



International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 234

# IBEW Local 234 Newsletter

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

May 2017

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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, 49 on Book 2, 4 on Book 3, and 8 on Book 4. There are 2 on Sound & Comm Book 1, 1 on Sound & Comm Book 2, and 2 on Sound & Comm Book 3. There are 8 on CW Book 1 and 61 on CW Book 2. There is 1 Inside apprentice on the out-of-work list.

Only 13 Inside members and spouses have fully completed the questionnaire and check-up for the Wellness Program. Don't procrastinate. Inside members only have to do two things in order to earn \$250

\$400 for the four of us to \$2,000 starting in 2018. For now the increase will only last for one year. There will be another opportunity to complete the questionnaire and screening for 2019.

At the last H&W meeting the Board took action to further define the Wellness Program currently underway for Inside members. Any new Inside members becoming eligible on or after October 1, 2017 will have until September 30, 2018 to complete the questionnaire and screening, and receive the \$250 in their HRA (applicable to both member and spouse). If they choose not to comply by September 30, 2018, their deductible will increase from \$100 to \$500 per family member on January 1, 2019. The increased deductible is currently only for one year: effective in 2018 or 2019. There will be another opportunity to come into compliance in 2018 for the year 2019. If members, and applicable spouses, complete the questionnaire and screening by September 30, 2018, then in 2019 they will have the lower deductible. Otherwise if they don't comply again, they will have another year of the higher deductible.

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Remember to celebrate the mothers in your life on **Sunday, May 14th**. Happy Mother's Day!

There is a four-day weekend at the end of May in celebration of Memorial Day. **Friday, May 26th** is a Floating Holiday for all classifications in Local 234. **Monday, May 29th** is Memorial Day and a Holiday. Note that projects with PLAs may not observe the Floating Holiday on the Friday before.

on a Benny card and avoid an increased deductible for your health insurance. Complete the online Health Questionnaire at [www.moverewellness.com](http://www.moverewellness.com). Then complete a screening with your physician. Once you have your results, send by November 30, 2017 to HMC Movere to be uploaded to your wellness account:

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

If Inside members, or their spouses, choose NOT to participate 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

## Objects of the IBEW

- To organize all workers in the entire electrical industry in the United States and Canada, including all those in public utilities and electrical manufacturing, into local unions,
  - To promote reasonable methods of work,
  - To cultivate feelings of friendship among those of our industry,
  - To settle all disputes between employers and employees by arbitration (if possible.)
  - To assist each other in sickness or distress,
  - To secure employment,
  - To reduce the hours of daily labor,
  - To secure adequate pay for our work,
  - To seek a higher and higher standard of living,
  - To seek security for the individual,
- And by legal and proper means to elevate the moral, intellectual and social conditions of our members, their families and dependents, in the interest of a higher standard of citizenship.

Source: IBEW Constitution and Rules for Local Unions and Councils Under Its Jurisdiction

## Home Financing with Union Plus

If you or a family member is considering buying or refinancing a home, look to the Union Plus® Mortgage program, with financing provided by Wells Fargo Home Mortgage - and gain access to special benefits designed for union families.

Union members along with their parents, children and spouse (or domestic partner) are eligible for benefits including:

A **My Mortgage Gift** award from Wells Fargo after closing, \$500 for buying a home or \$300 for refinancing a home, for use at participating retailers.

**Special hardship mortgage assistance** from Union Plus in the event of income loss due to disability, unemployment or strike/lockout.

Learn More About Your Home Financing Options at [www.unionplus.org](http://www.unionplus.org)

## Building Trades Transportation Funding Fix

Thanks to the combined efforts of the heavy highway union lobbyists and State Building and Construction Trades' lobbyists, the building trades achieved a historic victory for transportation infrastructure funding in California. SB 1 by Senator Jim Beall and ACA 5 by Assemblymember Jim Frazier, together, will bring in \$52 billion over the next 10 years in new gas tax revenue and ensure that all of that revenue can now only be spent on road repair and road improvement projects.

Passage of this historic revamp of how California funds its road maintenance and repair could not have happened without the leadership and political will of Governor Brown, Senator Kevin de Leon, the leader of the California State Senate, and Speaker of the Assembly Anthony Rendon. Their efforts ended a 25-year gridlock that had seen vital gas tax revenue spent on other non-infrastructure related items.

