



International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 234

IBEW Local 234 Newsletter

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

June 2019

Local 234 Officers:



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**Business Manager/
Financial Secretary**

Mike Ihnot
President

Al Randall
Vice President

Nick Prelgovisk
Treasurer

Stephen Slovacek
Recording Secretary

Lamont Adams
Andy Gattis
Rick Keaton
Gale Michalek
Executive Board

Business Manager's Report by Andy Hartmann

Sisters and Brothers,

On the Inside out-of-work list we have 4 on Book 1, 3 on Book 2, 9 on Book 3, and 4 on Book 4. There are 2 on Book 1 for Sound & Comm. There are 7 on CW Book 1 and 46 on CW Book 2.

I'm proud to announce that I've been appointed to the Superintendent/President Search Committee for Hartnell College. Dr. Willard Lewallen, the current Superintendent/President of Hartnell College, is retiring in September. Dr. Lewallen has been at Hartnell since 2012.

We have been working very well and closely with Hartnell over recent years in regards to our Inside apprenticeship program which is accredited through Hartnell. Dr. Lewallen has been very supportive of our apprenticeship program.

The end of my term as Business Manager of Local 234 is rapidly approaching. My family and I have almost everything ready for our big adventure to South America. We're going to be living in Ecuador for the better part of a year. Our plan is to return in July of 2020 so that we can get our kids back into school in Santa Cruz. I want to thank the membership for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Business Manager for the last eight years. I appreciate the opportunity to serve. I'm really proud of all that we have accomplished together and the position Local 234 is in today. I'm confident the membership will continue to move Local 234 forward.

Nominations for officers of Local 234 were held on Wednesday, May 8th at the general body meeting. Mike Ihnot was nominated for President, Al Randall was nominated for Vice President, Stephen Slovacek was

nominated for Recording Secretary, Ron Keaton and Lamont Adams were nominated for Financial Secretary/Business Manager and Delegate to the International Convention, Nick Prelgovisk was nominated for Treasurer, Andy Gattis, Rick Keaton, Michael Mangrum, Ryan Porter, TJ Tatroe, Gale Michalek, John Agra, and Alberto Aguilera were nominated for the (4) positions of the Executive Board, Paul Gutierrez and BJ Heading were nominated for Examining Board, Andy Hartmann, Kevin Rategan, and Carlos Prado were nominated for Delegate to the International Convention. Your ballot may not reflect all of these candidates as some may have been found to be ineligible to run for office. At the same meeting, Sabyn Cupples was appointed to be Election Judge. The ballot counting will be held at 10:30am on June 22, 2019 at the Hall. Ballots will be mailed to all members in good standing at least (15) days prior to the election. All ballots must be mailed back by close of business on June 21, 2019. Postage will be affixed to the return envelopes for your convenience. Take the time to vote!

Graduation was held on Friday, May 24th at the Monterey Tides Hotel in Monterey. This year we had (6) Inside graduates and (1) Sound & Comm graduate. Congratulations to this year's graduates: **Sabyn Cupples** (Inside), **David Durbin** (Inside), **Ivan Garcia-Ponce** (Inside), **Michael Gruber** (Inside), **Andres Laureano** (Inside), **Adrian Mendoza** (S&C), and **Patrick Ortiz** (Inside). Congratulations graduates!

The outstanding apprentice for each year were recognized as 1st-year - **Darien Rosbach**, 2nd-year - **Gilberto Espindola**, 3rd-year - **Kevin Rategan**, 4th-year - **Jeff Beers**, and 5th-year - **Ivan Garcia Ponce**. **Sabyn Cupples** was recognized as the overall Outstanding Apprentice for all five years. **Patrick Ortiz** was recognized for having perfect attendance for all five years. Thank you to Milwaukee, Fluke, Ideal, Platt, and Klein for all the generous donations to the graduates and outstanding apprentices.

Happy Father's Day to all the Dads.

Financial Literacy for Construction Workers

Do you have a budget? Having a budget is a good idea and can lead to financial well-being. When planning a budget you should pay your expenses first, set aside money for savings, pay down any debt, and set money aside for fun. What expenses do you have? Both fixed and variable. What surprises can you plan for? An unexpected car repair is an example. What's your weekly income? Have you reviewed your paycheck recently for accuracy and deductions? Your income should exceed your expenses otherwise you'll end up in debt. A great way to save is to have money automatically deducted from your account and put into a savings account. When it's automatically deducted, it makes it super easy and you don't risk the temptation of spending the money on something else. When saving a good rule of thumb is to set aside 3-6 months of your income. This is a great rule for those of us in construction, which tends to be cyclical in nature. Saving is difficult and challenging for most people. If you can start saving as little as \$10 a week, that can add up over time.

