

Ninth News



**A Newsletter for Retirees and Spouses
In the IBEW Ninth District Retiree Clubs**

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Welcome to the first newsletter for the IBEW 9th district California Retirees .This is my first attempt at putting out a newsletter. I need your patience and feed back on your retirees club meeting place and times , and any activities that you would like put in the newsletter. I am asking you to send me an email out by the 10th of each month and I will attempt to put your information in the next month's newsletter. I would like to have someone in your club designated who will be corresponding with me each month (easier for me to track your clubs activities). I hope everyone had a safe and happy Christmas & Holiday season. Looking forward to hearing about your club and activities.

Retiree Club News :
Please check out the new IBEW Ninth District Blog site . This is Your blog site to post comments on . Please feel free to join :

<http://www.ibewninthdistrictretireeses.blogspot.com/>

Welcome all IBEW ninth district California locals & retirees & spouses.

I hope everyone had a great Christmas & Holiday time. 2010 is here and there will be a lot of work to do with state budget deficits , and the upcoming elections. We as seniors are a large and growing block of voters . We need to be prepared to voice our concerns , and make our voting reflect maintaining senior programs. Be sure to help support CARA

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& NARA in their efforts to look out for seniors and retirees.

IBEW 9th District Vice President Mike Mowrey wants to set as a goal to have retirees clubs in all the locals , and to have them help support CARA (California Alliance of Retired Americans). We sent out a letter to every IBEW LU in California asking for support for CARA

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Local Focus on Ninth District California IBEW Locals .

We as Seniors and Retirees need to make sure we have our voices heard in ALL senior issues involving Social Security and Medicare , and other issues effecting us as seniors and retirees. As you know , our pension checks are continually getting smaller because of increases in medical plan co-pays , and premiums .CARA has and will be trying to change that through working with our legislators on laws that will protect our pensions , Social Security and medical benefits , and senior rights protected .

IBEW local 180 retirees club news

Happy New Year to my brothers and sisters of the IBEW,

Our Retiree's Club had our annual Christmas party 12/2/09 at the Elks Club in Napa, I think everyone present had an enjoyable time that afternoon. We were given a choice of steak,

chicken or shrimp louie. I had the steak and it was delicious, especially with the fine wine donated by Local 180, this was followed up with chocolate mousse for desert. Next we had a drawing for gifts that you picked off the gift table. Everyone received a gift. But the best part of the day was being together with all the familiar faces from the past. Try to come next year if you missed out this year.

2009 will not be remembered as a great year, starting in 2000 we had a disputed presidential election, a tech bust, a terror attack, an anthrax attack, a war sold to us on faulty intelligence, a terrible hurricane, a housing debacle, a financial panic, and the biggest Ponzi scheme in history. It depends on who you are listening to, the left or the right, but the president is either socializing health care or selling out liberalism. The banking system is on the brink of collapse.

But on a more positive note, the economy is improving. The last time unemployment topped 10% was in 1983, I remember the 80's very well since I drew plenty of unemployment in those years.

Last month the unemployment rate dropped from 10.2 to 10%. The economy grew by 2.2% in the third quarter. The Dow Jones average is up 60% from its bottom in March. Many major banks have either paid back their money from the 2008 bailout, or have announced plans to do so. The Treasury Department recently said that most of the \$700 billion appropriated by Congress would either be returned or never spent.

Unfortunately in our Capitalistic economy the people who get hurt the most during a recession or a depression are the people who had nothing to do with causing the problem. That would be the working class and the poor. I have high hopes that 2010 will see good times return again or as Ronald Regan declared in 1983 it will be "morning in America.

Bud Huss VP local 180 retirees club

IBEW Local 1245 retirees club news

This month we will focus on IBEW 1245 Retirees clubs news . Headquarters in Vacaville , California (catv,em,govt,lctt.0,pet,t&u). Tom Dalzell B.M./F.S. Michael Davis Pres.