It is a new day in how California finances the repair and maintenance of its highways, roads, and bridges. Ensuring \$52 billion over 10 years just for those projects could not have happened without the unity and hard work of the building trades unions and their legislative lobbyists in Sacramento.

In contrast with the gridlock in the federal government, California political leaders once again led the way to fix the infrastructure needs of California residents.

Source: Building Trades Bulletin

## This Month in Labor History

May 2017

May 1, 1830 - Birthdate of renowned labor organizer Mary Harris "Mother" Jones. A fiery speaker, and fearless agitator, she lived a full 100 years. Most of her time in the Labor Movement was spent on behalf of coal miners, but she fought for workers everywhere. At the age of 89 she was active in the great steel strike of 1919.

May 1, 1886 - 350,000 workers demonstrate in Chicago for eight-hour workday, beginning tradition of May Day as International Workers' Day.

May 1, 1888 - Nineteen machinists at the East Tennessee, Virginia, and Georgia Railroad assembled in a locomotive pit to decide what to do about a wage cut. They voted to form a union, which became the International Association of Machinists.

May 3-4, 1886 - Four people were killed when police opened fire in a crowd of workers participating in a general strike at McCormick Harvester Company in Chicago. At a rally in Haymarket Square the following day to protest police brutality, events once again took a violent turn. A bomb exploded killing one police officer. Police responded by firing into the crowd, killing one and wounding many. Subsequently eight labor leaders were framed for the bombing. Four were eventually put to death.

May 9, 1970 - UAW and former CIO President Walter Reuther killed in a plane crash while visiting union's educational center at Black Lake, Michigan.

May 10, 1894 - Pullman Railway car employees strike to protest wage cuts. Nationwide walkout broken by federal troops and court injunctions.

May 13, 1971 - Members of five postal unions vote in favor of merger. Nationwide vote for merger was 152,460 to 6,453 constituting a majority of 95.9%.

May 17, 1977 - Death of Francis "Stu" Filbey, first general president of APWU.

May 22, 1920 - Lehlbach-Sterling Retirement Bills signed by President Wilson allowing Railway Mail Clerks retirement eligibility at 62, clerks, carriers, mechanics at 65, all others at 70.

May 26, 1937 - "Battle of the Overpass." Ford Motor company police attack and severely beat United Auto Workers (UAW) organizers at a Ford plant in Dearborn, Michigan. Despite Henry Ford Senior's determination to "never recognize the United Auto Workers Union or any other union," Ford Motor Company eventually signed a collective bargaining agreement with the UAW in 1942.

May 30, 1937 - "Memorial Day Massacre." Ten striking steelworkers are shot and killed by police and 100 wounded while peacefully demonstrating outside Republic Steel Company in Chicago.

Source: Association of Flight Attendants-CWA calafa.org



One challenge we all face on the job on a regular basis is climbing a ladder while carrying material and maintaining three points of contact. Josh Kindhart a fifth-year apprentice from IBEW 113 has a solution for us.

By attaching a trash can or bucket to the top of the ladder with wire or another fastener, you are able to climb the ladder, maintain three points of contact, and access your materials. It also serves as a trash receptacle for any material you're done with.

For more safety tips like this one, check out the [Job Tips](#) channel on [IBEW HOUR POWER!](#) An online magazine connecting IBEW members.

## Tri-County Electrical JATC Training News

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### 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, May 16th at 5:30pm.**



### 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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.

# Congratulations on Completing Class

May 2017

## Significant Changes to the 2017 NEC with Instructor David Martinez on April 18th:

Juan Torres, Jose Moncada, William Nunes, James Brown, and Jim Shumaker

## 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 already pays a \$125 stipend to all members that successfully complete either CALCTP, CALCTP-AT, or EVITP 3.0.

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

## Mike Holt NEC Question and Answer

### Where does the Code require the use of tamper-resistant receptacles?

A1. Nonlocking-type 15A and 20A, 125V and 250V receptacles in the following areas must be listed as tamper resistant [406.12]:

#### Author's Comment:

On a tamper-resistant receptacle, inserting an object into one side of the receptacle doesn't open the internal tamper-resistant shutter. Simultaneous pressure from a two or three pronged plug is required for insertion.

