



IBEW Local 234 Newsletter

The Electrical Worker's Union for Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz Counties

February 2018

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Business Manager's Report by Andy Hartmann

Sisters and Brothers,

On the Inside out-of-work list we have 12 on Book 1, 48 on Book 2, 17 on Book 3, and 13 on Book 4. There is 1 on Book 2 for Sound & Comm. There are 20 on CW Book 1 and 154 on CW Book 2. There is 6 Inside apprentices on the out of work list.

The JATC is looking for an instructor to teach the Inside apprenticeship classes. Jim Shumaker has temporarily taken over to complete the school year. The JATC is actively looking for a replacement 5th-year instructor. If you are

The apprentices are transitioning to an online system for reporting their on-the-job training (OJT) hours. Currently they turn in a yellow sheet on a monthly basis in which they track their OJT hours in each category. Some of you may remember the old blue books which the apprentices turned in every six months. We transitioned to the monthly sheets in order to stay more up to date with data entry and not wait to discover any issues. Once again the JATC is transitioning. The new online format allows for daily tracking of hours and does all of the addition for them. Apprentices are supposed to be logging into the website each day and inputting their hours. The apprentices can use any technology to access the website, as it is mobile friendly. If you are a Journeyman, encourage our apprentices to input their hours daily. It is suggested the apprentices input their hours at the end of the day. That way the information is fresh and accurate.

The JATC is evaluating whether they want to invest in upgrading the CALCTP lighting boards. If you have interest in taking either the 50-hour CALCTP course or the advanced CALCTP-AT training then you should contact Stacy at (831) 633-3063 and register your name on one of the class lists. If we can show enough interest in the class to the JATC then hopefully they will see the value in upgrading the boards so that we can continue to offer these trainings at our Training Center.

There is a **Blood Drive** at the Training Center and Union Hall on **Saturday, March 10th from 10am to 3pm**. To schedule your appointment or for more information visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code IBEW or call (800) RED-CROSS (733-2767). According to the Red Cross, cold weather has forced the cancellation of 500 blood drives across the United States. This has created a shortage of blood and platelets. Donors of all types are encouraged to help out.

The third Monday in February is **Monday, February 19th** and is President's Day. It is a Holiday for the Inside, S&C, and CECWs. Enjoy the three-day weekend.

interested please contact me. There are minimum qualification requirements to be an instructor for the Community College system.

We will be holding a wage allocation for the Inside at the March general membership meeting. That will be on **Wednesday, March 8th at 6:30pm**. Only Inside members are allowed to vote on this allocation. The Inside membership will have to decide on how to allocate \$1. This raise will go into effect on May 28th, 2018. The current Inside Agreement expires on May 31st.

At the January general membership meeting, the body voted to start a new program to encourage more participation at union meetings. The idea came from Murray Temple who made a motion that for every union meeting a members attends, their name will be entered into a drawing. Then at the December meeting the winning name drawn will receive \$234. An additional motion was made that required members to be present to win. Everybody has the opportunity to have their name entered up to 12 times.

letsmakeaplan.org

Do you have a financial planner? Are you planning for retirement or simply deciding where to invest and save your money? A CFP or Certified Financial Planner professional can help you navigate all aspects of your finances. When looking for a financial person, look for those initials after their name. Although many professionals call themselves "financial planners," only Certified Financial Planner professionals have completed extensive training and are held to the highest ethical and educational standards. CFP professionals understand the complexities of the changing financial climate and are committed to make financial planning recommendations in your best interest. No matter where you are in life, you'll find confidence in working with a CFP professional to evaluate your finances and develop a comprehensive plan for your financial future. Find one at <http://www.letsmakeaplan.org/>

Christopher Burditt Memorial Scholarship

IBEW Local 234, in partnership with the Burditt Family, is offering **three (3) \$1,000** scholarships to high school graduates – one each in Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito County, who will graduate during the current school year and who meet all qualifying criteria.

To apply, a student must have at least one present or past union member, **of any affiliation**, in his or her immediate family and type an essay of approximately **500 words** on **one** of the following topics:

- What is the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and what has it done to enhance organized labor?
- Why is the organized labor movement important in the United States today?
- How has the union movement played a key role in the life and well-being of my family member who **is or was** in a union?

