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## When we honor our Retirees, we honor the union

I've been attending the Retiree Picnics since before I joined the Local 3 staff in 1994. Over time, many Retirees have become the people I used to work with on jobs, and as retirement comes closer to me, I realize I will one day be at these picnics, not as the one handing out the 50-year watches and clocks, but as the one receiving these awards. Time has a funny way of making you reflective and grateful for the memories you have. The Retiree Picnic is and has always been one of my favorite events, so please read more about it and see some pictures of those honored throughout this edition and on our website at [www.oe3.org](http://www.oe3.org).

When this year's 50-year members joined Local 3, it was 1968, and we were in the middle of the Vietnam War, the most expensive and deadliest year of that conflict. In 1968, the average cost of a new house was \$14,950 and the average income per year was \$7,850. Gas cost \$0.34 a gallon, and a new car was only \$2,822. Local 3's Fringe Benefits Center opened its doors for the first time, and the iconic Oroville Dam, which is currently being repaired after last year's rains compromised its main and emergency spillways, was finished. Wages were raised that year to \$6.16 an hour for a crane operator, \$6 for a blade operator and \$4.62 for an oiler. The union staunchly supported President Lyndon B. Johnson, who spoke at the International Convention that year.

Times are much different today, in terms of the living wage union members enjoy, the politics we deal with and the increases in the costs of living. What hasn't changed, at least for Local 3 members, is their steadfast loyalty to the union that has protected them. Just ask the Retirees who attended the recent Retiree Picnic last month.

"Local 3 is the best union in the world," said Retiree Paul Schellpfeffer, who came from Redding District 70 to attend. "The staff is the best."

"The best decision I ever made was when I joined the union," said 50-year honoree Dave Silva. "Local 3 took care of me and my family our entire lives, with retirement and medical."

Silva's son, David Silva, and his grandson, Christopher Silva, are also proud Local 3 surveyors.

You see, it's not just a union. Local 3 is a family. Many of us, including myself, grew up on jobsites and talked about the union at home around the dinner table. We knew no other career path than to sit in the iron and build things. Some Retirees, like 50-year honoree Dale Hume, can't quit the seat, as he has

been working at the Oroville Dam spillway repair job under the Retiree Work Addendum. His family came to support him at the picnic, including his grandson, Jake, and his granddaughter, Karina, who rushed up to the stage to hug him after he received his watch.

At the meeting, I made special mention of the Retirees' spouses, as so many members tell me how during their entire careers, their spouses woke up before they did to pack their lunches and get the coffee going for them. Again that's why this is family!

To all of our Retirees, thank you for what you put into this union, so we could all enjoy what we have today. As more and more members join the ranks of our Retirees, we continue to recruit and train the next generation, and our Operating Engineers Local 3 Journeyman and Apprentice Training Center (OE3 JATC) is doing a stellar job at this. For example, in 2012, the OE3 JATC trained 1,277 students, and last year, that number soared to 2,388 and continues to grow this year.

As the demand for skilled Operating Engineers continues to grow, we are also holding Recruitment Fairs to cover the California areas of Stockton, Oakland and Sacramento, and have had over 100 new recruits show up to each of these events. Many are getting dispatched. (KCRA Channel 3 covered the Sacramento event during its primetime news section, and the *Sacramento Bee* also did a detailed write-up to publicize the event.) Receiving good press and being active in our communities only builds us up in organizing, membership and political power.

While we fared very well in the Primary Election, the election year continues, as we gear-up for the General Election on Nov. 6. Hawaii's Primary Election is on Aug. 11, and you can find those endorsements here on page 12. Remember, the work of an Operating Engineer is never over. From the field to the voting booths, we must continue to fight to protect what we have. Please see this month's Public Employee section on pages 8-9 to see what else we're doing to fight the fight for all working people.