- (1) Dwelling unit areas specified in 210.52 and 550.13
- (2) Hotel and motel guest rooms and guest suites
- (3) Child care facilities

#### Author's Comment:

A child care facility is a building or portions thereof used for educational, supervision, or personal care services for five or more children seven years in age or less [406.2].

- (4) Preschools and elementary education facilities
- (5) Business offices, corridors, waiting rooms and the like in clinics, medical and dental offices, and outpatient facilities.
- (6) Places of awaiting transportation, gymnasiums, skating rinks, and auditoriums
- (7) Dormitories

Informational Note: Receptacle types covered by this requirement are identified as 5-15, 5-20, 6-15, and 6-20 in NEMA WD 6, Wiring Devices—Dimensional Specifications.

*Ex to (1) through (7): Receptacles in the following locations aren't required to be tamper resistant:*

- (1) *Receptacles located more than 5½ ft above the floor.*
- (2) *Receptacles that are part of a luminaire or appliance.*
- (3) *A receptacle located within dedicated space for an appliance that in normal use isn't easily moved from one place to another.*
- (4) *Nongrounding receptacles used for replacements as permitted in 406.4(D)(2)(a).*

Source: Mike Holt Enterprises Electrical News Source April 2017 [www.mikeholt.com](http://www.mikeholt.com)

## Our Condolences

Brother **Carl Huboi** passed. He was a 28-year member.

Brother **Bob Wilson** passed on April 9, 2017. He was a 57-year member.

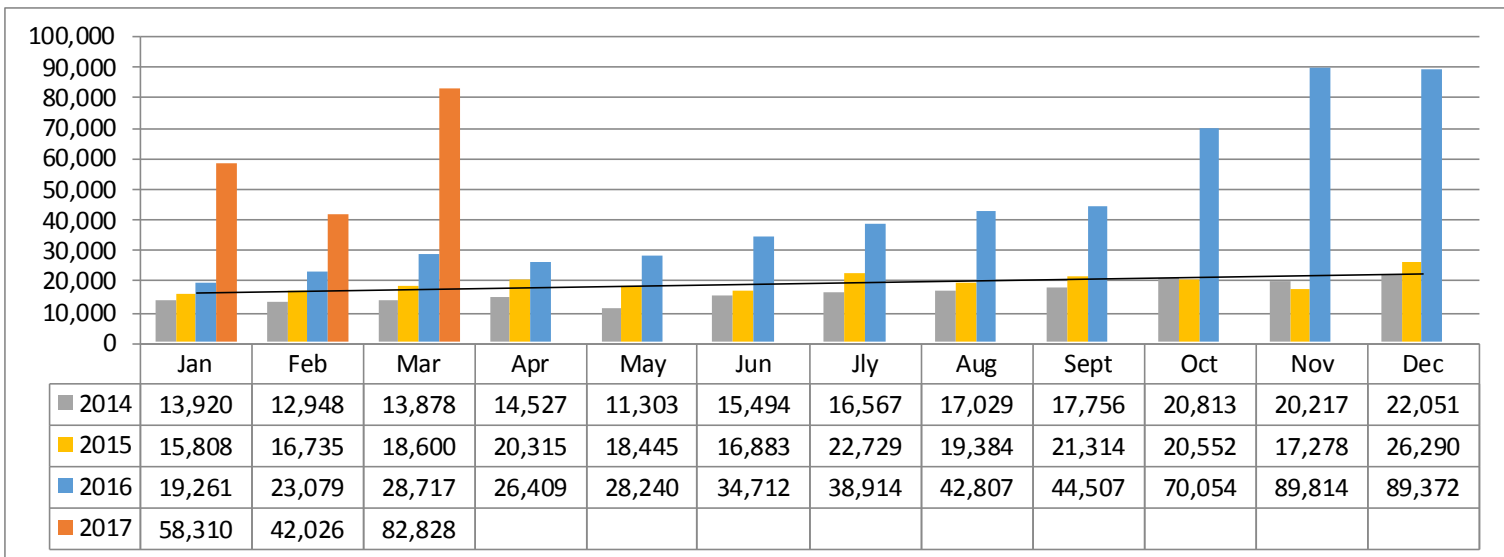
## Save the Date

The annual Local 234 Family Picnic will again be at the Buckeye Area of Toro Park in Salinas on **Saturday, October 21st**. Mark your calendars.

