



International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 234

IBEW Local 234

Newsletter

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The Electrical Workers Union for Monterey,
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Business Manager's Report by Ken Scherpinski

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

April has arrived leaving behind a month of flooding, strong winds, even a tsunami here on the Central Coast.

The strong winds we felt during the storms were only a small

part of the larger winds of change that started to blow across our country. I am speaking of the action started in Wisconsin by their Governor to take away bargaining rights of Public Sector unions. This action was taken even after the Public Sector unions had agreed to the Governor's request for concessions. Instead, the Governor of Wisconsin went public with his real agenda: union busting and was not stopping until he achieved his objective. The elect should represent the people who put them in office. It is unfortunate that the firefighters, police officers, and the other public sector employees of Wisconsin helped elect a man who has a far more damaging agenda than the platform he ran on. Elected should represent all tax-paying citizens. Last time I checked, union members pay their fair share in taxes for state services. What gives someone the right to tell you have to make a choice to "give up your rights as a worker or lose your job"? These are the same bullying tactics used by large corporations and anti-union sympathizers. This is exactly what created the need for representation of the unrepresented throughout the United States! Where is the shared sacrifice of politicians (i.e. paying for their own health care, cutting back their staff and doing more of the work themselves)? Why haven't they worked harder on creating jobs and building up the middle class instead of tearing it down? We know that creating jobs equals less unemployment and benefits paid out from the state, creating jobs equal tax revenue for budget shortfalls for cities and municipalities, creating jobs equals spending capital for workers to enter back into impoverished cities and neighborhoods. Politicians should focus on the cure instead of

personal agendas and partisan payback.

I hope this message reaches you before Monday, April 4th. On this day in history, a man I grew up admiring, was taken from us before his work for justice and equality for all was complete: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. It is only fitting on Monday, April 4th, that union Brothers and Sisters will gather in solidarity to stand up and voice, "We are one, respect our rights". Come and join me at City Hall in Salinas at 5 p.m.

There will be some changes coming soon with respect to the Journeyman Examination.

First the JW Exam will be a 5 part evaluation of written and hands on skills. Our Examining Board members have completed their training on the new standards and will be able to administer the evaluation in the coming months. The biggest change is you will only get one shot at passing 4 out of 5 parts of the exam. If you do not pass you will be placed in the CE program and be required to take classes to help with the skills identified from the evaluation. This is for newly organized members only. Anyone who has Book I status through the Apprenticeship program or the previous testing process are not required to re-test.

If you are interested in taking the JW test to gain Book I status you must send in a request to the Union Hall with your name and card number requesting to take the next available exam. Exams are given on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 5 p.m. I anticipate the new evaluation process to start as of June 1st of this year.

April is a month of renew from the winter months and harshness. It brings with it hope for change from the hard times we have endured. I wish you and your family a very happy Easter and a healthy spring.

REEL WORK May Day Labor Film Festival Movie Guide

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY EVENTS

Friday, April 22

• 7 pm

Cabrillo Center, Watsonville

HARVEST OF LONELINESS

(Vivian Price and Gil González, 2011, 58 min)

Dashed expectations and harsh reality of the Bracero Program.

SCENES FROM A MARCH

(Fred Glass, 2010, 21 min)

Teachers, homecare workers, and many others walked from LA to Sacramento for a humane budget.

TOO HOT FOR A TEACHER

(Eric Appel, 2010, 3 min)

Hollywood actors help dramatize the school crisis.

Speaker: Fred Bardacke, community activist

Sponsor: Pajaro Valley Federation of Teachers

Saturday, April 23

• 7 pm

Quaker Meeting, Santa Cruz

LOCKED OUT

(Joan Sekler, 2010, 92 min)

David and Goliath struggle of borax miners in the California desert facing off mining giant Rio Tinto.

Speaker: Joan Sekler, filmmaker

Sunday, April 24 Easter

Monday, April 25

• 7 pm

Community TV Studio, Santa Cruz

RED DUST

(Karin Mak, 2010, 20 min)

Resistance, courage and hope of Chinese women workers battling cadmium poisoning.

