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Building Stronger Partnerships:

As we enter the month of June, let us use this time to celebrate our recent achievements and look ahead to the exciting opportunities that are ahead of us.

I am thrilled to share some exciting news with all of you. Our dedicated and hardworking organizer, Michael Brown, has achieved a significant milestone in his efforts to expand our Union's reach. I am proud to announce that as of Friday, June 2nd, Cyclops Electric, owned by John Kenner, has officially signed on to become a IBEW Local 234 Union contractor.

This partnership with Cyclops Electric marks a significant step forward for our Union and opens up new avenues for growth and opportunities. John Kenner, along with his two employees, has built a remarkable reputation for delivering exceptional electrical work, particularly at the UC Santa Cruz campus. Their commitment to quality and professionalism aligns perfectly with the values and standards upheld by IBEW Local 234.

I want to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Michael Brown for his dedication and perseverance in establishing this partnership. His efforts have proven instrumental in bringing about this positive development. Michael's hard work, along with the support of our entire team, has contributed to expanding our Union's influence and ensuring that more workers can benefit from the advantages of Union membership.

As we move forward, I am confident that our partnership with Cyclops Electric will pave the way for continued growth and success. By joining forces, we can enhance our collective bargaining power, improve working conditions, and provide better opportunities for all electrical workers in our community.

I want to express my gratitude to John Kenner and his team at Cyclops Electric for recognizing the value of our partnership. Together, we will continue to uphold the highest standards of excellence and professionalism in the electrical industry.

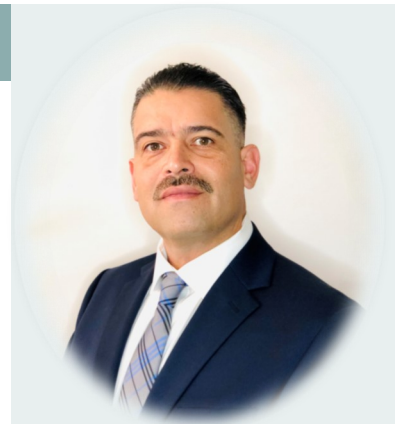
As we celebrate this milestone, let us also remember the importance of unity within our Union. Together, we are stronger, and together, we will continue to advocate for the rights and well-being of electrical workers throughout our region.

Thank you all for your unwavering support and commitment to our Union. I look forward to the continued growth and success!

In solidarity,

Paul G

Business Manager
Local 234



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Graduation 2023!
- Work Picture
- June 10th CPR / First Aid

CELEBRATING THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2023

Navigating Success: New Member Orientation

We want to remind you about the upcoming New Member Orientation, scheduled to take place on Wednesday, June 14, at 5:00. This orientation is an excellent opportunity for you to gain a deeper understanding of the various aspects of our Union and navigate the processes that are integral to your membership.

During the orientation, we will cover a range of important topics, including benefits, retirement plans, and other essential aspects of being a member of IBEW Local 234. This comprehensive session will provide you with valuable information and insights to help you make the most of your Union membership.

We want to extend a warm invitation to all new members, as well as their spouses, to attend this informative orientation. We believe that by including spouses in the process, we can ensure that everyone is well-informed and can actively participate in the benefits and opportunities that our Union provides.

We look forward to welcoming you to this important event and helping you navigate the exciting journey ahead as a member of IBEW Local 234.

To RSVP for the New Member Orientation, please contact Mike Brown at 831-731-0927

What a night! I am delighted to share with you a recap of the unforgettable graduation ceremony for the remarkable graduating Class of 2023. Held at the prestigious Hyatt Regency in Monterey, it was an evening filled with joy, celebration, and a true sense of camaraderie.

Our special guest speaker, Eric Rood, Chief of the Division of Apprenticeship Standards, delivered an inspiring address that resonated with all in attendance. His words echoed the importance of apprenticeship programs and the significant role they play in shaping the future of our industry. We are grateful for his valuable insights and the impact his presence had on this momentous occasion.

Throughout the evening, the atmosphere was filled with excitement and

pride. The graduates, their families, friends, and fellow Union members came together to honor the incredible achievements of our apprentices. It was a time to reflect on the journey they have undertaken, the sacrifices they have made, and the dedication they have shown to become Journeymen Wiremen.

It was our privilege to recognize the Outstanding Apprentice, Darien Rosbach for his extraordinary work throughout his apprenticeship. Darien's exceptional skills, work ethic, and dedication to the craft have set him apart. He serves as an inspiration to his peers and a shining example of the high standards we strive for within our Union.

