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Rochester, MN 55904

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Long Sleeve Denim \$30 / Long Sleeve T-Shirt \$16

Calendar of Events:

Feb. 13th: Union Meeting, Owatonna Eagles Club
Mar. 1st: Awards Banquet, Kahler Hotel, Rochester
Mar. 13th: Union Meeting, Owatonna Eagles Club
(New Member Swear In)
Mar. 18th: IBEW Day on the Hill
Apr. 1st: 2nd Quarter Union Dues DUE

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IBEW LOCAL 343 UNION

First Quarter Newsletter 2014

Groundwire

Welcome to 2014!

From the Business Manager...Derek Mensink

It has been good to see 2013 put a lot of members to work. With a decent year behind us, the work in the future looks promising. Early indications show that the work in 2014 is looking good. Let's all hope for the best!

IBEW Local 343 and NECA will be unveiling a marketing campaign in the next month or two. The joint marketing campaign will consist of many different tactics. It will involve all communities throughout our jurisdiction. It will target its end users, general contractors, businesses, communities, chambers and all other entities. The name of the new group will be called "Power Partner MN". We will be introducing the new website and logo in the near future. This marketing campaign will be paid through LMCC monies. We are hoping this marketing campaign will correlate with other newly developed campaigns through Construction Partnership and Building and Trades.

Please make note of the upcoming events in 2014:

- February 17th – To the officers of the Local 343 – The International will be conducting New Officer Training. So please plan accordingly.
- February 18th – The International will be teaching a "Stewards Training Class". It is very important that we have our stewards trained and educated throughout our jurisdiction. The stewards are vital to the union and should work closely with the hall. Both events will be mailed, and interested members will be given directions at that time.
- In the spring, the staff will be holding area meetings again. Postcard mailings will let you know time and place.
- March 1st – Awards Banquet – The banquet is not only for members getting awards, but for all members to celebrate the Brotherhood. It will be IBEW Local 343's "35th Year" anniversary this year. What a perfect time to celebrate it together. We hope to see all of you there!
- March 18th – IBEW Day on the Hill – Registration begins about 7:30 a.m. at IBEW Local 110. Again this year we will be carpooling from numerous locations. Anyone interested, please call the Hall and we'll get you registered.



- The summer picnic will be in Mankato this year. This is another great event for summer fun activities. There will be a need for volunteers in the area to head up the committee.

Again, I would ask all the membership to get involved in these events. It is a wonderful time to reminisce the past, present and future.

To all, the best in 2014, and I hope to see you at the different events!!

In Solidarity,
Derek Mensink-Business Manager

Greetings, brothers and sisters. I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday and have a Happy New Year to come! Unfortunately at this time, the number of members on Book 1 has steadily increased in recent weeks due to the Steam Generator replacement at Prairie Island finishing up. The Proton project at the Mayo Clinic will also be winding down soon. At the time of this writing, our IBEW members have pulled 400,000 feet of cable for the Proton equipment, with about 15,000 feet to go. The quality of work I've seen our members do on that project is a sign of the true craftsmen we have trained in Local 343. I wish I was able to add some photos of the beautiful work they've done, but due to the sensitivity of the equipment and to protect trade secrets of the manufacturer, I wasn't



able to take any. My hat's off to all of you!

On March 1st we will be having our 27th Annual Awards Banquet in Rochester. I encourage everyone from our first year apprentices to all of our retirees to attend the banquet. It's a good time to catch up with old friends and reminisce about the "good old days." I look forward to seeing everyone there.

In Solidarity,
Chad Katzung

This is YOUR Newsletter!

If you know of news-worthy items, ideas, suggestions, compliments or complaints about ways to make the newsletter more enjoyable, please contact the Hall. We want this newsletter to be informative and interesting!



Bonnie showing that she's a "Jack of all trades"

Return from Military Leave:

Ross Harding 11/1/13

Retirements:

Donald C. Dickman 12/31/13
Philip J. Heim 1/1/14

Our Condolences

Retired Bro. **Virgil Loux** of Austin, MN passed away on December 5th. Virgil had been a member since December 1956.