THE PRICE OF CHILDHOOD

(Kan Yan, 2010, 53 min)

Child labor and trafficking in Nepal and a community organization working to end the common practice.

Speaker: Karin Mak, returning filmmaker

Sponsor: United Nations Association

Tuesday, April 26

• 7 pm

Calvary Episcopal "Red" Church, Santa Cruz

THE DARK SIDE OF CHOCOLATE

(U. Roberto Romano & Miki Mistrati, 2010, 47 min)

A team of journalists investigate how human trafficking and child labor in the Ivory Coast fuels the worldwide chocolate industry.

IT TAKES A CHILD

(Judy Jackson, 1998, 56 min)

15-year-old child labor activist Craig Kielburger works for reform around the world.

Speaker: Shana Kirsch, Free The Children

Sponsor: United Nations Association

Wednesday, April 27

• 7 pm

Barrios Unidos, Santa Cruz

HARVEST OF LONELINESS

(Vivian Price and Gil González, 2011, 58 min)

Dashed expectations and harsh reality of the Bracero Program.

Speaker: TBA

Sponsor: Barrios Unidos

Thursday, April 28

—Workers Memorial Day

• 7 pm

Del Mar Theatre, Santa Cruz

WAY DOWN IN THE HOLE

(Alex Johnston, 2010, 40 min)

Story of the Ludlow, Colorado coal miners' strike of 1913-14.

TRIANGLE FIRE

(PBS American Experience, 2011, 60 min)

2011 is the 100th anniversary of the fire at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory in Greenwich Village in which 146 immigrant women workers perished, prompting sweeping workplace safety laws.

Speaker: Alex Johnston, returning filmmaker

Sponsor: IWW

Friday, April 29

• 6 pm

Monterey Hyatt

Labor Council Dinner

Sponsor: Monterey Bay Central Labor Council

• 8 pm

SubRosa, Santa Cruz

LABOR SHORTS

THE WOBBLES

(Stewart Bird, 1979, 89 min)

Classic film on the history of the IWW, International Workers of the World.

Sponsor: Guerilla Drive-In

Saturday, April 30

• 7 pm

Live Oak Grange, Santa Cruz

Santa Cruz Peace Chorale In Concert

ANNE BRADEN: SOUTHERN PATRIOT

(Anne Lewis & Mimi Pickering, 2011, 65 min)

Portrait of an indefatigable Southern activist for social justice. Special rough cut preview of this work in progress.

Performers: Aileen Vance & the Santa Cruz Peace Chorale

Speaker: Anne Lewis, returning filmmaker

Sponsors: Santa Cruz Peace Chorale; Live Oak Grange

Sunday, May 1 – MAY DAY

—International Workers Day

• 11 am

Nickelodeon Theatre, Santa Cruz

INSIDE JOB

(Charles Ferguson, 2010, 120 min)

Who blew up our financial system and ran off with the loot?

• 2 pm

Clock Tower – Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz

International Workers Day March

• 2:30 pm

Calvary Episcopal "Red" Church,
Santa Cruz

May Day Labor Day Celebration

Theatre, Song, Potluck

Performers: [Jimmy Kelly](#), [Mark](#)

[Levy](#), [David Winters](#), [Grant](#)

[Wilson](#), [Pat Wynne](#) & the San

Francisco Labor Chorus

SEIU Union Hall, Watsonville

• 4:30 pm

RORY O'SHEA WAS HERE

(Damien O'Donnell, 2004, 104 min)

The story of two persons with significant disabilities who live outside an institution and how they hire a personal care attendant. Screened with Spanish subtitles.

Speaker: [John Daugherty](#), disability rights activist and union leader

Sponsors: SEIU ULTCW, Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

Monday, May 2

• 7 pm

Live Oak Grange, Santa Cruz

OCCUPATION HAS NO FUTURE

(David Zlutnick, 2010, 84 min)

Israeli veterans speak about the militarization of Israeli society.

