



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 2018

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Business Manager's Report by Andy Hartmann

Sisters and Brothers,

On the Inside out-of-work list we have 13 on Book 1, 52 on Book 2, 20 on Book 3, and 13 on Book 4. There is 1 on Book 2 for Sound & Comm, 2 on Book 3, and 1 on Book 4. There are 19 on CW Book 1 and 170 on CW Book 2. There is 8 Inside apprentices on the out of work list.

There is an important meeting on **Wednesday, March 7th**. This is for the Policy Board of Monterey Bay Community Power (MBCP). The meeting will start at 9am at the Watsonville Civic Center at 275 Main St. This is an

important meeting because the Board will be taking up the item of forming a Community Advisory Board. I have been active in getting the Board to adopt a Community Advisory Board that broadly represents the jurisdiction, engages the community, and is able to evaluate power procurement and rates. More information about MBCP is available at <http://www.mbcommunitypower.org/>. Please show up to the meeting. Your presence is needed. Speaking would be a bonus. I have talking points, contact me if you're willing to stand up and speak. We want to urge the Policy Board to form a robust Community Advisory Board.

We will be holding a **wage allocation** for the Inside at the March general membership meeting. That will be on **Wednesday, March 14th at 6:30pm**. Only Inside members are allowed to vote on this allocation. The Inside membership will have to decide on how to allocate \$1. This raise will go into effect on May 28th, 2018. The current Inside Agreement expires on May 31st.

The apprentices are transitioning to an online system for reporting their on-the-job training (OJT) hours. Currently they turn in a yellow sheet on a monthly basis in which they track their OJT hours in each category. Some of you may remember the old blue books which the apprentices turned in every six months. We transitioned to the monthly sheets in order to stay more up to date with data entry and not wait to discover any issues. Once again the JATC is transitioning. The new online format allows for daily tracking of hours and does all of the addition for them. Apprentices are supposed to be logging into the website each day and inputting their hours. The apprentices can use any technology to access the website, as it is mobile friendly. If you are a Journeyman, encourage our apprentices to input their hours daily. It is suggested the apprentices input their hours at the end of the day. That way the information is fresh and accurate.

There is a **Blood Drive** at the Training Center and Union Hall on **Saturday, March 10th from 10am to 3pm**. To schedule your appointment or for more information visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code IBEW or call (800) RED-CROSS (733-2767). According to the Red Cross, cold weather has forced the cancellation of 500 blood drives across the United States. This has created a shortage of blood and platelets. Donors of all types are encouraged to help out. Remember to bring your ID.

We recently signed a new contractor. I want to welcome **Scott McGrath of McGrath Electric**. Scott is currently a one-man shop and based in Santa Cruz. He serves the surrounding area and specializes in commercial, residential, solar, and EVs. His phone number is (831) 818-5626 and his CSLB is #999326.

Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Christopher Burditt Memorial Scholarship

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 16, 2018**. 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 **2018**. 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. Share with any interested students.

J. McKinney Memorial Fund Scholarship

I. The Program: The J. McKinney Memorial Fund Scholarship honors the memory of Jeff McKinney who passed away in 2011. Donations were made to the Sound & Communication JATC in his name. It is intended that this scholarship opportunity will benefit the professional development of the IBEW/NECA industry.

II. Eligibility: Applicants may qualify for eligibility by one of four methods:

1. Be an IBEW member of either Local Union 6, 100, 180, 234, 302, 340, 551, 595, 617 or 684 and hold a Sound & Communication classification. Members must have been in continuous good standing and have paid dues without an Honorary Withdrawal for four years preceding May 1st of the scholarship year.
2. Be employed by a Signatory IBEW/NECA company who has made contributions to the S&C JATC for one full year.
3. Be employed by a NECA Chapter in the jurisdictions listed in item 1.
4. Be a son or daughter of items 1, 2 or 3.