Do you use credit cards? How much is your balance on each card? Do you pay off the amount each month in order to avoid interest and fees? If not you might consider NOT using a credit card. Credit cards can be convenient but can lead to easy spending. Even the little things, like a cup of coffee each day, can add up over time. Avoid credit cards that charge an annual fee.

When was the last time you checked your credit score? A FICO score can be between 300 and 850. Higher than 690 is what you should aim for. The number one factor in having a good credit score is paying your bills on-time.

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Do you have a financial planner? Are you planning for retirement or simply deciding where to invest and save your money? A CFP or Certified Financial Planner professional can help you navigate all aspects of your finances. When looking for a financial person, look for those initials after their name. Although many professionals call themselves "financial planners," only Certified Financial Planner professionals have completed extensive training and are held to the highest ethical and educational standards. CFP professionals understand the complexities of the changing financial climate and are committed to make financial planning recommendations in your best interest. No matter where you are in life, you'll find confidence in working with a CFP professional to evaluate your finances and develop a comprehensive plan for your financial future. Find one at <http://www.letsmakeaplan.org/>

NEBF.com

The NEBF website allows members to log on and estimate your retirement 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 benefit's portal and activate alerts to receive text and email notifications when new documents or important communications become available.

Inside Orientation Class

There will be an Inside Orientation class on **Wednesday, July 10th @ 5pm** prior to the general membership meeting. Dinner will be provided. New (and seasoned) members and spouses are encouraged to attend. Orientation is designed to help new members feel welcome and comfortable as members of the IBEW and Local 234. This class will 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 our collective bargaining agreement. Contact the Hall at (831) 633-2311 to reserve your place.

Top 10 Union-Made Vehicles Union Members Buy

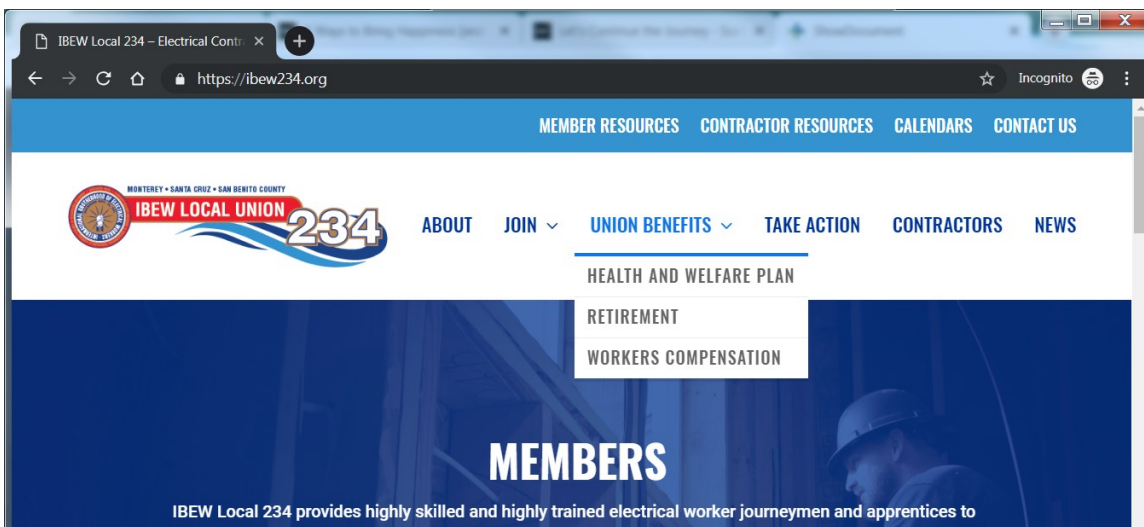
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1. **Chevy Equinox** The Chevy Equinox is considered a family friendly SUV for its roomy interior. This well-equipped ride is perfect for all your summer, winter, spring and fall road trips.
2. **Chevy Silverado** Like its competitors, the Chevy Silverado is a master at the haul, tow and carry routine. But this pickup goes miles ahead of most by sporting a ton of configuration options and hi-tech features.
3. **Ford F-150** If you're in the market for a pickup, this workhorse won't disappoint. It also has a reputation for speed and hi-tech functionality. In fact, the Ford F-series pickup trucks have been the bestselling vehicles in America for decades! That's quite a distinction.
4. **Jeep Cherokee** They say variety is the spice of life, and with the Jeep Cherokee, there are several different varieties to choose from. So, spice things up from sporty to luxury with this popular SUV.
5. **Jeep Grand Cherokee** Purpose-built luxury is Jeep's claim for this modern and elegant SUV. But even with a grand dose of stylish design, the Grand Cherokee still upholds Jeep's reputation for a sturdy and powerful vehicle that exudes confidence in every way.
6. **Ford Escape** A compact crossover with great looks inside and out, the Ford Escape is also popular for practical features like generous cargo space and gas mileage.
7. **Chevy Cruze** This little go getter has something for everyone. It's sporty and hi-tech for the young-at-heart; compact for the city driver; gets great mileage for the commuter; and low-priced for the multi-car household looking for savings.
8. **Chevy Traverse** As one of the newest SUVs on the market, the Chevy Traverse makes a name for itself with the features of a full-size (seats 8) and the pricing of a compact.
9. **Dodge Ram 1500** The Ram 1500 packs a mean punch both visually and with its horsepower and towing capabilities. But with the air suspension to improve handling, this fierce pickup easily offers the most comfortable ride.
10. **Chevy Malibu** More into the mid-size vehicles? The Chevy Malibu might be your speed. Fun fact: the car was named after the city in California.

