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Loader Operator Sean Cooper works for Preston Pipelines on a new apartment complex and parking garage in Sunnyvale, Calif. Read more about this and other projects in this month's District Reports on pages 20-26.





FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE

By Russ Burns, business manager

Work picture is phenomenal

At the time of this writing, we just finished our second quarter District Meetings, and from every district, I heard how our out-of-work-list numbers are very low, and in some cases, we're having trouble filling dispatches – a really good problem to have! Projects that were on back-order because of the storms are starting, along with new projects, and we're even utilizing our Retiree Work Addendum for some classifications that are in demand. (I will touch more on that later.) Overall, we're looking to have a phenomenal year, and anyone currently on the out-of-work list needs to have their phone on and the ability to answer that dispatch call!

By now you should have received a letter regarding the Red Zone status of our Pension Fund. I want to clarify what that means. Our Pension Fund is not failing, and this status stems from a conservative safe measure decided upon by your Board of Trustees. First, let me provide you with a little economic history over the last decade. In 2008, trillions of dollars were lost across the United States in public and private investments. Our Funds were also negatively impacted, including a \$1.2 billion hit to our Pension Funds. This was a result of the housing crisis, the Great Recession and a huge loss in man hours. (Remember, during the height of the Great Recession, we suffered a 14 million man-hour reduction.) Funds across the country were so badly affected that the federal government extended the deadline to pay off those debts, and we are on track to do that.

Our Pension Fund Restoration Plan is meeting that deadline using a formula resulting from investment returns and contributions. From 2009 to 2016, we paid about \$700 million back into the Pension Fund and paid out over \$2 billion in Pension checks. In 2015 and 2016, we elected to file our Pension Fund in the Red Zone as a conservative approach. We could have filed in the Yellow Zone, but we didn't want to have to change that status back to red because of the volatility of the market. In 2016, we acquired \$2.3 million more than we had assumed (again, using conservative assumptions), with growth in our work hours aiding in positive contributions. Our investments helped us gain a preliminary net return of 7.9 percent, which is above our benchmark of 7.5 percent.

This is all good news, and if the work picture continues at the pace it's going, this work season will only add more hours to our Funds, and it is our hope to get out of the Red Zone in

the next year or so. While we can't control the economy, we can secure big-dollar projects, like High-Speed Rail (HSR), through politics, we can continue to organize, and we can keep growing this union, thus strengthening all of our Funds.

Regarding our Health and Welfare Funds, I am pleased to report that our Pensioned Health and Welfare Fund has 17.66 months of reserves, and our Active Health and Welfare Fund has 14.6 months of reserves. These improvements were due to hard changes we made as a result of the Great Recession. We continue to research the possibility of making enhancements to those plans, but we remain cautious, as the status of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) is uncertain.

All in all, we are on the right path! Check out the huge amounts of work our districts are reporting on in their District Reports on pages 20 to 26. As I mentioned earlier, due to an increased demand for qualified hands in certain classifications, we are utilizing the Retiree Work Addendum for those retired members with an interest in returning to work who are under and over the age of 62; however, for those younger members,

there should be no fear that somehow your jobs are in jeopardy, as these addendums are temporary and only in classifications we are having trouble filling.

I have seen many of you at our recent District Picnics and District Meetings. At these events, we have welcomed new members and honored many pin recipients and/or Retirees. Some of these Retirees mentored me on the jobsite when I was a young crane operator or fostered me when I joined the staff in 1994. I want to thank all of you for the hand you gave out to me and those like me. We

couldn't be where we are today without you! And for those of you working with those new apprentices and new members, please remember to give them that help that someone gave you. Local 3 is only as strong as we make it, together. Those who pave the way today, improve the conditions for those coming after.

Please try to attend a picnic or two this year. The dates and locations are available here on page 28 and online at www.oe3.org. Please also join us for our annual Retiree Picnic on June 10 at the Dixon May Fairgrounds. This is always a great event.



Business Manager Russ Burns, far right, stands with one of his earliest crane mentors, Retiree Russell Pierzina and his wife, Joyce, at a recent Semi-Annual.

Russell E Burns



NEWS & NOTES
By Dan Reding, president

Your cost for a Local 3 education: Nothing!

Each year, apprentices across our four-state jurisdiction graduate from our Apprenticeship Program to become journey-level operators. They do so without the debt associated with today’s high-cost college degrees, having earned while they learned, and with a bright future that offers them the stability of union wages and benefits and an established place in the American middle class. Those graduates represent a significant investment from the apprentices themselves, who invest their time and energy into their training, the employers who sponsor and employ them, our union, which depends on them for its future, and our Retirees whose benefits are possible because of contributions these younger members make to our Funds, as they continue to work. (We highlight some recent graduates here on pages 18-19).

Consider that each graduate from the Apprenticeship Program represents an investment of around \$30,000, on average, from our Training Trust. That’s \$30,000 that would have come directly out of the pockets of individual apprentices were it not for this great union we belong to and support. For comparison, just look at what private, for-profit heavy equipment schools, such as the Heavy Equipment College of California, charge their students for three-week, 120-hour courses:

Program	Tuition	Training Supplies	Reg. Fee	Total
Heavy Equipment Operations – I	\$9,715	\$75	\$100	\$9,890
Heavy Equipment Operations – II	\$9,770	\$20	\$100	\$9,890
Heavy Equipment Operations – 1&2	\$19,485	\$95	\$200	\$19,780
Introduction To Crane – III	\$9,715	\$75	\$100	\$9,890
Heavy Equipment “Go Green” IV	\$9,715	\$75	\$100	\$9,890
Equipment Operations - V	\$19,430	\$150	\$200	\$19,780
Class “A” Commercial Driver License	\$6,375	\$25	\$100	\$6,500
Class “B” Commercial Driver License	\$2,207	\$25	\$100	\$2,332
Ready Mix Driver	\$4,315	\$50	\$100	\$4,465
Ready Mix And Class “B” Combo	\$6,375	\$75	\$200	\$6,647

Keep in mind that these figures only represent the cost of the courses. They don’t include on-the-job training or other valuable aspects of our Apprenticeship Program, such as the education our apprentices get about union participation, an invaluable resource for anyone pursuing a career in the trades.

In addition to the training our apprentices receive while in the program, our training centers also offer journeymen-upgrades that ensure our members are the best, most qualified and employable workers in the industry throughout their careers. This free benefit of a Local 3 membership is something that community colleges and private schools can’t offer without charging hundreds or even thousands of dollars.

All of the benefits offered by our training centers, whether they be for our apprentices or our journey-level members, exist because of our Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBAs) and the dues our members pay. Those benefits alone are worth our efforts to protect our collective bargaining rights or oppose a national Right-to-Work (for less) law. Never take them for granted by giving up that fight. For ways to get involved, visit your District Office or keep reading here and online at www.oe3.org.

This & That

‘Here’s my union card, Gov. Brown’

Yuba City Business Rep. Richard Hobbs did a little union networking with California Gov. Jerry Brown at a recent Fix our Roads rally at the Sacramento state Capitol. Rally-goers chanted about the need for a statewide transportation bill (Senate Bill (SB) 1) to fix the state’s failing roads and create jobs for the Building Trades. Thanks to our activism throughout the state, SB 1 passed in April, securing \$52 billion in transportation funding. This is a huge victory for us!

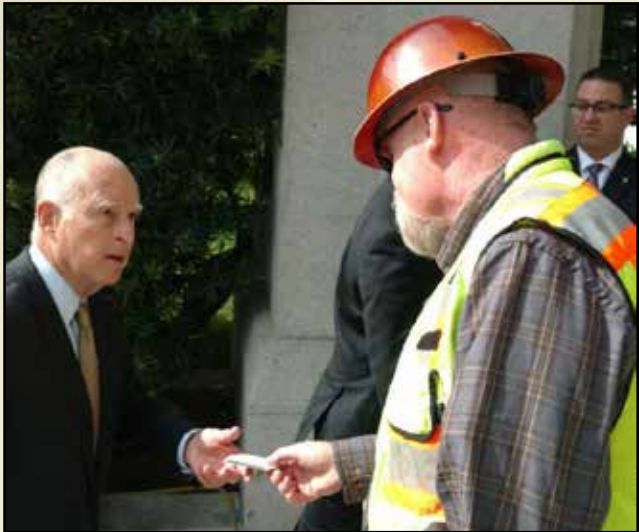


Photo courtesy of Business Rep. Duane “Flip” Imhoff.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

First Quarter 2017 Consolidated Financial Results

Growth in our nation’s economy got off to a sluggish start in the first quarter of 2017, with Gross Domestic Product (GDP) increasing 0.7 percent. This is the slowest pace in GDP growth in three years. Even with higher stock prices, modest gasoline prices and increases in jobs and wages, consumer spending, which makes up two-thirds of the economic activity, slowed to a 0.3 percent rate during the first quarter. Delays in receiving tax refunds and cutbacks in the purchase of big ticket items, such as cars and appliances, had a definite impact on consumer spending. Additionally, government spending dropped and employment costs rose during the first quarter of 2017. An encouraging sign for our nation’s economy is the increase in business investment, which increased at a rate of 9.4 percent in the first quarter. Another positive sign is that construction spending is up 4.9 percent for the first three months of 2017 versus the same period in 2016. Many economists are forecasting that the GDP will rebound in the second quarter of 2017 to a rate of 3 percent to 4 percent and then ease back down to a 2 percent range for the remaining year.

Job growth continued to remain steady during the first quarter of 2017 with 527,000 new jobs created. The private sector added 503,000 new jobs of which 89,000 were in the construction industry. The government sector reported a gain of 24,000 jobs during the quarter. The unemployment rate across the country for March 2017 was 4.5 percent, down 0.2 percent from December 2016, and 0.5 percent lower than March 2016. This is the lowest unemployment rate in nearly a decade. Within Local 3’s jurisdiction, the first quarter of 2017 saw decreases in all four states with California’s unemployment rate decreasing from 5.2 percent to 4.9 percent, Hawaii’s rate decreasing from 2.9 percent to 2.7 percent, Nevada’s rate decreasing from 5.1 percent to 4.8 percent and Utah’s rate decreasing from 3.2 percent to 3.1 percent.

As of March 2017, Local 3 had 34,919 members, an increase of 65 members, or 0.2 percent, from the December 2016 total.

Financially, Local 3 had a relatively slow start to the new year, with a consolidated net loss of \$1,204,479 for the first three months of 2017. First quarter 2017 consolidated revenues came in at \$10.9 million – a 4.3 percent decrease from the first quarter of 2016. Consolidated expenses were \$12.1 million – down 3.8 percent over the same period in 2016. First quarter revenues were negatively impacted by a decrease in supplemental-dues hours, which resulted in a 0.2 percent decrease in supplemental-dues receipts; window dues were up slightly due to increased membership totals. An increase in expenses was primarily due to increased employment costs and higher per-capita tax expenses. For the General Fund, first quarter 2017 financial results met budgeted expectations.

Regarding the work picture, 2017 got off to a slow start due to the intense weather conditions throughout much of Local 3’s jurisdiction during January and February. Overall work hours for Local 3 were down a little over 160,000 hours or 2.6 percent. On a state-by-state basis, year-over-year Pension hours for the first quarter 2017 for Nevada were up 4.6 percent, while California, Hawaii and Utah’s Pension hours were down 0.6 percent, 11.0 percent and 9.0 percent respectively. As the construction season hits full stride going into the second and third quarters, Local 3’s work picture is projected to show positive growth, as the backlog of projects due to the weather at the beginning of the year start again and new projects break ground.

Fund Balances (\$ in millions)		
	03/31/17	03/31/16
General	\$31.8	\$32.2
Hardship, Strike, Lockout	\$6.6	\$6.2
Emergency	\$17.0	\$16.4
Defense	\$7.0	\$6.7
Capital Maintenance	\$1.6	\$1.2
	\$64.0	\$62.7

First Quarter 2017 Consolidated Financial Report (Unaudited; in thousands)

Profit & Loss Statement (March 31, 2017 - Year-to-Date)

Membership Revenue	\$9,780
Other Revenue	\$1,090
Total Receipts	\$10,870
Salaries, Benefits & Taxes	\$7,875
Per Capita Taxes	\$1,790
Office & Operations	\$979
Depreciation	\$396
Professional Services	\$141
PACs & Fund Allocations	\$281
Admin & Public Relations	\$607
Total Expenses	\$12,069
Net Income/(Loss)	(\$1,199)

Balance Sheet (As of March 31, 2017)

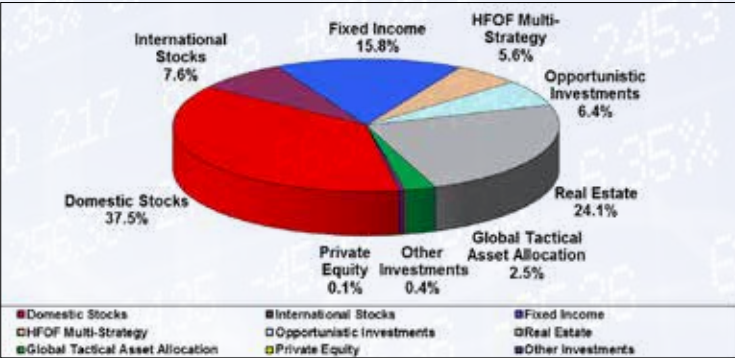
Cash, Investments & Deposits	\$56,930
Employee Funded 457 Plan	\$1,799
Automobiles	\$3,930
Office Furniture & Equipment	\$1,910
Computers & Software	\$12,677
Communications Equipment	\$837
Print Shop Equipment	\$1,047
Less Accum. Depreciation	(\$13,315)
Total Assets	\$65,815
Liabilities	(\$10)
Employee Funded 457 Plan	\$1,799
Consolidated Fund Balances	\$64,026
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	\$65,815

Pension Trust Fund for Operating Engineers

03/31/17

Plan Assets

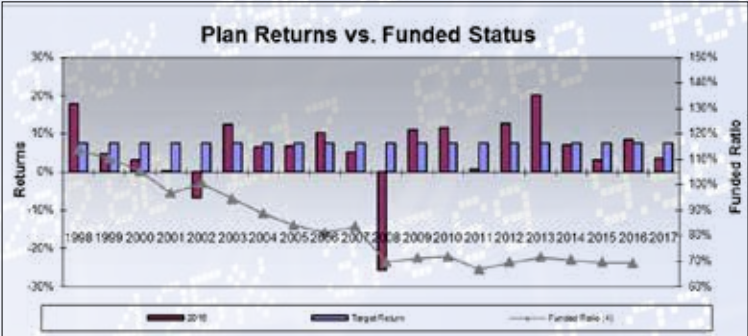
Total Investments	\$ 3,655,854,416
Domestic Stocks	1,372,022,707
International Stocks	276,552,925
Fixed Income	576,848,161
Hedge Fund of Funds Multi-Strategy	205,710,167
Opportunistic Investments	232,490,217
Real Estate	880,007,287
Global Tactical Asset Allocation	91,878,254
Private Equity	4,516,645
Other Investments	15,828,053



- Notes:
1. Returns are preliminary, gross of fees, and do not include a significant percentage of the Fund's 1Q17 real estate returns. The 2017 return is 3 months ending 03/31/17.
 2. Other investments include operational cash.
 3. Returns through 12/31/2007 were not calculated by IPS.
 4. The funded ratio is the value of assets used for the annual pension plan valuation divided by the present value of accumulated plan benefits as provided by the actuary. The 2016 Funded Ratio is preliminary.