<http://www.ibew1245.com/Retirees.html>

We now have 6 retirees clubs . Vacaville union headquarters , Dublin , Merced , San Jose , Santa Rosa , and our newest club in Reno , Nevada . I want to introduce you to Mickie Baryol the new Reno / Sparks Retirees Club unit recorder and club editor. Please check out her blog for meeting place and times. She has a great blog. Please Check it out daily for updates. <http://renosparksibew1245retireesclub.blogspot.com>

I will be contacting a different Local every month to get updated information on their local as well as if they have retirees club news .

LOCAL 1245 EXECUTIVE BOARD APPROVES FUNDS FOR MAJOR CAMPAIGNS

IBEW Local 1245 News

Posted: November 25, 2009

The IBEW Local 1245 Executive Board has approved funds to wage major campaigns in areas where our members are under serious attack. The executive board approved \$500,000 for a media campaign in Nevada to protect the rights and benefits of the retirees and members at NV Energy. The union still hopes that NV Energy (Formerly Sierra Pacific Power) will reconsider its harsh and unnecessary take-away proposals so that a major media campaign can be avoided . But the executive board signaled that if the Union is forced to fight , we will fight "all-in".

IBEW Local 1245 News

Posted: December 18, 2009

PRIVATIZATION FIZZLES IN REDDING

The City of Redding's Privatization Evaluation Committee died a quiet and unmourned death on Dec. 14.

The committee, which had been urged by Redding business interests to outsource city jobs, discovered two important things during its brief existence:

First, cities that have outsourced jobs typically don't save any money and often end up taking the work back from contractors. Second, business interests who hope to profit from cockeyed privatization schemes will face stiff resistance from IBEW Local 1245, which represents over 200 City of Redding employees.

The Redding Record-Searchlight, in noting the Privatization Committee's demise, observed that the group had met more than a half-dozen times since September "without finding any ways to save the city money by outsourcing or privatizing public services."

Unfortunately, City employees remain under attack.

Even before the City's Privatization Committee ran up the white flag, Redding Mayor Rick Bosetti began to promote two local ballot initiatives targeting city employee benefits. The initiatives would seek to end retiree medical benefits for future hires and to force City employees to pay the employee portion of their Cal-PERS benefit. The City currently pays both the employer and employee portion. The IBEW Local 1245 Executive board responded swiftly to this shot across the bow by authorizing up to \$50,000 for a media campaign to oppose the Mayor's ballot initiatives. In November the union marched onto the airwaves with ads attacking "needless ballot initiatives that do nothing."

Calling the initiatives "bad government," the union's ad pointed out that "It is the job of the City Council, not working families, to research these complex issues of employee retirement benefits."

Two members of the Redding City Council were blunt in their criticism of the Mayor's proposed initiatives.

"I think it's a horrible decision," Mary Stegall told the Record Searchlight, saying she fears the proposed ballot initiatives would "create a firestorm in the community" and tear it apart.

"We're asking for more trouble than we can handle," said council member Dick Dickerson, also quoted in the Record Searchlight.

The newspaper itself challenged the initiative proposal in a Nov. 29 editorial, which echoed the argument made in the union radio ad—that the City Council shouldn't dump its difficult issues onto the voters. Entitled "Ballot measure is a bet the city can only lose," the editorial noted that the City Council already has the authority to negotiate contracts with its unions, and that it would still be obligated to negotiate even if voters approved the proposed ballot initiatives.

"The risks far outweigh any possible benefit," the newspaper editorialized, concluding that "A ballot measure won't be worth the paper the mail-in votes are printed on."

On Nov. 19 the IBEW negotiating committees for both the Electric and Maintenance units met with the City Manager to discuss the ballot initiatives proposed by the Mayor.

"On behalf of our committees and membership I notified the City Manager that IBEW had no interest in forfeiting negotiated benefits that our members had paid for through wage concessions past," said IBEW Local 1245 Senior Business Representative Ray Thomas.

The public wrestling match between the union and City officials occurs against the backdrop of contract negotiations that have dragged on since the summer of 2008. Although members of the Maintenance Department voted last May to ratify a contract extension, negotiations are

continuing on the agreement covering members in the Electric Department.

