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“My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me.”

**Jim Valvano**



### JUNE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at Bittersweet Bistro in Aptos.

The Board of Directors Meeting will begin at 4 pm followed by the General Membership Meeting at 6 pm.

Our guest speaker will be Eddie Bernacchi from Politico. Eddie always brings an informative message regarding legislation that he and his team are presenting to the State Legislature on behalf of our members. Most importantly, Eddie will be discussing the Sick Leave legislation that goes into effect on July 1<sup>st</sup> for all employers in the State of California. **This effects YOU!!!**

If you have not already responded to let us know

you will be in attendance, please email [jlchamplin@gmail.com](mailto:jlchamplin@gmail.com) or call Jerri at (831) 236-1393.

### 234 RATIFICATION AND WAGE ALLOCATION

The membership of Local #234 voted to accept the Agreement at their meeting of May 13th. A copy of the settlement agreement has already been distributed to members.

The first allocation as specified in the new agreement goes into effect on December 28, 2015. They have already decided the allocation which will be \$1.00 to wages, \$0.25 to H&W, and \$0.50 to pension. The new wage sheet for December 2015 is available to members on the members only page of the website at [www.mbccneca.org](http://www.mbccneca.org). Need the user name and password for the private site? Give us a call.

Remembers, the agreement that expired on May 31, 2015 specified an increase of \$0.75 on May 25, 2015.

That wage sheet has been previously distributed.



## **IBEW INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT EDWIN D. HILL TO RETIRE MAY 31**

IBEW International President Edwin D. Hill is retiring on May 31. Hill, IBEW's President since 2001, informed NECA CEO John Grau of his decision in a telephone call. He also told Grau that the IBEW International Executive Council had appointed IBEW Sixth District International Vice President Lonnie Stephenson as Hill's replacement effective June 1.

Grau thanked Hill for his service to the electrical construction industry and wished him well in his retirement. He also sent a message of congratulations to Lonnie Stephenson offering NECA's support in his new role.

"Ed Hill was a passionate leader of the IBEW. His heart was in his union, but he also knew his members' welfare depended on successful contractors and satisfied customers," Grau said.

Grau noted that Hill created the Code of Excellence program to improve jobsite productivity, and he actively promoted market recovery efforts that included alternate job classifications.

"The IBEW, NECA and the electrical construction industry face many challenges in the years ahead. I know that incoming IBEW President Lonnie Stephenson is aware of those challenges, and we at NECA will work with him and all of the IBEW leadership to address them." Grau said.

Among NECA's priorities are meeting workforce supply needs with well-qualified and productive electrical workers at competitive labor rates with flexible working conditions.

"Our industry is growing and we need to grow with it," Grau added. "NECA and the IBEW can be an unbeatable team. Ed Hill believed that. We will encourage the new IBEW leadership to continue along a progressive path."

## **NECA SPONSORED CHANGE ORDER LEGISLATION**

NECA sponsored legislation to ensure contractors are paid timely for "change order" work was voted out of its first policy committee. Despite opposition from virtually every public agency in the state, the bill was passed on a unanimous roll call. The bill (AB 1347) puts a process in place that requires agencies to respond to a contractors claim for payment in a timely manner, requires the agency to pay out portions of the work they acknowledge/agree they owe the contractor, and implements a fair process for resolving any disputed portions of a claim. Significant hurdles still remain, but moving out of the first policy committee provides the issue with needed momentum. We will keep you informed on the progress of this important measure as the 2015-2016 California legislative session moves forward.



## WELCOME NEW GRANDCHILDREN!!

Congratulations to the newest additions to the NECA family!!

Paul and Donna Lauesen (Pajaro Valley Electric) welcomed two new grandchildren to their clan!

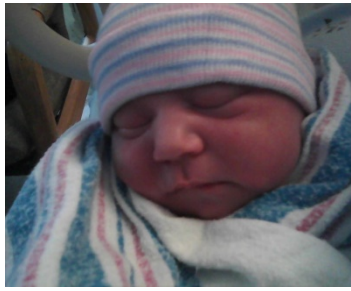


Griffin Nick Lauesen  
Born March 22, 2015  
at approx. 5pm  
8lbs. 11oz. 21"



Lucy Louise Manfre  
Born May 6, 2015  
at approx. 9pm  
6lbs 9oz. 19.5"

Rick and Adrienne Jensen (JM Electric) also added a new member to the family!



Izzabella Raylene-Eilese Jensen  
Born May 17, 2015  
At 3:30 am  
6 lbs. 13 oz.

***Congratulations to all!!***



## UPCOMING CLASSES OFFERED THROUGH THE JATC

### CPR/FIRST AID

Since First Aid/CPR language has been added to the Inside Agreement and will now be a requirement, the JATC has decided to offer it more regularly. The classes will now be offered monthly. Roni Jane Sudyka will be the trainer and the class is always well received. Blood borne pathogens will also be covered. Please call Stacy for the scheduled dates.

