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LOCAL 234

Engineer News

Sincerest Sympathies go to the families of the Brother Members of Local 234 for the loss of their



Herbert Schram	May 8, 2011	53 year Member
Carl F. Buss	May 12, 2011	44 year Member
Gary Duccini	May 13, 2011	13 year Member
Craig E. Gordon	May 20, 2011	7 year Member



Hilton F. Pecks	May 21, 2011	40 year Member
Larry McCormick	May 28, 2011	34 year Member
David D. Wright	June 10, 2011	42 year Member
Billie Ware	June 18, 2011	48 year Member



Gerald Frazier	July 1, 2011	37 year Member
Don D. Harris	August 12, 2011	41 year Member
George E. Davison	August 17, 2011	57 year Member
Vincent J. Novak	August 17, 2011	41 year Member

**Is your Address, Email Address and Phone Number current with your Union?
If not, drop us a note or call us at 515-265-1657**

About the Cover

Thanks to our Stewards:



Brother Mark Romano operates a 75 ton Grove for Mortenson. He is the Steward at the Laurel Windmill project



City of Ames Blue Collar Stewards from L to R: Brothers Bill Latham (Chief Steward), Scott Lundquist, Rod Spaid, Randy Pohl, Mike Clark and Jon Hatt



Brother Jay Petersen operates a Manitowoc 2250 for Mortenson. He is the Steward at the Rolling Hills project

Assessments

The annual assessments of Defense Fund (\$2 per year) and Good Standing Fund (\$1 per year) are due each year on July 1st, which pays your assessments through June 30th of the following year.

Business Manager's Report



Scott Saylor
Business Manager
Financial Secretary

I can finally say that we have come out of the red and into the black on our Local's finances. With all of the cost saving changes that we have made, the first seven months of this year amounted to an approximate \$237,500 savings for our Union. I did lay off Representative Holzhauser in March. He was one of our Stationary representatives. Cheryl Arnold, along with the assistance of International Representative Denny Smith, has assumed all of his duties.

At our General Membership meeting in March, I, as well as the other Labor Trustees of our Health & Welfare Fund, were given the direction to proceed with some changes to our Health & Welfare by our Members. To date, most of those changes have been implemented with the exception of our post-65 Medicare participant changes. These changes were implemented October 1, 2011.

The changes and new direction are as follows:

- Active Members self-pay rates will remain the same as well as co-pays and deductibles. The Membership did, however, increase the hourly contribution into Health & Welfare by \$.25 per hour.
- Pre-65 Retirees - or early Retirees - will have an increase based on their years of service of no more than \$64.00 per month.
- The Post-65 Retirees will be moved into a fully insured plan with Humana at no cost increase to them and a savings to our Health & Welfare Fund of over \$600,000 per year.

The work load around the State has picked up dramatically in the past few months. With the weather cooperating a little more than earlier in the season, hours are starting to increase. You will find detailed information in the Agents' reports.

The Job Corps Center in Ottumwa is still moving forward. It's a little slower than we would like but still on track to open in December 2011 or January 2012, and we should have two instructors in place this year.

Iowa Politics this year and into November 2012 will be based on Organized Labor striving to survive. In the last legislative season, the Senate did its job holding off harmful legislation coming from the House side and Governor. With the new re-districting of the State, a lot will be on the line for the 2012 elections and some new candidates will emerge. I have already met with the Democratic Leader of both the House and the Senate and will be creating a strategy on where we can get the best bang for our buck.

Local 234 will be all in for the next election to help move our Local into the future for prosperity and dignity for our Membership.



Snow Removal Bids

We are taking bids for snow removal at the Des Moines office. If you are interested in placing a bid, please call 515-265-1657.

The Bucket List

In March's newsletter we informed you how Sister Glenda (Jeanie) Rogers has made it a top priority to start knocking some items off her bucket list. Here's a few pictures of her adventures! Thank you for sharing your wonderful experiences with us, Jeanie!



Meeting Schedule

General Membership Meeting:

March 24, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.

4880 Hubbell Avenue, Des Moines

District Meetings:

(All Meetings Begin at 7:30 p.m.)

District I: Des Moines

4th Thursday of Each Month**

District II: Cedar Rapids

3rd Thursday of Each Month

District III: Sioux City

2nd Thursday of Each Month

****PLEASE NOTE:** The District 1 meeting in November will be moved to Thursday, November 17, 2011!

Area Meetings:

(All Meetings Begin at 7:30 p.m.)

