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## Oakland Army Base gets new life

*New batch of apprentices help make it happen*





**For The Good & Welfare**

By Russ Burns, business manager

**Celebrating solidarity**

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I want to thank our service men and women for protecting this country so that we can celebrate our nation's independence on this Fourth of July and enjoy our freedom every other day of the year. This country is one big union, the *United States of America*, and as union members, we understand better than most the importance of defending and protecting what we hold dear by standing together in solidarity.

I thank the membership for standing together. I thank you for seeing this great union through to its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. At the time of this writing, we are all looking forward to the June 28 Anniversary Celebration. Ticketholders will receive a special commemorative program in the mail very soon. I encourage you to look through it, as you will be amazed at the interesting and incredible history of this organization.

Unfortunately, as we celebrate this great milestone, many of you have heard of the lawsuits recently filed that make outrageous allegations that your officers, Executive Board members and management-appointed Trustees have violated fiduciary duties and engaged in other unlawful conduct. This is the sort of anti-union propaganda that we would expect from right-to-work organizations. So, it is a particularly sad day when some of our own members decide to pursue this sort of attack on our International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) and Local 3 officials.

I have touched briefly on these lawsuits here and on the Members Only section of our website at [www.oe3.org](http://www.oe3.org). As mentioned previously, it is our opinion that these lawsuits are nothing more than vicious, anti-union propaganda waged just in time for the 2015 internal election.

Some of these members are now claiming that they attempted to resolve the issue through meetings with us before filing the lawsuit. I want to be very clear: A meeting had, in fact, been scheduled to let these members review all of Local 3's financial records. *But this meeting was canceled by one of the accusers*, which is unfortunate. Now this union must go through a costly and drawn-out legal process, when things could have been resolved in-house.

This administration stands on our record of transparency, commitment to representing our members and financial integrity. Rest assured that we will hold these members accountable for the high costs they are causing Local 3 in defending these frivolous lawsuits. As always, if you have questions about this litigation, please call me or any of the Local 3 officers.

I am very sad to report that there have been several accidents on the job recently, and some of these have tragically resulted in deaths. Our thoughts and prayers go out to these workers' families. When a worker is killed or injured on the job, it affects all of us. Please practice safety at all times. We all want to live long and healthy lives well into our retirement.

For those of you who had a chance to celebrate our Retirees at the May 31 picnic, it was a great day. Temperatures stayed civil, and we had tables full of reunited members who worked together and re-told the funny stories of those times to anyone who would listen! We also had several second- and even third-generation members attend. For photos from this event, please see pages 4 and 5.

For more on the work picture, check out this month's District Reports as well as our cover story that highlights the Oakland Army Base redevelopment project in District 20. The old site is being turned into a logistics and warehousing center at the Port of Oakland, and the project is employing lots of our apprentices.

I also want to draw your attention to this year's Academic Scholarship winners on page 18. Through essays, extra-curricular activities, community service and overall scholastic achievements, these students stood out as the best of the best and deserve our recognition. They are the sons and daughters of Operating Engineers, and we are just about as proud of them as their families are. We are also proud to be able to award them with such generous scholarships. Thanks to donations (see page 10) and wise investments, our Scholarship Fund has continued to grow. For ways to donate, visit us online.

Again, remember to be safe out there, and I hope you have a wonderful Fourth of July.

Want more Operating Engineers news? Visit Local 3's website at [www.oe3.org](http://www.oe3.org) for some exclusive features we only post online.

Remember when: Can you name this job?



Hint: San Jose, 1971.

Do you recognize this area? Can you remember the job? Your *Engineers News* staff has spent the last six or seven months knee-deep in Local 3's history, uncovering some never-before-seen photographs and some that were printed more than six decades ago! The photo printed above was tucked away in a "District 90" folder and shows our members with Webcor Co. hard at work on the airport office center on North First Street. (Did you guess that correctly?)

While we have some information on this image, there are others that we know nothing about. Help us out by visiting our website. Just look for the "Remember when?" photos on our home page, and let us know what you know.

### Looking back on half a century

Unfortunately, not every 50-year member was able to attend this year's Retiree Picnic. In his absence, Don W. Keele e-mailed us this:

*"I transferred into Local 3 from Local 326 in the fall of 1963.*

*I received my 50-year clock and pin this year.*

*The Pension Fund has paid me almost \$500,000 in the last 22 years. Not a bad investment that started out at a nickel per hour. Beats the stock market all to hell.*

*Local 3 has provided a lifestyle to Bonnie [my wife] and I that wouldn't have been available anywhere else.*

*I don't know all the people that have guided Local 3 all these years. All we can say is Thank You, and long live Local 3."*

For extra snapshots from the event, click on the "Engineers News" tab at the top of our home page, then on the "Photo Galleries" link on the left.

## Report & Review

By Carl Goff, president



## Making labor's presence known

As labor's representative on the California Apprenticeship Council (CAC), which works closely with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR), I have an insider's perspective on how state government impacts our industry. Therefore, I was very pleased to hear about a recent development regarding prevailing-wage enforcement.

The state Senate and Assembly budget-subcommittees recently agreed on language that will guarantee permanent funding for prevailing-wage enforcement and establish important minimum qualifications for contractors on public-works projects. For five years, the State Building Trades has been trying to ensure adequate funding for the DIR to enforce the removal of bad contractors from public-works projects, assuring a level playing field for law-abiding contractors that submit the lowest bid. As you know, prevailing-wage requirements are very near and dear to us. The new language also expands the DIR's enforcement on *all* public-works jobs, not just the bonded ones.

It is too bad that we have to spend time monitoring certain contractors that fail to comply with labor standards, but at least now the DIR has more influence in protecting and rewarding the good ones.

You may remember that we recently underwent a federally mandated wage-determination survey in several rural counties in California. Local 3 teamed up with other crafts to create an efficient process of providing as much data as possible for jobs performed during the specific timeframe in question. The survey is intended to keep wages uniform but can be adversely affected if inaccurate data is reported. We submitted our information and are awaiting the results. Once we know more, so will you. (Thanks to those of you who provided us with information.)

The state of Nevada is now undergoing its own federally mandated prevailing-wage survey for residential, building and heavy/highway construction throughout the state. This is a particularly challenging process because of the state's right-to-work status. However, we will be using the same model we used in California to provide sufficient data to maintain or improve Nevada's prevailing wage.

As you can see, government departments create rules and enforce laws that undoubtedly impact our industry. And while public-works jobs are by no means our sole source of employment, they are a steady one. They provided a lot of hours for us during the economic recession when private work was unavailable.

In the end, it all comes down to politics. This is why Local 3 fights for you not just at the negotiating table but also at the political level, endorsing labor-friendly candidates. We also make our presence known at the state and local levels by serving on these governing boards to speak on your behalf.

While politics is difficult and time-consuming, it is a necessary evil, as the direct connection between labor and government has existed long before Local 3!

I want to thank those of you who volunteered to help with the Primary Elections last month in California, Nevada and Utah. Overall, our endorsed candidates did very well and will move on to the General Election in November. You will find Hawaii's endorsed candidates in this edition on page 6, as its Primary Election is on Aug. 9.

Thanks to all of you for celebrating Local 3's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary with us at Six Flags. I look forward to seeing you all again next month for another round of District Meetings. Have a fun and safe Fourth of July!



## Fringe Benefits

By Charlie Warren, director

## Honoring our Retirees

Thank goodness for the beautiful day we had at this year's Retiree Picnic on Saturday, May 31 at Lake Clementia Park in Rancho Murieta. Everyone had a marvelous time trading old war stories, some of which were probably true!

Fifty-year members were honored with a special ceremony and a watch or mantle clock.

We want to thank all of you for coming and enjoying the day. The Local 3 officers and staff commend our Retirees on their many years of service.

## We laughed



Earl and Marcy Kresge are all smiles at this year's Retiree Picnic.



From left: Financial Secretary Pete Figueiredo and Retiree Jeff Pearson share a laugh over some old times, when Figueiredo was Pearson's business agent in Burlingame District 01.

## We played



Fifty-seven-year member Bruce MacFarland and his wife, Barbara, come to the Retiree Picnic every couple of years and particularly enjoy playing Bingo at the event.



From left: Kathy and Ken Hoag and Toby and Cheryl Boggs get a few games of Bingo in before lunch.



Local 3 members, including 57-year member Earl "Piles" Heaps (in front seat), have fun on the shuttle service to the event.

## We reminisced



From left: Retirees Ron Phillips and Claude Clark worked together many years ago. Phillips, a 50-year honoree, traveled all the way from Stagecoach, Nev. to attend this year's picnic.



From left: Beverly Grinstead, Norm Bunting and Don Grinstead catch up before lunch is served. Norm and Don worked together in the Bay Area decades ago and coincidentally met up at this year's picnic.



From left: Retiree Phillip Rowe visits with Business Manager Russ Burns.



From left: District 50 Retirees Glen Harmon and Bill Roth attend the picnic because they enjoy the brotherhood.



Retiree David Johnson shares photos and stories of him working at Bass Lake.



Don and Sherry Garcia come to the Retiree Picnic every year to meet up with old friends.

**We celebrated**



Members and their guests partake in the complimentary wine and beer during the picnic.



Retiree Eldon Rogers and his wife, Virginia.



From left: Ron and Mike Beck make up two generations of Operating Engineers.



From left: One-year member Cody Hamilton, 50-year honoree Jim Hamilton and 26-year member Todd Hamilton represent three generations of Operating Engineers, as Jim is Todd's father and Cody's grandfather.

**We ate**



From left: Billy and Dayna Williams enjoy lunch with Marge and Bob Schram.



From left: Forty-year member Chris Erker and 35-year member John Rinehart fill up their plates before the 50-year awards ceremony begins.



During lunch, Eugene Keeley proudly shows off his hat covered with Local 3 service pins.

**We honored - Congratulations to this year's 50-year honorees and to all our Retirees on our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary!**



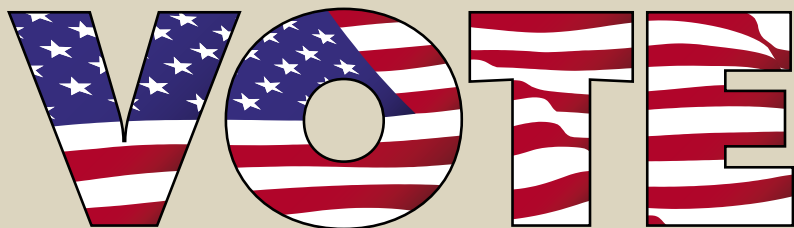
The Local 3 officers congratulate 50-year honoree Tony Landers during the awards ceremony.



Fifty-year honoree Frank Munoz thanks his wife, Connie, for supporting him during his long career as an Operating Engineer.



From left: Dave Young, Larry Braden and Larry Bunning are 50-year award winners this year.



## Local 3 Primary Election recommendations – Hawaii

Hawaii's Primary Election will be held on *Aug. 9*. It's critical that you vote for the candidates your union recommends. We've put in the time to interview candidates and research the issues to make sure we all vote union. The rest is up to you!

What follows are *preliminary* recommendations. **If there is a particular race that does not appear on the**

**list, then a recommendation may not have been reached at press time or those running for that particular race were not deemed worthy of our endorsement. Before you cast your votes, please check our website ([www.oe3.org](http://www.oe3.org)) for up-to-date recommendations and information. Most importantly, *VOTE*. Your very livelihood is at stake.**

### HAWAII STATEWIDE OFFICES

#### Governor

Neil Abercrombie

#### Lieutenant Governor

Shan Tsutsui

#### U.S. Senate

Colleen Hanabusa\*\*

Brian Schatz\*\*

#### Congressional

Ikaika Anderson District 01\*\*

Stanley Chang District 01\*\*

#### State Senate

Gilbert Kahele District 01

Lorraine Inouye District 04

Gilbert Keith-Agaran District 05

Rosalynn "Roz" Baker District 06

J. Kalani English District 07

Brickwood Galuteria District 12

Breene Harimoto District 16

Clarence Nishihara District 17

Michelle Kidani District 18

Colleen Meyer District 23

Jill Tokuda District 24

#### State House

Mark Nakashima District 01

Clifton Tsuji District 02

Nicole Lowen District 06\*\*

Kelly Valenzuela District 06\*\*

Joseph "Joe" Souki District 08

Justin Woodson District 09

Kyle Yamashita District 12

Mele Carroll District 13

Derek S.K. Kawakami District 14

James Kunane Tokioka District 15

Daynette "Dee" Morikawa District 16

Mark Jun Hashem District 18

Calvin K.Y. Say District 20

Scott Nishimoto District 21

Isaac Choy District 23

Sylvia Luke District 25

Karl A. Rhoads District 29

Romy M. Cachola District 30

Linda Eileen Ichiyama District 32

Arnold Wong District 33

Ryan Yamane District 37

Henry J.C. Aquino District 38

Ty J.K. Cullen District 39

Robert "Bob" McDermott District 40

Sharon Har District 42

Stacelynn K.M. Eli District 43

Jo Jordon District 44

Michael Yadao Magaoay District 45

Marcus Oshiro District 46

Feki Pouha District 47

Jarrett Keohokalole District 48

Ken Ito District 49

### Honolulu County

#### Honolulu

##### City Council

Ernie Martin District 02

Trevor Ozawa District 04

Carol Fukunaga District 06

### Hawaii County

#### Hawaii

##### City Council

Valerie Poindexter District 01

Aaron S.Y. Chung District 02

Dennis "Fresh" Onishi District 03

Greggor Ilagan District 04

Dru Mamo Kanuha District 07

Ronald Gonzales District 09

### Kauai County

#### Kauai

##### City Council

Mason Choek At Large

Jay Furfaro At Large

Ross Kagawa At Large

Melvin Rapozo At Large

#### Mayor

Bernard Carvalho

### Maui County

#### Maui

##### City Council

Gladys Coelho Baisa (Upcountry)

Ka'ala Buenconsejo (Maui West)

Bob Carroll (Maui East)

Michael "Mike" Victorino  
(Wailuka-Waihee-Waikapu)

#### Mayor

Alan Arakawa

\*\*Candidates are part of a "Dual Endorsement," meaning both of those specified have been endorsed.