As we gathered that evening, we celebrated not only the achieve-

ments of the graduates but also the unwavering support of their families and loved ones. Their encouragement, sacrifices, and unwavering belief in the potential of our apprentices have been instrumental in their success. We extend our deepest gratitude to all who have stood by their side, providing guidance and motivation along the way.

Thank you to all who attended and contributed to this unforgettable evening. Together, we have created cherished memories that will be etched in our hearts forever. Let us continue to support and uplift one another as we forge ahead, united in our commitment to excellence and the continued growth of our Union.

Congratulations to our Class of 2023!

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CONSISTENT DEMAND AND PROMISING OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD

As we look back on the month of May, I am delighted to share some positive news regarding our work picture. Our local construction industry continues to be resilient, and I am happy to report that we received a total of 32 calls for Journeyman Wiremen (23 long/ 9 short) during this period.

This significant demand for skilled electricians is a testament to the reputation and expertise that our Union Members possess. Your commitment to delivering high-quality work and upholding the values of IBEW Local 234 is commendable. I want to express my appreciation for your professionalism and dedication, which have positioned us strongly within the industry.

Thank you for your hard work, dedication, and commitment to excellence.

EMPOWERING UNION MEMBERS: CONTRACTOR COURSE COMING TO IBEW LOCAL 234

We have an exciting update to share with you that builds upon our commitment to fostering growth and opportunities within our Union. After an overwhelming level of interest in our Contractor Development Training initiative, we have made the decision to bring the esteemed contractor course conducted by Matt Kulbinsky of Pro Union Consulting, right here to IBEW Local 234!

In the past, our option would be to send our members to other Locals to receive training, but we recognized the immense potential within our own ranks. By hosting the contractor course here at Local 234, we can cultivate a greater number of Members and empower them to become homegrown contractors. This not only benefits our Members personally but also strengthens the foundation of our local Union.

The course, led by renowned expert Matt Kulbinsky, will provide a comprehensive understanding of the intricacies of the Electrical Contracting business. From business management to legal considerations, marketing strategies to estimating and bidding, this course covers it all. By participating in this program, you will gain the knowledge and skills necessary to start your own contracting businesses and thrive in the industry.



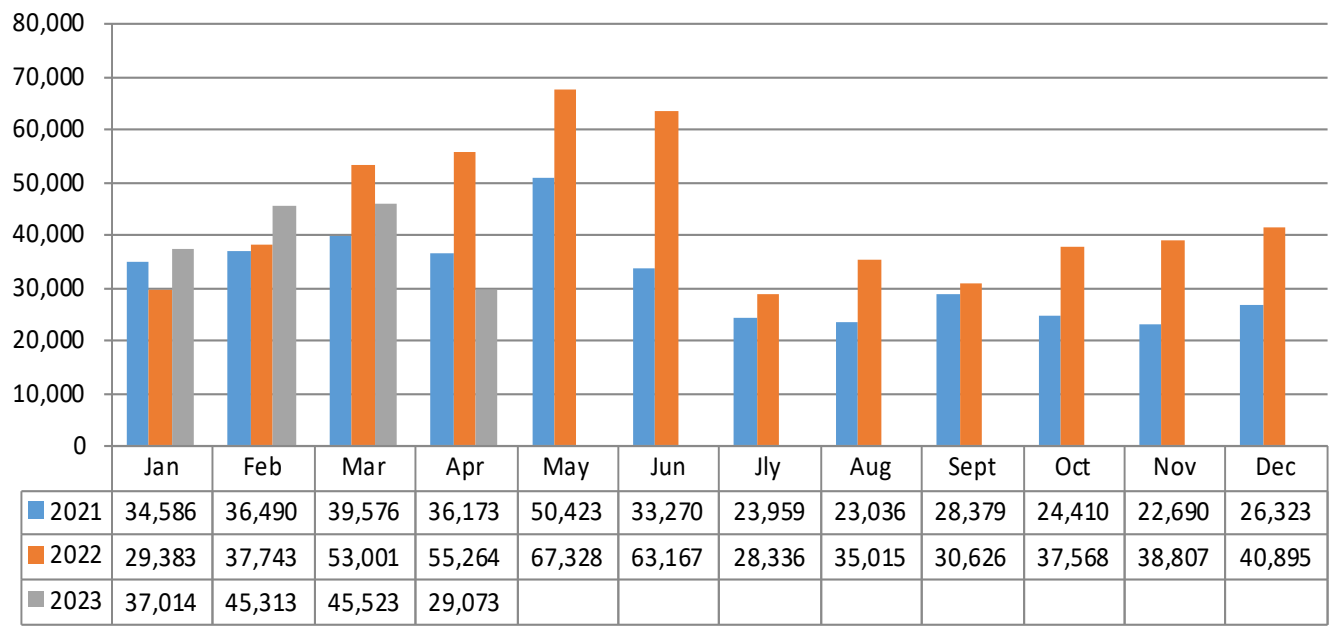
By cultivating homegrown contractors from within our ranks, we foster a sense of unity and solidarity. It allows us to keep valuable skills and expertise within our Local, benefiting not only our Members but also the broader Community we serve. As we continue to expand and diversify our services, having a strong network of qualified and skilled contractors will further enhance our collective success.

