



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 2022

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## Business Manager's Report by Lamont Adams

Sisters and Brothers,

On the Inside out-of-work list we have 14 on Book 1, 154 on Book 2, 13 on Book 3, and 4 on Book 4. There is 0 on Book 1 for Sound & Comm, 3 on Book 2, 0 on Book 3, and 0 on book 4. There are 1 on CW Book 1 and 2 on CW Book 2. There is 0 Inside apprentices on the out-of-work list.

I have some exciting news to share. The pre-job for our third phase of battery storage projects at the Moss Landing Power Plant has been scheduled for **April 19, 2022**. This phase will be

approximately 350 MW of battery storage and will add to the 400 MW of storage already at the facility. The Moss Landing Storage Facility is already the largest grid-scale storage facility in the world and this will help us maintain that title for a lot longer. This also means that Local 234 has the most skilled and trained workforce in the IBEW for this type of electrical work. With this great news we can continue to grow our membership through our organizing campaigns and increase our apprenticeship numbers.

The 40th IBEW International Convention was originally scheduled to be held in 2021, but due to COVID-19 restrictions, it was postponed until **May 9, 2022**. On April 20, 2021 the International Executive Council acting pursuant to its authority under new Article XXVII, Section 1(d), made necessary temporary amendments to the IBEW Constitution to enable the Convention to be postponed. The IBEW Convention is the single most important gathering of IBEW delegates from the United States and Canada. The deliberations and decisions made by delegates will set the path and direction into the future for all of us and our families. According to Article II, Section 8 of the IBEW Constitution, Local 234 is allowed two delegates. Andy Hartmann, as your elected

delegate, and I, as your Business Manager, will be representing Local 234 at the 40th IBEW International Convention in Chicago, Illinois.

I am proud to report that I will be representing Local 234 at the 40th IBEW International Convention not just as your delegate. President Stephenson has selected me to be Chairman to the International President's Report Committee. This will require me to be in attendance one week in advance of the start of the Convention to perform these duties. I am honored to have been selected and will represent our great Local to the best of my ability. Thank you all for your confidence and for electing me to serve you as your Business Manager.

In 2019, Local 234 became the proud owner of 10298 Tembladero Street in Castroville. The over 2 acre lot is located directly behind our Hall. Our plans are to develop some of the property into a parking lot. This will help with our planned JATC expansion. For the past couple of years Monterey County has been delaying our permits due to COVID furloughs and shut downs. I have been informed by our Architect that the wait is over. We have approved plans and I have submitted them to our Local Union contractors and expect to be receiving bids soon. Over the next few months we will be having Building Corporation meetings after our General Body meeting to discuss how to move forward. Please plan to attend and share your thoughts and ideas.

Graduation is approaching fast. This year we will have eleven (11) Inside graduates. We will also be including the graduating classes of 2020 and 2021. While we were unable to honor these students due to COVID-19 restrictions at the time of their graduation, we will be recognizing them this year. The Graduation ceremony will be held **Friday, May 20th** at the Monterey Tides Hotel in Monterey.

2022 is an Election year here at IBEW Local 234. Nominations shall be held at the May General Body meeting, **Wednesday, May 11, 2022**. Please keep a look out for an official notice in the mail at the end of the month!

Happy Easter!

## Prevention With Little Steps by Rasha Ania



As the weather gets warmer, there are 2 things to pay attention to this spring: Vitamin D and Sunscreen.

Vitamin D is a fat-soluble component that can cause fatigue, low immunity, muscle/bone pain, and at extremely low levels, depression. Vitamin D is essential to keeping bone and muscle health. In addition, this vitamin plays a major role in hormone balance. There is common misconception that one can obtain Vitamin D from exposure to the sun. However, the conditions of the atmosphere may cause more damage than benefit due to harmful UV rays.

For the most beneficial route, it is better to take a Vitamin D supplement and lather sunscreen of at least 30 SPF, plant-based. For further information on how much Vitamin D to take, please refer back to your primary care provider. If you need help finding one, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

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Most importantly, please stay well hydrated and make sure you have an electrolyte drink handy if you plan on working under the sun.

## April— World Autism Awareness Month

Autism, or autism spectrum disorder (ASD), refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication. According to the Centers for Disease Control, autism affects an estimated 1 in 44 children in the United States today.

