



International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 234

IBEW Local 234 Newsletter

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

April 2019

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Business Manager's Report by Andy Hartmann

Sisters and Brothers,

On the Inside out-of-work list we have 14 on Book 1, 11 on Book 2, 5 on Book 3, and 4 on Book 4. There is 1 on Book 3 for Sound & Comm. There are 5 on CW Book 1 and 82 on CW Book 2.

I have some great news to share. I just learned that it's looking like we will have a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) for the battery storage project at the Moss Landing Power Plant. This project is going to be one of the largest in the United States and the world, making Moss Landing the Energy Storage Capitol.

The PLA is great because it will secure more work for us and guarantee an all union project. All union projects are ideal because they put local people to work, encourage the use of apprentices, stimulates the local economy, and workers get paid decent wages and receive benefits like retirement and health insurance.

Our JATC recently met with an architect to discuss the details of the building expansion. It is looking like this is moving forward. The JATC is proceeding to the development drawings stage. The building expansion will add approximately 5,000 square feet to our existing 6,000 square foot building. More good news to share is that we have made an initial offer for the property nearby to use as an additional parking lot. The first response has come back very promising. We are in the process of making a second proposal. I also was able to get a quote on what the improvements will look like for developing that into a parking lot. Our Recording Secretary, Stephen Slovacek, who also teaches EVITP, added a great idea of installing EV charging stations as a potential revenue

source. Once I have more information I'll come back to the body to make an important decision on whether to move forward with this exciting endeavor.

The Trustee of the Inside Health & Welfare Plan took a very innovative action at their last meeting in March to hire a nurse as a patient advocate. This is truly revolutionary and is going to have a tremendous impact on our membership and the health plan. There are only a few plans in the United States that do this. Our nurse will be able to help members with any issues that arise. Some of the things she will be able to do are attend doctor's visits, answer health questions, assist with bills, and coordinate appointments. The Trustees are going to start the recruitment process shortly and hopefully get a nurse hired relatively soon. The nurse will start out part time. The Trustees want to see how much she will be engaged by our Inside members and retirees. Once she is hired, she will be able to attend union meetings, apprenticeship classes, and other events the Local puts on. We want this to be successful in many ways. The value she will bring to the membership will be beyond measure. The other idea we hope is successful is that she will actually be able to save the Plan money by getting members to make wise decisions in regards to their health care and stay on top of health issues before they get costly. I want to thank all the Health & Welfare Trustees for taking the bold step to enact this program. I think the membership is going to really appreciate it.

Graduation is fast approaching. This year we will have (6) Inside graduates and (1) Sound & Comm graduate. Graduation will be held on **Friday, May 24th** at the Monterey Tides Hotel in Monterey.

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. Information will be sent out soon.

Happy Easter!

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.

State Building Trades Notice

The State Building & Construction Trades Council of California has become aware that nonunion contractors are supporting a new organization that has launched the website www.californiaaot.org in their continued efforts to lower the bar and lower the pay for California's construction workers. In the "About US" section of this website, the so-called CAOT gives the SBCTC and our affiliates credit for ensuring higher wages for union construction workers. The CAOT also states: "In the state of California, the Union building trades have dominated the legislature to pass laws that prevent Merit Shops from obtaining 'prevailing wage' jobs. This keeps these workers from earning higher wages without being a member of the big labor unions." Of course this is an exaggeration.

As you are aware, in past legislative sessions, the SBCTC has been successful in passing legislation that ensures fair wages for California's construction workers and an even playing field for union contractors. Examples include SB 54 which created a skilled and trained workforce at California's refineries, AB 1701 which killed contractors' ability to exploit the underground economy to pay sub-legal wages, and SB 7 which provides financial incentives for Charter Cities to pay the prevailing wage. We have been working hard to ensure fair pay for hard work. These Sacramento based efforts, coupled with extensive efforts from local councils to get district-wide, county-wide, city-wide and private PLAs, continue to keep unscrupulous contractors from underbidding their competitors by reducing their ability to cheat their workers of the prevailing wage.

SBCTC President Robbie Hunter states: "This new organization calls itself the California Association of Trades, although a Florida entity registered the website and their fax number serves Southern Illinois. If you see any activity at job sites or otherwise in your area by an organization of this name, please collect any materials they are distributing and contact the SBCTC. Please take the time to review the website so you are familiar with this organization: www.californiaaot.org."

Source: State Building Trades Notice 3/12/2019

Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Day

Volunteers are needed to help with the rough electrical for the latest Habitat for Humanity project. It is a 3-bedroom single-story home in the Live Oak area of Santa Cruz. Craft Electric is the electrical contractor and will oversee the work and electrical volunteers.