Council Bluffs Area: 2nd Tuesday
March, June, September, December

Dubuque Area: 3rd Wednesday of Each Month

Waterloo Area: 2nd Thursday
March, June, September, December

Stationary Meetings:

Sioux City Schools: 3rd Tuesday of Each Month September through May

All Others As Scheduled

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A wise and frugal government, which shall leave men free to regulate their own pursuit of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned...this is the sum of good government!

- Thomas Jefferson

District III



Jason Copple
President
District III Executive Board

Talk about a difference from last year—wow! This season started out a little on the slow side but has turned out to be a very busy year with a ton of work. The windmills are back, with 312 windmills being erected at this time. There have been some bumps in the road with these projects off the start, but once we got by those it has turned out to be a good season. The Pomeroy 4 project in Northern Iowa was 13 - 2.5 megawatt Siemens towers and was a challenging project with the spring rains. The Rolling Hills project in Southwestern Iowa is 193 - 2.5 megawatt Siemens towers. This project got off to a slow start but now is in full swing with around 60 operators. The Laurel windfarm in East Central Iowa consists of 52 - 2.3 megawatt Siemens towers and has had an on again, off again start because of a problem with availability of rebar and the Rolling Hills project having first priority. All in all, these projects have been good work for the Members and it has been good to see Mortensen back in Iowa.



Brother Weldon Messerlie operates a 75 ton Grove and Brother Tyler Hickson operates a 35 ton Grove while taking down a grain storage building for Klinger in Sioux City

It looks as if Kiewit will be moving ahead with the scrubber project for MidAmerican Energy at the Port Neal Powerhouse, which is just south of Sioux City, Iowa. They are hoping to get a lay down yard, office trailers, and some pile in yet this year. This was an interesting project getting started with some disagreements between the Northwest Iowa Building Trades and Kiewit. We got them all worked out with all the Trades sticking together, which can sometimes be very difficult to pull off.

On the Stationary side, last year was a very difficult bargaining year with everyone looking for concessions. I have just finished up some of the contracts that I handle from last season and its already time to start some of them all over again. Everyone was hoping for the economy to straighten out before this bargaining season began but it looks like we will be dealing with the same issues as the last few years.

As for the outlook for the future, with the windmill tax credits ending next year and it also being an election year, I think we will see some more projects popping up with everyone wanting in on those credits before they go away. Mid American is taking bids on Units 1 and 2 at the Port Neal Powerhouse and with Kiewit already on site, I hope they can pick those two up also. MidAmerican also has some decent sized projects for The Walter Scott Powerhouse in Council Bluffs. On the western side of the State, I am hopeful that our Union contractors will be able to pick up some levee and clean up work now that the floods are over.

One last thing, I would like to thank the Stewards for the work they have put in this year so far. The extra hours taking care of Members' needs can add up pretty quick sometimes but is greatly appreciated.

Brother Richard French operates a JLG Forklift while setting forms for Mortenson at the Pocahontas Prairie Windfarm



District I



Chad Carter
Vice President

The second half of the season is going much better. We have a good amount of work right now, and should the rest of the season. We have the PLA at Mitchellville prison and it should be a two year project. There are also about ten operators working on site as of now. Weitz is working on Veterans Auditorium, Prairie Meadows, and parking ramps in Ames. Work is just starting at the DART facility in downtown Des Moines. It should be 18 to 24 months of work for our operators. Neumann has been working at Blank Park Zoo, Firestone, the old library and John Deere.



Brother Terry Davis operates a Linkbelt Excavator for Sandstone at the Indianola High School

Neumann was also the low bidder on the new homeless shelter in downtown Des Moines and should start work later this fall.

Dirt contractors have been pretty steady, that is when the weather cooperates. They have been busy with multiple schools, which include Ankeny, Indianola and Valley West. There has been some good street work on Mulberry Street, the Southwest Connector and around Hubbell and 19th Court just to name a few. Work has also been busy with various building jobs at Pioneer, HP and Bob Brown.

Sewer work has been very good. A few of the projects include Polk City and WRA had four phases of Four Mile Creek. There is also a steel job out by the Southwest Connector for the WRA, windmill work getting started in Laurel and there have been two steel distribution pipeline jobs in town. We have not had any mainline jobs as of yet. Work for next year is looking good with windmills and we may have a baghouse project in Chillicothe starting. All in all it looks good!



