

### Dates to Remember:

05/12/16: Union Meeting, Owatonna Eagle's Club (NOMINATIONS)  
05/30/16: LU 343 Offices CLOSED (Memorial Day)  
06/09/16: Union Meeting, Owatonna Eagle's Club (\*Election Results\*, Allocation of Wages and New Member Swear-In)  
06/11/16: Sparky Fishing Opener  
06/16/16: Deadline for Newsletter Article Items  
07/1/16: 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Union Dues DUE  
07/04/16: LU 343 Offices CLOSED (Independence Day)  
07/14/16: Union Meeting, Owatonna Eagle's Club



March 10, 2016 Union Meeting  
Swear-In of 7 New Members

### Wanted:

Volunteers are needed to help plan the Summer Picnic. This year it will be in Red Wing. Contact the Hall if you are interested in helping!

### Military Leave

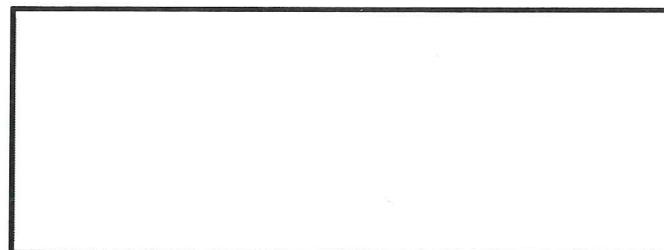
Benjamin R. Bunnell, JIW - Returned 2/23/16  
Payton P. Lee, APP – Deployed 4/7/16  
~THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE~

### Save the Date

**Summer Picnic is being held Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at Colvill Park in Red Wing**



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Rochester, MN 55904



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IBEW LOCAL 343 UNION

Second Quarter Newsletter 2016  
April, May, June (July)

# Groundwire

### Business Manager...Derek Mensink Making It Count

Spring is in the air and there is a lot going on in Local 343. Just like the industry itself, there is never ending movement in our jurisdiction.

There seems to be a lot of hope and excitement in construction again this year. The market seems to be moving forward at a steady pace. I think most of us would agree that steady is good. Yet, the unknown is something that excites and concerns most of us in the construction trade(s).

Construction unknowns this year seem greater than ever. Some of the talk regarding DMC (Destination Medical Center) is both exciting and troubling. It seems that there is this hurry up and wait mentality going on with the futuristic model of what Rochester will become. There is no doubt that we have seen some of the early benefits DMC and hopefully things will start to even become more prevalent in the near future.

There is also a lot of excitement regarding the solar industry. We have been dealing with two separate contractors that have secured a massive amount of solar in Minnesota. Both of these projects will be done



with IBEW manpower. If all the projects happen as projected in the next couple of years, there will be a manpower need between 600 – 800 electricians. This does not include all of the other solar projects being bid throughout the state of Minnesota. It is vitally important that we man this work. IBEW Local 343 and Local 292 have worked hard to make sure that Project Labor Agreements have been signed on these projects. It is now our duty to man the work and finish these projects IBEW Proud.

In closing, also keep in mind the political year. Do your duty and research your candidates both locally and nationally. Find the ones that support us and that benefit your livelihood. Don't be afraid to volunteer if called upon. It will assure that we continue to grow this local with fair and

honest wages and, just as important, is our collective bargaining agreement. There are too many politicians out there that believe by eliminating unions, it is better for America. That Brothers and Sisters could not be farther from the truth!  
Have a great spring and summer. Work hard and more importantly – Work Safe!

In solidarity,

Derek Mensink

## MEETING NOTICE:

The June 9, 2016  
General Membership  
Meeting will be held in  
**OWATONNA** at the  
Eagle's Club at 7 p.m.  
Election Results,  
Allocation of Wages  
and  
New Member Swear In



Rochester Rep Report >>>Chad Katzung

I'm proud to report that the work projection going forward is very positive. There are some good opportunities as we start out our 2016 construction season. We're working hard to maintain and grow market share wherever possible. Solar farms will be a large portion of our work picture this year. We are working closely with our contractors to secure most of that solar work. Eagan/Neitz, Hunt & Mortenson construction will be taking on a large portion of the solar work in the area. We're waiting to hear on some of the details and we'll let you know as things start to fall into place.