Retired Bro. **Lloyd E. Hagemann** of North Mankato, MN passed away January 9th. Lloyd had been a member since January 1970.

REMINDER: 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!

Mankato Rep Report >>>

Shane Meier

Owatonna: A lot of the projects that bid this year in town are wrapping up. We do have Augusta Electric who will be doing the Cash-Wise store remodel with two of their own guys. We're still waiting to hear on County Garages and the Pillsbury Campus.

Mankato & Western Area: There has been a lot of work bidding in the Mankato area as of late. After having a luncheon with city officials, it sounds like it will be even better next year.

The city also passed a bond referendum of approximately 70 million dollars for a new school and remodels of existing ones. We are still waiting to hear on Calpin and Wal-Mart Distribution Center. We're also still waiting to hear on Jordan Sands Project off of 3rd Avenue. There are a lot of private projects going on as well. We keep trying to get our contractors in on all projects being bid in this area, so if you hear of anything, please let us know.

There has been a complaint filed with MNDOLI on prevailing wage/licensing issues with a certain contractor in the area. We did have Thompson Electric get a project over in Marshall at the Avera Cancer that will be needing guys shortly.

The Summer Picnic will be held over in Mankato this year, so we are going to need a volunteer committee to put plans together for this. We have some big shoes to fill after last year's picnic. If you're interested, get in touch with the Hall in Rochester, or contact me directly.

I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful holiday season, I look forward to the new year and lots of work!!

In Solidarity,
Shane Meier, Mankato Rep.

Remember to join us for the 27th Annual Awards Banquet ~ Saturday, March 1, 2014 ~ Kahler Grand Hotel, Heritage Hall ~ Help celebrate our 35th Year!~

Upcoming Work >>>

Rochester

HyVee - Scheduled to begin Spring 2014
Fire Station and Dispatch Center - Slated for Jan. 2014
MNDOT 6th District Headquarters - 16 Million - Bid date keeps getting pushed back
Broadway at Center - Mixed-use development 25-story tower Spring 2014
Lupient Viking Buick GMC - Bids 1/8/14
Gage Elementary - HVAC - Bids 1/31/14
Ben Franklin Elementary - HVAC - Bids 2/7/14
Rochester Public Schools - Kindergarten Classroom Additions - Bids February 2014
Fairway Ridge Lane Assisted Living - No date

Austin

Hormel Institute - On hold - Tentatively scheduled to begin July 2014

Albert Lea

Southwest Middle School HVAC - Bids 10/1/13
Minnesota Corrugated Box Renovation - Project was over budget. Re-bidding
St. John's Lutheran Home - Possible bids 1/14

Red Wing

Winona

Elba & Utica Shop Remodeling - Winona County - Bids 1/21/14

Mankato

Wal-Mart - In Mankato Paper "it will be operational by 2015"
Street/Highway Projects - Mankato Electric
Vine Project - Went Bad
Woodside Apartments Phase 2 - Muska Plastic Company - Project Started Helm Electric (IBEW 292)
I & S Project - Fischer & Hoehn/Master Civic Center - Proposed to be in upcoming bonding bill
Wells - Went Bad
City Center Building Shell - BLK Electric Downtown Apartment Project - Bidding fall
FedEx Warehouse - Bidding Again
Parking Ramp Downtown - Bidding fall 2013
Assisted Living Alm Builders - Russ Nelson
Jordan Sands Project - Was told B&B Electric out of Wisconsin has it (IBEW)
Bio-Gas-Will be bidding soon
Bimeda Project- BLK

Mankato (cont'd)

School Bond Referendum - 70 million in new school and renovations - Bidding Spring 2014
Kia Dealership - Waiting to hear on Calpine - Waiting to hear on from Public Utility Commission
Possibility of Projects: Fleet Farm, Costco, A retail store 40,000 square foot addition

Owatonna

City/County Garage- No word on it yet.