## News & Notes

By Dan Reding, vice president

# Retirees come out in big numbers

At the time of this writing, we just had the Retiree Picnic out at the lake at Rancho Murieta. For folks who didn't make it, you missed a great day. The weather was great, the food was excellent and I was amazed at how many recent Retirees I had worked with over the years showed up. Many received their 50-year watch or clock. No matter who you talked to, you heard the same things: "I can't believe it's been 50 years," and "How great it is to do whatever I want and to receive a check every month." I cannot recall ever having as many Retirees tell me and the other officers how proud they are of the job we are doing; how we made the tough decisions to get us through the worst recession a lot of them had ever seen and, most importantly, never missed a Retiree check. I had more than one Retiree tell me, "You never really realize how special retirement is until you retire. I get a check every month and do whatever I want to." Well, that's what we are all working for!

It's also been nice to see private work coming back. I have seen three subdivisions in the Vacaville area alone (we covered these last month), and it's great to see scrapers moving again. Like one Retiree told me, "It's been a long time since you guys have had good news to report." I laughed and told him I think it's been since early 2006, after we took over, but that's part of the job and it will never change. Our industry is impacted by some things we can't control, like health-care laws and the stock market. These affect our Pension, considering how large our organization is. Things are always changing, but there is always that group that would do away with unions if it could. That's why politics are so important, and when you talk to these Retirees, you realize how important it is to fight for our way of life and to maintain our benefits so we can all enjoy a Local 3 retirement someday.

Be safe!

## ATPA

By Bob Miller, ATPA senior account executive

### District visits: Learning by example

Often the best way to explain complex Trust Fund benefits, such as Health and Welfare or Pension, is to present an example from another's experience. As members and spouses attend monthly district visits (see the schedules from our office and Fringe Benefits at right), some have offered to share their particular experiences. This month, 29-year member and third-generation Operating Engineer Michael Say shares his, as he recently arranged a district visit to discuss his Pension options.

Some years ago, Say's father, Carl Say, gathered up his sons and said, "None of you young ones have looked at retirement. I have!"

As a result, all three, Michael, David and Brian, went on to have careers with Local 3, and Michael's daughter, 5-year-old Christa, may very well follow in the family's footsteps.

Michael currently has 25.75 Pension credits and is 57 years old. To retire under the "Rule of 85," he must be at least 55 years old, he must pass two work tests and his age and credits must total 85. Since Michael has been working steadily and has earned 2,000 hours in the past five years before retirement, he passes the first work test, and since he will have earned at least a quarter credit in his retirement year or either of the two years



Twenty-nine-year member Michael Say.

prior, he passes the second test. However,  $25.75 + 57 = 82.75$ , which leaves him short by 2.25 of the required 85. He may earn two of the necessary total in one year, once he: A) becomes one year older and B) earns one Pension credit. This means he could be eligible to retire in slightly over a year. (Although he plans to work until he is age 60!)

While currently operating an 825 Cat compactor for Ghilotti Construction in the Rohnert Park District, Michael said, "Social Security will pay my medical, dental and rent, but our Pension gives me money to go some place."

He used to be bothered by the \$9 Health and Welfare hourly contribution rate but is looking forward to "paying a third the real cost of Pensioned Health and Welfare" when he retires, which is coming up very soon.

### ATPA DISTRICT VISIT SCHEDULE

First Tuesday (July 1)	Rohnert Park
First Wednesday (July 2)	Eureka
Second Tuesday (July 8)	Burlingame
Second Wednesday (July 9)	Oakland
Second Thursday (July 10)	Fairfield
Third Tuesday (July 15)	Redding
Third Wednesday (July 16)	Yuba City
Third Thursday (July 17)	Sacramento
Fourth Tuesday (July 22)	Stockton
Fourth Wednesday (July 23)	Fresno
Fourth Thursday (July 24)	Morgan Hill

### FRINGE BENEFITS DISTRICT VISITS

A representative from the Fringe Benefits Office or the Trust Funds Office will be available to meet with you and answer questions at your district office once every two weeks.

Please refer to the Fringe Benefits schedule below.

First Tuesday (July 1)	Redding
First Wednesday (July 2)	Yuba City
First Thursday (July 3)	Sacramento
Second Tuesday (July 8)	Stockton
Second Wednesday (July 9)	Fresno
Second Thursday (July 10)	Morgan Hill
Third Tuesday (July 15)	Rohnert Park
Third Wednesday (July 16)	Eureka
Fourth Tuesday (July 22)	Burlingame
Fourth Wednesday (July 23)	Oakland
Fourth Thursday (July 24)	Fairfield

Contact your district office if you would like to schedule an appointment.

# PUBLIC EMPLOYEE NEWS



## Public Employee News

By Rick Davis, director

## Good job, Bill! Enjoy your retirement!

I want to say goodbye to one of our business agents who has decided to retire. Bill Pope has been with OE3 for 10 years, and, unfortunately, six of those years were spent after the recession hit. Public employees were getting cut every which way, and the job was difficult.

Pope represented members who worked for the city of San Jose, and not only was the city going through the recession but it was also dealing with Measure B, which really cut employee benefits and pay. Pope also represented our members with Cupertino Public Works, the Foothill-De Anza Community College District (CCD) Police Unit, the San Mateo Building Trades and the San Mateo Harbor District. Pope worked during the most difficult financial time in the history of OE3, and I am glad he hung in there as long as he did. He put up with a lot of abuse from members but maintained a professional attitude and kept fighting for whatever crumbs were thrown his way by city and district administrators. Bill, thank you for your service, and I truly hope you enjoy your retirement.

By now, most, if not all, of our Alameda County members are aware of the recent Contra Costa County court decision. For the last year, OE3 has been fighting in court on behalf of our Alameda County members. Because of Assembly Bill (AB) 197, the Alameda County Employees' Retirement Association (ACERA) wanted to cut Retiree benefits. As of the end of May, the court's final decision limits the pensionable leave cash-outs that were allowed prior to Jan. 1, 2013 and AB 197. OE3 plans to file an appeal and seek a preliminary injunction from the court of appeals staying the Contra Costa County court decision until the appeal is heard. This will give Alameda County members who are on the bubble of retirement time to make a knowledgeable decision.

OE3 has also been heavily involved in court cases in Stockton regarding its bankruptcy and in San Jose against the implementation of Measure B.

I am always hearing public employee members ask, "What's the union doing for me?" These large and costly court cases, along with grievances, arbitrations and Unfair Labor Practices (ULPs), are just a few of the things we do for the membership. Beyond what is or is not negotiated at the table, we also deal with the everyday disciplinary problems and the court cases that we carry for you. So when you question where your dues go, this is just a small example.

Happy Fourth of July, and I hope you all have a good rest of the summer.

## Year 2014 is turning around

By Dave Gossman, business representative

This year has turned out to be a very successful one regarding contract negotiations. The following jurisdictions negotiated multiple-year contracts with increased wages and benefits:

*Alameda County Building Trades Coalition.* Members received a five-and-a-half-year contract. Wage increases will be based on salary surveys of compatible jurisdictions each year in Northern California. Members received between 1 and 4 percent pay increases as of April 2014. They received a retroactive check for wage increases for the period of December 2012 to April 2014. Members received a county medical allowance of \$900 per year to be used toward medical premiums. There were also increases for tool and boot allowances. Members will enjoy their next wage increase on July 20, 2014, after the wage-survey is completed.

*Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District.* Members received a five-year contract with wage increases each year based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), with a minimum increase of 2 to 4 percent. An additional 1 percent pay increase is to be paid back by employees toward their California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) fund. There were no changes to medical costs.

*San Francisco Probation Supervisors.* Members will receive a wage increase of 3 percent effective Oct. 11, 2014, an increase of 3.25 percent effective Oct. 10, 2015 and an increase between 2.25 and 3.25 percent effective July 1, 2016, based upon the CPI. An additional 0.25 percent increase will be effective July 1, 2016. Total compensation will be increased between 8.5 and 9.5 percent for the three-year contract. There were no increases to medical costs.

*San Francisco Operators.* Operators will receive wage increases similar to those for probation supervisors. Operators with crane certification will receive an additional 0.25 percent increase. Total compensation will be increased between 8.75 and 9.75 percent for the three-year contract. Lead-pay language was changed and clarified to allow members to receive lead pay when appropriate. Metropolitan Transit Agency (MTA) operators will receive a one-time lump sum of \$1,500 in lieu of performance/attendance incentive pay. Meal allowance was added for members working at temporary, remote locations to conform to the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).



San Francisco Operator David Mibelli works his last day before retirement. He was an operator for more than 32 years, and his department is one that will be receiving pay increases.

### Member representation update

In April 2014, I represented member Jeff Nelson in an arbitration alleging misconduct. A hearing was held before Administrative Law Judge Perry Johnson. After the two-day trial, Johnson ruled in favor of the union and dismissed all charges. Nelson should receive two weeks of backpay and go on a very nice vacation!

I also represented two other Local 3 members charged with terminations this year. Again, the union was victorious and able to void both terminations.

This year has definitely turned out to be the start of better things to come for all union members.



# Successful contracts negotiated in the North State

By Art W. Frolli, business representative

We recently settled two contracts – one for the Susanville Sanitary District Bargaining Unit and one for the city of Corning Miscellaneous Bargaining Unit. In both contracts, our members received salary and benefit increases.

For the Susanville Sanitary District Bargaining Unit, we negotiated a two-year agreement from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016 with the following benefits:

Effective July 1, 2014, the salary range will be increased by 1.5 percent. Effective July 1, 2015, the salary range will be increased equal to the Social Security cost-of-living-increase percentage as of Jan. 1, 2015.

Prior to negotiations, the district changed the health-care plan to a superior one. While this cost the district, no additional cost was transferred to the employees. The previous plan was an 80/20 one, which cost the district 80 percent and the members 20 percent. The new plan is a 90/10 one, thus the out-of-pocket cost to our members was significantly reduced.

In the city of Corning, we negotiated a new contract effective July 1, 2014 through Dec. 31, 2015 with the following benefits:  
Effective July 6, 2014, members will receive a 3.5 percent increase to their base salaries, and one year later, they will receive an additional salary increase of 3.5 percent, for a total increase of 7 percent over the term of the contract.

The city increased the members' clothing allowance and will match up to \$25 per month to the employees' 457(k) accounts. The city also increased the compensatory time our members can retain by 25 hours.

The employees agreed to pay an additional 2 percent of their California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) pension payments over the term of the contract by paying 1 percent coordinated with each salary increase listed above.

I would like to thank both municipalities for their professionalism during this process and give special thanks to the job stewards who assisted me during these negotiations.



From left: Corning job stewards Dawn Grine and Vernon "Chris" Demo helped negotiate salary and benefit increases to their recent contract.

# The brighter side of public-employee representation

By Gregory C. Ramirez, business representative

Happy Fourth of July! Unbelievably, we are halfway through the year. Where did the first half go? The day-to-day tasks of a union business representative are varied and often revolve around less-than-positive circumstances, such as difficult negotiations and representing members in disciplinary cases. However, there are times when one can focus on the brighter side of public employment.

One of these brighter sides is the bus drivers we represent at the El Dorado County Transit Authority. It takes a special person to be a bus driver! Maneuvering a 40-foot-long vehicle in traffic isn't as easy as the drivers make it appear. Dealing with inconsiderate drivers, staying on schedule, providing great customer service and driving an industrial-grade vehicle over every bump, dip and pothole, while maintaining the safety and welfare of passengers, is no easy task. Yet the El Dorado County OE3 bus drivers are up to it.

I was invited to attend the El Dorado County Transit Authority Service Award Ceremony in May, where 15 OE3-represented bus drivers were honored for their service and exceptional safety in the course of duty.

Congratulations to the award recipients on their years of safe driving, including Joe Achterberg, Greg Brookshire, Jan Eppinger, Keith Lawson, Paul Minton and Chris Stoeckle for one year of safe driving; Jim Hunt and Jayson

Ravens for two years; Linda Forni for three years; Jeff Means and Bob Nobriga for four years; Tom House, Denyse Marshall and Gladys Neely for five years; Brad Goode for six years; Marla Sisneros for seven years; Patricia Jones-Barber for 12 years; and Art Harms for 17 years.

REMINDER: Every now and then I hear, "I don't know what's going on with the union." The best way to resolve that is to stay informed. Please send me an e-mail from *your personal e-mail address* with the following information: Your full name,

job title, agency/employer name, worksite location (name and address), cell-phone number and home-phone number. This information will only be used by me to keep you informed on what's happening with your unit or if I need to contact you for information or support. If you have a question or concern about something happening at work, drop me an e-mail and bring it to my attention ASAP. (Often there are timelines we must adhere to in order to resolve issues.) Thanks for your continued support and efforts!



Local 3 bus drivers are honored in May for their service and safety records by the El Dorado County Transit Authority.



## Credit Union

By Jim Sullivan, Credit Union secretary/financial officer  
& recording - corresponding secretary

# Happy birthday, America!

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## Rancho Murieta Training Center for apprentice to journey-level operators

By Tammy Castillo, director of apprenticeship

# Ready for action

On Saturday, May 3, nearly 60 Local 3 apprentices joined the coveted ranks of journey-level operator. The journey to get there – going through the Apprenticeship Program – was challenging, though well worth it for all, as graduates look forward to solid careers in a great profession.

