

# Ninth News

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

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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)

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I want to personally thank all of the IBEW locals that have continued to support CARA

Thank you 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 Summer?**

We did not get the rain fall or snow that we need and are still experiencing a severe drought in California and Nevada. 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](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 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](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 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](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

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

Bill Wallace  
Californian Alliance for Retired Americans, Vice President  
representing The Retired Public Employees Association

The California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA) is a statewide nonprofit organization that unites retired workers and community groups to win social and economic justice, full civil rights and a better, more secure future for ourselves, our families and future generations. CARA's purpose and goal is to educate and inform its' membership, the public, and elected officials about issues that affect the well being of California's older citizens.

The CARA Action Team (CAT) is the heart of CARA's local efforts. We share important information on key CARA issues and plan our local strategies. Most of the CARA

Action Teams (CATS) have regular monthly meeting dates and locations. CARA is the vehicle and CARA members are the drivers that determine the issues to be addressed. While the CAT meetings are primarily action minded, they are also socially orientated. You are invited to join with the CARA CAT members in your location to work towards resolving the important issues of today.

An affiliation of your local group with CARA could help both organizations. First, it could increase the involvement of your members in local and state issues, and as a result, strengthen their overall efforts. Second, with your involvement, you would become aware of the media distortions of Social Security and Medicare. A third strategy could be to focus on important local issues through the involvement of your members with CARA Action Teams (CAT). I feel strongly that the combined efforts would enhance the goals of your group.

CARA's Lobby Day is an annual event that puts CARA members in a meeting with their federal and state legislators. It is important to note that CARA

does not endorse candidates, we deal only with issues concerning the security of seniors. However, Lobby Day does provide the opportunity for constituents to speak directly to their legislators and inform them of legislation and government programs that are important to seniors. By talking directly to your legislators, you will know where they stand on issues important to you as a senior. This year it will be at Sacramento on May 21st and we hope you will join with us. In 2016, we will be going to the district office of each legislator. Lobby Day is one of many times we work to educate our legislators.

The new Congress will be considering massive cuts and changes to the Medicare program, in total disregard of the fact that 70 to 80 percent of Americans want the programs strengthened. Some of the changes include raising the eligibility age, taxing Medicare benefits, and turning Medicare into a Voucher Program. We must let our Congressional members, U.S. Senators and the President know that these changes are unacceptable and that Medicare should be protected

and expanded to cover everyone. To further this effort, we collected thousands of postcards from citizens throughout California that we delivered to our State and Federal Legislators.

2015 is going to be a critical year for seniors. CARA will need your active participation. If there is not a CAT organized in your area and you would like to get one started, call the CARA office to find out how to develop one. In Northern CA call 415-550-0828 or 877-223-6107 (toll free) and for Southern CA call 714-244-7776.

We can ignore the current political reality or we can become active in stopping the demise of Social Security and Medicare. As a member of IBEW you have made a difference throughout your career, so please join with CARA to make a difference today.

Thank you Bill      Ken Rawles

#### **UPCOMING EVENT!**

**CARA Flash Mob and Senior Lobby Day**

**RESPECT YOUR ELDERS**

**Thursday , May 21 , 2015**

North Steps of State Capitol ,  
Sacramento

JOIN the Fun

PARTICIPATE in Flash Mob

EDUCATE the public about the  
need

to expand services to seniors  
and people with disabilities and  
restore programs in the state  
budget.

ADVOCATE with elected officials

On key legislation to improve  
The quality of life for seniors  
And their families.

For more information call the  
CARA office 510-663-4086

This Ninth News Focus IBEW  
LU IBEW 18 Brian D'Arcy  
BM/FS:

IBEW 18

4189 W second street

Los Angeles , Ca. 90004

213-387-8274

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

They have an active  
retirees club. Ken

Monthly Retirees Humor



**RUNNING into debt doesn't bother me.  
It's running into my creditors. That's  
Upsetting!**

**YOU KNOW YO'URE GETTING OLD  
When work is a lot less fun.  
And fun is a lot more work.**

**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 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

#### **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 Pizza 1043 w. 4<sup>th</sup> st.  
Winnemucca , NV

#### **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  
 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

( 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

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**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

