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## **UNION MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017**



### **WORK PICTURE**

With a couple of months left of the winter season and a plentiful Spring forecasted in the ways of projected construction, all in all, everything is not looking too bad. I have talked to many of our local contracting partners as well as some from other areas and they are interested in pursuing some of the work scheduled in our jurisdiction for later this year. There continues to be a need for skilled construction tradesmen nationwide.

We currently have 30 men on Book 1 and the majority of these members are working in other jurisdictions on projects that are working time with many opportunities for larger earning potential. Many of these Brothers can be reached over the phone for job specifics if anybody is interested. Please give me a call at the Hall and we'll go from there.

Local 22, Omaha, NE and Local 347, Des Moines, IA are two of our sister locals with good books to sign. Local 46, Seattle, WA, Local 76, Tacoma, WA and Local 332, San Jose, CA have open calls and are in need of Journeymen Wiremen and have been so for a while now. If you are interested in learning more on the opportuni-



### **REGISTER WITH ERTS**

If you are sent out of town by your employer, please make sure that you are registered with ERTS, the IBEW/NECA Electronic Reciprocal Transfer System. Call the Hall and we can check to make sure you are registered and if you aren't we can register you. This will ensure that your Health and Welfare and Pension benefits are sent to your funds with Local 231.

Call us if you have any questions.

### **2016 WALL OF FAME WINNERS**

Congratulations to William Bliven, Robert Earley and William Ferguson Sr. These men were chosen by their peers in recognition for their contributions and sacrifices while serving within different roles throughout their membership within Local 231, IBEW.

The vote tallies were within one or two votes on who would be chosen as the 2016 Wall of Fame inductees. I am in need of an 8 X 10 photo that these men's families would be proud to have displayed within the walls of Local 231 forever!

These men are joining the previous year's winners in this, the most prestigious recognition platform, within all of IBEW Local 231!

Congratulations and thank you for all you do and have done for the greatest Union of them all.

### **SEMI-ANNUAL PENSION MEETING**

Investment Consulting Group will hold 1/2 hour individual meetings at the Hall from 1:00 to 4:00 PM, with a group meeting starting at 4:30 on February 21st.

Please call the Hall to set up a meeting with Ross Stanforth.

### **SOUP KITCHEN SCHEDULE REMINDER FOR 2017**

If you volunteer for the Soup Kitchen or would like to, listed below are the dates we serve this year. Be at the Soup Kitchen at 5:00 P.M. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

The dates are as follows: March 22, June 21, September 20 and December 20th.

### **CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES**

#### **WHAT: PLC CLASS**

**WHEN:** March 21 and 22, 2017

**TIME:** 5:30-8:30 P.M. Each Day

**WHERE:** Local 231's Hall

Limited to 12 people.

Bring a lap top with Windows 7 or 10, if possible.

Please call the Hall to register since space is limited.



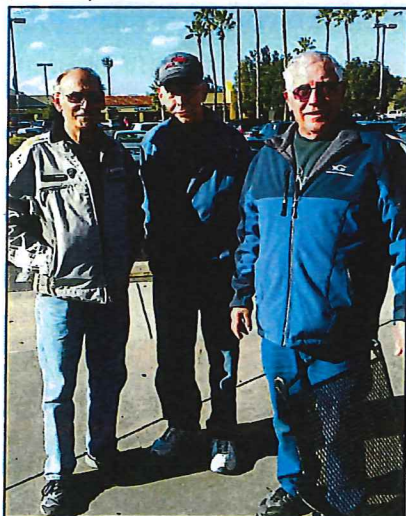
Local 231 extends its sympathy to the family and friends of Retiree Lindy Rich and Mike Rich on the loss of their wife and mother, Renee.

Renee K. Rich, 66 of Dakota City passed away Saturday, January 7, 2017 at a Lincoln, Nebraska Hospital.

Renee Kay Rich was born April 20, 1950 in Sioux City the daughter of Oscar and Lela (Stansberry) Bartolozzi. She graduated from high school. She married Lindy L. Rich November 16, 1968 in the Assembly of God Church in South Sioux City.

She was a member of and very active in the River Hills Church. She was a loving hard working Mom who loved family and spoiled her grandchildren.

She will be greatly missed.



Retirees Larry Neilsen, Gordon Johnson and Bayne Linden catch up with each other in Arizona.



## OLD FRIEND STOPPED IN

Retiree Ron Wauhob blessed the office by paying us a visit on his way back to Nashville, Tennessee. Ron's love for music, songs, and people finds him befriending many people within the music industry. He has helped Brother Chad Bruneau in winning the Siouxland Idol Contest locally as well as through contacts and friends all across America.

He is currently working with a man named Todd Bodenhiemer and he's projected to be on The Voice and/or America's Got Talent TV programs this next season. Ron has asked that the members remember Todd if they find themselves watching these programs and he believes that you will find him deserving of your vote.



## LOCAL 231'S CENTENNIAL T'S

IBEW Local 231 Centennial T-Shirts have arrived and will soon be available for pickup. At the end of 2016 the body voted at a Union meeting to allow every member in good standing, as well as our retired Heroes the ability to receive one of these free of charge. Deb has taken size requests for the past couple months and put the order in. We did not receive t-shirt requests from everybody, but finally placed the order with the size information that was submitted.

We also have many very nice ball caps, t-shirts and other clothing apparel on display and for sale. **If you are interested in wearing the same clothes as all the cool kids, you better visit us soon!** These items will probably be flying off the shelves now that the word is out!

