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General Membership Meetings

Our Next Union Meetings Will Be Held:

Minneapolis: Dec 5, 2013 & Jan 2, 2014
7:30 p.m. - St. Anthony Union Hall
2909 Anthony Lane

Becker: Dec 19, 2013 & Jan 16, 2014
7:30 p.m. - 12423 Pine St
Becker Union Hall

Mo Valley: December 17, 2013 - 7:30 p.m.
St. Anthony - Union Hall
January 31, 2014- 7:30 p.m.
Sawmill Inn
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From the Editor

Rose M Eiden

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HOLIDAY HOURS

The union hall will be closed on the following days:

November 28 and 29, 2013 - Thanksgiving and the day after.

December 24 and 25, 2013 - Christmas Eve and Day.

January 1, 2014 - New Year's Day.

Retirement Club

The Retirees Club would like to welcome the following new members: Kathy Grant, Cathy Sackrison, Earl Nordstrom, Ray Watkins, Martin Bistram, Fred Tuckner and Mark Benson.

The next 2 meetings are November 20th and December 18th (the Christmas party).

All retirees are welcome to come and join for a mere \$12.00 a year.

Notice To All Members

The Delegates of the 38th IBEW International Convention, which was conducted in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, during the week of September 19 through 23, 2011, approved several amendments to Article IX of the *IBEW Constitution*.

Accordingly, effective January 1, 2014, there will be an increase of two dollars (\$2.00) in the per capita that is paid to the General Fund, and therefore, the rate for all members shall increase.

This will be in addition to any annual increase that you may receive.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rose Eiden at (612) 781-3126.

Happy Holidays From All Of Us To All Of You

A Word or Two From Your Business Manager/Financial Secretary

Greetings. The 30th Annual Pig Roast was a big success. The weather was good, the food was great and it was nice seeing the large number of folks enjoying themselves. I would like to thank our three cooks, Dan Gardas, John Harris and Steve Adams. You guys always do a fantastic job.

Congratulations to our Xcel Energy members. It has been many years since the membership ratified the first Proposed Terms and Conditions of Settlement of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. It is a good settlement and now the membership won't be dealing with the uncertainty of the vote in the final days of the year.

At the time of this writing, the Local Union and our members at Foster Wheeler Twin Cities, Inc. don't know for certain when the new company under contract with the University of Minnesota will be taking over. With the notification that their health insurance will be terminated on December 31, 2013 and the uncertainty of when the new company will take over, for the thirty-three (33) union members, have been having a very difficult time. I will continue to reach out to the people involved and get some answers for our members.

I had the privilege to attend the 2013 Lineman Rodeo in Bonner Springs, Kansas in October (see next page). The Union is working with Leigh Conducy (MN Mo-Valley Instructor) and is planning to send Local 160 Apprentices to the 2014 Lineman Rodeo. It has been too many years since Local 160 members have competed. If there are Linemen and Apprentice Linemen that are interested in participating next year, please let either myself or your Business Representative know so we can plan for it.

And finally, as 2013 seemed to fly by, it is hard to believe we are already at the holiday season! I would like to take this time to wish all of you and your families a very safe and happy holiday season.

Faternally,

Thomas G. Koehler

SCHOLARSHIPS

At the March 2013 Executive Board meeting, a motion was made, seconded and passed to amend Local 160's scholarship fund. 3 awards will be given out for the David C. Ring Scholarship and 3 awards for the Amy O'Sullivan Scholarship.

On April 12, 2010, Local 160 member Nathan Blomquist was killed in a car accident on his way to work. Nathan was a very proud Apprentice Lineman and union member. Since then, Nathan's parents decided that they wanted to set up a scholarship in Nathan's name. So beginning with 2014, the Nathan Blomquist Vo-Tech Scholarship will be giving 2 awards out each year to the Outside Construction member's families. If there are no applicants from the Outside Construction area, the scholarships will then be awarded in the same pool as the other for the Vo-Tech school.

Union Plus 2014 Scholarships are now available. The scholarships can be accessed online at www.unionplus.org. Click on the Legal and Education tab and then click on the Union Plus Scholarship. The deadline for this scholarship is January 31, 2014.

All other scholarships will become available sometime at the end of January 2014. All Scholarships will be accessible on our website to download.

If you have any questions please contact Jenny Olson at the union hall (612) 781-3126.

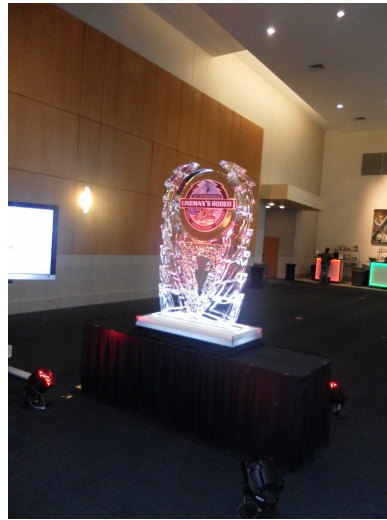
The 30th Annual International Lineman's Rodeo & Expo - 2013

The 30th Annual International Lineman's Rodeo was held on Saturday, October 19, 2013 in Bonner Springs Kansas. The host utilities were Kansas City Power & Light and Westar Energy.

