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A MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

I would like to speak about solidarity of our Local Union in a time when everything seems so polarized. Our solidarity lies within hours, wages, and working conditions and these generally apply to the contractors who are signatory to IBEW Local 112, not the customers or general contractors. Our focus needs to be about issues within our control.

Brothers and Sisters, it is apparent that there is not an easy solution to getting through this pandemic. There are two trains of thought, keep our freedom to make a choice and let fate play out, or get vaccinated and trust that it knocks the hospitalization rates down to manageable numbers. We must understand that there are fair arguments in either direction, but we can't afford to take it out on each other. We must keep an open mind whenever there is discussion and be patient as we sift through all the information presented. We will continue to make job visits a priority in order to hear everyone's voice and concerns. We all must understand that I, as your leader, am walking a fine line to represent both opinions. I will tell you that I will always fight for choices, but cannot always control the choices given to us. I will also fight for the effects of laws and mandates wherever possible.

As we all know, politics are a tool to benefit our members work within the electrical industry, and it's the politics that some people are questioning. As I have stated in previous newsletters, I cannot control every action that a politician performs. I will tell you that if a politician's decision directly affects our membership in a detrimental way, we will fight on your behalf to make that person understand how we feel and try to educate that person in order to influence future decisions.

Our solidarity also lies in the fact that our Brothers and Sisters, at any time, should be able to speak intelligently in conversation and be mindfully acknowledged. Each of our opinions need to be respected and understood. If we do this, and we are open minded and reasonable, we will be able to come together and walk forward in unison.

With Mental Health still at the forefront of society, take a few minutes everyday to decompress. Take time for yourself to relax, whether it be a type of exercise, reading a book, listening to music, or just taking in a mindless comedy. Reach out to an old friend or coworker to catch up. Find things that make you smile, sometimes we forget to do that. All these things produce 'feel good' endorphins that help us cope with day-to-day stress.

ORGANIZING REPORT

Membership Development Conference

The annual I.B.E.W. Membership Development Conference was originally scheduled to take place in Atlanta Georgia. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, provisions were made to attend the conference virtually, making it possible for us to receive the information provided at the conference. The 9th District continues to be a leader for increasing membership throughout the IBEW. It is always nice to hear about the growth and success of our Organizing efforts. Although we fell a little short of reaching our goal of 4% growth, we did manage to reach 3.6%. With COVID-19 restrictions in mind and work in our Washington counties being slow, I believe 3.6% growth to be a good effort for the Local. Another topic presented at the conference was the "Berg's Going Union" campaign. It was reported that the IBEW has organized close to 500 of Berg's employees into Local Unions. With the signing of the Infrastructure Bill our work in Washington will increase. Along with that, efforts to organize non-union workers and contractors in our geographical jurisdiction will improve. Remember, there's strength in numbers and we have a proven path to get results.

Bob Legard Membership Development Rep.



Happy Thanksgiving

to all of you and your families.

Retirees' Breakfast

Friday, December 3rd—9:00 am @ the hall

COMMISSIONING TECH CORNER

Many milestones have been accomplished through the hard work and effort of our Commissioning Team. Our team has been an important part of each milestone that has been met at the Vit Plant. Startup has turned over the last few systems that they had left, and with that, more opportunity for growth. With all systems turned over for DFLAW, that means that many changes will be occurring over the next few months.

Our team is growing, we have a new class of commissioning techs recently hired. We are also proud to announce that some of our senior techs have been promoted to Supervisors. To all of our Commissioning Techs—Keep up the great work! You Rock!!!

Irene Diaz Pacheco, D Crew Steward



SPORTSMEN'S ALLIANCE BANQUET

DECEMBER 4TH

2022 CALENDARS AVAILABLE —\$35

Enters your name in a weekly drawing for one year for a gun.

DECEMBER MEETINGS

Tri- Cities	December 2nd	7:00 pm
Hermiston	December 9th	7:00 pm
Yakima	December 16th	7:00 pm
Executive Board	December 23rd	5:30 pm
RENEW	December 8th	6:00 pm
Safety Committee	December 14th	6:00 pm

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APPRENTICESHIP & JOURNEYMAN TRAINING

We are getting ready to rock at the Training Center; sheetrock that is. The electrical rough-in is done and insulation is going in. Thanks again to the Hall for allowing us to use the meeting room for classes, while we also use our lab areas at the Training Center.

