



International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 234

IBEW Local 234 Newsletter

The Electrical Worker's Union for Monterey, San Benito,
and Santa Cruz Counties

January 2017

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Business Manager's Report by Andy Hartmann

Sisters and Brothers,

Happy New Year! 2017 is here.

On the Inside out-of-work list we have 10 on Book 1, 72 on Book 2, 13 on Book 3, and 4 on Book 4. There are 2 on CW Book 1 and 118 on CW Book 2. There are 5 apprentices on the out-of-work list.

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participate they will each receive \$250.

Inside members only have to do two things in order to earn \$250 on a Benny card. Complete an online Health Questionnaire by November 30, 2017 at www.moverewellness.com. Then complete a screening with your physician by November 30, 2017. Once you have your results, send to HMC Movere to be uploaded to your wellness account:

- Fax to: 1-844-707-0217
- Email to: myresults@moverewellness.com
- US Mail to: HMC Movere, 935 E. North Union Ave, Building D, Ste. 203 Midvale, UT 84047

If you chose NOT to participate, or only one person completes the process, then the deductible will go from \$100 to \$500 per person in 2018. For example, if my wife decides not to complete a health screening, then even though I did it and received the \$250, our family deductible will go from \$400 for the four of us to \$2,000 starting in 2018.

www.ibew234.org. There is a link under Downloads, Newsletter to the subscribe form or call the Hall to have us SIGN YOU UP!

For Inside members, our Health & Welfare Plan will be sending out Benny cards in January. The Benny card is a credit card that gives you an easy way to pay for health care and medical expenses. S&C members will also be receiving their new Benny cards in January.

Additionally, the Health & Welfare Plan has enlisted the help of HMC Movere to provide a wellness program for active Inside members in 2017 (this does not apply to Retirees, S&C, or CWs). This program focuses on preventing chronic diseases and illness before they occur. Preventive care can significantly reduce healthcare costs, prolong life expectancy, and increase the quality of life for all individuals. If you choose to participate, the IBEW Local 234 Health and Welfare Plan will add \$250 to your Health Reimbursement Account (Benny card) balance. If the member and spouse both

2016 is at a close. For those of you that claim your union dues on your taxes, we anticipate mailing the statements in early February with the dues you paid in 2016. We will receive December hours at the end of January. We will work to get this information to you as soon as possible in order to file your taxes.

The third Monday in January is a Holiday. We are honoring the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr on **Monday, January 16, 2017**. It is a Holiday for Inside, S&C, and CECW workers. Martin Luther King Jr. (born Michael King Jr., January 15, 1929) was an American Baptist minister and civil rights activist. He was best known for his leadership in the civil rights movement using nonviolent civil disobedience based on his Christian beliefs. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated on April 4, 1968 in Memphis, Tennessee.

I wish you and your families health and prosperity in the new year. Happy 2017.

Five Facts About AT&T You Should Know

Exclusive savings just for union members: With the [AT&T wireless discounts](#) through Union Plus¹, union members can save 15% on the monthly service charge of qualified AT&T wireless plans and 20% on select accessories from AT&T.

Member-backed, member-endorsed: 96% of union members recommend the AT&T wireless discounts through Union Plus², according to a recent email survey to program participants.

Equipped for your lifestyle: AT&T offers benefits that support your lifestyle - like same-day screen repair³ and free roaming in Mexico⁴, ensuring you can stay connected with those who matter most.

Network Reliability: The AT&T network has the fewest dropped calls⁵ - and covers over 99% of Americans.

Union strong wireless: Nearly 150,000 union members from the Communications Workers of America are employed at AT&T - the country's largest private-sector employer of full-time union labor.

Go to [AT&T wireless](#) for more information.



UnionPlus Scholarship

The UnionPlus scholarship is a competitive scholarship. Applicants are evaluated according to academic ability, social awareness, financial need, and appreciation of labor. A GPA of 3.0 or higher is recommended. The required essays can account for up to half your total score. Scholarship applicants are judged by a committee of impartial post-secondary educators.

Application Timeline:

A complete application must be received on or before 12 pm (Eastern Time) on **January 31, 2017**. Applications received after this deadline will not be considered.

