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A MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

I am writing this message from the 39th International Convention in St. Louis, MO, which as we all know, is the birthplace of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers 125 years ago. I am here with your elected delegates Dave Davis and Travis Sellers. This year's theme is about rejuvenation of the IBEW with the remodel and celebration of the Henry Miller museum, and a crossroads for the IBEW and organized labor with elections closing in fast. The message being sent by our newly elected leader, Brother Lonnie Stephenson, LU 145, is that we need to vote for the future of our children and grandchildren, and to make sure there are good paying jobs available for them in another 125 years. He understands that the greatest union in the world, the IBEW, does not have a voice unless its members get out and vote. He urges all of us to make the right choice, as the wrong one could cripple the IBEW and organized labor. Being sent here to represent IBEW Local 112 is truly an honor, and we look forward to reporting to the membership when we return home.

WORK PICTURE

We currently have 68 on Book I and 61 on Book II. We continue to have a few calls for data centers and the Carty job is finishing the construction phase. The pre outage work has started at the Columbia Generating station and they are projecting 100-150 in the spring with the bulk of the people called out in the March-April time frame. Bechtel continues to work overtime in preparation for turnover and building up the DF Law. We are still waiting to see who will get the final bid packages at the Richland Lamb Weston expansion. The hospital in Yakima is projected to hire some more here soon, with Valley Electric topping out at 8-10 electricians and ending late next summer.

BROTHERHOOD EVENTS

The IBEW Local 112 picnic was once again a success with a good turnout. Thanks goes out to the staff from the JATC and all the apprentices who participated either in the setup or at the picnic. Thanks also goes out to Lori and Sonya for their role as well. This has always been our biggest Brotherhood event of the year, and it takes so many to coordinate an activity like this. I would also like to thank all the retirees for attending, as the younger workforce can learn a lot from their experiences you share. I got the pleasure of sitting down with a 70+ year IBEW member by the name of Hugh Raymond. The fact that Hugh is 94 years old and still sharp is truly a success story. Thanks goes out to all who attended.

If you have future ideas for brotherhood events and want to take leadership in organizing more events, please bring your ideas to the meetings or send me an email.

Organizing Report

The Legacy of Our Forefathers

There are many reasons to organize, but I think we often overlook one of the most basic, and that is to provide working men and women the ability to earn a living wage, send their children to college and retire with respect and dignity that is due all of us.

I believe somewhere along the way, we lost sight of how important the things we all take for granted are. We all agree that if we work over 40 hours a week, we should get overtime, that we should have Saturday & Sunday off, that we should have safety on the job, health care, pensions and on and on. Not a single one of these conditions or entitlements, were attained cheaply. The members who came before us fought for, went hungry for and died for every condition that we take for granted today.

Some people say unions have outlived their usefulness. I believe that if unions ceased to exist, so would the conditions we all now enjoy.

I am extremely grateful for the legacy we have been given, but we need to let the unrepresented workers know that our predecessors were not fighting for the rights of just union workers, but for ALL workers.

When we have the opportunity to visit with unrepresented workers, let them know the conditions they now enjoy and take for granted, are not due to the benevolence of their employer, but rather the efforts of previous generations of union workers.

It is the ultimate goal of the IBEW to ensure that all workers have the opportunity to enjoy the benefits and conditions of a Collective Bargaining Agreement.

David P. Davis, Bus. Rep./ Membership Development Rep.

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

With the transition of IBEW Local 112's leadership, one of my tasks is to chair the PAC committee. While it has been a slow process, I have asked Aaron Siefken to head the committee to help do the research and recommendations to IBEW Local 112 for this year's elections and legislations. With the consolidation of recommendations from the PAC, the Central Washington Labor Council, the SE Washington Labor Council, along with our two registrars, we will get the October 2016 newsletter out early with all of IBEW Local 112's recommendations for the candidates and legislations that will help further the cause of the IBEW and organized labor.