Essays must be typed and mailed with a completed Application Form to:

Christopher Burditt Memorial Scholarship Essay Contest
10300 Merritt Street
Castroville, CA 95012

Entries must be **received by Friday, March 16, 2018**. IBEW Local 234 will judge essays for content, clarity, and originality. Proof that application requirements are fulfilled, including graduation, will be required, as will proof that the winner enrolls in a university, college, junior college or other institution of higher learning in the summer or fall of **2018**. No essays will be returned. IBEW Local 234 is not responsible for any entries that are not received or are damaged before being received.

The announcement and application form are available for download on our website www.ibew234.org. Share with any interested students.

Union Dues Increase for 2018

Your "Basic" dues (the dues you pay in monthly increments to the Hall) increased on **January 1, 2018**. "A" members Basic Dues increased to **\$40** per month. "BA" members increased to **\$22** per month.

Remember to update your bank account if you have automatic bill payments sent to the Hall.

2018 IBEW East Coast Motorcycle Ride

July 21st, 2018

The IBEW East Coast Motorcycle Ride will take place on **Saturday, July 21st, 2018** at 10am in Morgantown, West Virginia. This year the ride is designed to bring awareness to Multiple Myeloma. Half of the registration fees collected will be donated to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation.

The registration fee is \$35 per participant. You may register online by visiting www.ibew.org and selection the IBEW East Coast Motorcycle Ride icon. You should register early as there is a limit to the number of riders.

The IBEW East Coast Motorcycle Ride sign-in will be held Friday, July 20th from 1 to 6pm and Saturday, July 21st from 8am to 9am at the Lakeview Golf Resort & Spa, One Lakeview Drive, Morgantown, West Virginia. The Lakeview Golf Resort & Spa will serve as the starting point of the ride.

Updates on the ride will be posted on www.ibew.org and www.ibewhourpower.com. If you are unable to attend but would like to donate to the cause visit <https://goo.gl/ph4Am5>

UnionPlus Free College Benefit

Union members and their families can earn an Associate Degree with NO out-of-pocket cost.

Call **1-888-590-9009** or visit unionplusfreecollege.org

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The Union Plus Free College Benefit offers working families an accessible, debt-free and convenient higher education opportunity. You, your spouse, children, financial dependents and grandchildren, can all take advantage of this exciting opportunity.

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Members and their families can earn an Associate Degree online, with no out-of-pocket costs. A last-dollar scholarship covers the difference between any Federal grants and your tuition, fees and e-books at EGCC.

EASTERN GATEWAY CREDITS ARE TRANSFERRABLE

Eastern Gateway Community College is a public, non-profit school in the University System of Ohio and is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Credits you earn can transfer to other schools, potentially saving you thousands of dollars.

Call **1-888-590-9009** or visit unionplusfreecollege.org

Free College is possible thanks to the early support and enthusiasm of AFSCME, who entered into a collaboration with Eastern Gateway Community College in 2016.

BlueCross NurseLine for Inside Members

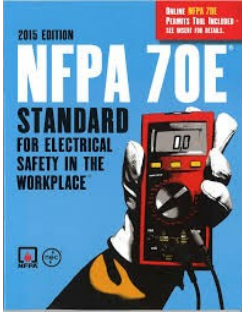
Do you ever have a medical question? Should you go to the ER or not? The Anthem BlueCross 24/7 NurseLine is available to members. Calls are toll-free and completely confidential. Members have access to registered nurses which are available to you and your family 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Call toll-free (866) 670-1565

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Tri-County Electrical JATC Training News

(831) 633-3063



NFPA 70E Class

NFPA 70E with Instructor David Martinez is scheduled for **Saturday, February 3rd from 8am to 2pm**. David will be teaching the standard for electrical safety in the workplace. Call Stacy at (831) 633-3063 to reserve your place.

Small Conduit Bending Class

Instructor Derek Webster, will be teaching a small conduit bending class on **Saturday, February 10th from 8am to 12pm**. Space is limited. Call Stacy at (831) 633-3063 to reserve your place.

2017 NEC Significant Changes Class

Instructor David Martinez will be leading the way through the Significant Changes of the 2017 National Electrical Code. Drop on in! You are welcome to attend one class or as many as you like in this series. This is a (3) hour class. The next class is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 20th at 5:30pm**.



CPR/First Aid Class

A **CPR/First Aid with Blood-Borne Pathogens class** is scheduled for **Saturday, March 24th from 8am-1pm**. Instructor Estella Padilla will be teaching the basics of First Aid and CPR along with Blood Borne Pathogens. Call Stacy at (831) 633-3063 to reserve your place. Class size is limited.