“It’s an all-around great place for someone who wants to do this [work in construction],” said graduate and new Heavy Duty Repairer (HDR) Jesus Martinez Jr.

Fellow graduate Demarco Mackey commended the program for getting him prepared.

“[It] teaches you to do everything all at once and prepares you for the real world,” he said.

Their graduation ceremony was especially memorable for member John Burke, who got to watch his son, new Construction Equipment Operator (CEO) Sean Burke, graduate. John has enjoyed a career in Local 3 since 1988 and brought his son to “so many jobs” to see the equipment in action when Sean was just a child.

There is no question that these new journey-level operators are in for more action, as their careers are just beginning. Congratulations to all.



Regarding his recent graduation from the Local 3 Apprenticeship Program, new CEO John Garcia said, “I’d like to thank the contractors and upper management – the glue that makes this work.”



From left: Graduates Jason Mendes, Demarco Mackey and Alphonso Thomas.



New Dredge Operator Desheng Bian.



From left: CEO of the Year Karen Bucher visits with new CEO Juan Soto before the graduation ceremony.



From left: President Carl Goff and Treasurer Steve Ingersoll congratulate new CEO Robert Coleman.



Yvonne Lasserre with OE Federal presents new HDR Jesus Martinez Jr. with a gift card.



From left: Rec. Corres. Secretary Jim Sullivan, new Dredge Operator Jason Shanahan, Treasurer Steve Ingersoll and President Carl Goff. Shanahan said, “I am very excited to see where this will go,” regarding his recent graduation from the Local 3 Apprenticeship Program.



From left: Rec. Corres. Secretary Jim Sullivan presents Maggiora Ghilotti, Inc. owner Gary Ghilotti with the Employer of the Year award.



From left: Local 3 Operator John Burke, his wife, Margaret, and his son, graduate Sean Burke.

# Remembering the fallen

By David Jake, business representative

At the California state Capitol on May 1, a ceremony was held to honor those Caltrans workers who paid the ultimate price and lost their lives while performing their jobs as state highway workers.

This event was to once again remind all of the traveling public how important it is to slow down and, when safely possible, move over when entering a work zone, hence the slogan Slow for the Cone Zone.

The director for the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) State Unit 12 Craft and Maintenance Division, Tim Neep, spoke at the event. He offered his deepest condolences to all the families and friends who have lost loved ones while performing their

civil-service duties, then reminded all who attended that Operating Engineers are committed to doing everything in their power to make highway work-zones safer, such as getting new laws passed that penalize careless drivers in work zones. Operating Engineers will continue to research and pursue legislation to pass new laws that encourage stiffer penalties for irresponsible drivers. The bottom line is that the Operating Engineers want to send a strong message to the traveling public that *we will not tolerate negligent driving in our work zones!*

Remember to move over and Slow for the Cone Zone.



IUOE State Unit 12 Craft and Maintenance Division Director Tim Neep addresses the crowd.



Truck Mounted Attenuators (TMAs) like this one, which has obviously been hit, are used to help protect workers along the highways.



From left: Unit 12 members Larry Hein and Darren Moore attend the Caltrans memorial event held at the state Capitol.

## WHAT THE MEMBERS THINK

Why is the Caltrans memorial and remembering our fallen so important?



"It's an awareness of us out there on the road."  
– Chuck Smith, 14-year member



"People need to know. You don't think about what you have. If you have water, you're not thirsty. ... It's an awareness process."  
– Terry Brister, 13-year member



"If I had fallen, I would like people to honor me. God forbid that happens."  
– Jim Hiatt, 13-year member

## FIELD PERSPECTIVE: What the members are saying

**New technology has affected the surveying world in the last few decades. Has it helped you?**



*"I would like it way more without [new technology]. I don't like computers!"*

– Daniel Marshall, apprentice



*"Technology helps our equipment; it's cutting-edge – AD scanning."*

– Jacob Bardakjian, eight-year member



*"It's changing. We use it [technology] on a daily basis. There are different ways to use instruments."*

– Moises Gonzalez, apprentice

*"Yes. [Technology] drew me to it [surveying]. I try and keep up with it, but I also have to problem-solve and know the fundamentals."*



– John Lanfranki, apprentice



*"You still teach the fundamentals. Even if you don't use it every day. You can't stop technology."*

– Hector Estrada, 33-year member

## Tech News

### More survey work

By John Rector, senior business representative/organizer

Surveyors continue to work on projects throughout our jurisdiction, indicating an improving construction economy. We plan to continue to highlight these and other projects throughout the year.

#### *Martin M. Ron Associates, Inc.*

Chief of Party Sergei Solovsky and Rodman/Chainman Jason Dorner with Martin M. Ron Associates, Inc. are currently performing the field-surveying for the Central Subway project, which will extend the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency underground from south of Market Street to Chinatown. Martin M. Ron Associates, Inc. is also working on the Transbay Tower, where Party Chief Dennis Stern and Rodman/Chainman Feli Jackson are providing surveying services for the massive project, which, when completed, will be the eighth tallest building in the country.

#### *Feeney Engineering*

Surveyors with Feeney Engineering of Chico have been busy with a wide variety of work this year. They have been performing a lot of elevation-flood certifications and general surveying for the Butte County Rice Growers Association and providing construction-staking on the new Taylor Hall project at Chico State. Feeney recently completed the Ampla Health project in Los Molinas, where members performed the topographic surveys, provided construction-staking and elevation certification and created the site and improvement plans.

#### *Golden Pacific Surveys*

Golden Pacific Surveys' field surveyors are providing the construction-staking for the newest activity at Gilroy Gardens Family Theme Park, the half-acre water-attraction featuring three unique play elements. The initial surveying challenge was the layout within the

botanically themed park, with its intricate circus trees and landscaping and the labyrinth of utilities that serve it. Other challenges for the GPS survey crews, including party chiefs Gilberts Escobedo and Michael Sutherland, Chainman/Rodman Luis Ramirez and Chris Wilcox, entailed detailed layout of the free-flow decorative paving and water-jets in the splash-pad area and staking for the waterslides, retaining walls, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible ramps and the entry stairway. Attention to detail was paramount. The park is scheduled to open this year, prior to the completion of the Water Oasis, thereby requiring special care on the construction site to assure continued enjoyment and safety for park visitors.

#### *ESP Surveying, Inc.*

ESP Surveying, Inc. of Fresno is currently working on the San Joaquin River Bridge replacement project on Italian Bar Road. The 90-year-old bridge crosses over the San Joaquin River just north of Jose Basin Road and provides access to a hydroelectric power plant located upstream, which is operated by Southern California Edison. This bridge was recently designated as structurally deficient, requiring it to be replaced. ESP is currently performing design surveys that consist of land-net, control-net and topographic-ground surveys, aerial photogrammetry and river-channel cross-sections below the water surface for the preparation of preliminary and final roadway and bridge-design plans and specifications. ESP will provide the engineering design team with a complete topographic 3-D drawing depicting contours, plannimetric features and right-of-way. ESP will also perform right-of-way engineering for this project, primarily consisting of review/research of record data and preparation of plans with legal descriptions for additional right-of-way-acquisition purposes.



ESP Party Chief Sam Espinosa sets up along the San Joaquin River as part of the bridge-replacement project on Italian Bar Road.



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## Fighting the good fight

### Grandson pays tribute to veteran, Retiree, friend

By Mandy McMillen, managing editor

Local 3 has many second- and third-generation members. (Business Manager Russ Burns is a third-generation member, and his sons are now fourth-generation members.) It's not uncommon for the union way of life to also be a family way of life. But it is less common when family members get to work on the same job, and it is even rarer when a grandfather and grandson get to work together.

Fourteen-year member Jason Noe recalls sharing this special experience with his grandfather, Elwin "Dean" Hyder, who passed away in May.

In the summer of 2001, Hyder went back to work *at the age of 75* after being retired for almost 20 years. At the time, Local 3 needed operators, explained Noe.

"Maybe God or fate decided this, because he got dispatched to the same company I was working for," said Noe, who was a second-step apprentice at the time. "Then to top it off, we were on the same job. This was the greatest moment of my life, and others tell me it was one of his proudest moments."

This says a lot, since before Hyder joined Local 3 in 1947, he joined the Army as part of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division and took part in the liberation of the Philippine Islands during World War II.

After his return, he got married, had a family and joined the union, working first as an oiler on a shovel and then as a heavy-equipment operator on many dams and major "boom" projects throughout Local 3's jurisdiction, such as Lake Sonoma, Lake Berryessa, the Carson Bypass and Hwy. 50.

Hyder was always active in the union, especially as a Retiree in the Rohnert Park District.

"He came to all the meetings," said former District 10 staff member and current Retiree George Steffenson. "He was a gentleman operator, always happy and very proud of the union. He took pride in his appearance."

Known as an "old-school" operator, Hyder commanded respect wherever he went.

"He may have been only a rank-and-file member on paper, but in reality, he was so much more than that," said Noe. "I would go to the picnics they have had at the Ranch for old farts like him, and as we sat there, I would watch young and

old come to shake his hand with more respect than I have ever witnessed. I asked him once ... why he never got into

leadership? I think people of his time would have voted him in with a landslide, but he responded with, 'That was not for me. It was the leadership's job to stop wars from happening, but if they did, it was the boots on the ground that won it.' That's what he loved – being in the field, fighting the good fight."

Noe credits his grandfather for getting him into the union and passing along his love of equipment. In the summer, Noe would sometimes travel with his grandfather to far-away jobsites, and they would stay in his camper.

"Every once in a while, he would take me to the job and show me the toys

[equipment] I loved," said Noe. "He was not just my grandfather; he was my union brother and my best friend."

In our organization, there is no better tribute.

We honor Hyder for all that he gave in his lifetime – a long career as a Local 3 operator/mentor and as a veteran who served his country. We thank all of our veterans this month, as we celebrate the independence of the country they fought so hard to protect.



Retiree Elwin "Dean" Hyder served in the Army during World War II. He passed away on May 5.



Member Jason Noe watches his grandfather, Elwin "Dean" Hyder, operate a dozer in 2001. The two were coincidentally dispatched to the same job.

# Oakland Army Base gets new life

*New batch of apprentices help make it happen*

Story and photos by Jamie Johnston, associate editor

In 1941, the attack on Pearl Harbor rattled America, the country officially entered World War II and construction on what would later be called the Oakland Army Base broke ground. The base was a job that some of Local 3's earliest members went to work on, and it's a site that continued to employ Operating Engineers until it closed its doors in 1999.

That is until today.

In late 2013, work broke ground on the almost \$1 billion redevelopment of the base, a project that will turn the vacated area into a major logistics and warehouse center for the Port of Oakland. According to District 20 Business Rep. Brian Lester, the project will add to the port's capacity and give the stagnant site a buzz of new activity.

"Currently, cargo is shipped in and trucked out," he said. "After this, more trade will happen in the Port of Oakland. Building this logistics center will allow businesses to have their distribution centers here. ... The project will keep emissions down and save businesses money."

Once again, Local 3 members have been dispatched to the job, and, appropriately, as the base starts this new chapter in life, so are many of the apprentices who are assigned to help get the work done.

The project, which is being performed in phases and by several different Joint Ventures

(JVs), has a 50 per cent requirement for all trade employees. The apprenticeship component of the program is 1,000 hours for a lot of the jobsite last month, and it's a site that continued to comply with the requirements.

Hayward Baker, who has supervised the many subcontractors, says that the apprentices Josh Baker and Estefani Ramirez are doing well on their first jobs. Estefani is currently an apprentice in the industry.

"It's really interesting to see a new project. It's really safe. It's really good for the industry."

Ramirez's uncle, who is a lube technician, says that his cousin is a lube technician. He says that he would like to see an application and a union. But what she'd enjoy the work.

"I love working as an operator," she said.

Not a lot of first-time operators, and I've seen a lot of excavators.

District 20 has a lot of experience with HB Wick Drains, and the unique experience of the wick drains being installed.



Operator Tim Goss and first-step Apprentice Max Phelps work for HB Wick Drains.



Excavator Operator Corey Bruce demolishes old foundations.



Inspector Robert Uribe talks to Gradesetter Scott Jennings about elevations and locations on the project.



Third-step Apprentice Lillian Ferrer drills pre-holes at the old Oakland Army Base.



From left: Top Grade Project Superintendent Doug Meyer works with Flatiron Area Superintendent Tim Plowman and General Foreman Anthony Richardson on the "joint-equity" project.

ON THE COVER: Third-step Apprentice Lillian Ferrer drills pre-holes at the old Oakland Army Base.



percent local-hire requirement employees and a 25 percent component. This guarantees a lot of local apprentices, and visiting throughout, it looks like everyone is following the rules.

(HB) Wick Drains, one of the contractors onsite, put first-step apprentice Josh Brito and Max Phelps to work on the project. For District 20 first-step apprentice Estefania Ramirez, this was her fourth

excavator, she said of her current job. It's fast-paced. You have to be very strict. That's a good thing."

Richard Thornton is a crane operator and her job, so she had some idea of what it would be like when they gave her the job. She encouraged her to join the project. She didn't know is just how much work it would be.

Richard Thornton for construction; being an apprentice. "I like being on the excavator. It's a good step apprentices get on the job. They've gotten a lot of seat time."

Richard Thornton third-step apprentices Lillian and Thornton were also onsite. They were getting some work done as they drilled pre-holes for the wick drains to be installed.

This interesting process is being used in California more and more and allows crews to remove all the water out of the ground and compress the Bay mud.

