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A MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health. This month I would like to look out to our work picture forecast within the jurisdiction.

We are on the cusp of a situation where both Oregon and Washington will be booming all at once. With the IRA and CHIP's Act now in place, with the PLA's formed through the Central Washington Building Trades, Pendleton Building Trades and the Washington and Oregon State Building Trades, we have work projected out for years to come. Traditionally one side of the river will be booming while the other side is steady, but we anticipate by early 2025 that work picture will be ramping up and the need for IBEW members will be in higher demand than ever in both states.

Some of the work picture includes a fertilizer plant in Richland, wind towers at the Wheatridge facility in Oregon, Wagonwheel Solar in Lexington, Utility Scale Solar in Garfield County, clean-up work at Hanford, Horse Heaven Wind Project, Darigold Project in Pasco, ongoing Dam work, wastewater treatment plants in Washington, Arlington Waste Management project, Framatome expansion in Richland, Rockwool plant in Wallula, VA hospital in Walla Walla, continued data center growth in Oregon, as well as a larger outage projected at Energy Northwest in early 2025.

Looking out into 2026 and beyond will be ongoing large projects, public work projects, small module Reactors, HLW facilities at the VIT Plant, and continued growth in the energy production sector like Sunstone Solar (1200 MW solar and battery storage). Another factor affecting our area is the large amount of work being performed in the Moses Lake area of LU 191. Their work has been booming and continues to throughout the foreseeable future with data centers, industrial, and solar facilities.

As IBEW members, we need to be talking to all unrepresented electricians and telling them about the benefits of an IBEW membership. We know that to capture all the projected work, we need to increase our IBEW membership and reduce the amount of unrepresented electricians in our jurisdiction. When the industry grows, and the IBEW membership does not, we lose market share and more non-union shops will be cropping up everywhere. Your organizing department is working tirelessly to reach out to all the unrepresented electrical workers to ensure they understand the opportunities the IBEW has to offer.

It's a great time to be in construction and to be an IBEW electrician. Our members in the field are going to keep the IBEW competitive and moving forward in an ever-changing industry. I look forward to the continued opportunities that are presented for our Brothers and Sisters in the electrical industry.

JULY MEETINGS

QUARTERLY DINNER FEEDS BEGIN AT 6:00 PM

Tri- Cities	July 2nd	7 :00 pm
Hermiston	July 11th	7:00 pm
Yakima	July 18th	7:00 pm
Executive Board	July 25th	5:30 pm
PAC Committee	July 9th	6:00 pm
Veterans Committee	July 9th	6:00 pm
RENEW	July 10th	6:00 pm
Women's' Committee	July 17th	6:30 pm

Due to the holiday, the Tri-City meeting has been changed to July 2nd.

ORGANIZIN REPORT

Together We Will Grow

"Our cause is the cause of human justice, human rights, and human security. Our objective is to organize all workers in the entire electrical industry working in our jurisdiction into our Local Union." -IBEW Constitution, Objective 1.

As an Organizer for Local 112, I know it is my job to further our cause. There are many different ways to organize someone. Among a few are stripping workers from non-union shops, salting non-union job sites, word of mouth and blitzing. Blitzing is one of my favorites, because I get to meet and hear stories from electricians all over our jurisdiction. From newer electricians to older, wiser and experienced electricians, it is very noticeable that we have the same common goals - to earn a living wage and security for our families.

Currently, we are smack dab in the middle of our blitzing season. So far we have been to five blitzes with four more to go, including Local 112's. Some numbers from the blitzes we have attended are:

*Total doors knocked on: 1,984

*Member to Member (M2M) doors knocked on:799

*Members to Future Members (M2FM) doors knocked on: 1,185

If it was just one or two organizers knocking on doors it would take months to accomplish what we do in a single blitz. It is through the support and volunteers of our sister locals that we are able to accomplish this feat. And that is why the 9th District has had the biggest growth in all of the IBEW districts in the last several years.

Remember, you don't need to have a job title of organizer to fulfill your oath that we all took as IBEW members. We are all union organizers. And together, one by one, we will fulfill our objective to unionize every electrician in our jurisdiction. Sometimes it's as easy as starting a conversation.

The members we visited were appreciative that the union was out to check on them, to see if they needed any help and to make sure that they were aware of the upcoming work in their jurisdiction.

In our conversations with non-represented electricians we were able to explain how our dues and book systems work, as many of them had misguided information. We were able to help them understand what our union is and what we stand for, and the benefits they could receive by being part of our union.

Through all of these conversations we have been able to help other locals increase their membership, which in turn increases market share and builds a stronger union. We will continue to organize for the betterment of us all.