The calls have been coming in steady for manpower all spring and the number of calls for manpower is expected to rise dramatically as we head into summer. It is very important for our members to man the work in the area. Our contractors have worked hard to secure the work, now it's



up to us to man the work. The work has to get done, and if we don't man it, someone else will. You can expect additional details about work opportunities and numerous other important updates at our regular union meetings. It's important to attend as often as possible.

In solidarity  
Chad Katzung

Our Condolences:

Retired Bro. **Larry B. Klingsporn** – Rochester, MN – Passed away 12/28/15. Larry had been a member since March 1970.

Retired Bro. **Charles H. Johnson** – Olivia, MN – Passed away 12/12/15. Charles had been a member since January 1959.

Retired Bro. **John L. Williams** – Owatonna, MN – Passed away 1/9/16. John had been a member since April 1952.

Retired Bro. **Douglas E. Ovens** - Stevensville, MN - Passed away 2/15/16. Douglas had been a member since February 1958.

Retired Bro. **Ronald C. Ginapp** - Frontenac, MN - Passed away 2/15/16. Ronald had been a member since September 1969.

Brother **Dennis M. Doherty** - Rochester, MN - Passed away 3/3/16. Dennis had been a member since September 1969.

Retirements/Disability:

John T. Parker – 12/31/15  
Richard B. Sandeno – 1/17/16

Mankato Rep Report...Shane Meier

Owatonna/  
Mankato/  
Western  
Minnesota:  
I hope everyone had a good time at the Awards Banquet held in Mankato. I would like to say congratulations to all of the members who received awards and walked away with a prize (I thought the food was better this year also). In the Owatonna Area we do have some projects that will be coming up for bid real soon and we also have a couple projects that have already started with IBEW contractors landing these projects. It is nice to see some contractors bidding in Owatonna again as it is a tough area, but we are making some progress. Mankato has some decent projects going on right now with some more that have just recently bid and we are waiting to hear on. I have not heard anything on Calpine in the last month, but I will keep you updated if anything new comes out. There are a bunch of solar projects coming to southern Minnesota and we are just waiting for permitting and the contractors to let us know when they will be starting. St. Peter has work going on at the State Hospital and Gustavus College with the rumor that they will also be doing a Clinical Science Building soon. In the New Ulm Area there have been a couple of School Projects that have bid recently and we are waiting to hear who got these projects. At Kraft, one of our contractors did give preliminary budget numbers and we are waiting to hear on that project too. Out in western Minnesota there have been a couple of projects bid and Dewar will be having some calls coming in for various projects along with Master Electric, once the Processing Plant in Windom gets some final approvals. Again, if you hear of a project going on or have someone interested in the IBEW please have them get in contact with one of us. I look forward to another GREAT YEAR of work and some good organizing opportunities. Hopefully we will have seen some of you at the Midwest Electrical Trade Show in April.  
In Solidarity,  
Shane Meier



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

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Organizing Department Report...  
by Andy Kuisle

Since the last newsletter the organizing efforts have been rewarded at local 343 with two new signatory contractors. American Energy LLC of Blooming Prairie and Dan W Olson Electric of Winona have chosen to become Union contractors. If you have the opportunity to go to work for one of these contractors or see them out and about, please make sure to thank them for joining the IBEW and taking advantage of the benefits that IBEW Local 343 provides. We have had many top-down and bottom-up contacts so far in 2016 and we have been met with quite a bit of interest by the nonunion workers as the workload increases throughout our jurisdiction. As the workload continues to grow, we need to make sure we have enough workers to complete the work that is being bid. Contractors have put the faith in Local 343 to supply them with enough manpower and, if the current membership and travelers that come to help us out are not enough, then organizing is the only way to make sure the jobs get done. As we have many times said, all of us know of someone working as a nonunion electrician. I would challenge each one of you to reach out to that individual that you may know and try your best to explain the benefits of working under a collective bargaining agreement to them so that maybe, one day, they will work side-by-side with us as a represented Union Electrician. Our future as a local depends on it.

