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A MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

WORK PICTURE

We currently have 74 on Book I and 79 on Book II and continue to have a few calls come in from our contractors in Oregon as we finish up our work on data centers and the Carty Project. While some data centers are finishing, PDX 56 is coming out of the ground and another is still in the bidding phase. Bechtel has brought a few more on board as needed to help with the DF Law work and they continue to work overtime, while URS/AECOMM has backed off of their aggressive hiring approach for O&M positions. Some calls should still be trickling in, just not as big as anticipated. We are expecting pre-outage work at the Columbia Generating Station to start happening within the next month, but not sure of the numbers at this time. Tank farm work is still being discussed with no layoffs since the initial layoff in July.

BROTHERHOOD EVENTS

Upcoming events include the Labor Day Picnic on September 5th our Local 112 picnic on September 10th, and the Central Washington State Fair on September 17th with a Local 112 float. I believe these events promote brotherhood within our local and participation is a must if we are going to build on solidarity and community involvement.

Also, I would like to include our monthly unit meetings in this conversation, as we need more interaction and involvement. A larger number at our meetings represents union involvement and shows solidarity. I understand our lives get busy but it is imperative that we continue to support our local unit meetings. One of the topics of discussion at recent meetings is how to get more members to attend, so any ideas or solutions would be appreciated.

I have scheduled a Stewards Class for November 5th, so anyone who would like to attend, please contact call the hall and put your name on the list. This class will be taught by Intl. Reps Mike Grunwald and Tracy Prezeau. Even though there is typically one assigned steward on a job, we are all stewards to our craft, so the more educated we become the stronger we are out in the field.

Local 112's blitz is right around the corner on September 6th & 7th. What a better way to show commitment to the IBEW and the union movement than to participate. Call the hall to get more info on the blitz and learn how you can be a big part of our organizing efforts.



Who was Local 112's the first Business Manager?
William H. Wiseman July 1947-July 1951

He was also President from 1955-1957 and 1963-1967.

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

Tri-Cities	September 1st	7:30 p.m.
Hermiston	September 8th	7:30 p.m.
Yakima	September 15th	7:30 p.m.
Executive Board	September 22nd	5:30 p.m.

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Organizing Report

Mentoring..... What? and Why?

As I mentioned last month, we will continue to organize and invite new members into the IBEW. Unfortunately, even with a strategic organizing plan, our numbers will remain stagnant if we can't retain both new members and our current members. One way of retaining members, that is being discussed, is utilizing mentors within the Local Unions.

When we speak about mentoring, what are we asking for? Are we asking our members to step up and offer to be a "lifeline" for another member? Are we asking our members to share their experiences in an effort to offer guidance to new members? Are we asking our members to be there in support of other members who are going through tough times? The answer to all of these questions is "yes".

I remember some of the very first journeymen that took me aside and talked to me about the industry. What to expect as I moved forward through my apprenticeship and then what to do to prepare myself for "getting on the books". It didn't stop there. Many of those same individuals were there for me ten, fifteen and even twenty years later. This is what I envision when I think about mentoring. I know a lot of you have similar experiences to this. Stories that need to be shared with the next generation of electricians in LU 112.

The question now is, how do we make sure that this continues? I believe it is essential that we reach out to our members, both new and those who have spent their entire careers with the IBEW. Activities, such as the recent parades we have participated in and the upcoming LU 112 picnic, offer an opportunity for members to join together and share their experiences. I would also like to start a network of members who would be willing to share their experiences with those who are in need of guidance, be it a shoulder to lean on or just someone to listen.

If you are interested participating, in any way, please contact the hall.

Travis Sellers, Membership Development Rep.

IEEW HEALTH FAIR 2016

Saturday, September 24th

Pasco Red Lion

2525 N. 20th Ave.

The IEEW Health & Welfare Trust will again sponsor a Health Fair where you and your eligible dependents over the age of 18 can have lab tests done at no cost to you. Testing will include chemistry / hematology, thyroid, prostate disease and Vitamin D. Flu shots will also be offered to eligible participants age 9 and over.

