



International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 234

IBEW Local 234 Newsletter

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

January 2018

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Business Manager's Report by Andy Hartmann

Sisters and Brothers of Local 234,

Happy 2018 to all of you!

On the Inside out-of-work list we have 10 on Book 1, 51 on Book 2, 10 on Book 3, and 13 on Book 4. There is no one on the Sound & Comm books. There are 18 on CW Book 1 and 96 on CW Book 2. There is 1 Inside apprentice on the out of work list.

A wage allocation for S&C was held on December 2nd. The members present voted to allocate \$2.95 to wages (\$38.02) and \$0.05 to compliance (\$0.30). This raise went into effect on

December 1st. There is another increase of \$1.00 scheduled for December 1, 2018.

Your "Basic" dues (the dues you pay in monthly increments to the Hall) will increase on **January 1, 2018**. "A" members Basic Dues will increase to **\$40** per month. "BA" members will increase to **\$22** per month. Remember to update your bank account if you have automatic bill payments sent to the Hall.

The JATC is again looking for another instructor to teach the Inside apprenticeship classes. It's unfortunate that our 5th-year instructor, Ed Sudyka, has left. Jim Shumaker has temporarily taken his place to complete the school year. So now the JATC is actively looking for a replacement 5th-year instructor. If you are interested please contact me. There are minimum qualification requirements to be an instructor for the Community College system.

As of January 1st there are some new updates. The IRS standard mileage rates will go up to \$0.545 per mile. It

was \$0.535 in 2017.

Also on January 1, 2018, California's minimum wage will increase to \$11.00/hour for businesses with 26 or more employees and will increase every year until the minimum wage is \$15.00/hour in 2022. For businesses with 25 or fewer employees, the minimum wage will increase to \$10.50/hour. It will increase every year until the minimum wage is \$15.00/hour for all employees in 2023.

January is also a time for resolutions. According to statista.com the top two resolutions for 2018 have to deal with money and health. Most people are either resolving to save more money or lose weight or get in shape. Remember that it takes work and dedication to keep up a New Year's resolution. Don't worry if you slip up occasionally. Keep your eyes on the prize. If you stay committed to what you want to accomplish, you'll make yourself proud. So what are your resolutions? It's not too late to make more for the New Year. There is always room for improvement. Have you considered getting more involved with the Local? What do you do to contribute to making Local 234 better? The more of us that get involved and make things better, the better off we'll all be. There is an aphorism attributed to John F. Kennedy that goes "a rising tide lifts all boats." The saying was used by Kennedy a lot but was coined by the New England Council, a regional Chamber of Commerce. The saying originally had an economic focus that improvements in the general economy would benefit everyone in the economy. It has since been used in broader, more sustainable terms, specifically by the Labor movement to create sustainable win-win situations socially, economically, and environmentally.

Monday, January 15th is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. It is a holiday for Inside, CECW, and S&C.

Happy New Year to you and your family. May we all be healthy, prosperous, and happy in the New Year. Happy 2018!

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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/>

UnionPlus Scholarship

The UnionPlus scholarship is a competitive scholarship. Applicants are evaluated according to academic ability, social awareness, financial need, and appreciation of labor. A GPA of 3.0 or higher is recommended. The required essays can account for up to half your total score. Scholarship applicants are judged by a committee of impartial post-secondary educators.

Application Timeline:

A complete application must be received on or before 12 pm (Eastern Time) on Wednesday, **January 31, 2018**. Applications received after this deadline will not be considered.

Scholarship Award Amounts:

Amounts range from \$500 to \$4,000. These one-time cash awards are for study beginning in the Fall of 2018. Students may re-apply each year.