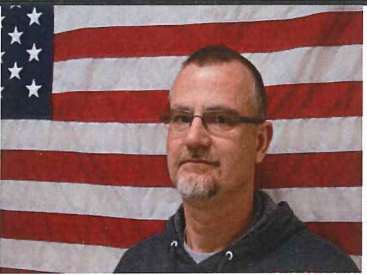


In Solidarity,  
Andy Kuisle

Congratulations to Brother Dustin Lennie  
and wife on the birth of Baby Boy Dean  
Allan! Born 12/29/15  
6# 14oz, 19.75"

Compliance Officer Report...  
Jim Backus

Brothers and Sisters,  
H-2B Visa  
The H-2B Visa is a work visa that allows employers to bring foreign nationals into the United States to fulfill jobs of a non-agricultural nature. This obviously could include open positions in any of the Building and Construction Trades areas. With the anticipated upcoming workload, this may possibly become an issue in our area. The Twin Cities have already experienced a problem regarding H-2B workers. These positions can only be filled as a temporary status and the employer must be able to prove certain criteria. The locations as to where these workers can work are specified by the Department of Labor (DOL). To be qualified under the H-2B Visa, the employer must attest to the DOL that:  
-the position is temporary (one time occurrence; seasonal need; peak load need; intermittent need. This is normally a maximum of one year)  
-the employer is unable to locate current US workers to fulfill those positions  
-the utilization of H-2B Visa workers will not adversely affect any wages, benefits or working conditions of current US workers performing like work  
-the pay must equal the applicable federal or state minimum wage or prevailing wage, if applicable  
-the employer must notify the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) if the H-2B worker does not report to work, if they are terminated or the temporary work is completed earlier than anticipated



As with anything, and as noted from the Cities, this program has the opportunity for abuse. A company based in the Dakota's was utilizing H-2B Visa workers in a construction trade. They were only allowed to employ these workers in a certain area of North Dakota. The contractor brought these workers into Minnesota, the Twin Cities area, violating the agreement, and taking jobs away from local people. The Fair Contracting Foundation (FCF) was able to get the H-2B Visa workers removed off of the job and a complaint filed against the contractor. It was then learned that this contractor had previous violations for abusing this program. If anyone would happen to observe a contractor that may be utilizing H-2B Visa workers, please let me know. I will check into if they are legally allowed to be where they are and if the contractor is legitimate. As quoted by Harry Bridges, "*The most important word in the language of the working class is 'solidarity'.*"  
In Solidarity,  
Jim Backus

Reminder, if you would like to receive informational texts from the hall please send the text **ibew343** to the number **44244**. You will get a confirmation text back asking if you want to confirm. If you do then you type yes.

STANDARD TEXT RATES DO APPLY. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE UNLIMITED TEXTING THIS WILL COUNT TOWARD

Newsletter Info

If you have news or information you'd like to see in your newsletter, please contact the Hall. Newsletters are typically mailed out every quarter. (this newsletter is late due to the Awards Banquet)

\*2016 UNION DUES\*

"A" Members \$108.00/Qtr  
"BA" Members \$60.00/Qtr

DUE the 1<sup>st</sup> of EVERY Quarter  
(Jan. 1, Apr. 1, Jul. 1, Oct. 1)