The event will be held at the Pasco Red Lion from 8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon. The last day to register is September 8th. You will be receiving a post card through the mail with more details about this important screening. These tests are very thorough and you encouraged to participate. You can register at:

www.coalitionhealthfair.org

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APPRENTICESHIP & JOURNEYMAN TRAINING

The current work picture for apprentices has continued to deteriorate this past month, as we currently have a least 35 who are on the out of work book. Opportunities to travel are limited to the Prineville area, but we are hopeful that the data centers in the Quincy area might open up to utilizing some more apprentices for those willing to travel for a while.

Good news to report on two of our apprentices! First, recent graduate Richard Morgan will be representing our JATC on October 1st in Pocatello, Idaho as our contestant for the Western States Electrical Contest. There will be JATCs from Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and California competing for this prestigious award. Secondly, the annual Jack White Award winner this year for outstanding apprentice goes to Robert Welch, who will be starting his 5th year of apprenticeship after Labor Day. Both of these individuals are outstanding examples of what we should all be proud of as tomorrow's best electricians!

CEU classes will be posted in September and I will be looking for additional instructors to teach JW classes for us on Saturdays and weekday evenings. Please contact me to let me know if you have interest in becoming an instructor.

Dennis Williamson, Training Director



*In Memoriam
John C. Antolick*

1982 –2016

Brother John C. Antolick passed away on August 3, 2016 at the age of 34 from complications from a serious infection. Brother Antolick was initiated into the IBEW by Local 112 in May, 2003 and completed the five year Inside Apprenticeship Program. He became a Journeyman Wireman in April, 2008 and was also a certified welder.

Brother Antolick worked for various contractors throughout his short career.

John was pre-deceased by his father, Joe Antolick, an IBEW member, last year.



"Thank You"

For Attending Your Union Meeting in August

TRI-CITY

- Travis Swayze
- Greg Jacobson
- D. Williamson
- Ricky Thomas
- Justin Turner
- Teresa Sawyer
- Carl Sorrels
- Don Snider
- Tim Murray
- Ryan Shannon
- Bob Legard
- Caleb Kauer
- Andrew Mabbitt
- Rylan Grimes
- Aaron Siefken
- Paul Neiman
- Aaron Weiss
- Mike Hennessey
- Richard Morgan
- Moses Torrescano

Hipolito Hernandez

- Kyle Burnstad
- Patrick Hennessey
- Robert Welch, Jr.
- Dave Glessner
- Patrick Smith
- Larry Lozier
- Jimmy Johnson
- Chris Butler
- Eduardo Zunigo
- Scott Sorensen
- Thea Guilbeau
- Kyle Thomas
- Justin Reinbolt
- Jacob Goodenow
- Mark Heberlein
- Josh Dearman
- Ramone Northern
- Adam Avelar
- Steve Weis

HERMISTON

- Joe Vandecar
- Dan McConkey
- D. Williamson
- Tim Meyers
- Elijah Bork
- Dave Rink
- Ernest Canup
- Dave Glessner
- Travis Swayze
- Iain Canup
- Rodney Rehmke
- Cody Hamann

YAKIMA

- Travis Sellers
- J. C. Krueger
- Tim Robel
- D. J. Skone
- Scott Dzurik
- D. Williamson
- Paul Carney
- Luke Hillman

SAFETY SPOT



The NFPA 70E defines a qualified person as one who has demonstrated skills and knowledge related to the construction and operating of electrical equipment and installations and has received safety training to identify and avoid the hazards involved. OSHA provides a similar description of a qualified person.

Even with all the training and experience we have had, we run into tasks that we are not familiar with. All of us need to ask questions if we are not sure how to preform the task we have been assigned to do.

Safety should be the first thing we are concerned about. With the definitions in mind, we need to be sure that we as general foreman, foreman and journeyman wireman make sure our Brothers & Sisters are property trained to perform any tasks we may give them. There is no such thing as a dumb question. We want to make sure the person performing the work has been properly trained and is knowledgeable of the training and risks involved with the task.

Additional information is available under Qualified Person thru NFPA 70E and OSHA 29 CFR 1910.399.

Have a Safe Fall !!

Butch Manthei, Safety Committee Chairman



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