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### A MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

#### VETERAN'S DAY—A TIME TO HONOR AND ACKNOWLEDGE THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED



This month I would like to highlight Veteran's Day on November 11, 2022 and all the activities that IBEW Local 112 will be putting on. This will be our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Veterans Day celebration at the hall and will be inviting anyone who would like to attend and celebrate our appreciation of all those who have served in the military. We will start with a flag raising at 8:00 am on Friday, November 11th at the Hall. Following the flag raising, we will enjoy a hot breakfast inside the meeting room. Veterans are encouraged to wear their colors. The Hall will be closed for business that day to celebrate the holiday but will be open to honor the Veterans and anyone who chooses to observe this holiday with us.

If you are a Veteran or have a family member who is a Veteran, please send us your name, rank, branch of service, years served, and any other special information along with a past or current photo to be run on the monitors during the event. We will be addressing every service member with a special gift as well. All, including family members, are encouraged to attend this event.

With help from our RENEW committee, we are sponsors to the Veterans Community Golf Tournament put on by the Columbia Basin Veterans Center. This Golf Tournament is Friday, October 21st at Canyon Lakes in Kennewick and we encourage people to sign up and support this event. Go to their website to sign up for a single or team. IBEW Local 112 has one team that will be there, and we can help coordinate other teams that may want to play.

2022 Veterans Day parades include the West Richland Veterans Day parade on Saturday, November 5th starting at 9:30 am. Prosser, Ellensburg, Walla Walla, LaGrande, and Echo, Oregon also have parades on Veterans Day, November 11, 2022 starting around 11:00 am.

#### BROTHERHOOD EVENTS

We have completed the Union Sportsmen's Alliance waterfowl blinds and will be helping the US Fish and Wildlife set them up on October 8 in order to have them ready for the season. We would like people to come out with their kids for a leisurely day and be involved in a Union Sportsmen's Alliance partnering video. The installation day will take place around Irrigon, Oregon instead of Burbank like previously stated. If you sign up to help I will be able to give out final details the week of the event.

The Annual Union Sportsmen's Alliance banquet is scheduled for Saturday, December 3 so mark your calendars. If you would like to attend, please sign up at a union meeting or call the hall to have your name put on the list.

For those joggers and walkers out there, IBEW Local 112 is a sponsor for the TROT fun run on Saturday, October 22nd at 8:30 am. at Columbia Point in Richland. TROT stands for Therapeutic Riding of Tri-Cities and teaches riding skills to people with physical and mental challenges. Currently, members of our staff and Executive Board have committed to walking/jogging the 1 mile/5K/10k race. If you would like to participate in this event, please contact us at the Hall or at a union meeting.

### ORGANIZING REPORT

#### Market Share & Union Density The Driving Force Behind Our Success

Anyone who has paid any kind of attention since they organized into the IBEW, be it either through apprenticeship or as a journeyman, will have heard us talk about market share and union density. Market share being the percentage of work done under one of our construction collective bargaining agreements and union density being the percentage of workers working under our construction collective bargaining agreement. And as much as our negotiating committee would like to think they are the primary drivers of our success in bargaining, how much of the work and work force we control are the primary factors driving their success.

Our contractors would gladly pay us whatever we wanted if we controlled 100% of all the work in our jurisdiction because their markup is based on a percentage, so the more we make, the more they make. The only reason they can't is because someone is willing to do it cheaper. So, growing our market share and union density are the primary goals of organizing and to do this we need to organize the work. And if we can't convince non-union shops to become union, we need our shops to go after the work the non-union shops are doing. Over the last couple of years, we have had several members start shops adding to our ability to do just that. So, while the big money on big jobs is great, we can't neglect our smaller shops who need help manning the work after they have helped us recover it from the non-union.

*Rylan Grimes, Membership Development Rep.*

### COMMISSIONING TECH CORNER

Work at the Waste Treatment Project (WTP) site is becoming very exciting as our Commissioning Techs are starting to bring systems online. Melter heat up, a major milestone for the project, is scheduled to take place next week. This has been a long time in the making and is a very significant step in the Direct-Feed Low-Activity Waste (DFLAW) process. DFLAW is an assembly of interdependent projects and infrastructure improvements that will operate together to vitrify low-activity waste. This process is currently the main focus at Hanford. WTP will treat tank waste by mixing it with glass-forming agents in the melter and heat it to 2100 degrees Fahrenheit. The resulting molten glass mixture will be poured into steel containers for safe storage.

