



International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 234

IBEW Local 234

Newsletter

April 2010

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

Business Manager's Report by Ken Scherpinski

Greetings Brothers and Sisters, and if you have had a break in insurance you can be charged a higher premium.

Last week I attended the State Association Meeting in San Francisco. We discussed the importance of supporting Jerry Brown for Governor. Meg Whitman has already spent \$50 million of her own money to wipe out her Republican opposition,

There is a new program being rolled out by the state JATC that is called 360 Training. This is continuing education for journeymen. It will be an on-line course. All JATCs are welcome to participate. There will be a small cost to the members for taking the class of which 40% goes back to the state JATC to support the development of new programs. This program may be up and running as early as next month. I will keep you updated.

Steve Posner. She will now start focusing her efforts on the Democratic challenger, Jerry Brown. We need all members to mobilize now more than ever to put a Democrat in office. We will need you to phone bank, precinct walk, or whatever you are able to do to volunteer.

Jerry Brown has more than his share of experience in California politics and supports union labor. He will make labor unions a part of the solution that will heal California. He is a leader that can pull people together. He believes "together we can get California working again".

The Association is also endorsing Gavin Newsom for Lieutenant Governor, John Chang for Controller, Bill Lockyer for Treasurer, Alberto Torrico for Attorney General, and Tom Torlakson for Superintendent of Public Instruction.

We also voted NOT to endorse Proposition 17. Although on the surface it looks good, the reality is

The Building Trades representatives have had meetings to discuss future construction projects with Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital and Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula. Both are looking to expand in the Fort Ord area.

At this month's union meeting on April 14th we will be discussing our wage allocation for the duration of our current contract. I hope you will be able to attend and give your input.

This year is an election cycle for Local 234. Nominations will be held for all officers on May 12th at the union meeting. The official notice is included in this newsletter, see page 3 for details.

In solidarity, I wish you all happiness and health as we move into the Spring season, a time for rejuvenation and fresh starts.

**Wage
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to be
Discussed
at the April
General
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Meeting,
April 14 @
6:30pm**

Inside Wage Allocation

On May 31st, the Inside Agreement has a wage allocation of \$2.05. This is the last raise for this contract which will expire on May 31, 2011. At the April general membership meeting, on Wednesday, April 14th at 6:30pm, the membership will discuss and vote on how to allocate the upcoming raise. Be sure to attend if you would like to share your input on how the money is allocated. Contact Ken Scherpinski if you have any questions ahead of time (831) 594-0860.

H&W Contact Information

Bree McTaggart of the Benesys San Ramon office has done a terrific job on the IBEW Local 234 Health & Welfare Plan, but it has been the goal from the beginning to completely Administer the Plan out of the San Jose office. To that end Ashley was hired about six months ago and has had extensive training since then on the IBEW Local 234 Health & Welfare Plan. Ashley is very excited to take on this responsibility and is looking forward to working with the membership. Bree will continue to be involved with the Plan as a back up to Ashley.

Please direct your inquiries to Ashley Alves at:

BeneSys Administrators
1731 Technology Dr. Suite 570 , San Jose, CA 95110
(877) 885-3753 ext. 8414 or (408) 588-3770 ext. 8414
(408) 436-8210 fax

High School Scholarship Results

The deadline for the annual IBEW Local 234 Scholarship has passed. We had more applications this year than ever before. Many great essays were received. The judging was difficult. Each winner will receive \$500 to further their studies. The following are this year's winners:

Monterey County—Kyle A. Perlot, North Salinas High School

San Benito County—Michelle Chatley, Anzar High School

Santa Cruz County—Robby John Pappas, Santa Cruz High School

Each student will be presented an award at their scholarship/graduation ceremony by an Officer of IBEW Local 234.

Central Labor Council Scholarship

2010 Monterey Bay CLC Scholarship Application

The Monterey Bay Central Labor Council is continuing its scholarship program for members working in Monterey or Santa Cruz County whose local union participates in the Monterey Bay CLC. IBEW Local 234 is an active participant.

This year the Labor Council will award a Cesar Chavez Memorial Scholarship of \$500 and a Johnny Mattos Scholarship of \$500.

In an essay from 100-200 words, write about "what does it mean for you to be part of a union family?" In answering the question, think about what work life, pay, and health care would be for you or others in your family without union membership. Also, what have you earned from participation by you or your family member's participation in the labor movement and/or other social justice movements.

Completed application, copies are available at the Hall, with transcript and union verification must be received at the Monterey Bay CLC Office by **Friday, April 16th at 6pm**. The CLC office is located at 931 E. Market Street, Salinas.



OFFICIAL NOTICE—Nominations and Elections Local Union 234, IBEW

April 2010

The nominations for officers of Local Union 234 will be held on May, 12, 2010, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the local meeting hall located at 10300 Merritt Street, Castroville, CA 95012. Anyone desiring to be nominated must be present during the nominations or provide a written and signed statement that they will accept the nomination. No member may be a candidate for more than one (1) office. Anyone nominated to more than one office must choose the office for which they will be a candidate.