Saturday, April 27th @ 8am

20 Los Esteros, Santa Cruz

Habitat, through the Volunteer Coordinator, Allie Wilson, will sign up volunteers for the designated build days. All volunteers will sign up as Habitat volunteers to be under their insurance. Typical build days begin at 8:00 AM and end by about 2:00 or 3:00 PM. Volunteers should bring their own lunches.

Call the Local 234 at (831) 633-2311 if you are interested in volunteering. Habitat is working on setting up a volunteer website to register volunteers. There will be more opportunities to volunteer if you can't make this day.



WePowerAmerica.org

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The IBEW has created a recruitment website www.WePowerAmerica.org that allows people to state whether or not they have electrical trade experience. Those with experience can fill out a questionnaire regarding their skills and experience. The completed questionnaire is submitted to the designated point of contact at the local union. Those without experience can fill out a basic questionnaire with their contact information. Their questionnaire is submitted to the JATC.

How It Works

People hear about www.WePowerAmerica.org primarily from Craigslist ads. Local unions can also use social media and printed materials to drive people to the site. The website displays the opportunities for union electrical work and provides general descriptions of the type of work available across the country. When a visitor is interested in one or more inside or outside locals, he or she can complete an application and select the appropriate locals.



IBEW Founders' Scholarship

The IBEW Founders' Scholarship honors the dedicated wiremen and linemen who, on November 28, 1891, organized the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Each year the officers of the IBEW are pleased to offer its working members scholarships on a competitive basis. It is hoped that the awards will not only contribute to the personal development of our members but also steward the electrical industry that our founders envisioned. This award is for \$200 per semester credit hour at any accredited college or university toward an associate's, bachelor's or postgraduate degree in a field that will further the electrical industry overall (as determined by the Founders' Scholarship Administrator). The maximum distribution is \$24,000 per person over a period not to exceed eight years.

The application and rules are available at goo.gl/ZXdST. Applications must be postmarked prior to **May 1st**.

Tri-County Electrical JATC Training News

(831) 633-3063

Foreman Development Series Class

Foreman class, taught by Instructor Stephen Slovacek, is scheduled for **Mondays, April 8th (Understanding the Estimate), 22nd (Man-Loading and Scheduling), and 29th (Managing Production) 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, April 16th at 5:30pm**.

CPR/First Aid Certification Class

A **CPR/First Aid class** is scheduled for **Saturday, April 20th 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.



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.



Congratulations on Completing Class

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Foreman Development on March 4th with Instructor Stephen Slovacek:

John Agra, Ulises Mendoza, and Chad Vargas

Foreman Development on March 18th with Instructor Stephen Slovacek:

Lamont Adams, Amauri Arista, Mark Hiura, Jacob Taylor, and Chad Vargas

2017 Significant Changes on March 19th with Instructor David Martinez:

Brian Stanley, John Agra, Jonathan Stanley, Jim Shumaker, Steve Luiz, Ulises Mendoza, and Mark Hiura

CPR / First Aid on March 23rd with Instructor Merralinda Goddard:

John Aguilar, Jose Gomez, BJ Heading, Andres Laureano, Greg Maggini, Matt Rivas, Jonathan Stanley, and Juan Torres

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 **April 2019** the JATC has chosen to recognize:

2nd-year: **Scott Benson**

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.



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 The Tri-County Electrical JATC is a non-profit 501 (c)3.



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 **Jan/Feb/Mar** were **Chad Vargas** (randomly drawn for a tie with Mark Hiura) for the most hours of training and **Mohammed Garaan** for the lottery. Congratulations! Each will receive a \$100 gift card.

