



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 2020

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Business Manager's Report by Lamont Adams

Sisters and Brothers,

On the Inside out-of-work list we have 3 on Book 1, 13 on Book 2, 7 on Book 3, and 3 on Book 4. There is 1 on Book 1 for Sound & Comm, 0 on Book 2, 1 on Book 3, and 0 on book 4. There is 0 on CW Book 1 and 0 on CW Book 2. There are no Inside apprentices on the out-of-work list.

The wildfires that have ravaged our community could not have come at a worse time. So many are still dealing with COVID-19 and now some have had to leave

or even worse lose their homes. I wish we knew how long this crisis will continue, but I know Local 234 will remain strong and stand by those who have been affected.

Our democracy is also under attack. The election in November is the most important election in our lifetime. We need to increase our get out the vote efforts. We must support candidates on the local, state, and federal levels that are on the side of labor. While the other side is spending millions of dollars to spread misinformation, we have the power of the people. Make sure you are registered to vote and educate your friends and family about our labor movement.

Governor Newsom has announced revised criteria for loosening and tightening restrictions on activities. The new program, Blueprint for a Safer Economy, replaces the County Data Monitoring List for determining what business can and cannot open. The new program assigns each county to a tier based on case rate and positivity rate. More information about the tiers and your county's status are available <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>

Currently, Monterey County is in the widespread tier. So the Union Hall office will remain closed to the public.

Services are available by appointment and by telephone. Our online access site is also available for dues payments and monthly re-sign. Visit the website at : www.ibew234.org

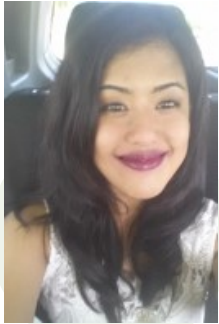
Local 234's Health and Welfare Plan has been amended to provide coverage for Telehealth visits (such as video or telephone calls with physicians and other medical personnel). These are also known as virtual visits. In addition, the plan was amended to provide greater time periods for filling claims and appeals, special enrollment of new dependents and for electing COBRA. This change is effective as early as **March 1, 2020**. A letter explaining these changes will be mailed to every member.

Our annual BBQ and health fair has unfortunately been cancelled. Monterey county has cancelled all reservations for Toro Park through the end of the year. Those members who will be receiving service award pins in 2020 will receive them through the mail.

Labor day is Monday, **September 7, 2020** and is a holiday for Inside, Sound and Communications, and CECWs. No work should be performed on Labor Day except in case of emergency. Friday, **September 4, 2020** is a Floating Holiday for the Inside and CECWs. While enjoying your long weekend, please take the time to reflect and pay respect to the men and women who died fighting for the working conditions we now enjoy. Please have a happy and safe four day weekend.

The **September 9, 2020** General Body meeting has been cancelled due to Monterey County's widespread tier status. The Executive Board will continue to meet online to take care of the business of the Local. Please call or email the Hall with any questions or concerns.

Later this month, I will be putting out an online survey to determine the will of our members for our Inside wage allocation. The Inside membership will have to decide how to allocate \$3.15. This raise will go into effect on **December 28, 2020**. In October, after the survey, I will put the most popular options up for a online vote. I look forward to everyone's participation.



Prevention With Little Steps by Rasha Aniang

With this year's challenges, I hope everyone out there is safe and keeping positive as much as possible. Thunderstorms and lightning have caused numerous fires in Northern California, causing a blanket of ash and smoke.

According to the CDC, wildfires create poor quality air, which effects our health. Due to the current wildfire situation, smoke exposure has spread throughout Northern California.

Highest risks:

- individuals with heart disease, lung disease, and allergies.
- Children & older adults due to immune system compromises

How to prepare yourself:

check air quality reports daily : airnow.gov

- close all windows, doors, & invest in a Hepa filtered air purifier to keep your indoor air clean

- wear a respirator when outdoors : "NIOSH," "N95," "P100" are recommended.

https://www3.epa.gov/airnow/smoke_fires/respiratory-protection-508.pdf

To learn more on how to protect you and your family during wildfires please visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/wildfires/duringfire.html>

Annual IBEW Local 234 Picnic / BBQ

Our annual picnic, which was scheduled for October of this year has been canceled.

Between Covid-19, social distancing, and now the fires—We have made the difficult decision to cancel the event. Those members who will be receiving service award pins in 2020 will receive them through the mail.

We hope all of our brothers and sisters out there are safe and healthy.

We look forward to celebrating in 2021.

