

# Brotherhood Broadcasts

## Local Union #112



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### A MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

#### WORK PICTURE

At this time we have 42 on Book I and 138 on Book II. Calls have been quite steady, and should continue for the near future. Dyna will begin to hire for the data centers in a couple weeks, as will EC Company. This should take about 15 or so for Dyna, and about 20 for EC. Not much else will change regarding the data centers. The Carty project had a layoff recently and then hired a few more after that. They are mostly doing wire pulls on back shift, and have hired a few for startup. There has been an incident that we just found out about recently involving some damage to some thermocouples. We met with Abacus and discussed the investigation that they are doing. The County Sheriff is involved and it may become a Federal investigation with Homeland Security. This is taken very seriously, and could shine a very bad light on all of the affiliates of the Pendleton Building Trades Council if it indeed was done by crafts. In Washington, there are new schools starting, and the VIT may hire a few more for night shift wire pulls. There are many projects coming, and our contractors are bidding them as they come along.

#### MANPOWER REQUESTS

We have been hearing that members have been spreading the word about certain jobs, and what is happening on those projects. Through these discussions, the word is out there to not take certain calls because of the perceived issues on those jobsites. Whether it's that the contractor used to be nonunion, or that they will be bringing in their key people on portability to be foremen, it doesn't matter what the issue is, it ends up giving us problems filling those calls. This is not what we are about. Union contractors utilize us because we always have manpower available and can supply them on short notice. When the word is out there to not take jobs to any contractor, we are losing market share, and employment opportunities for our members. And contractors will find other ways to man this work, including giving our work to another craft. Please do not put our local in that position, with these discussions. We have an obligation to fill the calls, and if you don't want to work on a certain project, that is your choice, but please do not deter others from making a living because of your perception of that project. Thank you in advance for your help on this problem.

#### MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

We recently attended the annual MDC in Las Vegas, and our new International President Lonnie Stephenson was in attendance. He is fully engaged in organizing, since taking over for President Hill in July. This was a great conference and one of the best I have attended. The work situation is picking up nationwide for all crafts and we must make gains in our membership in order to take on this upcoming work. When coming out of recessions like we have had, the non-union are usually ahead of us when it comes to getting this work. They have been having trouble this time getting skilled help to man the work. We are in a much better position to make gains with our market share.

### *Organizing Report* Positioned for Success.

In September, at the Membership Development Conference in Las Vegas, International President Lonnie Stephenson announced that 'A' membership in the IBEW was up for the second straight year and that 'A' membership is at an all-time high of 351,000 members. This is great news!! The theme of the conference was "Positioned for Success" and the following facts make it essential that we continue to grow our membership.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects construction growth of 2.5% per year until 2022. If we do not continue to grow our membership, our Market Share will decrease. The future of the IBEW will be determined by our market share.

Baby boomers are starting to retire. In Local 112, we now have 277 members over 50 years of age, or 41.2%. Out of the 277 members, 121 of those are over 60.

75% of the work force in 2025 will be millennials. 60% of millennials favor Unions, but only 7% belong to a Union. We need to be proactive in growing our younger membership and letting them know the value of collective bargaining and Unions!

A Union is a group of dedicated men and women striving toward the same goals, providing security and dignity for all members. The IBEW collectively speaks for its members while working to achieve security and dignity on the job, along with health and welfare benefits, a living wage, a safe working environment, and a comfortable pension.

Without a Union, benefits would be negotiated between the owner and worker, and the owner could terminate workers at his/her discretion. That is not a work environment I would want for my children or grandchildren. If we do not grow, the gap between the upper and middle classes will get bigger. We must continue to organize so the next generation has a Union and is "Positioned for Success."

*Joe Legard, Membership Development Rep.*

### PIN PRESENTATION 2015 PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Local 112's Pin Presentation was held on September 26th. If you would like a program from this year's event, extra copies are available at the hall.

