



International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 234

IBEW Local 234 Newsletter

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

March 2019

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Business Manager's Report by Andy Hartmann

Sisters and Brothers,

On the Inside out-of-work list we have 11 on Book 1, 9 on Book 2, 4 on Book 3, and 3 on Book 4. There are 2 on Book 1 for Sound & Comm. There are 4 on CW Book 1 and 69 on CW Book 2. There are 2 Inside apprentices on the out-of-work list.

There is a FREE app for members to use to pay your dues, resign, view your certifications, view classes you've completed, and view your job history. Search the app store for the **ISAQR**. It is available for Apple and Android.

apprentices to stay on top of that. It's their responsibility and we want to see them be successful in their electrical apprenticeship.

Elections are coming up for Local 234. Some of you may have heard that I am not going to be running for Business Manager. I will be finishing out my third term this summer. After that I'm going to take a year off and move my family to Ecuador. We plan on immersing ourselves in the culture and with the objective of learning Spanish. I have two young daughters and it will be quite the life experience for them. I'll be gone about a year.

Since learning about my departure from the Local, Lamont Adams has humbly decided to step up and run for the position of Business Manager. Lamont has been a great addition to the office and has proven himself to be very competent and of high integrity. Lamont and Paul have been working extremely well together in the office as Organizers. Our Executive Board, made up of Mike Ihnot, Al Randall, Nick Prelgovisk, Stephen Slovacek, Lamont Adams, Andy Gattis, Rick Keaton, and Gale Michalek, recently took action to authorize me to start training Lamont for the position of Business Manager and formally endorse his candidacy for Business Manager in the upcoming election. I think this is great news for Local 234. With these efforts, I hope we can continue the great success of Local 234.

SAVE THE DATE: Local 234's 50th Anniversary will be on **February 29, 2020**. Our Local was formed on March 1, 1970. Locals 1072 (Monterey) and 243 (Salinas) were amalgamated to form Local 234. We will be holding the anniversary festivities at the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Tickets will be \$50 each.

Thank you to the JATC's Test Administrator, John Balducci. Brother Balducci administered the JATC's Aptitude Test on Saturday, February 23rd. Thank you also for our volunteer proctors Mike Ihnot, Patricio Ortiz, Carlos Prado, Nick Prelgovisk, and Darien Rosbach.

Apple Store: <https://goo.gl/GxYXtk>

Google Play: <https://goo.gl/LqvSt7>

The app is free to download. Start using it today!

I wanted to share an example of brotherhood and what the IBEW is all about. Last month Lamont Adams, our Assistant Business Manager and Organizer learned that one of our apprentices' mother passed away. Upon hearing this information Lamont took up a collection and passed the hat for Jeff Beers, a 4th-year apprentice, to help with the expenses of his mother's passing. That was a truly awesome thing to do by helping out a fellow brother.

I think it's fair to say, that generally, we all want to see our apprentices succeed. The apprentices are supposed to be electronically logging their hours DAILY. That means they can log their hours either through a web page or by using an app (the same app you can use to pay your dues). It's a good idea to remind your

Local 234 Blood Drive

Give blood.

Every 2 seconds someone
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American Red Cross



Blood Drive **IBEW Local 234**

Training Room
10300 Merritt Street
Castroville, CA 95012

Saturday, March 30, 2019
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org and enter: IBEW to schedule an appointment.

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History of Local 234

In anticipation of our 50th anniversary of Local 234 on **February 29, 2020**, we need your help with sharing old photos, documents, and/or stories about Local 234 and its members over the past 50 years. If you have any information you think would be valuable and are willing to share, Local 234 would love to make copies. The information will be compiled and used for the anniversary event and also in the development of the commemorative program book. Please contact Local 234 at (831) 633-2311 if you have any information to share.

Christopher Burditt Memorial Scholarship

March 2019

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 15, 2019**. 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 **2019**. 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.

ACT NOW! It's Easy, Urge the CSLB

URGE THE CONTRACTORS STATE LICENSE BOARD TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY:

Require Only Licensed C-10 Electrical Contractors to Install Battery Energy Storage Systems.

California regulation needs to specifically prohibit C-46 licensed contractors (solar photovoltaic companies) and their employees from installing battery energy storage systems as a stand-alone project. The employees of C-46 licensed contractors, have no state requirements for training or certification. As such, they do not receive the extensive and specialized training needed to safely install and maintain battery energy storage systems.

Our industry has been in a heated debate with the Contractors State Licensing Board (CSLB) over the proper license needed to install battery energy storage systems. Ambiguity in the regulations has allowed C-46 solar contractor licensees to install battery energy storage systems when paired with a solar photovoltaic system. This has occurred even though battery energy storage systems are separate electrical systems and the C-46 solar contractors – and especially their workers - do not have the electrical training or expertise required.

