

**John A. Brown, Business Manager**

**I.B.E.W. LOCAL UNION 477  
AUGUST 2009—NEWSLETTER**



**Brothers & Sisters:**

This year's picnic will be held on Saturday, September 12, at the Yucaipa Regional Park. The location is 33900 Oak Glen Road, Yucaipa. The entrance fee is **FREE**, as well as the picnic, just ID yourselves as IBEW 477 members. This event will commence at 10:00 AM and end at 3:00 PM.

There will be catered Mexican for 2 hours only. Food will be served from 11:00 AM—1:00 PM.

There will **NOT** be an Apprentices vs. Journeymen Softball game.

There will be clowns and face painting for the kids, as well as games and prizes. There will also be shaved ice.

The large raffle and Troxel-Wall Scholarship raffles will start at 11:00 AM and end at 3:00 PM.

We ask that you please bring a dessert. **Don't Miss Out!**

## ***IT'S PICNIC TIME!!!***

### **Wage Increase—Inside Wireman's Agreement Effective 9/1/09—\$.75**

Effective September 1, 2009 the new base rate for an Electrician in Local 477 will be \$34.55 per hour. The total raise for September 1, 2009 is \$.75. The following is the allocation of funds for the 9/1/09-5/31/2010 Collective Bargaining Agreement as a result of the vote taken at the July 10, 2009 Union Meeting:

	<u>CURRENT \$</u>	<u>NEW HOURLY \$</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
<b>Wage—JW</b>	\$34.00	\$34.55	\$0.55
Health & Welfare	\$ 6.45	\$ 6.65	\$0.20
Pension	\$ 4.85	\$ 4.85	\$0.00
Annuity	\$ 2.95	\$ 2.95	\$0.00
LMCC	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.31	<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$0.75</b>

### **Wage Increase — 9th District Sound Effective 7/27/09—\$.40**

The following is the allocation of funds for the Sound and Communications Agreement effective 7/27/09:

	<u>CURRENT \$</u>	<u>NEW HOURLY \$</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
<b>Wage—Installer</b>	\$26.43	\$26.43	\$0.00
Health & Welfare	\$ 4.90	\$ 5.30	\$0.40
Annuity (pension)	\$ 2.45	\$ 2.45	\$0.00
LMCC	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.06	<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$0.40</b>

Upcoming raises are as follows:  
Effective November 30, 2009—\$.80 Increase  
Effective November 28, 2010—\$1.65 Increase  
Effective July 25, 2011—\$.50 Increase

A new classification titled "Trainee" was created for private work only under a Memorandum of Understanding. The wage rate for a Trainee is \$12.50 per hour.

The contract duration is December 1, 2008 to November 30, 2011.

## Work Picture

**O**ur work picture remains slow with a lot of jobs still on hold waiting for the economy to return. Our contractors have been successful in winning some bids.

**Morrow Meadows** has picked up the **Dr. Pepper** project in Victorville. This project has started hiring, and has a finish date of December 31, 2009. The **Kaiser Ontario** job is in full swing with approximately 100 people on this project.

The **Kaiser Fontana** project is in the underground stage and a portion of the job is proceeding slowly with **SASCO Electric**.

**Gregg Electric** has picked up a few small projects in the Valley and up on the High Desert.

**Enterprise Electric Datacom** has the Inland Empire Transportation project.

**Daniel's Electric** has picked up the Grand Terrace High School for the Colton School District. This one should be breaking ground in the coming months.

**Mike Cox Electric** has picked up the San Geronio High School project in San Bernardino.

We have signed the **Project Labor Agreement** for the next **Victorville Power Plant**. They have applied to the Public Utilities Commission for an indefinite extension, so we do not have a date when they will proceed with construction.

The **large solar projects** are still working their way through the permitting process and looks like they may be permitted by the first of next year 2010.

Our contractors continue to work with Local 477 on getting jobs and doing compliance for those jobs. We have to make sure there is a level playing field for all involved.

## Organizing Report

**W**e would like to thank the members who have helped with Organizing and attended both the "COMET" and "SALT" classes. At this time, Local 477 has six people "salting" for us. The information they provide is invaluable to the Organizing Department of Local 477. We will be holding monthly COMET and SALT classes in the near future.

If you would like to help with our organizing efforts please contact Perry Brown at 909-831-1725.

## ERTS

### "Electronic Reciprocal Transfer System"

Just a reminder!!! When traveling to other local unions to obtain work, please make sure you are registered with the ERTS system. This enables your pension, annuity and health & welfare hours and benefits are transferred to your preferred plans.

Also, we have been encountering problems with the Las Vegas local transferring hours, so please contact our health and welfare at **1-866-266-2269** to ensure your hours were properly transferred.

## Members' Support Meant the World to The Klaers' Family

**I**would personally like to thank all of the members who took time out of their busy schedules to donate blood for Tracy Klaers, wife of our member, Larry Klaers, who was in desperate need of blood. Brother Klaers was thrilled to report that his wife is no longer in need of blood; she's getting stronger everyday; and is able to eat

and walk on her own again.

Brother Klaers expresses his sincere gratitude to the members of Local Union 477 for their concern and efforts to help in his time of need. The Klaers family is extremely grateful to the members of Local Union 477 for giving their mother a second chance in life.

I would like to thank you all, again, for really getting behind this effort and overwhelmingly supporting the drive.