Scholarship Award Amounts:

Amounts range from \$500 to \$4,000. These one-time cash awards are for study beginning in the Fall of 2017. Students may re-apply each year.

Apply at <http://goo.gl/oNB2cL>



Local 234 Wins Building Trades Golf Tournament

On Saturday, October 15th the Monterey/Santa Cruz Counties Building & Construction Trades Council held a golf tournament at the Old Del Monte Golf Course. The golf tournament was a fund raiser for training and education with a focus on apprenticeship preparation. The team representing Local 234, strategically led by John Barber, included Jeremy Bigman, Nick Pregovisk, and Ken Scherpinski. Our team of Electricians easily dominated and earned first place, winning the tournament. Congratulations guys!

(Photo: L to R Nick Pregovisk, John Barber, Ken Scherpinski, and Jeremy Bigman)

IRS Mileage Rates for 2017

On December 13, 2016, the IRS issued the 2017 optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes. Beginning January 1, 2017, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups, and panel trucks) is \$0.535 per mile (down from \$0.54 in 2016).

This Month in Labor History

January 2017

1 January 1875: Women weavers union formed in Fall River, Massachusetts.

2 January 1903: President Theodore Roosevelt issues an Executive Order, which became known as the first "gag order" that forbid federal workers from "...either directly or indirectly, individually or through associations, solicit an increase of pay or influence or attempt to influence in their own interest any other legislation whatever, either before Congress or its Committees...

7 January 1939: American Federation of Labor (AFL) organizer, Tom Mooney, freed after a 22 year imprisonment on false charges.

8 January 1945: AFL grants a charter to the Office Employees International Union. The union's title was changed to Office and Professional Employees International Union in 1965.

10 January 1950: Amendment to Railway Labor Act gives employees the right to negotiate for union shop and dues checkoff.

10 January 1980: Death of George Meany, first president of the AFLCIO.

11 January 1912: 10,000 mostly immigrant textile workers in Lawrence, Massachusetts begin their strike for better pay and working conditions. It became known as a fight for "Bread and Roses." After an eight-week struggle the strikers won a 15% pay increase and other demands. The victory was significant, as it demonstrated that semi-skilled workers--many of them recent immigrants and nearly half of them women--could organize themselves to improve their conditions. The impact of this strike led to pay increases for over 150,000 New England textile workers.

13 January 1874: Mounted police charge into a crowd of unemployed workers demonstrating in New York's Tompkins Square Park, beating men, women, and children indiscriminately with clubs leaving hundreds of casualties in their wake.

14 January 1969: Death of Roy E.C. Hallbeck, President of the United Federation of Postal Clerks.

15 January 1929: Birthdate of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In addition to his contribution to the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s, King was an earnest crusader for labor, particularly municipal and hospital workers.

17 January 1915: Lucy Parsons leads hunger march in Chicago; Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) songwriter Ralph Chaplin writes his most famous labor song "Solidarity Forever" for the march.

17 January 1962: President Kennedy issues Executive Order 10988 guaranteeing federal employees the right to join unions and bargain collectively.

21 January 1946: Steelworkers launch 30-state strike against U.S. Steel.

21 January 1974: First day of a four-day strike by 2,000 postal workers at the New York Bulk and Foreign Mail Center. The "Battle of the Bulk" as it became known, was caused by postal management's unilateral changes in workers' hours and working conditions. As a result of the workers' solidarity, a federal judge ruled in the union's favor by directing management to settle the issue through binding arbitration.

25 January 1890: United Mine Workers founded.

25 January 1926: 16,000 textile workers strike in Passaic, New Jersey.

26 January 1934: New York maids organize.

27 January 1850: Birthdate of Samuel Gompers, first president and founder of American Federation of Labor. A cigar maker by trade, Gompers received some of the education that shaped his approach to unionism through his work on the shop floor.

27 January 1899: Team Drivers International Union chartered by AFL. As the result of a merger in 1903, the union was renamed the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

27 January 1986: 500 Hormel workers locked out for honoring Ottumwa, Iowa picket line.

29 January 1889: Railworkers in New York City strike for union recognition and an end to 18-hour day. Police break up strike.