Plan Returns / Funded Status

	Investment Return (3)	Target Return	Funded Ratio (4)
1998	17.8%	7.5%	113.6%
1999	4.8%	7.5%	110.4%
2000	3.2%	7.5%	105.4%
2001	0.4%	7.5%	96.9%
2002	-6.6%	7.5%	100.6%
2003	12.5%	7.5%	94.5%
2004	6.7%	7.5%	88.7%
2005	6.9%	7.5%	84.0%
2006	10.5%	7.5%	81.3%
2007	5.2%	7.5%	83.5%
2008	-25.7%	7.5%	69.7%
2009	11.1%	7.5%	71.2%
2010	11.5%	7.5%	71.7%
2011	0.7%	7.5%	66.9%
2012	12.7%	7.5%	69.5%
2013	20.2%	7.5%	71.5%
2014	7.0%	7.5%	70.5%
2015	3.1%	7.5%	69.4%
2016	8.4%	7.5%	69.3%
(1) 2017	3.7%	7.5%	N/A



Commentary First Quarter 2017

The first quarter saw a reversal of the 2016 rally in energy prices, but stocks continued their climb in the midst of strong economic data and relatively low market volatility. In another reversal from 2016, growth stocks significantly outperformed value during the quarter, as the Russell 1000 Growth rose 8.9 percent vs. 3.3 percent for the R1000 value. Following a strong post-election rally, U.S. small cap stocks lagged larger cap indexes, as the Russell 2000 rose 2.5 percent vs. 6.1 percent for the S&P 500. A weaker U.S. dollar helped non-U.S. equities outperform their U.S. counterparts; the MSCI EAFE (and index representing the largest 22 developed countries in the world, excluding the U.S.) was up 7.4 percent, and emerging markets performed even better, up 11.5 percent. Interest rates rose during the quarter, suppressing fixed income returns, and the inflation rate reached the Fed's long-term target of 2 percent in February, providing fuel for further potential increases in interest rates. High-yield bond issuance was strong during the first quarter, and high yield continued to outpace investment grade fixed income. Real estate remains an attractive asset, given its stable income characteristics, but return expectations continue to slow from the torrid pace of recent years. The NCREIF ODCE index was up 1.8 percent during the quarter, and continued increases in interest rates could potentially weigh negatively upon total real estate returns.

2016 HEALTH AND WELFARE PLAN BENEFITS*

Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2016

PLAN	MEDICAL ¹	PRESCRIPTION DRUG	DENTAL	OTHER DISBURSEMENTS ²	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	TOTAL RECEIPTS	NET CHANGE
NO. CALIFORNIA	\$ 138,164,631	\$ 14,016,166	\$ 15,454,889	\$ 12,830,046	\$ 180,465,732	\$ 243,290,227	\$ 62,824,495
PENSIONED	\$ 49,478,234	\$ 41,043,671	\$ 5,264,793	\$ 6,893,448	\$ 102,680,147	\$ 105,416,887	\$ 2,736,740
NO. NEVADA ³	\$ 8,176,184	\$ 1,717,375	\$ 591,460	\$ 981,933	\$ 11,466,952	\$ 12,268,963	\$ 802,011
HAWAII	\$ 17,049,777	\$ 2,841,235	\$ 2,556,365	\$ 4,545,072	\$ 26,992,449	\$ 23,673,217	\$ 3,319,232
UTAH	\$ 11,493,835	\$ 3,148,363	\$ 1,050,440	\$ 1,233,290	\$ 16,925,929	\$ 19,588,143	\$ 2,662,214
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES	\$ 14,568,044	\$ 2,524,001	\$ 2,011,060	\$ 1,247,777	\$ 20,350,882	\$ 21,690,549	\$ 1,339,667
TOTAL	\$ 238,930,706	\$ 65,290,811	\$ 26,929,008	\$ 27,731,567	\$ 358,882,091	\$ 425,927,987	\$ 67,045,895

- Notes:
1. Medical includes regular and Kaiser medical (including Kaiser Drug), stop-loss and Medicare reimbursement.
 2. Other Disbursements includes vision care, life insurance, burial benefits, hearing aids, physical exams, disability, chemical dependency and operating expenses.
 3. Northern Nevada is on a fiscal year of Sept.1-Aug. 31; the numbers above are for the 12 months from Sept. 1, 2015-Aug. 31, 2016.

*Figures based on unaudited financial statements.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE

MRWMD extends MOU for two years

By Michael Moore, business representative

We are pleased to have extended the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Monterey Regional Waste Management District (MRWMD) for an additional two years. The terms of the agreement are 3 percent in July 2017 and 3 percent in July 2018. Our special district is going through a lot of capital improvements, so by extending the terms, it's a win-win. The unit says, "Thanks to OE3 and our co-workers!"

From left: MRWMD's Regina Santa Cruz, Rebecca Aguilar, Rosemary Perez, Tina Reid, Lynette Mooneyham, Ida Gonzales and Angela Goebel. Not pictured: Sonia Martinez and Kimberle Herring.



Four contracts settled in the city of Corning

By Art W. Frolli, business representative

Operating Engineers represent the lion's share of employees working for the city of Corning. These employees are divided into four separate bargaining units: Management, Public Safety, Dispatchers and Miscellaneous. Successor agreements to all four of these Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) were recently negotiated for three-year terms.

Our members agreed to assume the remaining cost of their pension contribution in exchange for a salary increase equal to the contribution. The Management Unit has members in both the Safety and Miscellaneous California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) programs, the police and fire chiefs contribute to the Safety retirement and the remaining employees contribute to the Miscellaneous retirement pension. The Public Safety Unit members were required to pay an additional 5.5 percent to CalPERS, while the Miscellaneous Unit members were required to pay an additional 3.5 percent. In each case, the

employees' wages were raised by the same percentage. This was the case for all four of the contracts and instituted upon signing the agreements. In addition, the Management, Dispatcher and Miscellaneous bargaining units will receive a 1.5 percent increase every July from 2017 to 2019. In January 2018, the Public Safety Unit members will receive an additional 3 percent increase to their hourly wage, and in January 2019, they will receive an additional 2 percent increase to their hourly wage.

We were able to negotiate other benefits, such as bilingual pay, an increase to longevity pay, the addition of a holiday, an administrative leave time increase, increased city contributions to the employee deferred compensation plans and modifications to "out-of-class" pay language, making it compensable from the first day the employee works in the higher class position.

Congratulations to all!

Implementation of San Jose's Measure F

By Mary Blanco, business representative

Bargaining units have been working hard on the implementation of Measure F. Passed by San Jose voters last November, Measure F was the result of a settlement agreement between the city and unions. It did not affect the retirement pension for Tier 1 members (those hired on or before Sept. 29, 2012, who have remained in city employment since their official hire date). It did improve the pension for members hired, rehired or reinstated on or after Sept. 30, 2012 (Tier 2A members) and those hired, rehired or reinstated on or after Sept. 27, 2013 (Tier 2B and Tier 2C members).

Jessie Chavez (Maintenance Worker I) began employment with the city on June 8, 2015. Based on his hire date, he is currently a Tier 2B member and will now enjoy an improved pension, one that is comparable to other public agencies' pensions. This was important to the unions and the city, as workers were coming to the city for employment but leaving as soon as they realized other public employers offered a better pension.

Once the implementation of Measure F occurs, all members hired after Sept. 30, 2012, will be considered Tier 2 for pension purposes only. For members who were previously hired under Tier 1 and then left the city, if they returned to city employment, they were placed in Tier 2A, 2B or 2C, depending on their return-to-work date (see dates above). These members will now have the option to return to Tier 1, as long as they pay the difference of

the retirement-cost contributions assigned to Tier 1 versus Tier 2.

Loretta Macias (Maintenance Worker II) was hired by the city of San Jose on Dec. 16, 1996. She was laid-off during the recession from June 2011 and reinstated November 2012. Because of her reinstatement date, she was placed in Tier 2A. With the implementation of Measure F, she will now be able to return to Tier 1 with a pension that grants greater benefits than Tier 2. The Federated Retirement Board will provide a dollar amount that will need to be paid by eligible members, such as Macias, who decide to return to Tier 1 from Tier 2 upon the full implementation of this measure.

Stay tuned for more information, and if you have any questions, call me at my office: (408) 289-9691 or on my cell: (408) 210-7235.



City of San Jose members Jesse Chavez and Loretta Macias.

ACMEA finally arrives at agreement

By Gregory C. Ramirez, senior business agent

Congratulations to the Alameda County Management Employees Association (ACMEA) Probation Managers Bargaining Unit 075 “at-the-table” team! After 15 months of bargaining for a successor contract and the need for a state mediator, we arrived at a mediated agreement that was put forward to and ratified by an overwhelming majority of the membership.

These were particularly difficult negotiations in part due to three distinct areas of interest within the bargaining unit. It would have been easy for the bargaining team members to succumb to a “divide-and-conquer” strategy had they not been as committed to the unit-as-a-whole as they were and are! The final successor contract that was ratified by the unit will provide stability in health-care-cost participation, pension and salary through December 2020.

Special commendation and thanks should be expressed to bargaining team members Jenifer Brown, David Haitema, Sherron Lee, Ryan McCreary, Robert Moss, and Shakirr “Titi” Yussuf for the outstanding job they did in standing together as a group throughout the negotiations. OE3 Business Rep. Allen Dunbar, who shepherded the negotiations through November

2016 before handing it off in December, should also be thanked for the exceptional job he did in setting the unit up for the successful results and protecting the unit’s members for the next several years.

ACMEA will now focus on the General, Confidential and Sheriff Non-Sworn Manager bargaining units’ negotiations at Alameda County. Comprising over 200 distinct classifications and roughly 600 members, these negotiations are expansive. For the General and Confidential units, we are hopeful that our meetings with the county to set the stage for data supporting our proposals and identification of specific issues will allow for negotiations that will conclude in a timely manner. At the time of this writing, county representatives have provided 11 proposals, and Local 3 has provided 20. We also identified salary market comparability issues with 30 distinct classifications in the units. We have developed a collaborative approach with the county so far and expect that willingness to work on issues to continue. For the Sheriff Non-Sworn Manager Unit, a short list of issues should help move both sides to an acceptable agreement in a timely fashion!



From left: Sherron Lee, Ryan McCreary and Jenifer Brown stand in front of the Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) in San Leandro.



From left: Bargaining team members/Alameda County Probation Managers Robert Moss and Titi Yusuff sign a successor MOU.

Member Spotlight: Steven Sharon

By Michael Eggener, business representative

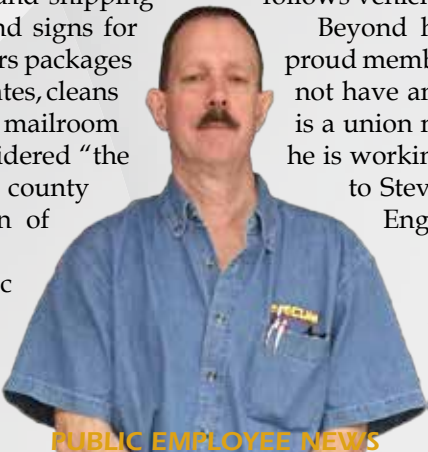
Steven Sharon is a member of the Tuolumne County Employee/OE3 Unit and has been since 1991, meaning he is a 25-year member. Steven is in a unique job classification, as he is the only Mail Assistant for all of Tuolumne County.

Steven’s responsibilities include receiving and shipping county mail and packages. He sorts, labels and signs for packages from UPS and FedEx. He hand-delivers packages and boxes to nearby buildings. Steven also operates, cleans and maintains postage meters, scales and other mailroom and standard office equipment. Steven is considered “the hub” for all non-e-mail communication in a county with about 875 employees and a population of approximately 54,347.

Steven has many interests. He is very patriotic and reads his *Engineers News* regularly. He is also a huge baseball fan, collects baseball memorabilia (his office is decorated with it)

and can answer any baseball-related question you might have. Steven also loves classic cars, and just like his knowledge of baseball, he is a walking encyclopedia when it comes to them. Not only can he explain the mechanical specs of a vehicle, but he follows vehicle auctions and knows their values.

Beyond his many pastimes and interests, Steven is a proud member of Local 3. The group Steven belongs to does not have an Agency Shop Agreement. This means Steven is a union member by choice and proud of it. He believes he is working for the common good of the group. Hats off to Steven, a proud 25-year member of the Operating Engineers Local 3 Public Employee Division!