\$20.00 Late fee each month you are late

2015 UNION DUES

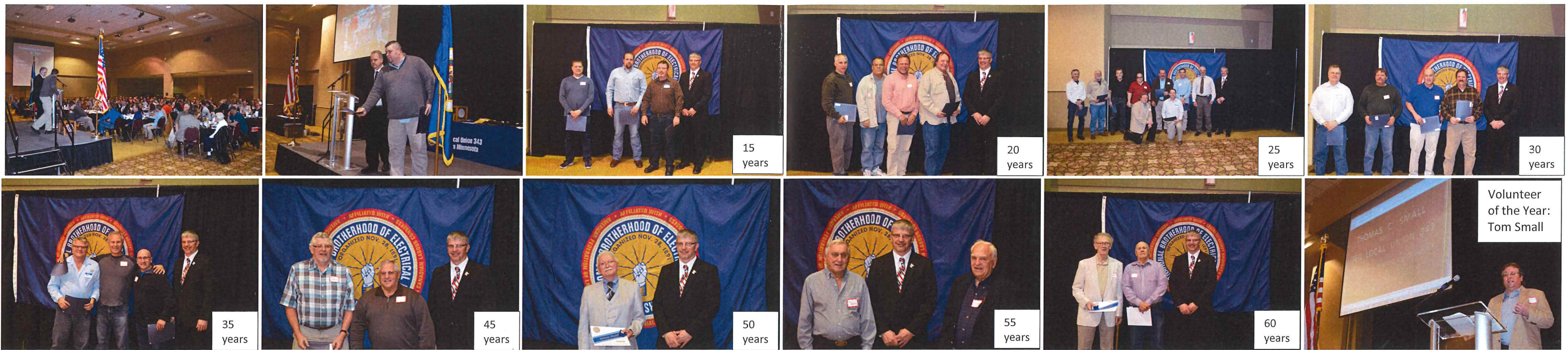
"A" Members \$105.00/Qtr  
"BA" Members \$57.00/Qtr





29<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Banquet was held on Saturday, April 2, 2016 at the Verizon Wireless Center in Mankato, MN – 290 people RSVP'd and 249 showed up – There were 11 T-shirt winners, 30 \$25 Kwik Trip Gas Card Winners, 1 Polk Audio Headphone Winner, 3 Carhardt Jacket Winners, 2 Local 343 Knife Winners, 2 \$25 Visa Gift Card Winners and 37 Table Centerpiece Winners – It was a great night!





Volunteer  
of the Year:  
Tom Small



Retirement & Pension

2015/2016 Graduated Apprentices



Honored Student  
Highest GPA - Brian D. Johnson



If any award winners would like a copy of their picture mailed (or emailed) to them, contact Bonnie or Colleen at the Hall. We'd be happy to get you a copy!



**OFFICIAL NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS  
I.B.E.W. LOCAL UNION 343**

The nominations for all officers of Local Union 343 will be held on May 12, 2016, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Eagles Club in Owatonna located at 141 E. Rose. Anyone desiring to be nominated must be present during the nominations or provide a written and signed statement that they will accept the nomination. No member may be a candidate for more than one office. Anyone nominated to more than one office must choose the office for which they will be a candidate.

Nominations do not require a second to be accepted.

Nominations will proceed in the order of offices as listed in the IBEW Constitution whose term of office shall be 3 years:

**Nominations will be taken to fill the following offices:**

President/Delegate to International Convention

Vice President

Recording Secretary

Treasurer

Financial Secretary/Business Manager/Delegate to International Convention

Executive Board (5 to be elected)

Examining Board (3 to be elected)

Additionally, nominations will be held for two (2) delegates to the International Convention.

In order to be nominated, a member must have a minimum of 2 years of continuous good standing in Local Union 343. Good standing means that the member is current in their payment of dues and has been for the 2 years preceding the nominations.

No Apprentice shall be eligible to hold office in the Local Union.

An election judge and tellers will be appointed at the close of nominations. None of these may be a candidate for any office.

The election shall be conducted by mail ballot and they shall be counted beginning at 9:00 a.m. on June 9, 2016.

All members in good standing shall be mailed a ballot not less than 15 days prior to the above specified date. Ballots received at the P O Box after 4:45 p.m. on June 8, 2016 will not be counted.

If you do not receive a ballot in the mail by May 31, 2016, please call the election judge immediately at (507) 273-0658 and request a replacement ballot.

In the event a run-off election is required, same shall be held on June 30, 2016. The same rules shall apply to the run-off election as were applicable to the regular election.

All officers shall be installed and begin their 3 year terms at the regular meeting of the local union on July 14, 2016.

Candidates shall be entitled to an observer, during the counting of the ballots and when the ballots are picked up from the P.O. Box (The candidate(s) themselves may be the observer.)

Any member who believes a protest of the election is warranted is urged to contact the election judge within a few days after the ballots are counted.

Further protests of the election may be filed in writing with the International Vice President of the district within 30 days following the election.

The decision of the International Vice President shall conclude the processing of a protest within the IBEW.

