



International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 234

IBEW Local 234 Newsletter

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

July 2019

Local 234 Officers:



Andy Hartmann
Business Manager/
Financial Secretary

Mike Ihnot
President

Al Randall
Vice President

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Treasurer

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Recording Secretary

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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 12 on Book 1, 8 on Book 2, 9 on Book 3, and 1 on Book 4. There are 2 on Book 3 for Sound & Comm. There are 7 on CW Book 1 and 37 on CW Book 2. There are 2 Inside apprentices on the out-of-work list.

Local 234's elections are over. Ballots were counted on Saturday, June 22nd. Our membership is currently at 598. 451 were mailed out to members in good standing. 92 were received. Two were initially found ineligible with

no name to identify who was sending in the ballot. Then an additional 4 were not enclosed in the sealed inner envelop. That left only 86 ballots to count, which is 19% of eligible voters. Thank you to those that voted and to our Election Judge, Sabyn Cupples. Brother Cupples also had Brothers John Greene and Andres Laureano assisting him with the ballot count. A big thank you to those three for volunteering their time and energy. They are to be commended for doing such a thorough and meticulous job. At the July General Body meeting on **Wednesday, July 10th** we will be swearing in the new Officers of Local 234. Congratulations! See page 3 for the election results.

School will be starting again in August for our Inside apprentices. This year will start with an orientation on **Tuesday, August 20th at 6pm**. There will be a BBQ at 5pm provided by Mark Dybdahl, who is also our 5th-Year Instructor. At orientation the apprentices will get a briefing and introduction to the school year and receive their books. There will be no class held that night. The JATC is again holding class on different nights for the apprentices in order to accommodate the large number of

apprentices we currently have. The first night of class for the **1st and 5th-Years** will be **Wednesday, August 21st at 6pm**. The 1st and 5th will be on a Monday, Wednesday schedule. The first night of class for **2nd, 3rd, and 4th** will be **Tuesday, August 27th at 6pm**. 2nd, 3rd, and 4th will be on a Tuesday, Thursday schedule. The instructors for this year are 1st-Year: Derek Webster, 2nd-Year: Sean Kent, 3rd-Year: Stephen Slovacek, 4th-Year: Michael Speer, and 5th-Year: Mark Dybdahl.

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 however the County is charging \$2 per person and per animal for entrance. We invite you to enjoy good food, a bounce house, face painting, corn hole and other fun games.

Thursday the 4th of July is Independence Day and a Holiday for the Inside, S&C, and CECWs. Friday is a normal workday.

Lastly I want to again thank the membership for supporting me in my role as Business Manager over the last 8 years. I'm really proud of the state of our Local right now and all the things we have been able to accomplish together. I look forward to Lamont Adam's leadership as Business Manager. I am also appreciative of the relationship between Lamont and Paul Gutierrez and know that Paul is a great and amazing asset to anyone that he can help. It is vital to our membership and the Local to maintain and improve our culture and our status within the community. We can continue do this by the famous quote attributed to John F. Kennedy that "a rising tide lifts all boats." I also want to thank Mira, Natasha, and Stacy for the care and support they have provided over the years.

My best wishes to Local 234 and all of the members. Keep up the pride! I'll see you around in about a year.

Inside H&W Hires a Patient Advocate for Members

The Inside Health & Welfare Plan taken a bold step to hire a Registered Nurse to act as a patient advocate for our Inside members, their spouses, and their dependents.

Our patient advocate is now settling into her new responsibilities and new role of being able to address your needs and concerns regarding medical care. It is important that we all reach our personal goals to maintain your health. Rasha Aniag (pronounced Anaya), our patient advocate, offers the privilege and advantage of working with our membership as a group and at the individual level to address healthcare needs of all of the members and their families. The process of learning where and how to find the patient advocate and how she can assist in medical, mental health, claims, outside resources, finding a provider, or general questions. Working together through clinical concerns we will wade through some rather muddy waters to achieve quality outcomes. As our patient advocate is working to establish and grow relationships with our partner vendors she will add a personal touch to your healthcare management, give you better service, and assist in navigating through the complex medical system by providing you with quality care.

Being a patient advocate will be a learning experience for Rasha as well, she will be enriched by interacting with our membership and hearing first-hand what is important to you and how to help. These opportunities will allow Rasha to identify the needs of our population and plan how she can best serve the membership. You are encouraged to communicate with Rasha on any topics you would like to learn more about. We are all looking forward to the achievements that we can reach together by making good medical decisions.

