



IBEW Local 234

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53 Years of Excellence

Monterey Bay, CA

Today marks the 53rd anniversary of the charter of IBEW Local 234, and it is a momentous occasion that we should all be proud of. Over the years, our Union has achieved significant milestones and accomplishments that have made a difference in the lives of our Members. From negotiating better wages and benefits to advocating for safe and healthy working conditions, our Union has always been at the forefront of progress. We have fought tirelessly to ensure that our Members are treated with respect and dignity, and we have never backed down from a challenge.

As we celebrate this milestone, we must also recognize that our success would not have been possible without the hard work, sacrifice, and dedication of our Members. Each and every one of you has played a vital role in building and strengthening our Union, and we are grateful for your unwavering commitment to our cause.

Brothers and sisters you've earned the right to celebrate your accomplishments and victories. In our lives we have both personal and professional values, goals, and achievements that define us. Personal acknowledgement of your perseverance, drive, and focus is key to recognizing your greatness and purpose. Celebrate yourself!

Looking to the future I am confident that our Union will continue to grow and thrive. So today, let's raise a glass to our accomplishments, and to the bright future ahead of IBEW Local 234.

Cheers!

Paul Gutierrez

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Business Manager



Proudly Nearing the Finish Line at Moss 350

We are thrilled to share with you the news that we are nearing the completion of Moss 350 Battery Energy Storage project. This is a historic moment for IBEW Local 234 and we are incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication that our IBEW members have put into this project.



Our members have worked tirelessly to ensure that the Moss 350 project is a success. Not only have we brought our extensive knowledge and expertise to the table, but we have also demonstrated our unwavering commitment to sticking together through adversity and working collaboratively towards a common goal.

The members of IBEW Local 234 are the most qualified and well-trained energy practitioners in the industry, and the successful completion of this project is a testament to our exceptional skills and expertise.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the Project Manager Burns and McDonnell for their leadership and support throughout the project. Most importantly we thank Vistra Energy, the client, for entrusting us with this important project. Without their support and partnership, this project would not have been possible.

Thank you for your dedication and hard work. We are proud of the work that our members have accomplished and are excited about our future opportunities.

Recognizing Our Valuable Stewards



Let's take a moment to recognize and applaud the hard work and dedication of our two job stewards, Erik Guerrero and Louie Rodriguez, who are currently working at the Moss Landing Battery Energy Storage Project, also known as Moss 350.

As many of you know, Moss 350 is set to become one of the largest battery energy storage facilities in the world upon completion in April. The importance of this job cannot be overstated, and Erik and Louie have done an outstanding job of ensuring that their fellow IBEW members are well represented and that the working conditions at Moss 350 are up to our high standards.



Their dedication and tireless hard work are a testament to the importance of job stewards and the vital role they play in our Union. We are grateful to have such passionate and committed individuals representing our members.

Let us all take a moment to recognize and thank Erik and Louie for their exceptional efforts and for upholding the values and standards of IBEW Local 234.

Investing in Our Future ~

Chris Burditt Scholarship

Attention All Members! Do you have a future 2023 high school graduate in Monterey, Santa Cruz, or San Benito County?

IBEW Local 234 and the Burditt Family are offering three \$1,000 scholarships in honor of our beloved Member and former staff Organizer, Chris Burditt.

We want to support the next generation and spread opportunities for higher education. We invite your family member to apply by submitting a 500-word essay on the importance of the organized labor movement. Answer one of the following questions.

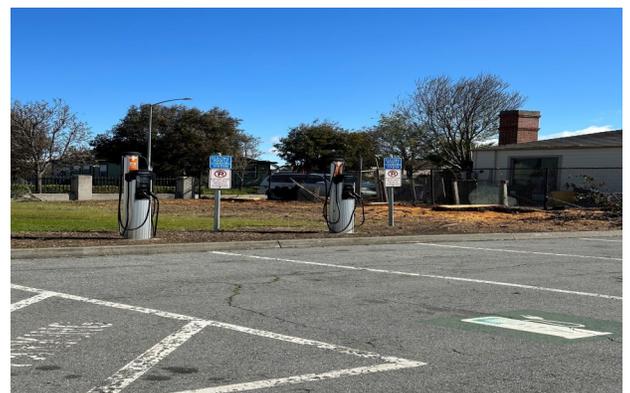


- What is the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and what has it done to enhance organized labor?
- Why is the organized labor movement important in the United States today?
- How has the union movement played a key role in the life and well-being of my family member who is or was in a union?

