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PROUD UNION
to be

UNION MEETING
THURSDAY,
AUGUST 3, 2017
at 7:00 pm

WORK PICTURE

The local work picture remains very strong and looks as though it should remain so for the near future. Our sister locals are also very busy and in need of qualified craftsmen as well. Local 22-Omaha, Local 347- Des Moines, and Local 704-Dubuque are all in need and would make for great books to sign if you are wanting to get away for a bit. Please give me a call at the Union Hall for specifics for these or other locals.

NEW UNION MEMBERS

Be sure to congratulate our brothers!

Brandon Klemmensen - Kevin O'Dell Electric

Jimmy Reising - Nystrom Electric

Colin Smith -Thompson Teledata

David May - 2nd year apprentice at
Thompson Electric

TKC EYE CARE FAMILY VISION PLAN MEMBERSHIP

The TKC Eye Care membership is a cost savings benefit available to our Union members. This year's 2017-2018 membership card and plan description is enclosed.

The membership offers discounts on eye exams, frames, and lenses at participating locations. Simply present the membership card at the time of purchase.



APPRENTICE REMINDERS

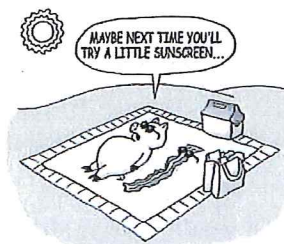
- * There is a mandatory All-Apprentice Meeting scheduled on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be held on the campus of WITCC in the Robert E Dunker Student Center, Room W-108A.
- * Apprenticeship classes for fourth through first year apprentices are scheduled to begin the week of September 4th, 2017. Fifth year apprentices will start classes on Monday, September 11, 2017.
- * Books will be available for pick-up on August 30th, 31st, and September 1st from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The administrative fee/cost for the books is \$658.00 due at the time of pick up. Payment can be made with cash, check, or money order.
- * Apprentice State licensing: The Electrician Licensing program requires electricians to be licensed, and offers several licensing categories. Those beginning the electrical industry will apply for the Apprentice license. Licensing information can be found at www.dps.state.ia.us/fm/electrician/licensing.

If you have any questions, you can contact Training Director, Rick Moon.

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The Union is not a fee-for-service organization, it is a family.—Sue Carney, APWU Director of Human Relations



Local 231 extends its condolences to the family and friends of our retired Brother James W. Farley. He passed away Monday, July 4, 2017 at his home in Le Mars, Iowa.

Jim was born on March 2, 1943 in Riverside, California, the son of Winifred and Myrna (Marienau) Farley.

He attended high school in Le Mars and graduated in 1961. Before graduating from high school, Jim began working for Plymouth R.E.C. He would continue with the company his entire career, working as a lineman, foreman, and service technician. He retired from Northwest R.E.C. after 43 years of service.

He was united in marriage to Ruth Ewers on October 3, 1964 at Plymouth Presbyterian United Church of Christ, rural Le Mars. He was a member of the Presbyterian United Church of Christ in Le Mars where he served as an elder, deacon, and usher. He was also a member of the I.B.E.W. #231 in Sioux City.

Jim enjoyed boating, camping, fishing, and taking family vacations. He and Ruth also enjoyed playing in several pinochle card clubs over the years. In his later years, he enjoyed attending auctions. Jim will be remembered for his friendship to many and his willingness to help others.

ORGANIZER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Brothers and Sisters,

In July, I had our first Job Fair. We sent out direct mail, advertised on TV, radio and social media. You probably have seen the commercials. We spent a week mapping our jurisdiction and a week visiting the job sites and talking with the electricians. This has been successful in other areas, and has several benefits. We are able to find out what areas have the most work. This makes our presence known throughout our 26 counties. We have face to face time with the unrepresented workers, and it helps to get them to consider a career as a Union electrician. We work with other local's organizers and are able to spend time with them and share ideas. We work with our NECA partners on these occasions. This helps make the transition to working for a signatory contractor easier. When we work together, we only get stronger.

This month, I will be working with the construction wiremen. I want to make sure they not only know the benefits of being an IBEW member, but also know how to move forward in their career as an IBEW inside wireman. I also ask for your help in this. If you are working with a CW, take the time to let them know how important it is to be an IBEW member.

At the end of August is the Membership Development conference; I always learn something new and look forward to attending every year. This year, I will also be taking an advanced course in organizer training.

Fraternally Yours,
Craig Levine

MEMBERS WITH DELINQUENT UNION DUES

These members are behind for June, July, & August: **Alan Bermudez, Zackery Hansen, Christopher Huber, Scott Jessen, Joshua Myers, Tim Paul, James Peterson, Leathen Richards, Steven Schram, Richard Seiler, Troy Skokan, John Swanberg, & William Zeman.** If payment is received before August 31st. the \$30.00 reinstatement fee will be dropped.

These members are behind for May, June, July, & August: **Jeremy Bauer, Daniel Bohlken, Samuel Irish, Anthony Lane, Anthony Vaul, Andrew Vaul, & Jason Ward.** You now owe the \$30.00 reinstatement fee.

