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IBEW LOCAL 343 UNION

Third Quarter Newsletter 2013

Groundwire

Calendar of Events:

July 4th: Local 343 Offices CLOSED

(Independence Day)

July 11th: Union Meeting, Owatonna (Swear In
New Elected Officers)

July 25th: RSVP for Summer Picnic Deadline

Aug. 3rd: Summer Picnic (Austin, MN)

Aug. 8th: Union Meeting, Owatonna

Sept. 2nd: Local 343 Offices CLOSED (Labor
Day)

Sept. 12th: Union Meeting, Owatonna (New
Member Swear In)

Retirements:

Dennis D. Henn retired 2/1/13

Robert W. Sommers retired 7/1/12

Robert H. Johnson retired 5/8/13

James H. Peterson retired 5/10/13

James Bell retired 5/31/13

Robin A. Kochie retired 6/14/13

Kenneth P. Jenson retired 6/20/13

Our Condolences

Retired Bro. **Larry S. Anderson** of Red Wing, MN passed away on March 22nd. Larry had been a member since September 1971.

Retired Bro. **Clifford L. Brewer** of Sauk Centre, MN passed away on January 3rd. Clifford had been a member since November 1967.

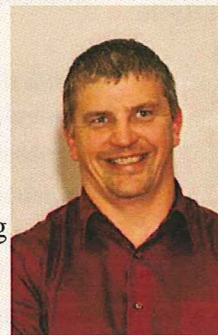
Looking Forward

From the Business Manager...Derek Mensink

It is nice to see the economy starting to show some light. The IBEW membership, throughout the country, has seen some tough times.

There has been a lot of debate on when, if ever, the economy will turn around. After many conferences and meetings with other IBEW Locals throughout the country, it appears that things are looking up! With new-found riches in North Dakota, innovative technologies in the industrial sectors, thriving medical advancements, there is a very promising work picture ahead.

DMC (Destination Medical Center) is a 20-year public-private partnership that is aimed at securing Minnesota's competitive position as a hub for health-care. The state's \$455million investment over the next two decades will leverage an estimated \$5.6 billion local and private investment and create tens of thousands of new jobs in Minnesota. Governor Dayton and the elected officials did a wonderful job to assure that IBEW Local 343's work



picture is strong for many years ahead. This will change the landscape of Rochester and our surrounding communities. It is very exciting to see some of the early projects on the docket! The first few items include: \$100 million bed tower, two 4-star hotels (which could reach 32 stories), new high-end grocery stores & restaurants, and many other large projects. Please remember the next election cycle and who made this happen. This is one of the largest growth construction plans we have ever seen in our jurisdiction!

I hope to see all of you at the summer picnic this year. It is always a great time, and I know the picnic committee has been working hard on the planning. There will be a lot to do for both young and old alike!

In Solidarity,
Derek Mensink

Rochester Rep Report >>>

Chad Katzung

Summer has finally arrived, and with it, the work picture is improving! The largest demand for workers will be at the Prairie Island Nuclear plant this summer. They will be looking for about 100 guys, total, between the 3 contractors. B&W will be looking to hire around 40 more. At this time, we don't know how many Collins and Day and Zimmerman will each need as the work packages are still being divided up between those two contractors. Van Ert will also be hiring more for the Mayo Clinic Proton building.

Original estimates were for about 30, total, but it's possible that number may grow. School work is also in full swing, and we look to have a few calls going out for that work as well.

With Destination Medical Center passing the State Legislature, we are starting to see some large projects in the planning stages. With large hotels and Mayo's plans for a new patient-bed tower, and all the other infrastructure, things are starting to look better for the construction industry!



Have a safe and relaxing summer, and I look forward to seeing everyone at the summer picnic on August 3rd!