29 January 1934: Sit-down strike in Akron, Ohio helps establish United Rubber Workers as national union.

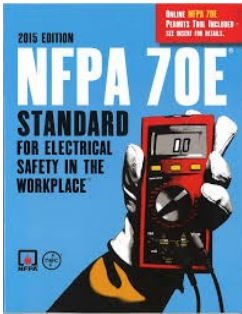
30 January 1919: International Labor Organization founded.

Tri-County Electrical JATC Training News

(831) 633-3063

Confined Space Training Class

Do you know how to safely handle confined spaces? Many workplaces contain spaces that are considered "confined" because their configurations hinder the activities of employees who must enter, work in, and exit them. A confined space has limited or restricted means for entry or exit, and it is not designed for continuous employee occupancy. There is an 8 hour confined space class scheduled for **Saturday, January 21st at 8am**. Call Stacy at (831) 633-3063 to reserve your place. Class size is limited.



NFPA 70E Class

NFPA 70E with Instructor David Martinez is scheduled for **Saturday, February 4th from 8am to 2pm**. David will be teaching the standard for electrical safety in the workplace. Call Stacy at (831) 633-3063 to reserve your place.

CALCTP Class

California Advanced Lighting Controls Training Program (CALCTP) with Instructor Stephen Slovacek. This class is a total of 50 hours: 10 hours of lecture and 40 hours of lab. The class schedule will be coordinated with those in attendance.

YOU MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF COMPLETING THE ONLINE COURSE PRIOR TO THE FIRST CLASS. Email your proof to stacy@tricityjatic.org. Students will not be allowed to attend the class if they have not completed the online coursework. Go to bit.ly/IBEW234CALCTP to get started today.

There is a \$125 stipend available upon successful completion provided by the Monterey Bay LMCC.



CALCTP-AT Class

California Advanced Lighting Controls Training Program-Acceptance Testing (CALCTP -AT) with Instructor Stephen Slovacek. This class is a total of 32 hours. The class schedule will be coordinated with those in attendance.

The prerequisite for this class is completion of the 50 hour CALCTP. An application form must be completed prior to starting class. To register for this class there is a \$225 application/record maintenance fee. Go online to goo.gl/qkW7AI to complete an application and pay the application/record maintenance fee.

There is a \$125 stipend available upon successful completion provided by the Monterey Bay LMCC.



EVITP 3.0 Class

Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP) 3.0 with Instructor Stephen Slovacek. This class is an 18+ hour course. It is a prerequisite for EVITP that you are a California Certified General Electrician. As a bonus, there is a \$125 stipend available upon successful completion provided by the Monterey Bay LMCC.

State Certification Update

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Effective **January 1, 2017** the electrician certification examination test will switch from the 2011 to the 2014 National Electrical Code. If you are taking the exam on or after January 1, 2017, use the 2014 NEC code book to study.

Need Volunteers for Next Aptitude Test

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

There is an Aptitude Test scheduled for **Saturday, February 25, 2017** with our new Test Administrator **John Balducci**. John Balducci, one of our Retirees, answered our call to action and went through the training to become a certified Test Administrator. Thank you John! The deadline to apply to our apprenticeship program is **Thursday, January 19, 2017**. Applications are available in person Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9-11am and 1-4pm at the JATC Office.

Contact Stacy at (831) 633-3063 if you are able to volunteer for either a morning session, afternoon session, or both on **Saturday, February 25th**. Three proctors are needed for each session.

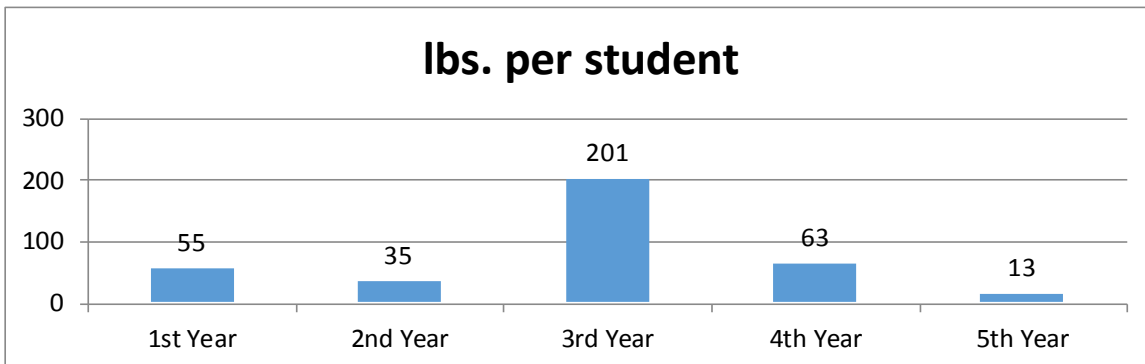
More information can be found at www.tricountyjatc.org