### CALCTP

California Advanced Lighting Controls Training Program (CALCTP) with Instructor Stephen Slovacek is looking for participants. This class is

a total of 50 hours: 10 hours of lecture and 40 hours of lab. The class schedule will be coordinated with those in attendance. **YOU MUST BRING PROOF OF COMPLETING THE ONLINE COURSE TO THE FIRST CLASS OR EMAIL TO [stacy@tricountyjatc.org](mailto:stacy@tricountyjatc.org).**

Students will not be allowed to attend the class if they have not completed the online coursework. Go to [bit.ly/IBEW234CALCTP](http://bit.ly/IBEW234CALCTP) to get started today. There is a \$125 stipend available upon successful completion provided by the Monterey Bay LMCC.

### CALCTP-AT

The JATC is also taking sign-ups for the California Advanced Lighting Controls Training Program-Acceptance Testing (CALCTP -AT) with Instructor Stephen Slovacek. This class is a total of 24 hours. The class schedule will be coordinated with those in attendance. The prerequisite for this class is completion of the 50 hour CALCTP. An application form must be completed prior to starting class. To register for this class there is a \$225 application/record maintenance fee. Go online to [goo.gl/qkW7AI](http://goo.gl/qkW7AI) to complete an application and pay the application/record maintenance fee. There is a \$125 stipend available upon

successful completion provided by the Monterey Bay LMCC.

### **NEC GROUNDING AND BONDING**

NEC Grounding and Bonding, with instructor David Martinez will be held on the third Tuesday of each month. Drop on in! You are welcome to attend one class or as many as you like. This is a (3) hour class. The next class is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16th at 5:30 p.m.

### **CALCTP**

CALCTP Class California Advanced Lighting Controls Training Program (CALCTP) with Instructor Stephen Slovacek. This class is a total of 50 hours: 10 hours of lecture and 40 hours of lab. The class schedule will be coordinated with those in attendance. YOU MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF COMPLETING THE ONLINE COURSE PRIOR TO THE FIRST CLASS OR EMAIL TO [stacy@tricountyjatc.org](mailto:stacy@tricountyjatc.org). Students will not be allowed to attend the class if they have not completed the online coursework. Go to [bit.ly/IBEW234CALCTP](http://bit.ly/IBEW234CALCTP) to get started today. There is a \$125 stipend available upon successful completion provided by the Monterey Bay LMCC.

### **CALCTP-AT**

CALCTP-AT Class California Advanced Lighting Controls

Training Program-Acceptance Testing (CALCTP -AT) with Instructor Stephen Slovacek. This class is a total of 32 hours. The class schedule will be coordinated with those in attendance. The prerequisite for this class is completion of the 50 hour CALCTP. An application form must be completed prior to starting class. To register for this class there is a \$225 application/record maintenance fee. Go online to [goo.gl/qkW7AI](http://goo.gl/qkW7AI) to complete an application and pay the application/record maintenance fee. There is a \$125 stipend available upon successful completion provided by the Monterey Bay LMCC.

Interested in any of these classes? Contact Stacy at the JATC office for more details! (831) 633-3063.

### **EVITP**

EVITP 3.0 Class Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP) 3.0 with Instructor Stephen Slovacek. This class is a 35 hour course. It is a prerequisite for EVITP that you are a California Certified General Electrician. As a bonus, there is a \$125 stipend available upon successful completion provided by the Monterey Bay LMCC.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE WHO HAVE COMPLETED UPGRADE CLASSES**

Congratulations to the following individuals who have recently completed classes offered through the apprenticeship program! We appreciate your commitment to the industry!

### **NFPA 70-E**

- Phil DiGirolamo
- Dan Martinez
- Ernesto Morales
- Juan Palacios
- Steve Luiz

### **GROUNDING AND BONDING**

- L. Earl Davis
- Phil DiGirolamo, Steve Luiz
- Corey Branco

## **LOCAL #234 AVAILABILITY LIST UPDATE**

On the Inside Out-of-Work List, there are 25 on Book 1 and 37 on Book 2. For Sound & Communications there is 1 on Book 2 and 1 on Book 3. The Local Union has 4 CW's and CE's on Book 1 and 6 on Book 2. There are no Inside apprentices out of work at this time, however, 3 are working out of the jurisdiction.



## APPLICATION ANNOUNCEMENT

**Next Aptitude Testing Date: Saturday, August 22, 2015**  
**Deadline to apply: Tuesday, July 21, 2015**

**Position:** **Apprentice Electrician (Inside Wireman)** **Starting Wage: \$18.97/hour + benefits**  
This is a five year apprentice program. Apprentices work during the day and attend classes two nights per week. A journeyman certificate is awarded upon successful completion.

**When:** The Tri-County Electrical JATC accepts applications on a year round basis. Applications are accepted **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9-11 am and 1-4 pm** at the JATC Office located at 10300 Merritt Street, Castroville, CA.