In Solidarity,
Chad Katzung

Upcoming Work >>>

Rochester

HyVee – Planning
Fire Station and Dispatch Center – Planning
Proton Equipment – Van Ert Electric
MNDOT 6th District Headquarters – 16 Million – Bids 8/16/13
Multi-Tenant Retail Development- Bids 6/19/13
The Waters on Mayowood- Bids 6/25/13
River Bend Senior Living - Negotiating

Austin

Hormel Institute – On hold
Government Center remodel – Fox
Law Enforcement Center \$3.8 million – Planning
Hormel Data Center – Fox

Winona

Winona Sr High Science/Math Wing Remodel – Nietz

Albert Lea

Sibley Elementary School – Thompson Electric
St. Johns Lutheran Home – Design Phase
Freeborn National Bank Remodel – Design Phase

Red Wing

Prairie Island Power Plant – Babcock & Wilcox,
Collins and D&Z...ramping up man power in July and August. Outage starts 9/20/13

Owatonna

City/County Garage- No word on it yet.
Grocery Store – Coming in 2013
Hospital Project -2013
Walser Car Dealership- coming in 2013
Aldi Grocery Store – Coming Soon
Viracon Project- Still being talked about (Muska Electric still in the running)

Mankato

Marigold Phase II – Waiting to hear on
Wal-Mart – In Mankato Paper it will be operational by 2015
Street/Highway Projects – Mankato Electric
MSU – Waiting to hear on a couple projects
Strip Mall Madison Ave – Hunt Electric
Dickey's BBQ – Hunt Electric
E&I Microcircuits – Russ Nelson
Vine Project – Preliminary Bid 3/22/13
Woodside Apartments - Muska
Plastic Company – Working with Electrical Sub out of 290 (private bid)
Volk Transfer – BLK
Blue Earth School HVAC – Fischer & Hoehn/Master
Civic Center – Proposed to be in upcoming bonding bill
Wells New School – Bidding this spring

Winona

CPI Binani Manufacturing Plant Expansion – Planning
WSU Performing Arts Center HVAC – Bids 2/28

St.Peter / LeSueur

State Hospital Projects – Schammel
Bio-Gas-Will be bidding soon
Bimeda Project- BLK

New Ulm

Martin Luther College – Project bid waiting to hear results
Hospital Projects- Waiting to hear on bid dates
Schell's Brewery - \$6 million expansion

Fairmont

Ethanol Plant Work-Dewar
Bank Project-Dewar
Water Treatment Plant- Egan Companies
Power Plant-Dewar Electric

Organizing Department Report...by Andy Kuisle

Since the last newsletter in April, the organizing efforts of Local 343 have included 29 talks with nonunion workers and 34 talks with nonunion shop owners. In those contacts, we have had great discussions about the electrical industry and answered questions on what it means to be a Union member or contractor.

At the end of May, we attended a 6th District meeting in Chicago, where we were taught about the merits of advertising and marketing a Local Union's "Brand". We walked away

Mankato Rep Report >>>

Shane Meier

Mankato & Western Areas: The bidding has still been going strong throughout these areas. We haven't had as much luck in Owatonna, as the bidding is still tough with very few union bidders going after these projects. We're still waiting to hear on a couple projects that have bid recently around these areas, and we're continually trying to get ahead of projects that are coming out for bid. I do have a meeting coming up with Jackpot Junction Casino, as they have an expansion project coming up. The main projects going on right now are the Bio-Gas project and Cambria in LeSueur, and the pediatrics clinic in

with many new thoughts and ideas of how to make our Union more public through advertising and social media. Though all of the social media, radio and television ads are convenient and easy to get out to the general public, the real organizing and advertising strength of a local comes from the membership. We know it's a lot to ask sometimes, but we need to stay active in our communities and continue to inform our friends and neighbors of what a Union is, and what it stands for. Without member-



ship involvement, we will not continue to be a strong Union. To those of you who have taken the initiative to be a voice of this Local, we thank you! To those of you who haven't been involved, please find the time to do so. In Solidarity,
Andy Kuisle

Mankato. Coming up soon will be bidding on the revitalizing projects coming to downtown Mankato. No word yet on the WalMart Distribution Center or the Plastics Plant, but we'll keep everyone updated once we hear something.

