



International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 234

# IBEW Local 234 Newsletter

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

September 2017

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## Business Manager's Report by Andy Hartmann

Sisters and Brothers,

On the Inside out-of-work list we have 9 on Book 1, 27 on Book 2, 13 on Book 3, and 3 on Book 4. There is no one on the Sound & Comm books. There are 10 on CW Book 1 and 60 on CW Book 2. There are currently 6 Inside apprentices out of work.

The annual Local 234 Family Picnic will be at the Buckeye Area of Toro Park in Salinas on **Saturday, October 21st**. Mark your calendars and save the date. We hope you will be able to join us. RSVP to the Hall at (831) 633-2311 with the number of adults and

children attending. We will also be having a Health Fair that day, which has been very beneficial for members. In addition to providing flu shots (most likely for adults only), Inside members, specifically, will also have an opportunity to complete their required Wellness Exam. A Biometric Screener will be onsite to assist members in completing the health questionnaire and screening. Both the health questionnaire and screening need to be completed in order to satisfy the requirements of the Wellness Program. Inside members need to complete the online health questionnaire and screening by **November 30th, 2017** in order to be in compliance. Contact the Hall at (831) 633-2311 to reserve an appointment time from 10am to 1pm at the Health Fair to complete the Wellness Exam. Although members will be able to complete everything on October 21st at the Health Fair, it is encourage to have the health questionnaire completed prior to your appointment time.

The IBEW Service Awards will be handed out at our annual family picnic on **Saturday, October 21st**. The picnic will again be held at the Buckeye Picnic Area of Toro Park on Highway 68. See page 2 for the awardees. This year we have four 60-year awardees: **Delbert Slaughter, Theodor Teman, Jack Brumit, and Jimmie Moore**.

Have you recently renewed your State Certification? Many of us will be renewing next year. Do you know when your certification expires? Notify the Hall of your new expiration date and certification number after you have renewed. Pick up any forms you need at the Hall or request copies of Class Completion Certificates to provide proof of education. If you are renewing your certification, you will need to have 2,000 hours of work in the industry in the past three years and have completed 32 hours of continuing education from an approved educational provider, like the JATC. Check page 4 for upcoming classes.

Sound & Communication members! There will be a special negotiations update meeting on **Saturday, September 16th at 9am** at Local 595. Local 595 is located at 6250 Village Parkway in Dublin. You are highly encouraged to attend. The Northern California Sound & Communication's Agreement expires on November 30th.

**Friday, September 1st** is a Floating Holiday or Designated OFF DAY. It is a holiday for Inside, S&C, and CECW workers. **Monday, September 4th** is Labor Day and also a holiday for Inside, S&C, and CECW workers in Local 234. This day celebrates those who fought long and hard before us. We as trade unionists must continue to recognize these struggles each day. Take some time to understand and appreciate those who paved the way for us. I wish you and your family a happy Labor Day!

## IBEW Service Awards for 2017

### 5-Year

Pablo Camacho  
Sean Connors  
Jose Garcia Jr  
Paul Gutierrez  
Abraham Kerns  
Gabriel Rodriguez  
Randyn Trybom

### 10-Year

Nicholas Castillo  
Sergio Castillo  
Willie Dietz  
Scott Harris  
BJ Heading  
Miguel Huerta Ponce  
Valentin Ivanov  
Matthew Kulich  
Michael Kulich  
Ruben Lozano  
Benjamin Madrigal  
James Mauras  
Philippe Miccoli  
Joshua Murray  
Ryan Ochinero  
Omar Padilla  
Anatoliy Savin  
Tyson Towles  
David Boggs  
Alex Clayton  
Carlos Souza  
Robert Valenzuela

### 15-Year

Joseph Dimaggio  
Steve Flores  
Arturo Gonzales  
David Martinez  
Carlos Moncada  
Norman Navalta  
Josh Stockton  
Terry Tatroe  
Ezequiel Torres  
Lionardo Ortiz

### 20-Year

Lyle Abraham  
Michael Alexiou  
Michael Bradley  
Miguel Bustos  
Jaime Martinez  
Ronald Martinez  
Robert McClung  
Ernesto Morales  
John O'Leary  
Roberto Perez  
Aladdin Preston  
Ken Scherpinski  
Richard Stone

### 25-Year

Clint Byrum  
Guillermo Estrada  
Victor Lepe  
Joseph Lockshaw  
Daniel Martinez  
John Roka  
Michael Dempsey