In the event the protesting member is not satisfied with the decision of the International Vice President, the member may submit his/her protest to the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Labor Management Standards.





APRIL 2016 SCMJATC NEWSLETTER

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our Graduates that were recognized at the IBEW Local 343 Awardes Banquet for completing their Electrical Apprenticeship: **JASON MAXWELL, ZACHARY KOENECKE, CHRISTOPHER HEUSINKVELT, BRADLEY CASPER, KENT JOHNSON, MATT MORITZ, BRIAN JOHNSON & SAM BERG. BRIAN JOHNSON graduated with the highest GPA and CHRIS HEUSINKVELT graduated with the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest GPA**

2016 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**

THESE CLASSES START AT 8AM		
ALBERT LEA	WHEN:	APRIL 9 & 10, 2016,-Instructor—SCOTT HIGGINS
	WHERE:	ALBERT LEA UNION CENTER , 1407 Hwy 13 North
ROCHESTER	WHEN:	MAY 7 & 8, 2016-Instructor—MARK SPARKS /DAVE HYRKAS
	WHERE:	IBEW LOCAL 343 HALL 9-80 <sup>TH</sup> ST SE
MANKATO	WHEN:	JUNE 11 & 12, 2016-Instructor-- CARI HELBERG
(date change)	WHERE:	OPERATING ENGINEERS HALL, 308 Lundin Blvd
WINONA	WHEN:	JULY 23 & 24, 2016,-Instructor-- CARI HELBERG
	WHERE:	RIVERPORT INN, 900 Bruski Drive, Winona
OWATONNA	WHEN:	AUGUST 20-21, 2016,-Instructor-- CARI HELBERG
	WHERE:	OWATONNA HY VEE
ROCHESTER	WHEN:	SEPTEMBER 24 & 25, 2016,Inst. MARK SPARKS /DAVE HYRKAS
	WHERE:	IBEW LOCAL 343 HALL 9-80 <sup>TH</sup> ST SE
ALBERT LEA	WHEN:	OCTOBER 22 & 23, 2016,-Instructor- SCOTT HIGGINS
	WHERE:	ALBERT LEA UNION CENTER , 1407 Hwy 13 North
RED WING	WHEN:	NOVEMBER 12 & 13, 2016,-Instructor-- CARI HELBERG
	WHERE:	SUPER 8, 232 Withers Harbor Drive, Red Wing
MANKATO	WHEN:	DECEMBER 10 & 11, 2016-Instructor-- CARI HELBERG
	WHERE:	OPERATING ENGINEERS HALL, 308 Lundin Blvd

16 HOUR CLASS. 16 CODE CEU’S

4 NIGHT CLASS MONDAY AND TUESDAY 5PM TO 9PM		
ROCHESTER	WHEN:	APRIL 4-6-11-13, 2016, 5PM-Instructor—MARK SPARKS
	WHERE:	IBEW Local 343 Hall 980 <sup>th</sup> st SE

2 HOUR CODE CLASS—unlicensed registration renewal class 2 CODE CEU

CODE	BASIC CONDUCTOR FILL & AMPACITIES CLASS 2 HOUR CLASS	
	Bring a calculator-code book & pencil to class, Good for unlicensed registration renewal	
ROCHESTER:	WHEN:	TBD AS NEEDED, 2016, WEDNESDAY, 5:00 TO 7:00PM, Instructor Dan Goodew
	WHERE:	IBEW LOCAL 343 HALL, 9-80 <sup>TH</sup> ST SE ROCHESTER 55904

CODE TRANSFORMER INSTALLATIONS 1 DAY CLASS

This class will be an interactive lecture based on industry best practices of design and code compliant installations of power transformers, control circuit transformers and autotransformers. You will have the opportunity to connect and test several power and autotransformer system connections. Bring a 2014 NEC text and a calculator to class. **Class is limited to 12 students 4 CODE & 4 TECH CEU’S**  
**ROCHESTER: WHEN: APRIL 23, 2016 8:00am TO 5:00PM, Instructor Mike Buck**  
**WHERE: IBEW LOCAL 343 HALL, 9-80<sup>TH</sup> ST SE ROCHESTER 55904**

PLC 1, BASIC PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC CONTROL TRAINING

