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A MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

We are in the heat of summer, so please think about how to maintain your health while working and playing in the heat. Heat stress sneaks up on us when we are not paying close attention and always be mindful of the people around you because it is easier for the 'other' person to recognize the signs of heat stress than ourselves.

It is County Fair season, so I wanted to highlight our involvement in the youth programs related to our local community fairs and livestock shows. Last year we were involved in the Benton-Franklin County Fair, Umatilla County Fair, Yakima Valley Fair, and the Columbia Basin Junior livestock shows. We distributed add-on money to various classes of youth and animals to show support for the hard work that our local area youth put into their animals. The intent of this program is to not only show support within the communities, but also get the young people familiar with the IBEW by introducing the opportunities at a young age. It's a win-win for everyone and a great way to get our brand out there early. Last year we supported over 25 different youth at each show. If you know someone who should be recognized for their hard work, please let us know.

At our upcoming annual picnic, we are going to add an activity to our event. This year we will be putting on a BBQ contest. The rules will be as follows: teams will consist of 4 people per team. Meat will be prepared to be judged during the picnic. Each team will provide their own cooking and presentation equipment. Meat will be provided to each team. Meat will be sampled by attendees at the picnic who will judge the contest based on each category. Winning teams will receive awards and prizes for their hard work. If you are interested in putting a team together for the contest, please call the hall. Deadline for entry will be August 18th.



PARADES

Sign up today!



We will be participating in the county fair parades again this year with a float and will be throwing candy to the spectators at Umatilla & Benton-Franklin parades. The Umatilla County parade is Saturday, August 5th and the Benton-Franklin parade is August 19th. This is a family event so bring the kids for a fun day. Call the hall to sign up.

***** IEEW HEALTH FAIR *****

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd @ PIPEFITTERS LOCAL #598
1328 Rd. 28, Pasco, WA 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Lab tests and flu shots are available at this Health Fair at no cost to you and are paid @ 100% by the Health & Welfare Plan. Registration opens August 2nd and you must pre-register no later than September 2nd. Go to the ibewlu112.com for more info.

AUGUST MEETINGS		
Tri-Cities	August 3rd	7:00 pm
Hermiston	August 10th	7:00 pm
Yakima	August 17th	7:00 pm
Executive Board	August 24th	5:30 pm
PAC	August 8th	6:00 pm
RENEW	August 9th	6:00 pm

No Women's or Safety Committee meetings in August

ORGANIZING REPORT

ARC Program Open To All Apprentices

If you haven't heard, the Executive Board decided to do away with the limit on the number of reimbursements of books and tuition for apprentices that complete the *Apprentice Reimbursement Challenge* (ARC). This means that if an apprentice completes the challenge, their books and tuition will be reimbursed. For an apprentice to participate in the challenge they must be enrolled in class during the 2023-2024 school year and notify the hall of their intention to participate. To complete the challenge an apprentice must attend six unit meetings, four committee meetings, two volunteer activities and the organizing blitz during the school year, July 1st to June 30th of the following year. In addition, apprentices must remain members in good standing and meet all requirements of the apprenticeship program. If you are an apprentice who is interested in participating in the ARC for the upcoming school year, please reach out to the hall so we can start tracking your progress.

Reimbursement checks will be presented at their respective unit meetings. The apprentices who completed the challenge this past school year are:

Rachel Allen	Mark Uribe	Jacob de Vries
Kendel Castner	Skyler Mitchell	Zoe White
John Engelke	Jose Ramos	James Remmey
Kalyndra Brandt	Avery Thompson	Michael Pauley
Seth Isley	Josh Weis	Koby Harris
Luis Morfin	Miles Lozier	

112 SISTERS IN SOLIDARITY

FLOATING THE YAKIMA RIVER! SATURDAY, AUGUST 26th @ 11:00 am

You are invited to join our August bonding activity! We will be floating the three mile stretch between the Van Giesen and Duportail Bridges (also known as Marker 9 & 10 on the Tapteal Water Trail Map), which is a 2-3 hour float depending on group size & pace. This stretch of the Yakima River is narrow and shallow, with limited access to motorized boats that will make this float enjoyable for all ages. We will be meeting at the Yakima River Gateway parking lot, which is on the south side of Van Giesen St, on the West Richland side of the bridge. You can use "Yakima River Bridge" in your Google Maps, or use the address "402 S 35th Ave" for directions. Please bring your Discover Pass or Cash to pay to park. We will be arriving at 11:00 am and have our air compressor available for everyone's use near the bathroom and will begin our float promptly at noon. A shuttle will be staged at the exit to return drivers back to their vehicle so they may pick up the rest of their party. We are hoping to have a large enough turnout this year to orchestrate the Ellensburg Canyon for next year's float.