Source: **Union Plus Auto Team** posted on **November 30, 2018**

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The Local's website has recently been updated. The new version is mobile friendly. Check it out at www.ibew234.org.



Tri-County Electrical JATC Training News

(831) 633-3063

Foreman Development Series Class

Foreman class, taught by Instructor Stephen Slovacek, is scheduled for **Monday, June 3rd (Documentation) and Monday, July 1st (Change Management) 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.

CPR/First Aid Certification Class

A **CPR/First Aid class** is scheduled for **Saturday, June 8th 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.



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, June 18th 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. 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

Foreman Development on May 6th with Instructor Stephen Slovacek: Israel Andrade, John Greene, Juan Torres, and Randyn Trybom

EVITP completed on May 7th with Instructor Stephen Slovacek: Ulises Mendoza, Nick Prelgovisk, Kevin Rategan, Brian Sabado, James Stanchfield, Trudi Teller, Chad Vargas, and Ron Zych

CPR/First Aid on May 18th with Instructor Merralinda Goddard: Alejandro Escobar, Giovanni Lopez, Luis Lopez, Enrique Ramos, Bryan Ruiz-Herrera, and John Spellman

Foreman Development on May 20th with Instructor Stephen Slovacek: John Greene and Randyn Trybom

Significant Changes 2017 on May 21st with Instructor David Martinez: Mark Hiura, Steve Luiz, and Randyn Trybom

Installer/Technician Upgrade Classes

The Northern California Sound & Communication JATC has added upgrade classes for the Summer of 2019. For detailed information on dates, times, and locations, please visit the [NorCal JATC website \(www.norcal-jatc.com\)](http://www.norcal-jatc.com) and click on '**Installer/Technician**' and then '**Classes.**' You will need to contact info@norcal-jatc.com to obtain a password in order to register for classes.

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ETA Award for Excellence in Training

The JATC was awarded the "Excellence in Training 2018 National Award" in recognition of outstanding leadership in promoting and delivering skill and improvement training to a number of Journeyman level workers that exceeds seventy-five percent of the total Local Union membership.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Michael and Iris Gruber**. Their daughter, **Leilani**, was born on **May 3rd**.

S&C Save the Date

Educational Workshop for: Sound & Communication Members, Residential Members, Material Handler Members, and Duct Handler Members