### 30-Year

Alex Costes  
Jose Munoz  
John Radich

### 35-Year

Erik Dybdahl  
Brett Ritchie  
Carlos Vargas  
Manuel Cadena  
Jim Zupkus

### 40-Year

Dennis Mike Ihnot  
Mark Behnke  
Dorman Evans  
Alex Garibay  
Kenneth Gorny  
Vern Beck

### 45-Year

Robert Scardina  
Tom Sims  
Leonard Gentry

### 50-Year

Gary Fenn  
Michael Smith

### 55-Year

Charles Gillis

### 60-Year

Delbert Slaughter  
Theodor Teman  
Jack Brumit  
Jimmie Moore

# This Month in Labor History

September 2017

## **1 September 1907**

Birthdate of Walter Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers from 1946 until his death in 1970. President of the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) prior to its merger with the AFL, Reuther was a strong supporter of union political action. He said, "There's a direct relationship between the breadbox and the ballot box, and what the union fights for and wins at the bargaining table can be taken away in the legislative halls."!!

## **2 September 1991**

Twenty-five workers at the nonunion Imperial Foods poultry processing plant were killed in a fire. The Hamlet, North Carolina plant's fire exit doors were illegally locked and blocked, leaving the workers no escape. The eleven-year-old plant had never once been inspected by federal or state safety and health inspectors before the fire.

## **5 September 1882**

10,000 workers march in first Labor Day parade held in New York City.

## **6 September 1860**

Birthdate of Jane Addams. A co-winner of the Nobel Prize in 1931, she worked for peace, social welfare, and women's rights. Her so-called settlement houses served many workers, including immigrant families who labored in Chicago's packinghouses. She also was one of the founders of the Women's Trade Union League (WTUL). The WTUL was formed to educate women about the advantages of union membership, to support women's demands for better working conditions, and to raise awareness about the exploitation of the rising number of women workers.

## **8 September 1889**

Printing & Graphic Communications Union founded. 1965 - United Farm Workers (UFW) begin nationwide grape boycott to gain union recognition.

## **9 September 1919**

Over 1,000 Boston police strike when 19 union leaders are fired for organizing activities. National Guard called up to restore order and all strikers are fired.

## **11 September 1917**

Establishment of postal unions' Auxiliary.

## **14 September 1959**

Landrum-Griffin Act passed. Severely limits trade union activity.

## **19 September 1981**

400,000 union members march in labor's first Solidarity Day demonstration in Washington, D.C. to protest Reagan Administration policies.

Source: Association of Flight Attendants-CWA [calafa.org](http://calafa.org)

## Labor Day 2017

The Monterey Bay Central Labor Council (MBCLC) will be celebrating Labor Day on **Monday, September 4th from 11am—4pm** in the Watsonville City Plaza at 358 Main Street in Watsonville.

## Tri-County Electrical JATC Training News

(831) 633-3063



### CPR/First Aid Class

A **CPR/First Aid with Blood-Borne Pathogens class** is scheduled for **Saturday, September 9th from 8am-1pm**. Instructor Roni Jane Sudyka 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.

### 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, September 19th at 5:30pm**.

### COMET Class



#### COMET: Construction Organizing Membership Education Training

There is a COMET class scheduled for **Thursday, September 21st from 5-9pm**. Dinner is included. COMET is designed to inform members how the IBEW grew to be a great union, the mistakes that were been made along the way and how the IBEW intends to regain control of the skilled labor supply and re-build its bargaining strength. This class is required highly encouraged for ALL members. Call the Hall at (831) 633-2311 to reserve your place. Class size is limited.

### State Certification Preparation Class

Instructor Will Piper will be teaching a preparation class for the General Electrician State Certification exam. The next class is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 26th from 5-7pm**. There will be another class on **Wednesday, September 27th from 5-7pm**. Call Stacy at (831) 633-3063 to reserve your place.