Speaker: [David Zlutnick](#), returning filmmaker

Sponsors: PAF, USLAW, RCNV & PIAC

Tuesday, May 10

• 7 pm

Nickelodeon Theatre, Santa Cruz

FREEDOM RIDERS

(Stanley Nelson, 2011, 120 min)

Chronicle of the courageous students who rode the Greyhound Bus to desegregate the South in 1961.

Presentation in collaboration with the [Santa Cruz Film Festival](#)

MONTEREY COUNTY EVENTS

Saturday, April 23

• 3:30 pm

Peace Resource Center, Seaside

LOCKED OUT

(Joan Sekler, 2010, 92 min)

David and Goliath struggle of borax miners in the California desert facing off mining giant Rio Tinto.

Speaker: [Joan Sekler](#), filmmaker

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CSUMB University Center Ballroom,
Seaside

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15-year-old child labor activist Craig Kielburger works for reform around the world.

Speaker: [Shana Kirsch](#), Free The Children

Sponsor: California Faculty Association, Student California Teacher Association

Thursday, April 28

• 7 pm

CSUMB University Center Ballroom,
Seaside

WORLD CAFÉ: Workers from Wisconsin to Sacramento

Interactive World Café discussion with local workers around latest actions to protect public workers.

PHILOSOPHER KINGS

(Patrick Shen, 2009, 70 min)

The personal insights and life stories of janitorial workers in top U.S. universities.

Sponsor: California Faculty Association, Student California Teacher Association

Friday, April 29

• 11:30 am

CSUMB Reading Center, Seaside

ANNE BRADEN: SOUTHERN PATRIOT

(Anne Lewis & Mimi Pickering, 2011, 65 min)

Portrait of an indefatigable Southern activist for social justice. Special rough cut preview of this work in progress.

Sponsor: California Faculty Association

Monday, May 2

• 7 pm Reception • 8 pm Film

CSUMB Library Room 1188, Seaside

Reception and THE WAR IS OVER Action

PHIL OCHS: THERE BUT FOR FORTUNE

(Kenneth Bowser, 2011, 97 min)

Singer-songwriter from the Vietnam era whose lyrics are just as pertinent today.

Sponsor: California Faculty Association, CSUMB Student Peace Alliance, U.S. Labor Against the War

Tuesday, May 3

• 7 pm

National Steinbeck Center, Salinas

HARVEST OF LONELINESS

(Vivian Price and Gil González, 2011, 58 min)

Dashed expectations and harsh reality of the Bracero Program.

Sponsors: California Faculty Association, Citizenship Project

Speakers: [Vivian Price](#) & [Gil González](#), filmmakers; [Cesar Lara](#), labor activist



**WE
ARE
ONE**

RESPECT OUR RIGHTS

**JOIN US TO MAKE
APRIL 4, 2011 A
TIME TO STAND IN
SOLIDARITY.**

**MONDAY, APRIL 4 AT 5:00 PM
SALINAS CITY HALL
200 LINCOLN AVE, SALINAS**



On April 4, 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated in Memphis, TN, where he had stood with sanitation workers demanding their dream: The right to bargain collectively for a voice at work and better life. In April 1993, we also experienced the death of Cesar Chavez; he fought to give farmworkers the right to bargain collectively. Today, that same demand is electrifying people across America. It's the demand of all people—the right to join together for our common dreams.

With working people in Wisconsin, Ohio, Indiana and dozens of other states where well-funded, right-wing corporate-funded politicians are trying to take away the rights both Dr. King and Cesar Chavez fought for until their deaths. It's time to show:

“An injury to one is an injury to all.”

**JOIN HUNDREDS OF UNIONS ACROSS
THE NATION, RAIN OR SHINE!**



We Are One

April 2011

On **Monday, April 4th at 5pm** there will be a national day of solidarity for the workers in Wisconsin, Indiana, Michigan and other states who are battling for their basic right to collectively bargain.

In a message to Business Managers, International President Ed Hill states "The fight to protect the collective bargaining rights, decent wages, benefits and working conditions for America's middle-class continues as state legislatures across the country persist in its assault on the labor movement. The IBEW and other union organizations across the United States are more determined than ever to stand united. With that in mind, Monday, April 4, 2011 has been designated as a national day of solidarity".