Twenty-year member James Bredehoft, a Walnut Creek native, said he was operating the only wick-drain drum-rig onsite and was not the least bit nervous about doing something new.

"I love it," Bredehoft said of the machine. "There's a lot going on. There's a lot of stuff to concentrate on."

A second-generation Operating Engineer (his father was the owner of Mountain Cascade and his brother is a foreman for McGuire and Hester), he was also happy to be on a local job of this size. The first phase of the project is estimated to take four years to complete, with the entire job lasting 10 years.

"I love being out here," said Bredehoft. "I enjoy what I do. This is my dream – to be doing what I'm doing. My mom always said my toys just got bigger."

Another portion of the project that is currently underway on the almost 350-acre site is the utility abandonment, being performed by Flatiron/Top Grade/Gallagher and Burk JV. According to Inspector Robert Uribe, a 17-year member who is currently working for Berlogar Stevens and Associates, the process involves removing the gas, water, electrical and

telephone lines, with the storm line proving to be the most difficult.

"Everything is going fine so far," he said, just before performing a compaction test.

This is good news for everyone, explained Flatiron Area Superintendent Tim Plowman, a 20-year member who called the project a "joint-equity" JV.

"It's not my part and their part. We're all in it together," he said.

According to Top Grade Project Superintendent Doug Meyer, a 25-year member, this set-up has been successful so far and there are no complaints.

While these phases of the project are the most active right now, work is also underway at the old barracks, where Laborers are currently demolishing the buildings. Operating Engineers will come in once the structures are down to the foundation, and all the wood will be recycled.

This project couldn't have come at a better time, as it kicks off a better construction year, a new era for the base and a new career path for many involved. To new beginnings!



Richard Thornton drills pre-holes for the wick drains to be installed.



From left: First-step Apprentice Josh Brito learns a lot on his first job as an Operating Engineer working with 20-year member James Bredehoft.



First-step Apprentice Estefania Ramirez.



From left: Top Grade excavator operators Alfredo Alfaro and Brad Chitwood perform the utility abandonment.



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## Kaiser Permanente builds new structure

New projects are springing up everywhere in San Francisco. **A&B Construction** performed the grading for the foundation of the new produce center on Jerrold Avenue and Rankin Street in the Bayview District. The company did all the rough grading and will do all the finish grade for the whole site. **A&B Construction** is offsite as well, upgrading the storm-drain system, which will help support the new construction. **Juan Oceguera** is operating the backhoe to complete this task. In the same district on Carroll Avenue, there will be 121 senior rental units being built with underground parking. **EBI General Eng., J. Flores** and **Viking Drilling** will be working on this site. This project will cost about \$20 million to complete.

In Mission Bay, Kaiser Permanente is building a new structure that will have eight stories of office space. The company is using **Clipper International** with Operator **Chuck Neller** on the tower crane. **Sheedy** will provide the lift. Also in the city, the old Jack Tar Hotel on Geary and Van Ness is gone, making room for the new California Pacific Medical Center (CPMC) Hospital. **FERMA** performed the demolition. **Malcolm Drilling** is onsite, performing the diagonal drilling to help the shoring process. This shoring will help support the deep excavation necessary for the foundation. Operator **David Engen** has his work cut out for him with more than 600 tie-backs to be installed.

In San Mateo County, the work picture looks good. **Underground Construction** is ramping up for more Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) pipeline work along I-280. We never know for sure how many operators the company will need, but it sounds pretty good. **Sanco Pipelines** is starting a new

75-home subdivision in Foster City, across from Mariners Point Golf Center. **Golden Gate Constructors** continues work on an \$87 million runway-reconstruction project at San Francisco International Airport (SFO).

In Redwood City, there are a lot of jobs going on. **O'Grady Paving, Inc.** is working at Bair Island with Operator **Jose Vargas** and Apprentice **Alex Wollbrinck**. **Cahill** is starting a \$130 million project between Veterans Boulevard and Bradford Street. Contractors **Jos. J. Albanese**, **Malcolm Drilling** and **Andreini Brothers** are on the jobsite. Later, there will be three tower cranes and three lifts. Across the street on Marshall and Main streets, another \$130 million project has operators **Flint Plaster** and **Daniel McInerney** of **Malcolm Drilling** and **Robert Norvill** working for **DeSilva Gates**. Also in Redwood City, **Bigge Crane** has operators **Ron Kultti** and **L.C. Nolen** on the two tower cranes at Crossing 900.



L.C. Nolen sets up the tower cranes at Crossing 900.



David Engen works for Malcolm Drilling.

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### Elko Picnic next month

With summer in full swing, work in Northern Nevada is holding steady. **Granite Construction** is working on different highway projects, such as Hwy. 93 near Currie, Hwy. 95 north of Winnemucca, state Route 229 out of Wendover and the state Route 431 coldmill project in Reno. **Granite** is also working at the Carson City and Elko airports. **Q&D Construction** is busy with projects on I-80 at the Carlin Tunnels and Dunphy. The company can also be found working on Kingsbury Grade, the Reno-Tahoe Airport and around the Lake Tahoe area. **Sierra Nevada Construction** is staying busy with chip-seal projects on Hwy. 50 in White Pine County and state Route 445 near Gerlach.

The mining industry in the eastern part of our state has seen a significant increase in work. **Ames Construction** is busy in the Carlin area at the Barrick Goldstrike and Newmont Emigrant mines. **N.A. Degerstrom** has numerous operators employed at mine projects located in Battle Mountain and Ely. Mine work is slated to continue well into the winter months and is a great way to rack up some hours. If you are interested in putting your name on our mine list, please call our Reno office.

**Newmont Mining Corporation's** forecast on gold prices is left to speculation. **Newmont** is currently adjusting its business plan and shifting focus to other places, while maintaining certain aspects and cutting costs. The company is implementing safety programs that put more responsibility on the employees to be proactive. This includes the Vital Behavior program, Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA) cards and Stand Down for Safety. The union is just as concerned about safety as **Newmont** is, and we hope our members follow the expectations that are set. We emphasize safety over productivity. The union and **Newmont** have been working together to make sure we are actively involved and up-to-date concerning these types of

issues that would affect our members. If you have questions about any of these policies, feel free to contact the Elko office at (775) 753-8761.

Despite the weather, our District Picnic in Reno was a great success, and we were proud to see 50-year members **Leland Cooper**, **Harold Foote**, **Tom Gallagher**, **Leon Hutchins** and **Donald James** receive their awards at this event. Our hats off to all of you, and thank you for all of your hard work. We would also like to give a big thank you to the volunteers who helped make this year's picnic a hit.

Our annual Elko Picnic will be held on Saturday, Aug. 2 at the VFW Hall. Tickets are available at the Elko office and the OE3 Credit Union. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

With the Nevada Primary Election out of the way, we are now focusing on the General Election in November. If you would like to get involved and help put politicians in office who have the union's interests in mind, please call the Reno office.

Remember to keep all of your contact information, registration and required certifications current.

With all of the changes taking place recently, the union has been working to resolve any issues we've been facing. However, as always, we need help from our members to expand membership, because there is strength in numbers. We would like to thank our job stewards who helped out during Business Rep. **Bill Bodin's** brief absence.

Elko Town Hall Meetings – Construction Meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month, and **Newmont** Meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of the month. If you have any questions or need to contact an Elko agent, please call the Elko office.

We hope everyone is having a safe and fun summer. Remember to take time to enjoy it.

## Another year of work on Calaveras Dam project

The District 20 staff hopes everyone has a safe and sane Fourth of July holiday.

The work picture continues to stay strong in District 20. The Calaveras Dam project continues to move forward and added an additional year of work. **DeGrotto/Flatiron/Sukut** Joint Venture (DFSJV) also added another year to the Calaveras Dam project, bringing the completion date to 2017.

**Bay Cities Paving and Grading** is completing the second phase of Hwy. 84 on Isabel Road, widening the expansion. Phase three is expected to begin this summer. **Ford Construction** completed phase one of the Altamont Pass Landfill project. Phase two is scheduled to be out to bid very soon, and construction is anticipated to begin this summer.

The Oakland Airport BART connector is scheduled to begin operation this

summer and should ease traffic congestion on Hegenberger Road. The Oakland Army Base redevelopment project is moving right along and is expected to generate an abundance of work for years to come. (See this month's cover story for more information.)

District 20 would like to thank everyone who has volunteered hours by precinct walking and phone banking. It's folks like you who help make this union successful.

In closing, retired business agent **Cliff Thompson** would like to share a few words:

"After 35 years of membership in the Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3, I have decided to retire. I would like to thank all my brothers and sisters that I have worked with in the past for helping to make this a memorable career. I would

also like to thank my coworkers – district representatives, business agents and all my support staff. I have enjoyed the good times we've shared."



Retired business agent Cliff Thompson, left, receives his 35-year service pin from his son, Blake Thompson, on Blake's jobsite at the Calaveras Dam. Blake is a fifth-step apprentice, third-generation operator. This was a special day for Cliff, because he retired on July 1.

## Pre-job for Visalia Water Plant project takes place

Thank you to everyone who attended our most recent District Meeting despite the high temperatures. There was good energy throughout the meeting room, with a number of members, including apprentices, new members for initiation (**Michael Tarasevic** and **Robert Miramontes**), Retirees and members' families, in attendance. Prior to the meeting, people were able to enter their names for different raffle prizes, including tickets to Local 3's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, which were won by **Mike Kelley**. They also enjoyed a cool snack while watching a slideshow presentation of themselves at work, participating in rallies and receiving service awards. The members in attendance voted to approve the recommended changes to the current Bylaws but not before some questions, comments and debate. With the size of our union, questions, comments and debate are always welcomed.

The next District Meeting will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 13 at 7 p.m. We encourage everyone to attend, not only for up-to-date information but simply for a good evening of brother/sisterhood.

Upcoming projects recently bid include the bridge-girder-retrofit project on I-5 and state Route 152 in Santa Nella for \$1.1 million with **American Civil Constructors** being named the

low bidder. **W.M. Lyles Co.** is the apparent low bidder at \$28.6 million for the Fresno/Clovis Wastewater Reclamation Facility project, while **Avison Construction** is the apparent low bidder on the McKinley Avenue improvements project at Marks and Hughes in Fresno.

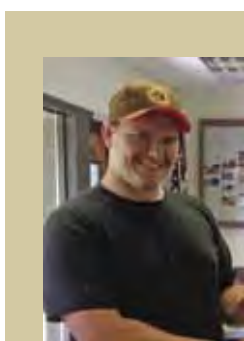
Awarded projects include the \$1.8 million asphalt-replacement project in Lindsay to **Chester Bross Construction Company**; the \$4.3 million paving-rehabilitation and shoulder-widening project in Stevinson to **Teichert Construction**; and an Asphalt Concrete (AC) paving project on Avenue 184 in Tulare to **W Jaxon Baker**.

After much delay, the pre-job with **W.M. Lyles Co.** for the Visalia Water Plant upgrade project has taken place. The approximately \$93 million project is in progress, and it is expected to continue through March 2017. Subcontractor **Teichert Construction** began the earthwork in June. Be sure to stay in contact with the Hall for all current and upcoming projects.

Our condolences and prayers go to the family of **Felipe Baquera**. Baquera was an Honorary Member of Operating Engineers with 50 years of service and worked for **American Paving Co.** prior to retiring.



From left: Mike Kelley, Mike Thompson and Johnathan Dowling vote on the Bylaws changes during the May 14 District Meeting.



### Apprenticeship Spotlight

Congratulations to Apprentice **Daniel Gaylord** on accepting his first dispatch, for **Papich Construction**, on May 15.

## Crews working on I-80

District 12 experienced a great turnout at the May Retiree Meeting at the new Hall. Including the Retirees and their spouses, more than 90 people were able to attend and enjoy the good food. President **Carl Goff** and Treasurer **Steve Ingersoll** were also in attendance and spoke to the Retirees, as was Fringe Benefits Director **Charlie Warren**, who was able to answer Health and Welfare questions. It is always great to see the Retirees come into the Hall and enjoy their time visiting with each other and reminiscing about their past experiences in the field, and it's good for us to see how important our Pension and Health and Welfare benefits are to them. They all enjoyed the new Hall, and we all owe them a great deal of gratitude for paving the way for our union.

On the work picture for our district, **Geneva Rock** picked up a \$34 million concrete-paving job near the Silver Creek junction to Wanship on I-80. Crews will stabilize the ground under the interstate, add concrete-paving and resurface the bridge-deck, much like the job completed on I-84 near Morgan. Crane Rental mainly has smaller shutdowns this year at the refineries and ongoing taxi work. **W.W. Clyde** is going strong on its I-15 Davis County road-widening job, and **Snelson Pipeline Company** is working on a 3.3-mile pipeline job through Weber Canyon.

We hope you have a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July and Pioneer Day.



David Hardman drove to the Retiree Meeting in his 1931 Ford Model A. He also enjoys touring with the Salty A's Car Club and entering parades to show off his unique car.

## STOCKTON | 1916 North Broadway, Stockton, CA 95205 ▪ (209) 943-2332 District Rep. Nathan Tucker

### Thirteen cases of asparagus gobbled up at this year's picnic!

At the time of this writing, we just had our Retiree Meetings, our District Meeting and our picnic here in District 30. Hopefully all of you were able to make it to one of these functions. The picnic was a great success again this year. We fed about 900 people with 700 pounds of tri-tip, 13 cases of asparagus and lots of ice cream, along with all of the beer, soda and margaritas people could drink. If you were not able to attend this year, please plan to come out next year on the first Sunday in May. You may run into someone you worked with many years ago, or you may just make some new friends there.