III. Evaluation Criteria: Applicants are required to submit a 250-500 word essay describing how the scholarship will benefit their electrical career or formal education. A Letter of Introduction including contact information is required.

IV. Application Timeline: Applications must be submitted via the NorCal JATC website prior to May 1, 2018. The website address is www.norcal-jatc.com

V. Scholarship Award Amounts: Up to \$1,100.00 at the Board of Trustee's discretion.

Free Online Financial Course

March 2018

To help members build a solid financial foundation, the Northern California Sound & Communication JATC is now making training available that provides practical financial education and tools.

The International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans has created an online course titled:

Financial Tools for the Trades: A Survival Guide for Apprentices

Although the course title references apprentices, this course contains benefits for the entire membership. Installers & Technicians are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.

This new, easy-to-navigate online course can help members by providing the basics of managing personal finances. It highlights the issues they should consider as they work in the trade and provides helpful tips for the future. It is narrated to help participants stay engaged and incorporates real-life scenarios to help illustrate each concept.

The course consists of four lessons with an engaging format, complete with self-check quizzes and practical worksheets. Through these lessons participants will learn how to:

- **Estimate earnings**
- **Start an emergency fund**
- **Save for retirement**
- **Plug spending leaks**
- **Create a spending plan**
- **Fund big purchases**
- **Compare credit card offers**
- **Understand credit scores**
- **Protect against identity theft**
- **Determine how much debt is too much**
- **Create a debt repayment plan**

On average the course takes approximately one (1) hour to complete and is available through the NorCal S&C JATC at no cost to all members in good standing with their local Unions. If you are interested in participating in this course, please visit www.norcal-jatc.com

The State of California has not approved this class for Continuing Education for Electrical Certification renewal.

UnionPlus Free College Benefit

Union members and their families can earn an Associate Degree with NO out-of-pocket cost.

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The Union Plus Free College Benefit offers working families an accessible, debt-free, and convenient higher education opportunity. You, your spouse, children, financial dependents, and grandchildren, can all take advantage of this exciting opportunity.

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Members and their families can earn an Associate Degree online, with no out-of-pocket costs. A last-dollar scholarship covers the difference between any Federal grants and your tuition, fees and e-books at EGCC.

EASTERN GATEWAY CREDITS ARE TRANSFERRABLE

Eastern Gateway Community College is a public, non-profit school in the University System of Ohio and is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Credits you earn can transfer to other schools, potentially saving you thousands of dollars.

Call **1-888-590-9009** or visit unionplusfreecollege.org

OSHA 30 Class

Demonstrate your commitment to workplace safety and compliance with OSHA 30. OSHA 30, with Instructor Stephen Slovacek, is scheduled for **Saturday, March 17th from 7am—3:30pm**. The complete class schedule will be shared on the first night of class. Call Stacy at (831) 633-3063 to reserve your place.



This is a stand-alone OSHA 30 course. It does not matter when you last completed OSHA 10.

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 20th at 5:30pm**.

CPR/First Aid Class

A **CPR/First Aid with Blood-Borne Pathogens class** is scheduled for **Saturday, March 24th from 8am-1pm**. Instructor Estella Padilla will be teaching the basics of First Aid and CPR along with Blood Borne Pathogens. Call Stacy at (831) 633-3063 to reserve your place. Class size is limited.



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, April 14th at 8am**. Call Stacy at (831) 633-3063 to reserve your place. Class size is limited.

Scissor/Boom Lift Training

A **scissor and boom certification class** is scheduled for **Saturday, April 21st from 8am-12pm**. Call Stacy at (831) 633-3063 to reserve your place. Class size is limited.



Forklift/Gradall Certification Class

A **forklift and Gradall lift certification class** is scheduled for **Saturday, May 12th from 8am-12pm**. Call Stacy at (831) 633-3063 to reserve your place. Class size is limited.

