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A Message from A. C. McAfee BUSINESS MANAGER/FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The Death Benefit Fund is running low on funds and needs your help. If you pay your death benefit assessment either quarterly or yearly, we need you to pay them more often. They should be paid monthly as stated in the Bylaws. This will help us be able to pay the death benefits more timely.

The I.O. will not approve any new Death Benefit Funds, but I have asked them if we can modify ours. We need to put some of the language back in it that was in it previously, but was left out by the IO Trustee who rewrote the Bylaws when we were under IO Trusteeship.

I attended the Tele-data Negotiations in Houston on Wed. April 23, 2008, and the Committee has reached a tentative agreement. There will be a **SPECIAL CALLED MEETING** of the Tele-data members on Tuesday, April 29, 2008 at 5:00 PM, at the North Texas JATC facility, 680 W. Tarrant Rd., Grand Prairie, Texas.

WE URGE THAT YOU ATTEND THIS VERY IMPORTANT MEETING!!!

If you have home email and are still getting a hard copy of the LU Newsletter, you are encouraged to visit the LU website and register for the e-newsletter. You will then be able to get the e-newsletter by email and be taken off the hard copy mailing list. This will save the LU some money. The LU website is ibew20.org

I want to thank the Inside Wireman members for the good job you have been doing in checking dues tickets on the job. This has helped us identify some of the non-members who have not been sent to the LU for processing. Some of the contractors have been doing a good job of sending new hires to the LU for processing before they put them to work. Some others have now started to send them also. We are beginning to file grievances when they don't. Grievances are not popular, but necessary. Keep up the good work!!!

We are going to begin scheduling Code of Excellence classes in the next few weeks. If you have not attended a COE class, then you are encouraged to attend one as soon as possible. Then you will be ready to man a job if one requires COE training. Also, more importantly, we need to practice what the Code of Excellence stands for. We need to be accountable as individuals, and we also need to hold our fellow members accountable, for work ethic, conduct, customer relations, production, etc. We need to prove to our customers why they should hire UNION LABOR! Setting an example is the best way.

The Bar-B-Que that was scheduled for May 6, 2008, prior to the General Membership meeting has been postponed until Tuesday, June 3, 2008. We will have a Bar-B-Que beginning at 5:00 PM prior to the meeting. This will be on the school parking lot and will probably have chicken and sausage but no brisket. These items are fairly quick to cook. Remember, **NO BOOZE** on the school property and please always remember to pick up your own trash.

REMEMBER, BROTHERHOOD DOES NOT JUST HAPPEN. IT IS DEVELOPED BY PRACTICE AND PARTICIPATION.

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PENSION APPLICANTS

We would like to take this opportunity to recognize the members who have applied for or are currently in the process of applying for their Pension applications since January 1, 2008.

Best wishes to each of you and Thank You for your years of service and dedication to the IBEW, and may you all be blessed with many years of good health and happiness throughout your retirement days .

Those members are: Bobby Short, Lloyd Emerine, Billy E. Boedeker, James H. Pustejovsky, Daniel M. Ramirez, Vernon R. Jones, David J. Stone, James E. Crouch, Kendall M. Emmett, Bobby E. Seward, Tommy D. Ward and A. C. Winkles.

POCKET T-SHIRTS

We now have pocket t-shirts available for sale. There are 2 colors to choose from and each color has a different emblem. The navy shirt has IBEW Local Union 20 with a lightning bolt embroidered on it and the black shirts have an outline of the State of Texas with a star and IBEW Local Union 20 embroidered inside the State. The sizes and cost are:

Med—XL - \$16.00
2XL - \$18.50
3X - \$20.00

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

We urge all members to attend the monthly Union Meetings, held on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Apprenticeship School, 680 W. Tarrant Rd., in Grand Prairie.

DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS?

This is just a reminder to all the members who have moved or will be moving or have had any changes in their mailing address, to please call the Local Union Business Office and report this information. If you have not received any mailings from our office in a while, you need to call the Business Office and inquire about it.

SICK AND INJURED

We would like to wish a speedy recovery to those members mentioned below.

David Rains, Leo Danforth, Earl Wynn, Joe Peters, Tommy Marshall and Richard Burt

If there is a member we need to mention on this list, please call the Local Union Business Office.



RETIRED MEMBERS LUNCHEON OF DALLAS AND FORT WORTH

DALLAS RETIRED MEMBERS—The Dallas Retired Members **will continue** to meet at the Dallas Local Union Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at approximately 11:00 AM for great food and fellowship. If you are a retired member and have never attended the monthly luncheon, we encourage you and your spouse or friend to attend. All you need to do is bring a covered dish.

FORT WORTH—The Retired Members will meet at the new location of the 116 Federal Credit Union, located at 603 S. Adams, Fort Worth, Tx. (corner of S. Adams and Pennsylvania), the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 12:00 noon. Come at 11:00 AM if you want to play dominos. Lunch is at Massey's at 1:30 PM. If you need more information, call Tooter Mills at 817-292-9727. If you are ill or need assistance, call Odis Green at 817-448-8697, Richard Fox at 817-378-0212, Tommy Hammer at 817-460-7718 or Jimmy Furr at 817-558-2009.

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We would like to express our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of those members who have recently passed away.

Non-Participant member— Bennie Skains - Passed away 3/1/08— Member 36 yrs.

#317—Rayburne E. Delong— Passed away 4/8/08 - Member 56 yrs.

#318—Roy C. Brown—Passed away 4/8/08—Member 62 yrs.

#319—Curtis A. “Shorty” Leslie, Sr.—Passed away 4/14/08— Member 40 yrs.

#320—Oliver F. Perry—Passed away 4/16/08—Member 56 yrs.

#321—Jack L. Riley—Passed away 4/19/08—Member 57 yrs.

Also, our thoughts and prayers are with those members who have lost a loved one. They are:

Curtis Leslie, Jr., who lost his father, Curtis “Shorty” Leslie, Sr. on April 14, 2008.



HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

IBEW LU #20 - (817) 695-1111 or Toll Free Number—1-877-423-9937
 IBEW LU #20 FCU—(214) 363-9223
 IBEW LU#116 FCU—(817) 335-3658
 IBEW-NECA Southwestern Health & Benefit Fund—(972) 980-1123 or Toll Free 1-800-527-0320
 LINECO Insurance—1-800-323-7268
 Delta Dental—1-800-336-8264
 Apprenticeship School—(972) 266-8383
 Annuity Fund—(972) 943-9559 or toll fee 1-800-535-1624