

# Brotherhood Broadcasts

## Local Union #112



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### A MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

#### WORK PICTURE

Work is still busy in Oregon and in Washington. Oregon data centers have leveled out on work while waiting for new buildings to come out of the ground. Dynalectric, EC Company, ILB, and ON Electric are the contractors performing that work. CREM and Phase 2 continue work at Con Agra in Richland. The Columbia Generating Station has finished their outage and is back to normal crew sizes for WPS. We still have some local contractors needing some help with 40 hour calls. Solar projects and wind farms may be coming into our jurisdiction again soon. More to follow. 45 on Book I and 104 on Book II.

#### BROTHERHOOD EVENTS

\*\* Get signed up for the IBEW Local 112 Golf Tournament at Canyon Lakes on July 8. It will be a shotgun start at 7:30 a.m. with a great lunch afterwards. If you don't have a team to play on we will find one for you. This event has been one of our premier Brotherhood Events and a great time to visit with other Brothers and Sisters. There will be lots of prizes to give away. Look forward to seeing everyone there.

\*\* We have scheduled a pre-retirement seminar that will feature John-Hancock, Rehn and Associates, your very own Lori Johnson to speak about the union pensions, and hopefully a representative from the Social Security Department. The seminar is scheduled for July 21 and July 22. The format will be presentations on Friday evening at 6:00 pm, and individual sessions with the John Hancock representative on Saturday beginning at 9:00 am. Both will last as long as needed. Attend one or both. There will be snacks and drinks at both sessions. If you could call ahead to RVSP it would help us facilitate seating and arrangements. Spouses are encouraged to attend. It will be held at the hall in the meeting room.

\*\* Starting in July, it has been approved by your Executive Board to have a feed before each unit meeting. For the initial test runs, we will have a quarterly feed at the July and October unit meetings, and see where it progresses from there. The intent of the feed is an attempt to draw more members to unit meetings, and with everyone working so much, it gives you a chance to sit down with your Brothers and Sisters and enjoy a meal together. The food will be offered starting at 6:00 pm and will be closed out at about 6:45 pm to get ready for the meeting. I look forward to seeing you all there.

\*\* Right now we have a great opportunity for WA-01 license holders to get an OR-01 provisional license that will be good through February 2020. However, this opportunity expires the July 30, 2017. I would urge you to look into this with all the work we have in Oregon. The state of Oregon is tracking how many people take advantage of this, and a higher participation rate will increase the odds that they would offer it again in the future. We have a link on our website with all the details.

\*\* Did you know .....Your Local Union just celebrated its 70th birthday? IBEW Local 112 was chartered on June 1, 1947 and Lori has created a design for shirts to celebrate the milestone. Shirts are available at the hall in black and navy.

### Organizing Report

#### The Blitz Is On

Through the first six months of 2017, 46 new members have joined Local Union 112. A breakdown of the new members is as follows: Apprentices-22, Installers-6, Journeymen-16, Maintenance-2. If you know, or are working with, any of these new members; please take the time to welcome them.

A vital step to retaining new members is educating them about the IBEW and what we stand for. Information is key, so please help these new members understand the importance of attending their unit meetings and participating in the activities of the Local Union.

As we move forward into the second half of 2017, we will be welcoming a new Organizer/Rep into the hall. Who it will be is yet to be determined. Regardless of whom is chosen, continued support of our organizing effort is important. We will be focusing our combined efforts in an attempt to regain market share in some of our outlying areas. Controlling the available manpower and having a sustainable workforce in these areas will hopefully encourage our signatory contractors to bid the work that is available in these areas.

One of the tools we use to reach the licensed, non-union electricians in a certain area is an organizing blitz campaign. Our organizing blitz is scheduled for August 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. This year, we will be targeting the Hermiston area on the 15th and the Yakima area on the 16th. Our hope is to hand out 400-500 pieces of information during these two days of blitzing. Each day, beginning with lunch at noon, we will hang our informational tri-folds at the addresses of licensed electricians in the areas. In the evening, following dinner, we will continue with door knockings and surveys. As always, the success of these activities is tied to the amount of participation we get from our membership. Even if you can only make a part of one day, please do so. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

*Travis Sellers, Membership Development Rep.*



**The Local Union Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th, but will be open on Monday, July 3rd. Enjoy your holiday !!**

#### \*\* RETIREE BREAKFAST CLUB \*\*

**FRIDAY, July 7th—9:00 A.M. @ HALL -735-0512 RSVP**

**The Safety Committee—June 1st—6:00 p.m. @ the hall before the Tri-City meeting. Everyone is Welcome**

#### JULY MEETINGS

Tri- Cities	July 6th	7:00 p.m.
Hermiston	July 13th	7:00 p.m.
Yakima	July 20th	7:00 p.m.
Executive Board	July 27th	5:30 p.m.