Hopefully all of our members in the district are out there working by now and getting a lot of hours this year. It was a little slow in the springtime, because of the really dry winter we had.

One job that has started in District 30 is the \$31 million Pelandale overcrossing in Modesto that **Teichert** and **MCM** are doing. The project consists of demoing the old bridge and building a new one with new on- and off-ramps to help with traffic flow in the area. Construction work also includes improving Sisk Road and Salida Boulevard access to the freeway. This job is scheduled to run through 2016 and will provide lots of hours for our members. Some of the other signatory subcontractors on the job are **Pacific Excavation** for all of the electrical work, **Modesto Sand and Gravel** for the demo and clearing, **WABO**

**Landscape** for the landscape work, **Walter C. Smith** for the boring and **AC Dike Company** for the dike work.

Members continue working on housing projects, including a big one called River Islands, located west of I-5 and north of I-205. It has 500 house pads that were done earlier this year by **Mountain Cascade** and **Teichert** and another 500 that are underway right now. **Knife River**, **Moreno Trenching**, **Teichert** and **DeSilva Gates** are all working on projects in our district. There are also about 1,600 house pads planned for the next three years for the city of Manteca. With all of this work, it will hopefully keep lots of our members busy for many years.

Some of the other projects going on in the district include **Bay Cities** and **C.C. Myers'** Hwy. 99 job from Manteca to Arch Road; **Myers and Sons** and **Granite's** Hwy. 99 job from Arch Road to Hwy. 4; **Teichert** and **MCM's** Joint Venture (JV) worth \$23 million in Sonora on the Hwy. 108 bypass; **R&L Brosamer**, **Case Pacific** and **West Coast Welders'** I-5 widening in Stockton; **Granite's** Mule Creek infill project in Ione; and **SMCI's** Tiger Creek Gravity Waterline worth \$10.5 million.

As you are working on these jobs, if you see something that does not look right, please call the Hall or an agent, and we will be there as soon as we can to check it out. Stay safe, and we will see you at the next District Meeting on Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Hall.



Some of the 900 people who attended this year's Stockton District Picnic eat, drink and visit under the shade structure at Micke Grove Park on May 4.



Six-year member **Robert Fielder**, his wife, **Ciara**, and their two sons, **Christian**, 2, and **Clayton**, 6, enjoy themselves at the Stockton District Picnic.



District 30 member **Richard Fall** wins a gift bucket full of American-made liquor at the Stockton District Picnic.

## There really is work on Timbuctoo!

District 60 wants to wish everyone a happy Independence Day and thank all who came and enjoyed the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom in June.

Summer is in full swing, and work has picked up.

**Teichert** is working around-the-clock on the city of Marysville project and will soon start the Hwy. 70 interchange at Feather River Boulevard. **Shasta Constructors** is building a new bridge on Sixth Street in Biggs. **Viking Construction** also has a new bridge going up in Smartsville on Timbuctoo Road. **George Reed** has had some paving throughout the district, along with **Knife River** and **McGuire and Hester**. **Raito, Inc.** is working on the Feather River Levee project. **Kraus Maintenance** is also working on a specialized project for the Department of Water Resources (DWR) inside Lake Oroville Dam.

With summer comes the heat. Remember to stay hydrated and try to stay cool. We always want to remind everyone to Slow for the Cone Zone and be safe out there. Our next quarterly District Meeting is scheduled for Aug. 14, and we encourage all

of our members to show up and be informed about what is going on in their union.

As always, feel free to call or stop by the Hall with any questions you may have.



*Darrell Spliethof, above, and Kenny Spliethof, left, work for Shasta Constructors on the Sixth Street Bridge replacement in Biggs.*

## **EUREKA** | 840 E St., Suite 20, Eureka, CA 95501 ■ (707) 443-7328 District Rep. Steven Glenn Harris

### Mark your calendars for Wine and Cheese Event

The work picture has been mixed as the season goes into full swing. There is an increase in work and more operators producing hours, but some of our usual employers have been doing more with less due to the still-uncertain financial atmosphere.

Our biggest project in the area so far is with **Chicago Bridge & Iron**, with **North Coast Fabricators** performing all the hiring at the Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) Humboldt Bay Power Plant. Many of the operators who worked for **Fluor Maintenance Company** have transitioned to **North Coast Fabricators**. This job has put more than 20 operators to work, and more may be needed.

**Mercer-Fraser** got a slow start this year, downsizing from two paving crews to one as of May. The company has several paving projects that it's committed to completing, so this may change as the season goes forward. The usual spring rains cause delays, but by this month, the delays will hopefully be gone.

**Peterson** has had some turnover at the Fortuna shop, but the company has continued to provide service for the Humboldt County area. The rank-and-file are all under a new and better contract negotiated this year.

**Wahlund Construction** was awarded the next phase of the Martin Slough Interceptor project and has retained **HDD Company** to do the trenching. This project has been a need for the city of Eureka for many years, and the residents are thrilled to see that it's finally being done. There is difficult terrain involved, but our signatory companies and our operators are up for the challenge.

**West Valley Construction** began work on the underground utilities for PG&E in McKinleyville. The subcontractor is a familiar local company, **Hooven & Co.** This job will take six weeks to complete.

**Steelhead Construction** has two projects that kick off soon. The widening of Hwy. 169 is a paving project that has been

financed and coordinated by the Hoopa tribe. This job will keep a few of our operators close to home in Willow Creek. The other project, the Cummings Road Landfill clean-up, is a job where Hazmat training will come in handy. It was slated to start at the end of May.

**Underground Construction** started a pipeline project, the first for District 40. Beginning at Thompkins Hill near Fortuna, crews have now moved to Humboldt Hill in Eureka. We hope the company can continue to do work up here and keep our pipeline operators busy in this area.

Several bids for large projects are going out, and we hope to see the season continue to provide work for our members.

This is the busy season for our Caltrans brothers and sisters, so, as we all travel this summer, please Slow for the Cone Zone.

At our District Meeting in May, we handed out service-award pins to three members, honoring their time with Operating Engineers. **Jerry Seales**, **Tom Brazil** and **Martin Alves** each celebrated 40 years with OE3 and picked up their pins at the Retiree Meeting. (Look for their photos in an upcoming pin spread.) If you'd like to know when you qualify to pick up your next service pin, call Secretary **Jennifer McKenzie** at the Hall and we'll present it to you at the next District Meeting. Remember, pins are given in five-year increments from 25 to 75 years of service.

District Rep. **Steve Harris** is involved with the Building and Construction Trades Council of Humboldt and Del Norte counties. The council is planning a fundraising Wine and Cheese Event for Aug. 22 from 5 to 8 p.m. Harris said, "We are currently seeking volunteers to come out and cut the cheese." So save the date!

Our next District Meeting is on Aug. 12 at the Labor Temple (840 E St.) at 7 p.m. We hope to see you all there. We are only as strong as our members' voices, so come out and be heard.

## Member's call results in new company signed!

This has been a great year in District 04. From organizing to Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) and fighting for better contracts, life in Fairfield has been extremely positive and productive for the members of Local 3. To begin the year, we were able to secure an agreement at the Santa Cruz Port District after a hard fought, 2-½-year battle. In doing so, we were able to add five new members to our ranks. New Santa Cruz Port employees **Val Montieth, Sandy Tucker, Ian Jones, Chris Sengezer and Rory Stipanovich** were sworn-in at the May District 90 meeting.

We've also signed several new agreements, including one with **National Blending**. For years, we've been chasing this company all over Northern California. Thanks to a call from **Syar Steward Lee**

**Deming**, we were able to track it down, and in May, the company stepped up to the plate and did the best thing possible for the owners and their employees. "Local 3 offers benefits that I could never give my guys," said owner **Brian Hersh**.

Last but not least is the work we've been able to do with our local Building and Construction Trades Council (BCTC). The BCTC is made up of all of the building-trades unions, and its main objective is to negotiate PLAs that secure work for all of the trades. These are known as Building Trades PLAs. In 2014, the Napa-Solano Building Trades Council successfully negotiated PLAs with Solano Community College for the \$300 million Measure H bond projects and with the Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) for all future projects,

including the new \$30 million Ferry Maintenance Building on Mare Island. The council was also able to negotiate a reduced threshold for the Solano County PLA. Previously, there was a countywide PLA for any project worth more than \$10 million. Now, thanks to the BCTC, any Solano County project worth more than \$2.5 million will be covered by a PLA. Solano County is one of three Northern California counties with such a PLA in place, and now, many more projects will be built union!

### Apprenticeship Spotlight

We would like to congratulate new Construction Equipment Operators (CEOs) **Sabrina Martin and Clay Bushey** for journeying out in May.



Treasurer Steve Ingersoll swears-in new Santa Cruz Port employees, from left: Val Montieth, Sandy Tucker, Ian Jones, Chris Sengezer and Rory Stipanovich at the May District 90 meeting.



From left: Plant operators Shaun Schultz and Michael "Mikey" Morton work for Local 3's newest signatory employer, National Blending.



New CEO Clay Bushey.

## Vote for union-endorsed candidates

Election Day is approaching (Aug. 9). This and every election is critical to our industry and union way of life. Your Political Action Committees (PACs) on all islands have interviewed, researched and endorsed the candidates listed on page 6. We thank our Industry Stabilization department for its help in this process.

In several races, we endorsed two candidates. The purpose for this is three-fold:

- 1) Both candidates have supported our industry and our union.
- 2) It gives our members the opportunity to support their candidate of choice.
- 3) It allows us to give both campaigns financial and member support.

It is better for us to get involved and show support than to just sit on

the sidelines. We do not wait for things to happen. We do the work and make things happen! It is important for all of us to know that *every vote counts*. We look forward to your participation. Please vote for the candidates endorsed by your union.

In appreciation of your help precinct walking, sign waving, phone banking and participating in fundraising events, we record your volunteer hours through our Voice of the Engineer (VOTE) program and reward you the following year.

Another way to get involved in your union is to attend the Annual Empowering Operating Engineers Events, like the one held on May 10 in Kihei, Maui. Upcoming events will be held on Aug. 23 on Kauai and Aug. 30 on Oahu.



From left: August Ponce, Angie Chinen, Anthony Carvalho, Kainalu Greig and Jordan Camara attend the Seventh Annual Empowering Operating Engineers Event held in Kihei, Maui on May 10.



From left: Maui County Mayor Alan Arakawa, Business Manager Russ Burns and Vice President Dan Reding attend the Seventh Annual Empowering Operating Engineers Event held in Kihei, Maui on May 10. Local 3 is endorsing Arakawa for re-election.

## Members busy on water-reclamation project

Members are staying busy working for **Engelke Construction**. Foreman **Josh Stout** is in charge of a large water-reclamation project in Healdsburg, where temperatures get hot. Backhoe Operator **Brian Smith** is performing the digging for the 5,000 feet of 16-inch pipe that extends from the back of the reclaim area. It will primarily be used for vineyard irrigation. A 12-foot



Loader Operator  
Brad Pierce.

pipe is also being set. When all is said and done, there will be 2,000 feet in the ground. This waterline will be used to transfer the reclaimed water from the sewer-treatment plant. Loader Operator **Brad Pierce** is filling the trench alongside the digging crew, and utility workers **John Alger** and **Nick Cervantes** help out where needed. The crew will also be putting a pipe at the end of a fill-station. In turn, contractors will be able to use water from the station for dust-control, roadways and whatever they see fit.



Josh Stout, John Alger and Brian Smith work for Engelke Construction.

## SACRAMENTO

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## Improving Lake Tahoe

It's our great country's 238<sup>th</sup> birthday and our outstanding local's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A big thank you to all who attended our Anniversary Celebration and to the staff who helped make the event possible.

As we celebrate this Independence Day, we reflect on how our founding fathers expressed the importance of our voice as a union of people through the Declaration of Independence. Did you know that the Declaration of Independence was originally finished and signed on July 2 but was not accepted by Congress until July 4? It's true. Why is Independence Day so important? It's the day that we as a union of people officially put England on notice that we were through with the tyranny and oppression.

Our union did very much the same thing to employers 75 years ago and created the Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3. Employees who were sick and tired of poor working conditions and unsafe work practices joined together and organized the union. We should all take some time to reflect on Local 3's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary as well and all of those who fought to make this union what it is today.

We should also think about the people who continue to fight to keep what we have and secure more for the membership of this great union. Nothing worthwhile comes easy.

Enjoy the fireworks this holiday, and have a hot dog or two. After all, statistics say there will be more hot dogs consumed on the Fourth of July than any other day of the year – 155 million of them! But pay attention to the flag you fly in your yard. A total of \$3.8 million was spent in 2012 on flags, and \$3.6 million of that went to flags made in China!

As for the work picture, **RGW Construction** was awarded the \$20 million Improving Vertical Clearance Project on I-80 from Newcastle to just past the Magra Road off-ramp in Placer County.

**Steve P. Rados** is working on the more than \$17 million Placer Regional Sewer Pipeline project that has about 13 miles of 26-inch pipe by open cut.

**Q&D Construction** is working on the Kings Beach Core Improvements project on the North Shore of Lake Tahoe. This project will improve Lake Tahoe's water clarity by updating the sewer system and keeping the sediment out of the lake.

It will also revitalize Kings Beach by improving the streetscape and adding sidewalks on both sides of the highway. The project was originally put to bid at more than \$50 million but was scaled back and awarded at \$20.2 million.

**Lund Construction** has several private-work jobs all over the Roseville/Rocklin area and will be using several crews throughout the year. The company has a good project at Whitney Ranch in Rocklin that is worth more than \$9 million and consists of underground, joint-trench and utilities.

**DeSilva Gates** has private-work jobs scattered all over Roseville. One in particular is the Fiddymont West

project that **Teichert, Lund and Marques Pipeline, Inc.** are working on for Lennar homes. The prep and site work should bring more than 1,000 homes to Roseville.

