

LOCAL 197 NEWS

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SPECIAL MEETING Vote on McCECA Agreement

There will be a special meeting on Wednesday, November 9th at 7 p.m. at the hall to vote on the McLean County Contractors Association Agreement. This will be the only business conducted at this meeting.

All members who work under the inside agreements are eligible to vote on this contract. If the agreement is ratified, contributions to the pension fund will also be discussed and voted upon.

Local 197 Update

Work is still slow in our Local. Please call the office if you see a contractor working in our jurisdiction that you might have a question about. Rich & I rely on your observations. Some of the sister Locals have work coming up. If you are on the book, you should go sign at the other Locals as soon as possible.

We have 32 on Book I. Some of our members are working in Rockford and others have taken a short call out of the Springfield Local.

Currently, the Residential Book has 2 wiremen off and Teledata has 2 installers off.

At the September Union meeting, the members viewed and approved the proposed Web site. You may access it at: www.ibew197.org. There are various links to other areas of interest for members.

(Local 197 update – continued)

The hall will be open the first Saturday of each month from 8 – 12 for dues payments and general discussion only.

Recently the Local has lost two of our retirees, Lyman Hill and Jack Wissmiller.

The November union meeting will be the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, November 23rd at 6 p.m. The Local is considering a building maintenance committee. This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

HOLIDAY INFORMATION

November

Veterans' Day is Friday, November 11th. This is a holiday for:

NECA Agreements - inside and residential
McLean County Agreement
and SCIT.

Thanksgiving & Friday after holiday for:

NECA Agreements – inside & residential
McLean County
And SCIT.

December

Christmas and New Years Day both fall on Sunday this year. The holiday is celebrated on the actual day so there is no day off during the week per the following agreements:

NECA – inside and residential
McLean County and SCIT

Sign Contractors check with your employer or the hall.



UPCOMING EVENTS

The members voted to have a Christmas party on Friday, December 9th. Mike Raikes, Steve Rousey and Tim Kubiak volunteered to be in charge. An invitation to the party is included with this newsletter.

We need some volunteers to help with the party. (Decorating, gifts, clean up etc) Call one of the chairman (Mike, Steve, or Tim) or call the hall to volunteer.

Also, there may be a Children's Christmas party. Valerie Bauer has volunteered to chair this activity if there is enough interest for the local to sponsor this event. Call the hall if interested.

**Mark January 28TH next
Building Trades Blood Drive at our union hall.**

Health & Welfare News.

Recently, I attended the Trustees meeting in Memphis. Some of the changes approved at this meeting include:

Effective 1/1/06, Spectera will no longer be used for vision claims. There will be a flat benefit of \$250.

Also discussed by Trustees was the possibility of lowering COBRA payments. This will be discussed further at the spring meeting.

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NEW APPRENTICES

COMMERCIAL

Michael Davis
Craig Riddle
Kirk Ummel

RESIDENTIAL

Phillip Crabill
Wayne Orrick
Joshua Scaggs
Luke Brown

All apprentices completed CPR-1st Aid on either October 8th or the 22nd.

Thanks for your great participation.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The apprentices are participating with the Bloomington Elks Lodge #281 collecting donations which will go to the military for Christmas. Boxes for donations are located in the hallway of the Training Building until December 15th.

Let's ALL show our support.

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See Wal-Mart movie insert

And

**The invitation to Local Christmas Party
(There will be a sign up sheet at the hall.)**

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**New Retirees effective November 1st are Jim
Maginel and Ken Tynan**