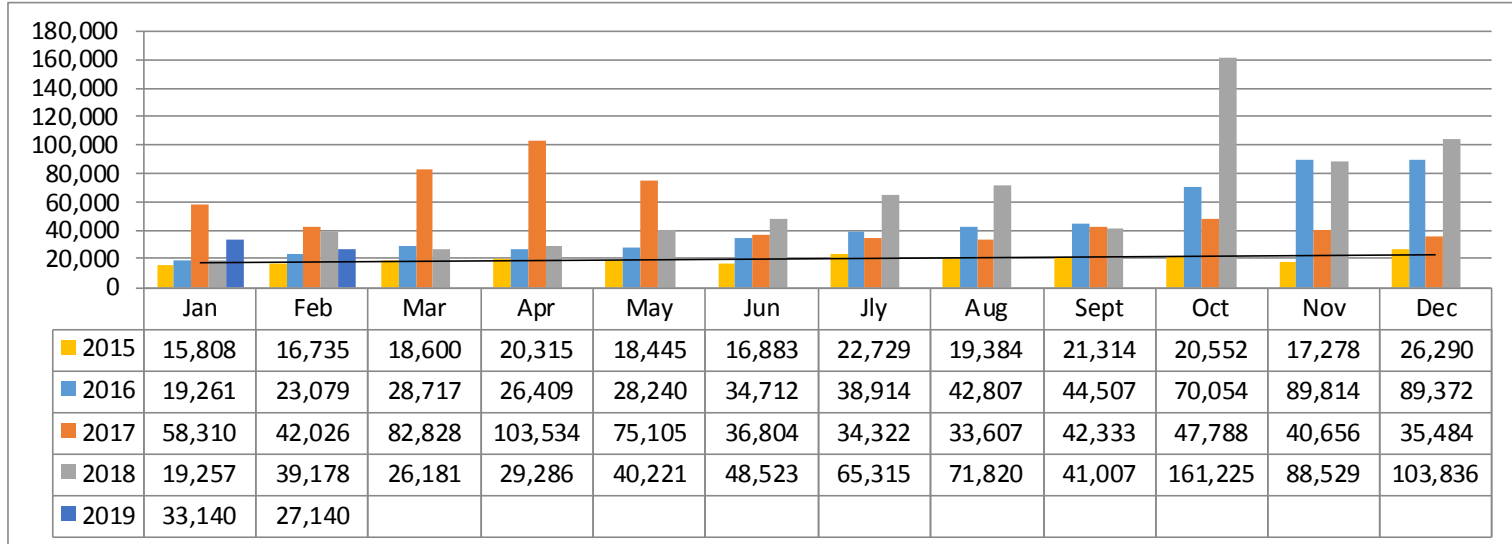
Congratulations!

Gilberto Espindola and his wife **Nancy** welcomed a baby girl, **Abigail**, on **March 4, 2019**. Congratulations!

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 April Birthdays!

Adrien Antosz
Thomas Bauer
Robert Benton
Frank Bigham
Diego Blackman
Louis Bonds
Joe Cabrera
Jerry Clay
Joaquin Correa-Mickel
Leslie Dollins
Alejandro Escobar
Michael Fryou
Gary Gabriel, Jr.
Alex Garibay
John Greene, II
Troy Grier
Mark Hiura

Steven Hurtado
Glen Johnson
Michael Kunkle
Tramaine Lamb
Reuben Lee
Larry Logan, Jr
Christopher Lucero
Lloyd Marchant
Jose Martinez-Gaspar
Richard Massie
Lawrence Mellick
Roldan Morales
James Nichols
Warren Nichols
Robert Norwood, Jr
Bryan Nungaray
Patricio Ortiz

Evey Perez
Mickel Reeves
Alan Replogle
Michael Rodda
David Salazar, Jr
Adolfo Sandoval
Draven Sengphachanh
James Shumaker
Jocelyn Solorio
Jonathan Stanley
Kyle Tuck
Bryan Tufts
Sergio Vazquez
Joe Velasquez, Jr.
Paul Velasquez
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Emily Ward

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This Month's Local 234 Winners!

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

Voluntary PAC (Political Action Committee):

Carlos Prado won \$5.

Apprentice Give-Away:

Kevin Rategan won \$23.40.

Give-Away Winners:

Kevin Rategan won an IBEW 1186 t-shirt.

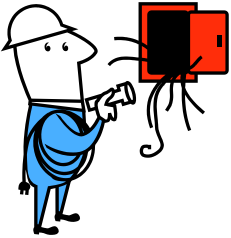
James Stanchfield won an IBEW 234 BBQ apron.

Amauri Arista won an IBEW 234 No-Dog level.

Carlos Prado won an IBEW 234 window decal.

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

Wednesday, April 10th, 2019
@ 6:30 pm



Quote of the Month

"Elections should be held on April 16th-the day after we pay our income taxes. That is one of the few things that might discourage politicians from being big spenders."

- Thomas Sowell

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 APRIL FOOL'S DAY	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Foreman @ 5:30pm	9	10 Membership Meeting @ 6:30pm	11	12	13
14 PALM SUNDAY	15	16 JATC @ 5pm Significant Changes @ 5:30pm	17	18	19 GOOD FRIDAY	20 CPR/First Aid @ 8am
21 EASTER SUNDAY	22 EARTH DAY Foreman @ 5:30pm	23	24 Executive Board @ 6pm	25	26	27 Habitat Volunteer Day @ 8am
28	29 Foreman @ 5:30pm	30				



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