I want to thank this membership for continuing to show up and represent one of the largest construction trades locals in the United States so well. We are respected nationwide as an organized powerhouse, and it's because of you, the members – your support and dedication to this great union and this administration – that we are so strong. Continue to keep in contact with your district office this work season to see what is needed, and I hope to see you all soon.

*Russell E. Burns*

From left: Business Manager Russ Burns visits with Cathy and Mike Brown at the Retiree picnic.

## This Month in Local 3 History

Fifty years ago this month, in 1968, the *Engineers News* reported on the dedication of the highest earth-filled dam in the world, Oroville Dam. California Gov. Ronald Reagan performed the dedication, and four days of celebration followed. The project officially began with a dynamite blast for the first diversion tunnel in 1961. For the next seven years, thousands of Local 3 construction workers would come to Oroville to be part of the history happening there, and many would stay. Their tasks were huge, as they weren't

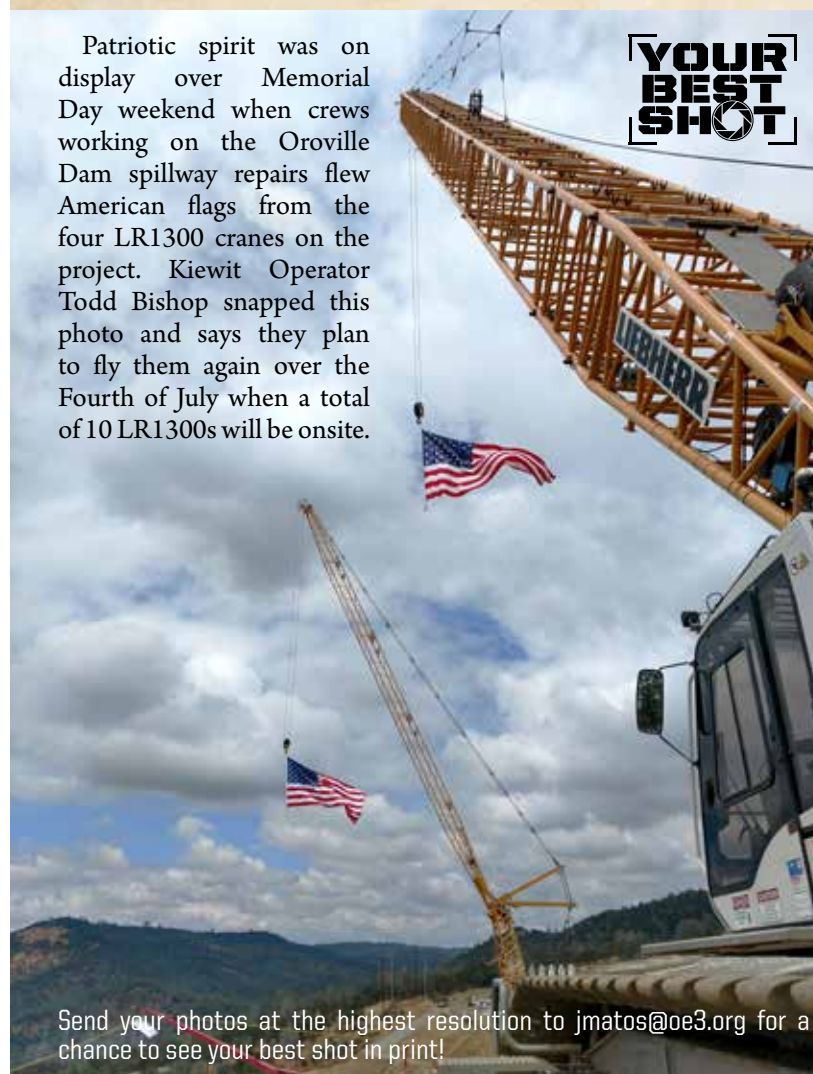
only building a 770-foot-high dam but also canals, bridges, roads, tunnels, railroads, two powerhouses, a forebay and an afterbay. From 1963 to 1967, three 40-car trains

continuously traveled day and night between the borrow area and the dam. While miners holed through the 35-foot tunnel that was to divert the Feather River out of its bed and around the dam site, gold was discovered, and workers used their hardhats to collect it during their lunch breaks. Though much has been written on the spillway's failure last year, the feat of the dam and spillway's original construction should not be forgotten. Today, hundreds of Local 3 members work to repair and reinforce the original spillway that eroded last February, yet another enormous undertaking requiring incredible engineering. Stay tuned for more about the original dam's history and the project currently underway to repair it.