Brother Tim Frederick and Sister Denise Hootman working for Frattalone at the Laurel Windmills



Brother Andrew Vockings operates a 75 ton Grove for Mortenson at the Laurel Windmills

District II

What a change we have seen this year.....it's nice to once again talk to you about work being at a good level! By the time this newsletter is released, the Elk Windfarm should be completed. This project was 17 - 2.5 MW tower site in NE Iowa. The erection of towers was originally awarded non-union. A week before



Don Duehr
District II Executive Board



Brother Duane Hermsen operates a Shear for Portzen at the Mount St. Francis Demo Project

parts started showing up, the project was re-awarded to Michel's, a Union contractor, and has proven to be good work for our Members.

The remainder of the work in NE Iowa has mostly been sewer and water work with more pipe crews starting in the area than I have ever seen before. A lot of these projects have been deep digging and because of the amount of rain we have received it has caused nasty ground conditions. This is an area where a lot of us haven't worked in awhile. For the hands that want to move into the lead hoe position; remember taking advantage of any classes offered at the training site can only improve your chances.

The Dubuque area building work has slowed down quite a bit, with only a few projects coming out of the ground. The third phase of Bee Branch will be bid in this month. The Waterloo area has still not come out of the slow times but there are rumors that a few big projects will be coming in the future.

Miron was awarded the Cedar Rapids Convention Center, as well as the Cedar Rapids hotel remodel which is covered by a



Brother Kyle Jones operates an 888 Manitowoc for Michel's at the Elk Wind Farm



The BOECKENSTEDT barge, owned and operated by J.F. Brennan was named after Local 234 deceased Brother Mike Boeckenstedt. Mike died on May 12,2005 in a work accident. While trying to escape a storm and make his way to safety, the boat he was in flipped, hit him on the head causing him to drown. This barge is one of the biggest working platforms on the Mississippi River.

PLA with the City of Cedar Rapids. There are several more PLA projects coming up in the Cedar Rapids area as well.

In the Iowa City area, the Papa John Biomedical project has been under pickets and rallies since June. A Union General Contractor out of Chicago has been replacing Members of local crafts and bringing in out of state, non-union help. This job action has been by the basic crafts of the Cedar Rapids Building and Trades. It goes to show that we need to make sure our politicians understand why Project Labor Agreements are so important and help them to understand that we need to keep local people on local projects and put Iowa workers back to work!



Pipeline Training

Pipeline Maintenance [Rehab] Training

Two week classes – one instructor – two Hoers – 6 students

Date	Location
January 9 – January 21, 2012	Local 428 site in Casa Grande, AZ
January 23 – February 4, 2012	Local 428 site in Casa Grande, AZ
February 6 – February 18, 2012	Local 428 site in Casa Grande, AZ
February 27 – March 10, 2012	Local 234 site in Indianola, IA
March 12 – March 24, 2012	Local 234 site in Indianola, IA
March 26 – April 6 – 2012	Local 234 site in Indianola, IA
April 16 – April 28 – 2012	Local 324 site in Howell, MI
April 30 – May 12 – 2012	Local 324 site in Howell, MI
May 14 – May 26 – 2012	Local 324 site in Howell, MI
April 16 – April 28 – 2012	Local 49 site in Hinckley, MN
April 30 – May 12 – 2012	Local 49 site in Hinckley, MN
May 14 – May 26 – 2012	Local 49 site in Hinckley, MN

Pipeline Winching classes

Three week classes – one instructor – four Dozers – 8 students

Date	Location
November 28 – December 16, 2011	Local 542 site in Bernville, PA
February 20 – March 9, 2012	SAT site in luka, MS
May 7 – May 25, 2012	Local 9 site in Bennett, CO

Bending Engineering Classes

Six one-week classes – one instructor – 5 students

Date	Location
March 19 – March 24, 2012	Local 139 site in Coloma, WI
March 26 – March 31, 2012	Local 139 site in Coloma, WI
April 2 – April 6, 2012	Local 139 site in Coloma, WI
April 16 – April 21, 2012	Local 139 site in Coloma, WI
April 23 – April 28, 2012	Local 139 site in Coloma, WI
April 30 – May 5, 2012	Local 139 site in Coloma, WI