Essays must be typed and mailed with a completed application form to our office by March 31, 2023.

Let's honor Chris's legacy and invest in our community's future together. Download the application form on our website www.ibew234.org

Revitalizing Our Grounds



We're excited to share the results of the recent tree surgery on our property! As you can see from the before and after pictures, three overgrown pine trees were removed to open up more space for our members and apprentices to use. This change will offer new opportunities for recreational and training activities, especially when the weather gets nicer.

Thank you to the team who worked on this project and helped improve our property for everyone!

Tri-County Electrical JATC Training News

Get Ready for Online EVITP Training in April

We are pleased to announce that our online Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Technician Program (EVITP) will begin in April. Registration is still open, and we encourage all interested members to sign up as soon as possible. This training will be accessible to all registered participants, allowing for flexible and convenient learning opportunities.

As a reminder, the EVITP is a comprehensive training program designed to equip our members with the skills and knowledge needed to install and maintain electric vehicle charging infrastructure. With the growing demand for electric vehicles, this program will provide a valuable opportunity to advance your skills and increase your employability.

If you are interested in registering for the EVITP or have any questions, please contact Stacy at (831)741-9069 or info@tricityjatic.org for more information.



OSHA 10 ~ Online Class

We are pleased to offer an online OSHA 10 class and are currently accepting sign-ups.

If you are interested in registering for the OSHA 10 or have any questions, please contact Stacy at (831)741-9069 or Info@tricityjatic.org for more information. Deadline for sign-ups is March 24th

CPR/First Aid Certification Class

A **CPR/First Aid class** is scheduled for **March 11, 2023 @ 8:00 AM—2:00 PM**

Instructor Merralinda Goddard will be teaching the basics of First Aid and CPR.

Please call Stacy 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!

****Please Note: This is NOT a drop-in class—sign up is required****

2017 NEC Significant Changes Class

Instructor David Martinez has closed out the **Significant Changes** class.

Please keep a look out for new and exciting classes to be scheduled shortly.

Congratulations on Completing Class

NFPA 70E—2/4/2023

John Agra, Adrien Antosz, Nolan Aragon, Michael Bradley, Anthony Brenkwitz, Ancelmo Caro, Jose Gomez, John Greene, Andy Hartman, Manuel Madrigal, Aiden McNutt, Luis Ortiz, Nick Prelgovisk, Steve Rios, Ralph Yniguez, and Moises Zuniga

Update on Our State Certification Prep

I am writing to provide an update regarding our State Certification Prep Class. As you may know, we have been offering sign ups for an in-person class to help our members prepare for the state certification exam, but we have had limited sign-ups for this program.

After reviewing our options, we have decided to focus on offering an online version of the State Certification Prep Class at this time.

We are exploring using the teaching skills of David Martinez to offer other classes that may interest more of our membership. David Martinez is an experienced instructor and we believe that he has a lot to offer in terms of teaching and mentorship.

We are open to suggestions from our membership. If there is a specific area of interest that you would like us to explore, please let us know.

If you are interested in the online California State Certification preparation class contact Stacy at (831)741-9069 or stacy@tricityjafc.org to sign up.



Brother's Keeper

Members of Local 234 are some of the hardest-working and dedicated individuals in our community. They work tirelessly to keep our tri-counties running smoothly, often working long hours, and facing challenging conditions.

Unfortunately, like many of us, some members of Local 234 may struggle with alcohol or drug addiction. However, instead of shaming or stigmatizing those who seek help for these challenges, we should celebrate their courage and determination in overcoming these obstacles.

Those who seek assistance are taking an important step towards healing and recovery. They are acknowledging that they need help and are willing to take the necessary steps to address their challenges and regain control of their lives.

Through the support of professional treatment programs, counseling, and other resources, these individuals can break the cycle of addiction and move towards a brighter future. They can rebuild relationships, strengthen their mental and emotional health, and regain their sense of purpose and self-worth. In many cases, members of Local 234 who have sought assistance for alcohol or drug addiction have gone on to become advocates and role models for others facing similar challenges.

Together, we can build a stronger and more compassionate community, where all members of Local 234 can thrive and succeed, regardless of the challenges they may face.

Here is a list of phone numbers that we can call, to help regain control of our lives: 1-800-662-HELP

1-800-273-TALK

1-844-804-7500

Happy March Birthdays!