Apply at <http://goo.gl/oNB2cL>

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:

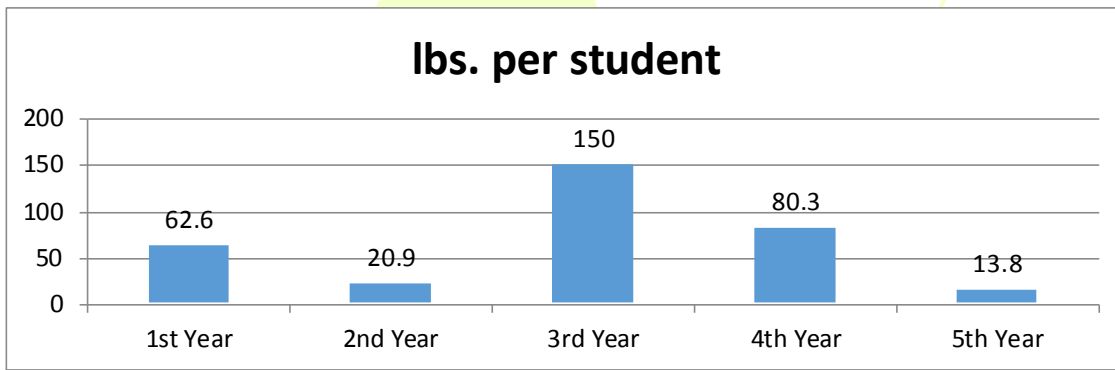
Christopher Burditt Memorial Scholarship Essay Contest
10300 Merritt Street
Castroville, CA 95012

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.

Holiday Food Drive Results

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The Monterey Bay Area Labor-Management Cooperation Committee (LMCC) has generously agreed to again sponsor the apprenticeship class that brings in the most donations for the Second Harvest Holiday Food Drive with a pizza dinner. Pounds of food were calculated as a percentage of each class. Each dollar donated counted as three (3) pounds of food.

This year the winning class of the Holiday Food Drive was again Stephen Slovacek's 3rd year class with the equivalent of 1,500 pounds of food. Overall we donated \$1,131 and 48.9 pounds of food. Congratulations and thank you for supporting the Second Harvest Food Bank.

The Family Medical Care Plan (FMCP)

The NECA/IBEW Family Medical Care Plan (FMCP) will have new medical/prescription (Rx) cards effective January 1, 2018. Please note the member's ID number will change.

What does this mean to the FMCP member? Effective January 1, 2018, members should use the new card provided for their medical/Rx needs. The FMCP will be providing members with two copies of the new cards. Should they wish to receive additional cards, or have any questions about this change, members should contact the FMCP's customer service number at (877) 937-9602. Members should remember to discard any old cards and use only the new cards after January 1, 2018.

In a continuing effort to provide "best in-class services" to all participants in the FMCP, the Board of Trustees has decided to retain a new medical care management firm. Services, such as medical pre-authorizations, were provided by American Health Holdings (AHH). Effective January 1, 2018, all of the FMCP's medical care management will be provided by Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS).

Additionally, the FMCP will be rolling out a new member self-service online portal that will go live on January 1, 2018. To use the online portal, members will need to verify their identity with their new member ID number (from the new 2018 medical/Rx card) and create new login credentials. The new member self-service online portal will give members access to view their plan information and the information for their dependents.

If you have any questions, please contact the FMCP at (301) 556-4313.

Tri-County Electrical JATC Training News

(831) 633-3063

OSHA 10 Class

OSHA 10, with Instructor Stephen Slovacek, is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 9th** from 5pm to 8pm and **Saturday, January 13th** from 7am to 2pm. Call Stacy at (831) 633-3063 to reserve your place.

State Certification Preparation Class

Instructor Will Pieper will be teaching a preparation class for the General Electrician State Certification exam. The next class is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 16th from 5-7pm**. There is another class at the same time on **Tuesday, January 23rd**. 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, January 16th at 5:30pm**.

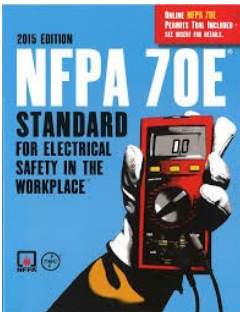
CPR/First Aid Class

A **CPR/First Aid with Blood-Borne Pathogens class** is scheduled for **Saturday, January 27th 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.



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.