**Abercrombie Pipeline Services** is working for Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) on a project in Roseville that has put 26 of our brothers and sisters to work installing 4.08 miles of 16-inch gas pipe. **Brotherton** will be performing the boring.

**Snelson** is working on the west shore of Lake Tahoe for Southwest Gas, installing 6- and 8-inch high-pressure gas lines under Hwy. 89. This project should keep our brothers and sisters busy through the summer. **Machado and Sons** is performing the paving for **Snelson**.

**Kiewit** is also busy, using its new LTR 1220 – the first hydraulic crawler crane of its size in Northern California.



Kiewit's new LTR 1220 is the first hydraulic crawler crane of its size in Northern California.



## Earthquakes' stadium puts members to work

Summertime has arrived, and it's going to be a hot one. Work is moving right along in District 90. Some of the big projects going on include the San Clemente Dam, where you will find **Granite Construction**, and the Apple project, where **Goodfellow/Top Grade** is providing the groundwork along with other signatories. **Broom Service** is keeping the streets clean on that project. **Skanska/Shimmick/Herzog** Joint Venture (JV) is moving along at the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) BART extension project, and **Bigge Crane & Rigging** and **Top Grade** are working on the Earthquakes' new soccer stadium. **Granite Rock** is gearing up for the Monterey Airport project.

Wherever you see big projects, you will find many of our brothers and sisters hard at work. Throughout District 90,

many of our signatories, including **DeSilva Gates**, **Top Grade**, **Independent Construction** and **Duran & Venables**, are breaking ground on new housing developments and commercial-building sites. The underground work is keeping **Sanco Pipelines**, **Preston Pipelines**, **Northern Underground** and many others busy.

**Redgwick Construction** has been hard at work in the small town of San Martin. San Martin Avenue is now wider and has sidewalks. Soon **RGW** will begin work on the Hwy. 1 project in Santa Cruz and the Hwy. 9 project in Saratoga. The Hwy. 152/Mount Madonna lane-widening is also coming up.

District 90 would like to thank all of the volunteers for their time and efforts during this political season.

## **REDDING** | 20308 Engineers Lane, Redding, CA 96002 ▪ (530) 222-6093 District Rep. Bob Vanderpol

### Several bridge-maintenance jobs going on

We are proud to report that we have finally reached an agreement with **Peterson Tractor**. Pre-negotiations began last July, and negotiations were completed on May 5. The length of time it took to negotiate an agreement did not discourage our efforts in getting a fair contract for the employees of **Peterson**. Thanks goes out to the committee members who spent many hours in negotiations and away from their families. The Chico/Redding/Willows agreement saw increases that brought employees closer to the wages earned in **Peterson's** Bay Area agreements.

Work is going well in District 70. It's not all we can handle here, but a fair amount of hands are working some decent hours. **Q&D Construction** is working on several bridge-maintenance jobs. **Martin Brothers** has a paving job on Hwy. 44. **Shasta Constructors** is performing several bridge-maintenance jobs in Shasta, Siskiyou and Tehama counties. **J.F. Shea Co.** has a paving job on I-5 near Sims Road. **Steelhead Construction** is working on Hwy. 299 in Salyer. **Tullis, Inc.** picked up several new jobs, which include I-5 Yreka overlays/digouts, work on I-5 near Gilman Road and Trinity County paving jobs. **T & S Construction** is working on water-treatment facilities for the city of Yreka and on a facility in Tehama County in Lake

California. **Stimpel-Wiebelhaus** is working on the new section of roadway on the I-5 Antlers Bridge that will connect with **Tutor Perini's** bridge project. **Darren Taylor Construction** and **Road and Highway Builders** of California are also staying busy.

For those in our district who have not found steady employment so far this season, please give us a call. We have had other districts call us looking for members who are willing to travel out of the area. Keep your out-of-work-list registration current, and keep any certifications or equipment upgrades up-to-date.

### Apprenticeship Spotlight

Fifth-step Construction Equipment Operator (CEO) Apprentice **Greg Conley** is currently working for **Force Drilling** on the **Tudor-Saliba** bridge project in Lakehead. He is a very hard-working individual. **Force Drilling** Foreman **Josh Shaffer** said Conley is a great asset to his crew. He is very versatile and has certification to operate a large hydro crane.

As his apprenticeship coordinator, **Danny Roles** has never had an issue with Conley following the rules and regulations of his apprenticeship, his work ethics or his dependability, and Roles is proud to highlight him here this month.



District 70's Nate Dubose, above, and Art Jaspre, left, work for J.F. Shea Co.



From left: Chris Wells works for Darren Taylor Construction and Mike Tauscher works for Road and Highway Builders of California.



Fifth-step CEO Apprentice Greg Conley.

# Congratulations, 50-year members

Allen E. Adams	05/64	Prospect, OR	Samuel Hess Clark III	04/64	Marysville, CA	William B. Hysell	05/64	Modesto, CA
James C. Adams	04/64	Arroyo Grande, CA	Doyle Cole	11/63	Antioch, CA	Whitney Iseke	05/60	Kailua, HI
Alex Alfoldy	10/64	Pinole, CA	Michael Conci	11/64	Auburn, CA	Delbert Jackson Sr.	10/63	Keaau, HI
Arthur "Bill" Anderson	06/64	Challis, ID	William Conn	10/64	Eureka, CA	Donald L. James	01/64	Wadsworth, NV
Myron G. Anderson	10/64	Livermore, CA	Leland "Coop" Cooper	12/64	Sparks, NV	Alfred Jaramillo	05/61	Stockton, CA
George K. Aoki	05/64	Aiea, HI	Robert E. "Corky" Corcel	08/64	Morgan Hill, CA	Daniel Johnasen	03/64	Kurtistown, HI
Albert L. Armstrong	05/63	Yuba City, CA	Eugene Corl	11/64	Reno, NV	Bob "Boxy" Johnson	06/64	Eureka, CA
Michael V. Arthur	04/64	Aiken, SC	Jerry L. Cossey	04/64	Petaluma, CA	Troy L. Johnson Jr.	09/64	Niland, CA
Richard M. Arthur	12/63	Dixon, CA	Bob Cress	07/64	Stevensville, MT	William "Bill" F. Jordan	08/64	Live Oak, CA
Neal K. Austinson	08/64	Rohnert Park, CA	Paul Damgaard	11/63	Santa Rosa, CA	William Billy Jose	01/64	Kaneohe, HI
Leonard Ayala	05/64	Modesto, CA	Don Davids	11/64	San Jose, CA	Eugene Jud	08/64	San Martin, CA
John Baldetta Jr.	12/52	Blaine, WA	Denny Davis	09/64	Georgetown, CA	Thomas H. Kaaii	09/64	Honolulu, HI
Henry Banuelos Sr.	09/63	Stockton, CA	M.K. Denniston	10/64	Newcastle, CA	Francis Kaniaupio	06/64	Kapolei, HI
Dale Barker	11/64	Loomis, CA	Donald DePonte	03/64	Honolulu, HI	Don W. Keele	01/64	Hurricane, UT
Billy N. Barrett	04/64	Modesto, CA	Albert DeSantis	08/64	Marysville, CA	Gary P. Kimmel	06/64	Cottonwood, CA
Douglas B. "Cowboy" Barringer	09/63	Arlington, TX	Ascencio Diaz	12/63	Pinole, CA	Robert Kirkbride	02/64	Las Vegas, NV
Joe Bartholomew	05/64	Hayward, CA	Ken Dickinson	02/64	Etna, CA	Robert P. Kitchen Jr.	09/63	Concord, CA
Vern Bartlett	10/64	Elverta, CA	Cat Dillon	07/58	Carlotta, CA	Gary B. Knivila	09/64	Santa Rosa, CA
Danny Bartley	11/64	Bayside, CA	Malcolm Douglas	09/64	Sunol, CA	Edward A. Kobata	10/50	Hawi, HI
Charles Bradley Bate	07/64	Hanford, CA	John E. Driver	02/63	Brownsville, CA	Martin Krieg	03/64	Watsonville, CA
A.T. Beall	09/60	Oroville, CA	Gale E. Easley	12/63	Redding, CA	William I. Ku Sr.	01/64	Honolulu, HI
Robert W. Beall	07/64	Modesto, CA	John Nick Edman	10/61	Salem, UT	Gerald E. Kunz	05/64	San Mateo, CA
Ronald Beck	04/64	San Gregorio, CA	Henry Efhann	01/64	Kapaa, HI	Shigeshi Kurosawa	10/64	Kula, HI
Edward D. Bellato	06/64	Pleasant Hill, CA	Jerry Eisenhut	11/64	Russells Point, OH	Leonard W. Kutz	12/64	Florence, AZ
Jimmie Bennett	08/64	Modesto, CA	Gerald Elenberger	06/64	Fair Oaks, CA	Tony R. Landers	03/64	Folsom, CA
Russell Bennett	11/64	Modesto, CA	David G. Emery	02/64	Lake Barrington, IL	Earl E. Landingham	12/63	Vina, CA
Alfred E. Bermea	10/64	New Braunfels, TX	George R. Erdahl	09/64	Redding, CA	Dennis M. Lee	05/64	Mililani, HI
George Bernal	11/63	Stockton, CA	Walter P. Fahje Jr.	06/64	Antioch, CA	Jack "Jackie" D. Lewis	07/64	Madera, CA
Wayne L. Betts	12/62	Spanish Fork, UT	Paul Farmer	06/64	Bay Point, CA	Walt Lewis	12/64	Mariposa, CA
Jack B. Blakeney	05/64	Santa Rosa, CA	Terry Farris	03/64	Fresno, CA	Joseph Lopez Jr.	09/64	Pahrump, NV
Ronnie K. Blevins	09/64	Madera, CA	John R. Fernandes	11/63	Waterford, CA	Fred Loya	07/63	Roseville, CA
Marshall J. Boné	10/60	Clayton, CA	Guy Ferrari	02/57	Rio Vista, CA	Jerry Lund	08/64	Rocklin, CA
Larry Braden	04/64	Clovis, CA	Ron Fideldy	09/64	Carver, MN	Peter MacDonald	09/64	Stockton, CA
Dean S. Braithwaite	01/58	Coalville, UT	Keith Fontes	11/64	Redding, CA	Winford Maddox	06/64	Los Banos, CA
Harold Brandt	08/64	Stockton, CA	Harold Foote	10/64	Reno, NV	George Maeda	07/64	Kaneohe, HI
Lewis Bratton	05/64	San Jose, CA	Robert L. France	06/64	Vallejo, CA	Sebastian "Bud" Maggi	03/64	Roseville, CA
Greg Brazier	02/64	Foresthill, CA	George F. Freitas Jr.	09/63	Honolulu, HI	Alan J. Majors	09/64	Slidell, LA
Jim Breslin	06/64	Orangevale, CA	Tom Gallagher	11/64	Reno, NV	Ronald Makua	02/64	Honolulu, HI
Jerry M. Briggs	10/63	Roseville, CA	Wayne Gilstrap	07/64	Fresno, CA	Leo A. Mankins	05/64	Carson City, NV
Edward L. Brown	05/64	Coarsegold, CA	Manuel Gomes	02/64	Kihei, HI	Robert J. Marshall	01/64	Spanish Fork, UT
Richard Bryant	11/64	Grass Valley, CA	Robert C. Gomez	03/64	Fresno, CA	James J. Martin	12/63	Honolulu, HI
Larry D. Bubak	04/64	Galena, MO	Joseph F. Gonsalves	01/64	Elk Grove, CA	Sam L. Martinelli	06/64	Walnut Creek, CA
Larry Bunning	05/64	Mariposa, CA	J.D. Grady	12/62	Fresno, CA	Hipolito G. Martinez	08/64	Fremont, CA
David M. Burch	01/64	Oakdale, CA	Ronald Gragg	09/61	Eureka, CA	Floyd W. Mathis	09/64	Oakdale, CA
William Burns	06/64	Eureka, CA	Bill Gregory	05/57	Redding, CA	Oliver K. Mattoon	11/61	Honolulu, HI
Francis T. Butterworth	08/64	Petaluma, CA	Donald Grinstead	10/64	Magalia, CA	Charley T. McCay	10/56	Redding, CA
Franklin Callahan	02/62	Biggs, CA	Loyd Hack	05/64	Leitchfield, KY	Melvin R. McDaniel	02/64	Brookings, OR
James Campos	10/64	Auburn, CA	Don Hale	03/64	Desert Hot Springs, CA	David McDonald	10/64	Sparks, NV
Nick Capachi	03/64	Sacramento, CA	Elbert Hall	08/64	Oroville, CA	L. Melvin McDonald	09/64	Oakdale, CA
Norm Carlsen	02/64	Midvale, UT	Jim Hamilton	10/64	Dos Palos, CA	Darrel G. McEuin	02/64	Auxvasse, MO
Fred R. Carrier	03/64	Palo Cedro, CA	Ken Hayes Sr.	11/64	San Bruno, CA	Raymond G. McEvoy	11/63	Novato, CA
Steven Casey	10/62	Minden, NV	Ray Helmick	03/64	Rancho Murieta, CA	Ranny E. McHaney	10/64	Fresno, CA
Roy E. Caster	07/64	Stockton, CA	Joseph A. Hendrix	10/64	San Jose, CA	Bruce McLaughlin	11/63	Martinez, CA
Brad Caylor	04/64	Mendocino, CA	William R. Hinds	05/64	Petaluma, CA	Jim Meagher	12/64	Piedmont, CA
Eduardo Cerrudo	01/64	Hayward, CA	Paul M. Hirota	04/64	Lewiston, ID	Ted F. Medeiros	08/64	Atwater, CA
Dwight "Red" Chaplin	12/63	Yerington, NV	Gene Hollifield	09/64	Oroville, CA	Cliff Merck	06/64	Eagle Mountain, UT
Arthur R. Chapman	06/60	Fairfield, CT	Charles Arthur Hope	10/63	Willits, CA	Ray C. Mesa	05/64	Atwater, CA
Larry Chapman	08/64	Carson City, NV	Wilfred A. Houghtby	10/64	Red Bluff, CA	Charles "Bud" Miceli	10/62	Redwood City, CA
Melvin Chasteen	12/64	Escalon, CA	Philip Houston	08/64	Dayton, NV	Reo C. Mitchell	07/63	Coos Bay, OR
Bill Chaves	08/64	Surprise, AZ	John J. Hultsman	06/64	Auburn, CA	James Miyashiro	02/64	Waipahu, HI
Gary W. Chock	09/63	Myrtle Beach, SC	Marvin R. Husman	09/64	Soledad, CA	Mike Mocho	08/64	Reno, NV
Anthony Chung	02/64	Kahului, HI	Leon J. Hutchins	08/64	Truckee, CA	J.C. Moore	03/64	Andrews, NC
Lane Chynoweth	10/64	Ferron, UT	Robert "Hutch" Hutchison	09/64	Nampa, ID	Keith Mooso	03/64	Sparks, NV