The theme will be "**WE ARE ONE**" for this day of solidarity and the IBEW has adopted the slogan "**WE ARE IBEW WORKERS. RESPECT OUR RIGHTS**". Remember what's happening in Wisconsin can happen here. This virus is spreading across the country as many of our IBEW sister locals can attest. We want to head it off at the pass.

Locally there will be rallies starting at 5pm:

Salinas City Hall
200 Lincoln Ave., Salinas

Santa Cruz County Offices
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz

We ask that on this day all of our members wear their IBEW clothing, pins, and/or clips at work and attend a rally wearing IBEW shirts and hats.



Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

The installation of electric vehicle charging stations, also known as EVSE (electric vehicle supply equipment), has begun in Santa Cruz County. Regalado Electric performed the first installation for Coulomb's Charge Point America grant program at Zero Motorcycles in Scotts Valley. Central Electric has installed three charging units at Ecology Action in Santa Cruz at the old Sentinel building. The charging units, manufactured by Coulomb, have two charging points, one Level I (120V) and one Level II (240V). A standard duplex is used for the 120V charging and a SAE J1772 connector is used for the 240V charging. Most, if not all, of the electric vehicles coming to market will accommodate the J1772 connector and also be able to utilize the slower charging 120V. More EVSE installations will happen in the near future under this grant program at the Santa Cruz County Offices, the City of Capitola, and the Community Foundation Santa Cruz County in Aptos.



SAE J1772
Connector



Gabriel Regalado of Regalado Electric wires an EVSE at Zero Motor Cycles in Scotts Valley.



Brett Ritchie of Central Electric finishes an EVSE installation at Ecology Action in Santa Cruz



JATC Training News

By Ed Sudyka

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

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

Tens of thousands of hours of electrical work about to be lost!

Unless the CALCTP program trains a greater number of electricians, the utility companies in California will not follow through and begin to offer financial rebate programs that will provide cost incentives to businesses to retrofit their lighting systems using advanced lighting controls. The utilities need to know that there is a trained workforce ready and able to perform on these projects before they make the commitment to offer rebates for energy saving lighting retrofit jobs. By taking a CALCTP class, you can help make these jobs a reality, and gain the certification needed to be part of the workforce on a CALCTP job! Please don't wait any longer to sign up... we've had to postpone our April CALCTP class because we only had one person complete the online coursework as a prerequisite to the class. Go online, go to <http://bit.ly/IBEW234CALCTP> and get started today! Let's show the utilities that we can man up for this work! Call us for more info- 633-3063



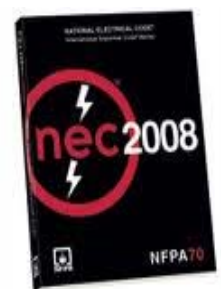
**Advanced
Lighting
Controls**

2008 Significant Changes Class- take once a month until satisfied!

OK, here's what we're gonna do! On the **second Tuesday of each month** starting at 5:30 p.m, David Martinez will be leading electricians through the **Significant Changes of the 2008 National Electric Code**. At this first class on Tuesday April 12, David will start with the changes found in Article 90, Introduction, and Article 100, Definitions.

On Tuesday, May 10, David will move into the changes found in Article 110, Requirements for Electrical Installations. On June 14, Articles 200 through 230, on July 12, Articles 240 and 250, etc. etc.!

My hope in scheduling the class like this "once a month" is that you'll be more likely to come out to a code class once a month rather than having to commit to going once a week for two or more months! If you don't have a 2008 NEC, one will be provided.



Special Tuesday Evening Safety Presentation by Ken Scherpinski on Avoiding Falls and Electrocution on the Jobsite

On Tuesday evening, April 26th at 5:30 p.m. our Business Manager Ken Scherpinski will be addressing the safety issues of how to **avoid these two** of the "Focus Four" safety issues that are **common killers** of construction workers. During this one night class Ken will discuss with you methods to avoid becoming a sad safety statistic after being injured or maimed (or killed!) by a fall or an electrocution on the jobsite. Ken recently received three days of training on these "Focus Four" safety topics and is eager to share with the IBEW body what he's learned that may save you and your family grief untold after a real bad day at on the jobsite! Call the JATC office to sign up for Ken's presentation: 633-3063.