The IBEW negotiating committee met on Nov. 19 to consider ways to kick-start those talks. The next scheduled date for negotiations with the City is Jan. 5, 2010. Meanwhile, the privatization movement is down, but not quite out. Although the City's Privatization Evaluation Committee has hung up its jersey, the City Council is keeping the idea alive. The City of Redding Community Services Advisory Commission has been tasked by City Council to look at the possible outsourcing of jobs at the Civic Auditorium and the Parks Department, where twenty-four full time IBEW members are employed.

IBEW Local 1245 News
Posted: December 21, 2009

IT'S ABOUT CARING

IBEW LOCAL 1245 FOOD DRIVE IN RENO



I Hope Everyone had a MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY HOLIDAYS ! This is a great example of a very active IBEW 1245 retirees club in Reno Nevada. Ken Rawles

Ninth District California Locals

Please let me know if you have a retirees club in your local so I can update this list.

The goal is to have as many retirees clubs as possible . Thanks Ken

Bakersfield , Ca. lu 428
Barstow , Ca. lu 1023
Castroville , Ca. lu 234
Diamond Bar ,Ca. lu 47
Dublin , Ca. 595 Retirees club
Fresno , Ca. lu 100
Hollywood , Ca. lu 40
Hollywood , Ca. lu 45
Los Angeles , Ca. lu 11 Retirees club
Los Angeles , Ca. lu 18
Los Angeles ,Ca. lu 889
Los Angeles , Ca. lu 946
Los Angeles , Ca. lu 1710
Los Angeles , Ca. lu 2139
Los Angeles , Ca. lu 2295
Martinez , Ca. lu 302 Retirees
Modesto , Ca. lu 684
Oakland , Ca. lu 360
Oakland , Ca. lu 2131
Riverside , Ca., lu 440
Roseville, Ca. lu 1682
Sacramento , Ca. lu 340
Sacramento , Ca. lu 800
San Bernardino , Ca. lu 477
San Bernardino , Ca. lu 543
San Diego , Ca. lu 465
San Diego , Ca. lu 569 Retirees
San Francisco , Ca. lu 6
San Francisco , Ca. lu 1269
San Jacinto , Ca. lu 1436
San Jose , Ca. lu 332 Retirees
San Luis Obispo , Ca. lu 639
San Mateo , Ca. lu 617 Retirees
Santa Ana , Ca. lu 441
Santa Barbara , Ca. lu 413
Santa Rosa , Ca. lu 551 Retirees
Vacaville , Ca. lu 1245 Retirees clubs
Vallejo , Ca. lu 180 Retirees club
Vallejo , Ca. lu 2376
Ventura ,Ca. lu 952

IBEW Lingo :

Questions come up as to what the meanings of the symbols for Trade Classifications in the Local Union Directory "Tramp Books " here they are :

IBEW Trade Classification Symbols :

(as) Alarm and Signal
(ars) Atomic Research Service
(bo) Bridge Operators
(cs) Cable Splicers
(catv) Cable Television
(c) Communications
(cr) Cranemen
(es) Electric Signs
(ees) Electrical Equipment Services
(ei) Electrical Inspection
(em) Electrical Manufacturing
(et) Electrical Technicians
(fm) Fixture Manufacturing
(govt) Government
(I) Inside
(it) Instrument Technician
(lctt) Line Clearance Tree trimming
(lpt) Lighting Protection Technicians
(mt) Maintenance
(mo) Maintenance and Operation
(mow) Manufacturing Office Workers
(mar) Marine
(mps) Motion Picture Studios
(nst) Nuclear Service Technician
(o) Outside
(p) Powerhouse
(pet) Professional Engineers and Technicians
continued :
(ptc) Professional Technical and Clerical
(rtb) Radio – Television Broadcasting
(rtm) Radio – Television Manufacturing
(rts) Radio – Television Service
(rr) Railroad
(so) Service Operation
(s) Shopmen
(se) Sign Erectors
(spa) Sound and Public Address
(st) Sound Technicians
(t) Telephone
(u) Utility
(uow) Utility Office Workers
(ws) Warehouse and Supply