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**APPRENTICESHIP & JOURNEYMAN TRAINING**

Our two instructors and Caleb Kauer will be attending the National Training Institute this year at the end of July to take the necessary training needed for us to continue delivering the EPRI Part A class. This will help prepare individuals wanting to receive the Part A certificate. As previously reported, there are several changes and updates being required by EPRI.

Graduation is on July 7th at the Clover Island Inn in Kennewick. Robert Welch will be representing this year's class of graduates at the prestigious Western States Electrical Contest in Fresno, California on September 9th.

*Dennis Williamson, Training Director*



*In Memoriam  
Robert "Tom" Henrich*

*1946 — 2017*

Brother Tom Henrich passed away suddenly at his cabin on Saturday, June 3rd after suffering a heart attack at the age of 71.

Brother Henrich was a 45 year member of the IBEW, having been initiated into Local 112 as an apprentice wireman in 1972. He completed the four year program and became a Journeyman Wireman in 1975. During his career, Tom worked in the commercial sector of the industry and became co-owner of Magnum Electric in 1992. Brother Henrich was very well liked and highly respected by everyone who worked for him. He retired in 2008.

*Robert L. Friend*

*1946 — 2017*

Brother Robert L. Friend passed away on May 21, 2017 at the age of 70, after suffering with several medical issues over the years.

He was initiated into Local 112 in 1976 as an apprentice and completed the four year program, becoming a Journeyman Wireman in 1980. Bob lived in the Hermiston area so he tried to work in Oregon when he could. During his career he worked for various contractors in Oregon, as well as on the Hanford site before going to maintenance at the PGE site. He was a 41 year member.

*"Thank You" For Attending Your Union Meeting in June*

<b>TRI-CITIES</b>	Jason Lohr	M. Werremeyer	Marty Brown
Travis Swayze	Jose Chavez	Cheryl Sanders	Geoff Arends
Mike Hennessey	Jeremy Lohr	Daniel Garcia	David Godinez
David P. Davis	Robin Smith		Cody Hamann
Ernest Canup	Tim Murray		
Aaron Siefken	Caleb Kauer	<b>HERMISTON</b>	
David Myles	Jose Vargas	Travis Swayze	<b>YAKIMA</b>
Lane Carrier	David Lara	David P. Davis	Travis Swayze
Derek Smith	Bob Legard	Dave Rink	J. C. Krueger
Travis Sellers	Keith Cowan	Doug McCauley	Neil Knight
Moses Torrescano	Justin Turner	D. Williamson	Hugo Suarez
F. Gebretatios	Tim Grady	Joe Vandecar	Steve Jones
Don Snider	Ed Manthei	Tim Meyers	Paul Carney
James Elgin	David Glessner	Kim Carson	Tim Robel
Jesse Bowen	Joe McMurphy	Robert Ritzer	Travis Sellers
Rachel Frank	Raven Smith	Brett Carson	Jose Herrera
	Ricky Perez		

**SAFETY SPOT**

Fire Safety – Playing with fire and getting burned is a life changing event. Knowing about fire behavior can prevent disaster. It takes four elements: chemical chain reaction, fuel, heat & oxygen. Remove any one and the event is on the way out.

There are five classes of fire: A – ordinary combustibles; B – flammable liquids, gas, oil and similar materials; C – energized electrical; D – combustible metals, aluminum, magnesium, potassium and titanium are the most common; K – cooking oils, grease or animal fat. Each class has unique characteristics that require the correct extinguishing agent.

There are extinguishing agents for all five classes of fire. The class of extinguisher correlates with the class of fire. Class A extinguishers are pressurized water, foam, or multipurpose dry chemical. Class B extinguishers are foam, carbon dioxide, ordinary dry chemical, multipurpose dry chemical, halon or halon replacement. Class C extinguishers are non conductive: carbon dioxide (CO2), ordinary dry chemical, multipurpose dry chemical, halon, or halon replacement. Class D extinguishers are a specialty agent for use on combustible metal fires. Class K agents are another specialty agent designed to absorb heat and smother.

A common acronym for using a fire extinguisher is PASS. **P**ull the pin, **A**im at the base of the fire, **S**queeze the handle & **S**weep gently over the fire. It is important to remember to have an escape route before engaging in fire suppression. You only have a limited amount of extinguishing agent, so use it effectively and efficiently. When you squeeze the handle think of an accelerator on a car. Depress the handle enough to propel the agent to the base of the fire so it will drift over the fire and settle on it to smother. Any agent that is over shot or excessively swept will be wasted.

Before engaging in fire suppression, check the extinguisher gauge for pressure or test with a very short burst. A good practice is to tap a dry chemical extinguisher on the ground to loosen the powder before pulling the pin.

With July 4th, fireworks are a source of fuel and heat so treat your family and friends to a show that will be remembered rather than regretted. Make safety the foundation for what you think, say and do.

*David Glessner, Safety Committee Member*



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