Patriotic spirit was on display over Memorial Day weekend when crews working on the Oroville Dam spillway repairs flew American flags from the four LR1300 cranes on the project. Kiewit Operator Todd Bishop snapped this photo and says they plan to fly them again over the Fourth of July when a total of 10 LR1300s will be onsite.

**[YOUR BEST SHOT]**



Send your photos at the highest resolution to [jmatos@oe3.org](mailto:jmatos@oe3.org) for a chance to see your best shot in print!

## No substitute for training and experience

At the time of this writing, I've just returned from the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Convention. This was my third time attending an International Convention, which is held every five years, but Local 3 has been sending delegates, staff and Executive Board members to these conventions for over 50 years, ensuring that OE3 is represented when changes are made to the IUOE Constitution and resolutions are passed.

This was by far the most educational convention I've attended. Political issues that directly affect our work were discussed, and representatives from other locals across the United States and Canada learned how to handle attacks on prevailing wages and so-called right-to-work laws. The convention is also where the IUOE General President is elected, along with International Vice Presidents and Trustees. Business Manager Russ Burns was re-elected as the Second Vice President, an extreme honor, which reflects the amount of respect Russ receives from the General President and the business managers of all IUOE locals.

I've recently heard complaints from some regarding the cost of sending our delegates to the International Convention and accusations that too many staff members were sent. The number of delegates and staff and the cost of sending them is governed by Local 3's Bylaws, as these conventions include important classes and training on our Health and Welfare and Pension Funds. Attending them is part of the regular training and education our staff receives so they can better serve our members. If you've never spent weeks trying to resolve the health care issues facing our members, you have no idea what it really takes to be a Trustee who is liable for such important decisions. Could you imagine someone making decisions on your health care, your pension and your livelihood with no training or experience at all? As one of the speakers at the convention put it, "There is a cost to training, but ignorance is a lot more expensive."

It amazes me to hear some members say they could step in and do what Russ or our other senior staff does without years of training and experience. I'm reminded of an experience I had as an agent years ago. I walked up to a first-step apprentice who was checking grade for a journey-level excavator operator and told him, "Listen to that journeyman, and someday you will be running that rig." He looked right at me and said something I will never forget. "I have been watching him for a few hours. I know how to run that excavator now." Although I liked his confidence, we all know it takes years of experience to get good at what you are doing.

Right now, work across the U. S. and Canada is booming, and the focus is on our ability to train skilled operators and staff. The better trained we are across this country, the stronger we will be in each state. Remember, talk is cheap. There is no substitute for the skills that come with proper training and years of experience. Be safe.





From the

# VICE PRESIDENT FACTS & FIGURES

By Steve Ingersoll,  
vice president

By Justin Diston,  
financial secretary

## Trust and transparency regarding Zenith

Several members have inquired about our relatively new Trust Funds Administrator (TPA), Zenith-American Solutions, which became Local 3's TPA in 2017. As with all transitions, change can be hard, but the decision to switch to a different administrator and the processes since then have all been the result of much research, deliberation and intense logistics. Zenith currently administrates more than 27 Trust Funds within Operating Engineers, and last year, 700 Retirees were added to the Plan. Managing this number of participants and plans is no small task, and Zenith has made this transition as smooth as possible.