Again, if you hear of any projects coming up, please contact us and let us know. We hope you have been enjoying your summer, and we look forward to seeing you at the picnic!

In Solidarity,
Shane Meier



**DUES INCREASE FOR
2014
PER QUARTER
"A" Members: \$102.00
"BA" Members: \$57.00**

**Due Date Reminders:
January 1, 2014
April 1, 2014
July 1, 2014
October 1, 2014**

*(On-Line) Visa, Mastercard,
Discover, American Express.
Cash, Check or Money Order*

Election Results:

Total Ballots Cast: 271
Voided Ballots: 2

Challenged Ballots: 0
Valid Ballots Counted: 269

Office:	Candidate Name	# of Votes
President	Sean E. Sannes	237*
Rec. Sec.	Randall J. Schaefer	240*
Bus. Mgr.	Derek S. Mensink	246*

Office:	Candidate Name	# of Votes
Vice Pres.	Randy R. Pyzick	234*
Treasurer	Thomas C. Small	246*

Executive Board	Candidate Name	# of Votes
	Bruce D. Behrens	189*
	Ryan R. Chose	143
	Steven L. Cardell	170*
	Gregory B. Graif	148*
	Mark D. Maguet	145*
	Toby J. Oquist	109
	James J. Parkos	115
	Thomas O. Yates	162*

Exam Board	Candidate Name	# of Votes
	Patrick J. DeBus	219*
	Jesse M. Lee	217*
	Anthony C. Toft	239*

Election Officials:

John W. Swanson	Eric R. Allen
Dana J. Hoffbeck	Bradley C. Nelson
Mike E. Steffes	Lawrence J. Ternes

*Indicates Winner

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May 15th Retiree Luncheon

Keep Us Informed

Please remember to notify us if any of your contact information changes. (i.e., mailing address, home phone number, cell phone number, email address) You can notify us of these changes in several different ways:

- 1.) Visit the website (click on Forms, then Change Address/Phone Form)
- 2.) Stop by the Hall M-F, 8am – 4pm and complete Change of Address Form
- 3.) Mail us your information
- 4.) Call us at 507-282-7081 ext. 222

If you keep us updated, we can keep YOU updated!

Contact us at **507-282-7081**

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IBEW Local 343 Annual Summer Picnic

Saturday August 3, 2013

Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Oakwoods Trails Campground - Austin, MN

23614 890th Ave

(See map on reverse side)

Camping sites (campers & tents) available for IBEW Local 343 Members and Retirees for a fee Friday night and **FREE camping Saturday night**. Shower house, flushing toilets and dumping station. Contact Oakwoods Trails Campground at 507-437-6165 or www.oakwoodstrails.com. Make your reservation early for camping.

Activities include: Fishing, horseshoes, hiking and biking trails (bring your own bike), **basketball and sand volleyball.**



1st Annual Kids Fishing Contest (fishing poles provided).

Lunch served from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Kids fishing contest 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Drawings at 3:00 p.m.

Members and Retirees must be present to win door prize.



Bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to:

Salvation Army Food Shelf
Austin, MN

Please submit RSVP by Thursday July 25, 2013.

Summer Picnic RSVP – Due by Thursday July 25, 2013

RSVP Options: *Online: www.ibewlocal343.org *Mail: 9 80th St. SE Rochester, MN 55904
*Drop off at Rochester Union Hall *Fax: (507) 282-1562 (No Phone RSVP's please)

Member or Retirees Name (only): _____

This event is open to Members and Retirees and their immediate families only please.

Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children: _____

Ages of children for fishing contest: _____

JUNE 2013 SCMJATC NEWSLETTER

CONGRATULATIONS to our newest **Journeyman Wiremen** for completing their Electrical Apprenticeship: **TRAVIS MARTINSON & BRAD DIEZ**

2013 NEC CLASSES

IBEW LOCAL 343 MEMBERS—NO COST, other IBEW UNION MEMBERS--\$25

UNION MEMBERS OTHER THAN WITH THE IBEW--\$50

NON-UNION MEMBERS--\$200.00 FOR A 16 HOUR CLASS, 2011 Code Books are available for \$65.

SATURDAY is an 8 HOUR CLASS good for ceu's in, MN-(8 Code), WI-(8 Code),(IOWA-(9 Code) 9 hr class)

SUNDAY is an 8 HOUR CLASS good for ceu's in, MN-(8 Code), WI-(8 Code), (IOWA-(9 Code) 9 hr class)

No partial credit of classes is granted, you must attend the entire approved class to receive credit.

THESE 16 HOUR CODE CLASSES ARE GOOD FOR 16 HOURS IN MN, WI & IA

ALL WEEKEND CLASSES RUN 8AM TO 5PM

PLEASE CALL 507-529-7721 TO REGISTER FOR THESE CLASSES

MANKATO	WHEN:	JUNE 1 & 2, 2013-Instructor-- CARI WILLIAMETTE
	WHERE:	BEST WESTERN, HWY 169 South
OWATONNA	WHEN:	JULY 13 & 14, 2013,-Instructor-- CARI WILLIAMETTE
	WHERE:	CABELAS
ROCHESTER	WHEN:	AUGUST 24 & 25, 2013,-Instructor-- CARI WILLIAMETTE
	WHERE:	IBEW LOCAL 343 HALL 9-80TH ST SE
RED WING	WHEN:	SEPTEMBER 21 & 22, 2013,-Instructor-- CARI WILLIAMETTE
	WHERE:	SUPER 8, 232 Withers Harbor Drive, Red Wing
WINONA	WHEN:	OCTOBER 5 & 6, 2013,-Instructor-- CARI WILLIAMETTE
	WHERE:	RIVERPORT INN, 900 Bruski Drive, Winona
ALBERT LEA	WHEN:	NOVEMBER 2 & 3, 2013,-Instructor-- CARI WILLIAMETTE
	WHERE:	ALBERT LEA LABOR TEMPLE , 1407 Hwy 13 North
MANKATO	WHEN:	DECEMBER 14 & 15, 2013-Instructor-- CARI WILLIAMETTE
	WHERE:	BEST WESTERN, HWY 169 South

MEDIUM VOLTAGE CLASS

A good all round class with HANDS-ON training. This class will cover NEC 250 part X on grounding, Proper fire taping in manholes, different types of medium voltage systems and how to properly phase test systems.

ROCHESTER WHEN: JULY 27 & 28, 2013 SATURDAY & SUNDAY 8:00AM to 4:00 PM Limit 8

WHERE: IBEW LOCAL 343 HALL 9 – 80TH ST SE, ROCHESTER 55904 Instructor—MARK KAUTTO

SOLAR PHOTVOLTAIC CLASS

This is a 5 day class that will start with the basics of solar theory and build up to designing and installing PV systems. You will need a 2011 NEC and Photovoltaic Systems texts for the class. Texts are available for \$65/ea. More information will be coming on the possibility of 16 code ceu credits for this class.

ROCHESTER: WHEN: AUGUST 12-13-14-15-16, 2013, 8:00 TO 4:00PM 5-DAY CLASS

WHERE: IBEW LOCAL 343 HALL, 9-80TH ST SE ROCHESTER 55904

APPRENTICE APPLICATIONS: Applications can be completed at the JATC office in Rochester.(1-507-529-7721) or download from; www.SOUTHERNMNELECTRICIANS.COM or, www.IBEWLOCAL343.ORG

PLEASE CALL TO SIGN UP FOR CLASSES-507-529-7721, Andy Toft.