The Lineman's Rodeo attracts the best lineman from around the world to compete in events based on traditional lineman task and skills. The first Lineman's Rodeo was held in September 1984, with twelve (12) teams from Kansas and Missouri. The Rodeo has since grown to over 200 teams and 250 apprentices.

The Team Events consisted of Hurtman Rescue, Pole Climb and (2) Mystery Events. Teams consist of 3 members. The Apprentice Events consisted of Apprentice Written Test, Hurtman Rescue, Pole Climb, CPR w/ AED and a Mystery Event.

The 31st Annual International Lineman's Rodeo & Expo in 2014 will also be held in Bonner Springs, Kansas. If you are interested in participating in the events next year please contact Business Manager Tom Koehler or your Business Representative.



The 30th Annual Pig Roast

Members and retirees from Local Union 160 had a georgous day to enjoy the 30th Annual Pig Roast. Once again it was a pleasure to see all the people visiting with each other, eating the great food, trying to win big bucks on the Plinko Board and hoping to win a door prize and/or COPE prize.

A special thanks goes out to four (4) of our members, Dan Gardas, John Harris, Steve Adams (all from Xcel Energy) who cook the wonderful ham, pork and beef, and to Bill Cort (East Central Energy) who supplied us with the meat, beans and potato salad.

Local 160 would like to thank all the contractors and companies who contributed door prizes and COPE prizes. If it weren't for their generosity, this pig roast would not be a success.

And thank you to all of the office staff and Executive Board for all the hard work and planning that was put into the Pig Roast.

Winners of the COPE Drawing are: \$100 Fleet Farm Gift Card - Paul Silseth, Dewalt Cordless Hammerdrill/Impact Driver Combo Kit - Jenny Olson, Milwaukee Cordless Heated Hoodie - John Ness, \$100 Mall of America Visa Gift Card - Mike Ringstad, Dewalt Cordless Screwdriver - Dan Seawell, Dewalt Cordless Hammerdrill/Impact Driver Combo Kit - Karl Peterson, \$100 Gander Mountain Gift Card - Tom Koehler, Ryobi One +18v Lithium-Ion Starter Kit - George Huber, Ridged Wet/Dry Vac - Bill Little, 4 MN Twins Tickets - Colin Casey, Dewalt 18v Compact Drill/Driver - Dave Fossum, Dewalt 18v Impact Driver - Steve Nappa, \$500 Gander Mountain Gift Card - Robert Gemlo.



Xcel Substation/Transmission Old Timers

On Friday, October 25, 2013, Xcel Energy Substation/Transmission Department celebrated its 64th Annual Old Timers Dinner at the Radisson Hotel in Minneapolis. Sixty-four years is a long time to keep a tradition going but what is more remarkable to me about this record is that Boots Nielson, one of the two people who planned and started the very first party, has attended all 64 parties (Boots can be seen in the picture sitting second from the left).

Dave Johnson, Manager of Xcel Substation Construction, Bill McCarron, General Foreman of Xcel Transmission Construction and Randy Silha, General Foreman of Xcel Substation Construction do the lion's share of the planning for the party and they deserve a special thank you. Over the years there have been attendees from all different NSP/Xcel Energy Work groups. Please consider attending in 2014.

Jim Brereton - Retiree



On September 9, 2013 Local Union 160 was honored to be invited by Mark Vogt, Wright-Hennepin President and CEO, to a ribbon cutting ceremony held at Wright-Hennepin Cooperative located in Rockford, Minnesota. The ribbon cutting celebrated the historic dedication of the WH Solar Community.

When people think about solar generation most often they think about a large solar array mounted on the roof of their house facing toward the sun. These are definitely functional but not the most aesthetically pleasing. WH Solar Community is unique because rather than individuals mounting solar panels on their house, they built the entire solar array at WH headquarters. Individual investors were able to purchase one or more panels, up to the amount needed to serve their annual energy needs. WH actually offered its investors financing for the purchase of the panels. It was like “one-stop shopping” for solar panels. The individuals who purchase solar panel(s) receive a kilowatt-hour (kWh) credit on their monthly energy bill.

Other utilities are beginning to consider similar offers to their customers, but WH is out front leading the way and they should be commended for this.

If you are heading out Highway 55 West take a few moments to stop and take a look at what WH has done. It is very impressive.

James P. Brereton
Executive Board Member

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I try to refrain from sending out political or offensive material of which this message is neither. I have a passion for what the National Sisterhood United for Journeyman Linemen (NSUJL) does, as I know many brothers and sisters do. Please take the time to check out their website at www.nsujl.org to learn more deeply what this nonprofit organization does for the families of those in the Brotherhood, that now includes those with a Groundman or Operator classification. It is never welcomed news to hear about one of our brothers or sisters having an accident, but it is good to know that there is a group of ladies out there that have made it their job to reach out to that family.