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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State Certification Prep Class on December 5th with Instructor Will Pieper:

Jesus Jara, Ronald Zych, Daniel Ortigoza, Ulises Mendoza, Francisco Mundo, Paul Velasquez, Richard Morales, and David Morales

State Certification Prep Class on December 12th with Instructor Will Pieper:

Ronald Zych, Daniel Ortigoza, Ulises Mendoza, Francisco Mundo, Paul Velasquez, Ricardo Morales, and David Morales

State Certification Prep Class on December 19th with Instructor Will Pieper:

Ronald Zych, Paul Ortigoza, Francisco Mundo, Ricardo Morales, David Morales, Gary Gabriel, Ramon Torres, and Berardo Trujillo

Significant Changes on December 19th with Instructor David Martinez:

Jim Brown, Sergio Castillo, Nick Prelgovisk, Robert Rovella, Ulises Mendoza, Bryon Borchard, Hector Camacho, Brian Sabado, Brian Stanley, Mike Speer, Carlos Vargas, and Josh Murray

Milwaukee Apprentice of the Month

Our JATC has started an Apprentice of the Month program 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 **January 2018** the JATC has chosen to recognize:

1st-year: Israel Andrade

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. Israel will be receiving a Milwaukee jobsite cooler.



LMCC Education Quarterly Drawing

The LMCC holds a quarterly gift card drawing. (2) \$100 gifts cards are awarded each quarter for those taking JW upgrade classes. One gift card goes to the member with the most hours of class completed in the last quarter. The other gift card is awarded by lottery. Every four hours of completed classes will equal one entry in the lottery, with no limit. The member with most hours is ineligible for the lottery.

The winners for **Oct/Nov/Dec** were **Ronald Zych** for the most hours of training and **Abraham Adams** for the lottery. Congratulations! Each will receive a \$100 gift card.

Next Aptitude Test

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We have an Aptitude Test scheduled for **Saturday, February 24, 2018**. The deadline to apply to the Inside apprenticeship program is **Thursday, January 11, 2018**. Applications are available online (new!) or in person. The JATC accepts applications year-round on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9-11am and 1-4pm at the JATC Office.

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.

More information can be found at www.tricountyjatc.org



Our Condolences

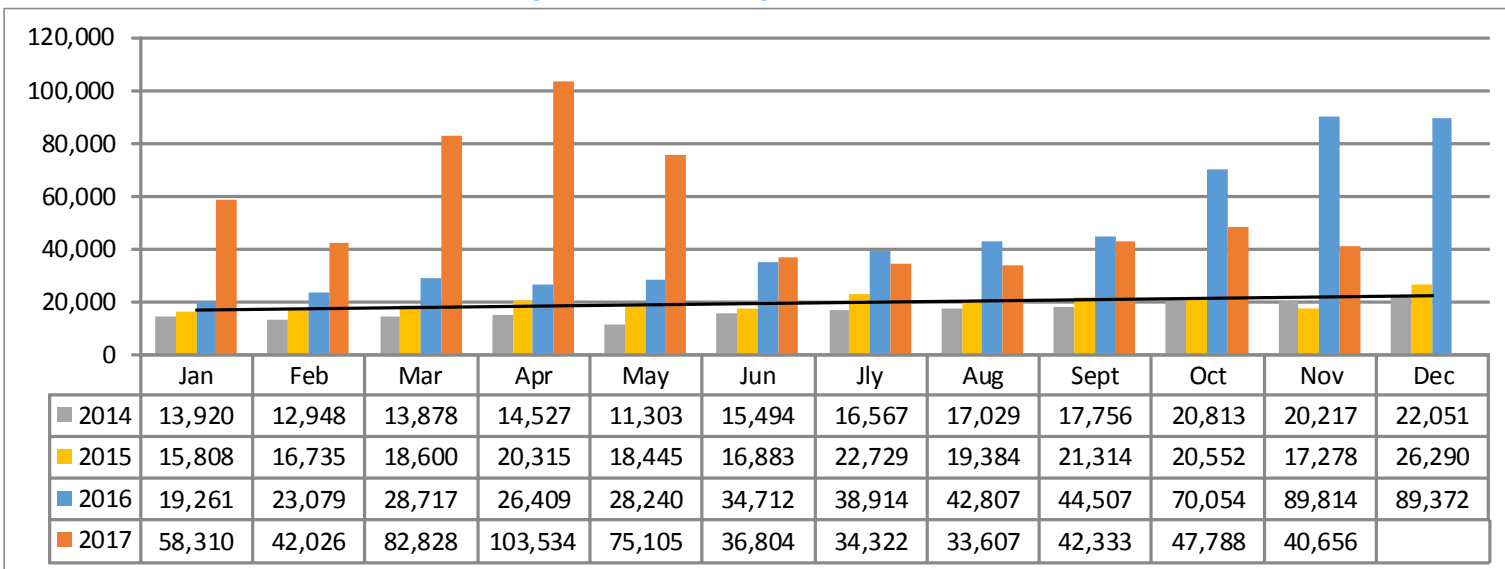
Barbara Ann Moore (79), wife of Jimmie Moore, passed away on Saturday, **December 16, 2017**. Services were held December 28th at Healey Mortuary in Salinas. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the Eden Valley Care Center, 612 Main St., Soledad, CA 93960 or the Alzheimer's Association, <https://alz.org>.