**Feb 15, deadline**  
This is a 2 day class that will cover the basics of PLC logic and programming. This class will be held at the Dakota County Technical College. You will have access and work on the latest PLC equipment and software.  
**DCTC : WHEN: FEB 27 & MAR 5, 2016 9:00 TO 2:30PM, 2-SATAURDAY CLASS (4 min by FEB 15)**  
**WHERE: DAKOTA COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE, Instructor—MIKE BUCK**

PLC 2, PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC CONTROL TRAINING 2 Mar 15, deadline

This is a 2 day class that is a continuation of the Basic PLC 1 class that will cover more advanced PLC logic and programming. This class will be held at the Dakota County Technical College. You will have access and work on the latest PLC equipment and software.  
**DCTC : WHEN: APRIL 2 & 16, 2016 9:00 TO 2:30PM, 2-SATAURDAY CLASS (4 min by Mar 15)**  
**WHERE: DAKOTA COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE, Instructor—MIKE BUCK**

SOLAR PHOTVOLTAIC CLASS 16 CODE CEU CREDITS

This is a 2 day class that will start with the basics of solar theory and build up to designing and installing PV systems. You will need a 2014 NEC and Photovoltaic Systems texts for the class. 2014 NEC texts are \$70 and PV texts are available for \$65/ea.  
**ROCHESTER: WHEN: MAY 21-22, 2016 8:00 TO 4:00PM 1-WEEKEND CLASSES**  
**WHERE: IBEW LOCAL 343 HALL, 9-80<sup>TH</sup> ST SE ROCHESTER 55904**

MEDIUM VOLTAGE CLASS 2 DAY CLASS WILL BE RESCHEDULED TO A 1 DAY CLASS ON CABLE PREPARATION

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. Bring your hand tools.  
**ROCHESTER WHEN: RESCHEDULED, 2016 SATURDAY & SUNDAY 8:00AM to 4:00 PM Limit 8**  
**WHERE: IBEW LOCAL 343 HALL 9 – 80<sup>TH</sup> ST SE, ROCHESTER Instructor—MARK KAUTTO**

OSHA 70-E ELECTRICAL SAFE WORK PRACTICES CLASS 4 HOURS

The First rule in working safely with electrical equipment is to DEENERGIZE. If you have to work on energized circuits, you need to work safely. This class will cover the OSHA requirements for Personal Protection Equipment and tools when it comes to working on energized circuits. You will receive a 70E card after this 4 hour class  
**ROCHESTER: WHEN: TBD AS NEEDED, 2016, WEDNESDAY, 5:00 TO 9:00PM**  
**WHERE: IBEW LOCAL 343 HALL, 9-80<sup>TH</sup> ST SE, Rochester**

OSHA 10 HOUR CERTIFICATION (3 NIGHT CLASSES)

More customers and jobs are requiring that the employees have the OSHA 10 hour Safety Training card to work on the job. Here is your chance to get yours. At present the OSHA 10 cards are good for life, however there are some customers that will require the OSHA class be taken with in the last 3 years.  
**ROCHESTER WHEN: MAY 2-9-16, 2016 MONDAYS, OSHA 10, 5PM-9PM**  
**WHERE: IBEW LOCAL 343 HALL 9-80<sup>TH</sup> ST SE, Rochester**

**WE TAKE APPRENTICE APPLICATIONS ANY TIME AND WILL BE TESTING AND INTERVIEWING AT LEAST EVERY OTHER MONTH**  
**THIS IS A GREAT TIME TO GET INTO THE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM**  
**HAVE ANYONE INTERESTED GIVE ME A CALL AT 507-529-7721**

**APPRENTICE APPLICATIONS:** Applications can be completed at the JATC office in Rochester.(1-507-529-7721) or print off from; [www.IBEWLOCAL343.ORG](http://www.IBEWLOCAL343.ORG) PLEASE CALL TO SIGN UP FOR CLASSES-507-529-7721, Andy Toft.