We know that there is not one autism but many subtypes, most influenced by a combination of genetic and environmental factors. Because autism is a spectrum disorder, each person with autism has a distinct set of strengths and challenges. The ways in which people with autism learn, think and problem-solve can range from highly skilled to severely challenged. Some people with ASD may require significant support in their daily lives, while others may need less support and, in some cases, live entirely independently.

Several factors may influence the development of autism, and it is often accompanied by sensory sensitivities and medical issues such as gastrointestinal (GI) disorders, seizures or sleep disorders, as well as mental health challenges such as anxiety, depression and attention issues.

Signs of autism usually appear by age 2 or 3. Some associated development delays can appear even earlier, and often, it can be diagnosed as early as 18 months. Research shows that early intervention leads to positive outcomes later in life for people with autism.



# Annual IBEW Local 234 Picnic / BBQ

April 2022

## Save the Date

We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting our Annual Local 234's BBQ again this year. We have scheduled the event at Toro Park at the Quail Meadows site on Saturday September 17, 2022.

We will have food, drinks, awards, and games. Plan on joining us!



## California State Certification Renewals

Have you recently renewed your Electrician Certification? Do you know when your certification expires?

Notify the Hall of your new expiration date and certification number. Also, 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 Electrician Certification prior to your certification expiring, 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.

You will then need to submit your [Renewal Application](#) with proof of your 32 hours and payment of \$100. As always, call the Hall or call Stacy with the Training Center if you have any questions.

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## IBEW Founders' Scholarship

The IBEW Founders' Scholarship honors the dedicated wiremen and lineman 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 <http://www.ibew.org/FoundersScholarship>.

Applications must be postmarked prior to **May 1st**.

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# Tri-County Electrical JATC Training News

(831) 741-9069

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**ALL upgrade classes have gone back to 100% in-person learning at the training center**

## CPR/First Aid Certification Class



A **CPR/First Aid class** is scheduled for **Saturday, May 7th** from **8am—1pm**. Instructor Merralinda Goddard will be teaching the basics of First Aid and CPR.

Contact Stacy with the JATC at (831) 741-9069 to sign up and reserve your space.

\*If you reserve a space and do not show up for class, you will be responsible for paying for the class.\*

**Limited space available—sign up soon!**

## 2017 NEC Significant Changes Class

Instructor David Martinez has scheduled a **Significant Changes** class for **Tuesday, April 19th from 5:30—8:30 pm**. This is a once a month class but depending on demand and attendance, a second date may be added.

This is a drop-in class—no need to reserve a spot

## Congratulations on Completing Class

Significant Changes: March class was canceled.

CPR/First Aid: March 12, 2022

Adrien Antosz, Hector Camacho, Matt Craddock, Alejandro Escobar, Joshua Haupt, Randy Hill, Cory Hoffman, Tonnie Humphrey, Tyler Kendall, Steven Luiz, Robert Rovella, Charles Ruiz, and Moises Zuniga

## Donate To The JATC When You Shop Amazon

REMEMBER to use Amazon Smile while buying your holiday gifts this year!

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](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7114317)

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



# 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 2022** the JATC has chosen to recognize:

## 3rd-year: Juan Arguelles

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.



## Veteran's Committee

We Want You to join the new Veteran's Committee

If you are a veteran and would like to participate, please contact Lamont Adams at 831-731-0927 or lamont@ibew234.org for more information.