IBEW LU 112 sponsored a "Car Smash Event" on July 15th, hosted by "Take A Break" to help raise funds for an art camp for struggling children & teens. By being the Sponsor, the 112 Sisters had the honor to add "Sexist Inspired Graffiti" to the Geo Metro, prior to taking turns breaking out the windows with a baseball bat. The vehicle was then opened to the public for further demolishing. "Take a Break" brings "Art & Smash Therapy" to help others through their healing process from domestic violence and drug & alcohol abuse.

Laura Leahy, SIS Chair

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APPRENTICESHIP & JOURNEYMAN TRAINING

Graduation went well with 240 people in attendance. There was a great turn out of people to support the graduating class of 2023. We will be having pictures of the evening uploaded on the webpage at Jatc112.org

Summer has been very busy and nearly all apprentices have been working. This next year we are looking at the first-year class to reach 60 apprentices. Progress at the new Training Center is going well. The slab has been poured and the all the steel should be erected by the end of July.

The Milwaukee Apprentice of the Month is 3rd Year Matthew Hunter. His hard work and good attitude at the Training Center and on the job has not gone unnoticed. Matthew is near the top of his class with a very high GPA.

Geoff Arends, Training Director

COMMISSIONING TECH CORNER

We would like to thank all the CTs for their efforts on melter startup and the continuance of reaching 2100 degrees F°. Melter heat up began on June 24th and over the last few weeks we have been working diligently to reach that mark. As of July 14th, we have reached 1800 degree F°.

Irene Pacheco, Steward



Union Night at the Seattle Mariners August 25th

Contact the hall if you want to attend the game in Seattle. The Local will provide buses for the round trip on August 25th and your game tickets are included at no cost to you. It's a great way to spend time with the family, creating lasting memories.



This month is packed with events from our annual golf tournament to boat races. We would like to thank all our participants and volunteers that took the time to contribute to a great cause in our golf tournament. We hope you all had fun and look forward to having you next year. We are shifting our focus to boat races and would greatly appreciate any and all help to make it a fun and enjoyable weekend. If you would like to volunteer please reach out to the hall. Again if you would like to attend a meeting and can't make it in person, we have a Zoom option. Thank you to our members who continue to contribute their time in making these events a success.

Mark Uribe, Committee Chairman

"REACH OUT AND ENGAGE NEXT - GEN ELECTRICAL WORKERS"

Retirees' Breakfast

Friday, August 4th @ the Hall

9:00 am



SAFETY SPOT



I want to thank all my Sisters & Brothers for sending Brother Pete Steinbock and myself to the IBEW Safety Caucus. We spent a great deal of time on suicide, mental health and addictions. I always thought 988 was a crisis only line, but we can use this line to call if we are anxious or need someone to talk to. The people who man the lines are trained to get you in contact with whatever level of counseling you need. Everything is kept confidential and they have a list of professional health care providers who specialize in these issues. I hope that none of us will wait until an issue becomes a life threatening situation. The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline received more than 96,000 calls, text and chats the week it went live in July 2022, compared with the more than 66,000 it received the week before. In August of 2022, it received 152,000 more calls than it received in August 2021. The average time it takes for a call to be answered is down to 42 seconds.

Here are some important things to know before you dial 988. When you call, you'll hear an automated greeting that lists different options, including a connection to the Veterans Crisis Line, Spanish language services or a service for LGBTQ. If you go to one of those options, you will be transferred to a specific crisis line that caters to that group of people. All other calls will be routed to the nearest crisis center based on your area code. It's important that whoever answers your call knows what actual area code you are in.

The Counselors who staff the 988 lifeline are skilled in suicide prevention, as well as dealing with substance abuse issues, self harm, depression, anxiety and other mental and behavioral issues. It is also for concerned friends and family to use if they are worried about a loved one. If you ever wonder if you should call, you should call! People tend to downplay their mental health and seek help with it is too late.

Many people contemplate suicide due to a lack of food, financial issues and housing insecurity. The 988 lifeline is focused on emotional and behavioral needs. Some centers may be more keyed into resources to help callers with such basic needs, but others will refer callers to 211 for help. There are more than 200 agencies across the United States that you can reach by calling 211 for help meeting basic needs like housing, food, transportation and healthcare.

Remember the 988 number and don't be afraid to use it. They can get you the level of help you need. I hope this help all of us to understand the 988 system works and that it isn't just for an immediate life threatening situation. Knowledge and information are our tools to keep ourselves safe, as well as our Sisters, Brothers & Families. Have a great summer and take care of each other.

Ed Manthei, Committee Chairman



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