Cashwise - Augusta Electric (IBEW)

St. Peter / LeSueur

State Hospital Projects - Bidding this Spring upon funding

Bio-Gas - Winding Down

Bimeda Project - Blk

Cambria - 2nd Phase Starting (Russ Nelson)

New Ulm

Martin Luther College - Went Bad Hospital Projects- Went Bad

Schell's Brewery - Went Bad

Kraft Food - Parsons Electric

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, the organizing efforts of Local 343 have included many visits with area workers and contractors. Many of the contractors that we have visited have had trouble finding qualified help to fulfill their labor needs. We have been able to seriously discuss the merits of our training systems and apprenticeship program, as well as the safety, accuracy and productivity that union labor could provide to them.

There has also been a bottom-up campaign started with the works of a large shop in hopes that they can persuade the contractor into signing an agreement with the local so that they, too, can enjoy the safety, security and comfort that comes



with a collective bargaining agreement.

We would just like to remind the membership that there is an ongoing banner on Menards right now. It is due to Menards hiring many out-of-town contractors to construct their new store in North Rochester. If you would like to find out more about this banner, you can find it on the web at www.KeepItLocal.us or Local 343's Twitter and Facebook page.

As you shop in your area, please be mindful of how you spend your hard earned dollars. Ask yourself how the store chooses to reinvest in the community that is investing in them. Like a union would be nothing without its members, a corporation is nothing without its patrons. Thank you.

In Solidarity,
Andy Kuisle



**International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
Local Union 343**

You are cordially invited to attend the
27th Annual Awards Banquet
Saturday – March 1, 2014

The Kahler Grand Hotel
Heritage Hall

- 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Informational tables and/or seminars to include:
Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Prime Therapeutics, Wells Fargo,
Sturm & Associates and Electrus Federal Credit Union.
- 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Cocktail Social Hour
- 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Dinner
See Dinner RSVP and choices on enclosure
- 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Awards Program
- 8:00 p.m. Hard Travelin' with Woody

Event Address and Lodging:
The Kahler Grand Hotel
20 2nd Ave SW, Rochester, MN

Rooms on hold until Monday, February 3rd at \$92.00 each
Please call 507-280-6200 for Hotel Reservations
*(mention **IBEW Local Union 343 Dinner**)*

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 343

27th Annual Awards Banquet Saturday – March 1, 2014 The Kahler Grand Hotel – Heritage Hall **RSVP and Meal Selection**

R.S.V.P. On-line, by Mail or by Fax no later than: Monday, February 17, 2014

This event is open to Members, Retirees, Associates, Honored Guests & one guest each.

On-line: www.ibewlocal343.org (click on “NEWS” tab to RSVP for Awards Banquet)

Mail: IBEW Local 343 **or** **Fax:** (507) 282-1562
9 80th St SE
Rochester, MN 55904

If mailing or faxing RSVP, please complete below

Member/Retiree/Associate Name: _____

Circle ALL who are attending: Member Retiree Guest(1) Associate

Meal Choices: Circle selection(s) – 1 selection per person

Prime Rib of Beef

Served with its Natural Juices

Oven Roasted Stuffed Chicken Breast

Wild Rice Stuffing

Jumbo Prawns (Pan Pacific Tiger Shrimp)

Garlic Butter Sauce

All entrees include Tossed Salad Greens, Chef's Choice Side and Dessert.

HARD TRAVELIN' WITH WOODY

A SOLO PLAY WITH MUSIC
HardTravelinShow.com



SETTING

UMW Local 92 Union Hall, Oklahoma, 1940

Hop a fast-rattler through the Dustbowl with Woody Guthrie and commune with the spirit, stories and songs of America's great saint-of-the-workingman and poet-of-the-people in Randy Noojin's critically acclaimed solo play with music.

"Captures the spirit of Woody, this is solid, entertaining work that should travel far and wide in these hard times, just like Guthrie himself."

THE HUFFINGTON POST

"A constant delight, this is a great show for Guthrie fans and for those hearing these songs for the first time."

NYTHEATRE.COM

"Blows the dust off Guthrie standards, restoring their intended sting and deepening their soulfulness."

BACKSTAGE.COM

JANUARY 2014 SCMJATC NEWSLETTER

CONGRATULATIONS to our newest **Journeyman Wiremen** for completing their Electrical Apprenticeship: **JOHN POWRIE, CHRISTOPHER ROBERTS, BRIAN PETERSEN, ISAAC JOHNSON, JEREMY PRICE**

2014 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, 2014 Code Books are available for \$70.

