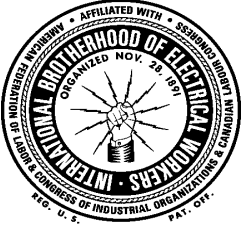


# Brotherhood Broadcasts

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### A MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

#### WORK PICTURE

This month we have 35 on Book I and 73 on Book II. Calls have been steady and are sometimes taking a few days to fill. The Carty project has started slower than we expected. CREM expects to hire some for I & C work and Day and Zimmerman should hire another 30 or so. Christenson is okay on manpower for now. EC Company ran into some problems and the general contractor has cut them back to 4-10's for a while. Dyna is stable for now and Rock Electric will need a couple for the hotel in Hermiston soon. Bechtel had a layoff of 15 people but that should be it for now. The only big projects coming up in Washington are the AutoZone distribution center in Pasco, and if it happens, the Starbuck Pulp Mill. AutoZone is rebidding with two of our contractors still in it. Work should remain steady this spring and summer.

#### POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

The untimely passing of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia brought about a declaration from the GOP leadership within an hour of his passing. They stated that there will not be a vote for the replacement to his position until after a new President is elected. This is unprecedented and is totally wrong. President Obama has not even nominated a replacement, and they are already saying "NO".

Our Constitution has three branches of Government to provide checks and balances, so that no single branch can take control of the business of the nation. This includes the Executive, the Legislative, and the Judicial branches. By denying the filling of this position, they have stripped the country of that protection. They have control of both sectors of the Legislative branch, and now are taking away the protections afforded in the Constitution from the Executive branch by not selecting a replacement, and leaving the Judicial branch with an even number of justices. All decisions from the Court will be deadlocked and will result in an ineffective section of those protections. All pending cases before the Court will now be rendered a split decision, and no action can be taken on these cases and the lower court ruling will stand. The deadlock of the last six years since the GOP took control of the House, and then the Senate, has brought this country to a standstill and it cannot go on any longer. We must retain the White House and retake the Senate and the House to bring this country back to the great nation that we were. Total gridlock cannot prevail.

#### SOLICITATION OF WORK

There have been questions raised recently about members soliciting work outside of the referral procedure. By Laws Art XV, Sect. 10 states in part, that the handling of jobs for members shall be under the full supervision of the Business Manager. No member shall violate the referral procedure. Sect. 11 states that no member shall solicit employment at any shop or job, or shift from one shop or employer to another without the consent and approval of the Business Manager. Violations of these articles subjects the individual member to having charges filed against them and they can be brought before the trial board. This is a very serious issue and will not be tolerated !

### Organizing Report

#### WHY UNIONS ARE ESSENTIAL

If you became working age in the past ten years and didn't come from a family of union members, chances are what you've heard about unions has been negative.

You might not have known that the union labor movement in the United States led to:

- \* Securing Social Security and Medicare
- \* The end of child labor
- \* The right of workers to negotiate with their employers over wages, benefits and working conditions
- \* The 8 hour work day and paid overtime
- \* Compensation for workers injured on the job.
- \* Unemployment insurance.
- \* A minimum wage
- \* Pensions
- \* Healthcare insurance
- \* Paid sick leave, vacations and holidays
- \* Elimination of job discrimination by ethnicity, color, religion, sex or national origin
- \* Family medical leave

Finally, there is money. The wage difference between a union and a non-union job doing exactly the same sort of work averages more than 25%. Unions are vital to maintaining America's middle class.

Unions not only give their members a voice at work but also have broad political effects. By mobilizing voters and contributing to campaigns, organized labor is the only lobbying group operating in the interest of ordinary Americans.

Unions are the most important group fighting against inequality. One way unions reduce inequality is by boosting voter turnout. Seattle's campaign for a \$15 minimum hourly wage could not have succeeded without a massive, union-led voter registration drive. The General Election is nine months away and I am already tired of the ongoing news coverage and candidates telling us what they think we want to hear, but I do think we need to pay attention to who is trying to help labor and who is not. Above all, we need to vote in November.

*Joe Legard, Membership Development Rep.*

#### MARCH MEETINGS

Tri- Cities	March 3rd	7:30 p.m.
Hermiston	March 10th	7:30 p.m.
Yakima	March 17th	7:30 p.m.
Executive Board	March 18th	5:30 p.m.