Congratulations on Completing Class

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NFPA 70E with Instructor David Martinez on February 3rd:

Abraham Adams Jr., John Agra, James Brown, BJ Heading, Kasey Jeska, Ulises Mendoza, Chris Olsen, Aladdin Preston, Brian Sabado, Carlos Vargas, and William C. Jones

Significant Changes with Instructor David Martinez on February 20th:

John Greene, James Brown, Josh Murray, Robert Rovella, Jim Shumaker, Jose Moncada, L. Earl Davis, Bryon Borchard, Ralph Yniguez, Ulises Mendoza, Sergio Castillo, and Abraham Adams Jr.

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 2018** the JATC has chosen to recognize:

4th-year: Saby Cupples

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.



JATC Instructors Needed

The JATC is looking for an instructor to teach the Inside apprenticeship classes. Jim Shumaker has temporarily taken over to complete the school year. The JATC is actively looking for a replacement 5th-year instructor. If you are interested please contact Andy Hartmann or Stacy at the JATC. There are minimum qualification requirements to be an instructor for the Community College system.

How You Can Help the JATC

Shop at **AmazonSmile** and Amazon will make a donation to the Tri-County Electrical JATC. Start your shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7114317



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.



Get Paid to Take Classes

Our LMCC incentivizes members to take classes. Members have an opportunity to win two \$100 gift cards. Two gift cards are awarded quarterly. The first \$100 gift card is awarded to the member that satisfies the most hours of upgrade classes in the quarter (i.e., October, November, December). The second \$100 gift card is awarded via a give-away. For every four hours of training completed, members will receive an entry in the give-away; there is no limit to the number of entries. The person who is recognized with the most hours and wins the first \$100 gift card is not eligible for the give-away. Classes must be successfully completed for members to earn entries in the give-away.

In addition, the LMCC pays a \$125 stipend to all members that successfully complete either CALCTP, CALCTP-AT, or EVITP.

The Monterey Bay LMCC is providing all gift cards and stipends.

Spring Forward

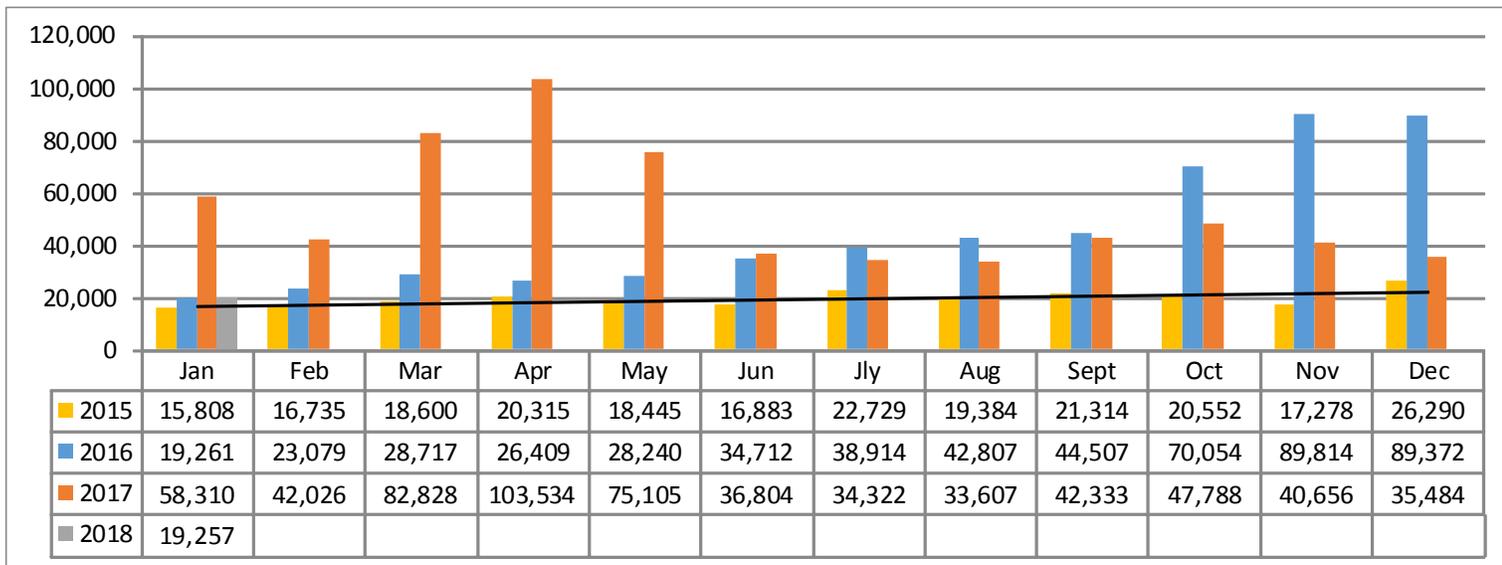
Daylight Savings Time starts on **Sunday, March 11th at 2am**. Remember to turn your clocks forward one hour.