2011-2012 Pipeline Training

Three week classes for Dozer 8 students

Date	Location
October 31 – November 18, 2011	Local 542 site in Bernville, PA
October 31 – November 18, 2011	Local 12 site in Las Vegas, NV
November 28 – December 16, 2011	Local 12 site in Las Vegas, NV
January 9 – January 27, 2012	SAT site in luka, MS
January 9 – January 27, 2012	Local 12 site in Las Vegas, NV
January 30 – February 17, 2012	SAT site in luka, MS
January 30 – February 17, 2012	Local 12 site in Las Vegas, NV
February 20 – March 9, 2012	Local 12 site in Las Vegas, NV
March 19 – April 6, 2012	Local 139 site in Coloma, WI
March 19 – April 6, 2012	Local 9 site in Bennett, CO
April 16 – May 4, 2012	Local 9 site in Bennett, CO
May 7 – May 25, 2012	Local 9 site in Bennett, CO

Advanced Pipeline Training Class

Two week classes – 4 instructors – 4- Dozers, Sideboom and Hoers
12 students

Date	Location
April 16 – April 28 – 2012	Local 139 site in Coloma, WI
April 30 – May 12 – 2012	Local 139 site in Coloma, WI
May 14 – May 26 – 2012	Local 139 site in Coloma, WI

John Henry Rock Drilling Classes

One week classes – one instructor – 5 students

Date	Location
January 9 – January 14, 2012	Local 370 site in Spangle, WA
January 16 – January 21, 2012	Local 370 site in Spangle, WA
January 23 – January 28, 2012	Local 370 site in Spangle, WA
January 30 – February 4 – 2012	Local 370 site in Spangle, WA
February 13 – February 18, 2012	Local 101 site in Weston, MO
February 20 – February 25, 2012	Local 101 site in Weston, MO
February 27 – March 3, 2012	Local 101 site in Weston, MO
March 5 – March 10 2012	Local 101 site in Weston, MO
March 19 – March 24, 2012	Local 181 site in Boston, KY
March 26 – March 31, 2012	Local 181 site in Boston, KY
April 2 – April 7, 2012	Local 181 site in Boston, KY
April 16 – April 21 2012	Local 17 site in Lakeview, NY
April 23 – April 28, 2012	Local 17 site in Lakeview, NY
April 30 – May 5, 2012	Local 17 site in Lakeview, NY

Vacuorxx Pipe Lifter Training

One week class - one instructor – 5 students

Date	Location
January 9 – January 14, 2012	Local 181 site in Boston, KY
January 16 – January 21, 2012	Local 181 site in Boston, KY
January 23 – January 28, 2012	Local 181 site in Boston, KY
January 30 – February 4 – 2012	Local 181 site in Boston, KY
February 13 – February 18, 2012	Local 66 site in New Alexandria, PA
February 20 – February 25, 2012	Local 66 site in New Alexandria, PA
February 27 – March 3, 2012	Local 66 site in New Alexandria, PA
March 5 – March 10 2012	Local 66 site in New Alexandria, PA
March 19 – March 24, 2012	Local 324 site in Howell, MI
March 26 – March 31, 2012	Local 324 site in Howell, MI
April 2 – April 7, 2012	Local 324 site in Howell, MI
April 16 – April 21 2012	Local 49 site in Hinckley, MN
April 23 – April 28, 2012	Local 49 site in Hinckley, MN
April 30 – May 5, 2012	Local 49 site in Hinckley, MN
May 7 – May 12, 2012	Local 49 site in Hinckley, MN

2011-2012 Pipeline Training

Three week classes for Excavator 8 students

Date	Location
October 31 – November 18, 2011	Local 542 site in Bernville, PA
October 31 – November 18, 2011	Local 12 site in Las Vegas, NV
November 28 – December 16, 2011	Local 542 site in Bernville, PA
November 28 – December 16, 2011	Local 12 site in Las Vegas, NV
January 9 – January 27, 2012	SAT site in luka, MS
January 9 – January 27, 2012	Local 12 site in Las Vegas, NV
January 30 – February 17, 2012	SAT site in luka, MS
January 30 – February 17, 2012	Local 12 site in Las Vegas, NV
February 20 – March 9, 2012	SAT site in luka, MS
February 20 – March 9, 2012	Local 12 site in Las Vegas, NV
March 19 – April 6, 2012	Local 139 site in Coloma, WI
March 19 – April 6, 2012	Local 9 site in Bennett, CO
April 16 – May 4, 2012	Local 9 site in Bennett, CO
May 7 – May 25, 2012	Local 9 site in Bennett, CO