#### OCTOBER MEETINGS

Tri-Cities	October 1st	7:30 p.m.
Hermiston	October 8th	7:30 p.m.
Yakima	October 15th	7:30 p.m.
Executive Board	October 22nd	5:30 p.m.

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**JOURNEYMAN TRAINING**

**ELECTRICAL TRAINING CENTER**

Code Calculations—4 hrs.	October 8th—6:30 p.m.
Conduit Bending—4 hrs.	October 20th & 22nd—6:30 p.m.
RCW / WAC—4 hrs.	October 21, 2015—6:30 p.m.
Master & Admin:	
Load Calculations	December 7, 9, 10, 15 & 16 6:30 p.m.

**IRRIGON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

2014 NEC Code Update I—8 hrs. November 14th—8:00 a.m.

**Call 509-783-0589 or e-mail [classes@jatec112.org](mailto:classes@jatec112.org) to register**

*Dennis Williamson, Training Director*

**Do You  
Want to Practice  
Your Welding ?**



**Booth Time Available at  
Columbia Basin College**

Booth time can be purchased by our members who wish to practice welding a Columbia Basin College in Pasco from time to time. There would be no formal instruction, but an instructor would probably offer some advice when you were practicing in a booth. The fee is \$50 for ten hours of booth time and \$100 for 20 hours. At this time, nights and afternoons are available.

Call Chris Mitchell in the welding department of CBC at 509-544-4924 and don't forget to mention that you are an IBEW Local 112 electrician.

If you choose to enroll in CBC's two year welding program, Local 112 will reimburse you for tuition and consumables, such as gloves, hood, etc. after the successful completion of each year.

**"Thank You"**

**For Attending Your Union Meeting in September**

**TRI-CITY**

Pete Marsh  
Travis Sellers  
Rylan Grimes  
D. Williamson  
Don Snider  
Tim Murray  
Ken Werst  
Kyle Burnstad

David Myles

Patrick A. Smith  
Moses Torrescano  
Robert Welch, Jr.  
Cheryl Sanders  
John Higby  
Lorne Smith

**HERMISTON**

Pete Marsh  
Dave Davis  
Dan McConkey  
Tim Meyers  
Charles Boyd  
Richard Carter  
Thomas Carter  
Garrett Cummings  
David Glessner

Jim Cain

Brett Carson  
Robert Ritzer  
Kim Carson

**YAKIMA**

No Quorum



**THANK YOU TO THIS YEAR'S  
PICNIC COMMITTEE FOR A JOB  
WELL DONE !**

Local 112's annual picnic was held on September 12th and hats off to the committee who did a great job. The weather was perfect and those in attendance enjoyed good food, games and lots of great raffle prizes. Thank you to all who helped out in making this picnic a big success ! This year's committee consisted of Chairman Mike Gaul, Ethan Cyr, Chantelle Erickson, Vadim Koval, Garret Cummings, David Russell, Robert Carpenter, Nicholas Carr, Colton Enyeart, Sam Hansen, Fonzi Lopez, Martin Lotz, Tristan Lozano, Richard Morgan, Martin Ramirez, Carl Sorrels, Channing Stredwick, Andrew Tao, Nicholas Vanderburg, Joseph McMurphy, Chance Beebe, Oscar Montano, Jaime Gunter & Anttwon Miller. Thanks again for all your time in making the picnic a success !



Local 112 will hold a Christmas Party this year on Saturday, December 12th, and it will be held at the Columbia Center Red Lion in Kennewick. Plans are still being made for this adults only event, but a block of rooms have been reserved for the evening @ \$89.00 plus taxes.

Contact the Red Lion at 800-733-5466 or go to [redlion.com](http://redlion.com) and reserve for the Columbia Center location. Let them know you are with a group and the code is HOLI1212.

Tickets will be available soon, which will include food and live music. It should be a fun night, so mark you calendar and join us for an enjoyable evening during the holiday season.

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