Coming up on May 10, 2011: Harger Ultrashot Certification



On Tuesday, May 10 at 5:30 p.m., Grant Reed from Harger Ultrashot will be here at the Training Center providing us with a certification class on Exothermic Welding applications to electrical work. It is important that the JATC office know how many of you want to get this certification, so that Grant can bring enough "powder to burn" for everyone expected to be in the class! Call the JATC office and let us know that you'll be here for this one night sparkling white hot fire and brimstone training event! (Maybe I should have scheduled this for the 4th of July!)

UPCOMING ONE EVENING PRESENTATIONS: In the months to come, we'll be hosting:

Terry Currence on Transfer Switches

ISAT (Intl. Seismic Application Technology)

Snake-Tray on cable tray installation technique

Ken Scherpinski on Struck-by and Caught-in Hazard Avoidance (the other 1/2 of the Focus Four!)

**Stay
Tuned
For
Details!**

Opportunities to present our program:

If you'd like to tell folks about the apprenticeship program, here's some upcoming chances to do so:

May 4: Everett Alvarez Career Panel Interviews

May 5: Santa Ana Opportunity School/San Andreas H.S.

May 6: Mission Trails ROP

Call Ed at 633-3063 if you'll help make a presentation! He'll be glad that you did!

Electrical Reference Library? Yes, we've got one! If you're looking for information on an electrical subject, we may have the book for you! Come on in and "check it out"!

IBEW Founders' Scholarship

The IBEW Founders' Scholarship honors the dedicated wiremen and linemen who organized the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Each year the officers of the IBEW are pleased to offer its working members scholarships on a competitive basis. It is hoped that the awards will not only contribute to the personal development of our members but also steward the electrical industry that our founders envisioned.

This award is for \$200 per semester credit hour at any accredited college or university toward an associate's, bachelor's or postgraduate degree in a field that will further the electrical industry overall (as determined by the Founders' Scholarship Administrator). The maximum distribution is \$24,000 per person over a period not to exceed eight years.

An application for the IBEW Founders' Scholarship (Form 172) can be copied and is also available on the IBEW website (www.ibew.org). In an effort to make the IBEW Founders' Scholarship as inclusive as possible, we no

longer require applicants to take the SAT or ACT to be eligible. All IBEW members who have been in continuous good standing for four years preceding May 1 of the scholarship year in which they plan to apply are eligible for the IBEW Founders' Scholarship. Please note, if a member has been on honorary withdrawal at any time during the aforementioned period, he/she will not be eligible to participate. Spouses or children of IBEW members are not eligible for the IBEW Founders' Scholarship. Union Plus has a scholarship that is available for IBEW members, as well as their spouses and dependent children. Please visit the Union Plus website (www.unionplus.org) for more information about other scholarship opportunities. Local 234 encourages all interested eligible members to participate in the IBEW Founders' Scholarship Program.

Materials need not be sent at the same time but all **must be postmarked prior to May 1** of the scholarship year.

Download the application at goo.gl/ZXdST

Builders Exchange Scholarship

INTRODUCTION:

The Scholarship Program was established to assist in providing the construction industry with trained employees through higher education.

Candidates must apply directly to the Builders Exchange of the Central Coast, Inc.

Candidates will be considered based on their interest in construction, grades, extracurricular activities, any employment experience, and an oral interview with the selection committee.

ELIGIBILITY:

Candidate must be currently enrolled as a senior in high school or, an applicant/enrollee in a state approved construction related trade or craft training school; or currently enrolled in college in a construction related program, with the intention of pursuing a career in the construction industry;

High School or College candidate must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher or an applicant/enrollee in class(es) at the Construction Academy at the Contractors Development Center.

Candidate must have a High School Diploma or GED equivalent.

REQUESTED DOCUMENTS:

- Completed and signed Application Form.
- Official transcripts of grades for most recent semester.
- Two letters of recommendation from teachers and/or employers and/or civic leaders which include phone numbers.

