

LOCAL 197 NEWS

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ACTIVITIES

September Union Meeting

Wednesday, September 27th at 6 p.m.

The Union office will be open on Saturday, September 2nd from 8 am to noon. This is a good time to pay 3rd quarter dues. Check your dues receipts.

It will also be open on Saturday, September 30th from 8 am to noon. Tentatively, this will be a fall clean up day at the hall. We will need volunteers. The hall will not be open on October 7th because of meeting schedules.

EXECUTIVE BOARD VACANCY

Larry Mathis has resigned his position on the Executive Board. He has changed employers and will be working out of state. Steve Rousey has been selected to fill the vacancy on the Executive Board.

WORK OUTLOOK

Currently, there are 28 journeymen wiremen on Book I. All the commercial apprentices are working. There are 7 residential wiremen and 4 trainees are not working. There are no teledata installers on the book and no trainees.

Many of our out-of-work journeymen wiremen have gotten short calls recently in our Local and in the Peoria Local. Make sure that if you get a job out of our jurisdiction, that you have registered on the ERTS system. Registering on ERTS will allow your benefits to come back to our benefit funds.

Trades & Labor Blooddrive – Saturday, August 26th at the Plumbers Hall. We need donors from 7 a.m. to noon. Please call the hall to set up a time. At this time, we have 1 volunteer donor.

LABOR DAY ACTIVITIES

PARADE - starts at 10 a.m. If you want to walk in the parade meet in front of the Law & Justice Center on Front Street. There will be a truck for the retirees to ride on.

If you would like a new IBEW t-shirt for the parade, the Local has 2 styles in three colors available for sale at the hall. \$10 each.

We will not be giving shirts away prior to the parade and you do not have to purchase a shirt to walk in the parade.

Picnic – At the Union Hall after the parade. Local will furnish meat, chips, plates and drinks.

Please bring a dish to share with others.

There will be a horseshoe tournament and also a mini carnival for children under 12. The carnival will run from 1 – 2 p.m. with games, crafts and prizes for the kids. If you would like to help with the carnival, please call Linda Wall at 530-8041.

September 8th – Texas Hold' Em Tourament at the hall starts at 6:30 p.m. for members.

RETIREE NEWS

Robert Branom was approved for retirement with the Decatur Fund effective July 1, 2006. His last day of work was June 23rd for Anderson Electric. Bob & Alex plan to do some traveling.

Larry Reece, owner of Bulin Electric, retired effective August 1, 2006.

Retirees Meeting

The newly formed retirees group met on July 19th at the union hall. In attendance were, Don Armstrong, Harold Chandler, Duke Durham, Walt & Mike Kraft, Newt Mikesell, Bill Pillow, and Dick Thompson.

At the August meeting, there were fifteen retirees. The group plans to ride in the Labor Day Parade and come back to the hall for the picnic. If you need information on this, call Don Armstrong or Dick Thompson.

On Tuesday, September 19th at 10 a.m., the retirees will be having a breakfast here at the hall. The Local is paying the cost of the breakfast. We need you to RSVP so we can provide enough food.

This group plans to meet monthly. If you are a retiree and have not been contacted by one of the retirees about the retiree meetings, please call the hall.

Annual Golf Outing

The Local's annual golf outing was held on July 29th at Fairlakes. This years winning team was: Dan Miller, Steve Batty, Morris Judd and Frank Kuhns. Thanks to our volunteers. Especially to Robin and Donna Roberts who packed the team bags.

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.

Spec 4, John Demlow, will be reporting to serve in Iraq for the next 15 – 18 months. John is a son of Residential Wireman, Ron Demlow.

BNJATC NEWS

Book pickup was Wednesday, August 23rd. If you did not get your books, call the JATC office. 829-9819.

Any books left will incur a \$5 per day late charge.

****REQUIRED ALL SCHOOL MEETING – Monday, August 28th at 5:00 p.m. in the training center workshop. Mark your calendars!**

Apprentice classes will begin on Thursday, September 7th. All classes are from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

BIG THANKS to Tim Kubiak and Brian Simmons for waxing and buffing floors on the apprenticeship side of the building to help get ready for the start of school.

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