

# Ninth News

A Newsletter for Retirees and Spouses  
In the IBEW Ninth District Retiree Clubs

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Ken Rawles, editor



WELCOME all 39 California IBEW Ninth District Locals, and their Retirees

IBEW 9<sup>th</sup> District has set as a priority to support CARA (California Alliance of Retired Americans). We have in the past sent out a joint IBEW & CARA letter to every IBEW LU in California asking for support, and hope to again in 2015 for CARA

[www.californiaalliance.org](http://www.californiaalliance.org)

I want to personally thank all the 39 IBEW Business Mgrs and staff of the locals in California for your great accomplishments in 2014 on behalf of the IBEW Ninth District, CARA, and working families , and especially for your support of your retirees . Keep up the great job into the new year 2015! Ken

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## **INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS**



*Our cause is the  
cause of human  
justice, human rights, human  
security. We refuse, and will  
always refuse, to condone or  
tolerate dictatorship or oppression  
of any kind.*

*We will find and expel from our  
midst any who might attempt to  
destroy, by subversion, all that we  
stand for. This Brotherhood will  
continue to oppose communism,  
Nazism or any other subversive  
"ism." We will support our God,  
our Nations, our Union.*

**FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK**

Welcome all IBEW Ninth district  
California locals & retirees.

## HAPPY New Year and 2015

I am sorry for the delay after a busy December with our family. I hope you all had a great holiday season!

The Elections are over and WE have a lot of work to do in 2015 where the GOP now has control of both houses. Labor and CARA will have to work very hard together to continue our fight for working families and labor and seniors in 2015.

Some of the GOP proposals to date are to go to a voucher system and raise the age to qualify for benefits, and even tax us on our plan.

CARA has started our first campaign for 2015.

**“TAKE ACTION to PROTECT and EXPAND MEDICARE TODAY!”**

CARA sent out to all our affiliates forms with 4 post cards to be filled out and sent into the CARA office for in person delivery to Senator Feinstein, Senator Boxer, President Obama, and your district Congressman of your district. Please do not cut the cards and leave them in tact so the office can get them ready for delivery.

You can also download the campaign forms at the CARA web page.

[www.californiaalliance.org](http://www.californiaalliance.org)

CARA is in our 12<sup>th</sup> year! I am very excited about the upcoming year 2015!

I want to again thank all of you IBEW California locals who have supported CARA for the last 12 years!

We had 3 regional conferences Richmond, Fresno, and Buena Park. They were ALL a great success and we voted on our goals for 2015. Next year will be our 2 year constitutional convention and will be held in Southern California.

We had Tom Bird IBEW 1245 retiree from Nevada Alliance for Retired Americans join us and will take back home some of our ideas. Tom will be serving as

President of NARA. CARA and NARA work together when we can.

A special thanks again to the following locals; who in 2014 supported CARA and without your support we could not have accomplished our goals.

Let us make 2015 a monumental year against the attacks on Medicare and Social security and Medicaid.

**A BIG THANK YOU to ALL!**

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**CARA AFFILIATES**

**IBEW lu 6**

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**IBEW Lu 180 Retirees Club**

**IBEW Lu 234**

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**IBEW Lu 428**

**IBEW Lu 477**

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**IBEW Lu 617 Retired Members**

**IBEW Lu 639**

**IBEW Lu 639 Retirees Club**

**IBEW Lu 1245**

**IBEW 1245 Retirees Club**

**IBEW Lu 2376**

Thanks again to you ALL for supporting CARA. I hope that 2015 will bring you on board as a new CARA affiliate if you are not presently an affiliate. CARA needs you! All 39 IBEW California locals.

CARA has 19 CARA ACTION TEAMS (CATs) throughout California. Please feel free to join a local CAT near you. You can check out our web site for detailed information on the locations of our CATS. [www.californiaalliance.org](http://www.californiaalliance.org)

Please continue to support CARA for our continual fight for seniors and labor bills that need to be fought in Sacramento.

Ken Rawles editor Ninth News

Thank you all for your input into the Ninth News! Please give me more lead time for any input of articles you want included.