These members are behind for April, May, June, July, & August: **Jonathan Cornish, Shannon Fitch, Tyler Gill, Kalen Kluender, Richard Martin, Mark Oberg, & Dale Parker.** You now owe the \$30.00 reinstatement fee.

These members are behind for Mar., April, May, June, July, & August: **Dustin Scott, and Shawn Winter.** You now owe the \$30.00 reinstatement fee.

THE IMPORTANCE OF PAYING DUES UNTIL RETIREMENT

Did you know if you take an early retirement or reach retirement age and stop paying your monthly dues for six months, that you will be dropped from your membership?

"A" members who are dropped from membership forfeit all accrued pension and death benefits from the PBF (Pension Benefit Fund). To remain eligible, a member must maintain continuous good standing by paying dues monthly or quarterly until the member is placed on PBF pension.

It is important to continue to pay the dues until you are placed on PBF and receive an approval letter.

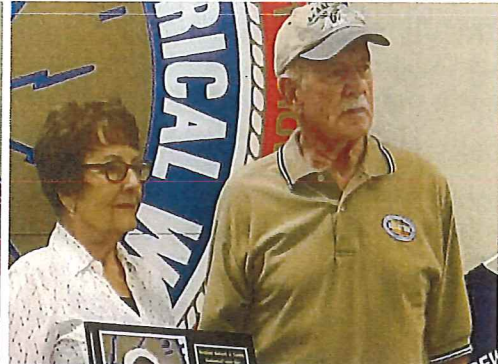
Some of the kinds of benefits payable by the plan, the basic requirements for eligibility, and conditions relating to ineligibility are summarized below. Further kinds of benefits payable will be on next month's newsletter.

1. **Normal Pension.** An "A" member of the IBEW in continuous good standing with five (5) or more years immediately preceding his or her application, who has attained the age of sixty-five (65) years, shall receive pension benefits computed on the basis of four dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50) per month for each full year of such continuous "A" membership. If a member's benefit will be \$30.00 or less, the member shall receive a one-time lump sum payment that will be the actuarial equivalent of the benefit otherwise payable.
2. **Optional Early Retirement Pension.** An "A" member of the IBEW in continuous good standing with twenty (20) or more years immediately preceding his or her application, who has attained the age of sixty-two (62) years, may elect to receive reduced pension benefits as long as he or she lives, computed on the basis of four dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50) per month for each full year of such continuous "A" membership, reduced by six and two-thirds percent (6 2/3%) for each year or part thereof the said "A" member was under the age of sixty-five (65) at the date of his or her retirement. The election of this option must be made on a form prescribed by the I.S.T. and will become effective on the date he or she is placed on pension. The election of this option shall be irrevocable. If a member's benefit will be \$30.00 or less, the rules set forth in Section 1 shall apply.
3. **Disability Pension.** An "A" member of the IBEW who is totally disabled on or after January 1, 2007 and who has continuous good standing of twenty (20) or more years immediately preceding his or her application shall receive disability pension benefits, computed on the basis of four dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50) per month for each full year of such continuous "A" membership. If a member was totally disabled prior to or on December 31, 2006, the member's benefits will be based on rates that were in effect at the time of the disability. For members who return to work for a period of time, and whose disability subsequently recommences, if the International Executive Council (I.E.C.) determines that total disability has recommenced within a period less than nine (9) months after the end of the prior period of disability, the disability pensioner need not reapply for benefits, but may resume disability retirement upon written notice to the I.S.T. However, if the period of time is more than nine (9) months after the end of the prior period of disability, the member who seeks reinstatement to total disability pension benefits shall submit an application in accordance with the disability procedures below. For purposes of the Disability Pension, the Optional Spouse's Benefit, discussed immediately below, shall be paid to the surviving spouse only if the "A" member was receiving the Disability Pension at the time of his death or within the nine (9) months after the end of a prior period of disability.

Further information of the summary plan description can be found at www.IBEW.org/links, additionally you may email the pension department directly at pension@ibew.org. Please include your full name, local Union and card number with all inquiries.

We must indeed all hang together, or, most assuredly, we shall all hang separately.—Benjamin Franklin, July 4, 1776

PLAQUE PRESENTATION TO THE 2016 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



Retired Brother Bill Bliven with his wife Linda

Retired Brother Bob Earley with his wife Sally

Brother Bill & Rob Ferguson accepting on behalf of their father William Ferguson



Swearing in of new members L-R: Jordon Dunn, Aaron Gaar, Eric Norton, & Cody Fuehrer.

Brother William Ferguson swears in the newly elected officers. L-R: Kreg Schultz, Ron Girmsley, Troy Pojar, Tim Miller, Debby Spencer, Jason Bowman, Rob Ferguson & Doug Bryson.

Brother Ron Girmsley swears in William Ferguson as newly elected Recording Secretary.



JOB FAIR AT THE MARINA WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