If you aren't already, please consider a membership with the National Sisterhood United for Journeyman Lineman, it is one of those "feel good" about donations. Thank you.

In Brotherhood,

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Christmas Quiz

1. What Christmas song has this lyric in it? "He got into a drifted bank, and the we got upsot!"
2. Which European country revised kissing under the mistletoe tradition?
3. In what direction does the Star lead the 3 kings?
4. Who was in office during Christmas 1989?
5. According to Dickens, just how dead was Marley?
6. What Christmas song is Nat King Cole best remembered for?
7. What two reindeers are mentioned in the song, "Here Comes Santa Claus"?
8. What is the name of Scrooge's one-time fiancée?
9. What fabric was Frosty's hat made of?
10. What are the 2 names of the town in "It's A Wonderful Life"?
11. What Apollo Mission sent a Christmas broadcast message to Earth in 1968?
12. What NFL "snake" was born 12/25/1946?
13. What historical Washington DC building was 2/3 destroyed by fire on 12/24/1851?
14. On St. Nicholas Day 1933, what could be bought legally?
15. New Year's 1973 was the final publication of what 36 year old magazine?
16. This most popular Christmas toy in 1983-1985 were unique and no two were exactly alike.
17. What city merged with New York City on New Year's Eve 1898 to form the official city of New York?
18. What symbolically does the "X" represent in Xmas?
19. How many ghosts actually visited Scrooge?
20. What catalog company had it's first catalog available for Christmas 1872?

Answers on next page

LOCAL 160 WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Scott Amerson	Darren Bartle
Dylan Berg	Corey Berger
Samuel Billmeier	Vadim Bogoslovski
Cory Broich	Clayton Burkland
Collin Carpenter	Christopher Chappuis
Nick Danielson	Bryant Dault
Adam Davis	Brenden Dierksmeier
Benjamin Drexler	Michael Ehrenberg
Matthew Elfert	Kevin Engholm
Garret Ernhart	Riley Etienne
Randall Fehn	John Fischer
Nicholas Follmer	Curtis Gariepy
Christopher Gohr	Peter Haggberg
Jeremy Hamilton	Jordan Heikkila
Todd Hernandez	Vincent Hofford
Justin Hopp	Mitchell Hunn
Garrett Ittel	Blaine Johner
Joseph Johnson	Douglas Kasper
Shawn Kienholz	Charles Kippes
Joshua Klehr	Michael Kocak
Shane Kraft	David Krumm
Kyle Kutscher	Richard Larson
Randy Leuthard	Joseph Lindell
Kevin Lindsey	Jose Lopez Osorio
Jason Manning	Randy McAlpine
Shawn McLaughlin	Tanner Miller
Richard Mohr	Joel Mueller
Darren O'Flanagan	Sean O'Neil
Lars Onsager	Jaci Orr
Grant Orrock	Derek Osterman
Jeremy Otto	Trevor Palmer
Phillip Patch	Scott Patterson
Shawn Petsch	Jonah Place
Matthew Pollard	Trevor Reding
Jesse Reinke	Daniel Reis
Cody Schladweiler	Randall Siegert
Joey Silva	Chad Stewart
Rodger Suhr	Joshua Tosney
Thomas Walderon	Jacob Walderon
Cory Watts	Christopher Weber
Joshua Weiss	Matthew Weller
Charlie Wilson	Joseph Yates
Patrick Young	

Membership Count = 3032

Answers to Quiz

1. Jingle Bells
2. England
3. Westward
4. George Bush
5. Dead as a doornail
6. The Christmas Song
7. Vixen & Blitzen
8. Belle
9. Silk
10. Bedford Falls & Potterville
11. Apollo 8
12. Ken Stabler
13. Library of Congress

GET WELL WISHES WERE SENT TO THE

FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Brett Carpenter - Great River Energy
Richard Horman - Wright Hennepin
Steve Logeais - Wright Hennepin
Michael Olson - Xcel Energy
Kevin Peterson - IBEW 160 Organizer
Ellis Pfeffer - Xcel Energy
Bradley Teslow - Xcel Energy



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ON THEIR RETIREMENT.

John Alleman - East Central Energy
Ernesto Perez-Cajina - Xcel Energy
Daniel Hudek - Xcel Energy
Donn Larson - Xcel Energy
Robert Minell - Xcel Energy
John Mork - Xcel Energy
Jeffrey Palumbo - Xcel Energy
Gregory Peterson - Xcel Energy
Jerome Rothmeyer - Xcel Energy
Mark Schuerman - Xcel Energy
David Silver - Xcel Energy



IN MEMORIAM

We are deeply saddened by the loss of our brothers. Our deepest sympathy goes out to their families & friends.

Daniel Bottema - Retired Mo Valley - Died 7/29/13
James Moen - Active Asplundh Tree - Died 8/22/13

14. Alcohol - It was the end of Prohibition
15. Life
16. Cabbage Patch Dolls
17. Brooklyn
18. Jesus Christ
19. 4
20. Montgomery Wards & Company