IBEW Local 234 Political Action Committee

The **IBEW Local 234 Political Action Committee (PAC)** operates to enhance our ability to participate in the political process which has an affect on our members, the electrical and construction industry, and our communities. The goal is to support candidates and measures that help our cause and better our communities. **Members who do not wish to have their dues money directed to the PAC may opt out of contributing money by notifying the IBEW Local 234 PAC in writing or by phoning the Hall at (831) 633-2311.** Opt-outs will remain in effect until revoked by the member.

Currently the PAC contribution rate is **\$2 per member per month**.

Monthly Hours Report



Happy January Birthdays!

Abraham Adams, Jr.
Joseph Antoni
Frank Baca
David Boggs
Efrain Castillo
Rafael Castro, Jr
Mark Clough
William Clough
Matthew Craddock
Ruth Dean
John Dion
William Douthett, Jr.
Kyle Dundas
Rosio Ferrer
Scott Gaffney
Manuel Garcia
Ralph Garcia
Gonzalo Gonzales
James Green
Robert Greene
Justin Griffin
Kirt Hackett

Gregory Hague
Harold Haste
Juan Hernandez Gonzalez
Darrell Hickey
Cory Hoffman
Frankie Hull, Jr
Valentin Ivanov
Jesus Jara
Artemio Juarez
Philip Karleen, Jr.
Sean Kent
Abraham Kerns
Leland Knisley
Michael Kulich
Caleb Lebbad
Giovanni Lopez
Ernesto Magallan
Ronald Martinez
George Mellone
Gale Michalek
Jose Moncada
Jimmy Moore

David Morales
Ernesto Morales
Francisco Mundo, Jr
Armando Nunez
Luis Ortiz
Nicholas Prelgovisk
Eric Quigley
Reynold Ramirez
Manuel Ramos
Frank Rodriguez
Dana Saccullo
Maxwell Schnittger
Delbert Slaughter
John Spellman
Trudi Teller
Jaime Urzua
Lillian Vargas
Russell White
Norman Wiedemann
Michael Wolfe
Jim Zupkus



This Month's Local 234 Winners!

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

Voluntary PAC (Political Action Committee):

Mike Ihnot won \$5 and donated it back.

Apprentice Give-Away:

Sabyn Cupples won \$23.40.

Give-Away Winners:

Jaime Hernandez won an Local 234 vest.

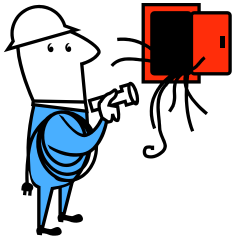
Marcus Gaeta won a Local 234 Henley shirt.

James Stanchfield won a Local 234 t-shirt.

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

Wednesday, January 10th, 2018

@ 6:30 pm



Quote of the Month

"Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right."

- Oprah Winfrey

January 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| | 1 HOLIDAY NEW YEAR'S DAY | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 OSHA 10 @ 5pm | 10 Membership Meeting @ 6:30pm | 11 Application Deadline for Apprenticeship | 12 FULL MOON | 13 OSHA 10 @ 7am |
| 14 | 15 HOLIDAY Martin Luther King Jr. | 16 JATC @ 5pm Cert @ 5pm Significant Changes @ 5:30 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 Cert @ 5pm | 24 E-Board Meeting @ 6pm | 25 | 26 | 27 CHINESE NEW YEAR CPR @ 8am |
| 28 End of Pay Period | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |



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