AWARDS:

Candidates application will be reviewed and semifinalist (s) selected by the Builders Exchange of the Central Coast, Inc. Scholarship Awards Committee.

Semifinalist candidates will be interviewed and winner(s) selected by the Builders Exchange of the Central Coast, Inc. Scholarship Awards Committee.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS: April 29th, 2011

Contact Builders Exchange of the Central Coast (BXCC) Staff to obtain an application or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ingrid or Veronica, at (831) 883-3933.



Monterey Bay CLC 2011 Scholarship

The Monterey Bay CLC hereby continues its scholarship program for members working in Monterey or Santa Cruz counties whose local union pays the monthly per capita for that member to the Monterey Bay Central Labor Council. Further, the local union must be in good standing with MBCLC.

In 2011 the Labor Council shall award a **Cesar Chavez Memorial** Scholarship of \$500 and a **Johnny Mattos** Scholarship of \$500.

The recipients of the scholarships shall be chosen by lot at the April MBCLC Executive Board Meeting, informed by letters to recipients, and officially announced at the 2011 Labor Awards Dinner on April 29th at the Hyatt Regency Monterey. The name of a recipient and an alternate shall be selected for each scholarship. If a recipient does not provide proof of registration and accept the award within six (6) calendar months of the date of the award, then the scholarship shall be offered to the alternates in numeric order.

Applicants must submit applications on the CLC's official Scholarship Application form to the sponsor's union for verification. That union must then submit the completed application to the Monterey Bay Central Labor Council, 931 E. Market St., Salinas CA 93905. The applicant must be verified as qualified by the president or designated official of the sponsoring CLC affiliated union in good standing during the period February 1 through April 1, 2011 and must meet the following requirements:

1. Applicant must be either a member, spouse, or a dependent or child (not over age twenty-five) of a member of any union properly affiliated with the Monterey Bay Central Labor Council. The affiliated union **must** be paying per capita to the CLC for the applicant's sponsor.

2. Applicants must be full-time (nine or more semester units) students at an accredited university, college, trade, technical or business school (beyond the twelfth grade) for the school term following the award of the grant.

3. Applicants must have at least an accumulative **3.0 grade point average** ("A" = 4.0, "B" = 3.0, etc.) during their high school or post high school enrollment. **Members of affiliated unions who have been out of school, college, etc. for two (2) years or more, do NOT have to meet the GPA requirements for eligibility** (this exception does NOT apply to member's spouse or dependent child).

4. A copy of the applicant's most recent school transcript must be submitted with the application, and/or a letter from a counselor, verifying the applicant's GPA status.

5. Applications are deemed incomplete if they are not accompanied by the required essay.

6. Applications must sign the statement on side 1 agreeing that the grant will be returned to the Monterey Bay Central Labor Council if the applicant fails to attend the listed school or an equivalent institution during the next regular school term.

7. Previous recipients of the MBCLC Scholarships are not eligible for the grant.

Completed application WITH transcript and union verification must be received in the Monterey Bay CLC office NO LATER THAN 6pm on Friday, April 15, 2011.



Up to \$250 in Education Rebates

Receive a rebate of \$50, \$125 or \$250 to help cover education costs you pay for with your Union Plus Credit Card. The rebate can even be spread over several qualifying purchases when made within 1 year of the rebate application date. These include:

- Purchases at educational institutions such as tuition, text books, tutoring, dining, etc.
- Combined fees for The Princeton Review college test preparation courses AND registration fees for SAT, ACT, GRE, GMAT, MCAT, and LSAT tests.

Download a rebate application at [Union Plus.org/EducationRebate](http://UnionPlus.org/EducationRebate)

Don't give up if you're strapped for cash to pay for college. Look for financial help.