Steven Sharon is a proud, 25-year member of Operating Engineers.



FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT
By Steve Ingersoll

Local 3 lobbies in Washington

As your officers, not only are we on the ground in our four-state jurisdiction, working to secure work for our membership through organizing campaigns, internal/external marketing and local labor politics, but we are also representing the interests of Local 3 in Washington, D. C. Most recently, I joined the other Local 3 officers and the OE3 Political Department staff in D. C. as part of the North America’s Building Trades Unions (NABTU) 2017 Legislative Conference to hold our national elected officials accountable, learn about legislative priorities for the year and network with other unions across the country to strengthen our causes.

Some of the key themes at the conference included the ongoing national transportation crisis, which has been sidestepped for decades, best practices in apprenticeship training/recruitment, energy infrastructure opportunities, safety and the ongoing importance of protecting the Davis-Bacon Act and prevailing wage.

On the last day of the conference, we personally met with Republican and Democratic legislators from each of our four states, discussing our specific goals for the year and what our members, their constituents, expect from them. Particularly good discussions were had with California U.S. Rep. Jeff Denham, Hawaii U.S. Rep. Colleen Hanabusa, Nevada U.S. Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto and Nevada U.S. Rep. Ruben Kihuen. Cortez Masto thanked us for our overwhelming efforts in Nevada during last year’s election, discussing the major impact we had on the state.

A theme of the conference was bipartisanship and the need for both parties to work together for the common good of the Building Trades across the country. Groups from both sides of the aisle expressed a commitment to passing an infrastructure bill that protects prevailing wages and Davis-Bacon, as well as strengthening the country’s middle class and unions.

“We’re working on creating a Building Trades majority,

Democratic and Republican, whether state or national. We never want to be in a position where losing an election changes the economic trajectory of our membership,” said NABTU President Sean McGarvey during his keynote speech.

President Donald Trump also addressed the crowd, though he never mentioned “union,” “organized labor” or “Davis-Bacon.” Exact details of his \$1 trillion infrastructure plan were not discussed, although he did say he is fully committed to it.

Many discussions were held over critical bills set to pass this month in Nevada (the state just completed its 120-day legislative session), with the main one, Assembly Bill (AB) 154, passing an Assembly panel at the time of this writing. AB 154 brings the prevailing wage threshold down from \$250,000 to \$100,000, meaning contractors will now have to pay the prevailing wage rate on contracts \$100,000 and higher – good news for us. The bill also reinstates the requirement for contractors working on schools and higher education

projects to pay their workers the full prevailing wage and eliminates the charter school exemption.

Another huge bill for us, Senate Bill (SB) 357, recently passed the Senate and is heading to the Assembly, which requires contractors on public works projects that cost more than \$1 million to ensure a percentage of the total hours of work on the job be done by apprentices. The bill also penalizes contractors in violation of this apprenticeship standard.

Overall, the conference was very productive for us, solidifying our national presence on labor politics and our bipartisan commitment to a strong middle class. Coming together with Building Trades unions for a common cause and actually meeting with those officials we elected is extremely beneficial for us. These are just more examples of how Local 3 continues to work for and represent its 35,000 members.



From left: Financial Secretary Justin Diston, Treasurer Dave Harrison and Vice President Steve Ingersoll lobby for labor in Washington during the NABTU Legislative Conference.

UNIT 12

Cal Fire mechanic takes on multiple duties

By David Jake, business representative

The Growlersburg Conservation Camp is located in Georgetown, Calif. and began operations in 1967 as a Joint-Venture (JV) between the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) and Cal Fire. It sits on 80 acres in El Dorado County and houses approximately 100 inmates and a 25-member staff. Its primary mission includes providing inmate firefighting crews, responding to emergencies, such as floods and earthquakes, and performing search and rescue operations. Crews typically log over 400,000 work hours during a fiscal year with over 100,000 hours of emergency response.

Heavy Equipment Mechanic (HEM) Jason Worden has worked for Cal Fire for 10 years and is responsible for maintaining the firefighting equipment at the Growlersburg camp and the equipment associated with the construction of hiking/bike trails and general grounds care. Crews perform the repairs under his guidance and supervision.

Beyond his duties as a HEM, Worden is the Cal Fire Team 6 Ground Support Unit leader, the Logistics Section Chief of the Sacramento Regional Incident Management Team, a member of the Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Task Force Team 7, a Food Unit leader and the lead for Cal Fire Mobile Kitchen Unit (MKU) 27.



HEM Jason Worden works at the Growlersburg Conservation Camp in Georgetown, Calif.



FRINGE BENEFITS

By Sonya Brown, director

Deductible Q and A

Both California Operating Engineers Health and Welfare plans, Anthem Blue Cross Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) and Kaiser, have a \$500 per person annual deductible. It's important to understand deductibles and how they work in order to maximize your benefits.

What is a deductible?

The deductible is the amount of covered expenses that you pay each calendar year before the Plan begins to pay benefits. The deductible applies separately to each covered person; however, the maximum deductible per family is \$1,500 for the PPO plan and \$1,000 for Kaiser.

How does it work?

When a claim is submitted, the amount paid on that claim is reduced by the amount of the deductible.

Let's look at an example of a member, Joe Engineer, who is on the PPO Plan. Joe has not used his Plan all year but has a doctor visit with a PPO physician on June 10. The contract rate for the visit is \$150. The entire visit would be applied to the deductible, and the member would owe his doctor \$150. It's important to remember that even though the entire bill is his responsibility, he must have the doctor bill the Plan, so Plan representatives will know when he has met his deductible. The following week, Joe has some lab work done at the contract facility. The total lab bill is \$380. Joe has \$350 remaining on his deductible ($\$500 - \$150 = \$350$), so \$350 is applied to his deductible, and the Plan pays 90 percent of the remaining balance ($\$30 \times 90 \text{ percent} = \27). Joe would owe the lab \$353. In July, Joe has another visit with his doctor. The contract rate for this visit is \$150. Because he has already met his deductible, the Plan would pay 90 percent of the charge (\$135), and Joe would owe his doctor \$15.

What about Kaiser?

Kaiser works in a similar manner. Let's say Joe is on the Kaiser Plan. He goes in for an office visit on June 10. Office visits are not subject to the deductible, so he pays a copayment of \$20. The following week, he goes in for lab work. The bill was \$380. The entire bill was applied to the deductible, so Joe owes \$380. In July, Joe has a minor surgery. The bill comes to \$1,200. Joe's remaining deductible of \$120 is applied to the deductible, and Kaiser pays 80 percent of the balance ($\$1,080 \times 80 \text{ percent} = \864). Joe owes \$336.

Not all services are subject to the deductible. Routine physical exams, preventive care benefits and hearing aid benefits are some services not covered by the deductible. Please refer to the *Operating Engineers Health & Welfare Summary Plan Description (SPD)* or *Kaiser Evidence of Coverage (EOC)* for more information.

Remember to have the doctor or facility bill your Plan, even if the entire bill is subject to your deductible. It's the only way the Plan representatives will know if you've met your deductible.

If you have any questions, contact the Trust Funds Office at (800) 251-5014 or the Fringe Benefits Service Center at (800) 532-2105.

Retiree Association Meeting

ELKO Lunch at noon

Wednesday, July 19 1 p.m.

Operating Engineers' Building
555 West Silver St., Ste. 104

Fringe Benefits June district visits

First Tuesday	(June 6)	Redding
First Wednesday	(June 7)	Yuba City
First Thursday	(June 1)	Sacramento
Second Tuesday	(June 13)	Stockton
Second Wednesday	(June 14)	Fresno
Second Thursday	(June 8)	Morgan Hill
Third Tuesday	(June 20)	Rohnert Park
Fourth Tuesday	(June 27)	Burlingame
Fourth Wednesday	(June 28)	Oakland
Fourth Thursday	(June 22)	Fairfield

Medicare Part A and B

By Bob Miller, fund representative/client services



Recently I met with a 66-year-old Retiree who had been billed \$840 for a \$1,000 doctor visit. He was very unhappy about the out-of-pocket expense.

"This cannot be right," he said. "OE has a 'Cadillac' plan. How can I owe this much?"

It turns out the member had neglected to sign up for Medicare Part B (for the doctor), when he reached age 65, as required by the Plan. Consequently, our office estimated his cost as if he had enrolled, which meant that he paid the first \$800 that Medicare would have paid (they would have been the primary payer). The Retiree immediately enrolled, but it was too late and a tough lesson.

Business Manager Russ Burns, the officers and Trustees continually strive to provide OE members the absolute most "bang for their benefits buck," and situations like the above example are what they hope doesn't happen. They continually remind the participants to sign-up for Medicare Part A (for the hospital) and B (for the doctor) when they reach age 65. Remember, your Pensioned Health and Welfare cost drops from \$500 monthly to \$250 monthly at that time also, so there is a second financial benefit to you.

Be sure to provide your doctor or hospital with BOTH your Medicare card and your Pensioned Operating Engineers Health and Welfare Plan card. If you forget, some unwelcome charges may come your way, which can be very difficult to unravel.

OE3 Trust Funds June district visits

June 6	Rohnert Park
June 7	Eureka
June 13	Burlingame
June 14	Oakland
June 15	Fairfield
June 20	Redding
June 21	Yuba City
June 22	Sacramento
June 27	Stockton
June 28	Fresno
June 29	Morgan Hill



WE NEED MORE SURVEYORS.

YOU CAN HELP!

By John Rector, special representative

With the weather finally behind us and the work season going at full-speed, we are faced with a problem we haven't seen since prior to the recession, a need for more qualified journey-level workers. (This is actually a good problem to have!) While the Northern California Surveyors Joint Apprentice Committee (NCSJAC) currently has over 140 registered apprentices – the most they have ever had – our employers are still struggling to find qualified Party Chiefs and Chainmen.

Local 3 is actively partnering with local, state and county agencies in an attempt to fill the needs of our employers, but we are asking for your help, as well. While you may not feel comfortable having a conversation with a non-union surveyor, you can always refer him or her to us, so we can explain the great wages, benefits and working conditions available to a surveyor in Local 3. With the return of privately funded projects and subdivisions in the Sacramento area and the Central Valley, our employers are forecasting a solid work picture for the foreseeable future. So if you happen to know, see or run into any surveyors working non-union, please have them get in touch with Special Rep. John Rector at (916) 844-4152. This is a great time to organize surveyors, so help us grow your union!



BEYOND the FIELD

Retiree made a name for himself at the race track and the jobsite

By John O. Matos, associate editor

In 1966, Retiree Jerry Mendes was only 23 years old and had just bought a 1965 Ford Mustang Shelby GT350 to drag race against Corvettes. That purchase fueled a passion for drag racing that has remained with him ever since and even played a part in him becoming a Local 3 crane operator.

Jerry had been admiring a fast 1957 Ford, which he kept seeing at the races, and had come to recognize its owner because of his bald head. One day, while at the Fremont Raceway, he saw what he thought was that same bald head under the hood of a car, so he walked over to the man, hoping to talk to him. It was actually a different person, but the chance encounter turned out to be a life-changing moment for Jerry.

The man worked for San Jose Crane and explained to Jerry that the company's master mechanic was retiring soon. It was clear that Jerry had some mechanical knowledge, so the man suggested that he become an apprentice and work there. Jerry followed that advice and applied to Local 3's Apprenticeship Program with plans to become a Heavy Duty Repairer (HDR). It wasn't long, however, before he found himself learning to run cranes rather than fix them.

At first, Jerry worked in the Bay Area, but once he established himself as a highly-skilled operator, employers and workers started requesting him on jobs closer to his home in Sacramento, such as the Office of the Attorney General, the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) building and the Esquire Tower.

Though he wasn't working as a mechanic, Jerry continued to use his mechanical knowledge outside of the workplace, making his '65 even faster, and later, doing the same for his red 1972 Shelby and a white 1969 Shelby.

Though neither of them get behind the wheel on the drag strip anymore, Jerry and his brother, Joe, are the namesakes behind Mendes Brothers Racing, their winning drag race team that continues to set National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) records with Jerry's '69 Shelby. Meanwhile, Jerry has established a reputation within the drag racing community and among Mustang enthusiasts for his fast cars and the perfect condition he keeps them in (after finally selling his '65 in 2013, *Mustang Monthly* did a cover story on the vehicle, labeling it a "rare find" due to its immaculate condition).

Today, Jerry lives in a beautiful home near the Sacramento River, decorated with the racing trophies he's won over the years, as well as photographs of his cars at the drag races and other Mustang memorabilia. It's also decorated with photos of the many jobs he's worked on as a crane operator and a few model cranes he keeps on a display table.

"I'm really proud of my cars and my drag racing, but I'm even more proud of my career," he said, as he motioned to jobsite photographs hanging on his wall. "I'm so glad I became a crane operator. I enjoyed what I did, and I can't say enough about it."

MENDES BROS. Racing



Mendes Brothers Racing, which includes Retiree Jerry Mendes and his brother Joe, has won numerous competitions with this 1969 Ford Mustang Shelby GT500.



Retiree Jerry Mendes stands with his most recent Mendes Brothers Racing drag race car, a 1969 Ford Mustang Shelby GT500.



CREDIT UNION

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

Keep yourself safe from identity theft

As technology evolves, so do new security threats. We hear about security breaches and new methods of identity theft far too often. Keeping your information and your money safe is OE Federal Credit Union's top priority. The Credit Union undergoes security audits annually and always passes. What's more, OE Federal looks for ways to update our security systems and procedures to keep ahead of ever-changing technology.

While the Credit Union does everything it can to keep your information and accounts safe, we realize you do business with other companies. In order to educate members on how to protect themselves, I'm writing a two-part series. This article will discuss identity theft, and next month's article will address certain scams that fraudsters use.

