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

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On Wednesday, October 17, 2012, the Southwestern Health and Benefit Committee heard our request for changes to be made to the Sub-plans. The research supplied to the Committee showed the Sub-plans to be lacking, focusing primarily on the user's limited ability to make to use of the plan due to the stringent monthly hours requirement. After some discussion, a motion was made and seconded to create a modified hours-bank system for the sub-plans and the motion passed unanimously. This newly created hours-bank will correct the issue of Inside Construction Apprentices losing their insurance due to hours lost while attending classes. This decision affects not only Local Union 20 but will benefit the many hundreds of Sub-plan users across the 7<sup>th</sup> District. I would like to thank Bro. Damian Cairns for the time and effort he donated to this cause.

Congratulations to the employees at MUZAK, LLC. Their contract was ratified on October 5<sup>th</sup>. All of the members of the unit exemplified solidarity and brotherhood. I would especially like to thank Tim Redden of Dallas and Darren Knight of Houston for the hard work and time they gave to the effort.

State Senator Wendy Davis took time from her busy campaign schedule to meet with me. She is running for re-election in an effort to continue representing the families of District



L-R: Rep. Wendy Davis and Business Manager, Karsten Frentrup

10. Her and her staff were very welcoming during my October 23rd visit. I have confidence that when she is re-elected she will continue to show the same steadfast approach we have come to expect with her leadership. She will need our support on election day.

Do not forget to vote on Tuesday, November 6th, 2012.

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The Annuity Fund Office issued a report which showed just over 1800 participants in the plan, that do not have current addresses on file. I'm sure some of those are Local 20 members. If you are not receiving your statement in June or July of each calendar year, it is due to this lack of information. There are two ways to update your information with the Annuity Fund Office. One, you can call them at 972-943-9559 (or toll free at 1-800-535-1624), and request a card to update all your information. Or, you can write the Annuity Fund Office at Administrative Manager, PO BOX 860007, Plano, TX 75086-0007, providing the updated address and a signature. Do not expect them to change your address over the phone. It is required to be submitted in writing. I suggest requesting the card – this method will afford the opportunity to update beneficiary information as well.

**STEWARD REPORTS:**

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

Ricky Carter	Conti Electric	General Motors
Greg Treadwell	Superior	G. M. Night Shift
Richard Hatfield	Superior	G. M. Day Shift
Tony Griffin	Fisk Electric	U. T. Southwest
Michael Bradshaw	Morley/Moss	Verizon - Southlake

**DOOR PRIZE:**

The card number drawn for the October Meeting Door Prize was **D950023**. **Bro. Terry Aycock** holds that number, and would have won the \$108.00 prize if he had been present for meeting and drawing. The November 13<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting door prize will be \$144.00.

Each month the new members' card numbers will be added to the box from which the cards are drawn making them eligible the month after they are sworn in. The box containing all the card numbers for the drawing will be purged once or twice annually and new cards will be printed and placed in box. This process will remove the card numbers of those who have retired and those who have dropped out. Should one of these ineligible card numbers be drawn, it will be discarded.

**NOVEMBER, 2012 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:**

The next Local Union 20 General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13th, due to national elections occurring on the first Tuesday.

**2012 ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET**

The 2012 Annual Awards Banquet was held on October 13, 2012, with approximately 175 people in attendance.

To all those who were able to attend the banquet, we hope you enjoyed yourselves and enjoyed the fellowship with other Brothers and Sisters.

To those who were not able to attend, you were certainly missed and we hope you will be able to attend next year.

Coburn's BBQ, of Fort Worth, catered this years event. They continue to be partners and friends of union labor.

Within the next few weeks, we will be sending out the certificates, pins and watches to those who were not able to attend this years banquet.

**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.

**"Has Been Club" News**

By Charles Creech, Retiree

**September, 2012 Meeting:**

The "Has Been Club" for September saw a great number of Has Been's present. Charles McClure won the door prize of \$100.00, which he gave to the Obama Campaign Fund. Others trying to win were: Jerry Southerland, Jerald McCord, Dennis Rook, Lee Loza, Rodger Warren, Paul Studebaker (in his Chevrolet), Don Illingworth, Charles Creech, Sleepy Dillard, Walter Dolehite, Richard Covington, Bob Ayers, James Creech, Rosy the Riveter, Tom Randolph, Tony Loria, Jimmy Ray Miramontes, Glenn DeWitt, Denver Roach, Jesse Harrison, Tommy Wilcoxon, Richard Holland, Goober Morris and Thomas Murry. Thomas Murry brought some awards party pictures made in about 1966. We all had a good time trying to figure out who was who. One had Gene Fain, Jeff Rogers, Jimmy Smith and Randy Harrell. Guess who I saw walking Doris Day's dog? Non other than the Herschel Day.

**October, 2012 Meeting:**

20 or 30 souls fought the urge to go fishing and instead braved the beautiful weather to come to the "Has Been's" meeting. Leonard Lynch, our Ambassador from Texarkana, gave a good job report. Big Ed Basye gave his Cumby, Tx. job report. Not to be out done, Don Illingworth gave his job report from Cross Plains, Tx. George Taylor, Sr., from Quinlan, Tx. gave a report on those contrails we are seeing in the heavens. George says they are from aero planes dropping nitrate isotopes at 34,000 feet to influence our weather. Goober Morris said it must be working because he had 6" of rain a few weeks ago. Jerry Southerland said, "That would figure out to be an inch of rain for every mile high the drop was made." Dennis Rook chimed in with, "If they would fly twice as high, we could get a food of rain." Dwight Rathmell, our Rockwall County Ambassador, urged everyone to install a whole house surge protector on their home electrical service. Gerald McCord, Walter Dolehite, Jesse Harrison, Alton Fry, Ray Walker, Bill Klassen, Bobby Ayers, Alan Head, Charles McClure, Sleepy Dillard and Thomas Murry had equally profound ideas and statements to add

**APPROVED PENSION APPLICATIONS**

Pension applications approved at the October 2, 2012 meeting were: Larry Billman, William E. Alexander and Denzel Ledgerwood, Jr.

We thank each of your for your many years of service and dedication to the IBEW and wish you all the best, to enjoy your retirement years.

**SICK AND INJURED**

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

Callie W. Smith, William Riggs, Tooter Mills, Ross Norcross, Frank Loza, Lee Loza and Byron Brown

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

Congratulations to Jacob and Joni Minter, who are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Harvey Raine Minter, who was born on October 11, 2012, weighing 7lbs. 13 oz. and was 20¾ in long.

**DECEASED**

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friends of those members we have recently lost. They are:

**DB# 458** Kenneth Bolton, (Fort Worth), Passed away on 10/02/2012. He was a member 55 years.

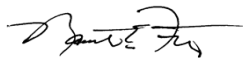
**DB# 459** James H. Haney, (Fort Worth), Passed away on 10/05/2012. He was a member 53 years.

Also, we would like to express our sympathy to the members listed below for their recent loss.

Joe Neff, lost his mother, Pauline Neff, on 9/24/2012.

Floyd and John McKanna, lost their mother, Sue McKanna on 10/2/2012.

Fraternally,



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