Nominations will proceed in the order of offices as listed in the IBEW Constitution whose term of office shall be three (3) years:

President

Vice President

Recording Secretary

Financial Secretary/Business Manager and Delegate to International Convention

Treasurer

Executive Board (4 positions)

Examining Board (5 positions)

Alternate Delegate to International Convention

In order to be nominated, a member must have a minimum of two (2) years of continuous good standing in Local Union 234. Good standing means that the member is current in the payment of dues and has been for the two (2) years preceding the nominations.

An election judge and tellers will be appointed at the close of nominations. None of these may be a candidate for any office.

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. 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.



JATC Training News

By Ed Sudyka

Joint Apprenticeship and Training Center

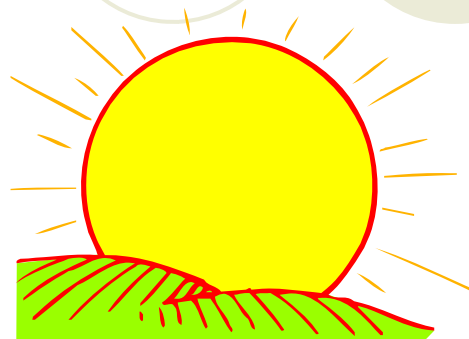
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AT LAST! The California Solar Training and Certification class is on the schedule! Saturday, April 24 beginning at 8 a.m. until noon or so, we'll be putting on the follow up class to the November 7 + 8, 2009 Solar PV Roadshow weekend for your IBEW PV "Certification".

If you're already on the class list, the JATC will be mailing you a study guide. This is your homework which you are expected to read before class. Doing so will help you pass the test!

That Saturday we will be reviewing the solar PV concepts covered the weekend of November 7 + 8 and going over the information that will be on the test. After a brief study time for review, the test will be given.



If you haven't called yet to sign up for the PV Certification class, please do so soon. I'm going to limit it to the first 35 that sign up. Those who sign up later will have to attend another class offering, perhaps in May.

California Advanced Lighting Controls Training Program:

A New Opportunity to Make a Difference

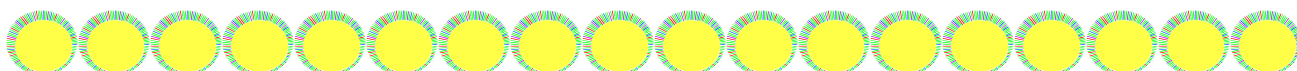
The California Advanced Lighting Controls Training Program (CALCTP) is a statewide initiative aimed at increasing the use of lighting controls in commercial buildings. The CALCTP team is made up of California electric utilities, The California Lighting Technology Center (CLTC), contractor and labor organizations, IBEW Journeyman Apprentice Training Centers (JATC), community colleges, and ICF International.

Advanced Lighting Control (ALC) systems typically include dimmers, occupancy sensors, photosensors, relay modules, and communication based devices. Studies indicate that energy savings of up to 40 percent can be realized by simply turning lights off in offices, conference rooms, and restrooms when those spaces are unoccupied during normal business hours. Additional savings can be realized using dimming ballasts and photo sensors to reduce lighting load when sufficient daylight is present. Finally, the installation of ALC technology is an essential step in expanding participation in demand response programs for commercial building owners and operators.

The goal of the CALCTP is to promote the proper design, installation, and commissioning of advanced lighting control systems through training and certification of contractors and their workforce. The CALCTP team is planning for 30 training sites in California that include JATC's and utility facilities.

CALCTP is expected to dramatically increase the supply and demand for lighting controls in commercial applications, and create new, green jobs in the process. This important lighting initiative will substantially reduce lighting load in commercial buildings while providing improved light quality and increased productivity. The use of advanced lighting controls will play an essential role in the development of a highly reliable and efficient "smart" electrical grid system in the United States.

Would you like to be involved in the CALCTP training program? This training is quite involved, and includes many hours of hands-on training "in the lab" wiring different manufacturers lighting systems. This lab work is done **after** you do extensive reading about the different types of lighting controls. Call today to sign up for the CALCTP energy saving lighting technology training that may play a big part of the economy driving the work force of tomorrow!





Comprehensive Facility Energy Audit Class

Class Objective: 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!

Out of Work? Too much time on your hands? Want to do something productive and give back to the Union and the Training Program?

We've got lots of projects you can choose from down here at the Training Center! If you're tired of electrical work, we have carpentry projects as well! Even painting!

Give Ed a call and he'll put you to work at the Hall! 633-3063
Your help will be greatly appreciated!

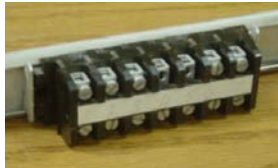
COMING ON THURSDAY
MAY 20th at 5:30 p.m: A special presentation by Jon Gregg of International Seismic Application Technology (ISAP).

Learn the proper techniques for **conduit seismic restraint** from an expert in the field!