REGISTER TO VOTE ONLINE FOR ANY STATE:

http://www.eac.gov/voter_resources/contact_your_state.aspx

OCTOBER MEETINGS

Tri- Cities	October 6th	7:30 p.m.
Hermiston	October 13th	7:30 p.m.
Yakima	October 20th	7:30 p.m.
Executive Board	October 27th	5:30 p.m.

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APPRENTICESHIP & JOURNEYMAN TRAINING

The 2016—2017 school year is off to a running start again and the JATC has a class of 18 5th year apprentices leading the pack this school year. We have experienced about 40 apprentice layoffs this past two months, which is something we haven't experienced in many years. The good news is that all the apprentices who are willing to travel are currently working, thanks to data center projects in Quincy, WA and Prineville, Oregon.

Dennis Williamson, Training Director

“Thank You”

For Attending Your Union Meeting in September

<p><u>TRI-CITY</u></p> <p>Travis Swayze David P. Davis Greg Jacobson Lane Carrier Phil Talbott Travis Sellers Tim Murray Ed Manthei David Glessner Rylan Grimes Gary Bellon Tony Andrews Bob Legard Dave S. Davis Don Snider Paul Elgin Larry Lozier</p>	<p>Frank Stading Garrett Cummings Mike Hennessey Rob Dilger Steve Weis Teresa Sawyer Richard Morgan Andrew Clement Cheryl Sanders Patrick A. Smith Hector Mendoza Logan Olney Jared Brutscher Robin Smith Rick Nielsen Lorne Smith</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>YAKIMA</u></p> <p>No Quorum</p>	<p><u>HERMISTON</u></p> <p>Travis Swayze David P. Davis Tim Meyers Joe Vandecar Doug McCauley Dace Ricker Travis McCauley Lane Carrier Dave Rink Cody Hamann Rich Carter Scott Soderberg Daniel Westby John Hasher Jeffrey Carrick</p>
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SAFETY SPOT

RECENT RECALLS



There have been two recalls recently that could affect us. The first one is a 3M stop use and voluntary recall of their DBI-SALA LAD safe sleeve. Please go on line or google 3M recalls on DBI SALA LAD SAF sleeve. They have asked to immediately stop use and quadrant use of all original LAD-SAF sleeves.

The second one is a voluntary recall of FR sweatshirts. In both cases, you can get additional information by going online, such as part numbers or product numbers. For Carhart, simply google Carhart recalls.

According to OSHA statistics, falls are the leading cause of death in the construction industry, and falls from ladders account for roughly one-third of those fatalities. In 2013, ladders were the source of injury for 5,900 cases involving days away from work and 76 deaths in the construction industry. Please go online and review information on when to use a ladder and the best practices for using it. Go to: www.safetyandhealthmagazine.com/articles/14398. Have a safe autumn and look out for each other !

Butch Manthei, Safety Committee Chairman

*Join us at the next meeting of the Safety Committee at the hall
Thursday, October 6th @ 6:00 p.m.—before the Tri-City Unit Meeting*



In Memoriam

William McCann

1962—2016

Brother Bill McCann passed away on Monday, August 29, 2016 at the age of 54 after suffering a heart attack on the job at the VIT Plant on the Hanford Project.

Bill was a 28 year member of the IBEW, having been initiated into Local Union 112 as an apprentice wireman on September 6, 1988. He completed the inside apprenticeship program through this Local Union and became a Journeyman Wireman in 1992.

During his career, Brother McCann worked for several contractors on many different projects. He had been working for Bechtel on the VIT Plant since September, 2007.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, October 1st at the Highland Grange Hall, located at 1600 Union Street in Kennewick, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Gerald E. Christian

1943—2016

Brother Gerald E. Christian passed away on September 5, 2016 from injuries he sustained in a semi truck accident after suffering a heart attack. He was 72 years old and a 46 year member of the IBEW.

Brother Christian was initiated into Local 112 in 1970 as an apprentice wireman and completed the four year program through this Local Union, becoming a Journeyman Wireman in 1973. He lived in the Yakima area and worked the majority of his career for shops in that area, but worked a short time on the Hanford Project, as well.

After retiring in 2004, Brother Christian became a truck driver.

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



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