Introducing This Year's Inside Instructors

The first night of class for the Inside apprenticeship was on Monday, August 17th. Here are our esteemed instructors this year:

1st-year: Derek Webster

2nd-year: Sean Kent

3rd-year: Ryan Porter

4th-year: Michael Speer

5th-year: Mark Dybdahl

FAQ's on Coronavirus:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html?utm_source=leaderupdate&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=04-09-20

AFL-CIO Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resource Page The AFL-CIO has compiled a **Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic resource page** with valuable information and updates. In addition, please check out **your union's website** as they may have additional information and resources.

Local 234 Health & Welfare Link

<https://www.ourbenefitoffice.com/IBEW234/Benefits/HealthcareDocuments.aspx>

Protecting Your Mental Health and Grief Counseling During COVID-19

The **Peer-Run Warm Line (1-855-845-7415)** is a non-emergency resource for anyone in California seeking emotional support. They provide assistance via phone and webchat on a nondiscriminatory basis to anyone in need.

<https://211montereycounty.org/>

State of California Updates <https://covid19.ca.gov/>

Free COVID-19 testing now underway on the Central Coast All tests are by appointment only.

To make an appointment, call 1-888-634-1123 or visit <https://lhi.care/covidtesting>.

United States Department of Labor This webpage provides information for workers and employers about the evolving coronavirus pandemic. The information includes links to interim guidance and other resources for preventing exposures to, and infection with, the novel coronavirus—officially named SARS-CoV-2, which causes the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

<https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/>

FEMA / WILDFIRES

Individuals who were impacted by the fires should apply for FEMA assistance. You can apply in the following ways:

- ◆ Online at <http://www.disasterassistance.gov/>
- ◆ <http://www.disasterassistance.gov/es> (Spanish) •
- ◆ Via smartphone at fema.gov
- ◆ You may call the registration phone number at 1-800-621-3362; those who have a speech disability or hearing loss and use TTY, should call 1-800-462-7585 directly; for those who use 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS), call 1-800-621-3362.

Union Hall—Office CLOSED

The Union Hall office has closed.

Due to the recent orders from the Governor, the Union Hall is closed again for in person visits.

Rest assured the staff is still available to handle your needs via phone and e-mail.

831-633-2311

thehall@ibew234.org

Tri-County Electrical JATC Training News

(831) 633-3063

CPR/First Aid Certification Class

Due to health and safety concerns during the COVID-19 pandemic, we will not be holding a physical, onsite CPR / First Aid course at the training center. The JATC, however, has come up with an alternative solution should you be in need of renewing your certification, through the American Red Cross.



Online portion at www.redcross.org/takeaclass

In the upper right hand corner scroll to CPR and then add your zip code

Look for **Adult First Aid/ CPR / AED – BL (online + classroom)**

Cost: **\$97** (to be reimbursed by the JATC upon receiving a copy of your certification)

****Please note that the online portion is only the first step. Once this is completed, take your certification to an American Red Cross facility near you to do the practical exam where you will receive your actual certification card. You must present the JATC with a copy of this certification card in order to be reimbursed.****

2017 NEC Significant Changes Class

Instructor David Martinez has scheduled a **Significant Changes** class for **Tuesday, September 15th from 5:30–8:30 pm**. This is the beginning of a new series. This is a once a month class but depending on demand and attendance, a second date may be added.

Please note this is a **Zoom** class—You will need either a computer, laptop, or mobile device that has a working camera and microphone.

Contact Stacy at stacy@tricityjetc.org to reserve your place.

Christopher Burditt Memorial Scholarship

IBEW Local 234, in partnership with the Burditt Family, are pleased to announce this year's winners of the Christopher Burditt Memorial scholarships. Each student will receive **\$1,000** scholarships to their college of choice.

Monterey County:

Jade Bixler-Boyer

San Benito County:

Joseph Gastello

Congratulations and all the best luck on your new adventure!



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.

New Merchandise

Hats



Long sleeve Charter shirts
have just arrived:
Orange, Dark Ash, and
Black



Moss Landing T-Shirts

Curbside pick up is now available! Just call ahead to order and pay and then swing by to grab your new merchandise!

The Hall now is able to ship merchandise. Shipping costs vary from \$11.00 up to \$25.00. Feel free to contact the union hall office at 831-633-2311 to inquire about purchasing your merchandise over the phone.