Cody Hamann, Organizer

Call the Hall to get your name on the list for boat races tickets for the end of July and Mariner tickets for early August.

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APPRENTICESHIP & JOURNEYMAN TRAINING

Applications are open all month through June! Go to the webpage Jatc112.org to apply. If applicants have any questions, please call the Training Center at 509-783-0589.

Aptitude testing and interviews will be following this summer.

We will be opening applications for another instructor in the near future. No date is set for hiring. The Grand Opening of the new Training Center went well, with over 200 in attendance. We will be having an open house for the Training Center in the fall, but that date has not been determined yet.

Our most recent Milwaukee Apprentice of the Month is 1st Year, Blake Gilbert.

Geoff Arends, Training Director



In Memory Of
VERL GOODWIN
1935 - 2024

Brother Verl Goodwin passed away on May 27, 2024 at the age of 88. Verl was initiated into Local 112 in 1963 as an apprentice wireman and became a Journeyman Wireman in 1966 after completing the four year inside apprenticeship program. He was a 61 year member of the IBEW.

Brother Goodwin worked the majority of his career on the Hanford Project before going to work in maintainenc on the Hanford Site in 1989, where he worked until he retired in 1999.

Verl was a regular in the early days of the retirees breakfast until his health held him back. He had a great sense of humor and always had everyone laughing .



The boat races are coming to town on July 26th-28th and we have limited spots available under Local 112 's canopies. Please contact the hall to get your name on the list for tickets to join us for all the fun. We are also, are looking for volunteers to help with this event. July 13th is the golf tournament at Canyon Lakes and we are looking for volunteers to help out with this event as well. Please contact Moses Torrescano if you would like to volunteer.

Moving forward with RENEW, we will hold one year terms for the office our Chairman and Recorder for the remainder of this year, I will be Chairman and Skyler Mitchell will be our Recorder. Next elections will be in January. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month beginning at 6:00 pm at the hall or via ZOOM. We encourage and welcome you to join us.

Retirees' Breakfast

FRIDAY, JULY 5th @ the hall - 9:00 am



In accordance with the IBEW Constitution as amended at the 40th IBEW Convention in 2022, effective with July 2024 dues, the basic dues rate for Local 112 will increase \$1.00 to \$60.00 monthly for "A" members. Working assessments will remain the same for all classifications.

COMMISSIONING TECHS

Our most recent activities at the VIT Plant have been bringing sodium hydroxide (SHR) to our EMF facility. We have successfully transferred SHR and Glass Former Compounds (GFCs) into the process vessels in prep for tune and feed into Melter One. Our latest class of new CT's has almost wrapped up with systems training and will be headed to shift soon to start watch station qualification training.

Thomas Almaguer, Steward

SISTERS IN SOLIDARITY 112

We will be holding monthly meetings to keep progress up on our summer fundraisers. Meetings every 3rd Wednesday at the hall starting at 6:30pm. We will be hosting bake sales at the Tri-Cities meetings. We've scheduled our carwash at the hall Saturday, September 14th. All proceeds from our fundraisers go to our "Kitty" which we use for fundraiser costs, our smaller bonding activities, and donations. Thank you in advance for all the local support.

Tri-Tech had its annual "GRITT" Trade Education Week for the local high school girls. We had 12 of our IBEW Sisters and Training Director Arends volunteer for our scheduled night of May 16th. We split the evening into three portions. We start off with (1) introductions and Q&A, (2) snap circuits for a basic understanding (3) mini lesson on conduit bending. It's been a great tradition to be a part of each year.

SAFETY SPOT



Each year in the United States, 31,000 construction workers seek medical attention due to sprains and strains suffered on jobs. These injuries happen when the human body is forced to work beyond its limits lifting, pulling, pushing, reaching, bending and other common construction activities that can cause these injuries. The pain resulting from these injuries can last a lifetime and affect construction workers' lives at work and at home. But these injuries can be prevented by standing on an elevated platform that is at the correct height for the job, which will reduce your overhead movements and prevents stress to the body. Awkward postures while pulling or pushing cable with the hands above the shoulders can cause an increased load imposed on the shoulders, neck and back. The proper use of cable pullers, rollers and pulleys can help a lot to prevent these injuries.

The pulling crew should do a job safety analysis prior to setting up the wire pull and pulling the cable. There are many safety items that go into setting up a safe and efficient wire pull. You can find some excellent information online to learn the safe and proper way to use pulling equipment. Anixter and American Wire Group are just two good sources for this information. It is very important to have the proper information and training to set up a wire pull.

Ed Manthei, Committee Chairman



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