



International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 234

IBEW Local 234

Newsletter

June 2010

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**The Electrical Workers Union for Monterey,
San Benito, and Santa Cruz County**

Business Manager's Report by Ken Scherpinski

The summer months are here and with the warming of the weather I am cautiously optimistic about the job market for our tri-county area. There will be projects spread through all three counties including some solar work with Rosendin for Hollister Schools and a waste water plant. I would also like to ask each member seeking employment to think about expanding your choices for work opportunities in all regions. We currently have 37 on Book I, 69 on Book II, 5 on Book III and 1 on Book IV.

California elections are heating up. Two races to focus on are the 27th Assembly seat and the 15th District Senate seat. For the 27th Assembly seat we have a chance to elect Luis Alejo (D) from Watsonville who has worked hard during his political career for labor and working people. He is the best candidate and will give us a stronger voice in Sacramento and work to protect our interests as union members. The second is going to be a special election for the senate seat vacated by Abel Maldonado. John Laird, a onetime Assembly member in our district who termed out, has been a friend willing to go to bat on issues important to the working families of our region. If elected, John would hold the seat that would give us a 2/3 majority to help get our budget on track and move

for a majority approval process for future budgets. He would also get us away from the cycle of abuse we now encounter from Republican elected politicians when we work to get the state budget passed. Since this particular election won't be on the same schedule as the regular ballots there probably will not be much voter turn out. Pay special attention when you receive these mail in ballots or any information about senate seat District 15 (S.D. 15). Please help in supporting a much needed change in California politics and vote for John Laird (S.D. 15).

It is my honor to officially congratulate our graduating 5th year class. I am excited for these newly christened journeyman wireman, our future leaders. I know they will represent the IBEW with the highest standards for years to come.

Our local had their nominations for officers last month. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the membership for their vote of confidence in extending the leadership another three years. Our local has made great strides in becoming a voice in our community. With improved political partnership, better contractor relationships, more involvement with other labor unions as well as our sister IBEW locals, we have prepared and positioned our membership to take advantage of future work opportunities. My work for the membership has yielded many rewards but I have much more work ahead to keep Local 234 in the forefront for new customers, new technologies, and growth with the emerging construction markets.

Register to Vote

Are you registered to vote? The last day to register to vote in the June Primary was Monday, May 24th. If you need to register or re-register go to the Secretary of State website at <http://bit.ly/9a2RT2>

Election Day is June 8th

The **Monterey/Santa Cruz Building and Construction Trades Council** has made the following political endorsements for the June 8, 2010 Election:

State Offices:

Alberto Torrico for Attorney General

Tom Torlakson for California Superintendent of Public Instruction

Luis Alejo for State Assembly, District 28

Monterey County Offices:

Lou Calcagno for 2nd District County Supervisor

Donna Alonzo Vaughan for Monterey County Superintendent of Schools

Santa Cruz County Offices:

Neal Coonerty for 3rd District County Supervisor

Tony Campos for 4th District County Supervisor

Phil Crawford for Superior Court Judge, Seat 3

The **Monterey Bay Central Labor Council** has endorsed the following candidates for the June 8th, 2010 election:

Anna Eshoo – US House – District 14

Sam Farr – US House – District 17

Anna Caballero – State Senate – District 12

Bill Monning – State Assembly – District 27

Luis Alejo – State Assembly – District 28

Lou Calcagno-Monterey County Supervisor – District 2

Donna Alonzo Vaughan – Monterey County Superintendent of Schools

Mary Mangels Zeeb – Monterey Treasurer

Vote NO on incumbent Sheriff Mike Kanalakis – “Anybody But Mike”

Fred Garcia & Scott Miller - Dual Endorsement - Monterey Co. Sheriff

Santa Cruz County Supervisor Neal Coonerty – District 3

Santa Cruz County Supervisor Tony Campos – District 4

Phil Crawford – Santa Cruz Superior Court – Office 3

Rebecca Connolly & Steve Wright – Dual Endorsement – Santa Cruz Superior Court – Office 10



State Propositions

YES - Proposition 13 – Tax Assessment for Seismic Retrofit

NO – Proposition 14 – Top Two Primary

YES – Proposition 15 – California Fair Elections Act

NO – Proposition 16 - Two-Thirds Approval for Public Power

NO – Proposition 17 – Alter Auto Insurance Company Regulations

OFFICIAL NOTICE—Elections

Local Union 234, IBEW

June 2010

The following Local 234 members were nominated for office at the May 12, 2010 general membership meeting:

President—Andy Hartmann

Vice President—Chris Kiner

Recording Secretary—Stephen Slovacek

Financial Secretary/Business Manager and Delegate to International Convention—Ken Scherpinski

Treasurer—Dennis “Mike” Ihnot

Executive Board (4 positions) - Anthony Davis, Juan Dominguez, Andy Gattis, Rick Keaton, and Richard “Rip” Smith

Examining Board (5 positions) - no nominations

Alternate Delegate to International Convention—Dennis “Mike” Ihnot



The election shall be conducted by mail ballot, and ballots shall be counted beginning at 10:30 a.m. on June 19, 2010. All members in good standing shall be mailed a ballot not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the above-specified date. Ballots received after the close of business on June 18, 2010 will not be counted. Instructions on the use of the mail ballot will be enclosed with the ballot.