## LMCC 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.

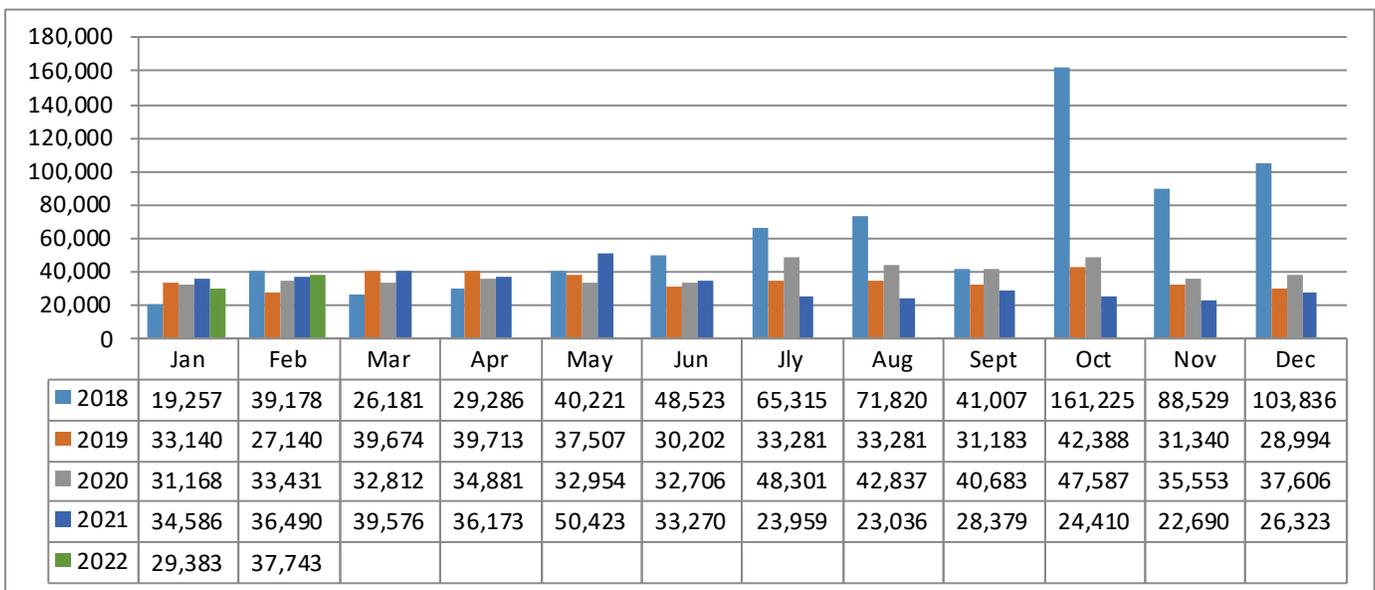
The member with most hours is ineligible for the lottery. The winners for Jan/Feb/Mar were Steven Luiz (randomly for the most hours of training and Randy Hill for the lottery).

Congratulations! Each will receive a \$100 gift card

## Member Life Events

We love to share our members accomplishments! Please email or call Natasha at **831-633-2311** or [natasha@ibew234.org](mailto:natasha@ibew234.org) with your good news. Marriages, Births, or other exciting news, so we can share it in our monthly newsletter!

## Monthly Hours Report



## Happy April Birthdays!

Dave Alonzo  
Adrien Antosz  
Joaquin Argueta  
Thomas Bauer  
Frank Bigham  
Louis Bonds  
Joaquin Correa-Mickel  
Leslie Dollins  
Alejandro Escobar  
Michael Fryou  
Gary Gabriel Jr  
Alex Garibay

John Greene II  
Mark Hiura  
Glen Johnson  
Michael Kunkle  
Tramaine Lamb  
Lloyd Marchant  
Richard Massie  
Samuel Mendoza  
Roldan Morales  
James Nichols  
Warren Nichols  
Patricio Ortiz  
Evey Perez

Mickel Reeves  
Alan Replogle  
Michael Rodda  
Adolfo Sandoval  
Carlos Segura  
James Shumaker  
Jonathan Stanley  
Kyle Tuck  
Bryan Tufts  
Joe Velasquez Jr  
Paul Velasquez  
Francisco Villanueva



# This Month's Local 234 Winners!

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**Voluntary PAC (Political Action Committee): Christian Lopez** Won \$5.00

**Apprentice Give-Away: \$23.40—Rigoberto Garcia**

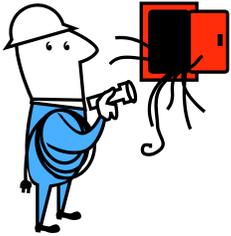
**Give-Away Winners:**

Enrique Ramos won an IBEW auto tag frame  
 Carlos Prado won an IBEW trailer hitch  
 Christian Lopez won an IBEW Tervis mug  
 AJ Todd won a shark jersey

**Quote of the Month**

General membership meetings are the second Wednesday of each month. The next general membership meeting has been scheduled on Wednesday, April 13th at 6:30 PM

Face masks are required for entry into building



# April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 General Body Meeting @ 6:30 PM	14	15	16
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24	25	26	27 E-Board Meeting @ 6:00PM	28	29	30



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