



International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 234

IBEW Local 234

Newsletter



November 2010

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

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Business Manager's Report by Ken Scherpinski

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

We are now just days away from the 2010 elections.

Despite the challenges that we face, we are successfully turning American's anger into

positive action on behalf of those candidates who will stand and fight for us.

Our objective has always been to utilize our greatest asset – our members – to counter the unprecedented, and secret, amounts of corporate cash that are being utilized to not only buy this election, but to buy our democracy in its entirety and turn back the clock. Corporate cash has an agenda that has proven devastating to working families.

Since 2009, over \$3 BILLION has been spent by corporations to undermine President Obama's agenda of moving America forward with a vision that puts American workers first, and with investments in such areas as infrastructure and domestic energy development that will once again bring job opportunities and prosperity to building trades members across America.

Think about this: In 1994, which was the last time that a conservative, anti-union movement swept over our nation and swept Democrats out of power, just 51,000 votes spread over 15 congressional districts resulted in 12 years of Republican control of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Every vote matters! Make your voices heard this election season!

There will be a JATC work day on Saturday, November

13th from 8am to 2pm. The focus will be on cleaning out unwanted material to start organizing for new lab boards. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun. If you can spare even a little bit of time it will help greatly. Call the JATC for sign up or just come by.

We currently have 48 on the Inside book I, 51 on book II, and 1 on book III. Sound and Comm: 3 on book I, 1 on book II, and 1 on book III. Work is slow as we wait for bank lending to help open the construction market.

A friendly reminder, if you travel to another local, you should always check in with their hall. Every local has a different policy for checking in and you are responsible for doing so. You could be held in violation of their Local Agreement and possibly brought before the E-Board of that jurisdiction to face fines or penalties. If this office can assist you in any way please call so we can help avoid any confusion or misunderstanding.

November is a great month to the start of the holiday season. We first honor all of the men and women who have served to protect this great nation. On November 11th take a moment to thank a veteran and observe a moment of silence for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our families.

The 25th and 26th is set aside for giving thanks and to attend family gatherings.

I enjoy sitting around with family and friends, each getting the chance to say what they are thankful for this season. Digging into a traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings topped off with the ol' pumpkin pie. It really doesn't get much better than that.

I wish you and your families a safe and wonderful holiday season.

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IBEW 234 Candidate Endorsements

- Ron Pomerantz for Santa Cruz City Council
- Eduardo Montesino for Watsonville City Council, District 4
- Daniel Dodge for Watsonville City Council, District 5
- Margaret Bonetti for Mayor of Salinas
- Bruce Delgado for Mayor of Marina
- David Burnett for Marina City Council
- Ken Scherpinski for Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare Board
- Bill Lee for Marina Coast Water Board
- George Eads for Marina Coast Water Board
- Estevan Guzman for Hollister City Council
- Phil Fortino for San Benito County Supervisor
- Luis Alejo for California Assembly 28th District

Building Trades Candidate Endorsements

- Ron Pomerantz for Santa Cruz City Council
- David Foster for Santa Cruz City Council
- Daniel Dodge for Watsonville City Council, District 5
- Eduardo Montesino for Watsonville City Council, District 4
- Margaret Bonetti for Mayor of Salinas
- Joel Panzer for Salinas City Council, District 3
- Steve Villegas for Salinas City Council, District 5
- Bruce Delgado and Dave McCall for Mayor of Marina
- David Burnett for Marina City Council
- Ralph Rubio for Seaside Mayor
- Dennis Alexander for Seaside City Council
- Tom Mancini for Seaside City Council
- Richard Ortiz for Mayor of Soledad
- Bill Lee for Marina Coast Water Board
- Howard Gustafson for Marina Coast Water Board
- George Eads for Marina Coast Water Board
- Ken Scherpinski for Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare Board
- Tony Campos for Santa Cruz County Supervisor, District 4
- Ana Caballero for State Senate



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Ballot Measure Endorsements

Proposition 19-Legalizes
Marijuana

Recommend: **Neutral**

Proposition 20-Expands
Unelected Redistricting
Commission

Recommend: Vote **NO**

Proposition 21-Keeps State Parks
Open

Recommend: Vote **YES**

Proposition 22-Prohibits the
State from Taking Local Funds

Recommend: **Neutral**

Proposition 23-Suspends Air
Pollution Control Laws (AB 32)

Recommend: Vote **NO**

Proposition 24-Repeals
Corporate Tax Loopholes

Recommend: Vote **YES**

Proposition 25-Majority Vote
Budget

Recommend: Vote **YES**

Proposition 26-Protects
Corporate Polluters

Recommend: Vote **NO**

Proposition 27-Restores
Democratic Control of
Redistricting

Recommend: Vote **YES**

Central Labor Council Endorsements

The November election brings to us great responsibility in choosing whom to endorse for this important election cycle. The MBCLC held three forums and interviewed more than 30 candidates for possible endorsement. The following candidates received more than a 2/3 vote from the MBCLC Delegates and are hereby endorsed by the Monterey Bay Central Labor Council.

