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A MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER WORK PICTURE

Work will continue to be busy in Oregon and in Washington. Oregon data centers have continued to put in calls and should into November. EC has PDX 80(Hermiston), OEG has PDX 58 (Boardman) and Dyna is on PDX 59(Umatilla). Unknown at this time is PDX 60 and PDX 62, which will be the start of two new sites. There will be some work at Boise Cascade if our contractors are successful bidding. They are changing out line #3 and performing upgrades. This work would more than likely start before the end of the year. WTCC continues to be unpredictable on hiring numbers, but added ten to nights and continues to work overtime. They have been trying to hit deadlines coming up at the end of the year. The JH Kelley job in Hermiston has been postponed to the first of the year due to engineering concerns. Talks will continue as we approach the start of the job. If this work comes through it will be a chance to showcase Building Trades work on a privately funded processing facility. This would be something that is very rare in our jurisdiction and we look forward to the challenge.

Our local contractors continue to bid for the work in town and are putting in calls as needed. Solar work is expected in Oregon and Washington within the next year and we are having discussions about how the work is to be performed. This type of work is fairly new and jurisdictions will be tested as we move forward. There are a lot of different work opportunities in Oregon and Washington that should continue through 2018 and this is a great time to show off to potential customers the value of Union Labor. If we can continue to perform at a high level, we can continue to increase our market share within our jurisdiction. 56 on Book I and 72 on Book II.

MOTION MADE TO BUILD NEW HALL VOTE TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER

A motion was made at the Tri-City meeting on October 5th regarding the construction of our new building. As per the Local Union By-Laws, this will serve as notice of the motion to be read at the unit meetings in October and voted on in November on the following dates:

Tri-Cities—November 2nd
Hermiston—November 9th
Yakima—November 16th

The motion, made by Dave Myles and 2nd by Rylan Grimes, reads as follows:

“Send out the plans for bids and build our new union hall as expeditiously as possible. 100% of the funds for this project is to come from the Building Fund. The cap on this project will be \$3.6 million and any monies above and beyond the cap must be brought back to the membership for approval.”

Trivia: What was Local 112's building before it was a union hall?



Go to Local Union 112's web site @ ibewlu112.com
for a list of "Union Made" Halloween candy.

Organizing Report

Membership Development Conference—Chicago Retention—The Key to the IBEW's Growth

This year's MDC Conference was held in Chicago, with associated training and the conference running from August 26 through August 31. With 1820 attendees, this year's conference was the largest non-convention meeting held in the history of the IBEW. For the fourth consecutive year, the IBEW experienced a growth in membership. This past year the IBEW grew by 4,869 new members. The 9th International Vice-Presidential District again led the way, with a net growth of 2,604 new members. Bringing the total IBEW membership to 672,214.

While those numbers are very positive, they could have been better. "Retention" has been, and will continue to be, one of the keys to growing/maintaining our membership. Using the 9th IVP District as an example, I will try to explain the importance. The 9th District organized 8,555 new members last year. When you take into account the number of members dropped (5,021) and retired (930), that is where we get the net growth of 2,604 new members in the 9th District. Retirement is a known value that we can plan for. The "dropped" members are the concern. As we move forward with our organizing efforts, if we aren't more aware of our current members and the need to retain them, we will continue to see minimal net growth in IBEW membership.

Why are any of these numbers important? Despite continued small growth over the last four years, we continue to see our union density decrease. Union density is the number of IBEW members performing work compared to the number of unrepresented workers performing work. With a current assumed unionization rate of 30% and 197,000 IBEW Inside Wiremen working, we can assume that there are 460,000 unrepresented workers performing work in the same construction field. In simpler explanation, for every member we put to work, the non union puts greater than two people to work. A scary number when you stop and think about it. If we continue at the current trend, the IBEW will not exist in the future. Widening, even more, the income gap that has grown in America.

Travis Sellers, Membership Development Rep.

** RETIREE BREAKFAST CLUB **

FRIDAY, November 3rd —9:00 A.M.

Local 112's office—RSVP 735-0512

The Safety Committee—November 2nd—6:00 p.m. @ the hall

Trivia Answer: A pizza parlor and pool hall

NOVEMBER MEETINGS

Tri- Cities	November 2nd	7:00 p.m.
Hermiston	November 9th	7:00 p.m.
Yakima	November 16th	7:00 p.m.
Executive Board	November 30th	5:30 p.m.

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APPRENTICESHIP & JOURNEYMAN TRAINING NEWS

ELECTRICAL TRAINING CENTER

Code Calculations I—4 hrs.	October 24th—6:30 p.m.
2017 NEC Code Update I—8 hrs.	November 8th & 9th—6:30 p.m.
RCW / WAC—4 hrs.	November 30th—6:30 p.m.
Grounding—4 hrs.	December 6th—6:30 p.m.
2017 NEC Code Update II—8 hrs.	December 16th—8:00 a.m.