Thank you for all your financial and physical support in 2014 to CARA. Looking forward to 2015. This will be my 6<sup>th</sup> year as Ninth News editor – hard to believe it. The next issue will be in January of next year as the Ninth News is now a bi-monthly news letter. Thanks Ken Rawles Have a great and Healthy NEW YEAR.

Please send me your email address if you are not receiving the Ninth News.

Please attend one of the CAT meetings in your area.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions? [redmtnman@yahoo.com](mailto:redmtnman@yahoo.com) 707-546-3427

Please find out the location of your local CAT (CARA ACTION TEAM) on our website, as well as all the issues that we are fighting for. [www.californiaalliance.org](http://www.californiaalliance.org) & NARA (Nevada Alliance of Retired Americans) will continue in their efforts to look out for seniors and retirees.

CARA and NARA have great web sites that will show you the Labor and Senior side of the issues on the ballot measure. ARA (Alliance of Retired Americans) our National organization will show the

National bills that effect Labor and Senior's issues .

I would like to again encourage you to send me your Local and Retiree's Club activities that you would like to see posted on the upcoming Ninth Newsletters. I need your help in sending me your local, and retirees activities.

For those locals that do not have a retirees club you can get help from the Ninth District office of our new IBEW Ninth district vice president John O'Rourke replacing Mike Mowrey who retired this month . You can find out how to get an IBEW chartered retirees club going . There are many benefits of having a retirees club.

I hope you all have a Long, Safe, Healthy and Happy Retirement.

Ken Rawles Sr. editor Ninth News Santa Rosa , Ca. [redmtnman@yahoo.com](mailto:redmtnman@yahoo.com) 707-546-3427 please contact me for any questions, or input information about your retirees club activities you would like posted in the Ninth News.

#### GUEST EDITORIAL

This article copied from the IBEW 1245 Website Ken Rawles

## Fred Ross Sr Inducted Into California Hall of Fame

October 8, 2014



**Fred Ross Jr (center) accepts the award on his father's behalf from Gov. Jerry Brown and his wife, Anne Gust Brown. Photo by Peter A. Williams. © The California Museum**

Renowned union organizer and activist Fred Ross Sr was posthumously inducted into the California Hall of Fame on October 1. The Hall of Fame honors “legendary people who embody California’s innovative spirit and have made their mark on history.” Ross was just one of the many notable Californians inducted that evening, along with Kareem Abdul-Jabar, Charlotta Bass, Francis Ford Coppola, Joan Didion, Jimmy Iovine, Stephen Schneider, Mimi Silbert and Andre “Dr. Dre” Young.

Considered one of the trailblazers of the modern American Labor Movement, Ross began his storied career organizing “Dust Bowl” refugees in California’s migratory worker camps in the 1930s. During World War II, Ross worked to combat prejudice against Japanese Americans and help them find jobs and housing upon their release from the internment camps. After the war, in the face of Ku Klux Klan activity, Ross organized eight Civic Unity Leagues in California’s Citrus Belt, bringing Mexican Americans and African Americans together to battle segregation in schools, skating rinks and movie theaters. One of the most dramatic outcomes of his work in Orange County occurred when parents sued the School Districts and prevailed. (Mendez et al vs. Westminster School District, et al.),

creating the legal precedent and laying the foundation for the landmark Brown vs. the Board of Education decision.



**From left: Fred Ross Jr with sister Julia Ross, labor leader Dolores Huerta and brother Bob Ross, in front of the Fred Ross Sr exhibit at the California Museum. Photo by Peter A. Williams. © The California Museum**

In the 1950s, Ross met César Chávez, Dolores Huerta and Gilbert Padilla and recruited them to the Community Service Organization (CSO). Together with other CSO leaders across California and Arizona, they successfully overcame voter suppression efforts and passed landmark legislation on behalf of immigrants, notwithstanding the pervasive climate of fear characteristic of the McCarthy era.

In 1966, Chávez tapped Ross to become the full-time organizing director for the United Farmworkers, where he trained and mentored thousands of union organizers and future leaders, including his son, Fred Ross Jr. He also worked closely with IBEW 1245 Business Manager Tom Dalzell.