- Marina City Council: David Brown & David Burnett
- Marina Mayor: Bruce Delgado
- Salinas City Council, District 3: Joel Panzer
- Salinas City Council, District 5: Steve Villegas
- Santa Cruz City Council: Ron Pomerantz
- Yes on City of Santa Cruz Measure H – for a Safer Santa Cruz
- Seaside City Council (2): Dennis Alexander, Thomas Mancini
- Seaside Mayor: Ralph Rubio
- Watsonville City Council, District 4: Eduardo Montesino
- Watsonville City Council, District 5: Daniel Dodge
- Capitola City Council: Stephanie Harlan
- Pacific Grove City Council: Ken Cuneo
- Soledad City Council: Alejandro Chavez
- Santa Cruz County Board Of Education, Ta 1: George Martinez
- Santa Cruz County Board Of Education, Ta 7: Robert Chacanaca
- Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare Board: Ken Scherpinski

Basic Dues Increasing

Basic Dues for IBEW Local 234 members will be increasing on January 1, 2011. The Basic Dues will increase to \$30 per month for "A" members. "BA" members will increase to \$16 per month. This is according to the IBEW Constitution and Local 234's Bylaws. This is the final scheduled increase. Remember it is your responsibility to keep your Dues current. Call the Hall if you have any questions.

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Electric Vehicle Charging Station

Local 234 is in the process of installing a publically accessible electric vehicle charging station in our parking lot. Tom Dowling, the Charging Infrastructure Manager of the Electric Auto Association, has donated a charging station to IBEW Local 234. The charger is an inductive type. The installation will include a conduit and pad for a second charger to be installed at a later date. There is potentially grant money that will fund the second charger.

Monterey Bay Green Building Expo

The 2010 Monterey Bay Green Building Expo is coming to the Monterey Conference Center, at 1 Portola Plaza in Monterey, on Wednesday, November 10th from 2-7pm. This free expo will consist of educational workshops, keynote speakers including leading experts from the field, and a product fair of local green building product suppliers. The event is geared not only toward raising awareness among event participants of green building practices in general, but also of the evolving green building programs in the region and practical methods for compliance. Join leading green building experts, local suppliers, contractors, architects, public agencies and non-profit organizations to learn about locally available and environmentally sustainable building practices, materials and more.



Wednesday, November 10th from 2-7pm

Monterey Conference Center

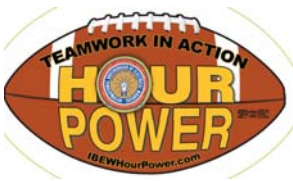
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Also, if you would like to electronically receive your **birthday card** or a **notice that your dues are late**, let us know by calling the Hall and talking with either Mira or Sallie.





JATC Training News

By Ed Sudyka

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

JATC VOLUNTEER WORKDAY

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 13 FROM 8 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

May I be of service?



Reconfigure our Solar PV training module

How can I help?



Can I make a difference?

Install a timer in the electrical room for under building fan control



Wire in a 3 phase 15 amp receptacle in the classroom for the transformer trainer



We'll have the parts and materials, you bring your skills and your tools!

What can I do?

Hang new project boards for motor control



**Saturday
Nov. 13 from
8 a.m. to 2
p.m. Be
there!**

Many hands will make light work! Lend your hands and your talent and come on down!

California Advanced Lighting Control Training Program CALCTP

CALCTP class is about to start!

Nov. 2 at 5:30 p.m.

Have you completed your 10 hours of online training? Bring your printout of your transcripts to class that first night to assure you have a seat! See you then!



Comprehensive Facility Energy Audit Class:

Start date is still uncertain, but there are many of you signing up to learn to perform energy audits for homes and small businesses. Call to be put on the list for more information.

Needed: someone to present information about our apprenticeship program to **San Benito H.S.** on Nov. 17, Wednesday from 9 – 3 p.m.! Call Ed at 633-3063 to sign up!



IBEW Solar Certification Class: Did you take one of those weekend LA 11 Solar Class, but haven't yet become IBEW/CA Certified? Call Ed and let him know you still need this class! Sign ups are holding at 4... we need many more! 633-3063



Special thanks to the following who have helped present info about our apprenticeship program to various school and civic



organizations recently:
Mark Hiura, Juan Dominguez, L. Earl Davis! Thank you!