Identity theft is rampant and can cause serious damage to one's reputation and pocketbook. The list below contains the most common pieces of confidential information fraudsters are after. Safeguard this information, and never give it to anyone unless you initiate the contact:

- Debit/ATM/credit card numbers
- Card expiration dates and security codes
- PIN numbers
- Social Security numbers
- Driver's license/ID number
- Birth date
- Mother's maiden name

What makes identity theft so damaging is that most people don't realize their identity has been stolen until it's too late. Here are some signs that may help you recognize identity theft:

- Unexpected rejection of a loan
- Past due notices on loans or credit cards you did not open
- Contact by collections agencies for debt or bad checks you did not write
- U.S. Postal Service mail-forwarding confirmation notice you did not initiate
- Charges to your accounts that you do not recognize
- Bills or account statements don't arrive

- Errors or unauthorized items on your credit report
- Unexpected mail

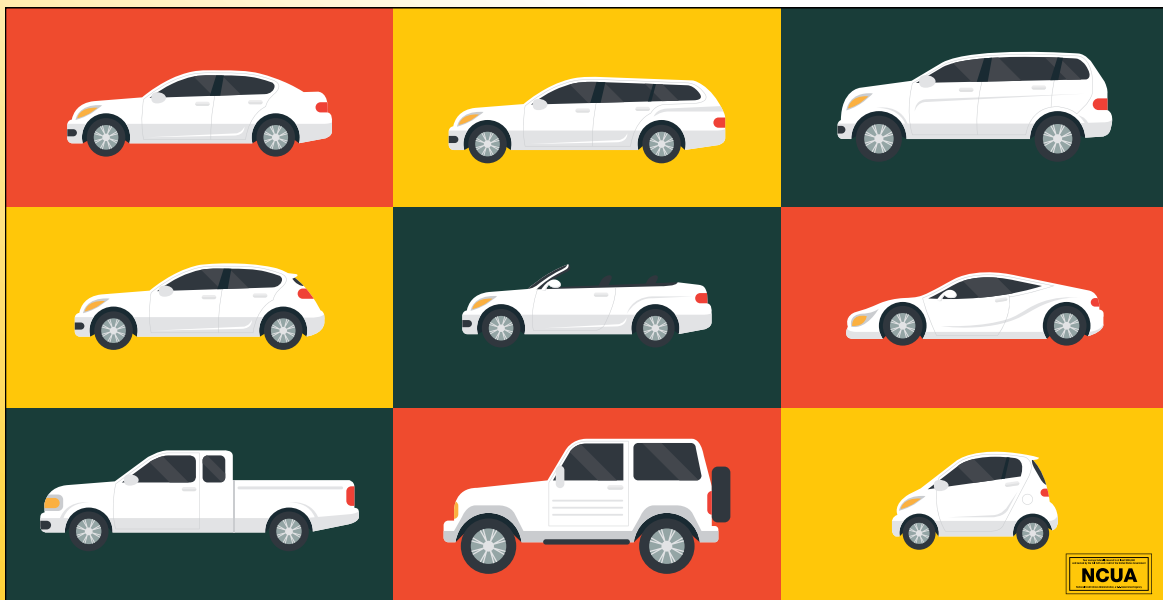
This list is not all-inclusive and doesn't necessarily mean you've been the victim of identity theft. However, if you experience any of the above signs, do some investigative work to make sure your identity is safe. Better yet, put some preventive safeguards in place like reviewing your credit score for free by requesting your credit report from the major credit bureaus (Experian, Equifax, and TransUnion). You can also consider a paid credit monitoring service that will inform you of any potential issues.

If you've fallen victim to identity theft, there are steps you can take to start repairing the damage:

- Contact OE Federal and any other financial institutions that may be affected, and request they flag your accounts.
- Contact the three credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian, TransUnion) to place an alert on your file.
- Report the identity theft with authorities and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). You can visit its site (www.identitytheft.gov) to report the incident and receive step-by-step instructions on how to keep yourself safe.

To learn more about identity theft, visit our website at www.oefcu.org and click on "Fraud" to find a listing of major fraud alerts and best practices to avoid identity theft. If you find yourself the victim of identity theft, BALANCE, OE Federal's financial fitness partner, offers special, no-cost consultations to help you deal with the repercussions. Simply contact BALANCE at (888) 456-2227.

Your safe, secure and bright financial future is OE Federal's top priority. Please look for next month's article regarding the types of scams fraudsters use. If you're not currently a member or have an immediate family member who would like better financial services, visit us online, stop by your nearest branch or give us a call at (800) 877-4444.



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FIVE REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD LIMIT YOUR SUGAR INTAKE

Content found on AuthorityNutrition.com

1

Added sugar is high in fructose, which can overload your liver.

Sugar is broken down into two simple sugars called glucose and fructose. Glucose is found in every living cell on the planet. If we don't get it from our diet, our bodies produce it. Fructose is different, as our bodies do not produce it in any significant amount, there is no physiological need for it and it can only be metabolized by the liver in insignificant amounts. For people who are inactive and eat a high-carbohydrate, high-calorie diet, large amounts of fructose from added sugars get turned into fat in the liver.

2

Sugar raises your cholesterol and gives you heart disease.

For many decades, saturated fat has been blamed for heart disease, the No. 1 killer in the world. However, new studies show that saturated fat is harmless, and sugar, NOT fat, may be one of the leading drivers of heart disease. Studies show that large amounts of fructose can increase major risk factors for heart disease, such as triglycerides, blood glucose and insulin levels, in as little as 10 weeks.

3

Added sugar contains no essential nutrients and is bad for your teeth.

Added sugars (like sucrose and high-fructose corn syrup) contain a whole bunch of calories with NO essential nutrients. For this reason, they are called "empty" calories. There are no proteins, essential fats, vitamins or minerals in sugar... just pure energy. Sugar is also bad for teeth, because it provides easily digestible energy for the bad bacteria in the mouth.

4

Sugar is a leading contributor to obesity in children and adults.

The way sugar affects hormones and the brain is a recipe for fat gain disaster! It leads to addiction and decreased satiety, so people lose control over their consumption. Not surprisingly, people who consume the most sugar are more likely to become overweight or obese. This applies to all age groups, but especially in children, where each daily serving of sugar-sweetened beverages is associated with a whopping 60 percent increase in the risk of obesity.

5

Sugar can give you cancer.

Cancer is one of the leading causes of death and is characterized by uncontrolled multiplication of cells. Insulin is one of the key hormones in regulating this sort of growth, and many scientists believe constantly elevated insulin levels (a consequence of sugar consumption) can contribute to cancer.

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Bridging Big Sur

GSB Foreman Reid Wharton Sr. makes the slow and treacherous journey out of the ravine below the former site of the Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge.

Photos and story by John O. Matos, associate editor

Few people truly realize how much they rely on infrastructure, until it's taken away. That's exactly what happened this past winter, when severe weather caused a single piece of infrastructure, the Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge in Big Sur, to fail.

The three-span bridge sat on an active landslide, and when heavy wind and rain pummeled the region in mid-February, the landslide shifted, pushing one of the two support columns and causing irreparable damage to the bridge. No longer safe for use, Caltrans immediately closed the bridge, splitting the Big Sur area in two and leaving over 400 local residents stranded on one side and without law enforcement or other public services. Residents and business owners in the remote area were left with a six-hour, round-trip journey to buy basic goods, an errand that previously took around 45 minutes. Now cutoff from area schools, some parents were forced to send their children to stay with friends or relatives elsewhere, and many tourism-dependent businesses had to shut down, temporarily laying off their employees.

"We as a community simply will not survive in any way that is recognizable without a timely rebuild of that bridge," said Big Sur Chamber of Commerce President Kirk Gafill, when he spoke with reporters recently.

Caltrans immediately sought to reconnect this community, but according to early estimates, a new bridge would take anywhere from nine months to a year to complete. Thankfully, a single-span steel bridge was proposed, and awarding the project to a skilled crew from Golden State Bridge (GSB) reduced those estimates down to six months. Local 3 operators went straight to work. Their first task: Taking the old bridge down.

It's not an easy job. The bridge spans a deep ravine with steep slopes and is surrounded by dense forest. Explosives were not an option due to safety and environmental concerns, and initial attempts with a wrecking ball were unsuccessful. GSB Foreman Reid Wharton Sr. was finally able to make progress using an excavator with an impact hammer attachment, and the bridge was successfully brought down in March, crashing into the ravine below.

Currently, Reid Sr., his son, Crane Operator Reid Wharton Jr., and Loader Operator Jerry Lee Ford, are removing the debris from the demolition, as they prepare for the next stage of the project. Pieces of the old bridge are brought up from below, then unloaded and carried away by Ford. Getting to the debris requires Reid Sr. to maneuver his excavator down an extremely steep and treacherous path, a heart-stopping feat that, for the most part, he shrugs off as just another part of his job.

"You get used to it, but sometimes you get a reminder of just how unstable it is down there," he said. "After all, that instability is what caused the bridge to fail in the first place."

Once his father has maneuvered himself into position, Reid Jr. lowers a makeshift bucket made from a large, bisected metal barrel. This is then loaded up with debris, lifted to the roadway above, unloaded and carried away. The process then starts over again, allowing the small crew to make rapid progress, despite the confines of the narrow jobsite.

Local residents and businesses are happy to see such rapid progress being made after the bridge failure brought so much disruption to their lives. They can expect a portion of the new bridge to be completed and open to the public this fall, thanks to the skilled work of these Local 3 members.



Loader Operator Jerry Lee Ford removes large pieces of the demolished Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge.



From left: Foreman Reid Wharton Sr. and his son, Crane Operator Reid Wharton Jr., work for GSB on the Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge project.



Crane Operator Reid Wharton Jr. begins to lift debris from the Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge demo out of the ravine below.

OE3 JATC 2016 graduation ceremony

Graduates honored; standouts recognized



By Tammy Castillo, director of apprenticeship

At the Operating Engineers Local 3 Journeyman and Apprentice Training Center (OE3 JATC), we get the unique perspective of watching apprentices walk through our door, sometimes unsure of that big equipment, sometimes searching for their purpose or their calling, and when we hand them their graduation certificates

at the end of their apprenticeship, we see poised professionals, ready to embrace their newfound futures with valuable skills and a responsible work ethic that will take them wherever they want to go.

During our recent graduation ceremony, opportunity and possibility were common themes of our speakers, as they explained that upon graduation of the OE3 JATC, the sky really is the limit for Local 3 journeymen.

"When I started my career 39 years ago, I ran cranes. I had no idea where I wanted to go or what I wanted to do," said Business Manager Russ Burns, as he addressed the graduates. "I have been on payroll for 23 years now, and representing this membership has been the most rewarding thing. You can now aspire to be the best you can be, including business manager of Local 3. Give it all you got. This local is now your home; these are all your brothers and sisters."

You could feel the pride in the room, after he spoke.

"You'll never be average," said President Dan Reding.

"You are now a part of the largest Building Trades local union in the nation," said Treasurer Dave Harrison. "It starts with you, our future."

Heavy Duty Repairer (HDR) Apprentice of the Year Jered Crowley said "Everything is better," since he started a career with Local 3. Before this decision, he was a mechanic at a Chevrolet shop, with no retirement. "I was losing money," he said. Today, he has traveled the country for work and has a bright future.

"I'm very proud of him," said his mother, Rosie Burke.

Crane Apprentice of the Year Richard Kapuschinsky points to the dredging career of his grandfather, Lou Ferrari, as influencing

his career path. He also credits his success to the mentorship of 20-year member Scott Hayes and the sponsorship of Summit Crane's Curt Posthuma, who remembers how Kapuschinsky first changed tires at his shop.

These new journeymen have come far, and they can go even farther, if they continue to excel in their careers as they did during their training. Congratulations to them, our wonderful staff and all the families who supported them. Congratulations also to recent OE3 JATC Retirees, Senior Coordinator Pat Grisby and Bookkeeper Pauline McCullough. They will be missed!

The following standout students and employers also deserve recognition and were honored at the ceremony:

- **EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR SHEEDY CRANE**
- **SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR JAIME GONZALEZ, INDEPENDENT CONSTRUCTION**
- **FOREMAN OF THE YEAR EDDIE ACOSTA, INDEPENDENT CONSTRUCTION**
- **CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT OPERATOR (CEO) APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR GARRETT BROWN**
- **CRANE OPERATOR APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR RICHARD KAPUSCHINSKY**
- **HEAVY DUTY REPAIRER (HDR) APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR JERED CROWLEY**
- **LUBRICATION TECHNICIAN APPRENTICE OF THE OF THE YEAR JORGE ARELLANO**



CEO Apprentice of the year Garrett Brown stands with his mother, Mairlyn, and his wife, Kristen.



Lubrication Technician Apprentice of the Year Jorge Arellano was not able to attend the event but was photographed later on a jobsite.



From left: Treasurer Dave Harrison, Business Manager Russ Burns, new Retiree Pat Grisby, OE3 JATC Director of Apprenticeship Tammy Castillo and President Dan Reding.



HDR graduate Adan Moreno stands with his wife, Denise, his mother, Esperanza, and his children, Aubrey and Jonathan.



CEO graduate Rodolfo Ontiveros and his wife, Leala.



CEO graduate Cody Gutierrez accepts his award, as Business Manager Russ Burns looks on.



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CEO graduate Michael Thompson.



Crane Operator Apprentice of the Year Richard Kapuschinsky.



Recent CEO graduate Anthony Love is all smiles at the ceremony with Shana Torres.

Crews work on housing and commercial projects

At 3700 El Camino Real in Sunnyvale, **Preston Pipelines** is performing work for the Gateway Village project, which will consist of a 500-unit apartment complex and an underground parking garage. Foreman **Eric Stillson** has two digging crews and a pipe-laying crew running like a well-oiled machine. **Conco** is pumping the concrete, and **DeSilva Gates** is doing the grading.



From left: Preston Pipelines Foreman Eric Stillson, Loader Operator Sean Cooper and excavator operators Anthony Robinson and Jason Bonora.