Candidates shall be entitled to an observer at the polling place and during the counting of the ballots. Observers may not interfere with the orderly procedure of the election. There shall be no campaigning or electioneering at the polls or within fifty (50) feet from the entrance to the polling place. No postings except for instructions shall be permitted at the polling place.

In the event a runoff election is required, same shall be held on July 10, 2010. The same rules shall apply to the runoff election as were applicable to the regular election. Members who requested an absentee ballot for the regular election will automatically receive same for the runoff.

All officers shall be installed and begin their three (3) year terms at the regular meeting of the local union on July 14, 2010.

Any member who believes a protest of the election is warranted during the conduct of the election is urged to contact the election judge. Further protests of the election may be filed in writing with the International Vice President of the district within thirty (30) days following the election. The decision of the International Vice President shall conclude the processing of a protest within the IBEW. In the event the protesting member is not satisfied with the decision of the International Vice President, the member may submit his/her protest to the U.S. Department of Labor.

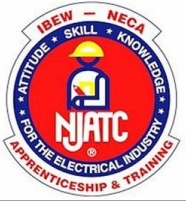
Senate District 15 Special Election

A federal court recently announced the special election to replace Senator Abel Maldonado of District 15 will proceed as planned on June 22, despite being contested and a costly endeavor in a cash strapped state.

If a Democrat wins this seat it could put the Senate within one seat of having a two-thirds majority needed to pass legislation.

Running for SD15 is John Laird. John Laird, an educator, former Mayor, Community College Trustee and Assembly member, is the only Democrat running. John Laird is endorsed by the Monterey Bay Central Labor Council. For more information on John Laird visit his website at www.lairdforsenate.com.





JATC Training News

By Ed Sudyka

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The Electrical Workers Union for Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz County

The Graduating Class of 2010

Congratulations are in order for the following apprentices who are being honored on the evening of June 11, 2010 for their completion of 5 years of schooling in the Inside Electrical Apprenticeship program:

Christopher Burditt

Willie Dietz

Martin Jara

Tony Lazaro

Steven Luiz

Scott McGrath

Jose Parra

Keith Rudd

Will Rust

Tyson Towles

Manual Valdez

Bonding Separately Derived Systems Class: i.e: Transformers!



Would you know how to properly bond this transformer if you were assigned to do so on the job? Where do you make the neutral to ground connection? In the transformer, or in the panel? Or both? Do you have to run a grounding conductor to building steel? To the cold water pipe? Do you need a ground rod? What size wire do you use for these bonding connections?

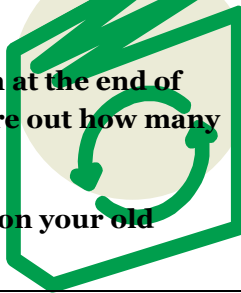
Would you like to make **sure** you know how to perform this task? So you don't cause electrical problems?

Learn to bond separately derived systems according to the code by attending this **one night 3 hour** class on **Monday June 7 starting at 6 p.m.** Instructor and Building Official Mike Stone will be leading the class. Don't delay... sign up today! 633-3063

APPRENTICES! Did you forget to turn in your recyclable books at the end of the school year?

It's not too late! The book order goes in at the end of June, so Ed has a few weeks left to figure out how many books will be able to be recycled...

Call and let him know if he can depend on your old books!



California Advanced Lighting Controls Training Program class (CALCTP)

The wheels of progress are turning on getting this class on the schedule and here in Castroville later this summer. If you'd still like to sign up for this class, call us. If you'd like an advance look at the class topics and do your prerequisite reading assignment, go to:

<http://bit.ly/dhEBhC>

Comprehensive Facility Energy Audit Class

Class Objective: To position contractors at the forefront of the rapidly expanding green energy sector by educating and training electrical contractors, staff, and electricians to **Conduct Comprehensive Facility Energy Audits.** Why?

New construction has declined and green energy projects create new work

Energy auditing positions NECA contractors as leaders in green energy skills, and is a **key gateway** to procuring energy efficiency and renewable energy projects

Energy efficiency is projected to become a **\$2-4 Trillion industry**

Class Content: Attendees learn **Electrical, Mechanical and Building Envelope system audit skills**, and how to apply them.

Sound interesting? The JATC would like to know how many of you **are** interested in learning this new skill! We may be sponsoring this class if enough of you express interest. Call 633-3063 or email me to let me know!

California Solar Training and Certification Next Testing Opportunity: Saturday July 17 at 8 a.m.

Did you attend one of L.A. Local 11 Solar PV traveling roadshow training events, either here last Nov. 7 + 8 or in San Luis Obispo in the summer of 2008, or in San Jose in 2009? If you haven't taken your certification test yet, your next opportunity to do so will be here Sat. July 17 starting at 8 a.m. There is a three hour refresher class that is given first, then the certification test follows.