“In my eight years with the UFW legal department, I observed Fred Ross Sr’s leadership on the front lines of strikes and during the historic grape boycott,” said Dalzell. “Perhaps his most lasting impact from the farm worker days is still being felt here at Local 1245 and across the labor movement through the work of the organizers he trained.”



**The Ross family with Dolores Huerta and Arturo Rodriguez**

At the Hall of Fame ceremony, IBEW 1245 Organizer Fred Ross Jr, accepted the *Spirit of California* medal on his father’s behalf from Governor Jerry Brown and First Lady Anne Gust Brown.

Emerson Wilkens, nephew of posthumous inductee and pioneering African American civil rights activist Charlotta Bass, introduced Ross at the ceremony and had this to say about his legacy:

*It’s a strange measure of success to remain anonymous, but for Fred Ross, being in the background was proof of his great accomplishments. Fred once said: “An organizer is a leader who does not lead but gets behind the people and pushes.” He was so effective at pushing*

*other people out in front of him, that he pushed himself right out of most history books. But where we see a better, more equal, more compassionate society, we see Fred’s work.*

*He spent his life grappling with the most important issues of the day. He sang songs with Woody Guthrie and strategized with Saul Alinsky, tossed out racist politicians and helped build the most powerful Mexican American organization in the country. Fred was also an early gender progressive who cultivated and trained a generation of female leaders and activists. He was clearly among the most influential American organizers of the 20th century, and his legacy of social justice continues to grow.*



**The Hall of Fame inductees. Photo by Peter A. Williams. © The California Museum**

I Have a request from you. Please send me your retirees club activities and photos so I can share them with all of us.  
Ken

**This Ninth News Focus IBEW LU  
IBEW 6 John J. Doherty BM/FS:**

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Monthly Retirees Humor



**Have a great Fall and Winter! Spend time with your families! Ken**

**Next Ninth News issue Focus  
IBEW lu 11**

**“VLADIMIR PUTIN” announced he’s abolishing daylight savings time. He said h doesn’t want to set clocks back. I will say this: He’s done a pretty good job of setting the Russian Calender back – to about 1983”**

**“THEY CALL IT a family tree because if you look long enough you will always find some sap in it.”**

**IBEW 1245 Retirees Clubs meetings**

**Please let me know about any upcoming activites your local retirees club is planning..**

Please visit any of your local retirees club meetings and join the great fellowship with your union brothers and sisters.

I will attempt to visit as many Northern California Locals as I can. I am doing this on my own so I may not be able to visit everyone of your retirees club meetings.

Keep up the great Job Ken Rawles

**Carson City , NV**

**Jim Pursel chairman**

**Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday , 9 a.m.**

**At Grandma Hatties Resturant located at 2811 S. Carson Street, Carson City , NV**

**Good Luck ! Ken Rawles**

**East Bay Chapter**

Meets 2nd Thursday each month,  
10 a.m., at IBEW Local 595,  
6250 Village Parkway,  
Dublin. Note\* New Chairman Mel  
Hambrick

**San Jose Chapter:**

Meets 1st Thursday each month,  
  
10 a.m., at IBEW Local 332,  
2125 Canoas Garden,  
San Jose.

**Vacaville/Sacramento Chapter:**

Meets 2nd Wednesday every other

month , Jan.-Mar.-May.-July-Set.-Nov.

2010 see IBEW 1245 web site

10 a.m., at Weakley Hall,  
30 Orange Tree Circle,  
Vacaville.

**North Bay Chapter:**

Meets 1st Tuesday each month,  
10 a.m., at COCO's Restaurant,  
1501 Farmers Lane,  
Santa Rosa.

**Merced Chapter:**

Meets 1st Tuesday each month, 10 a.m.,  
at Merced Senior Community Center,  
755 W. 15th St.,  
Merced.

**Carson City Chapter**

Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday each month 9:00am  
Grandma Hattie's Restaurant  
2811 S. Carson st.  
Carson City , NV.

**Reno/Sparks Chapter:**

(shown above) Meets 3d Wednesday  
each month, 8:30 a.m., at Denny's  
Restaurant,  
205 E. Nugget Ave,  
Sparks, NV.