Click and add your name to <https://safeenergystorage.com/>

Our goal is to convince the CSLB to provide regulatory clarity that this work shall only be performed by specialty contractors that hold a valid C-10 electrical contractors license.

Tri-County Electrical JATC Training News

(831) 633-3063

Foreman Development Series Class

Foreman class, taught by Instructor Stephen Slovacek, is scheduled for **Mondays, March 4th (Materials Management) and 18th (Labor Relations) from 5:30-8:30pm**. You are welcome to attend one class or as many as you like in this series, each class is a different topic. This is a (3) hour class.

2017 NEC Significant Changes Class

Instructor David Martinez will be leading the way through the Significant Changes of the 2017 National Electrical Code. Drop on in! You are welcome to attend one class or as many as you like in this series. This is a (3) hour class. The next class is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 19th at 5:30pm**.

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. These are each (3) hour classes with online coursework to be completed. The next classes are scheduled for **Friday, March 15th and Wednesday, March 20th at 5:30pm**.



CPR/First Aid Certification Class

A **CPR/First Aid class** is scheduled for **Saturday, March 23rd from 8am-1pm**. Instructor Merralinda Goddard will be teaching the basics of First Aid and CPR. Call Stacy at (831) 633-3063 to reserve your place. Class size is limited.



Energy Storage Class

An **energy storage class** is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 3rd 5-9pm**. Instructor Stephen Slovacek will be teaching a basic class on energy storage. This is in anticipation of the upcoming large battery storage project at the Moss Landing power plant. 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@tricountyjatc.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.



Congratulations on Completing Class

March 2019

Foreman Development Series with Instructor Stephen Slovacek:

02/11/19: Andy Hartmann and Ronald Zych

02/25/19: Mark Hiura and Chad Vargas

Milwaukee Apprentice of the Month

The Apprentice of the Month program is sponsored by Milwaukee Tools. The goal is to encourage apprentice participation and reward a high performing student for achieving outstanding results both in the classroom and on the job.

For **March 2019** the JATC has chosen to recognize:

3rd-year: Kevin Rategan

as the Milwaukee Apprentice of the Month. The apprentice of the month will have a dedicated parking space at the Training Center and also receive a gift provided by Milwaukee.

App for Apprentices

There is a FREE app for apprentices to use to daily record their on-the-job training. Use the app instead of using a browser. Search the app store for the **ISAQR**. It is available for Apple and Android.

Apple Store: <https://goo.gl/GxYXtk>

Google Play: <https://goo.gl/LqvSt7>

The app is free to download. Start using it today! In addition to their OJT hours, apprentices are also able to see their evaluations, certifications, and grades.

ElectricPrep

In an effort to help better prepare students for the electrical apprenticeship, ElectricPrep has partnered with the NJATC/ETA to offer voluntary courses to support applicants during the entrance process for the IBEW/NECA apprenticeship training program. ElectricPrep helps provide a better understanding of the electrical construction industry and the requirements.

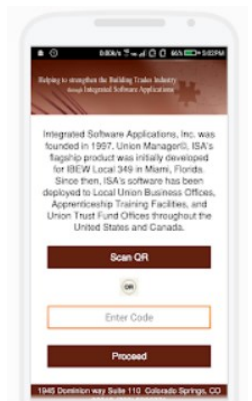
If you know of anyone that is interested in applying to the apprenticeship have them check out the resources at www.electricprep.com.

Next Aptitude Test

We have the next Aptitude Test scheduled for **Saturday, August 3, 2019**. The deadline to apply is Thursday, June 27, 2019. Visit www.tricountyjatc.org for more information. If you know anyone that is interesting in applying to the Inside Electrical Apprenticeship go to goo.gl/UzVKFo to download the Application Announcement.

Donate To The JATC When You Shop

Shop at **AmazonSmile** when you shop at Amazon. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the Tri-County Electrical JATC. Start your shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7114317



Congratulations!

Nicholas and Tinessa Karakas welcomed an 8lb 2oz baby girl, **Kaia Karakas**, on **February 4, 2019**. Congratulations!