**Process:** Applicants must meet minimum requirements. Eligibility will be determined by the JATC.

- 1) Take the NJATC Aptitude Test (including Algebra and Function and a Reading Comprehension test) (see [www.njatc.org](http://www.njatc.org) website for more information).
- 2) Oral interview only if a qualifying score is achieved on the Aptitude Test.
- 3) Individuals who can verify (proper documentation required) that they have worked a minimum of four-thousand (4,000) hours specifically in the electrical construction industry will directly qualify for an oral interview.

### **Duties:**

The Apprentice Electrician works directly under the supervision of and assists a qualified Journeyman Electrician in installing or maintaining a variety of approved wiring methods for distribution of electrical light, heat, power, radio and signaling utilization systems in existing or new building under construction of residential, commercial, and industrial occupancies; including street and highway lighting, traffic signal and other outdoor above and below grade installations.

### **Minimum Requirements:** Each applicant *must*:

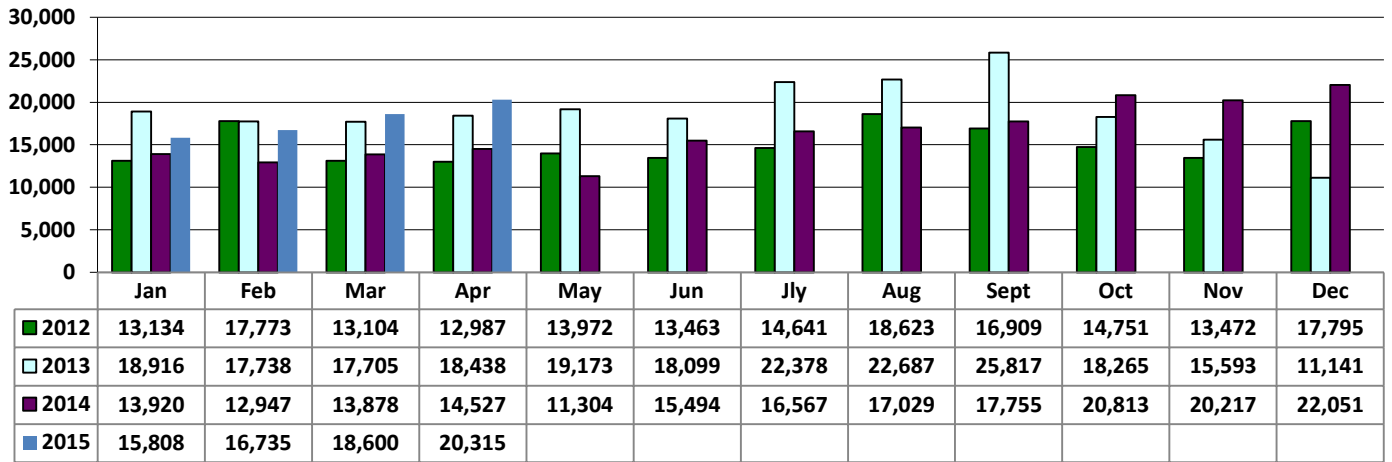
- 1) Be a minimum of eighteen (18) years of age.
- 2) Provide an official transcript for high school or post high school education and training. All GED records must be submitted if applicable.
- 3) Qualify for interview using the NJATC Electrical Trade's Aptitude Test developed and validated by the American Institutes for Research.
- 4) Prior to being indentured, applicants selected from the pool of interviewed applicants will be required to pass a drug screening test and provide a copy of their DMV printout which verifies that they have a valid driver's license.

### **What to Provide When You Make Application:**

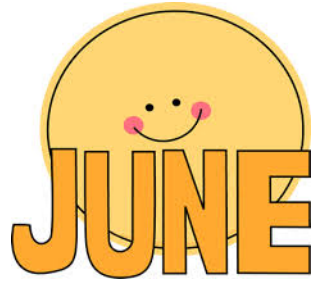
- 1) Complete an application form. Application must be made in person at the JATC office.
- 2) Valid driver's license
- 3) Application Fee of \$25 – payable by check or credit card only (refundable upon completion of the Aptitude Test)
- 4) High School Diploma and/or Certificate of Completion, GED, or two-year Associate Degree or higher
- 5) Sealed, embossed, official transcript showing that you have completed one full year of High School Algebra with a "C" grade or better or one post High School Algebra course with a passing grade of "C" or better. Successful completion of the online NJATC Tech Math class [www.njatc.org/training/online.aspx](http://www.njatc.org/training/online.aspx) will also satisfy this requirement.

*Information may also be found online at [www.tricountyjatc.org](http://www.tricountyjatc.org) and <http://www.calapprenticeship.org/>*

# INSIDE MONTHLY HOURS REPORT



# UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR



June 8-10, 2015

Basic Estimating Class  
Northern California Chapter

June 11, 2015

4:00 Board of Directors Meeting  
6:00 General Membership Meeting  
Bittersweet Bistro  
Aptos, CA

June 21, 2015

Father's Day

July 3, 2015

Independence Day Holiday Observed

July 9-10, 2015

District IX Meeting  
Laguna Beach, CA

National Training Institute

July 25-31, 2015  
University of Michigan

October 3-6, 2015

National Convention and Trade Show  
San Francisco, CA