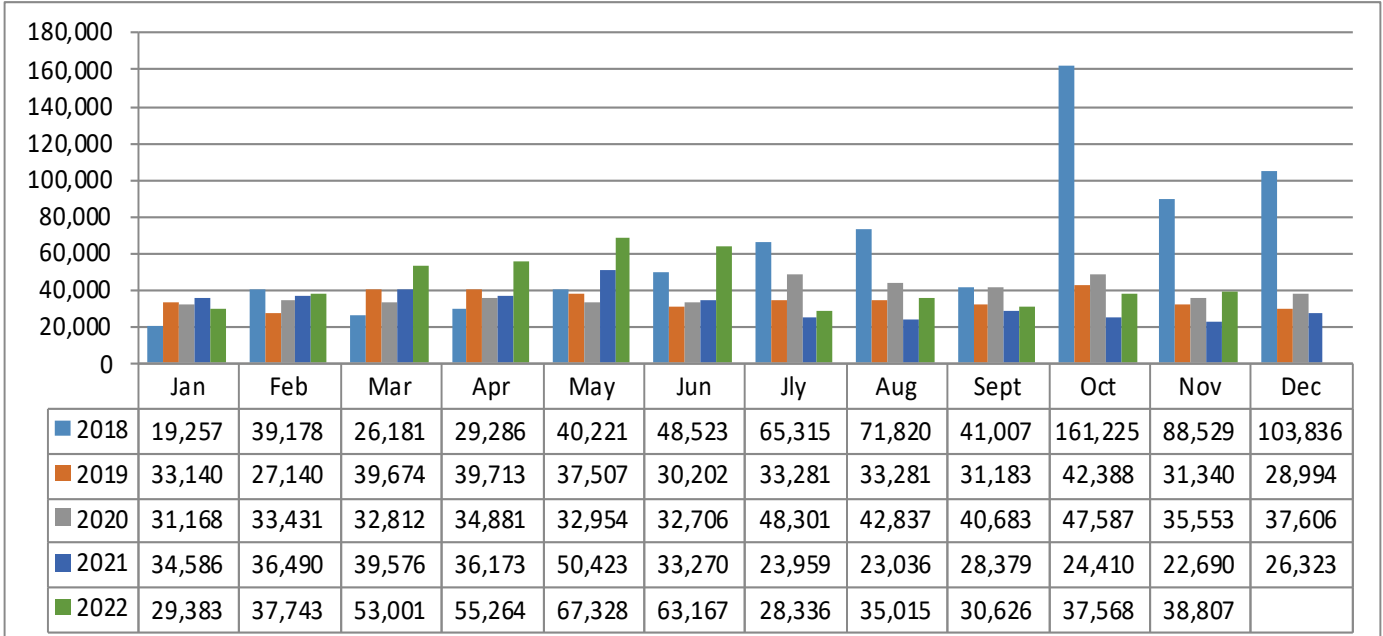
Give-Away Winners:

IBEW cup - John Greene
IBEW shirt - Angel Lopez-Magana
IBEW shirt - Alan Lopez
IBEW shirt - Jon Marquez
Peeler - Jaime Hernandez
License plate frame - Carlos Prado - donated to Nick
Tape measure - John Agra
\$234 December Drawing - Angel Lopez-Magana

General membership meetings are the second Wednesday of each month.

The next general membership meeting has been scheduled on Wednesday, January 11th at 6:30 PM at the Union Hall.

Monthly Hours Report



January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 HOLIDAY	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 General Body Meeting @ 6:30 PM	12	13	14
15	16 HOLIDAY	17 JATC Meeting @ 4:00PM Significant Changes @ 5:30PM	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 E-Board Meeting @ 6:00PM	26	27	28
29	30	31				



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