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A Message from A. C. McAfee
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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Nominations for officers of IBEW Local Union 20 were made at the General Membership meeting on May 5, 2009. Please take the time to vote for the candidate(s) of your choice. Your vote is very important to the Local Union. **REMEMBER, THE BALLOTS HAVE TO BE RECEIVED BY THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS (4:30 PM) ON JUNE 10, 2009.**

STEWARD REPORTS

The following Stewards attended the last union meeting and gave a short report on the status of their job:

Goober Morris – Angiel Electric – VA Hospital job
James Collins – Alman Electric – DFW Airport
Stan Tabor – Angiel Electric – XTO Building in downtown FW
Terry Aycock – Miller Electric – Verizon job in Southlake
David Manhard – reported on an upcoming teledata job in Beaumont and reminded members' to re-sign the books.

DOOR PRIZE: The monthly door prize was won by **CURTIS LESLIE JR.** who donated it to the Good Brotherhood Fund.

FUNERALS: The Local Union Staff attend numerous family viewings and funerals of members who have passed away. It is requested that more members attend these same type functions. The Local Union always sends flowers to the funeral of all members.

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IBEW-NECA SOUTHWESTERN HEALTH AND BENEFIT FUND

The Southwestern Health Trustees, at their meeting on April 15, 2009, made several decisions that affect our insurance. The five month hour bank was maintained. Health Reimbursement Accounts (HRA) requests no longer need to include an official SWHB Explanation of Benefits (EOB) form. The 65% federal subsidy on COBRA premium payments will be issued to qualified participants with their June payments. If you have exhausted your hour bank and are or will be utilizing COBRA to maintain your coverage, call the Benefit Office at 972-980-1123 to see if you qualify for federal subsidy money. (con't. pg. 2)

SOUTHWESTERN HEALTH AND BENEFIT FUND (con't. from pg. 1)

I have asked the Trustees to adopt a method that will allow a member who is working in another jurisdiction that contributes more than our contribution rate to have the "overage amount" to be credited to their HRA. The money would follow the man and he would be credited with the entire amount of the contribution. The Trustees have taken this proposal under advisement, are doing some research, and will report at the next meeting on July 15, 2009.

BONDED LIGHTNING

A few weeks ago we completed negotiations of a new agreement with Bonded Lightning. This agreement is not just for Local Union 20, but is also for Oklahoma City, New Orleans, Austin, San Antonio, Houston, and Mobile, AL. All of the negotiating is done by Local 20. As a result of this contract, we were able to organize 60 new members into the IBEW.

BLOOD DRIVE

Carter Blood Care has scheduled a blood drive for Tuesday, June 2, 2009 from 1:00 PM—7:00 PM at the North Texas JATC facility, in the large classroom, for those of you who would like to donate blood.

If you are able to donate blood, we encourage you to do so.

Contact Kim Allen @ 972-266-8383 for information.

RETIRED MEMBERS LUNCHEON OF DALLAS AND FORT WORTH

DALLAS RETIRED MEMBERS

The Dallas Retired Members **will meet at Dickey's BBQ Restaurant**, located at 7770 Forest Lane, Dallas, Tx. 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.

FORT WORTH RETIRED MEMBERS

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 1st 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.

MEMBERS CURRENT INFORMATION

With the Local Union 20 elections just around the corner, you need to make sure that your current mailing address is up to date with the Local Union Business Office. We still receive a high volume of return mail each month due to insufficient or incomplete addresses, or no forwarding address at all.

It is each members responsibility to keep his/her information current with the Local Union Business Office.

PENSION APPLICANTS

Listed below are members who have recently applied for their pensions. We want to say “thank you” for your years of service and dedication to the IBEW.

Stephen Forbes and Terry Hoy

BIRTHS

Congratulations to Dobe and Crystal Lanphier on the birth of their daughter, Savanah. Little Miss Savanah was born on May 5, 2009 and weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz..

SICK AND INJURED

None reported as of this writing.

DECEASED MEMBERS

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friends of those member(s) listed below that we have recently lost.

DB# 353 - Price O. Warwick, Sr. - Passed away on 4/11/09. He was a member for 45 years.

DB# 354 - Jesse C. Wilkinson - Passed away on 4/12/09. He was a member for 53 years.

DB# 355 - L. B. Irvin - Passed away on 4/19/09. He was a member for 70 years.

DB# 356 - Henry E. Worsham - Passed away on 4/22/09. He was a member for 50 years.

DB# 357 - Matthew F. Bishop - Passed away on 5/5/09. He was a member for 13 years.

DB# 358 - David M. Rains - Passed away on 5/5/09. He was a member for 15 years.

Also, we want to remember our members who have lost loved ones. They are:

Homer Payne lost his wife, Glynda L. Moody, on March 27, 2009.

If you know any of those mentioned or the families of those members we have lost, please take time to acknowledge their loss.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The next General Membership Meeting will be June 2, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the North Texas Electrical JATC facility located at 680 W. Tarrant Rd., Grand Prairie, Tx.

We encourage each member to attend these monthly meetings so you will be informed of the Local Union’s business.