IBEW 234 H&W Phone Guide

IBEW Local 234 Health & Welfare Contact Phone Numbers:

Phone (408) 588-3753
or
Toll Free (877) 885-3753

When recorded voice instructions begin, members are prompted to choose an option:

Members Press Option #1

Once in the members selection area, the options are offered for each department:

For Claims or Eligibility Calls
Press Option #2

For Contributions or
Reciprocity Calls Press
Option #1

After a department selection is made, members will be placed in a queue to be handled by the appropriate Trust Fund Representative:

Claims and Eligibility Trust Fund Representatives are:
Member Service Representatives Team

Contributions and Reciprocity Trust Fund Representatives are: Lisa Ng (Primary) & Contributions Team (Secondary)



Call Toll-Free
(800) 654-1485

Manage Your Finances

Get the help of a Financial Representative

Wednesday, April 13th from 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.

James Boisse
Development Director
(408) 437-7245
boisse.james@principal.com
www.principal.com/centralcalifornia



Happy April Birthdays!

Scott Alton
Adrien Antosz
Adrien Antosz Jr.
Frank Bigham
Louis R. Bonds
Dave Butters
Michael Carpenter
Joaquin Correa-Mickel
Leslie R. Dollins
Devon Fehn
Jason Finley
Michael Fryou
Alex Garibay
John I. Greene II

Edwin L. Green
Mark Hiura
Glen Johnson
Michael Keema
Robert C. Koenig
Michael D. Kunkle
Lloyd V. Marchant
Noland Martindale
Lawrence H. Mellick
Bryan Narzynski
Robert L. Nicholas
James Nichols
Warren Nichols

Robert Paz
Evey Perez
Mickel Reeves
Alan Replogle
Michael Rodda
Carlos Segura
James Shumaker
Jonathan Stanley
Bryan Tufts
Joe Velasquez Jr.
Paul A. Velasquez
James R. Wallace
James D. Westphal

This Month's Local 234 Winners!

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

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

Mike Ihnot \$15 and donated it back.

Apprentice Give-Away:

Raymond Sykes II won \$23.40.



Give-Away Winners:

Chris Kiner won a screw driver set and gifted it to Rene Avila.

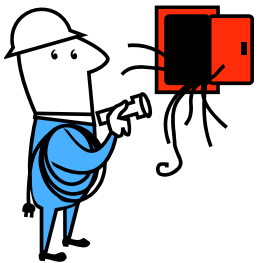
Juan Dominguez won a t-shirt donated by Mike Dempsey.

Rene Avila won an IBEW backpack.

Quote of the Month

Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's need, but not every man's greed.

- Mahatma Gandhi
1869-1948



The next general membership meeting will be:

Wednesday, April 13, 2011

@ 6:30 pm

April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 April Fool's Day	2
3	4	5 LMCC @ 4pm CALCTP @ 5:30pm	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Union Meeting @ 6:30 pm	14	15 Tax Day	16
17	18	19 JATC Meeting @ 5pm	20	21	22 Earth Day	23
24 EASTER End of Pay Period	25 Administrative Assistant's Week	26 Safety Class @ 5:30pm	27 Executive Board @ 6pm	28	29	30

HEALTH AND WELFARE PARTICIPANTS

Since July 2010, we have been trying to get all of our members up to date with the new Health and Welfare Enrollment form that was sent out by BeneSys Administrators. To date, only 154 out of 374 of our H & W participants completely filled out their enrollment form.

We had a situation recently when one of our member passed away. They had not completed the enrollment form and a beneficiary was not listed. This made the situation extremely more difficult for their family and how the process was handled. Providing medical information to a family member is also helpful when they need to handle your medical issues if you are unable to. So please be sure that everything is in order in the event that something was to happen. It is in your best interest.

If we find that our members cannot complete and return their packets, we will not be able to process your claims until we have your enrollment form on file. Your claims will be held until you are in compliance with Local 234 Health and Welfare Plan.

In order for us to better serve our members and to make sure that all your family members are covered, we must have the new enrollment form filled out and returned to BeneSys as soon as possible. Please also provide your marriage certificate, birth certificates and adoption papers (if applicable).

Please look online at www.ibew234.org under Union Benefits/Health Welfare. The enrollment forms are available to download if you did not receive them in the mail.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding to help meet our goal with BeneSys Administrators.

If you have any questions, please call the office.



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