2011-2012 Pipeline Training

Three week classes for Side Boom 8 students

Date	Location
October 31 – November 18, 2011	Local 542 site in Bernville, PA
October 31 – November 18, 2011	Local 12 site in Las Vegas, NV
November 28 – December 16, 2011	Local 542 site in Bernville, PA
November 28 – December 16, 2011	Local 12 site in Las Vegas, NV
January 9 – January 27, 2012	SAT site in luka, MS
January 9 – January 27, 2012	Local 12 site in Las Vegas, NV
January 30 – February 17, 2012	SAT site in luka, MS
January 30 – February 17, 2012	Local 12 site in Las Vegas, NV
February 20 – March 9, 2012	SAT site in luka, MS
February 20 – March 9, 2012	Local 12 site in Las Vegas, NV
March 19 – April 6, 2012	Local 139 site in Coloma, WI
March 19 – April 6, 2012	Local 9 site in Bennett, CO
April 16 – May 4, 2012	Local 9 site in Bennett, CO
May 7 – May 25, 2012	Local 9 site in Bennett, CO

Stationary



Cheryl Arnold
Recording—
Corresponding
Secretary

The Stationary side of Local 234 has been very busy preparing for the upcoming bargaining season. The opening letters have been sent out to begin the long process of scheduling negotiations for the 26 open contracts.

Letters to the Stewards and Bargaining Committees have been sent out asking to gather proposals from all of the members. **Now** is the critical time to get together with your steward or bargaining committee and let them know of any contractual concerns or issues that you wish to bring to the bargaining table. If you wait until the contract is being ratified-----it is way too late! It is only through this collective bargaining process that your contract can be changed or amended.

Your Union Steward is the eyes and the ears of the Union in the workplace. They are the front-line representative who is responsible for giving guidance on workplace rights, looking into grievances, informing new employees of the Union, as well as informing the Union. The steward's job is thankless at times.

I would like to give a big THANK YOU to all of our members who have served, or now serve as a steward or on the bargaining committees. You are much appreciated! Presently, the Union has approximately 175 stationary members that serve either as Union Steward or on a bargaining committee.

I believe that every member should, at least once, sit at the bargaining table to see exactly how the process works. If one is not involved, it is easy to sit back during negotiations and get upset with the results. Until one sits at the table and gets the first hand knowledge of what it is like, there should be no stones thrown!

The legal rights of Union Stewards come from the National Labor Relations Act.

You have the right to ask for your Union Steward to sit in on any meeting that management may call that you think may lead to some sort of disciplinary action.

There is a poem written by an unknown author that I would like to share with all of you Union Stewards out there:

“Roles and Responsibilities of the Steward”

A Union steward knocked on the heavenly gate,
With a face scarred and old
The steward stood before the person of Fate
For admission to the Fold.

“What have you done,” Saint Peter said,
“To gain admission here?”
“I’ve been a shop steward,” he said
“For many and many a year.”

The pearly gate swung open wide,
Saint Peter touched the bell----
“Come in and choose your harp,” he said
“You’ve had your share of hell.”

In an effort to GO GREEN and Save the Union money, we are asking that you fill out the below information and mail back to the Des Moines Union Hall Office located at 4880 Hubbell Avenue,

Name: _____

Email Address (please print): _____

If you would prefer to email your information to us, please send your name and email address to



Tracy Petersen
Treasurer
Office Manager

Office & Finance

Turning a corner financially can some times be very daunting. With the very aggressive stance that was taken in trimming back the expenses of the Local over the last year, it appears that 2011 is proceeding in a more positive direction. I fully believe that the Local will finish this year back in the black—something that hasn't happened since 2008. I will report in more depth on the current financial matters, and answer any questions that Members may have at the General Membership meeting on September 24th.

The office staff has began the undertaking of scanning all contractor files into our computer system. Although this project is extremely time consuming, I believe it is incredibly important for several reasons. The first is all past and future documents will be preserved. Secondly, all documents will become more easily accessible and at any time a

Business Representative needs to see a copy if a contract, or correspondence, while they are out of the office, it can be e-mailed to them in a matter of minutes. This will allow our Staff to work in a very efficient manner for the Membership.