## Upcoming Work

(2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2016 Newsletter – April/May/June)

### Rochester area

Civic Center Addition – Premier  
Broadway at Center – Hunt, No word on a start date.  
New Horizon Day Care – Hunt  
Heintz Center HVAC upgrade – Planning  
Valleyhigh Senior Apartments – Planning  
New Holiday Inn – Canceled  
Veteran's Memorial Museum – Planning  
Heart of the City/Peace Plaza Redevelopment – Planning  
Historic Chateau Theater Renovation – Planning  
Zumbrosun Solar Garden – Mortenson General  
Solor projects covering S.E MN – Planning  
Rochester International Airport – New Terminal- Planning  
Rochester National Guard Armory – Bids 4/26/16  
First Avenue Flats (The Downtowner) Bids 5/4/16

### Austin

Hy-Vee Grocery Store (Oak Park Mall) – No Word  
Austin Community center – Planning  
Well House improvments – Bids 4/20/2016  
Wal-Mart Remodel – No word  
Austin Utilities City Hall-Remodel – Planning

### Albert Lea

Freeborn Wind Energy Project – Planing 200 Megawatt farm. On Hold  
Riverland College HVAC Upgrade – Planning  
St. John's on Fountain Lake Town Center East Building A – Bids 4/22/2016  
Fire Station – Planning

### Claremont

Al-Corn Ethanol Plant Expansion – Planing, McGough General.

### Grand Meadow

Gymnasium and classroom addition – Ryan

### Red Wing

Prairie Island Nuclear Plant – On-going Maintenance, Fall outage  
Gymnastic Center – Planning  
Fire/Police/EMS Station – Planning  
Northstar Lofts – Planning

### Winona Area

Rushford-Peterson School – McMartin  
Education Village – 2016  
St Mary's University – No word

## Upcoming Work (continued)

(2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2016 Newsletter – April/May/June)

### Owatonna

City/County Garage- Bids 4/28/16  
New Power Plant – Bidding soon  
School renovations – Bidding soon  
National Guard Armory – Russ Nelson Apparent Low  
Viracon – Egan/Nietz  
Cybex- Possible Plant Expansion

### Mankato

Street/Highway Projects – River City Electric/MN Signal  
Woodside Apartments Phase 3 – Muska  
Civic Center- Premier Electric  
New School- Javens Electric (Non IBEW)  
Calpine – Waiting to hear from Calpine on when it will start  
MSU Clinical Science Building- Russ Nelson Electric  
Ambulatory Service Building – Hunt Electric  
Dairy Queen- Master Electric  
Viking Electric Wholesale House- Master Electric  
MSU Diner Hall – Egan Companies  
Mankato East School Renovation – Between 2 union Electrical Contractors  
Still Working On Solar Projects in Southern Minnesota  
Hospital Projects – Waiting to hear on  
M2 Lofts – Berd Electric

### St. Peter/Le Sueur

State Hospital New Building Project – Schammel Electric  
State Hospital Renovation Project – Parsons  
Cambria -5th Phase (Russ Nelson)  
School Bond Referendum – waiting to hear on  
State Hospital Renovation Project – Waiting to hear on  
Gustavous College Clinical Science Building – Spring of 16  
Gustavus College Dorm Remodle – Parsons

### New Ulm

Kraft Foods – Parsons Electric  
3m – Hunt Electric  
School Bond Referendum- Paul's Electric (Non IBEW)

### Fairmont

Ethanol Plant Work – Dewar Electric  
Granada School Project – Dewar

### Marshall

ADM -Various Projects-BLK Electric

### Renville/Olivia

Hospital Project- E2 Electric (IBEW)  
CottonWood School Project – E2 Electric (IBEW)

### Windom

Slaughtering Plant – Master Electric

# SPARKY FISHING OPENER

*Brothers and sisters are invited to a fun-filled day of fishing  
on the Mississippi River!*

**WHEN:** June 11, 2016

**TIME:** 8 am to 3 pm

**WHERE:** Meet 1-mile south of the West  
Newton landing. The beach is  
located on the MN side.



*Fishing for the Biggest:  
Walleye, Pan Fish, Bass,  
Northern, & Rough Fish*

*You must have one IBEW member in boat. We will  
weigh in at 3pm with food and prizes afterwards.*

*Questions, call Chris Hallett (251-3569) or John Powrie (259-5413).*