We have already begun the necessary preparations to secure dates for the contractor course January 22-26th of 2024. Stay tuned for more details and registration information, as this is an opportunity you won't want to miss.

Happy June Birthdays!

John Aguilar
Michael Alexiou
Robert Alustiza
Noe J. Arana,
John M. Balducci
James C. Bennett,
Jeremy Bigman
Bryon Borchard,
Edward Bowles
Michael T. Brown
Robert W. Cole
Henry Cortez II
Robert Cosio
Alex A. Costes Jr.
Bryan N. Craddock
Tyler J. Daly
Alphons De Vos
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Richard M. Greenlaw
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Michael J. Mangrum
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Juan M. Palacios
Aladdin C. Preston
Frank I. Rodriguez
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James F. Stanchfield
Chris A. Swim
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Randall M. Tracey
Lance Van Der Linden
Gregory L. Van Deusen
Philip M. Villandeda Jr.
Michael T. Zrodio

MONTHLY HOURS REPORT



MONTHLY LOCAL 234 CALENDAR

June 2023

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

Tri-County Electrical JATC Training News

Upcoming Classes:

A CPR/First Aid: This class is scheduled for June 10, 2023 @ 8:00 AM—1:00 PM—Class is open to all Instructor Merralinda Goddard will be teaching the basics of First Aid and CPR. *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

Fluke Class: This class is being rescheduled—everyone on the sign-up sheet will be notified of the new date shortly.

Foreman Development Series: The series begins on Saturday, July 8th from 8am –3pm with instructor Ryan Porter. Please note that space is limited to 10 and sign-up is required. NO DROP-INS. Also note that you may take as many classes as in the series as you'd like however to get a certification, you must complete all 16 modules (there will be 2 modules completed per class). Please contact Damaris in the JATC office to get your name on the list at (831) 633-3063.

EVITP Test Proctoring: June 17th 2023

Class completions:

OSHA 10 April / May

Jasper Gonzalez

Priscilla Cerna

Angel Mendoza

Jonas Delgado-Hurtado

Dave Alonzo

Felix Cortez

Armando Munoz

David Salinas

Jose Gomez

Oscar Rivero

Amauri Arista

Jose Castaneda

Joseph Reyna

Noe Arana

Michael Bradley

Michael Julian



IBEW OBJECTIVES

The objects of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers are:

- ♦ To organize all workers in the entire electrical industry in the United States and Canada, including all those in public utilities and electrical manufacturing, into local unions,
- ♦ To cultivate feelings of friendship among those of our industry,
- ♦ To settle all disputes between employer and employees by arbitration (if possible),
- ♦ To assist each other in sickness and distress,
- ♦ To secure employment,
- ♦ To reduce the hours of daily labor,
- ♦ To secure adequate pay for our work,
- ♦ To seek a higher and higher standard of living,
- ♦ And by legal and proper means to elevate the moral, intellectual and social conditions of our members, their families and dependents, in the interest of a higher standard of citizenship.

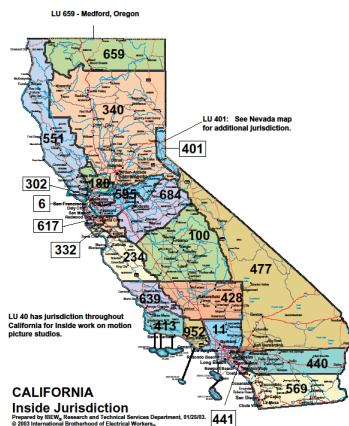
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WE SEE US AGAIN, NEXT MONTH!

Strength does not come from winning. Your struggles develop your strengths. When you go through hardships and decide not to surrender, that is strength.

-Arnold Schwarzenegger



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