

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 9th 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

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I want to personally thank all 39 IBEW California locals and business managers and staff for all you do for CARA and working families and retirees and seniors. Keep up the great job you do and thanks Ken Rawles

**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.

Are you getting ready for Spring?

The blossoms are out and the weather is warming up – we still need more rain as well as snow in the mountains though.

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 Medicare proposals to date are to go to a voucher system and raise the age to qualify for benefits , and even tax us on our medical plans.

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 and were delivered in person to Senator Feinstein , Senator Boxer , President Obama , and your district Congressman of your district. Please continue to turn in your post cards to the CARA office so we can use them this summer also.

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

www.californiaalliance.org

CARA is in our 12th 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 will be having our constitutional convention this October in Ontario , Ca. – more to come .

We now have Tom Bird IBEW 1245 retiree serving as the new NARA President for the Nevada Alliance for Retired . CARA and NARA will be working together where we can.

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

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 6th year as Ninth News editor – hard to believe it. The next issue will be in May and June as the Ninth News is now a bi-monthly news letter. The IBEW 1245 web site now has the Ninth News posted on it under the retirees section. Thanks Ken Rawles . Have a great and Healthy 2015.

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 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 & 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
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 .
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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

From: Tbird15345@aol.com [<mailto:Tbird15345@aol.com>]

Sent: Saturday, February 21, 2015 9:03 PM

To: tbird15345@aol.com

Subject: 114th Contress update! Hold

Under the new 114th Congress, retirees issues are once again under attack from many directions including proposed trade agreements, Social Security and Medicare," said Richard Fiesta, executive director of the Alliance for Retired Americans. "Social Security and Medicare belong to the people who have worked their entire lives to contribute and sustain the programs. Social Security is not responsible for the federal deficit and cutting it will not resolve America's budgetary problems."

The retirees are deeply concerned about the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade agreement and the Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) proposal, also known as "fast track." TPP has provisions that would impact prescription drug pricing, including patent extensions for biologics and medical devices. In addition, TPP could interfere with the government's ability to list and price prescription drugs and would allow pharmaceutical companies to challenge drug prices in public programs such as Medicare, Medicaid and the Veterans Administration. The Alliance is urging members to oppose the TPA, which is likely to be voted on by the Senate first. Also concerning Alliance members are new rules for governing passed by the House Republicans,

which included a provision prohibiting members from offering proposals to reallocate funds to the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) fund. Without reallocation – which has been done 11 times in the past under both Republican and Democratic administrations - the SSDI program will become insolvent in 2016 and disabled beneficiaries will see a 20% cut in their benefits. Legislation is also expected to create a Social Security Commission, which would recommend cuts to the program that provides the majority of retirement income to 65% of seniors. Retirees are responding that Social Security should not be discussed in the context of the deficit. **It is a self-funded program that Congress should strengthen and expand.**

This year is the 50th Anniversary of the Medicare program, and retirees are also reminding members of Congress of the continued importance of the program. National health expenditures grew at an annual rate of 3.7% in 2012, marking the fourth consecutive year of low growth. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) projects that the slowdown in the growth of Medicare spending will likely continue for the next 25 years.

Still, many in Congress continue to call for Medicare benefit cuts. These include turning Medicare into a voucher program, raising the age of eligibility, means testing benefits, requiring home health co-pays, limiting Medigap coverage and restructuring or redesigning Medicare. Unfortunately, these Medicare cuts would do nothing to reduce the cost of health care, but instead, shift costs on to beneficiaries.

We will have a busy year ahead of us! Don't forget we have the 2015 Legislative Conference in Washington DC July 7th through 10th.

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NARA President
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<http://nevadaretiredamericans.org/>

Thank You Tom Ken Rawles

Ken Rawles

IBEW 1245 Retirees Attend Nevada AFL- CIO Legislative Training

February 9, 2015

IBEW 1245 Retiree Club members attended the first of several 2015 Legislative Training sessions provided by the Nevada AFL-CIO at the Northern Nevada Labor Temple in Sparks, Nevada on January 29, 2015. These trainings will be provided in both southern and northern Nevada to all affiliated members and will be most helpful to our brothers and sisters for future legislation affecting labor and seniors in Nevada and our nation.

-Tom "T" Bird, NARA President



**Tom Bird, NARA President, Ron Borst
Reno/Sparks IBEW 1245 Retiree
Chapter President, Rita Weisshaar VP
NARA (IBEW), Priscilla Mahoney
Nevada AFSCME Lobbyist, Vickiie
Borst, Reno/Sparks IBEW 1245
Chapter member, and Danny
Thompson, Nevada AFL-CIO**

Executive Secretary- Treasurer.

Photo credit: Sue Bird, Yerington

IBEW 1245 Retiree Chapter member.

This was copied from the IBEW 1245
website Ken Rawles

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 11 Marvin P. Kropke BM/FS:**

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**This is a very active
local and one of the
first locals!**

**They have an active
retirees club. Ken**

Monthly Retirees Humor



Marriage

A woman marries a man expecting he will change , but he doesn't

A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change , but she does.

IBEW 1245 Retirees Clubs meetings

Please let me know about any upcoming activities 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 4th 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

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 4th 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 4th Wednesday each month
Round Table Pizza1043 w. 4th st.
Winnemucca , NV

- 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
- 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**

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