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**A Message from Karsten Frentrup  
Business Manager/Financial Secretary**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This year has been a good one for the construction department and for the Local Union as a whole. I hope each of you have a safe and enjoyable time this Holiday Season. The Local Union will have Jason's Deli bring some food and snacks on Friday December 21<sup>st</sup>, so please come by (whether you've eaten or not) and enjoy the company our brothers and sisters.

The Office will be open on Christmas Eve, but running on a skeleton crew. We will be doing referrals (if we have any), and should be able to assist you if needed.

The January General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday January 8<sup>th</sup> to avoid conflict with New Years Day. I hope each you will consider starting the New Year by attending a meeting. The Door Prize is growing with each passing month and you can't win if you're not there.

Congratulations to the employees of Cherokee County Cooperative on securing a new one year collective bargaining agreement. Special thanks should go Shane Wright and Kenney Geisleman for their efforts in negotiations.

The Southwestern Health and Benefit Fund sent letters to all active plan participants and retiree participants to inform of the upcoming changes to the inside construction unit's insurance. The letters were sent on December 7, 2012. This letter will detail the changes that will occur as a result of new requirements effective January 1, 2013.

**STEWARD REPORTS:**

The following Stewards were present at the last General Membership Meeting and gave an update of their job:

Michael Bradshaw - Morley/Moss - Verizon - Southlake

Mark Chambers - Fisk Electric - U.T. Southwest

Ronnie Moore - Miller Electric - State Farm

Gus Montoya - Conti - General Motors

Boby High - Morley Moss - InfoMart

Brad Steinsiek - Superior - General Motors

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**DOOR PRIZE**

The card number drawn for the December Meeting Door Prize was **D997682**. **Bro. Michael Kambarn** holds that number, and would have won the **\$180.00** prize if he had been present for meeting and drawing. The January 8<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting door prize will be **\$216.00**.

**2013 TEXAS AFL-CIO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

The 2013 Texas AFL-CIO Scholarship Applications are now available for members or children of members of local unions or children whose legal guardians are members of local unions that are affiliated with the Texas AFL-CIO and the local Central Labor Council. *Applicants must be high school seniors who are planning to attend a university, college or technical institute in the summer or fall term.*

**The postmark deadline for applying is Thursday, January 31, 2013.**

For further information, contact the Central Labor Council or Edward Sills, Texas AFL-CIO Education Dept., at (512) 477-6195 or ed@texasaflcio.org. Applications are also available at the Local Union #20 Bus. Office.

**NORTH TEXAS ELECTRICAL JATC**

The North Texas Electrical Training Center is offering the following classes for Journeyman, Construction Wireman, and Construction Electricians, for the Spring Semester:

-Blueprint Reading/Branch Circuits	-Motor Controls
-Computer: PC Fundamentals (JIW)	-NFPA 70E
-Computer: Intro to Excel (JIW)	-OSHA 10 Hour Class
-Conduit Bending	-Solar Photovoltaic Systems Entry Level Class (JIW)
-Journeyman Code (CE's only)	-Transformers and Motors

Call 972-266-8383 Ext. 101 to put your name on the list. Go to [www.ntejatc.org](http://www.ntejatc.org) for further info

**ELECTRICIANS 2013 CONTINUING EDUCATION** - This class is required by the State of Texas to renew any Electrician License. You can get a registration form at the Electrical Training Center or off the website at [www.ntejatc.org](http://www.ntejatc.org). Don't wait until the month your license expires!! Send your registration today.

**UNION DUES INCREASE**

The Delegates of the 38th International Convention of the IBEW held September 19 -22, 2011, approved an increase of \$1.00 to the Pension Benefit Fund, (code 25 on dues receipt), effective January 1, 2013.

Each "A" member and each "A" member on Participating Withdrawal shall pay monthly to the Pension Benefit Fund \$15.00.

Consequently, if any member pays their dues in advance, they must be charged the appropriate rate.

**APPROVED PENSION APPLICATIONS**

Listed below are the names whose Pension applications were approved at the November and December, 2012 General Membership Meetings.

Larry W. Estes, Joe A. Thomas, Tommy L. Warren, Laran P. Sigler and James M. May

Congratulations and thank you all for your many years of service and dedication to the IBEW. We wish you all many years of good health to enjoy your retirement years.

**RETIRED MEMBERS' LUNCHEON**

**FORT WORTH RETIRED MEMBERS:**

The Fort Worth Retired Members will meet at the IBEW 116 Federal Credit Union, located at 603 S. Adams in Fort Worth, TX. (corner of S. Adams and Pennsylvania), on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 12:00 Noon. Come at 11:00 AM if you want to play dominos. Lunch is at The Rose Bud at 1:30 PM. If you need more information, call Tooter Mills at 817-292-9727.

**DALLAS RETIRED MEMBERS:**

The "Has Been Club" of IBEW Retired Members are meeting at 11:30 AM on the third Wednesday of each month at Los Ranchos Restaurant, at 2224 Gus Thomasson Rd., Dallas, Tx.

For more information, please contact any of the above mentioned Brothers or call or e-mail James Creech at 972-279-7606, e-mail address is: jimdandy602@yahoo.com.

**SICK AND INJURED**

We would like to wish a speedy recovery to those listed on this month's sick and injured list. They are:

Alex Woodard, Rhonda Culpepper, Lank Cole, Richard Pretorius, Bill Dawson and Tony Griffin.

**DECEASED**

We express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of those members we have recently lost. They are:

**DB#460 - Robert L. Ferguson - (FW) - Passed away 10/26/2012 - 55 Year Member**

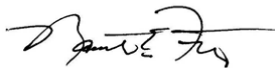
Also, we want to express our sympathy to the members listed below who have lost loved ones.

Anderson Wilburn lost his mother, Little Wilburn, on 11/4/2012.

Roger Livingston lost his father, Dale Livingston, on 11/27/2012.

Greg Padgett lost his Mother-in-Law, Loryce Killgore, on 12/9/2012. Loryce Killgore was also Nathan Padgett's Grandmother and Josh Padgett's Great Grand mother.

Fraternally,



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Bus. Mgr./Fin. Sec.

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*Wishing you and your family  
a joyous Holiday Season  
and a happy and prosperous  
New Year.*

