

LOCAL 197 NEWS

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April Union Meeting Wednesday, April 26th at 6 p.m.

Two new members will be sworn in at this meeting. They are Steve Johnson, inside apprentice, and Phillip Crabill who is a residential trainee. There will be a raffle of Extreme Football tickets for the May 26th game.

Immediately after the regular union meeting, the building corporation will meet. All active members of Local 197 are building corporation members.

Building Corporation Meeting

The purpose of this Building Corporation Meeting is to discuss and vote on a resolution concerning an easement on the north side of the vacant property and the compensation of such easement. A vote will be taken at this meeting on the easement resolution.

WORK OUTLOOK

Currently, there are 26 journeymen wiremen on Book I. All the commercial apprentices are working. There are 2 residential wiremen on Book II and all trainees are working. There are 2 teledata installers on the book and no trainees.

We are optimistic that in the next few months our work picture will improve. There are some upcoming projects that we hope will put some journeymen to work.

Local 197 - General Information

Please check your dues receipts. Everyone should be paid through June 06. There are 93 members who are in arrears (owing April – June dues) at this time. We also have 4 delinquent members.

At the May Union Meeting the members voted to have a horseshoe tournament. The tentative date is May 6th & 7th depending on the weather.

50+ Year Pins from the International

Robert Meade – 50 year pin
Richard Olson – 50 year pin
Heinz Doering – 50 year pin was taken to Mrs. Lena Doering.

Roger Donovan – 55 year pin
Loyde Henry – 55 year pin

LOCAL WEBSITE –

Please visit our Website at www.ibew197.org and sign up to receive this newsletter electronically. You will always have the ability to look at back issues, check out events, and contact the Local 24/7 using this site. There are also various links to other areas of interest for members.

We have about 30 members who have taken advantage of the Website to receive their newsletters. Call or email Rich on this.

IBEWHOURPOWER.COM – This is a new promotional website for you to check out.

Check out the April Union News. Mike Raikes is doing a great job getting Local 197 events in the paper. The April issue has an article and pictures about the apprentice projects recently completed.

Gary Clem Benefit
Saturday, April 22nd
12 p.m. – 2 a.m.
Copper Top Lounge
1107 W. Locust, Bloomington

\$10 donation at the door
Kids 12 and under \$5

Food from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Silent Auction
Raffle
Bands

Gary Clem, a retired Laborer, is Jack Clem's brother. Gary is waiting for a liver transplant and has been hospitalized for the past few months. Gary has lost his insurance and is facing mounting medical bills.

Donations may be sent to:

Gary Clem Benefit
% Tom Clem
P. O. Box 145
Downs, IL 61736

Worker's Memorial Day
Friday, April 28th – 6 a.m.
White Oak Park, Cottage Avenue

Commemoration & brief ceremony reading the names of those who have lost their lives on the job. Call 828-8813 for details.

JATC NEWS

Congratulations to Justin Luke Powell who became a residential wireman on April 5th and to Gregory Reeves who became a Teledata Installer on April 7th.

APPRENTICE BOOK NOTICE START SAVING YOUR MONEY NOW!!!

Book costs for 2006-07 school year. These are approximate – the new catalogs have not arrived yet.

1st yr. commercial & residential = \$450.00
2nd yr. commercial = \$300
3rd yr. commercial = \$275
4th yr. commercial = \$350

2nd yr. residential = \$300
3rd yr. residential = \$300

SPRING CLEANUP

We need volunteers to help with this clean-up day at the hall. Please call the hall to sign up.



UNION OPEN HOUSE – MAY 23RD

We will need volunteers to help host this event. Probably be from 3 – 7 p.m.. More info. at the union meeting.