

# 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)

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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.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING !**

**California Wild Fires left many homeless**

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

Recently, We experienced wild fires in Northern California in Lake County as well as the central gold country hills which

has caused extensive property damage and even loss of life.

At the time of this writing the fires are still being fought and clean up work going on.

I want to personally thank all the fireman and emergency workers who have worked on and are still working on these fires.

We at IBEW 1245 have set up a site to allow anyone to send in a contribution to help the fire victims with their losses from the wild fires. We had some of our workers and retirees who lost their homes and personal property. You can use this IBEW 1245 link to access the giving site.

[www.gofundme.com/IBEW1245Fire](http://www.gofundme.com/IBEW1245Fire)

Thank you to those of you who have given to the fund . Ken Rawles

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 Holiday season!

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

This article taken from the IBEW 1245 website. Ken Rawles

## Santa Rosa Retirees Take Action to Support Brother Who Lose Home to Rocky Fire

August 13, 2015

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It all started when IBEW 1245 PG&E retiree out of San Jose, Nancy Landeros, saw a name she recognized in a newspaper article. As the first reports of the devastation and loss of homes caused by the Rocky Fire in Lower Lake hit the news, the name she recognized was that of fellow IBEW 1245 retiree Willem "Bill" Hilbrandie.

Hilbrandie had been the Lone Gas Service Representative in Boron for many years,

and spent a great deal of time down in Bakersfield doing Meter Reading. He had moved to his home located on his sister Dini's property in Lake County on Rocky Creek Rd. in 1991. Last week, when they returned home from some routine shopping, Hilbrandie noticed the fire progressing in the surrounding areas. Soon after, the Fire Chief told him and his sister they had five minutes to evacuate. They quickly gathered what they could, grabbed their cell phones, some important paperwork and their four dogs, and went to the evacuation site. Hilbrandie thought it would be for just a night or so, but, to his dismay, he soon discovered that all the structures on his sister's property — including their homes — had been destroyed.

When Nancy Landeros read in the paper that Hilbrandie's family had lost everything, she jumped into action and got on the phone with the Union Hall.

The Hall quickly got a hold of Ken Rawles, Santa Rosa Retirees Club Recording Secretary, who quickly jumped into action and devised a plan. First, Rawles immediately contacted retiree Dean "Red" Ohlen who lives on the Lake County and asked him to try and locate Hilbrandie (no easy feat given the remote location of Hilbrandie's property). Ohlen researched articles and newspapers until he was able to find one of Hilbrandie's neighbors who had his cell phone number.



**Left to Right: Dean "Red" Ohlen, Willem "Bill" Hilbrandie, Julie Ohlen and Bill's sister Dini**

Then, Rawles contacted all the retirees on his Club roster and took up a collection for Hilbrandie and his family. In less than a weeks' time, Rawles had collected over \$600 in donations from fellow retirees. Ohlen coordinated with Hilbrandie to find a day and time to meet up, and on Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of August, with the Rocky Fire still burning and the new Jerusalem Fire raging right next to it, Ohlen and his wife, met with Hilbrandie and his sister in Lower Lake to hand over the Retiree Club donations. Both were taken aback and overwhelmed by the generosity and well wishes coming forth from Local 1245 retirees during this terrible time.

Notwithstanding the difficult circumstances Hilbrandie and his sister are enduring. Their optimism, thankfulness and tremendous gratitude for all they still have and for all those helping them out shined through. When Hilbrandie asked how the heck anyone found him because of his remoteness, Ohlen recounted the entire story of how this day came about, and said, with the

utmost sincerity, "It is a **Brotherhood** of Electrical Workers."

Hilbrandie definitely thanked the IBEW and all of union folks, including Nancy Landeros, Ken Rawles and Red Ohlen, who jumped into action on their behalf, but also very much wanted to acknowledge the following:

- Their wonderful community and close neighbors who have helped so much,
- The Firefighters and CDF Crews, along with our active PG&E and Outside Line 1245 members, that continue working around the clock to respond to these devastating fires, and
- The local SPCA of Clear Lake who came through for all the animal owners displaced with supplies and food for their furry loved ones.

Hilbrandie and his family can use all the help they can get, so please give if you can. [Contributions can be made online here.](#)

*–JV Macor, IBEW 1245 Business Rep*

**“It is a BROTHERHOOD of Electrical Workers.” Thank you for the great reminder Red Ohlen Ken**

**Thank you J V Macor IBEW 1245 Business rep. Ken Rawles editor ninth News**

**This Ninth News Focus IBEW LU  
IBEW 40 Marc B. Flynn BM/FS:**

**IBEW 40**

**5643 Vineland Ave.**

**North Hollywood , Ca. 91601**

**818-762-4239**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**New Retirees Club President**

**Mr. Nick Moran**

**Quarterly Luncheons will be held at  
the union headquarters next  
luncheon Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> 1p.m.**

**Please rsvp @ 818-762-4239**

**This is a very active  
local and one of the**

**first locals!**

**They have an active retirees club. Keep up the great job!  
Ken Rawles**

### Monthly Retirees Humor



This month I decided to instead post a quote from Pope Francis “Elderly are store houses of WISDOM”

May we ALL share our wisdom with those around us. Ken

#### **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 NEW LOCATION: Sam's For Play Cafe, 2630 Cleveland Ave, Santa Rosa, CA.**

**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

**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**

## **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