LMCC Education Quarterly Drawing

The LMCC holds a quarterly gift card drawing. (2) \$100 gifts cards are awarded each quarter for those taking JW upgrade classes. One gift card goes to the member with the most hours of class completed in the last quarter. The other gift card is awarded by lottery. Every four hours of completed classes will equal one entry in the lottery, with no limit. The member with most hours is ineligible for the lottery.

The winners for **Oct/Nov/Dec** were **Bryan Craddock** (randomly picked from an eight-way tie) for the most hours of training and **Jonathon Marquez** for the lottery. Congratulations! Each will receive a \$100 gift card.

Holiday Food Drive Results



The Monterey Bay Area LMCC has generously agreed to again sponsor the apprenticeship class that brings in the most donations for the Second Harvest Holiday Food Drive with a pizza dinner. Pounds of food were calculated as a percentage of each class. Each dollar donated counted as three (3) pounds of food.

This year the winning class of the Holiday Food Drive was again Stephen Slovacek's 3rd year class with the equivalent of 1,007 pounds of food. Overall we donated \$3,520 and 198 pounds of food. Congratulations and thank you for supporting the Second Harvest Food Bank. This was quite an improvement over last year when we donated \$898 and 56 pounds of food.

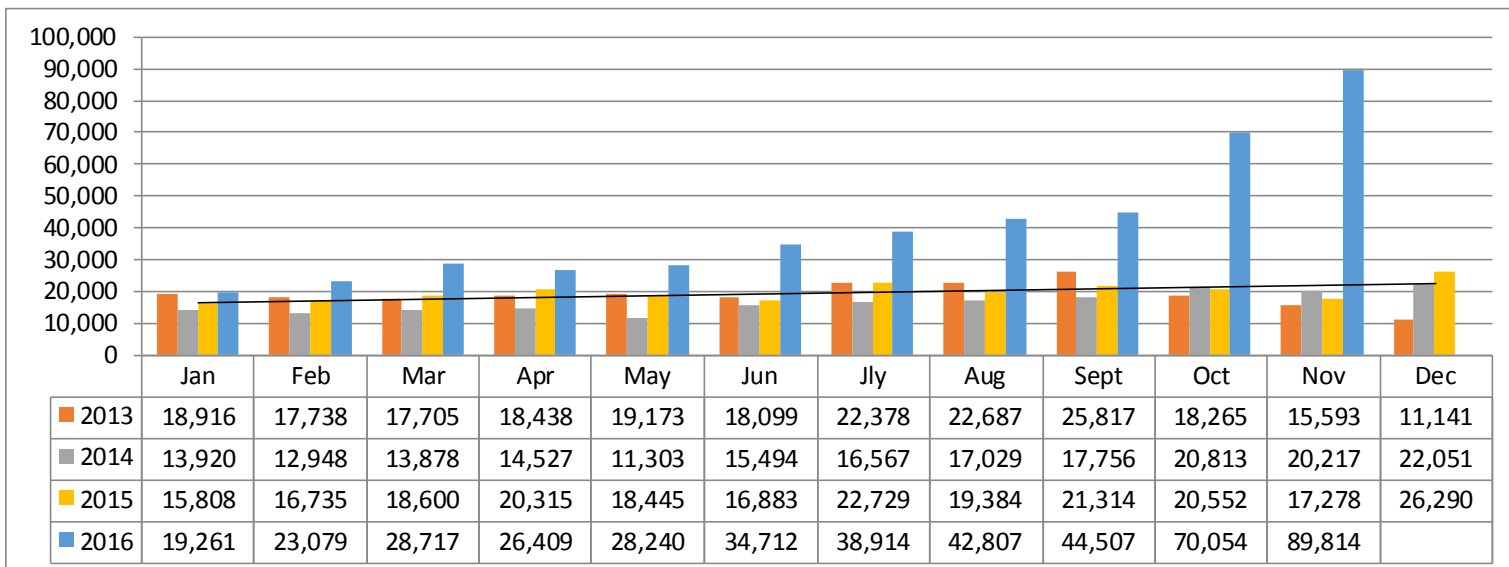
IBEW Local 234 Political Action Committee