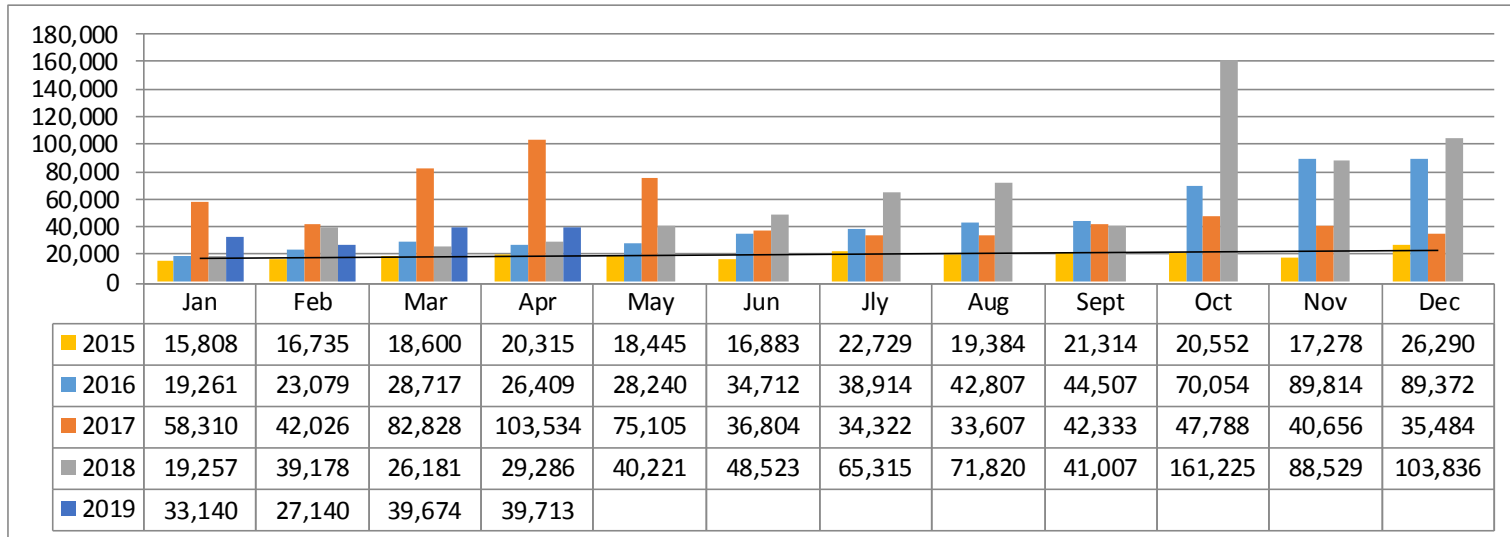
Date: **Saturday, June 15, 2019**

Time: **9am to Noon**

Location: **NORCAL JATC**
3033 Alvarado Street
San Leandro, CA 94577

Classes will include information on Health & Welfare, HRA, Short Term Disability, District 9 Pension, NEBF, Social Security and more! **FREE LUNCH INCLUDED**

Monthly Hours Report



Happy June Birthdays!

John Aguilar
Deshawn Albertson
Michael Alexiou
Robert Alustiza
Jose Arellano
John Balducci
Antonio Beihn
James Bennett
Steven Berner
Jeremy Bigman
Albert Bolden
Bryon Borchard
Edward Bowles
Michael Brown
Robert Cole
Edgar Cortes
Henry Cortez, II
Robert Cosio
Alex Costes, Jr.
Bryan Craddock
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Kyle Evans
Jeff Flippin
Cody Froom
Ralph Games
Andrew Gattis
Richard Greenlaw
Randall Harris
Keith Haskins
Donald Hughes
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Daniel Lujan
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Raymond Martinez
Siegfried Matt

Gary Mccarthy
Paul Miller, Jr.
Carlos Moncada
Carlos Moreno-Jaramillo
Dominique Newhouse
Adriel Nunez
Juan Palacios
Ciara Paquette
Alejandro Pasquel
Aladdin Preston
Robert Rollins
William Rust
Jason Sanders
Chris Swim
Rayshawna Tapia
Juan Torres
Randall Tracey
Pedro Valladarez
Lance Van Der Linden
Gregory Van Deusen
Michael Zrodlo



This Month's Local 234 Winners!

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

Voluntary PAC (Political Action Committee):

Mike Brown won \$5 and donated it back.

Apprentice Give-Away:

Richard Edwards won \$23.40.

Give-Away Winners:

Sabyn Cupples won a Milwaukee t-shirt.

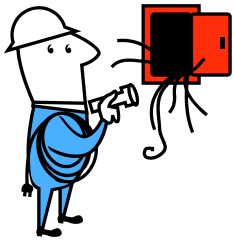
Jesse Morales won a Local 428 t-shirt.

Mike Brown won a Local 234 No-Dog level.

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

Wednesday, June 12th, 2019

@ 6:30 pm



Quote of the Month

"I have this to say to the people: go to the polls and vote for the candidate of your choice...

This is your responsibility; do not neglect it."
Hosni Mubarak

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Foreman @ 5:30pm	4	5	6	7	8 CPR @ 8am
9	10	11	12 Membership Meeting @ 6:30pm	13	14 FLAG DAY	15 S&C Educational Workshop @ 9am
16 FATHER'S DAY	17	18 JATC @ 5pm Significant Changes @ 5:30	19	20	21 SUMMER BEGINS	22 Ballot Counting @ 10:30am
23	24	25	26 Executive Board @ 6pm	27 Aptitude Test Deadline	28	29
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