Preston Pipelines is also in Santa Clara, relocating water lines and installing new underground for the Westfield Valley Fair Mall, a \$1.7 billion mall extension that includes a new parking structure and two new banks. **Ferma** did the demolition and has the grading for the parking structure. **Graniterock** is grading for the new banks. **Malcolm Drilling** is also onsite.



From left: Excavator operators Robert Best and Mitch Riccobuono perform demo work for Preston Pipelines.

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Members work overhead and underground

In Mission Bay, **McGuire and Hester** has been doing grading and underground work, rain or shine, on the \$6.2 million 6th Street extension with operators **Oscar Maldonado**, **Victor Gonzalez Sr.**, **Victor Gonzalez Jr.**, **David Ruiz**, **Nat Fox**, **Eric Duran**, **Santiago Melgoza**, **Robert Ruiz**, **John Sabia**, **Faigata Fatu**, **Robert Unbehaun** and **Gilbert Moran**. **Hoseley Corporation** is also in Mission Bay, working on a new park with operators **Craig Knowles**, **Adam Kingen** and **Juan Carrillo**.

James E. Roberts-Obayashi Corp. is going vertical on a \$34 million affordable housing project at 1036 Mission St. in the South of Market (SOMA) neighborhood. Members on the job include Tower Crane Operator **Jack Vetter** and Lift Operator **Lynetta Westbrook**. **Webcor** is also on Mission Street working on the Mexican Museum and the new 46-story Millennium Tower, two side-by-side projects. **Mark Murnin** is operating the lift for **Webcor**, while **Silverado** has operators **Richard Glad Wish** and **Juan Barba** demolishing the older buildings to make room for the new. **Malcolm** is also onsite with Crane Operator **Zachary Cross**.

The aging underground utilities in San Francisco are always in need of major repairs and upgrades. In the Lower Haight, **Anvil Builders** has **Martin Briseno**, **Romero Pena** and **John Patton** installing waterlines for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC). **Hernandez Engineering** has operators **Ron Isons**, **Roberto Pena**, **Thomas Ohman** and **Benjamin Herrejon** working on waterlines in the Fillmore District and Laguna Honda.

Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) is continually updating its infrastructure, and currently, **ARB, Inc.** is replacing 2.2 miles of 24-inch gas mains with Steward **Vance Pope** and operators **Armando Ramos**, **Dave Mora**, **Nick Castagnasso**, **Mario Flores**, **Elias Madrigal**, **Matt Hendrick**, **Derek Thall**, **Roger Andrade**, **Zack Beiswanger**, **Ed Fournier**, **Andrew Lounsbury**, **Kevin Williams** and **Joe Martinez**.

In San Mateo County, **Farrell Design-Build** has the task of drilling 8,000 Drill Displacement Piles (DDP) for the Stanford Health project in Redwood City. Operators include **Daniel Franzen**, **Joseph K. "Catfish" Hatchie**, **Cory L. Stetler** and

Tyson J. Pariani. **Goodfellow Top Grade Construction** is on the project with operators **Robert D. Ritter** and **David R. Giordano Jr.** Gradesetters **Robert M. Zamora** and **Keith R. Rose** are also onsite from **Cooper Thorne and Associates**.

At Oyster Point, **William J. Lea III** and **Daniel L. Hayes** with **Malcolm Drilling** are drilling 387 auger cast piles for the last three buildings at the Genentech campus. **McGuire and Hester** is working on subgrade, pulling up railroad ties and temporary parking lots. Operators include **Amy R. Mollwitz**, **Yardley Walle** and **Bruce A. Dougherty**. **Kier and Wright** has **Dejan Rajkovic** and **Octavia Sandoval** setting grade.

Bring your family, and join us for our District Picnic on June 25 at Coyote Point from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50 and can be picked up at the Hall. Kids and Retirees are free!



Operators Martin Briseno, Romero Pena and John Patton work for Anvil Builders.

Loader Operator Jay Wren.



Operator Amy R. Mollwitz works for McGuire and Hester.



Understanding current threats to union workers

We've all seen and heard about what is happening in Washington with Congress and the Trump Administration, where two big issues facing the labor movement are the push for a national Right-to-Work (for less) law and attacks on prevailing wage protections (the Davis-Bacon Act). What does this mean for Hawaii? Fortunately, on the state level, labor allies are in control of the governor's office and the state Legislature, where they hold a super majority. (The State House has five Republicans and 46 Democrats, and the State Senate is 100 percent Democrats.) This will prevent these anti-union efforts from passing at the state level. Our task is to avoid having different factions within this majority hold our issues hostage to get what they want.

If a national Right-to-Work (for less) law gets passed and prevailing wage gets repealed, then it will be a different battle. State and county governments rely on federal funding to subsidize work on our highways, harbors, schools, airports and military projects.

So-called Right-to-Work laws aim to weaken unions, so employers can reduce wages and benefits. This is why so-called Right-to-Work laws are really about the right to work for less. These laws allow anyone working under a union contract to benefit from the union without paying dues or becoming a member. Imagine working next to someone who is not a union member but receives the wages and fringe benefits provided by a union contract. This immediately cuts union membership, the source of union strength, by as much as 30 percent, and over time, reduces it even further as membership continues to drop.

The other anti-union effort we need to be informed about

is the push to repeal prevailing wage protections provided by the Davis-Bacon Act. A repeal would take away the ability of signatory contractors to bid on a level playing field with non-union contractors. Without prevailing wage protections, non-union contractors could pay minimum wage, undercutting the bids of signatory contractors that have to bid according to their union contracts and forcing them to reduce wages and benefits in order to be awarded jobs and provide work for our membership.

Hawaii's membership can be broken down into three groups. The first are those who will retire in the next five to eight years, which represents about 27 percent of our members. The second are those who will retire in nine to 15 years, which represents about 33 percent of our members. The third are those who have 16 or more years until their retirement, which is the remaining 40 percent of our members. Our biggest concern should be those members in the second and third groups. Do they understand the sacrifices made by previous generations, which allow them to enjoy their union benefits and the lifestyle it provides? Are they willing to do the same and carry on that heritage?

We will be scheduling union workshops with the University of Hawaii's Center for Labor Education and Research (CLEAR). A robocall will be made announcing the date, time, island and place for these workshops. We must know where we came from, so we may know where we are going. Every union household is encouraged to attend one of these workshops, as the fate of our union is in the hands of our members. We must stand united. To paraphrase President **John F. Kennedy**, "Ask not what your union can do for you, but what you can do for your union."

Caltrans members make our work possible

Our signatory employers are making progress on awarded projects throughout the area and completing emergency jobs after winter weather wreaked havoc on our roads. **Wahlund Construction** is in Rio Dell moving heavy silt, since the weather has improved. **Mercer-Fraser** is on a \$12 million project at Big Lagoon and has several smaller jobs keeping its crews busy. **West Coast Contractors** has been working on some emergency jobs. **Ghilotti Construction**, a company that usually performs work in Rohnert Park District 10, had two emergency jobs in Leggett. **Steve Manning Construction** cleared trees and brush west of Dinsmore, the first part of a \$40 million project that will straighten out parts of Hwy. 36. The rest of the project hasn't been awarded as of this writing, so stay tuned for more information.

In April, a memorial was held for Caltrans workers who lost their lives while on the job. Our Caltrans members are a valuable part of Local 3, and ensuring their safety is a major concern, as they often work near busy freeways. Caltrans members do a lot for us all. They are usually the first to arrive on rock and mud slides, road closures and other catastrophes, and when snow

blocks the highways, they clear it. When rock slides recently caused road closures on Hwy. 299 and Hwy. 101, Caltrans crews worked side-by-side with construction companies to prevent further damage, clear the roads and open them to the public. In our district, our brothers and sisters with Caltrans work out of 14 "barns" and include those who work in outlying areas, such as Orleans, Hiouchi and Garberville, as well as tree removal crews and a full maintenance crew that keeps their equipment running all year long. All of these members are an integral part of the growing construction work in our area, and we are proud to have them as Local 3 members. This summer, slow down through construction zones or when you see these members taking care of the brush on the side of the road, patching up potholes or clearing trees.



Lead Worker Hilton Barlow oversees work on vehicles and equipment at the Caltrans yard in Eureka.



Heavy Equipment Mechanic (HEM) Bob Holcomb works for Caltrans at the Bracut Yard in Eureka.

Flags are flown at half-mast at the state capitol building in memory of Caltrans workers killed while on the job.



Good turnout at organizing breakfast

From Elko

There has been a good share of projects this spring and a fair amount of members dispatched, though work has not been as steady due to intermittent weather. Hopefully, our members can make up for lost time with the arrival of summer. Out-of-work lists have been emptying quickly, so if you know of qualified operators who have considered making the jump to this great organization, let them know this is the time to do it. Once they commit, it won't take them long to realize the outstanding benefits of Local 3 membership.

The Elko Office held an organizing breakfast on April 1, and the benefits of union membership were explained to the employees of our open shop agreements, namely Newmont Mining, City of Elko and the Elko Central Dispatch Authority. This was the first time our office has held an event of this type, and we had enough of a turnout to consider making it a regular event. Thank you to **Ron Poff** and **Karla Delapaz** with the Operating Engineers Federal Credit Union for their sponsorship and participation.

Please note: The Elko Retiree Association Meeting will be held on July 19 at the Elko Hall (555 West Silver St., Ste. 104) at 1 p.m. Lunch will be served at noon.

We encourage all of our members to update their Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) certification for the upcoming season. If you have not done so already, please contact our Reno Office at (775) 857-4440 or the Elko Office at (775) 753-8761 for information on upcoming classes. Remember, the Elko Office is open late the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Stay safe, and have a wonderful summer.

From Reno

After one of the wettest winters in years and lots of emergency repairs, work in Northern Nevada is moving forward. **Granite Construction** started the \$14.2 million Glendale Avenue

reconstruction, Nevada Department of Transportation's (NDOT's) \$9.1 million I-80 project east of Fernley and the \$1.4 million North Virginia Street pedestrian ramp improvement project. **Sierra Nevada Construction (SNC)** is working on two city of Sparks street rehab projects that total \$2.7 million and a \$2.7 million city of Reno street rehab project, as well. **Aspen Construction** completed the first phase of the \$1.5 million Topaz Ranch Estates water line project and started the second.

At the time of this writing, the Nevada Master and Private agreements have not been finalized. Any increase on Private Agreement work will be effective July 1, and any increase on work covered under the Nevada Master Agreement will apply to jobs bid after Oct. 1.

Don't forget, the Reno Picnic is on June 17 at Lazy 5 Regional Park from noon to 3 p.m. Retirees will be honored at noon, and lunch will be served at 1 p.m. Tickets are available at the Reno Office and are \$10 per adult and \$25 for a family of four. Retirees and their spouses and children five years old and under are free.

With the busy work season, please make sure to keep your contact information and any required certifications up-to-date. Call the Reno Office, if you have any questions or concerns.

Organizer Dwayne Killgore and Business Agent Phil Herring show off one of their breakfast creations at the recent organizing breakfast in Elko.



Senior Business Agent Scott Fullerton prepares breakfast at an organizing event in Elko.

Multiple contractors tackle large project at UC Merced

Thank you to all who attended our District Picnic last month. In addition to being a good time, it served as a kickoff celebration for the work season. **Hector Palmeno** is one Local 3 member who expects this year's work season to be a good one.

"As a union member, I want fulfillment for everybody," he said.

There are plenty of projects throughout our area. **W. M. Lyles Co.** and **Cal Valley Construction** continue to work on the surface water treatment plant in Fresno. **Cal Valley Construction** is also paving for **Garney Pacific's** pipeline and transmission main project along Belmont Avenue. **Teichert Construction** is working on bus stop locations on Blackstone Avenue and performing white paving on Hwy. 99 for **Granite Construction's** realignment project. **Mountain Cascade** is performing work on the Friant-Kern Canal pipeline project. **Floyd Johnston Construction** has successfully bid the regional transmission main segment, the water main project along Temperance Avenue and the concrete headwall project along Brawley Avenue in Fresno. **Avison Construction** is widening the road at Nees Avenue and Maple Avenue and widening lanes at Herndon Avenue and Fresno Street. The company is also paving for the **Tutor Perini/Zachry/Parsons** Joint-Venture (JV) on the High Speed Rail (HSR) project. **Valverde Construction, W. A. Rasic, Dawson-**

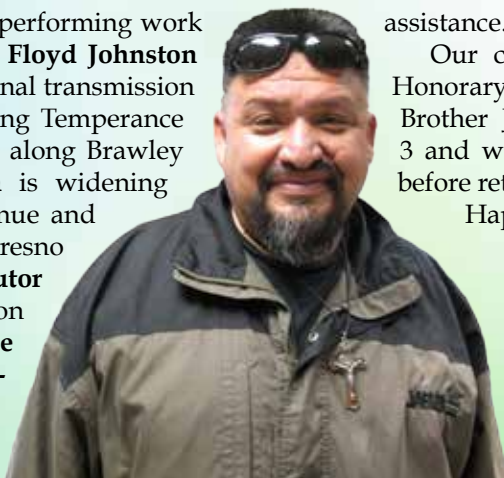
Mauldin Construction and **Bill Nelson General Engineering** are all doing underground work for the HSR project.

The \$1.3 billion University of California (UC) Merced 2020 project is putting several operators to work. The site is on 162 acres of property and includes 1.2 million square feet of teaching, research, residential and student support facilities. **Webcor Builders** is the general contractor, and subcontractors include **W. M. Lyles Co., Tuttle Excavation, Interstate Concrete Pumping** and **Maxim Crane**.

The District Office will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 14 and Wednesday, June 28. On Wednesday, June 14, a representative from the Fringe Benefits Department will be available at the District Office for Pension assistance.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Honorary Member **Raymond Johnson** of Clovis. Brother Johnson had 55 years of service in Local 3 and was an operator for **General Crane Service** before retiring in 1983.

Happy Father's Day to all of our Local 3 fathers!



Member Hector Palmeno looks forward to a good work season this year.