Introducing Our Patient Advocate

Rasha Aniag, Patient Advocate

Greetings & Salutations! My name is Rasha and I wanted to warmly introduce myself as YOUR Nurse Advocate. I am a born & raised California gal- Ventura county-born, Anaheim-raise, humbled by 2 years of living in Puerto Rico, and seasoned by years of being a traveling nurse. What brought me to Northern California was my love for the Redwoods, Big Sur, fresh food & my soon-to-be Hawaiian blood, Santa Cruz-raised, Fire fighting husband. My personal connection to the International Brotherhood of Electric workers comes from my family. My grandfather worked for many years at the Manila Electric Company in the Philippines and my father was an electrical engineer. This means that I plan on delivering care as if you were all my own blood. I come from an enormous family from different parts of the spectrum of life. I love trying new food, traveling and cooking. Ironically, I do not like being the center of attention but I enjoy great conversations and great stories. With that being said, I would love to meet all of you and hear your stories. What steps did you take to bring you where you are today?

Food for Thought:

As life is a balance of positive and negative currents, it is also important to have a ground. What are the things that keep you grounded? It is such an honor to be a part of your health experience and if I don't see you around, have a beautiful day!

I come in peace!

Rasha Aniag, MSN BSN RN

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Local 234 Election Results

July 2019

Financial Secretary/Business Manager and Delegate to International Convention

Lamont Adams 62

Ron Keaton 24

President

Dennis "Mike" Ihnot 83

Vice President

Albert Randall 84

Recording Secretary

Stephen Slovacek 83

Treasurer

Nicholas Prelgovisk 86

Executive Board (4 positions)

John Agra 62

Gale Michalek 58

Andy Gattis 51

Ryan Porter 48

Rick Keaton 45

Michael Mangrum 18

Examining Board (5 positions)

Paul Gutierrez 76

BJ Heading 53

Delegate to the Convention

Andy Hartmann 64

Kevin Rategan (Alternate Delegate) 22

Are You Registered to Vote? Go to goo.gl/XF1FBd

Are you registered to vote in California? Or have you moved recently and need to update your address?

To register to vote in California, you must be:

- A United States citizen,
- A resident of California,
- 18 years of age or older on Election Day,
- Not currently imprisoned or on parole for the conviction of a felony (for more information on the rights of people who have been incarcerated, please see the Secretary of State's Voting Rights for Californians with Criminal Convictions or Detained in Jail or Prison), and
- Not found by a court to be mentally incompetent.

The deadline to register to vote for any election is 15 days before Election Day, so be certain to register early! Register to vote online with the California Secretary of State Alex Padilla at

goo.gl/XF1FBd

Tri-County Electrical JATC Training News

(831) 633-3063

Foreman Development Series Class

Foreman class, taught by Instructor Stephen Slovacek, is scheduled for **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.

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, July 16th at 5:30pm**.

CPR/First Aid Certification Class

A **CPR/First Aid class** is scheduled for **Saturday, July 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

July 2019

Foreman Development Series with Instructor Stephen Slovacek on June 3rd:

Randyn Trybom, Steve Luiz, Tyler Daly, Jacob Taylor, and Chris Olsen

Significant Changes with Instructor David Martinez on June 18th:

Brian Stanley, Jim Shumaker, Steve Luiz, Mark Hiura, David Vasquez

Volunteers Needed for Aptitude Test

The next Aptitude Test is scheduled for **Saturday, August 3, 2019**. Volunteers are needed to proctor the Aptitude Test with our Test Administrator John Balducci. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Stacy at (831) 633-3063.

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.

Donate To The JATC When You Shop Amazon

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. Donations are tax-deductible.

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 **Apr/May/Jun** were **Randyn Trybom** for the most hours of training and **Ulises Mendoza** for the lottery. Congratulations! Each will receive a \$100 gift card.

Orientation for Apprentices

Orientation for all Inside apprentices will be on **Tuesday, August 20th at 6pm**. There will be a BBQ at 5pm provided by Mark Dybdahl, who is also our 5th-Year Instructor. At orientation the apprentices will get a briefing and introduction to the school year and receive their books. There will be no class held that night.

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.