### CALCTP Class

California Advanced Lighting  
Controls Training Program

CALCTP

**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](mailto: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](http://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

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### **CPR/First Aid with Instructor RJ Sudyka on August 19th:**

Daniel Fernandez, Marcus Gaeta, Francisco Lopez, Christopher Lucero, Igor Malyghin, Ulises Mendoza, David Morales, Ricardo Morales, Daniel Ortigoza, Trenalee Pieper, Carlos Souza, and Randyn Trybom

### **2017 NEC Significant Changes with Instructor David Martinez on August 15th:**

Stevan Gamez, Eric Quigley, Will Nunes, Jim Brown, Sergio Castillo, Jonathan Stanley, Juan Torres, Nick Pregovisk, and Jose Moncada

## Bachelor of Arts in Construction Management

Rowan University's B.A. in Construction Management Online is designed as a degree completion program for individuals who already have an Associate's degree or equivalent number of credits, and prefer to continue working while earning their degree. Applicants with less than 60 credits may work with an enrollment counselor to explore available options. This program is ideal for journeypersons and seasoned professionals in the construction industry, as well as apprentices who are looking to develop leadership skills and advance their careers. The B.A. in Construction Management degree prepares individuals to supervise, manage, and inspect construction sites, buildings, and associated facilities. Rowan's program has received the endorsement of the **North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU)**, a powerful voice in the educational advancement of trade professionals through world-renowned apprenticeship training and educational programs and through collaborative partnerships with industry, community organizations, and institutions of higher learning.

Read more at [goo.gl/5WtxLv](http://goo.gl/5WtxLv)

## Congratulations Instructor Derek Webster!

Congratulations to our JATC First-Year Inside Instructor Derek Webster who recently graduated from the National Training Institute (NTI) 4-year Instructor Training program. NTI is held every year on campus at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Derek is pictured with NECA Chapter Manager Jerri Champlin, Local 234 Outstanding Apprentice graduate, Chris Olsen, and Business Manager Andy Hartmann.



## Introducing This Year's Inside Instructors

The first night of class for the Inside apprenticeship was on Monday, August 21st. Here are our esteemed instructors this year:

1st-year: **Derek Webster**

2nd-year: **Sean Kent**

3rd-year: **Stephen Slovacek**

4th-year: **Michael Speer**

5th-year: **Ed Sudyka**

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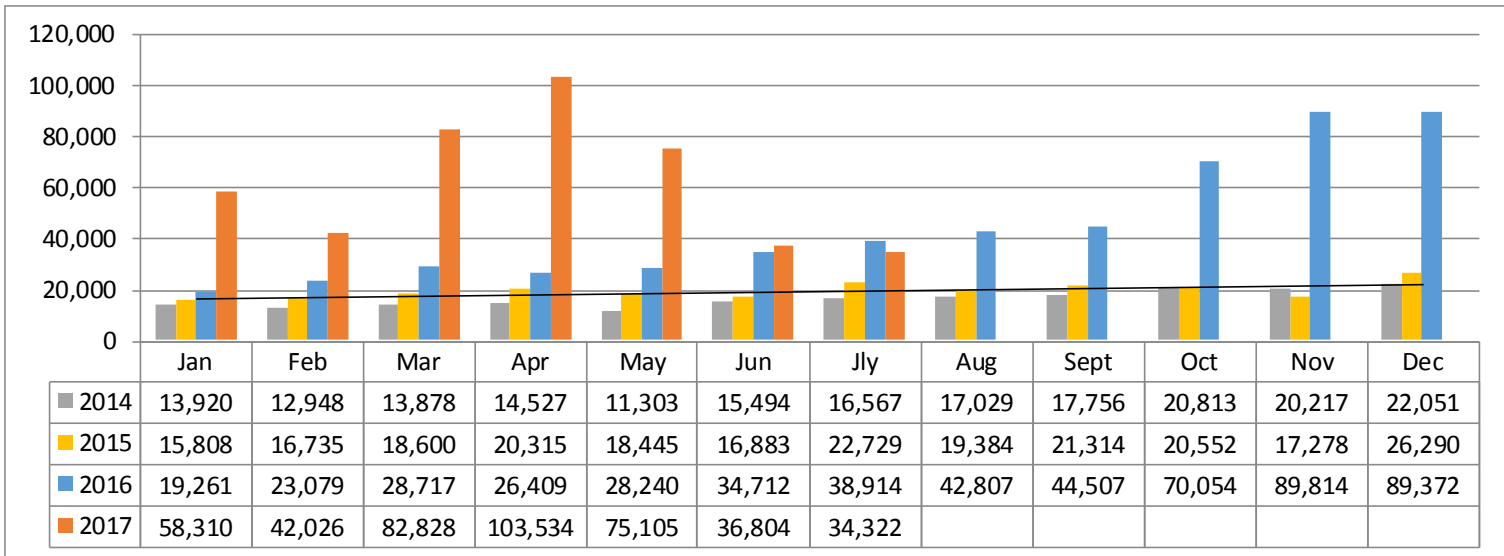
## Our Condolences

Brother **Moises Hernandez** passed away on August 13, 2017. He was a 1-year member.

