

LOCAL 197 NEWS

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Please make sure that when you get mail from the IBEW, Decatur Funds, or from the hall, that you open & read it.

LABOR DAY – If you signed up to help, PLEASE call the NJATC office or the Union Hall. We still need helpers at all areas to make the day run smoothly so we all can have an enjoyable day with our families and friends.

MONDAY PARADE AT 10 A.M. – If you plan to walk in the parade, we line up on Front Street near CII East. Be there around 9:30 am. The Local will be selling t-shirts (\$10) for you to wear if you choose. But you do not have to buy a t-shirt to walk in the parade.

There should be a truck for retirees who wish to be in the parade.

PICNIC IMMEDIATELY AFTER PARADE AT THE HALL. As usual, the Local will provide the meat, pop and plates etc. Please bring something to share.

UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES

Apprentice Classes start Sept. 3 & 4th.

Texas Hold'em at the Hall – Sept. 26th starts at 6:45 p.m. (Members only event)

BUSINESS MANAGER'S MINUTE

Sept. 6th – The Local will NOT be open because of travel back from the Membership Development Conference. The hall will be open on Saturday 13th (8 am – noon) instead.

Our work outlook is slow. We have prospects, but they are moving at a snail's pace. The \$3M Neuman Center is held up for LEED's Certification, Heartland is held up by the General Contractor, Wildwood still doesn't have a roof and so on.

Hopefully, these projects will begin to come together and we'll have work at home this winter for everyone. Almost all of the members on Book I are working in Champaign or Peoria. Champaign has slowed down but is looking to pick up again. Peoria hasn't gotten a good start yet and appears to be the best opportunity close to home. Springfield and Alton have been putting out Book II.

Brothers & Sisters, while traveling into other Locals, please remember that we are guests in that area and be gracious to your hosts. Represent Local #197 with pride and dignity.

Portability is also an issue. When you travel to another Local for a contractor, it is, ultimately, your responsibility to make sure that you are cleared into the hall. Often, a phone call to the Local that you are going to be working in, will suffice. Remember, if someone is called in front of an E-Board, it won't be the contractor.

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Business Manager's Minute (continued)

The members are the eyes & ears of the Local. If you see someone working in our jurisdiction, give the Local a call so that we can make sure they have cleared in properly. We will follow up on all calls. Please stay vigilant.

I look forward to seeing many of you and your families at the Labor Day parade and picnic. The Apprenticeship classes have agreed to handle/organize the day for our Local. Come out and show your support for their efforts. Have a great Labor Day.

As always, my door is open!

Lance

ISU Electrician Position

If anyone is interested in becoming an electrician at ISU, you should start the application process. There has been some turn over at the university due to retirements, and we are hoping that ISU will hire in the near future.

NEW E-BOARD CHAIRMAN

At the July Executive Board Meeting, the Board selected Brian Graves to become the Chairman of the E-Board. Brian replaces Ken McLean who has served for several years in this position. Steve Rousey will be serving as the new Recording Secretary for the E-Board.

Reminder – Check your dues receipts

KEEP THE LOCAL INFORMED ABOUT ADDRESS CHANGES AND CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS.

CHANGES THAT AFFECT YOUR BENEFITS MUST BE REPORTED ALSO. (Marriages, Divorces, Births, Deaths etc.) We keep beneficiary change cards at the hall.

ERTS REMINDER – If you are working out of our jurisdiction, make sure that you are on ERTS so that your benefits will go back to our home funds.

BNJATC NEWS

First Aid / CPR / AED on Oct. 4th
First Aid / CPR / AED on Oct. 25th

Let the JATC office know if you wish to take either of these classes.

NECA TRADE SHOW – OCT. 5TH

We will leave the training center at 8 a.m. and return about 8 p.m. You need to sign up before the first week in Sept. The bus has LOTS of seats still available. We would hate to loose this opportunity because of poor participation. The trip will be cancelled if there are not enough people to justify the cost of the bus.

ELECTION INFO

Make sure that you are registered to vote. We can register you at the hall.

Also, make sure that if you have moved, you need to register.



MEMBER DEPLOYED FOR DUTY

On August 15th, Kurt Neuleib reported for active duty for a period not to exceed 400 days. His unit will be deployed to Afghanistan. Kurt's wife, Monica, and his daughter and son live in Heyworth. Kurt has been employed at Jim Jones Electric since 2005.

Frank Harrold is also still actively serving.

If you know of other members (spouses, sons, or daughters) who are serving, please let the Local know.

197 RETIREES

Recent IO retirees include:

Richard Gaddy (Gaddy Electric)
Jerry W. Dehart
Robert Branom
Dave Vaughn (ISU)
Paul Arsenaull (Trueline Wire Guidance)
John Reed (Reed Electric)

Retirees usually meet the 3rd Tuesday at the hall. If you are a Local retiree and are not receiving information about the monthly retiree meetings, please call the hall.



SOFTBALL NEWS

The Local's team recently won the end of the season tournament sponsored by the Bloomington Parks and Rec. Dept. Steve Rousey has done a good job managing the team and keeping everyone involved. The team added two new plaques to the trophy case. Sandy & Destiny Robertson hosted a team party at their house to celebrate a successful season,

CARL LAMB

Retired member, Carl Lamb, passed away on August 8th at the age of 94. Carl had been living at the Farmer City Rehabilitation and Health Care Center. The family suggested memorial gifts may be made to the American Legion of Farmer City, the Rehabilitation Center or charity of the donor's choice.

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