Confined Space Training Class

Do you know how to safely handle confined spaces? Many workplaces contain spaces that are considered "confined" because their configurations hinder the activities of employees who must enter, work in, and exit them. A confined space has limited or restricted means for entry or exit, and it is not designed for continuous employee occupancy. There is an 8 hour confined space class scheduled for **Saturday, March 31st at 8am**. Call Stacy at (831) 633-3063 to reserve your place. Class size is limited.

EVITP 3.0 Class

Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP) 3.0 with Instructor Stephen Slovacek. This class is an 18+ hour course. It is a prerequisite for EVITP that you are a California Certified General Electrician. As a bonus, there is a \$125 stipend available upon successful completion provided by the Monterey Bay LMCC.

Congratulations on Completing Class

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OSHA 10 with Instructor Stephen Slovacek on January 9th and 13th:

Rafael Castro, Andy Hartmann, Francisco Mundo, Elvis Newsome, Brian Sabado, Brian Stanley, Jonathan Stanley, Carlos Vargas, Paul Velasquez, William C. Jones, Angel Lopez-Magana, and Ray Torres

2017 Significant Changes with Instructor David Martinez on January 16th:

Kasey Jeska, Nick Prelgovisk, Brian Sabado, James Brown, Josh Murray, Carlos Vargas, Robert Rovella, Chris Olsen, Ralph Yniguez, Brian Stanley, Jim Shumaker, Jonathan Stanley, and Jose Moncada

CPR/First Aid with Instructor Estella Padilla on January 27th:

James Brown, David Durbin, Josh Murray, Robert Rovella, Charlie Ruiz, Brian Sabado, Brian Stanley, Carlos Vargas, Chad Vargas, Paul Velasquez, and Moises Zuniga

Milwaukee Apprentice of the Month

The Apprentice of the Month program is sponsored by Milwaukee Tools. The goal is to encourage apprentice participation and reward a high performing student for achieving outstanding results both in the classroom and on the job.

For **February 2018** the JATC has chosen to recognize:

5th-year: Wallace Barnes

as the Milwaukee Apprentice of the Month. The apprentice of the month will have a dedicated parking space at the Training Center and also receive a gift provided by Milwaukee.

Next Aptitude Test

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We have an Aptitude Test scheduled for **Saturday, February 24, 2018**. Contact Stacy at (831) 633-3063 if you are able to volunteer for either a morning session or afternoon session or both. A minimum of three proctors are needed for each session.

How You Can Help the JATC

Shop at **AmazonSmile** and Amazon will make a donation to the Tri-County Electrical JATC. Start your shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7114317

ElectricPrep

In an effort to help better prepare students for the electrical apprenticeship, ElectricPrep has partnered with the NJATC/ETA to offer voluntary courses to support applicants during the entrance process for the IBEW/NECA apprenticeship training program. ElectricPrep helps provide a better understanding of the electrical construction industry and the requirements.

If you know of anyone that is interested in applying to the apprenticeship have them check out the resources at www.electricprep.com.



Our Condolences

Brother **Akio Idemoto** passed away on **Monday, January 15th**. He was a 56-year member of the IBEW. Services will be held **Saturday, February 10th at 11am**, at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple.

Brother **Joe Ortiz** passed away on **Tuesday, January 16th**. He was an 18-year member of the IBEW. Services were already held.