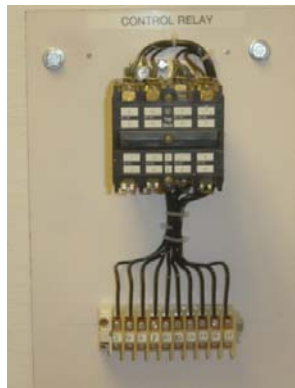
Jon will be bringing his knowledge and experience, and an overview of ISAP products and applications to our Training Center.

Call and sign up for 2 hours of Continuing Education!

WANTED!
TERMINAL STRIPS!
NEEDED FOR
TRAINING MODULE
WIRING!



DONATION RECEIPTS ISSUED— THE JATC IS A 501-C-3 NON-PROFIT. YOU CAN GET A TAX DEDUCTION FOR CLEANING OUT YOUR WORKSHOP AND LETTING US HAVE YOUR COLLECTION!



An example of how we're using terminal strips here as we mount components to help us practice wiring motor controls.



The "wall" gets populated with motor controls!

Attend the MDVOC Meeting

As a reminder the Membership Development Volunteer Organizing Committee (MDVOC) meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 5pm at the Union Hall. Please join us as we work together to improve our market share and increase our visibility. We are often our best kept secret and we are working to change that. If you have input or suggestions on how we can work collectively to attain our goals while maintaining or improving the lifestyle that we enjoy, this would be the time. Our industry and country have fallen into times that have not been experienced before. Our existing business model and involvement in the industry must adapt and evolve with the times. We ask that you get involved to make a difference in your Local. Join us and see how your involvement will make a difference. RSVP with Paul Gutierrez at (831) 594-5882.

Reel Work Labor Film Festival

Showing in Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, and Monterey County April 24th to May 2nd. In its ninth season, the Reel Work Labor Film Festival program will once again appeal to the rank-and-file unionist and our community allies in a celebration of solidarity with film, music and theatre.

Visit www.reelwork.org for details on show times.

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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, April 21, 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.

James Boisse

Financial Representative

(415) 951-0915 x208

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Happy April Birthday to:

Michael Alexiou
Scott Alton
Adrien Antosz
Frank Bigham
Louis Bonds
Dave Butters
Michael Carpenter
Joaquin Correa-Mickel
Leslie Dollins
Devin Fehn
Jason Finley
Michael Fryou
Alex Garibay
John Greene, II

Edwin Green
Mark Hiura
Glen Johnson
Michael Keema
Robert Koenig
Michael Kunkle
Lloyd Marchant
Nolan Martindale
Lawrence Mellick
Bryan Narzynski
Robert Nicholas
James Nichols
Warren Nichols
Robert Paz

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This Month's Local 234 Winners!

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

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

Christopher Burditt won \$37.

Apprentice Give-Away:

Christopher Burditt won \$23.40.

Give-Away Winners:

Manuel Valdez won a Lenox Utility Knife.

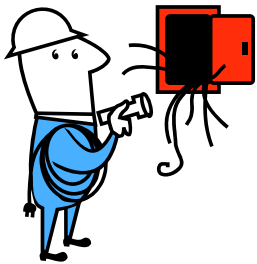
Dave Butters won a union made bag.



"If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything."

—Author unknown

The next general membership meeting will be



Wednesday, April 14th, 2010
@ 6:30 pm

April 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 April Fool's	2	3
4 Easter	5	6 LMCC @ 4pm	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 MDVOC @ 5pm Union Meeting @ 6:30pm	15 Tax Day	16 CLC Scholarship Deadline Pg. 2	17
18	19	20 JATC @ 5pm	21 Principal @ 3pm	22 Earth Day	23	24 Solar Class @ 8am
25 End of Pay Period	26	27	28 Executive/ Examining Board @ 6pm	29	30	

Obama Appoints Becker and Pearce to the NLRB

March 29, 2010—www.americanrightsatwork.org

This past weekend brought big news: President Obama used his Constitutional appointment powers to fill two slots on the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) that have been vacant since 2007. Craig Becker and Mark Pearce will be added to the five-member board, which administers disputes between labor and management.

These appointments are an effective first step toward improving conditions for America's workers. Said Executive Director Kimberly Freeman Brown, of American Rights at Work, in a statement:

"When jobs are scarce, workers are often forced to endure unfair working conditions. America's workers need a fully functioning NLRB to mediate their claims for better wages, benefits and other rights now more than ever - and after two long years they have one."

A group of 46 of the country's leading labor law scholars are similarly pleased at the prospect of a functioning NLRB. They signed a letter to President Obama, thanking him for his action on this issue. "These new Board Members will bring their wealth of experience as legal scholars and labor law practitioners to serve with fairness and integrity," the letter goes on to state, "We again extend our appreciation to you for making the recess appointments that will allow the Board to tackle this work."

The scholars' letter also reminds us that recess appointments are hardly uncommon or unprecedented. George W. Bush made 171 recess appointments during his eight years in office — Ronald Reagan made 243.

Official Notice about IBEW Local 234 Nominations and Elections
(see Page 3 for details)

Wage Allocation to be Discussed at the April General Membership Meeting, April 14
@ 6:30pm



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