James "Skip" Morford	06/63	Livermore, CA	Andrew J. Roberts	06/64	Carmichael, CA	Shoko Tengan	04/64	Waipahu, HI
Harry M. Morikami	09/64	Aiea, HI	Dale Roberts	08/64	Sacramento, CA	Calistro Terrasas	10/64	Clovis, CA
John Q. Morris	04/64	Petal, MS	Jeremiah Roberts	09/62	Honolulu, HI	Toshio Tetsutani	08/64	Honolulu, HI
Frank J. Munoz	06/64	Rancho Cordova, CA	Eldon E. Rogers	06/64	Castro Valley, CA	Gordon Thurlow	12/63	Ione, CA
Robert L. Murphy	11/64	Bella Vista, CA	M.J. Rohde	10/63	Campbell, CA	Arthur Tompkins	02/64	Georgetown, CA
James D. Neizman	11/63	Lahaina, HI	Angelino Ronquilio	02/64	Aiea, HI	Clinton J. Trefethen	05/64	Yuba City, CA
Frank L. Nelson	11/64	Monte Sereno, CA	Delbert Russell	03/64	Sacramento, CA	Harry K. Tucker	09/64	Clearlake Oaks, CA
Rick Nielsen	11/64	Saltillo, MS	Joseph E. Sabala	01/64	Pearl City, HI	Dale Twiss	04/64	Livermore, CA
Mitch Nunez	10/64	Newark, CA	Thomas A. Sanders	09/63	Redwood City, CA	Thomas A. Uemura	08/64	Honolulu, HI
Clifton L. O'Brien	11/63	Sacramento, CA	Richard Sant Agata	09/64	Clovis, CA	Alan Urricelqui	09/64	Concord, CA
Richard A. Olson	09/63	Otis, OR	Vic Santino	09/64	Gerber, CA	Seishi Uyechi	02/64	Honolulu, HI
William H. O'Neil	09/64	Chico, CA	Benny Schallberger	11/64	Oroville, CA	Masa Uyeda	06/64	Waipahu, HI
Harry G. Ormonde	08/54	Shasta Lake, CA	Dale D. Scheid	05/64	Fallon, NV	Ellis M. Vance	09/63	Sun Valley, NV
Charles Dale Orr	02/64	Castro Valley, CA	F. Kay Schiess	01/64	Providence, UT	Gerard Vincent	11/64	Keaau, HI
Juan S. Ortiz	05/62	Vacaville, CA	Melvin A. Schmidt Jr.	08/64	Hoolehua, HI	Peter Paul Vincent	03/64	Pearl City, HI
Ronald S. Ouchi	06/64	Honolulu, HI	Wayne Severson	08/63	Tracy, CA	Carl R. Wagner	07/63	Orangevale, CA
Bruno C. Pagendarm	12/64	Clatskanie, OR	William H. Sharp	09/64	Clovis, CA	Robert Gary Wagon	06/64	Rescue, CA
Bennett M. Parker	09/64	Sacramento, CA	William "Bill" Shepard	02/64	Meadow Vista, CA	Mamo Wakuta	09/64	Kapaa, HI
Crag E. Parker	05/64	Pinole, CA	Rodgers M. Shibuya	05/64	Pearl City, HI	Phillip A. Walden	09/64	Fremont, CA
Estes L. Parker	09/64	Woodland, CA	Waynard E. Simmons	04/64	Waianae, HI	Milton Webb	12/63	Oroville, CA
Wayne K. Patch	10/64	Benicia, CA	Floyd Smith	01/64	El Sobrante, CA	Ron Webster	04/64	Fresno, CA
Nicholas G. Patron	06/64	Stockton, CA	James Smith	12/64	Los Banos, CA	Michael M. Weiss	12/64	Shingle Springs, CA
Paul R. Perreira	02/64	Pearl City, HI	Kale Smith	11/61	American Fork, UT	William M. Wellman	06/64	Vacaville, CA
Earl E. Peterman	11/64	Manteca, CA	Michael A. Smith	10/64	Fresno, CA	John E. Wheeler	10/63	Concord, CA
Joe A. Peterman	10/64	San Pablo, CA	Thomas E. Smithers	05/64	Fallon, NV	Vine Wheelock	12/57	Durham, CA
Raymond S. Peterson	11/63	Clearlake, CA	Larry S. Sondgroth	08/64	Reno, NV	Neil A. White	06/64	Lincoln, CA
Ronald D. Phillips	03/64	Stagecoach, NV	Charles Spillner	11/64	Pearl City, HI	Wallace D. Wickum	05/64	Stockton, CA
Wilbert A. Porria	05/64	San Jose, CA	George W. Stagi Sr.	09/64	Soquel, CA	Frank E. Williams	04/64	El Sobrante, CA
Paul D. Porter	07/64	Dayton, NV	William Harold "Bill" Stevens	11/59	Colgate, OK	Ralph Wayne Willis	05/64	Yuba City, CA
Phillip J. Potts	09/64	Spirit Lake, ID	Bill R. Stinnett	07/64	El Dorado Hills, CA	Richard Wolfe	03/64	Merced, CA
Dennis G. Price	08/64	Kaneohe, HI	Joseph Strakowski	06/64	San Rafael, CA	Berl L. Yarbrough	04/64	Fresno, CA
Elroy Rakstad	06/64	Pleasanton, CA	Saburo Sugai	09/58	Waipahu, HI	Carl T. Yasue	02/64	Honolulu, HI
Frank M. Raymond III	09/59	Waterford, CA	Wayne Swann	05/64	Preston, ID	Clarence K. Young	04/64	Kaneohe, HI
Billy D. Reese	09/64	Florence, OR	Gary Swinnock	06/64	Miranda, CA	Dave Young	06/64	Elk Grove, CA
Gary L. Reese	07/64	Vacaville, CA	Mino Takaesu	08/64	Honolulu, HI	John S. Yu	02/64	Kaneohe, HI
Bill Reinhart	05/64	Walnut Creek, CA	Michael D. Tarpey	08/64	Forest Knoll, CA	Eulalio Zaragoza	05/64	Woodland, CA
George Reitz	03/64	Concord, CA	Bob Taylor	04/63	Campbell, CA	Carey R. Zicovich	09/64	Roseville, CA
Jack L. Reynolds	10/64	Sacramento, CA	Lyle E. Taylor	01/64	Sandy, UT			
Antonio Rigoni	08/64	Cupertino, CA	Joseph Telford	04/64	Antioch, CA			



## DISTRICT MEETINGS

All meetings convene at 7 p.m.

### JULY 2014

No meetings scheduled.

### AUGUST 2014

- 5<sup>th</sup>** District 04: Suisun City  
Veterans Memorial Building  
427 Main St.
- 5<sup>th</sup>** District 10: Rohnert Park  
Operating Engineers' Building  
6225 State Farm Drive
- 6<sup>th</sup>** District 01: Burlingame  
Transport Workers Local 505  
1521 Rollins Road
- 6<sup>th</sup>** District 80: Sacramento  
Operating Engineers' Building  
3920 Lennane Drive
- 7<sup>th</sup>** District 20: San Leandro  
Sheet Metal Workers  
1720 Marina Blvd.
- 12<sup>th</sup>** District 30: Stockton  
Operating Engineers' Building  
1916 North Broadway Ave.
- 12<sup>th</sup>** District 40: Eureka  
Labor Temple  
840 E St.
- 13<sup>th</sup>** District 50: Clovis  
Veterans Memorial District  
453 Hughes Ave.
- 13<sup>th</sup>** District 70: Redding  
Operating Engineers' Building  
20308 Engineers Lane
- 14<sup>th</sup>** District 60: Marysville  
Friday Night Live  
301 Fourth St.
- 14<sup>th</sup>** District 90: Morgan Hill  
Operating Engineers' Building  
325 Digital Drive
- 19<sup>th</sup>** District 11: Reno  
Operating Engineers' Building  
1290 Corporate Blvd.
- 20<sup>th</sup>** District 12: Sandy  
Operating Engineers' Building  
8805 S. Sandy Parkway
- 26<sup>th</sup>** District 17: Honolulu  
Ala Moana Hotel  
410 Atkinson Drive

### SEPTEMBER 2014

No meetings scheduled.

## TOWN HALL MEETINGS

### July 2014

- 9<sup>th</sup>** District 11: Elko  
Construction Meeting: 6 p.m.  
Operating Engineers' Building  
1094 Lamoille Highway
- 23<sup>rd</sup>** District 11: Elko  
Mine Meeting: 6 p.m.  
Operating Engineers' Building  
1094 Lamoille Highway

### August 2014

- 13<sup>th</sup>** District 11: Elko  
Construction Meeting: 6 p.m.  
Operating Engineers' Building  
1094 Lamoille Highway
- 25<sup>th</sup>** District 17: Kauai  
Meeting: 6 p.m.  
Kauai Beach Resort  
4331 Kauai Beach Drive, Lihue
- 27<sup>th</sup>** District 11: Elko  
Mine Meeting: 6 p.m.  
Operating Engineers' Building  
1094 Lamoille Highway
- 27<sup>th</sup>** District 17: Hilo  
Meeting: 7 p.m.  
Hilo ILWU Hall  
100 W. Lanikaula St.
- 28<sup>th</sup>** District 17: Kona  
Meeting: 7 p.m.  
Courtyard Marriott  
King Kamehameha Hotel  
75-5660 Palani Road
- 29<sup>th</sup>** District 17: Maui  
Meeting: 7 p.m.  
Maui Arts and Cultural Center  
One Cameron Way, Kahului

### September 2014

- 10<sup>th</sup>** District 11: Elko  
Construction Meeting: 6 p.m.  
Operating Engineers' Building  
1094 Lamoille Highway
- 24<sup>th</sup>** District 11: Elko  
Mine Meeting: 6 p.m.  
Operating Engineers' Building  
1094 Lamoille Highway

### Semi-Annual Meeting

Rec. Corres. Secretary Jim Sullivan has announced that the next Semi-Annual Meeting of the membership will be held on Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014 at 1 p.m. at the following location:  
Rancho Murieta Association  
Lake Clementia Park  
Rancho Murieta, CA (off Murieta Parkway)

### New members

The officers of Operating Engineers Local 3 would like to welcome the following new members, who were formally initiated into the union before the Local 3 membership at their May District Meetings.

#### District 01: Burlingame

Jessica Marzetta  
James Tong

#### District 10: Rohnert Park

John Griswold

#### District 20: Oakland

Shawn Cook  
Moises Gonzalez  
Eric Habenicht  
Ryan MacLeod  
Kenny Pritchard  
Cody Rodgers

#### District 30: Stockton

Matthew Albert  
Jeremy Coppock

#### District 50: Fresno

Robert Miramontes  
Michael Tarasevic

#### District 90: Morgan Hill

Michael Esteban  
Dejan Rajkovic

## Honorary Membership for Retirees

Retirees with 35 or more years of service in Local 3 are eligible for Honorary Membership. Eligible Retirees will receive their Gold Membership Card and a reduction in dues. To find out if you are eligible or to apply for Honorary Membership, please contact your district office or the Recording-Corresponding Secretary (RCS) office at (510) 748-7400.

This month's Honorary Members can be found below.

## Honorary Membership

The following Retirees have 35 or more years of membership in Local 3 as of May 2014 and have been determined eligible for Honorary Membership effective July 1, 2014, unless otherwise noted (\*).

Bennie Bibb	1749997
District 50: Fresno	
David L. Bloesser	1563637
District 60: Yuba City	
Don Checketts	1804331
District 11: Nevada	
Walter Dearman	1482282
District 90: Morgan Hill	
Michael L. Holliday	1795574
District 12: Utah	
Ted Hunt	1624383
District 12: Utah	
Darrell Monia	1016298
District 99: Out Of Area	
Gene R. Parrott*	1768928
District 11: Nevada	
Jaime Rubio	1793996
District 90: Morgan Hill	
Ronald Saito	1637915
District 17: Hawaii	
David Tolentino	1786681
District 50: Fresno	
Lani K. Zablan	1447218
District 70: Redding	

\*Effective Jan. 1, 2014.

## Service pins

In honor and remembrance of years of service in Local 3, service pins are available to members with 25 or more years of membership. These pins come in five-year increments from 25 through 75 years of service. Please contact your district office to receive your pins.