Contact the Training Center for more details on these classes and to register.

509.783.0589 **Dennis Williamson, Training Director**

“Thank You” For Attending Your Union Meeting in October

TRI-CITIES	Phillip Wahner	Jessie Bowen	Kim Carson
Travis Swayze	Don Snider	Patrick Smith	Joe Vandecar
Greg Jacobson	Greg McMurphy	Hector Mendoza	Rich Carter
Teresa Sawyer	Paul Neiman	Angel Moreno	Tim Meyers
Bret Sawyer	Aaron Siefken	Kurt Gustafson	Cody Hamann
Ernest Canup	Rylan Grimes	Travis Sellers	Doug McCauley
Tim Murray	Jeremy Lohr	Lane Carrier	M. Ruloph
David Myles	Jason Lohr	David Glessner	
Jose Chavez	Garrett Cummings	Jerry Doyle	YAKIMA
Miladin Ostic	Moses Torrescano	Raymond Pope	Due to motion
Lorne Smith	Jose Vargas		vote , newsletter
Ed Manthei	Tim Grady	HERMISTON	was printed before
Keith Cowan	Joe McMurphy	Travis Swayze	meeting was held.
Robert Morfin	Daniel Garcia	Dave P. Davis	
Justin Turner	David Lara	Dan McConkey	
Mike Isley	Jeffrey Weis	D. Williamson	
Mike Hennessey	Jim Jeffs		



Thomas G. Brown
1941—2017

Brother Thomas G. Brown passed away on August 26, 2017 after a courageous battle with cancer. He was initiated into Local 112 in 1996 as a Journeyman Wireman, after working for many years in maintenance on the Hanford Site. He worked for several contractors throughout Local 112’s jurisdiction in both Washington & Oregon. Brother Brown retired in 207.

Gary B. Powell
1942—2017

Brother Gary B. Powell passed away suddenly from a heart attack on Saturday, September 9, 2017 at the age of 74. Brother Powell was initiated in to Local 112 in 1973 as an apprentice wireman and completed the four year program, becoming a Journeyman Wireman on September, 1976. He was a 44 year member of the IBEW.

Gary lived in the Hermiston area and worked in Oregon when work was available over the years. He also worked for several contractors on the Hanford Project during his career, before retiring in 2007.

Our sympathies and prayers go out to the family and friends of our deceased Brothers.

SAFETY SPOT



Thanksgiving Is Around The Corner—Know How To Safely Deep Fry Your Turkey

Deep fried turkey has grown in popularity over the past several years. It is truly a delicious and unique way to prepare your Thanksgiving turkey, however extreme caution is needed. Every year deep-fryer fires are responsible for five deaths, 60 injuries, the destruction of 900 homes, and more than \$15-million in property damage, according to the National Fire Protection Association. Deep frying has many hazards such as: Many units easily tip over, spilling the hot oil within the cooking pot. If the cooking pot is overfilled with oil, the oil may spill out of the unit when the turkey is placed into the cooking pot. Oil may hit the burner/flames causing a fire to engulf the entire unit. Partially frozen turkeys placed into the fryer can cause a spillover effect. This too, may result in an extensive fire. With no thermostat controls, the units also have the potential to overheat the oil to the point of combustion. The sides of the cooking pot, lid and pot handles get dangerously hot, posing severe burn hazards.

Here are some tips for safer use:

* Turkey fryers should always be used outdoors a safe distance from buildings and any other material that can burn. * Never use turkey fryers on wooden decks or in garages. * Make sure the fryers are used on a flat surface to reduce accidental tipping. * Never leave the fryer unattended. Most units do not have thermostat controls. If you don't watch the fryer carefully, the oil will continue to heat until it catches fire. * Never let children or pets near the fryer when in use. Even after use, never allow children or pets near the turkey fryer. The oil inside the cooking pot can remain dangerously hot, hours after use. * To avoid oil spillover, do not overfill the fryer. Fill the fryer with water and place the turkey in it. Tip off the excess water, remove the turkey and mark the level. Thoroughly dry the pan prior to adding oil up to that level. * Use well-insulated potholders or oven mitts when touching pot or lid handles. * Make sure the turkey is completely thawed and be careful with marinades. Oil and water don't mix, and water causes oil to spill over, causing a fire or even an explosion hazard. * Keep an all-purpose fire extinguisher nearby. Never use water to extinguish a grease fire. The oil inside the cooking pots remains dangerously hot. Even after use, never allow children or pets near the turkey hours after use. Hopefully you all enjoy a happy and safe holiday!

Butch Manthei, Chairman - 509.528.2493 **L.U. 112 Safety Committee** **Joe McMurphy, Committee Member**



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