**Take an Active Role in YOUR Local Union !**

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**JOURNEYMAN TRAINING**

**ELECTRICAL TRAINING CENTER**

OCPD—Bussman Fuses—8 hrs.                      March 1st & 2nd —6:30 p.m.  
 Transformers—4 hrs.                                      March 23rd - 6:30 p.m.

**IRRIGON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Oregon Rule & Law—4 hrs.                      March 26th—8:00 a.m.  
 Grounding—4 hrs.                                      March 26th—1:00 p.m.

**Call 509-783-0589 or e-mail [classes@jatc112.org](mailto:classes@jatc112.org) to register**  
**Dennis Williamson, Training Director**

*In Loving Memory  
 Of  
**Jens Olsen**  
 1918 - 2016*



Local 112's oldest member, Brother Jens Olsen, passed away on February 15, 2016 at the age of 97. He was a 64 year member, having been initiated into the IBEW by Local 112 in 1952. During his 30 year career, he worked mainly for two contractors in the Walla Walla area, Woodard Brothers & Gage Electric, before retiring in 1983. At that time, he moved to the Vancouver area to be near family.

Brother Olsen was instrumental in starting the IBEW Local Union 112 Federal Credit Union and was the Credit Union's first President.

***"Thank You"***

***For Attending Your Union Meeting in February***

**TRI-CITY**

Pete Marsh  
 Greg Jacobson  
 Phillip Wahner  
 David P. Davis  
 Joe Legard  
 David Kurth  
 D. Williamson  
 Tyler Bushaw  
 James Phinney  
 Bob Legard  
 Herman Rippy  
 Caleb Kauer  
 Tim Murray  
 Paul Neiman  
 Thomas Carter  
 Craig Moore  
 James Elgin  
 Bob Foster  
 Justin Turner  
 Bailey Tietzort  
 Lorne Smith

Travis Sellers  
 Rylan Grimes  
 Teresa Sawyer  
 Dave S. Davis  
 Matt Jensen  
 Gary Morgan  
 Frank Stading  
 Ed Manthei  
 David Myles  
 Don Snider  
 Adriann Bergman  
 Ken Werst  
 Keith Cowan  
 Dylan Morrell  
 Patrick A. Smith  
 Cheryl Sanders  
 Moses Torrescano  
 Duard Morrell  
 James Hendrick  
 Zechariah Noel  
 Jacob Moore  
 Randy Routh

**HERMISTON**

David P. Davis  
 Joe Legard  
 Doug McCauley  
 Ike Steele  
 D. Williamson  
 Tim Meyers  
 Dan McConkey  
 Jeffrey Carrick  
 Robert Ritzer  
 David Glessner  
 Travis Sellers

**YAKIMA**

Joe Legard  
 Neil Knight  
 Steve Jones  
 Travis Wilson  
 Ben Griswold  
 Luke Hillman  
 Paul Carney  
 Scott Dzurik

**STEWARD CLASS**

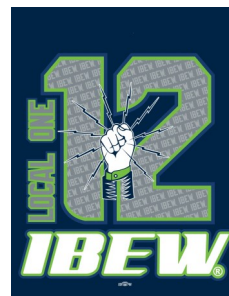
**FRIDAY, MARCH 18TH**

A Steward Class will be held on Friday, March 18th for journeymen who are interested in becoming a Steward or for those who are currently a Steward. This is a very informative class covering topics such as the Code of Excellence, Steward responsibilities, grievances and jobs site issues, the Collective Bargaining Agreement and Project Labor Agreements, just to name a few. The class will be taught by Int'l. Reps. Mike Grunwald and Traci Prezeau, and will be held at the hall beginning at 10:00 a.m. Please contact the hall at 509.735.0512 if you wish to attend. There is no cost to attend this class and is well worth your time. We hope to see you there !

**SAFETY SPOT**



We held our first Safety Committee meeting in quite some time. Ed Manthei attended a conference in Atlanta recently and he gave a great report on it, similar to the one he did at the Tri City meeting. We will continue to meet quarterly and our next meeting will be in May. I want to thank Ed, as well as Thomas Massey and Dave S. Davis for also attending. We have also been giving a jobsite awareness class to the new apprentices since they will not get safety training until this fall when they start school and the orientation from their employers. This has gone well, and will give them a head start from last year's class. This was intended to help mitigate the increase in newer apprentices' injuries that we saw last year. The International has asked all Local Unions to begin reporting all injuries that are of significance, so I am asking that when you know of anyone being injured, other than minor types, please call the Hall and let us know so that we may pass that information along. Stay safe and watch out for your working partners.



**WE HAVE  
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