A gallery of some pin recipients can be found online at [www.oe3.org](http://www.oe3.org).

## Upcoming picnic information

### District 11: Nevada (Elko) Picnic Details

Saturday, Aug. 2, noon to 4 p.m.

VFW Hall, 731 VFW Drive, Elko

Menu: Chicken, barbecue pork, paella, salad, fruit, ice cream

Cost: Families (two adults and two children): \$10; Adults: \$5; Retirees: Free

### District 17: Hawaii (Kauai) Picnic Details

Saturday, Aug. 23, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lydgate Beach Park, 4470 Nalu Road, Kapaa

Menu: Fish, chicken, pork, beef

Cost: Free

### District 17: Hawaii (Oahu) Picnic Details

Saturday, Aug. 30, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Operating Engineers' Building, 1075

Opakapaka St., Kapolei

Menu: Hawaiian food

Cost: Free

## Important registration reminder

Please remember to renew your registration on the out-of-work list before it expires! Registration for individuals with A-hire or B-

hire status is good for only 84 days. After the 84<sup>th</sup> day, your registration expires, and you will lose your place on the out-of-work list, if you don't renew it. We will do everything we can to notify you in advance, but it is your responsibility to contact the district office to renew your registration prior to the 84<sup>th</sup> day.

## District office business hours

In California, Utah and Nevada, "late night" will be as follows:

- November-March: Late night will be the fourth Wednesday of the month.
- April-October: Late night will be the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.

Office hours:

Monday-Friday: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Designated late nights: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

In Hawaii, please call the Hall to confirm available late nights.

Office hours:

Monday-Friday: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Designated late nights: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.



## Important notice about Medicare

Members and spouses covered under the Pensioned Operating Engineers Health and Welfare Trust Fund and eligible for Medicare benefits who fail to enroll in both parts A and B of the Medicare program will have to pay more for their health costs. Therefore, it is strongly advised that these members enroll in BOTH PARTS.

<b>DEPARTED MEMBERS</b>	Cascio, Belo Palo Alto, CA District 90 04-25-14	Hull, Ernest Redding, CA District 70 04-25-14	Oller, Ernest Bend, OR District 99 03-22-14	Walker, Steven Mountain Home, UT District 12 04-09-14	Bolosan, Geraldine. Wife of Bolosan, Seraphin 04-13-14	Kelley, Suzanne. Wife of Kelley, James (dec) 05-05-14
Ames, Premitivo Kaneohi, HI District 17 03-17-14	Clayton, Noland Redding, CA District 70 04-23-14	Hutchinson, Roger Sun Valley, NV District 11 04-21-14	Olson, Clyde Midvale, UT District 12 03-28-14	Weaver, Max Sr. Caldwell, ID District 99 03-23-14	Brasher, Stella. Wife of Brasher, Jesse (dec) 04-15-14	Leblanc, Judith. Wife of Leblanc, Chester 12-06-13
Anders, W Vacaville, CA District 04 04-21-14	Faber, James Salinas, CA District 90 03-22-14	Jakeman, John Saratoga Springs, UT District 12 04-27-14	Oren, William San Francisco, CA District 01 03-21-14	Whiteley, Ralph Clipper Mills, CA District 60 04-10-14	Bumgarner, Helen. Wife of Bumgarner, Rufus (dec) 04-08-14	Porras, Eva. Wife of Porras, Armand (dec) 04-24-14
Armstrong, Russell Anderson, CA District 70 05-03-14	Foley, Michael San Ramon, CA District 20 02-24-14	Kaai, William Sr. Lahaina, HI District 17 04-18-14	Patane, Larry Biggs, CA District 60 04-05-14	Witherspoon, Sterling Fresno, CA District 50 04-03-14	Chamberlain, Patricia. Wife of Chamberlain, Dan 01-12-13	Smith, Connie. Wife of Smith, Robert 04-30-14
Atchley, Darrel Sr. Fresno, CA District 50 04-08-14	Fourtner, Dale Eugene, OR District 99 04-24-14	Lachenmyer, James Redwood City, CA District 01 04-13-14	Perry, Alfred Pine Grove, CA District 30 04-11-14	Yoshida, George Honolulu, HI District 17 03-30-14	Elmer, Velma. Wife of Elmer, James (dec) 05-01-14	Taylor, Paulette. Wife of Taylor, Sam 03-09-14
Baquera, Felipe Fresno, CA District 50 05-12-14	Fritter, Cecil Yountville, CA District 04 04-25-14	Lee, James Sacramento, CA District 80 04-09-14	Powell, David Elko, NV District 11 04-25-14	Young, Carl Sanger, CA District 50 04-06-14	Fuller, Margaret. Wife of Fuller, Vernie (dec) 03-24-14	Teglia, Allene. Wife of Teglia, Aldo 04-29-14
Biegel, Keith Willits, CA District 10 05-04-14	Gill, Bruce Montara, CA District 01 04-06-14	Lema, George Jr. San Jose, CA District 90 04-06-14	Pugh, Jimmie Manteca, CA District 30 05-01-14	<b>DECEASED DEPENDENTS</b>	Allen, Marie. Wife of Allen, Theodore (dec) 03-18-14	Tuttle, Sandra. Wife of Tuttle, Roger (dec) 04-13-14
Bodine, Andrew Fresno, CA District 50 03-15-14	Gouveia, Matthew Waialua, HI District 17 03-31-14	Lemon, Thomas Happy Camp, CA District 70 05-04-14	Reynolds, Mark San Mateo, CA District 01 04-24-14	Anderson, Isabel. Wife of Anderson, Melvin 04-13-14	Giovannoni, Carolyn. Wife of Giovannoni, George (dec) 03-31-14	Vance, Lynn. Wife of Vance, Ellis 05-10-14
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# Taking a shot at good health

## Apprentice considers 2016 Olympics; training keeps him fit

By Jamie Johnston, associate editor

Second-step Apprentice Cody Preis hasn't just seen Bigfoot, he's *shot* him! Several times! It's how he stays in shape.

A well-decorated bowhunter, Preis spots Sasquatch – or a full-scale, 3-D model of the elusive beast – at least once a year, as it's one of the many targets he aims at in the Fresno Safari outdoor archery tournament in Dunlap, an event he participates in every spring. (This April he took seventh place, missing a perfect score by just a few points.)

Though you may have to shoot “perfect to win,” you don't have to have a perfect body-type to participate in the sport, Preis promised. In fact, many people pick it up after they've suffered an injury that prevents them from participating in other sports. Preis actually recommends bowhunting to those who have bad backs.

“If you have a bad back and think it's going to hurt it, pick a light draw weight,” he said. “You're training your back muscles ... and not even knowing it, improving your back problem if you have one. ... It's good to keep you in shape. You're hiking around. They're a lot of fun. I love the outdoor season.”

According to WebMD, Preis' perception of the sport is correct! Archery does provide many health benefits. While shooting an arrow works the upper body, archers participating in outdoor tournaments also work their lower bodies, as they walk up to five miles, searching for 60 or so targets along a



course while pulling heavy loads throughout the day. Competitors sometimes have to deal with elevation changes, steep terrain and different weather conditions. Trying to hit a small target as close as possible helps with focus, balance and coordination, which are beneficial to a person's general health.

“It definitely keeps you in good shape, because, unlike popular belief, you're not just standing there shooting,” he said. “You're hiking through the mountains and trails. ... You use a whole new group of back muscles that you don't normally use. Even people who go to the gym don't use them a lot.”

Indoor competitions, which Preis said are “a little more intense,” are also good for your health, since they require competitors to stand about 20 yards from a paper target and shoot it as precisely as they can. This tests a person's concentration and attention level.

Preis participates in indoor and outdoor events and won several tournaments when he was 14 and 15 years old, making quite the name for himself. Now 22, he's segued into the adult division and hopes to go pro this year. He's also got his eye on the Olympics, considering a spot in the 2016 games held in Rio de Janeiro.

“Qualifying will start next year,” he said, while driving home from work one evening. “That [participating in the Olympics] is something I've always wanted to do since I was little.”

To do so, he'll have to make a few adjustments, such as switching from compound bows to re-curve bows, the type used in the Olympics.

While still mulling over the idea, Preis, who is part of the national shooting staff for Hoyt, stays in shape by participating in local events. He was at the Fresno event again in April and at the Outdoor Nationals in Redding on May 5.

“I try to shoot at least an hour-and-a-half after work,” he said. “I've been increasing my scores locally.”

Bowhunting is obviously something Preis loves to do – “It's my life. It always will be,” he said. His mother, father and younger brother also compete, and he can't wait to get his daughter, Marilyn, into the sport, but not for awhile, since she's only 10 months old.

Preis joined Local 3 in 2012 and has already proved that he's also a straight shooter when it comes to his apprenticeship. He is currently operating a 623 scraper for Papiach Construction on a road-widening project in Dinuba. According to journey-level Excavator Operator Dave Sampson, who works with Preis on the job, he's been, not surprisingly, right on point!

“He pays attention and has a willingness to learn,” said Apprenticeship Coordinator Mark Fagundes. “He is trainable and safe. He was on the backhoe helping Dave load trees into a semi-end dump. They were taking out trees and doing demo work. ... Cody said he really likes working here.”

In the long run, Preis hopes to become a gradsetter.

The District 50 member encourages others to join Local 3 and to consider trying bowhunting.

“What a lot of people don't know is that there are tons of archery ranges around this state,” he said. “You're usually one hour away from one. ... If you're a hunter, it's good practice.”



Second-step Apprentice Cody Preis takes aim during a recent outdoor tournament.

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FOR SALE: 2002 Honda VTX1800 retro motorcycle, saddlebags, windshield, Vance & Hines pipes, plus original pipes go with sale, luggage rack. Lots of chrome, illusion blue color, kept in garage. Very nice condition. 27,000 miles. \$4,500. (209) 485-3307 or parrottmom02@yahoo.com. Reg# 2514562.

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FOR SALE: 2006 U80 New Holland skip loader. Fully loaded. Cab enclosed. 4-in-1 clam bucket. 4X4. AC, heater, AM/FM/CD radio. Glide Ride gives smooth ride. Swivel shock seat. Has all the extra weights. 88" Gannon box. All lights work. Has extra hydraulic tilt ram. Hydraulic rippers. Four-cylinder Cummins engine. 1,200 hours. Like brand new. \$38,500 OBO. (707) 373-3611. Reg# 1728076.

FOR SALE: Holiday Rambler Endeavor. Diesel pusher. 1993. 33'. 7.5 kw diesel generator. New tires. Furnace. Refrigerator. \$32,900 OBO. (775) 980-7821. Reg# 1659425.

FOR SALE: Armstrong 3/4" 12-point chrome socket set. New. \$350. Many more tools. Call Jeff at (707) 319-7622. Reg# 1742672.

FOR SALE: 2008 Allegro Open Road 34' motorhome. 8,500 miles. Generator, three

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FOR SALE: Firewood. \$60 a load. (916) 202-6198. Reg# 2396395.

FOR SALE: Survey equipment including Wild Total Station T1600 with Distomat D11600, four sets Wild Reflectors ad Tri Brachs in storage cases, two Motorola HT 90 Walkie Talkies with charger, Lietz B1 Auto Level, Lietz 20C Theodolite, Jena 010A Theodolite with Sun Lens and three tri-pods. (209) 754-5724. Reg# 1952958.

FOR SALE: Chimney Spark Arrestor - Fireplace roof chimney top cover protector. Excellent. \$40. Two bronze single-pane windows - center 1/2 slide open. One 5', the other 3'. Both square. Excellent. \$35 both. Kitchen ceiling recessed retrofit light kit - four 4' florescent lights, wood frame oak finished, four panel squares. All \$35. (209) 607-3639 or (209) 931-2058. Reg# 1022395.

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# What has the Utah Apprenticeship Program meant to recent graduates?

*Quite a lot*

For King Mower, the Utah Apprenticeship Program was life-changing.

“I was just in a job, you know, and now it’s a career, so it’s meant a lot to me and my family,” he said.

For Samuel Mix, it meant gaining not just a career but the protection of the union.

“It’s two things: It’s the fact that I’m learning on the job – learning a trade – and also the fact that I’m part of the union. And that means more to me than even the pay or the benefits,” he said. “It’s really about the collective voice of the worker ... having the support of the system.”

For Eric Greer, it meant “everything, just livelihood,” he said. It was his fiancée, Melisa Johnston, who got him interested in a construction career in the first place. She graduated from the program in 2009.

Graduates this year received special awards tailored to different aspects of achievement.

For example, the Sage Award was given to Mower for excelling scholastically in the program and having an interest in passing his knowledge on to others. The Excel Award was given to Julie Collins for exemplifying all-around excellence. The unique Ricochet Award was given to Greer, who made tremendous strides in the program after overcoming some initial adversity.

The Apprentice of the Year Award was given to two recipients, Matt Vargas and Cole Revoir.

Besides earning respect, graduates also received lots of goodies, including a hard hat and vest, which will help them in the field.

Now, these graduates are ready.



*Excel Award winner Julie Collins, right, is congratulated by Sen. Karen Mayne.*



*Graduates Jorge Arellano and Alex Joos proudly show off their completion certificates.*



*Ricochet Award winner Eric Greer and his fiancée, Melisa Johnston, who graduated from the Apprenticeship Program in 2009.*



*Apprentices of the Year Matt Vargas and Cole Revoir.*



*District Rep. Justin Diston congratulates new Lube Service Technician Samuel Mix.*

*Graduate Michael Jensen.*



*Sage Award recipient King Mower.*



*From left: Graduates Michael Wing, Brian Searle and Jared Neeley show off the new "loot" they received upon graduation, including a hard hat and safety vest.*