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

Members only Online Access

You may access your online profile at <https://m.gotomyunion.com>. Or download the **ISAQR** app at

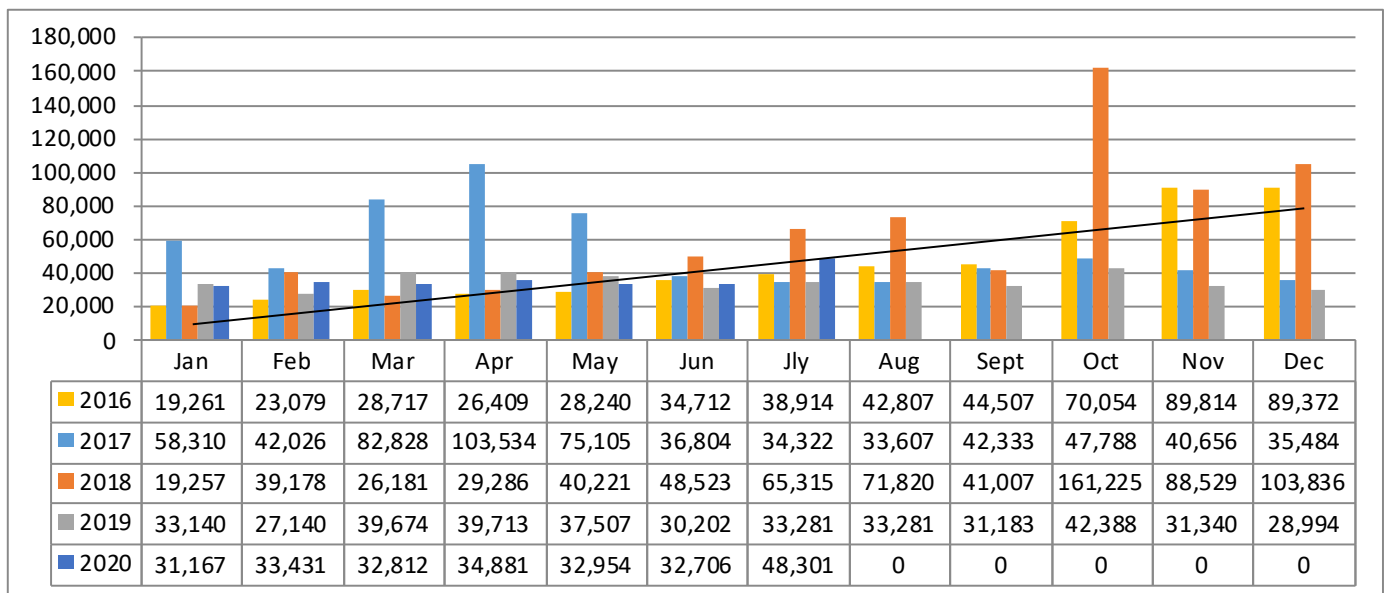
Apple Store: <https://goo.gl/GxYXtk>
Google Play: <https://goo.gl/LqvSt7>

Please contact the office if you need your individual username and password again.
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Monthly Hours Report



Happy September Birthdays!

John Agra
Brandon Alvarez
Jeffrey Atkins
Christopher Ayala
Matt Battaglia
Susan Carter
Antonio Castro
Ronald Dyck
Richard Edwards
Ismael Estrada
Randall Evans
David Fisher
Steve Flores
Chris Franklin
Andrew Hartmann
Glenn Herrera
Bronson Huerta
Wayne Huston

Elizabeth Johnson
Nicholas Karakas
Johnnie La Mascus
Victor Lopez
Ruben Lozano
Steven Luiz
Benjamin Madrigal
Manuel Madrigal
Daniel Martinez
David Martinez
Sam Martinez
Adrian Mendoza
Jesus Montano
Armando Munoz
Norman Navalta
Anthony Pacheco
Chase Palmer
Roberto Perez

Bobby Pope
Enrique Ramos
Robert Rovella
Brian Sabado
Gary Schumacher
Bryan Scott
Carlito Scott
Stephen Slovacek
Jacob Taylor
Tom Thomas
Kevin Trinh
Berardo Trujillo
Steven Trybom
Lawrence Tuckness
Juan Vargas
Daniel Walford
Ronald Zych



This Month's Local 234 Winners!

There was no General Membership meeting in August.

Voluntary PAC (Political Action Committee):

Apprentice Give-Away:

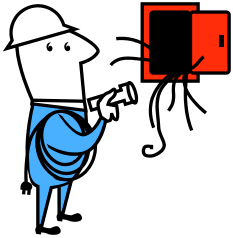
Give-Away Winners:

General membership meetings are the second Wednesday of each month. The next general membership meeting has been canceled:

Quote of the Month

"No work is insignificant. All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence."

– Martin Luther King, Jr.



September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 HOLIDAY	5
6	7 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY	8	9 General Body Meeting @ 6:30 PM	10	11	12
13	14	15 JATC Meeting @ 4:00 PM Significant Changes @ 5:30 PM	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Executive Board Meeting @ 6:00 PM	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			



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