Inside Orientation Class

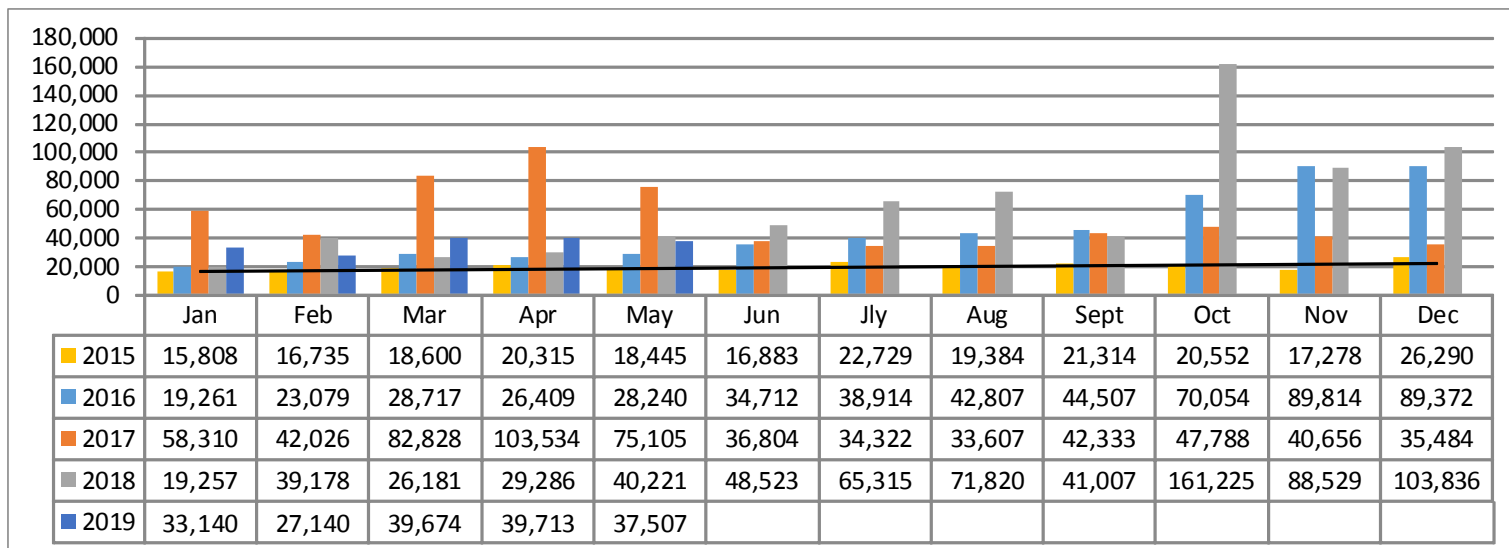
There will be an Inside Orientation class on **Wednesday, July 10th @ 5pm** prior to the general membership meeting. Dinner will be provided. New (and seasoned) members and spouses are encouraged to attend. Orientation is designed to help new members feel welcome and comfortable as members of the IBEW 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.

Union Dues Increase for 2020

Your "**Basic**" dues (the dues you pay in monthly increments to the Hall) will increase on **January 1, 2020**. "**A**" members Basic Dues will increase to **\$42** per month. "**BA**" members will increase to **\$23** per month. This is in accordance with the 39th IBEW International Convention where several amendments were approved to Article IX of the IBEW Constitution.

Remember to update your bank account if you have automatic bill payments sent to the Hall.

Monthly Hours Report



Happy July Birthdays!

Roderick Abron
Johnny Baker
Ronald Carpenter
Nicholas Castillo
Bradley Conger
Sean Connors
Noemi Cruz
L. Earl Davis
Harry Deupser
Seth Dietz
Philip DiGirolamo
David Durbin
Christian Flores
Lisa Galero
Stevan Gamez
Andrew Gaona
Fred Geiger
Michael Gruber
Javier Guzman
Scott Harris
Jaime Hernandez
Randy Hill

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Vincent Matyas
Robert McClung
Jose Melgarejo
Arturo Melgoza
Mario Mladineo
Javier Morales
Marvin Morales
William Moua
Alfonso Ochoa
Adalberto Padilla
Ivan Perez
Carlos Prado
Alberto Rangel

Jose Recio, Jr.
Trey Replogle
Michael Rippey
Gabriel Rodriguez
John Rodriguez
Alex Sanchez
David Silva
Michael Stevenson
Josh Stockton
Raymond Sykes, II
Murray Temple
Tamisha Thomas
Alejandro Tirado
Ezequiel Torres
Nohely Trujillo
Austin Valentine
Robert Valenzuela, JR
Carlos Vargas
James Walker
Vernon Walker



This Month's Local 234 Winners!

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

Voluntary PAC (Political Action Committee):

John Agra won \$5 and donated it back.

Apprentice Give-Away:

Kevin Rategan won \$23.40.

Give-Away Winners:

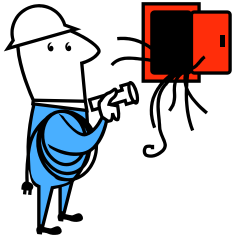
Richard Edwards won a Local 237 shirt donated by Kevin Rategan.

Christian Gonzales won (2) San Jose Earthquake's soccer tickets donated by James Stanchfield.

Justin Anderson won an IBEW retractable lanyard.

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

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



Quote of the Month

*"Somewhere
inside of all of
us is the
power to
change the
world."*

- Roald Dahl

July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Foreman @ 5:30pm	2	3	4 HOLIDAY INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6
7	8	9	10 Membership Meeting @ 6:30pm	11	12	13
14	15	16 JATC @ 5pm Significant Changes @ 5:30	17	18	19	20 First Aid/CPR @ 8am
21	22	23	24 Executive Board @ 6pm	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



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