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

| | | |
|-------------------|---------------|---|
| ROCHESTER | WHEN: | JANUARY 11 & 12, 2014,-Instructor-- CARI WILLIAMETTE |
| | WHERE: | IBEW LOCAL 343 HALL 9-80TH ST SE |
| WINONA | WHEN: | FEBRUARY 8 & 9, 2014,-Instructor-- CARI WILLIAMETTE |
| | WHERE: | RIVERPORT INN, 900 Bruski Drive, Winona |
| ROCHESTER | WHEN: | MARCH 8 & 9, 2014,-Instructor—CARI WILLIAMETTE |
| | WHERE: | IBEW LOCAL 343 HALL 9-80TH ST SE |
| ALBERT LEA | WHEN: | APRIL 26 & 27, 2014,-Instructor-- CARI WILLIAMETTE |
| | WHERE: | ALBERT LEA LABOR TEMPLE , 1407 Hwy 13 North |
| ROCHESTER | WHEN: | MAY 10 & 11, 2014-Instructor-- CARI WILLIAMETTE |
| | WHERE: | IBEW LOCAL 343 HALL 9-80TH ST SE |
| MANKATO | WHEN: | JUNE 28 & 29, 2014-Instructor-- CARI WILLIAMETTE |
| | WHERE: | BEST WESTERN, HWY 169 South |
| OWATONNA | WHEN: | JULY 12 & 13, 2014,-Instructor-- CARI WILLIAMETTE |
| | WHERE: | CABELAS |
| ROCHESTER | WHEN: | AUGUST 9 & 10, 2014,-Instructor-- CARI WILLIAMETTE |
| | WHERE: | IBEW LOCAL 343 HALL 9-80TH ST SE |

16 HOUR EVENING CODE CLASS

CODE NEC CODE REVIEW AND UPDATE CLASS (4 NIGHTS, 16 CEU'S) MN-IA-WI

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| ROCHESTER | WHEN: | FEBRUARY 3-5-10-12, 2014 5:00 to 9:15 pm Inst.: SCOTT HIGGINS |
| | WHERE: | IBEW LOCAL 343 HALL MONDAY & WEDNESDAY |
| AUSTIN | WHEN: | APRIL 7-9-14-16, 2014 5:00 to 9:15 pm Instructor: SCOTT HIGGINS |
| | WHERE: | AUSTIN LABOR CENTER, 316 4TH AVE NE, MON & WED |

SOLAR PHOTVOLTAIC CLASS 16 CODE CEU CREDITS

This is a 4 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.

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| ROCHESTER: | WHEN: | SPRING 2014 TBD 8:00 TO 4:00PM 2-WEEKEND CLASS |
| | WHERE: | IBEW LOCAL 343 HALL, 9-80TH ST SE ROCHESTER 55904 |

OSHA 30

This class is a 9 night 30 hour OSHA class. It will be held at the Plumbers & Fitters Local 6 hall as they are putting on this class and have room available. Contact Andy Toft to register for this. 507-529-7721

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| ROCHESTER: | WHEN: | JAN 28, FEB 4-11-18-25, MAR 4-11-18-25, 2014, Tuesdays 5 TO 8:30PM |
| | WHERE: | LOCAL 6 PLUMBERS & FITTERS HALL, ROCHESTER |

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

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

The **NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE 2014-1 CLASS** is an 8 HOUR CLASS, **8 CODE CEU'S**
This class will cover the changes and updates in the 2014 NEC, Articles 90 thru 399 are covered.

SUNDAY CLASS

The **NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE 2014-2 CLASS** is an 8 HOUR CLASS, **8 CODE CEU'S**
This class will cover the changes and updates in the 2014 NEC, Articles 400 thru chapter 9 are covered

**References for both classes are the 2014 NEC and the IAEI Analysis of changes to the 2014 NEC
2014 National Electrical Code Books are available for \$70.**

COST OF CLASSES: IBEW LOCAL 343 MEMBERS—NO COST, **other** IBEW UNION MEMBERS--\$25
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