-TD Ed

SHORT CLASSES IN THE FUTURE! I'm putting together a schedule of one evening 2 to 3 hour classes on various electrical topics. These classes will be good for Certification renewal. I need to know... what you want to know! Call me with your ideas... Ed, TD- 633-3063

One-Two Punch: How the *NEC* and 70E team up to minimize risk on energized equipment

by Jeffrey S. Sargent

The new labeling requirement in the 2009 edition of NFPA 70E® is intended to work with the labeling requirement in NFPA 70®, National Electrical Code®, and to provide the necessary information on the required level of personal protective equipment (PPE).

For example, a newly installed 480-volt motor control center (MCC) bears the label required by Section 110.16 of the NEC that provides a general arc flash hazard warning. The MCC is energized so that start-up, troubleshooting, and commissioning of supplied equipment and processes can get underway, which means it is now subject to NFPA 70E requirements covering safe work practices, including the PPE labeling requirement of Section 130.3(C) of NFPA 70E.

Diagnostic and troubleshooting tasks on energized equipment are permitted by Section 130.1(A)(2) of NFPA 70E, meaning that anyone working on exposed energized conductors and circuit parts within the MCC, including those working for contractors and those employed by the building or plant owner/operator, is exposed to shock and arc flash hazards. That's why implementation of the electrical safety-related work practices covered in Article 110 of NFPA 70E must be implemented.

Read the full article at <http://bit.ly/9Nu5X2>

Manage Your Finances

Get the help of a Financial Representative

Wednesday, November 10th, 3-6pm

James Boisse, a Financial Representative with Principal Financial Group, will be at the Hall to provide financial assistance. Contact him if you would like to set up an appointment; however, no appointment is necessary.

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Happy November Birthdays!

Donald Baze
Jack Brumit
Miguel Bustos
Manuel Cadena
Hector Camacho
Chris Foley
Kermit Gayman
Arturo Gonzales
Kenneth Gorny
William Hughes

Patrick Humpal
Anthony Kalstrom
Joseph Lockshaw
Stefan Marceron
Raul Marin
Jaime Martinez
Rodolfo Martinez
Barney Neufeld
William Nunes
Joseph Olaeta

Karl Ozols
Richard Phillips
Jesus Ramirez
Steven Rodriguez
Charles Ruiz
Brian Sansom
Robert Sharpe
Michael Smith
Matt Steinmetz
Rebecca Trescott



This Month's Local 234 Winners!

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

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

Stefan Marceron won \$14 and donated it back.

Apprentice Give-Away:

Matt Battaglia won \$23.40.

Give-Away Winners:

Ray Sykes II won a Klein 6" No. 3 screwdriver donated by Rip Smith.

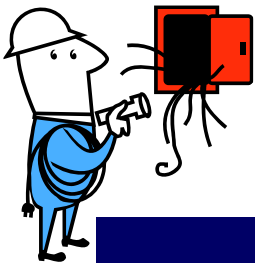
Matt Battaglia won a Klein torpedo level donated by Rip Smith.

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



"Those who stay away from the election think that one vote will do no good: 'Tis but one step more to think one vote will do no harm."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson



The next general membership meeting will be:

**Wednesday, November 10th, 2010
@ 6:30 pm**

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Election Day LMCC @ 4pm CALCTP@5:30	3	4	5	6
7 Daylight Savings Time Ends	8	9	10 Union Meeting @ 6:30pm	11 HOLIDAY Veterans Day	12	13 JATC Workday 8am-2pm
14	15	16 JATC @ 5pm	17 San Benito HS Presentation	18	19	20
21 End of Pay Period	22	23	24 Executive Board @ 6pm	25 HOLIDAY Thanksgiving	26 HOLIDAY	27
28	29	30				

California Advanced Lighting Control Training Program (CALCTP)

Tuesday, November 2 at 5:30 p.m.

THIS CLASS IS IMPORTANT FOR OUR LOCAL. Students need to complete the 10 hours of online training in order to be able to attend class. Bring the transcript printout to class that first night to assure you have a seat! Only students with transcripts will be allowed in class. This is first come first serve, up to eight students. Stephen Slovacek will be the instructor. If you have already completed the required online training, contact our Training Director, Ed Sudyka, to assure a place in class.

Remember to Vote on Tuesday, November 2nd!