## No-Dog Offset Level

Local 234 has engraved No-Dog Offset Levels for sale. They are in assorted colors and available for \$15 each. The "No-Dog" is a handy tool for electricians that eliminates "dog-legs" in offsets and saddles. It is precision tooled from lightweight, durable aluminum. Measuring 1/2" by 1" by 2", it is also useful as a spacer for multiple runs of conduit. This size also makes it convenient to carry. The "No-Dog" can fit easily in a pocket or tool box, or can be clipped to a hardhat or tool pouch.

## Monthly Hours Report



## Happy May Birthdays!

Francisco Aldape, Jr.  
Trinidad Avila  
Sheila Barrera  
Kay Brink  
Clint Byrum  
Kevin Carrillo  
Paul Chapin  
Laurie Clark  
Carolina Cruz  
Adam Cullers  
Terry Currence  
Michael Delgado  
Dupree Demery  
Gabrielle Earnest  
Alexander Elliott  
David Espinoza  
Gary Fenn  
Guadalupe Ferrer  
Michael Freeman  
Jose Garcia, Jr

Bonifacio Guerrero  
Fount Hanson  
Glenn Hanson  
Clifford Haynes, IV  
Johnathan Hernandez  
David Hodges  
Kasey Jeska  
Alvin Keller  
Beau Kelly  
Robert Kirby  
Ronald Lance  
Robert Langley  
Leo Lotz  
Felix Mabelo  
Jonathon Marquez, Jr  
Miguel Martinez  
James McGee, II  
Jimmie Moore  
Jose Munoz  
David Novarina

John O'leary  
Omar Padilla  
Charles Perkins  
Kevin Pitts  
Kevin Rategan  
Omar Rincon  
Katherine Robinson  
Michael Robinson  
Irlesis Rodriguez  
Joey Rogers  
Miguel Salazar  
Samuel Salazar  
Tom Sims  
Robert Tangonan  
Jimmy Vandeusen  
Bernie Wall  
Jacob Ybanez  
Richard Zeman



## This Month's Local 234 Winners!

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

### Voluntary PAC (Political Action Committee):

Mike Ihnot won \$5 and donated it back.

### Apprentice Give-Away:

Cody Mahler won \$23.40.

### Give-Away Winners:

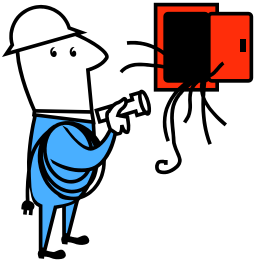
Sabyn Cupples won a Local 48 tote bag.

Cody Mahler won an NJATC hat.

The next general membership meeting will be:

**Wednesday, May 10th, 2017**

**@ 6:30 pm**



May 2017

Quote of the  
Month

"God could not  
be everywhere,  
and therefore he  
made mothers."

- Rudyard Kipling

# May 2017

| Sun                        | Mon                           | Tue  | Wed                                     | Thu | Fri                       | Sat                      |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---|-----|---------------------------|--------------------------|
|                            | 1<br>MAY DAY                  | 2  | 3                                       | 4   | 5                         | 6<br>JATC<br>Interviews  |
| 7                          | 8                             | 9  | 10<br>Membership<br>Meeting @<br>6:30pm | 11  | 12                        | 13<br>JATC<br>Interviews |
| 14<br>MOTHER'S DAY         | 15                            | 16<br>JATC @ 5pm<br>2017 Changes<br>@ 5:30pm | 17                                      | 18  | 19                        | 20                       |
| 21                         | 22                            | 23   | 24<br>E-Board<br>Meeting @<br>6pm       | 25  | 26<br>FLOATING<br>HOLIDAY | 27                       |
| 28<br>End of Pay<br>Period | 29<br>HOLIDAY<br>MEMORIAL DAY | 30   | 31                                      |     |                           |                          |

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