Hello Brothers and Sisters,

I wanted to drop a short line about getting involved with local politicians to get them to represent working families once they get elected. Many of us don’t like to get involved in the political process but the fact of the matter is, that there are plenty of people that are very active in politics. Unfortunately, many of these people do not have what is best for working families at the top of their agenda and in fact, they are just fine with labor not being involved and not holding them accountable for their actions. With this year being a presidential election year and a record number of attacks on collective bargaining rights, the need for labor’s involvement is greater than ever. Please plan to attend your neighborhood precinct meetings the night of March 24th to get elected as a delegate and represent labor at your party of choice. Both the Democratic and Republican parties are holding their precinct meetings this night. It is easy to participate, and we can help you with any questions you may have. Just give us a call at the hall for directions. Even if you don’t get elected as a delegate, you can still attend the labor caucus but will not have a vote out on the convention floor.

I would also like to invite all members and families and friends to participate with the building trades at the annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Salt Lake City on March 14th. The local will be meeting at 8:30 at the US Bank parking lot on the corner of 5th East and 2nd South at 8:30am. We will provide shirts, coffee, juice and donuts for everyone that comes out. The parade starts at 10:00am and you can usually park fairly close to the meeting area if you get there early.

Many of you have received correspondence from the Eighth District regarding the change of administrators as we move from Compusys to Benesys effective April 1st. It is critical that all members read this communication and follow the instructions to ensure a smooth transition. There will be no change of benefits with this change of administration. However, we will be getting new benefit cards as well as a new PCA card. The change is proceeding nicely, and I am confident that things will proceed with minimum problems. A new website has been created and members should receive log-in information toward the end of March. The Salt Lake walk-in office for Benesys will be in Murray and is scheduled to open around May 1st. The Salt Lake City walk-in office address for Benesys will be: 5295 South Commerce Drive, Suite 220, Murray, UT 84107 (844) 989-2321 www.8thDistrictBenefits.org

We also are getting close to paying off the contribution of 10 cents per hour that membership elected to deduct from there wage rate to help pay for the new UETA Training Center. Our Training center recently won the “Project of the Year” award at the 2020 IEA banquet, Optimistic projections are that if our hours remain at current levels, the contribution goal may be met at early as July of this year, I will continue to monitor this closely and keep you informed as more information comes in.

The local will be sending several delegates to the Eighth District Progress meeting in Butte Montana this month, The local will also be hosting a Eighth District Registrar Training class on April 7th in which Eighth District Vice President will be attending and will also be visiting jobsites in our jurisdiction.

In Brotherhood,

Steve Woodman
Business Manager IBEW Local 354
Hey Brothers and Sisters, for the past few months we’ve been working on a solution for upcoming bootcamps. They will now be held at the Utah Electrical Training Alliance Center in West Jordan. We are currently working with the Training Directors and Instructors on how to best facilitate this change and make it workable for all the parties involved. There will not be a bootcamp in the month of March but stay tuned for the date held in April! The next Renew meeting will be on March 10th at 5:30 pm. If you're interested in helping with anything, contact me - jared@ibew354.org

IBEW UP COMING EVENTS!

UTAH AFL-CIO St. Patrick's Day Parade
Saturday, March 14, 2020
• Please Join the Utah AFL-CIO at the St. Patrick's Day Parade representing Utah's Union Working Families. at 10:00 am Start Location: 500 E 200 S, Salt Lake City The parade will end at 239 South Main Street. Please arrive about an hour early to get set up and staged for the parade. For questions, please contact Marta@utahaflcio.org or 801-972-2771

Annual Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 4, 2020
Hunts will be separated by age groups and will start promptly at 10. It is recommended to arrive early to be ready for the hunt to start but DO NOT arrive before 9, as the Easter Bunny needs time to hide the eggs. Sugar Cookies and drinks will be served. For questions, please contact the hall 801-972-9354

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IN MEMORIUM -

Keith Burrell
February 18, 2020
84 years old, 58 years IBEW
Obituary

Jerry Earp
March 1, 2020
63 years old, 39 years IBEW
Obituary

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New shirts available at the hall!