**Yerrington , NV Chapter**

Meets second Tuesday each month ,  
11:30 am at Dini's Casino , Yerrington ,  
NV

Winnemucca , NV Chapter  
Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday each month  
Round Table Pizza1043 w. 4<sup>th</sup> st.  
Winnemucca , NV

Oakland , Ca. lu 2131 ( Merged with IBEW  
1245 )\*\*\*\*\*  
Riverside , Ca., lu 440  
Roseville, Ca. lu 1682  
Sacramento , Ca. lu 340 Retirees club  
Sacramento , Ca. lu 800  
San Bernardino , Ca. lu 477 Retirees club  
San Bernardino , Ca. lu 543  
San Diego , Ca. lu 465  
San Diego , Ca. lu 569 Retirees club  
San Francisco , Ca. lu 6 Retirees club  
San Francisco , Ca. lu 1269  
San Jacinto , Ca. lu 1436  
San Jose , Ca. lu 332 Retirees club  
San Luis Obispo , Ca. lu 639 Retirees  
San Mateo , Ca. lu 617 Retirees club  
Santa Ana , Ca. lu 441  
Santa Barbara , Ca. lu 413 Retirees club  
Santa Rosa , Ca. lu 551 Retirees club  
Vacaville , Ca. lu 1245 Retirees clubs  
Vallejo , Ca. lu 180 Retirees club  
Vallejo , Ca. lu 2376  
Ventura ,Ca. lu 952

#### Ninth District California Locals

Please let me know if you have a retirees club in your local so I can update this list. The goal is to have as many retirees clubs as possible . Thanks Ken

Bakersfield , Ca. lu 428  
Barstow , Ca. lu 1023  
Castroville , Ca. lu 234  
Diamond Bar ,Ca. lu 47 Retirees  
Dublin , Ca. 595 Retirees club  
Fresno , Ca. lu 100  
Hollywood , Ca. lu 40  
Hollywood , Ca. lu 45  
Los Angeles , Ca. lu 11 Retirees club  
Los Angeles , Ca. lu 18 Retirees club  
Los Angeles ,Ca. lu 889  
Los Angeles , Ca. lu 946  
Los Angeles , Ca. lu 1710  
Los Angeles , Ca. lu 2139  
Los Angeles , Ca. lu 2295  
Martinez , Ca. lu 302 Retirees club  
Modesto , Ca. lu 684  
Oakland , Ca. lu 360

#### IBEW Lingo :

Questions come up as to what the meanings of the symbols for Trade Classifications in the Local Union Directory “Tramp Books “ here they are :  
**IBEW Trade Classification Symbols :**

(as) Alarm and Signal  
(ars) Atomic Research Service  
(bo) Bridge Operators  
(cs) Cable Splicers  
(catv) Cable Television  
( c ) Communications  
(cr) Cranemen  
(es) Electric Signs  
(ees) Electrical Equipment Services  
(ei) Electrical Inspection  
(em) Electrical Manufacturing  
(et) Electrical Technicians  
(fm) Fixture Manufacturing  
(govt) Government  
( I ) Inside



**(it) Instrument Technician**  
**(lctt) Line Clearance Tree trimming**  
**(lpt) Lighting Protection Technicians**  
**(mt) Maintenance**  
**(mo) Maintenance and Operation**  
**(mow) Manufacturing Office Workers**  
**(mar) Marine**  
**(mps) Motion Picture Studios**  
**(nst) Nuclear Service Technician**  
**( o ) Outside**  
**( p ) Powerhouse**  
**(pet) Professional Engineers and Technicians**  
**continued :**  
**(ptc) Professional Technical and Clerical**  
**(rtb) Radio – Television Broadcasting**  
**(rtm) Radio – Television Manufacturing**  
**( rts) Radio – Television Service**  
**(rr) Railroad**  
**(so) Service Operation**  
**( s ) Shopmen**  
**(se) Sign Erectors**  
**(spa) Sound and Public Address**  
**(st) Sound Technicians**  
**( t ) Telephone**  
**( u ) Utility**  
**(uow) Utility Office Workers**  
**(ws) Warehouse and Supply**