I'd like to take a moment to thank Erik Ham, Jason Allen, Nicholas Gonzalez and Irene Pacheco for stepping up as jobsite Stewards. They have done an excellent job representing their co-workers and Local Union 112.

### OCTOBER MEETINGS

*The quarterly dinner feeds will begin at 6:00 pm*

Tri-Cities	October 6th	7:00 pm
Hermiston	October 13th	7:00 pm
Yakima	October 20th	7:00 pm
Executive Board	October 27th	5:30 pm
PAC Committee	October 11th	6:00 pm
RENEW	October 12th	6:00 pm

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**APPRENTICESHIP & JOURNEYMAN TRAINING**

Classes have begun and we are running at full capacity. To accommodate our nearly 270 apprentices, we now have two full classes for each of the five years of our apprenticeship.

We recently held the IBEW Local 112 picnic in Columbia Park. It was well attended and the effort that was put in by the apprentices and instructors was greatly appreciated. Thank you to those who donated prizes for the raffle and to those who donated their time to make this event a success.

We have completed the interviews for the vacant Training Director position and are currently in negotiations to fill the position.

The new Training Center remains on track, with monthly meetings scheduled to determine and finalize the design. Our updated schedule shows a completion date of late 2023 or early 2024.

Please remember to keep the Training Center informed of your current email address. As this is the primary form of communication, it is important to regularly check your email.

*Travis Sellers, JATC Committee Member*

**Membership Dues**

Effective with January 2023 basic dues, the International has increased the monthly rate \$4.00, making the basic dues \$59.00 per month. The Building Trades Assessment will remain at \$1.95 quarterly.

**Retirees' Breakfast**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7TH @ 9:00 AM @ THE HALL**



**SAFETY SPOT**

**SCISSOR LIFT SAFETY**

**FALL PROTECTION, STABILIZATION & POSITIONING**

Please go to <https://www.osha.gov>—OSHA 3842 Hazard Alert; Working safely with scissor lifts. Visit this site for some good information on scissor lift safety

Remember the side load pulling and pushing on a scissor lift is very low. Make sure you are aware of this side load force your lift is rated for. Keep yourself inside the platform perimeter and always shut the STOP button off when you are in position to work or leave the lift.

I would recommend you take the time to become familiar with scissor lift safety.

Have a safe fall !

*Butch Manthei, Committee Chairman*



**TICKETS FOR THIS YEAR'S**

**December 17th**

**Christmas Party**

**WILL GO ON SALE OCTOBER 17th AT THE HALL—\$10 EACH**



*In Memory*

**Billy D. Sauve**

**1951—2022**

Brother Billy D. Sauve passed away on August 11, 2022 at the age of 71. Brother Sauve was a 30 year IBEW, having been initiated into Local 112 in 1992 as a Journeyman Wireman. He went to work for Ziegler Electric in Yakima at that time and in 1995, he and fellow member, Greg Meloy, opened Electrical Frontier which they operated together in the Yakima area and Lower Valley until their retirements in 2016.

*Jess Bohnenkamp*

**1948—2022**

Brother Jess O. Bohnenkamp passed away on August 18, 2022 from cancer. Jess was initiated into the IBEW in 1973 by Local 659 in Medford Oregon and was a 49 year member of the IBEW. He began working out of Local 112 as a Journeyman Wireman in 1979. Brother Bohnenkamp worked mainly in the Oregon area and deposited his Traveling Card into Local 112 in 2002, where he remained a member until his retirement in 2010.



**UPCOMING FALL EVENTS**

On October 15th @ Middleton Farms outside of Pasco, our fire pit event will be held from 5pm to 8 pm. Call the Hall to sign up for tickets. There will be snacks and drinks and all kinds of fire pit staples for smores etc..



**TRUNK OR TREAT**

Saturday October 29th from 6-10 pm at the Hall parking lot, we will be having a Trunk or Treat event and would love to make it as big as possible for those involved in the A.R.C. this would be a great event to participate in. We are looking for volunteers now please contact us through Facebook or email. I hope to see you all there.

*Moses Torrescano, Committee Chairman*



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