## MEMBERS WITH DELINQUENT UNION DUES

These members are behind for Dec., Jan. & Feb.: **Rod Bartels, Alan Bermudez, Dave Cancino, Sam Irish Jr., Josh Jones, Dave May, Dallas Mitchell, Ron Nelson, Tim Paul, Ben Polak, Leathen Richards, Dustin Scott, John Swanberg and Ryan West.** If payment is received before February 28th the \$30.00 reinstatement fee will be dropped.

These members are behind for Nov., Dec., Jan. & Feb.: **Chad Bruneau, Kalen Kluender, Mark Oberg, Matt Schooley, Steve Schram, Gregg Stalcup, Ryan Vakulskas, Tony Vaul and Tyler Walsh.** You now owe the \$30.00 reinstatement fee.

This member is behind for Oct., Nov., Dec., Jan. & Feb.: **Ray Kiefer.** You now owe the \$30.00 reinstatement fee.

These members are behind for Sep., Oct., Nov., Dec., Jan. & Feb.: **Lucas Fields, Tyler Gill and Josh Myers.** You now owe the \$30.00 reinstatement fee.



## ORGANIZER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This month I have continued with my top down visits in the Yankton, Cherokee, and Denison and the counties up north. I keep exploring these areas and have had good conversations with other electricians and contractors.

Northwest Iowa Building Trades presented the qualified bidder for review to the Sioux City School Board. The school board meets every other week, so we will be asking them to add us to their agenda in the upcoming month.

Iowa State Building Trades will be having their annual convention this month in Des Moines. I have the opportunity to represent the Northwest Iowa Building Trades.

The last days of February I will also be attending the 11<sup>th</sup> District Membership Development. I look forward to the workshops and sharing ideas with locals to get their perspective. This year's meeting will be in Omaha. It is nice to have it close to home for a change.

Craig Levine  
Membership Development Director

## APTITUDE TESTS SCHEDULED

Sioux City Electrical JATC had the aptitude test on January 27th. Another test is scheduled just prior to the interviews. April 14th another aptitude test is scheduled. Interviews will be in May.

Please let anyone you know who has expressed an interest in getting into the apprenticeship and they must get their request for an application in as soon as possible!

## REMINDERS

Dues are \$39.00 per month for 2017. If you are more than three month's behind in dues, there is a \$30.00 reinstatement fee charged by the I.O.

Make sure you're current on Death Benefits.

Visit Local 231's website at [www.ibew231.com](http://www.ibew231.com) or [www.ibew231.net](http://www.ibew231.net) or [www.ibew231.org](http://www.ibew231.org). The site has been updated.

Visit Sioux City Electrical JATC's website at [scjatc.org](http://scjatc.org). Continuing Education class, information on apprenticeship and much more can be found on their site.

If you need to change your beneficiary information, please contact the Hall.

If you have a change of address, please notify the Hall.



## NEW FACE AT LOCAL 231

There is a new face you will be seeing here at the Union Hall. I would like to introduce our new part time secretary, Virginia Masters to the membership.

Virginia and Debby have been friends for years and share the same interests and love for dancing as well as the utmost desire to insure our membership with the very best in regards to our members' well being and livelihood.

Virginia has been with us for a month and I am very pleased with all she brings to the table for the members. It is my goal to help in alleviating some of the work load off of Debby, while in providing the membership nothing but the best in the services performed on their behalf.

I would also like to publically thank our secretary Debby Spencer, organizer Craig Levine and part time secretary Virginia Masters for everything they do every day for the members. These staff members give their all always, in all they do and I am very proud of them and believe they are the best at what they do throughout our industry.



John Young and Sean Harral were introduced to each other this past month at the Hall.





We recently came across this picture and would like to have help in identifying the union members.

The plaque is a "Safety Award". It might be from the Power House days.



#### **BYLAWS CHANGE RULES:**

- Any member wishing to make a Bylaws change proposal must introduce the issue at a regular union meeting under the topic of New Business. The member must submit the proposal in writing to the Local 231 President while discussions are ongoing during the topic of New Business. The proposal must contain the specific heading and section as to where the current Bylaws language is located that is to be changed.

- The President will read the proposed language change exactly as supplied and remind those in attendance that no discussion is to take place regarding the proposed change at this meeting.

- The Business Manager will then notify the membership of the proposed Bylaws change by mailing a letter or as an article within the monthly newsletter. The letter will contain the current Bylaws section and verbiage along with the proposed language change.

- When the proposed question is in regards to assessments, admission fees or dues, the letter must be mailed out no later than 20 days prior to the meeting where question will be considered. Voting shall be done by secret ballot when issue in question is in regard to assessments, admission fees or dues and can be done by a show of hands, voice vote or secret ballot when issue is in regards to any other issue in consideration.

- A simple majority vote by those in attendance at this second meeting will decide the question. A motion from any member in attendance can make a motion as to how the voting is to take place and with a second and a simple majority vote, this will be how the vote will be conducted.

- Upon a successful vote to change any Bylaws language, the Business Manager will forward the Local's action to the 11<sup>th</sup> District Vice President for International approval to ensure that the Bylaws change is not in conflict with the IBEW Constitution and or laws that govern the organization.

- If question is not in conflict with these, the International President's office will notify the local union by CD a written permission to be held as a permanent record within the local union. If the question is in conflict with these, the International President's office will notify the local union that the proposed Bylaws change is not acceptable through the International and that the current Bylaws language in record prior to the request to change will remain in full force and effect.