The **IBEW Local 234 Political Action Committee (PAC)** operates to enhance our ability to participate in the political process which has an affect on our members, the electrical and construction industry, and our communities. The goal is to support candidates and measures that help our cause and better our communities. **Members who do not wish to have their dues money directed to the PAC may opt out of contributing money by notifying the IBEW Local 234 PAC in writing or by phoning the Hall at (831) 633-2311.** Opt-outs will remain in effect until revoked by the member. Currently the PAC contribution rate is \$2 per member per month.

Union Dues Increase

Your "Basic" dues (the dues you pay in monthly increments to the Hall) will increase on January 1, 2017. The increase was approved by the Delegates at the 39th IBEW International Convention. This applies to "A" members only. "A" Members Basic Dues will increase to \$39 per month. "BA" Members will remain at \$21 per month. Call the Hall if you have any questions.

Inside Monthly Hours Report



Happy January Birthdays!

Abraham Adams, Jr.
Terrance Andrews
Joseph Antoni
Frank Baca
David Boggs
Efrain Castillo
Mark Clough
William Clough
Matthew Craddock
Ruth Dean
John Dion
William Douthett, Jr.
Kyle Dundas
Joshua Elledge
Karl Fanning
Rosio Ferrer
Scott Gaffney
Ralph Garcia
Gonzalo Gonzales
Robert Greene
James Green

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Gregory Hague
Harold Hastey
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Orlando Hernandez
Darrell Hickey
Cory Hoffman
Carl Huboi
Valentin Ivanov
Jesus Jara
Artemio Juarez
Philip Karleen, Jr.
Sean Kent
Abraham Kerns
Leland Knisley
Michael Kulich
Ernesto Magallan
David Martinez
Ronald Martinez
Steven Martin
Joshua McDonald

George Mellone
Gale Michalek
Jose Moncada
Jimmy Moore
Ernesto Morales
Luis Ortiz
Nicholas Prelgovisk
Reynold Ramirez
Manuel Ramos
Frank Rodriguez
Jesus Rodriguez
Dana Saccullo
Maxwell Schnittger
Delbert Slaughter
Trudi Teller
Jaime Urzua
Lillian Vargas
Norman Wiedemann
Michael Wolfe
Jim Zupkus



This Month's Local 234 Winners!

The winners from the **December** union meeting.

Voluntary PAC (Political Action Committee):

Andres Laureano won \$5 and donated it back.

Apprentice Give-Away:

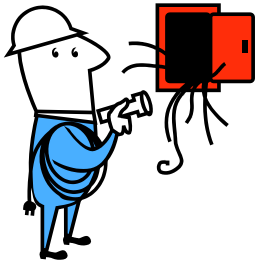
Ivan Garcia won \$23.40.

Give-Away Winners:

Sabyn Cupples won an IBEW Local 2085 muscle shirt.

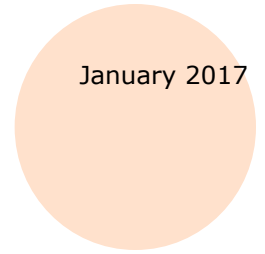
Andres Laureano won an IBEW Local 2085 hat.

Stefan Marceron won an IBEW Convention bag.



The next general membership meeting will be:

Wednesday, January 11th, 2016
@ 6:30 pm



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Quote of the Month

"There are still many causes worth sacrificing for, so much history yet to be made."

- Michelle Obama

January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 HOLIDAY NEW YEAR'S DAY OBSERVED	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Membership Meeting @ 6:30pm	12	13	14
15	16 HOLIDAY MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.	17 JATC @ 5pm	18	19 Application Deadline for Aptitude Test	20	21 Confined Space @ 8am
22 End of Pay Period	23	24	25 E-Board Meeting @ 6pm	26	27	28
29	30	31				



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