Crews put finishing touches on stadium project

Bothman Construction is working on a \$12 million renovation project at Benicia High School that will introduce a new state-of-the-art stadium and includes underground work, grading, drilling for bleacher piers and new stadium lights. The project began last August and is scheduled for completion by the middle of this month. Foremen **Jesus Pedroza** and **James Whitefield** are overseeing crewmembers **Juan Aguilar**, **Gabe Gonzalez**, **Alex Wingate**, **Steve Cozart** and **Ignacio Alejo**. So far, they have used 1,600 tons of permeable rock for the field. **Bockmon & Woody Electric** is responsible for underground electrical, **Griffith Soil** is doing the lime treatment and **California Caissons** is performing the drilling with Operator **Martin Disomma**.

Bridgeway Civil Constructors will be doing a \$1.8 million bridge replacement on Jepson Parkway, part of a \$26 million project that **Teichert** has in Vacaville. **Teichert** started the project in April with about 10 to 15 Operating Engineers but will be ramping up to about 25 at the peak of the project.

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District Rep. Brandon Dew

New contract at Kennecott

The Utah Master Construction Agreement will expire on July 1, and Local 3 is fighting hard to make sure its members are taken care of in the coming years. Members met with union staff and discussed key issues during pre-negotiation meetings, and a proposal has been developed by the bargaining committee to make sure Operating Engineers continue to have the best wages, fringe benefits and working conditions in the industry.

Kennecott Utah Copper, which has been a pillar of the community for as long as many can remember, recently completed contract negotiations. With the hard work of chief job stewards **Richard Brewster** and **Steve Kalipetsis**, Business Rep. **Jason Madsen** and District Rep./Coordinated Bargaining Co-Chair **Brandon Dew** were able to negotiate a fair agreement that will increase wages and pensions, maintain health insurance benefits and improve contract language over the next five years. This agreement was hard-fought! Although there were things our members were not able to get, the bargaining committee gave nothing back, moved forward and ensured secure jobs for the next five years. Thank you to job stewards **Guy Christopher**, **Lamont Hutchins** and **Joe Martinez** for keeping a watchful eye on the work being done at **Kennecott**. The members there add a lot to Local 3 and don't always get the recognition they deserve. Thank you for the time you gave to make this union great!

The Retiree Meeting will be on Aug. 1 at 2 p.m., and lunch will be provided before the meeting. The District Meeting will also be on Aug. 1 and will begin at 7 p.m. A light dinner will be served before the meeting. Add these meetings to your calendar, and make a point to attend and play an active role in your union.



From left: Job Steward Steve Kalipetsis, Business Rep. Jason Madsen, District Rep. Brandon Dew and Job Steward Richard Brewster participate in negotiations with Kennecott Utah Copper.

In Fairfield, **Hensel Phelps Construction** won the bid for an \$18.5 million classroom and vocational training center for Solano County that should start next month. This project is part of a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) and will take just over a year to complete.

It's already the middle of the year, but remember, complacency can kill. Stay on your toes, keep your head in the game and stay alert. No matter if you're on a dozer, an excavator or a crane, things happen fast, so don't get too comfortable and drop your guard. This wisdom also holds true for commuting. We all drive a ridiculous amount of hours and miles. Leave the phone in the trunk if you can; no texting while driving! The most important thing at the beginning of the day is that you and your co-workers make it to the end of the day safely. The reward? You get to come back tomorrow (the alternative is unacceptable). Have a safe and enjoyable summer, and of course, work safe.

Retiree Spotlight



Retiree **John Jones** started his Local 3 career in 1990, when he became a master mechanic with **Geneva Rock Products** after the company acquired **Ideal Concrete**. John was soon named the shop steward. After serving as steward for 10 years, he was promoted to foreman at the company's Perry Pit and remained the go-to guy for members and agents.

John retired from **Geneva Rock Products** in 2015 but continues to be involved with Local 3 and politics. In fact, he says he's been so busy since then, that he doesn't know how he ever found time to work!

John has always had a passion for anything with four wheels and an engine. He likes to make them new again and is currently restoring an original 1960 Lagoon Speedway car, one of 12 that still remain from the original 16. His pride and joy is his 1955 Chevy two-door hardtop, which he bought in 1968, when he was 17 years old. It's the first car he ever purchased. Instead of restoring it to its original glory, John's plan is to give it all the torque and horsepower of any of today's muscle cars.

"She ain't gonna be no trailer queen either," he said, as he plans to drive the car back and forth from the car shows.



Now that he is retired, John Jones is able to work on his 1955 Chevy.



Retiree John Jones enjoys working on his cars from the bottom up.

Staffer joins ranks of Local 3 Retirees

After serving 10 years on the Local 3 staff, Senior Business Rep. **Ken Edgcombe** is retiring. Ken began his career as a third-generation Operating Engineer in 1991, part of a family that was well-known in the crane-rental industry. He spent over 15 years as a crane and rigging hand on many large projects throughout Northern California, before he became a District 20 business representative covering eastern Contra Costa County in 2007.

Ken has been married to his wife, **Danette**, for the past 37 years. Together, they have three children: **Ken Jr.**, **Matt** and **Danielle**, and six grandchildren: **Victoria**, **Brookelynn**, **Aubrey**, **Evelyn**, **Bradley** and **Owen**. Ken is active in his community



and often officiates at youth sports events. In his spare time, he likes vacationing to the happiest place on Earth (Disneyland), watching NASCAR and rooting for his favorite baseball team, the San Francisco Giants. Ken is looking forward to spending more time with his family and doing the things he enjoys most.

Ken has been a huge asset to the district and will be greatly missed. We wish him the best, as he begins this exciting new chapter in his life.



Senior Business Rep. Ken Edgcombe worked as a crane and rigging hand before joining the Local 3 staff in 2007.

Member/contractor helps woman in need

During one of the severe storms we had this winter, a road washed out, leaving the widow of one of our Retirees stranded. Member **Corky Harmon**, owner of **Stimpel-Wiebelhaus** and **Mountain Gate Quarry**, came to her aid, sending rock and equipment to repair the road and donating all materials and labor used. We thank Corky for going out of his way to help this sister in need.

Several other members deserve special recognition and thanks, as well. Executive Board Member **Stan Green** has represented our district for many years and is always willing to talk to our members and fill them in on monthly Executive Board Meetings and the duties of board members. Our district's member-elected Political Action Committee (PAC) members **Ben Scott**, **Manuel Deben** and **Korey Wygal** are tasked with deciding which issues and candidates will receive our political

support at the local level and do a great job of carrying out that duty. If you have any questions on how this process works, they are always willing to provide an answer. Last but not least, your Retiree Chapter Chair **Curtis Brown** and Bylaws Committee member **Gerry White** put in countless hours on behalf of this district and the membership of Local 3. Thank you to each of these union brothers for all that they do. Thanks also to **Ronny Webb** and **Craig Popp** for representing District 70 so well in the field.

There is plenty of work in Local 3's jurisdiction, so if you are not working, please contact the District Office, so Dispatcher **Mike Tauscher** can connect you with neighboring districts that may be needing hands. Don't forget, our 46th Annual District Picnic is on June 3.



Pump Operator Craig Popp works for American Concrete Placement.

Dozer Operator Ronny Webb works for Tullis.

Oroville Dam Spillway repairs bring \$275 million

The work season is here! As of this writing, over \$400 million worth of work is scheduled in District 60's jurisdiction, so it should be a very busy season for all of our members. If you are not already working, make sure you are current on the out-of-work list and have all of the equipment you can operate listed.

MCM Construction is continuing to work on a bridge rehab project in Sierra County. **Sierra Nevada Construction (SNC)** is also in Sierra County with a \$9.5 million paving project on Hwy. 395. **Viking Construction** is working on the Hamilton Branch Bridge in Plumas County and the Oregon Gulch Bridge in Butte County. **Knife River Construction** is also in Butte County with projects on Hwy. 191, Hwy. 32, Hwy. 99 at Neal Road, the Cypress curve realignment, and sidewalks and paving on Maxwell Drive at Hwy. 25. The company is also working in

Plumas County on sidewalks and paving in Greenville and in Sutter County with paving on Hwy. 99 in Yuba City and an overlay project on Hwy. 113. **Teichert** has paving on I-5 in Glenn County around the Willows area, in Yuba County on Hwy. 20 in Marysville and in Sutter County on the Feather River Levee raw water project in Yuba City. **Lamon Construction** is continuing to work on the Garden Highway project in Yuba City. In Yuba County, **All American Construction** is working on a roundabout in Olivehurst. **Kiewit** successfully bid the \$275 million Oroville Dam spillway project. The Fifth Street Bridge replacement project is scheduled to start in July.

The Retiree Picnic is on June 10 at the Dixon May Fairgrounds in Dixon. Stay safe, and always look-out for your co-workers on the job.



Operator Herb Copeland works on the Feather River Levee raw water project in Yuba City.



Operator Pete McLemore works for Teichert in Yuba City.



Operator Shawn Diebele works in Sutter County on the Feather River Levee raw water project.

SACRAMENTO

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District Rep. Rob Carrion

Members go to work on water infrastructure projects

Dragados is at full capacity on a biological nutrient removal facility in Sacramento, part of the larger EchoWater project. Crews are making up for time lost due to the recent wet weather, and the company is employing approximately 20 members between earthwork, underground and cranes. Apprentices are getting a lot of seat time in a variety of rigs.

Pacific Excavation has been awarded a \$3.3 million project

around Rancho Cordova to install 100,000 lineal feet of transportation fiber optic. **Abercrombie Pipeline Services** was awarded two Sacramento area jobs for Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) with one to two members on each project. **Teichert Construction** is

currently performing an overlay on Northgate Boulevard between El Camino Avenue and Hwy. 160 with six to eight members. The company has also been awarded a project valued at \$8.7 million at the Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant, which will employ approximately 12 members, two of which will be apprentices, and includes earthwork, underground utilities and a liner installation.



From left: Operators Tom Brown and Walter Tello Meza work for Dragados on a biological nutrient removal facility in Sacramento.



Remember to let the dispatcher know if you have been recalled to your previous employer, so your name can be removed from the out-of-work list. Have a safe summer.

Foreman Cameron Dean works for Dragados.

Private work thrives

This year continues to look good for our district. With many of the capital improvement projects on I-5, Hwy. 99 and Hwy. 4 being completed, private sector work is filling the void. **Independent Construction** is moving millions of yards of dirt on the River Islands project in Lathrop and the Tracy Hills project in Tracy. **Goodfellow Top Grade, Mountain Cascade** and **Mozingo Construction** are performing onsite improvements. **Teichert Construction** is working in Mountain House.

Public work also continues to employ many Operating Engineers. **Asta Construction's** \$5 million Reclamation District 17 (RD 17) Mossdale Levee improvement project is under construction in Lathrop. **Goodfellow Top Grade** has a \$12 million Thornton Road widening project. **Granite Construction's** \$10 million Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Mariposa Road intermodal project in Stockton will be completed early this summer. The company also started a \$7 million Hwy. 99 and Carpenter Road ramp reconstruction project, a \$3 million Hwy. 132 reconstruction project in Vernalis and a \$3 million overlay project for the city of Stockton. **DeSilva Gates Construction** has started work on the second phase of the \$14.3 million Harney Lane grade separation project in Lodi. **Knife River Construction** has the \$3 million water meter and main line replacement project in Lodi and a \$5.6 million Hammer Lane widening project (phase 3B) for the city of Stockton. **A. M. Stephens** will start on \$10.5

million worth of work, which will include the Empire Tract levee improvements and the Debenedetti Park trail and parking lot improvements. The company will also be working on the Lodi Senior Living project and the Rubicon Apartments at Reynolds Ranch in Lodi. **Interstate Concrete Pumping** is also working in Lodi.

Pacific Excavation has \$2.2 million worth of work in Stockton on the Pershing Avenue Adaptive Traffic Control System project and the Bus Rapid Transit Phase IV (BRT IV) project on Charter Road, Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Mariposa Road. **St. Francis Electric** is also in Stockton with \$6.4 million worth of work on I-5 and signal work on Lafayette Street at several intersections. Local rock, sand and gravel plants are in full production, supplying material for area projects.



Pump Operator Juan Garcia works for Interstate Concrete Pumping.

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Road opens after members respond to slide damage

We had a real winter in California with large slides that resulted in closed roads and bridges. Even in June, our members are working up and down the state to open roadways and secure our dams. Hats off to those making it safe for the public to travel to and from their homes.

One such job was just outside Ukiah. In the middle of the night, an entire roadway broke free and slid down the mountain, along with rocks, mud and trees. Area residents discovered the roadway was missing the next morning, as they drove to work. Our members immediately sprang into action, fixing the disappearing road and building a bridge to allow residents to travel safely. **Green Right O'Way Constructors, Inc.** performed the work with **Steve Bray**, a Local 3 member who did a short stint as a manager for one of our contractors before he returned to the field as an operator.

"I enjoy building things rather than paper-pushing," he said.

Roller Operator **James McDonald** was also on the job, getting compaction on the Class 2 base rock for easy entrance to the bridge.

"I like making an honest living as an Operating Engineer," said McDonald.

Apprentice **Matt Espinoza** operated the forklift and excavator and said he loves building stuff.

While projects like this continue, your staff has been working with our Voice of the Engineer (VOTE) volunteers to secure more work for our membership in the years to come. VOTE volunteers recently pushed for a \$300 million Project Labor Agreement (PLA) for the College of Marin and a \$400 million PLA at Santa Rosa Junior College. They also traveled to Sacramento to fight for Senate Bill 1 (SB1), which will set aside \$5 billion for infrastructure every year going forward. When Operating Engineers show up and advocate for infrastructure funding, it directly results in dispatches and work for our entire membership. Thank you to all who stay involved with these important efforts.

Remember, slides are considered active until they are fixed! Be safe, and have a prosperous season, as you continue to learn, teach and be the best!