Blood Drive by the American Red Cross



There is a Blood Drive at the Training Center and Union Hall on **Saturday, March 10th from 10am to 3pm**. To schedule your appointment or for more information visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code IBEW or call (800) RED-CROSS (733-2767). Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting redcrossblood.org/rapidpass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment. If you have any questions regarding your eligibility to donate blood, please call (866) 236-3276. Identification is required to donate blood.

Monthly Hours Report



NEBF.com

The NEBF website allows members to logon and estimate your benefits. You can easily generate your NEBF lifetime benefit estimate, including years of service. Go to www.nebf.com/nebf and click on "Online Benefits" to register. You can also update your address through the online benefits portal.

Happy March Birthdays!

Lyle Abraham, Jr.
Stanley Arnbrister
William Beauchamp
Mark Breeding
Patrick Cotter
James Crabtree
Anthony Davis
Victor Diaz
Willie Dietz
Erik Dybdahl
Robert Earl
Jesus Escobedo
Gilberto Espindola
Peggy Evans

Bryce Fuller
Leonard Gentry
Charles Gillis
Heath Guaracha
Osvaldo Guzman
Rene Hernandez
Kyle Hirayama
Michael Holcroft
Florentino Lozano
Cody Mahler
Kevin Manhart
Michael Martinez
Mark Maschmeyer
James Myers

Reginaldo Ramirez
Rene Reyes
Juan Rodriguez
Ruben Rodriguez
Ricardo Rubio
Hermilo Ruiz
Kenneth Scherpinski
Aaron Selbicky
Marvin Swaithe
Jaime Talingo
Manuel Valdez
Alfonso Valero



This Month's Local 234 Winners!

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

Voluntary PAC (Political Action Committee):

Daniel Ortigoza won \$5 and donated it back.

Apprentice Give-Away:

Jeff Beers won \$23.40.

Give-Away Winners:

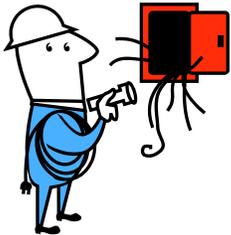
Zach Moore won a Carhartt shirt donated by Murray Temple.

AJ Todd won a Carhartt beanie donated by Murray Temple.

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

Wednesday, March 14th, 2018

@ 6:30 pm



Quote of the Month

"As we celebrate Women's History Month this March, it's important to remember the key role women have played in promoting a better understanding and relationships between our country and the rest of the world."

- Elaine Chao

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 MBCP Policy Board Meeting @ 9am	8	9	10 Blood Drive @ 10am 
11 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS	12	13	14 Membership Meeting @ 6:30pm	15	16 Deadline for Scholarship	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY OSHA 30 7am-3:30pm
18	19	20 JATC @ 5pm Significant Changes @ 5:30	21	22	23	24 CPR @ 8am
25 PALM SUNDAY End of Pay Period	26	27	28 E-Board Meeting @ 6pm	29	30 GOOD FRIDAY	31



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