**Union Meeting— September 11, 2009  
6:00 PM**

### IMPORTANT DATES

General Meeting - 6:00 PM.....9/11/09

Executive Board Meeting - 6:00 PM.....9/17/00

Re-Sign (Out-of-Work Books)...9/28 thru 10/09  
(Hours—8:00 AM to 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM-5:00 PM)

Solidarity Day .....Every Friday  
Wear Your 477 T-Shirts

### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

**Local Union 477.....909-890-0607**

**Apprenticeship.....909-890-1703**

**Health & Welfare....866-266-2269**

**Dental.....800-332-0366**

**Pension.....800-824-6935**

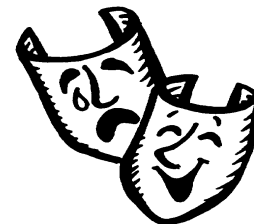
**Annuity.....800-294-3575**

**NECA .....909-792-0387**

**LMCC .....909-307-3400**



**Bereavement:** It is with deep regret to report the demise of the following member: Stanley Stewart, passed away on 6/23/09; he was 77 years old and a 49-year member. Also, Marty DuSold's wife, Donna Lorraine, passed away on 4/12/09.



**New Births:** Congratulations to the following proud parents of new borns: George and Evonne Contreras, baby boy, Nikolas Angel, born 7/30/09, weighting 8 lbs 10 oz.; Paul and Candace Conway, baby girl, Mallery, born 8/12/09, weighing 8 lbs 5 oz; Nikolay and Lyuba Kebets, baby girl, Anastasia Sophia" born 8/5/09, weighing 5 lbs 9 oz. Congratulations, again, on your electrifying additions.

**New Contractors:** IBEW Local Union 477 would like to extend a welcome to our newly signed contractor to the CBA: DSG Corporation, Enterprise Electric Datacom, and Hubzone Corporation.

**New Members:** On behalf of the Officers of Local Union 477 and myself, we would like to welcome the following members taken into membership: Joshua Anderson, Daniel Mitchell, Steven Otondo, Joseph Beiss, Douglas Monk, Richard Thomas, Robert Hanacek, and Erick Mejia.

**Newly Retirees:** Denny Doyle, Curt Brennan, Steve Espino, Reay Garayt, Gregory Rheinschild, Craig Solberg, Dave Gregor, Nathan Hicks, Jerry Jewett, Dale Radeleff, Randy Underwood, Randy Waitman, Mike Brady, Wayne Foulds, Tommy Miller, Ron Rendleman, Randall Richards, Bruce Steffler, and Clarence Kirtley.

### STATE CERTIFICATION RENEWAL APPLICATION

**T**o renew your State Certification you will need to complete the renewal application form found on the DAS Website. The form is also available at the Business Office.

On the application you must show under penalty of perjury that you have worked 2,000 hours within the past three years in the industry and taken 32 hours of continuing education relevant to the category of certification.

Certificates of continued education **MUST** accompany your application.

DAS accepts payment only by check or money order payable to: **DIR - Electrician Certification Fund.** Payment must be included for certification to be renewed.

The form is downloadable at: [www.dir.ca.gov/das.electricaltrade.htm](http://www.dir.ca.gov/das.electricaltrade.htm). You are also able to call (415) 703-4919 to request the form be sent by mail.

The fee for renewal of the State Certification is \$100.00.

**Holiday Schedule**

**Inside Wireman's Agreement, 9th District Sound & Communications Agreement, & Traffic Signal Agreement**

**Labor Day—9/7/09**

Any work performed on this day shall be paid at the double-time rate of pay.

**Have a safe Holiday!**

## Journeyman Wireman Classes

◆ **Fiber Optic Class -**

*Dates:* August 29, 2009

*Time:* 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (8 hour class)

*Instructor:* Rick Hecht

*Location:* JATC

*Fee:* \$30.00 (#440 / #477 Local Members), \$50.00 (Out-of Area Members)

*Note:* Textbook - TBD

◆ **Fire Alarm Class -**

*Dates:* September 5, 2009

*Time:* 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (8 hour class)

*Instructor:* Rick Hecht

*Location:* JATC

*Fee:* \$30.00 (#440 / #477 Local Members), \$50.00 (Out-of Area Members)

*Note:* Textbook - TBD

◆ **Grounding & Bonding Class -**

*Dates:* September 5, 2009

*Time:* 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (8 hour class)

*Instructor:* Laura Vergeront

*Location:* JATC

*Fee:* \$30.00 (#440 / #477 Local Members), \$50.00 (Out-of Area Members)

*Note:* No textbook required

◆ **High Voltage Cable Splicing Class -**

*Dates:* September 15, 2009 - July, 2010 (10 Months)

*Time:* 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

*Instructor:* Tom Ayers

*Location:* JATC

*Fee:* \$400 (#440 / #477 Local Members; \$1,200 Out-of-Area Members)

Fees are non-refundable.

*Note:* Textbooks required (Cost - TBD)

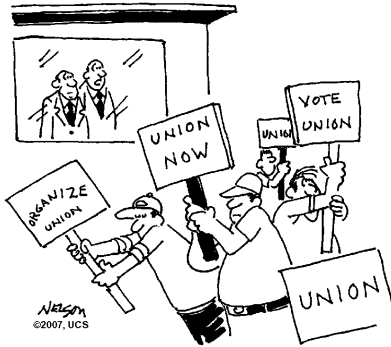
*Tools:* Tools required (Cost - TBD)

**PLEASE CONTACT THE JATC  
TO SIGN-UP FOR ALL CLASSES !!!  
(909) 890-1703**

## LOCAL ELECTION—NOVEMBER 3, 2009



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"I offered to make them all VP's if they didn't organize but they didn't take the bait."