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A Message from Karsten Frentrup
Business Manager/Financial Secretary

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

August will be a fast pace month. Two contractors have secured work at General Motors and have suggested they will each need between 60 and 100 men from August 11th- August 31st. I want to encourage those who have been off or have been looking for the GM work to start to make sure you are on the books, make sure your license is up to date, your dues are paid, etc., and prepare to help man the work for this very important customer. I am aware we have an extensive network of members who communicate about work across the country, so please spread the word to our traveling brothers and sisters of the upcoming work.

We have refinanced our property loan formerly held by Wells Fargo. The old rate was 5.85% with a 15 year amortization, but subject to refinance after 7 years. The new loan, now held by American National Bank in Dallas, is a 10 year fixed rate of 4.31%. The projected savings (assuming the interest rate on the refinance of the old note would not increase) is at least \$500K. Equally important, our time of exposure is reduced by approx. 3½ years.

Texas State Rep. Marc Veasey visited our Local Union on July 3rd. He shared with the members present his platform and his goals when he is elected to represent Congressional District 33. He will face off against Domingo Garcia in a run-off election to decide who will face the Republican challenger in the General Election. Early voting will run from July 23 – July 27.

I would like to encourage our membership to attend the August general membership meeting. I plan to cover the state of our local union and give members a tracking of our progress over the last several years as well as cover some long term hopes and goals. There will likely be a motion made under new business that will require discussion and a vote.

STEWARDS REPORTS:

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

Mitch Burchfield Conti Electric GM Job

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NORTH TEXAS ELECTRICAL TRAINING CENTER

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

- Advanced Code I (JIW) -Motor Controls
- Blueprint Reading/Branch Circuits-National Electrical Code/Codeology
- Cable Splicing (JIW) -OSHA 10 Hour Course
- Conduit Bending -Selective Supervision I (JIW)
- Journeyman Code Class (CE) -Transformers and Motors

Please call the Electrical Training Center at 972-266-8383 Ext. 101 for more info and to put your name on the list.

DOOR PRIZE

The July Door Prize was won by Tony Lindeman, who donated it to the Good Brotherhood Fund. The Door Prize is a months' Basic Dues.

PENSION APPLICANTS

Listed below are applicants who were approved for their IBEW pension at the July 3, 2012 General Membership meeting.

Navan "Van" Hall, Lee A. Harden and Roger S. Taber

A special "Thank you", to each one for your many years of service and dedication to the IBEW. Best wishes for good health and fortune to enjoy your retirement years.

SICK AND INJURED

To those members listed on this months' sick and injured list, we wish you a speedy and complete recovery.

Frank Loza, Billy R. White, Tommy J. Smith, Kevin Patterson and Al Durant

DEATHS

We would like to express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the members listed below.

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| Non-Participant | Oliver C. Oler | Dallas | Passed away 6/18/12 | Member 43 years. |
| DB#448 | Pedro P. Jaimes | | Passed away 7/2/12 | Member 6 years. |
| DB#449 | William S. Bethune | Dallas | Passed away 7/3/12 | Member 65 years. |

We would also like to send our condolences to our members for their loss of a loved one.

Maurice Oler lost his Brother, Oliver Oler, (mentioned above) on 6/18/2012.

Rusty Mahaffey lost his father, Charles W. Mahaffey on June 23, 2012.

Doug Haley lost his father, William T. Haley on June 9, 2012.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Jonathan and Julissa Mize, on the birth of their daughter, Jillian Milene Mize. Ms. Jilian was born on June 13, 2012, weighing in at 6 lbs. 2.4 oz. and was 18 in. long..

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.

Has Been Club Message

By: James Creech

The June meeting of the "Has Been Club" saw 28 old cougars all talking at once.. Sounded like the tower of Babel. All I could hear and understand was "low battery." The attendees with a passel of new faces were:

Rodger Warren, John Sillman, Sleepy Dillard, James Creech, Charles McClure, Bobby Ayers, Paul Studebaker, Larry Ernst, Keith Ernst, Billy Bateson, Howard Lovelace ,C Felix, Bobby Creech, Shazam, Mark Creech, Don Illingworth, Captain Marvel, Goober Morris, Thomas Murry, Walter Dolehite, Richard Holland, Bill Klassen, Tommy Wilcoxon, Mike Creech, Ray Walker, Jesse Harrison, Robert Dobbs, Alan Head, Tony Loria, Dennis Rook, Jerald McCord and Lee Loza.

We missed Big Ed Basye's job report. Creech was up at Cumby.

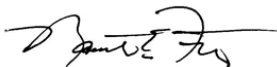
For more information, please contact any of the above mentioned Brothers or call or e-mail James Creech at 972-279-7606, e-mail address is: jimdandy602@yahoo.com.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The next General Membership meeting will be on Tuesday, August 7, 2012 at 7:00, at the IBEW LU#20 facility, located at 684 W. Tarrant Rd., Grand Prairie, Tx.75050.

We encourage every member to attend and get involved with your Union.

Fraternally,



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