## Inside Orientation Class

Brother Paul Gutierrez will be teaching an Inside Orientation class on **Wednesday, September 13th @ 5pm** prior to the general membership meeting. Dinner is included. New (and seasoned) members are encouraged to attend. Orientation is designed to help new members feel welcome and comfortable as members of the IBEW. This class will also give a better understanding of the values and functions of the IBEW, help members learn about their roles and responsibilities in the union, and educate members about our rights under the collective bargaining agreement. Contact the Hall at (831) 633-2311 to reserve your place.

## Monthly Hours Report



## Happy September Birthdays!

John Agra  
Brandon Alvarez  
Christopher Ayala  
Andre Baker  
Alejandro Barroso  
Matt Battaglia  
Josue Bonilla  
Mike Cabrera  
Pablo Camacho  
Susan Carter  
Antonio Castro  
Oscar Chavez  
Stephen Christensen  
Ronald Dyck  
Curtis Edwards  
Richard Edwards  
Ismael Estrada  
Randall Evans  
Steve Flores  
Chris Franklin  
Rocky Fry  
Saul Garcia, Jr  
Raul Gurrola  
Jose Gutierrez

Andrew Hartmann  
Anthony Herrera  
Glenn Herrera  
Bronson Huerta  
Wayne Huston  
Johnny Jenkins  
Elizabeth Johnson  
Nicholas Karakas  
Deborah Krouse  
Victor Lopez  
Ruben Lozano  
Steven Luiz  
Benjamin Madrigal  
Manuel Madrigal  
Daniel Martinez  
David Martinez  
Sam Martinez  
Adrian Mendoza  
Jesus Montano  
Kaitlyn Mrasak  
Armando Munoz  
Norman Navalta  
Anthony Pacheco  
Roberto Perez

Alfred Quintero  
Fernando Ramirez  
Enrique Ramos  
Sammy Reyes  
Francisco Rojas  
Robert Rovella  
Brian Sabado  
George Sandman  
Bryan Scott  
Stephen Slovacek  
Isaac Smith, Jr  
Calixto Solano  
Michael Stone  
Aimee Taylor  
Jacob Taylor  
Tom Thomas  
Kevin Trinh  
Berardo Trujillo  
Jorge Vargas  
Juan Vargas  
Bruce Veasey  
Cosme Villa, Jr  
Jose Zarate





## This Month's Local 234 Winners!

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

### Voluntary PAC (Political Action Committee):

Mike Ihnot won \$5 and donated it back.

### Apprentice Give-Away:

Sabyn Cupples won \$23.40.

### Give-Away Winners:

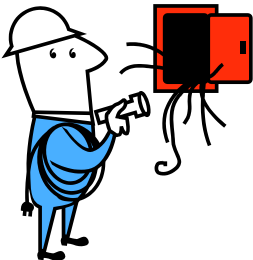
Jorge Mendoza won a pair of Klein strippers.

Francisco Lopez won a NTI messenger bag and notepad.

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

**Wednesday, September 13th, 2017**

**@ 6:30 pm**



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### Quote of the Month

"For working people and union members, Labor Day stands for something special and profound. It's a day to honor the deep commitment each of us has to serve the children we teach, the families we heal, and the communities we love."

- Randi Weingarten

# September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 FLOATING HOLIDAY	2
3	4 LABOR DAY	5	6	7	8	9 CPR @ 8am
10	11 PATRIOT DAY	12	13 Orientation@5pm Membership Meeting @ 6:30pm	14	15	16 S&C Negotiations Update @ 9am
17	18	19 JATC @ 5pm Code Class @ 5:30pm	20	21 COMET @ 5pm	22 AUTUMN BEGINS	23
24 End of Pay Period	25	26 Certification Preparation @ 5pm	27 Certification Prep @ 5pm E-Board Meeting @ 6pm	28	29	30

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*Defeat and Organize against "right to work", support to organize the unorganized, save healthcare, defend immigrant rights and rebuild the labor movement!*

# Labor Day 2017

...Monday Sept. 4th 11-4 pm  
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358 Main Street ♦ Watsonville, CA 95076



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ON WORKERS