Lyle Abraham Jr.
Juan Arguelles
Stanley Arnbrister
William Beauchamp
Slyler Blean
Mark Breeding
James Crabtree
Anthony Davis
Willie Dietz
Erik Dybdahl
Gilberto Espindola

Peggy Evans
Bryce Fuller
Leonard Gentry
Heath Guaracha
Robert Heitz
Kyle Hirayama
Michael Holcroft
Florentino Lozano
Cody Mahler
Michael Martinez
Alejandro Murguia

James Myers
Alfredo Nicolosi
Reginaldo Ramirez
Juan Rodriguez
Ricardo Rubio
Hermilo Ruiz
Kenneth Scherpinski
Aaron Selbicky
Marvin Swaithe
Patrick Torres
Manuel Valdez

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 **Mar 2023** the JATC has chosen to recognize:

3rd-year: Marco Arredondo

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.



This Month's Local 234 Winners!

C.O.P.E.: \$5.00 - Allister Sorrels

Apprentice Give-Away: \$23.40— Rigoberto Garcia

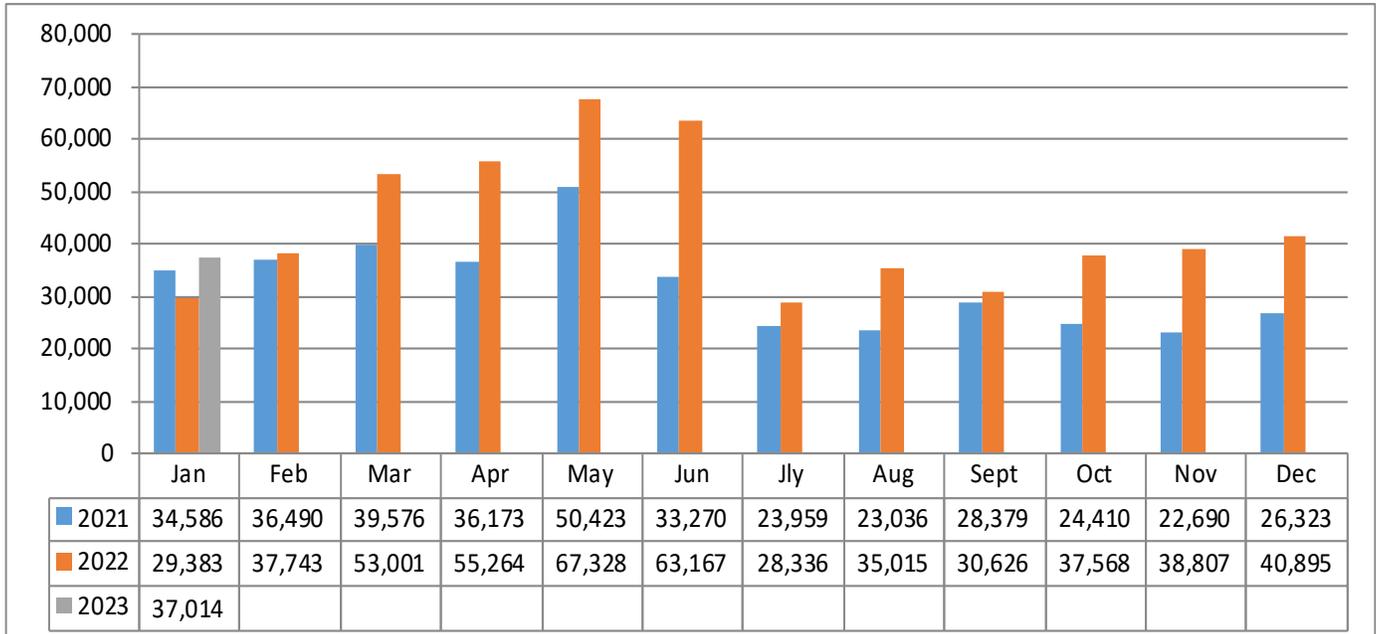
Give-Away Winners:

Soccer Tickets - Luis Rodriguez
IBEW tumbler - Juan Arguelles
\$25.00 Gift Card donated by Carlos Prado- Tyler Kendall
IBEW tape measure - Allister Sorrels gifted to Alan Lopez
IBEW license plate frame—Nick Luczak

General membership meetings are the second Wednesday of each month.

The next general membership meeting has been scheduled on Wednesday, March 8th at 6:30 PM at the Union Hall.

Monthly Hours Report



March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 General Body Meeting @ 6:30 PM	9	10	11 CPR/First Aid @ 8:00 AM
12 Daylight Savings Time Starts	13	14	15	16 St. Urho's Day	17 St. Patrick's Day	18
19	20	21 JATC Meeting @ 4:00PM	22 E-Board Meeting @ 6:00PM	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



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