Our Condolences

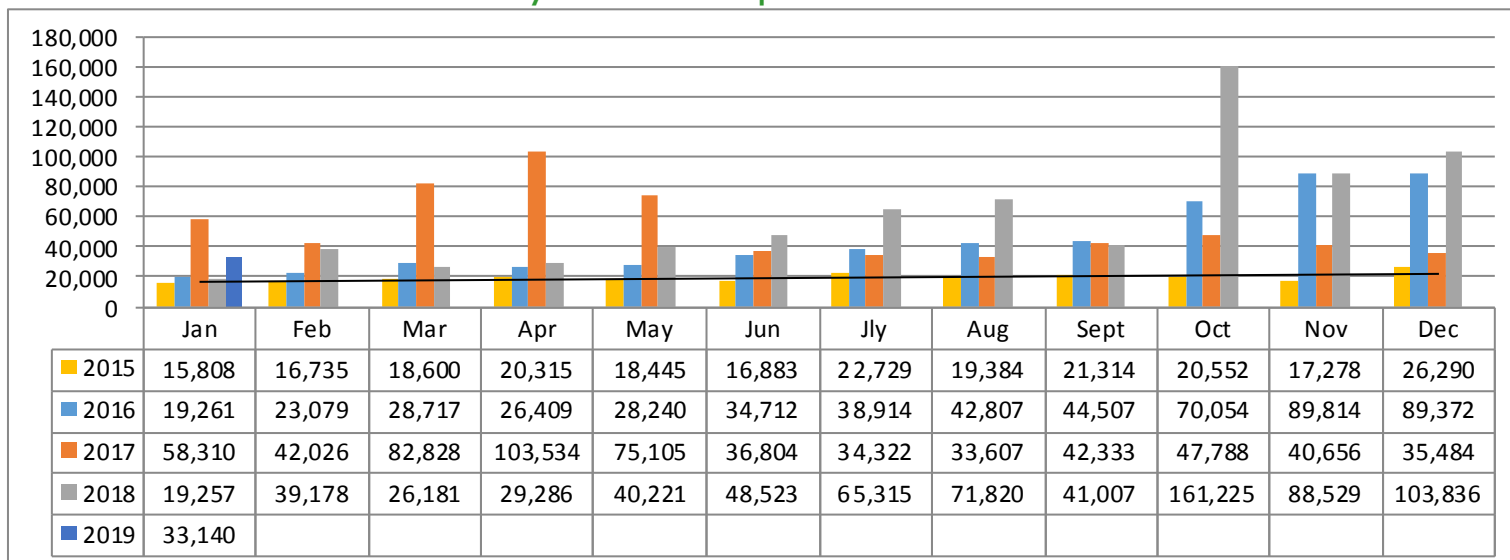
Brother **Jimmie Moore** passed away on February 12, 2019. He was a 60-year IBEW member. Services were held on Saturday, February 16th.

Brother **Richard Baker** passed away on February 15, 2019. He was a 66-year IBEW member.

Save the Date

Save the date for our annual Local 234 Family BBQ and Health Fair on **Saturday, September 28th**. It will again be at the Buckeye Picnic Area of Toro Park off Highway 68. Call (831) 633-2311 to RSVP. Let us know how many adults and kids will be attending. This event is free to attend. Parking will be \$2 per person and per animal.

Monthly Hours Report



Happy March Birthdays!

Lyle Abraham, Jr.
Nehemias Barrera
William Beauchamp
Skyler Blean
Mark Breeding
Latara Brooks
Eduardo Camacho
Brian Cocks
Thomas Connors
Christopher Contreras
Patrick Cotter
Samuel Cuen
Dwayne Curry, Jr
Anthony Davis
Victor Diaz
Willie Dietz
Jesus Escobedo

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Peggy Evans
Heath Guaracha
Osvaldo Guzman
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Michael Holcroft
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Cody Mahler
Michael Martinez
Mark Maschmeyer
Eric Moreno
Alejandro Murguia
Christopher Padilla

Luiz Perez
Joshua Pyle
Leslie Rains
Reginaldo Ramirez
Rene Reyes
Juan Rodriguez
Lucy Rodriguez
Ruben Rodriguez
Ricardo Rubio
Hermilo Ruiz
Kenneth Scherpinski
Cynthia Schulter
Aaron Selbicky
Katresha Shivers
Manuel Valdez
Rebecca Wiirre-Johnston



This Month's Local 234 Winners!

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

Voluntary PAC (Political Action Committee):

Mike Ihnot won \$5 and donated it back.

Apprentice Give-Away:

Patrick Ortiz won \$23.40.

Give-Away Winners:

Ivan Garcia won an IBEW 48 t-shirt.

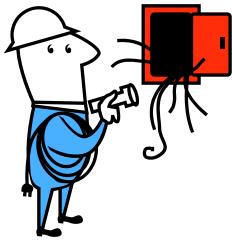
TJ Tatroe won a torpedo level.

Michael Gruber won an IBEW 332 t-shirt donated by Nick Prelgovisk.

General membership meetings are the second Wednesday of each month. The next general membership meeting will be:

Wednesday, March 13th, 2019

@ 6:30 pm



Quote of the Month

"Shallow men believe in luck or in circumstance.

Strong men believe in cause and effect."

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Foreman Class @ 5:30pm	5	6 ASH WEDNESDAY	7	8	9
10 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS	11	12	13 Membership Meeting @ 6:30pm	14	15 Scholarship Essays Due EVITP@5:30pm	16
17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18 Foreman Class @ 5:30pm	19 JATC @ 5pm Significant Changes@5:30p	20 SPRING BEGINS EVITP@5:30pm	21	22	23 CPR/First Aid @ 8am
24	25	26	27 Executive Board @ 6pm	28	29	30 Blood Drive 10am—3pm
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