Blood Drive by the American Red Cross

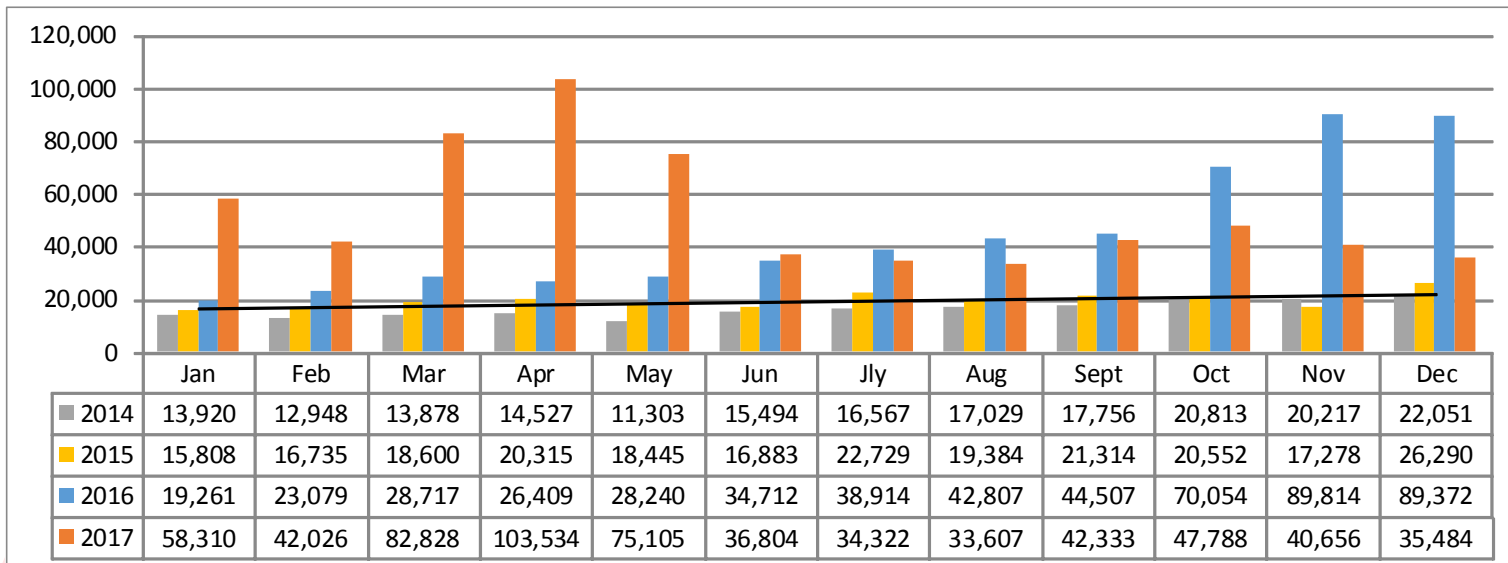


**American
Red Cross**

Together, we can save a life

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Monthly Hours Report



Happy February Birthdays!

James Brown
Nicholas Bynum
Joseph Castaneda
Stanley Chen
Gerardo Echeverria
Pedro Espinoza
Ira Franklin
Erik Fritz
Mohammed Garaan
Florencio Garcia
Joseph Garcia
Ivan Garcia Ponce
Richard Giovannoni
Jonathan Goddard

Steve Guyton
BJ Heading
Rick Keaton
Keith McCants, Jr
Eric Mendez
Jorge Mendoza
Ulises Mendoza
Alan Minami
William Moore
Joshua Murray
Michael Nickals
Jorge Salvador Ponce
Ryan Redoble
Richard Regier

Steve Rios
Paul Rivas
Gerard Rogers
Keith Rudd
Robert Scardina
Charles Scott
Carlos Souza
William Stadtmiller
Theodor Teman
Per Trondhjem
Heber Tuazon
Mauricio Vides
Derek Webster
Christopher Ybanez



This Month's Local 234 Winners!

The winners from the **January** union meeting.

Voluntary PAC (Political Action Committee):

Rafael Castro won \$5 and donated it back.

Apprentice Give-Away:

Sabyn Cupples won \$23.40.

Give-Away Winners:

Charlie Ayala won a Local 234 vest.

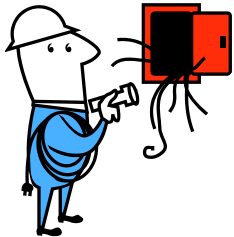
James Stanchfield won a Local 234 t-shirt.

Daniel Ortigoza won a No-Dog level.

General membership meetings are the second Wednesday of each month. The next general membership meeting will be:

Wednesday, February 14th, 2018

@ 6:30 pm



Quote of the Month

"Love many things, for therein lies the true strength, and whosoever loves much performs much, and can accomplish much, and what is done in love is done well."

— Vincent Van Gogh

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 NFPA 70E @ 8am
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Small Conduit Class @ 8am
11	12	13	14 Membership Meeting @ 6:30pm	15	16	17
18	19 HOLIDAY President's Day	20 JATC @ 5pm Significant Changes @ 5:30	21	22	23	24 Aptitude Test
25 End of Pay Period	26	27	28 E-Board Meeting @ 6pm			



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