For those of you whom participate in the Central Pension Fund, I am happy to reiterate the good news coming from that Fund—current assets are in excess of \$11 billion. The CPF is the 4th largest labor-management pension fund in the United States and there are more than 185,000 participants and pensioners. Benefits are life-time benefits and are insured to the limits set by the U.S. Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

I understand over the next year we are all going to be bombarded with political ads, talk and promises. Although I'm not one to push all of my personal political views, I am vocal about supporting the politicians that support Labor. I urge each of you to get past the Democrat, Republican, Tea Party, Independent "titles", and concentrate on the person, their views and their voting history. We need to take care of the ones that take care of us.

CONGRATULATIONS RETIREES

The following Members have began drawing monthly pension benefits from the Central Pension Fund:

Kenneth Adair	Emory H. Kendrick	Dennis D. Olson
Terry Banks	Ricky R. Lane	Daniel W. Ostwinkle
Jack B. Bossow	Gene G. Madsen	Thomas V. Robinson
Donald Davis	Ronald McDonald	Rick Runyan
Daniel Freiburger	Dan Morton	Lon C. Wilde
Gary Fullbright	Darell Noel	Gary W. Wilson
Michael Hughes		

Apprenticeship and Training



Bob Herndon
District I Executive
Board
Apprenticeship

Fall is coming upon us fast, seems like summer is getting shorter every year. Hopefully the weather will cooperate with us to end this year well. Recently we hosted a Training Standards Performance workshop for the International at the site. Twenty three Brothers from twelve different Locals attended. All I heard was they couldn't believe how we have what we do with our small membership and being a right to work state. So be proud of what we have.

We will also be hosting the new Pipeline Maintenance class next year. This is for experienced excavator hands. If you are interested, contact me and I will get you an application and submit it for you. The International will then choose who will participate in the class. It will be six students per class and each class will be two weeks long. For dates and times please see the Pipeline Training Schedule on page 8. There are other Pipeline classes around the nation as well. Let us know what you are interested in and we will try to get you scheduled in to them.

The retiree's picnic was held at the site this summer. It was a great time; I believe everyone enjoyed themselves, lots of fun with the Bingo caller.

Instructor Kevin Allsup and I have been gone to the National Hazmat Training Program this summer. Our goal was to become Master OSHA Instructors. We both fulfilled the requirements set forth from OSHA and achieve our goal. This consisted of twelve credit hours of core and elective courses. It's been twenty plus years since both of us have been in school, but we made it.

The training schedule will be in the mail and on Local 234.com soon. Sign up early, class sizes are limited. If some classes fill up, and have enough interest, we will add more.

The CCO written test is scheduled for October 23rd, with a study date on the 22nd. Currently there are only five people signed up and fifteen are needed to administer the test. Give us a call and make sure we have you on the list.

OECF written test dates will be November 19th, 2011, and December 10th, 2011. We must have at least eight people to administer the test. We have applications available so let us know if you need one. A drug screen is required not more than 90 days prior to taking the test. There are study materials available at the site to check out if you are interested (deposit required).

We attended the Labor day parade in Lucas Iowa. Brothers Earl Cook, Cliff Leonard, Ron Jones, Steve Garner, Rod Jessie and family, Matt Howe and his daughter, and my family were in attendance. Former Training Coordinator Lee Carper was in the crowd and was very happy to see more participation at this event. We will be back next year and hope you can join us.



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Layoff Rules for All Layoffs, Including Sea-

Referral Register Affects Unemployment Compensation, Insurance Self-Pay Rights

If you are laid off, even if it is a seasonal layoff, you must check in with Local 234 by phone, mail or in person at least once every 30 days in order to remain on the Referral Register.

Iowa Workforce Development does random audits of unemployment claims. If you have not put yourself on the Referral Register, your claim will be denied by their office and you will NOT be eligible for unemployment compensation.

Additionally, the rules for eligibility to make self-pays for insurance through the Local 234 Health & Welfare Fund require you to be available for work. You are not considered as available for work unless you have placed yourself on the Referral Register.

PLEASE...Don't jeopardize your unemployment compensation! Don't jeopardize your health insurance!