From left: Steve Bray, James McDonald and Matt Espinoza repair a roadway outside of Ukiah.



REMINDERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Retirees with 35 or more years of service in Local 3 are eligible for Honorary Membership. To find out if you are eligible, please contact your district office or the Recording-Corresponding Secretary (RCS) Office at (510) 748-7400.

The following Retirees have 35 or more years of membership in Local 3 as of April 2017 and have been determined to be eligible for Honorary Membership effective July 1, 2017.

Lawrence Alvarez District 50: Fresno	1804306	Bernie Leda District 10: Rohnert Park	1829301	Larry E. Streeter District 30: Stockton	2074644
Matthew Harman District 70: Redding	1597749	Larry C. McMahan District 99: Out of Area	1786599	Victor Young District 60: Yuba City	1910274
Donald J. Harris District 50: Fresno	1079828	Albert A. Menezes District 01: Burlingame	1543019		
Charles Kolbert District 50: Fresno	1845553	William Ong District 01: Burlingame	1875568		

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE IN JOB PLACEMENT REGULATIONS

The following administrative change in the Operating Engineers Local 3 Job Placement Regulations for Northern California, Northern Nevada, Hawaii and Utah became effective April 1, 2016:

If any Local 3 Job Placement Center is unsuccessful in reaching an individual on the Out-of-Work list in California, Nevada, Hawaii or Utah 10 times within a 90-day consecutive period, the individual will be removed from the Out-of-Work List.

All successful and/or unsuccessful call attempts made by any Job Placement Center are logged and tracked by the dispatch computer system. Upon reaching the tenth unsuccessful call attempt, the individual's registration will be deleted. A new registration will not be created. Individuals affected by this will need to call into a District Job Placement Center to get on the Out-of-Work List.



Frank Minatta, 30 years

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. The next service pin gallery will run here in August.



John J. Murphy, 25 years

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.

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PICNIC DETAILS

District 12: Utah (Riverton) Picnic Details
Saturday, June 3, 9 a.m. to noon
Riverton City Park, 1452 West 12800 South, Riverton
Menu: Eggs, bacon and sausage
Cost: Adults: \$5; Retirees: Free; Families: \$10
Other: Second Annual Car and Motorcycle Show

District 70: Redding Picnic Details
Saturday, June 3, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Anderson River Park, BBQ Area 1, 2800 Rupert Road, Anderson
Menu: Tri-tip, chicken, beans, pasta salad, green salad, garlic bread and ice cream
Cost: Adults: \$12; Retirees: \$8; Children ages 6 to 12: \$6; Children ages 5 and under: Free
Other: Entertainment will include a live band, dancing, face painting and a raffle.

District 04: Fairfield Picnic Details
Sunday, June 4, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Peña Adobe Park, 1 Peña Adobe Road, Vacaville
Menu: BBQ, brisket, chicken, salads, beans, cornbread and desserts
Cost: Adults: \$10 presale, \$15 at the door; Retirees: \$5; Children ages 5 to 12: \$5; Children ages 4 and under: Free
Other: Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Raffle starts at 1:30 p.m. Entertainment will include bounce houses, volleyball and games.

District 20: Oakland Picnic Details
Sunday, June 4, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Martinez Waterfront Park, North Court Street at Joe Di Maggio Drive, Martinez
Menu: Tri-tip, hot links, hot dogs, beans, corn on the cob, salad, watermelon, dessert, soda, beer and wine
Cost: Adults: \$10; Retirees: Free; Children ages 11 to 17: \$10; Children ages 10 and under: Free
Other: Bounce house, raffle, piñata and face painting

District 11: Nevada (Sparks) Picnic Details
Saturday, June 17, noon to 3 p.m.
Lazy 5 Regional Park, 7100 Pyramid Hwy., Sparks
Menu: Pulled pork, BBQ chicken, BBQ beans, coleslaw, rolls, fresh fruit, ice cream and refreshments
Cost: Families (two adults, two kids): \$25; Adults: \$10; Retirees: Free; Children ages 6 to 17: \$10; Children ages 5 and under: Free
Other: Raffle and activities

District 17: Hawaii (Big Island) Picnic Details
Saturday, June 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Waiki'i Ranch, 67-1026 Palekaiko Road, Kamuela
Menu: Local food and desserts
Cost: Free

District 01: Burlingame Picnic Details
Sunday, June 25, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Coyote Point Recreation Area, Eucalyptus Picnic Areas 3 and 4, 1701 Coyote Point Drive, San Mateo
Menu: Tri-tip, salad, hot dogs, cake, soda, beer and lots more
Cost: Adults: \$12.50; Retirees: Free; Children ages 12 and under: Free
Other: \$6 parking fee per car

District 11: Nevada (Elko) Picnic Details
Saturday, July 29, noon to 1 p.m.
VFW Hall, 731 VFW Drive, Elko
Menu: BBQ
Cost: Adults: \$5; Retirees: Free; Children ages 3 to 18: \$2; Children ages 2 and under: Free

District 17: Hawaii (Kauai) Picnic Details
Saturday, Aug. 26, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Lydgate Beach Park, 4470 Nalu Road, Kapaa
Menu: Local food and desserts
Cost: Free

DISTRICT PICNIC SCHEDULE

Utah District 12 (Riverton)
Saturday, June 3

Redding District 70
Saturday, June 3

Fairfield District 04
Sunday, June 4

Oakland District 20
Sunday, June 4

Nevada District 11 (Sparks)
Saturday, June 17

Hawaii District 17 (Big Island)
Saturday, June 17

Burlingame District 01
Sunday, June 25

Nevada District 11 (Elko)
Saturday, July 29

Hawaii District 17 (Kauai)
Saturday, Aug. 26

Hawaii District 17 (Oahu)
Saturday, Sept. 2



Don't miss all the fun at this year's District Picnics. There's quite a few left this season!

MEETINGS

DISTRICT MEETINGS

All meetings convene at 7 p.m.

JUNE 2017

- 12th District 17: Kapolei
Operating Engineers' Building
2181 Lauwiliwili St.

JULY 2017 - No meetings scheduled.

AUGUST 2017

- 1st District 12: Sandy
Operating Engineers' Building
8805 South Sandy Parkway
- 3rd District 11: Reno
Operating Engineers' Building
1290 Corporate Blvd.
- 8th District 20: San Leandro
Sheet Metal Workers
1720 Marina Blvd.
- 8th District 40: Eureka
Operating Engineers' Building
1330 Bayshore Way, Ste. 103
- 9th District 04: Suisun City
Veterans Memorial Building
427 Main St.
- 9th District 70: Redding
Operating Engineers' Building
20308 Engineers Lane
- 10th District 01: Burlingame
Plumbers Local 467
1519 Rollins Road
- 10th District 60: Yuba City
Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds
Flower House Building
442 Franklin Ave.

- 15th District 30: Stockton
Operating Engineers' Building
1916 North Broadway Ave.
- 15th District 80: Sacramento
Operating Engineers' Building
3920 Lennane Drive
- 16th District 10: Rohnert Park
Operating Engineers' Building
6225 State Farm Drive
- 16th District 50: Clovis
Veterans Memorial District
453 Hughes Ave.
- 17th District 90: Morgan Hill
Operating Engineers' Building
325 Digital Drive
- 28th District 17: Honolulu
Ala Moana Hotel
410 Atkinson Drive

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

JUNE 2017

- 13th District 17: Kauai
Meeting: 6 p.m.
Kauai Beach Hotel
4331 Kauai Beach Drive
Lihue
- 14th District 17: Maui
Meeting: 6 p.m.
Maui Arts and Cultural Center
One Cameron Way
Kahului

- 15th District 17: Kona
Meeting: 6 p.m.
Sheraton Kona Resort
at Keauhou Bay
78-128 Ehukai St.
Kailua-Kona
- 17th District 17: Hilo
Lunch: 10 a.m.; Meeting to follow
Waiki'i Ranch
67-1026 Palekaiko Road
Kamuela

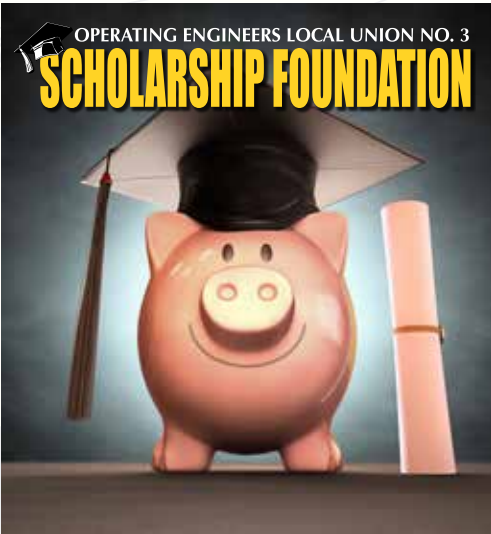
JULY 2017 - No meetings scheduled.

AUGUST 2017

- 26th District 17: Kauai
Lunch: 10 a.m.; Meeting to follow
Lydgate Beach Park
4470 Nalu Road
Kapaa
- 29th District 17: Maui
Meeting: 7 p.m.
Kahili Golf Course
2500 Honoapiilani Hwy.
Wailuku
- 30th District 17: Hilo
Meeting: 6 p.m.
Hilo ILWU Hall
100 W. Lanikaula St.
Hilo
- 31st District 17: Kona
Meeting: 6 p.m.
Sheraton Kona Resort
at Keauhou Bay
78-128 Ehukai St.
Kailua-Kona

New members are sworn-in during a recent District Meeting in Sacramento.





Your gift to the Local 3 Scholarship Foundation will help build the strength and future of the fund and allow you to experience giving the gift of a lifetime. There are a variety of ways to contribute: Cash gifts in any amount; merit sponsors and memorial and honor gifts; bequests; and securities.

The Scholarship Foundation helps Local 3 families pay for college.

To learn more about the Scholarship Program and how you can give, call Rec. Corres. Secretary Jim Sullivan at (510) 748-7400 or visit us online at <https://www.oe3.org/scholarship-program>

Deceased Dependents

Blauser, Leanora. Spouse of Blauser, Ivan (dec) 01-26-17	Elrod, Sonja. Spouse of Elrod, Charles (dec) 03-19-17	Hoapili, Edene. Spouse of Hoapili, Albert 03-02-17	McClanahan, Mary. Spouse of McClanahan, Dale 02-10-17	Readhead, Dorothea. Spouse of Readhead, Gary 03-09-17	Uson, Ines. Spouse of Uson, Sonny 02-27-16
Cardoza, Betty. Spouse of Cardoza, Anthony (dec) 03-15-17	Griffith, Dorothy. Spouse of Griffith, Gilmore (dec) 03-09-17	Jonson, Lennie. Spouse of Jonson, Harold 03-09-17	Milliron, Hazel. Spouse of Milliron, Keith 03-10-17	Tsukayama, Elfrieda. Spouse of Tsukayama, Chomei (dec) 01-01-17	Wagnon, Brenda. Spouse of Wagnon, Robert (dec) 02-11-17

*Departed Members**

Aguiar, Robert Whitmore, CA District 70 03-06-17	Desantis, Albert Marysville, CA District 60 03-06-17	Haskins, Herb San Bruno, CA District 01 02-18-17	Parker, James Stagecoach, NV District 11 03-17-17	Thorn, Clifford Pierre, SD District 99 01-26-17	Young, Malvin Lansing, MI District 99 10-20-16
Andersen, Dale Livermore, CA District 20 02-16-17	Devere, Reese San Jose, CA District 90 11-09-16	Heapes, Tim Grants Pass, OR District 99 02-28-17	Rasmussen, Lee Visalia, CA District 50 01-04-17	Turner, Jane Livermore, CA District 20 01-03-17	
Anglin, Donald Shingle Springs, CA District 80 01-18-17	Frick, Donald Livermore, CA District 20 03-03-17	Hooker, Ralph Gila, NM District 99 10-02-16	Richards, Robert Colusa, CA District 60 02-06-17	Williams, David Reno, NV District 11 03-18-17	
Bannister, Andrew Killeen, TX District 99 01-19-17	Ganancial, P Kamuela, HI District 17 04-01-17	Jeffery, Merlene Oroville, CA District 60 02-24-17	Riphenburg, Claude San Juan Bautista, CA District 90 01-22-17	Wolf, Gerald Layton, UT District 12 12-30-16	
Bridges, Billy Fresno, CA District 50 01-15-17	Goins, Everett Waianae, HI District 17 03-15-17	Johnson, Raymond Clovis, CA District 50 12-01-16	Roach, Patrick York, PA District 99 11-10-16	Yoshina, Tomoaki Hilo, HI District 17 02-06-17	
Bryant, Brian San Ramon, CA District 20 03-02-17	Goodness, Guy Tonasket, WA District 99 03-16-17	Kimsey, Jack Pioneer, CA District 30 02-20-17	Silva, Al Ione, CA District 30 12-21-16		
Campbell, Brett Lovelock, NV District 11 01-22-17	Gossman, David San Ramon, CA District 20 03-08-17	Lopes, Robert Pearl City, HI District 17 08-27-16	Squires, Lyman Lima, OH District 99 02-14-17		
Davis, Robert Port Angeles, WA District 99 03-09-17	Hansen, Larry Grants Pass, OR District 99 02-28-17	Lopez, Manuel Esparto, CA District 80 03-16-17	Tefft, Theodore Los Altos, CA District 90 02-07-17		

***MEMBER OBITUARIES**

Family members of a recently deceased Local 3 member may contact the member's local district office for a brief obituary to be included in the *Engineers News* district section. Contact information for the district offices is on pages 20-26 in this edition.

Swap Shop ads are offered free of charge to members in good standing for the sale or trade of personal items and/or real estate. Please notify the office if your item has been sold. Business-related offerings are not eligible for inclusion in Swap Shop. *Engineers News* reserves the right to edit ads. Ads received by the 1st of the month will run the following month. Limit two ads per issue. Must be 60 words or less.