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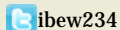
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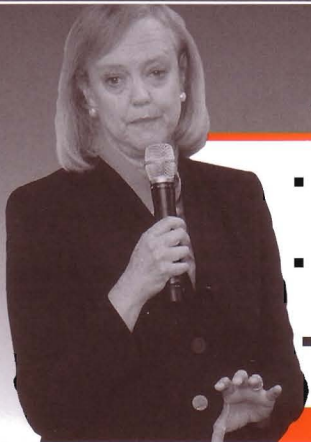
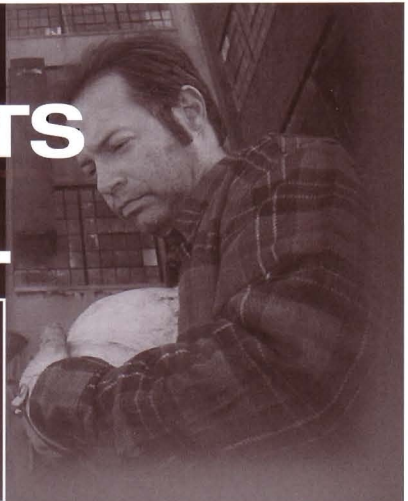


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MEG WHITMAN WANTS TO KILL 500,000 JOBS.

Whitman says "No" to California high-speed rail and the hundreds of thousands of jobs it would create.
"Meg believes the state cannot afford the costs associated with high-speed rail due to our current fiscal crisis."

—SARAH POMPEI, WHITMAN CAMPAIGN SPOKESWOMAN. SACRAMENTO BEE 7/9/10



WHITMAN PLANS TO:

- **ELIMINATE PREVAILING WAGE** and project labor agreements; (WHITMAN SPEECH AT ABC CONFERENCE, 9/18/09);
- **CUT OVERTIME PAY**
(WHITMAN SPEECH AT COMMONWEALTH CLUB, 2/16/10);
- **SLASH** spending for **WORKPLACE SAFETY**
(WWW.MEG2010.COM).

CHECK THE FACTS: www.WallStreetWhitman.com

JERRY BROWN FIGHTS FOR GOOD JOBS, WAGES

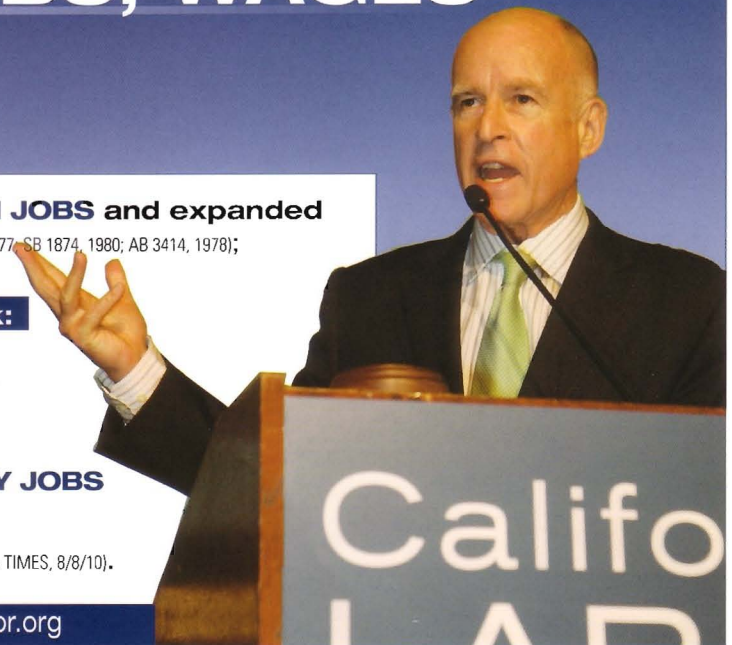
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- As Governor, Brown **CREATED 1.9 MILLION JOBS** and expanded prevailing wage (LOS ANGELES TIMES, 8/11/10, SB 394, 1975; AB 114, 1977; SB 1874, 1980; AB 3414, 1978);

Brown's plan to put California back to work:

- **BUILD HIGH-SPEED RAIL** (CONTRA COSTA TIMES, 7/8/10);
- **REBUILD ROADS, BRIDGES AND INFRASTRUCTURE** (SAN GABRIEL VALLEY TRIBUNE, 9/11/10);
- **CREATE A HALF A MILLION CLEAN ENERGY JOBS**
(SACRAMENTO BEE, 7/15/10);
- **INVEST IN JOB TRAINING** and education (LA TIMES, 8/8/10).

CHECK THE FACTS: www.CaliforniaLabor.org



VOTE JERRY BROWN FOR GOVERNOR 2010

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