Call today to save your spot. We'll get you the Study Guide to read up on PV concepts before the class.



Thanks to Jon Gregg, P.E. of International Seismic Application Technology (ISAT), the JATC library now has an OSHPD Approved OPA-0485 binder of "Engineered Seismic Bracing of Suspended Utilities" designs and specifications. Come by if you want to research seismic bracing designs that already have OSHPD preapproval!

Congratulations!

One of our Inside apprentices Berardo Trujillo and his wife, Rosario, had a baby boy named Nathan on April 14th.

Retirement Seminar

Are you interested in attending a retirement seminar? Are you planning on retiring within a year or so? Do you have questions about the 9th District Pension Plan, NEBF, or the I.O. Pension Benefit Fund? How about Health & Welfare questions?

If you are interested in attending a seminar geared towards understanding transitioning into retirement, contact the Hall and tell us you're interested. We are tentatively looking at scheduling this seminar for sometime in July or August. Once a date is determined you will be contacted.

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Also, if you would like to electronically receive your **birthday card** or a **notice that your dues are late**, let us know by calling the Hall and talking with either Mira or Sallie.



Manage Your 9th District Pension Plan

Get the help of a Financial Representative

Wednesday, June 23, 3-6pm

James Boisse, a Financial Representative with Principal, will be at the Hall to assist with your 9th District Pension plan account. Contact him if you would like to set up an appointment; however, no appointment is necessary.



Call Toll-Free
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Happy June Birthday to:

John Aguilar
Michael Alexiou
Robert Alustiza
John Balducci
James Bennett
Jeremy Bigman
Bryon Borchard
Edward Bowles
Timothy Breshears
Thomas Brinkley
Woody Carey
Robert Cole
Robert Cosio
Alex Costes Jr
Sergio De Toma
Alphons De Vos
Ronald DeMateo

Donald Dibble
Randall Dike
Joseph Dimaggio
Mark Dybdahl
Cynthia Dzendzel
Guillermo Estrada
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Aladdin Preston
Leslie Rasmussen
Daniel Recker
Frank Rivera
Robert Rollins
William Rust
Raymond Taber
Randall Tracey
Marion Trantham
Lance Van Der Linden
Gregory Vandeusen
Michael Zrodlo



This Month's Local 234 Winners!

June 2010

Here are the winners from the **May** union meeting:

C.O.P.E. (Committee on Political Education):

Andy Gattis won \$22 and donated it back.

Apprentice Give-Away:

Raymond Sykes II won \$23.40.

Give-Away Winners:

Mike Ihnot won a t-shirt donated by Mike Dempsey.

Stefan Marceron won an IBEW 234 hat.

Manuel Valdez won an IBEW 234 t-shirt.

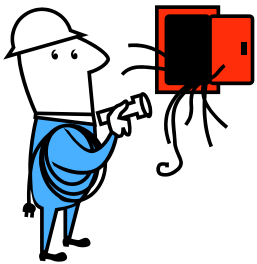
Rick Keaton won a t-shirt donated by Dave Butters.



*"Work isn't to make money;
you work to justify life."*

Marc Chagall

1887-1985



The next general membership meeting will be

Wednesday, June 9th, 2010

@ 6:30 pm

June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Holiday Memorial Day	1 LMCC @ 4pm	2	3	4	5
6	7 Bonding Class @6pm	8 Apprentice Applications Resume	9 Union Meeting @ 6:30pm	10	11 Apprentice Graduation	12
13	14	15 JATC @ 5pm	16	17	18	19
20 Father's Day	21	22	23 Executive Board @ 6pm	24	25	26
27 End of Pay Period	28	29	30			

Now Accepting Apprenticeship Applications!

The Apprenticeship program will again be accepting applications for one month only from June 8 to July 8, 2010 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.

Applicants need to be at least 18 years of age. Applicants must bring a photo ID, an official embossed sealed transcript from H.S. or college showing that they have completed Algebra 1 or its equivalent with a "C" grade or better, and a H.S. diploma or G.E.D. If the transcript is from high school and shows the date of graduation, no diploma is required.

Starting pay is 45% of Journeyman scale, with benefits.

Q & A from NFPA.org

Question:

Is a proximity voltage detector appropriate for establishing an electrically safe work condition?

Answer:

NFPA 70E does not prohibit the use of any test instruments, but requires in 130.4 that the user be a qualified person and in 110.6(D)(1)(e) that the user be proficient in the use and understand the limitations of all voltage detectors. Verification of an electrically safe work condition is accomplished by a specific procedure in 120.1. Step (5) of the procedure mandates that each phase be tested "both phase-to-phase and phase-to-ground." This action exceeds the limitation of a proximity tester.

IBEW Local 234 Election of Officers

Ballots must be received by Friday, June 18, 2010 at the San Juan Bautista Post Office Box

Inside Wage Allocation of \$2.05

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