To place an ad, type or print legibly and mail to:

Operating Engineers
Local Union No. 3
3920 Lennane Dr.
Sacramento, CA 95834
ATTN: Swap Shop*

Or call:
(916) 993-2047, ext. 2506

Or fax ads to: Swap Shop
(916) 419-3487

Or e-mail to:
jmatos@oe3.org

*All ads must include Member Registration Number.

FOR SALE: 2016 Voltage V3605 fifth-wheel toy hauler with solar panel, extra batteries and satellite dish. Many extras and super clean. 2016 RAM 3500 dually, low miles, perfect condition. Moving forces sale. Call (916) 871-7948 for more details. Reg# 2067088.

FOR SALE: Best B24-2500 inverter. Converts 24 volts DC to 110 or 120 AC. \$100. Call (559) 292-2641. Reg# 1312793.

FOR SALE: Track rails with sprockets. Will fit CAT 22 or D2. \$300. Power take-off for D2. \$400. Rebuilt starter for a 92 series Detroit. \$50 or trade. Call (530) 346-2918. Reg# 1271053.

FOR SALE: 2002 Moto Guzzi V11 Le Mans motorcycle in near-pristine condition. Extras. 4,300 miles. \$2,500. Call (916) 457-5523. Reg# 1837537.

FOR SALE: 1969 El Camino, restored. \$12,000. Call Ben at (435) 823-4677. Reg# 1935843.

FOR SALE: 2012 Honda CRF 450X. Like new, 41 miles on odometer. Originally cost \$8,000. Selling for \$5,000. Will consider offers. Call (209) 879-3759. Reg# 2167726.

FOR SALE: 1986 Bayliner Capri cuddy cabin boat. Well maintained. One owner. Comes with Bimini top, boat cover, depth finder, fish finder, AM/FM stereo with cassette player, dual switch batteries, porta potty, spotlight, full swim platform and tandem galvanized trailer. Everything works great. Can text pics. Call (209) 712-7685. Reg# 1972312.

FOR SALE: Beautiful pearl white 2003 Harley Davidson Ultra Classic Anniversary Gold Key Edition. 95 CID Screaming Eagle. \$11,400 or best offer. All offers considered. Call (831) 252-0047. Reg# 2002575.

FOR SALE: 2003 GMC Sierra 2500 HD Duramax V8 turbo diesel 6.6L, automatic, 2WD, white, heated leather seats, extended cab. 183,000 miles. \$15,000 or best offer. Call (831) 252-0047 to make an offer. Reg# 2002575.

FOR SALE: 10.92-acre lot with beautiful view. Brand-new well, power, septic test hole and perc test. This rural property is located approximately 30 minutes from downtown Reno off Hwy. 395 north. Topography is sloping with a flat tabletop. \$87,000. For more information, please call (775) 391-7964. Reg# 1840427.

FOR SALE: 1969 Grand Prix J model, 400ci, 105,000 miles. Completely restored less than 5,000 miles ago. Can text pictures. \$14,000. Call Dennis and make an offer. (775) 287-8227. Reg# 1064428.

FOR SALE: 2014 Wildwood 28-foot travel trailer with one slide-out. In excellent condition, must sell. Was \$15,800, now \$11,500. Call (775) 772-2028. Reg# 2286014.

FOR SALE: 2 adjacent 20 acre parcels (1,320' x 1,320') in southwestern Utah near Zion, Brian Head, BLM, hunting. Lot 6, unimproved, water rights, \$25,500. Lot 7, improved, power, phone, septic, water tank, well permit, water rights, 29-foot trailer (skirted), two 8' x 20' storage units, RV carport, good road, AG20 zoned. Many uses including airstrip. \$42,500. (707) 367-3583. Reg# 2070046.

FOR SALE: 2 bed, 1 bath home on big .67-acre corner lot in Hinkley, Millard County, Utah 84638. Beautiful views of sunrises and big trees. \$65,000 or best offer. (435) 406-6234. Reg# 1359602.

FOR SALE: Beautiful 9' antique cherry wood armoire with beveled mirror. Armoire is 3'4" wide, 1'4" deep. Call (925) 819-6233. Please leave a message with your phone number. Reg# 1904048.

FOR SALE: Cemetery plot in the Good Shepherd section of St. Michaels Cemetery in Livermore, CA. Complete, double-depth grave space with flat area headstone. Asking \$7,800. Call (925) 819-6233. Please leave a message with your phone number. Reg# 1904048.

FOR SALE: 2005 Harley-Davidson FXDLI Dyna Low Rider. \$10,000. Call (510) 967-0725. Reg# 2543582.

FOR SALE: 1991 Prowler 27-foot trailer in good condition with no leaks. Will need tires and bearings. Everything works except the gas heater. Axels flipped. Perfect for a young operator. You will need a ¾-ton tow vehicle. Located in Crescent City. Call Dan at (530) 945-7955. Reg# 1808703.

FOR SALE: 2005 Tioga 29-foot class C motorhome. New tires and new batteries. In great condition. Never been smoked in. Has low mileage (30,000), DVD player, AM/FM, CD, microwave, refrigerator and AC. \$35,999. Call Ron at (209) 367-1142. Reg# 1737629.

FOR SALE: Portable electric quarter-yard cement mixer. All iron and built with load ramps. Runs and is in good condition. \$325. Call or text (209) 931-2058. Reg# 1022395.

FOR SALE: Snap-On tool box. Like new. Part# KRA2411PC. Asking \$3,800. Call (510) 409-8715 if interested. Reg# 4061462.

WANTED: Antique bottles. Paying up to \$500 for embossed whiskey and bitters bottles. Also want other antique bottles. Will give operators free appraisals on antique bottles. Richard Siri, P.O. Box 3818, Santa Rosa, CA 95402. Call (707) 481-5423 or (707) 542-6438. Reg# 2123273.

FOR SALE: Tools from a retired mechanic. If interested, call (916) 686-0255. Reg# 2126735.

FOR SALE: Clarke American Super 7R industrial strength edger floor sander. Costs \$2,054 new, selling used for \$800 or best offer. Call Andy at (209) 620-6792 or e-mail andyboomer1958@gmail.com. Reg# 2151120.

FOR SALE: Duplex on 2.33 acres (potential 4-plex). Commercial property, 100 percent rented for the past 3 years. \$275,000. Call (406) 381-9675 or e-mail d.lee52@yahoo.com. Reg# 2342251.

WANTED: Rifles, shotguns, pistols and ammunition. From one to a whole collection. (559) 232-3545. Reg# 2123273.

FOR SALE: 1964 Chevy Impala Super Sport with 327 engine and automatic transmission. Interior needs to be finished. Asking \$15,000 as is. Call Jim at (530) 357-3696. Reg# 1950181.

FOR SALE: 1976 aluminum camper shell, fits Ford 8-foot bed. Sturdy and in good condition. \$150. Call Tom at (510) 734-0294. Reg# 2299640.

FOR SALE: 2005 Jazz model 2760 fifth-wheel trailer. Looks great and has new tires. \$15,000 or best offer. Call (510) 715-6889. Reg# 1966032.

FOR SALE: 2003 Coachman Cross Country 37-foot motorhome. New Michelin tires and new batteries. In good condition and never smoked in. Fully equipped with TV, DVD, AM/FM, CD, Micro, A/C, awning, rear camera, 2 slide outs, 2 tanks, hydraulic gear window covers and motorhome cover. Only 29,700 miles. Asking \$65,100. Call Paul at (916) 361-3100. Reg# 1229742.

FOR SALE: 2 old one-lung engines. First is a McCormick Deering, runner. \$600. Second is an Ottawa parts engine. \$300. Also selling a very nice Fairbanks Morse "Typhoon" water pump, runner for \$1,400; A very nice working antique rock/jaw crusher, 39" tall for \$2,000; An old mining ore cart for \$1,200. Can provide photos on request. Call (530) 391-6716. Reg# 2489118.

FOR SALE: Beautiful home on 5+ acres in Hayden, Idaho with two living quarters and two separate entries. 3 bed, 2 bath, large kitchen, breakfast bar, BBQ, bar, forced heat, gas fireplace, wood stove. Downstairs: 2 bed, 1 bath, office/exercise room, kitchen. Equestrian arena, orchard, garden space, pond, shop, RV parking. (208) 755-0256. Reg# 1812603.

FOR SALE: Approximately 26 acres in Fiddletown, Amador County, Calif. Easy commute to Sacramento, Placerville, Jackson, Lake Tahoe and Reno. Beautiful property with lots of wildlife. Asking \$325,000. Will consider offers. Also selling loaded 2015 Thor Axis motorhome with low mileage and lots of storage. Sleeps 5-6. \$72,000. Call (208) 755-0256. Reg# 1812603.

FOR SALE: 2013 enclosed 10' X 6' 1-axle trailer. Back opens up, and there is a side door as well. Like new. \$1,600. Call Vic at (530) 923-4878. Reg# 1276105.

FOR SALE: 2005 Dodge quad cab, 3500 diesel, 1-ton truck with lock-up gun safe in the bed and an auxiliary fuel tank that allows for a combined total of 72 gallons of fuel. Also selling a 2009 Cougar fifth-wheel trailer. Both have been well-kept and are in perfect condition. Willing to sell the pair for \$31,000 or call to discuss purchasing them separately at (530) 243-0546. Reg# 1265020.

FOR SALE: 1990 Jaguar XJS V12 conv. 41,000 miles, auto, black exterior, red interior. Like new. Great investment. \$15,000. Call (707) 823-4667. Reg# 0924959.

FOR SALE: Late 1960s 8N Ford Tractor with box scraper. Runs good. \$2,495. Call (209) 509-5696. Reg# 1043556.

FOR SALE: Outdoor oriented magazines from the 70s through 2009. Fair condition. Good articles and information. "Ducks Unlimited," "Mule Deer Foundation," "Safari Club International," "Sports Afield," "California Hunters Digest," "American Sportsman," "The Sporting World," "Guns & Ammo," "Golf," "Sports Illustrated" and others from the 1970s to 2009. Any reasonable offer will be considered. E-mail awsqc12000@netzero.com or call (408) 274-5591. Reg# 2105272.

FOR SALE: Vintage Underwood No. 3 engineer's typewriter. 18" wide. In good working order. Will deliver or may waive shipping and handling dependent upon buyer's location. All reasonable offers will be considered. Asking \$599. E-mail awsqc12000@netzero.com if you have any questions, or call (408) 274-5591. Reg# 2105272.

FOR SALE: Cemetery plot at Lawncrest Memorial Park in Redding, Calif. Double internment space with two burial vaults and a matching military memorial (24" X 12") on a granite base (28" X 38"). Section N, lot B-2, space 9. \$3,500 or best offer. Please call (530) 246-2814 or (530) 209-2092. Reg# 1876447.

FOR SALE: 2007 Wilderness AX6 fifth-wheel self-contained travel trailer. 39', 2 axels with 4 slide outs. Series M-385FKQS. \$39,000. For more information, call Paul at (209) 229-5235 or e-mail kelli@rowdyranchhardware.com. Reg# 2193846.

FOR SALE: 2006 Kawasaki motorcycle. Red with 13,000+ miles, new tires, new battery, recent tune up. Runs and rides very well. Minor scratches and dents throughout. Will consider trade. Call Paul at (209) 229-5235 or e-mail kelli@rowdyranchhardware.com. Reg# 2193846.

FOR SALE: One 36" Case bucket, \$500. One 18" CAT bucket, \$500. Two 24" excavator buckets, one-ton chain hoist. Call (209) 509-5696. Reg# 1043556.

WANTED: Portable track pin press, large or small. Also looking for Emmerson or Gray air jacks. Will travel. Call (775) 219-3704. Please do not text. Reg# 2548805.

FOR SALE: 1996 Kawasaki Vulcan 1500, yellow with shaft drive, 9,000 miles, like new tires. Helmet included. Looks and runs great! Asking \$2,500. Also selling two 2002 Suzuki dirt bikes, a two stroke and a four stroke enduro w/196 Miles. Call (530) 722-7815 or (530) 226-5377 for prices. Reg# 1989890.

An efficient arrangement

By John O. Matos, associate editor

Along the rural highways running through the mountain communities east of Stockton, members working for Sierra Mountain Construction, Inc. (SMCI) have been clearing dead trees since last winter to prevent them from falling on roadways and surrounding buildings. It's all part of a \$6 million project that went out to bid after California forests saw a dramatic increase in the tree mortality rate due to years of drought conditions and bark beetle infestations.

"Work has been going on in the rain and even in the snow," said SMCI Area Manager Samantha Franco, who described the biggest challenges to the project as weather and traffic. "Crews can't leave a six-foot stump under the snow and wait until the snow melts to come back and get it, and when there's traffic, they only have a few minutes to clear the roadway."

Many people took advantage of this year's extended ski season and heavy snowfall, which added traffic to the weather challenges these crews faced. Even so, this winter's constant snowfall brought a welcome change to the work environment many of these members are used to.

"It was great working up here as the snow was falling," said Excavator Operator Christian Beasley.

Beasley and most of his fellow crew

members had been at a higher elevation on the Hwy. 108 portion of the project through last December but have since moved to Hwy. 4 and worked their way down below the snow line.

Meanwhile, in Angels Camp, Foreman Gareth Hoyt and Operator Jim Settlemoir are running operations at the grinder yard. This is where all those trees come after being removed at the higher elevations (around 9,000 trees will be removed on the Hwy. 4 portion of the project alone). Using a loader and an excavator, the two men send entire trees through the grinder, turning them into mounds of wood chips in a matter of minutes. From the yard in Angels Camp, trucks are loaded up and haul the material down into the valley to be used by Caltrans on other jobs.

From start to finish, the project is an efficient arrangement. It employs our members in the area, boosts the economy of these small mountain communities and ensures the safety of area roadways, all while saving taxpayers money on future projects that will utilize the material coming out of the grinder yard.

Excavator Operator Jim Settlemoir loads trees into the grinder at the SMCI yard in Angels Camp.



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