We have finished bringing on new apprentices for this year's class, so any new hires will be put into next year's class. Overall, almost all our apprentices are working with the steady flow of jobs in the area.

Some applications are trickling in with individuals who already have 4,000 hours, but we are looking forward to opening our new applications starting January 2022. Anyone interested in joining the program should visit our website to get more information and find out how to be prepared. www.jatc112.org

Journeyman classes have been put on hold while we rebuild. We are looking to start up classes in January with the option to do either in person or virtual.

My family told me to stop telling jokes in my article, especially for Thanksgiving, but I told them I couldn't quit cold turkey. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!
Kris Tuura, Training Director



In Memory
of

Russell "Rusty" Tiwater

Brother Rusty Tiwater passed away from heart disease on August 15, 2021 at the age of 72. Brother Tiwater was initiated into Local 112 as an Apprentice Wireman in August 1972 and after completing the four year apprenticeship program, became a Journeyman Wireman in 1976. He worked the majority of his career on the Hanford site and worked maintenance for about 5 years in the nineties before returning to construction in 1995. He retired at age 64 and spent his retirement years in Montana.

Gary Groves

Brother Gary L. Groves passed away on September 20, 2021 after a battle with cancer. He was initiated into the IBEW by Local Union 583 in 1962. He began working out of Local 112 as a Journeyman Wireman in 1971, working throughout the jurisdiction from the Hanford Project, the Snake River Dams, Oregon and the Tri-City area. His Traveling Card was accepted by Local Union 112 in December, 1974. He worked in Alaska for two years in the seventies and later in the eighties, as well as the Seattle Area. He returned to Local 112 in 1995 and worked until his retirement in 2001, at which time he moved to Montana. Brother Groves was one of the original founders of Red Hook Beer.



SAFETY SPOT

FIRE SENSE REVIEW

October was Fire Safety month. As we move toward the holidays, a review can help avoid mishaps and make for good memories. Here is a short check list:

1. Smoke Detectors – have one on each level, check monthly, replace battery Annually;
2. Escape routes – have two and an assembly location, review and practice;
3. Have safe smoking practices – stable ash trays for safe disposal;
4. In fire situation stay low and crawl if smoke is present;
5. In case of clothes on fire— STOP, DROP, ROLL—protect face with hands;
6. Teach children respect for matches and lighters;
7. Keep furnaces serviced and maintain safe distances around portable heaters and space heaters—about 3 feet;
8. Kitchen safety – keep combustibles away from heat sources, keep pot handles over stove to avoid bumping and keep a lid handy to smother a grease;
9. Practice electrical safety – keep cords out of walkways, doorways, and driveways, in good condition, with correct size for the load
10. In case of burn, cool with water for 5 – 10 minutes to get all the “heat” out.

CLASSES OF FIRES

- A Ordinary combustibles – paper, fabrics, wood
- B Flammable liquids
- C Electrical fire
- D Combustible metals – potassium, aluminum, magnesium

TYPES OF PORTABLE HAND HELD FIRE EXTINGUISHER

1. Water Extinguisher – usually 2.5 gallons of water in a pressured container
2. Dry Powder Extinguisher – most common sizes – 2.5#, 5#, 10#, 20#
3. Foam Water Extinguisher – water with foam additive with aeration nozzle
4. CO2 – carbon dioxide

It is important to ensure the correct type extinguisher is used and is ready for use

Review the **PASS** acronym. **P**ull, **A**im, **S**queeze, **S**weep. Aim at the base of the fire so the extinguishing agent will roll gently over the fire. Squeeze gently so you do not over shoot the fire. Sweep gently so the extinguishing agent covers just the fire area.

Butch Manthei, Committee Chairman David Glessner, Committee Member



The Local is collecting toys for the

U.S. Marine Corps

Toys for Tots

Bring your new, unwrapped toys to the Hall or to the Training Center. They plan to pick up the donations on December 20th, so let's fill the boxes for this top rated charity.

KID'S CHRISTMAS PARTY—DECEMBER 18TH— 11:00 AM—2:00 PM AT THE HALL



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