After concerns regarding the financial solvency of the union's previous TPA, the 'Trust Funds' union and employer Board members decided during their December 2015 meeting to solicit other vendors to provide the administration of eligibility, COBRA, self-pay, Health and Welfare, Annuity, vacation and holiday pay contributions, and customer-service support. These Requests for Proposals (RFPs) were distributed to several reputable vendors on Jan. 12, 2016, including Associated Third Party Administrators (ATPA), Zenith-American Solutions, Northwest Administrators and Benesys. Vendors responded to the RFP on Feb. 9, 2016 and presented to the OE3 Board of Trustees 20 days later.

After careful review of each proposal, Zenith-American Solutions, the largest independent TPA in the United States, was awarded the contract in April of 2016 and began the transition immediately following the announcement, with services

effective Jan. 1, 2017. This transition lasted approximately nine months. (Services began one month earlier than originally planned due to the unexpected closure of OE3's former TPA on Nov. 29, 2016.)

This unexpected closure obviously made the transition more challenging, but remember, approximately 16,000 Pension checks/direct deposits totaling approximately \$30 million go out every month, and not one was missed during the transition or thereafter. (Approximately 192,000 checks/direct deposits totaling approximately \$360,000,000 went out in 2017.)

In the interest of this administration's ongoing dedication to transparency and due diligence, I hope this thorough timeline of events and facts dispels any rumors about Zenith, their performance or the Board's decision to hire them. Your Local 3 Officers and Trustees continually work for the membership behind the scenes to manage many different entities, including this union's TPAs. These are not small tasks, and we don't take these responsibilities lightly. Sometimes we have to make tough decisions today to reap the benefits tomorrow, just as we have done with our Health and Welfare Funds and Pension. These conservative and frugal decisions have panned out, since today, these Funds are performing off the charts. (Both Active and Pensioned Health and Welfare Funds have 18 months of reserves, and our Pension Fund is at an all-time high.)

If you have any questions regarding Zenith or any of our Funds, don't hesitate to contact your Trust Funds Office at (800) 251-5013.

## When we're united, we can't be defeated

Local 3 has a diverse membership across the four very different states of California, Nevada, Utah and Hawaii. From operators on construction projects and mines to dredging hands, mechanics, surveyors, inspectors and public employees at the city, county and state levels, our members' skills are vast and unique. Representing members from such a wide range of bargaining units requires knowledge from the field, but it also calls for experience handling grievances, negotiating contracts, engaging in political efforts and resolving Pension and Health and Welfare issues. Fortunately, the dues-paying members who make up our field staff and those chosen by the membership for leadership positions have this unique combination of knowledge and experience. That's because every one of our officers and field staff worked as a rank-and-file union member before getting into positions of responsibility and gaining the valuable knowledge and abilities needed to run this organization.

The diversity and top-notch skillset of this union and its members have helped make Local 3 the largest construction trades local in the United States and one of the most respected and influential labor organizations in North America. There are those, however, who would turn those strengths into

weaknesses in the minds of others, if they could. For example, some have tried to create divisions within our ranks by turning private sector employees against public employees, or by trying to create resentment in one unit or craft about the gains made by another within our Local 3 family. Some have even tried to say the professionalism of our leadership and staff is a problem, arguing that their training is a waste of resources. The response to those efforts, however, is our strongest weapon – solidarity.

When we stand together as a union and focus on making important gains for the working people of Local 3, attempts to divide us fail, and we become stronger. There are plenty of opportunities for greater solidarity this year, like getting more involved and volunteering with the Voice of the Engineer (VOTE) program, as we approach November's General Election. Volunteering and showing solidarity produces clear results. Just ask those members who came together for 12 nights, working 358 volunteer shifts and making over 23,000 calls to pass California's Proposition 69, which ensures billions of dollars will be used on infrastructure projects that put our members to work. Take advantage of these opportunities, and you will benefit, while making Local 3 even stronger.

# UNIT 12

## Tough Coulterville crew gets it done

By Larry Southerland, business representative

The crew at the Coulterville Maintenance Station along Hwy. 132 and Hwy. 49 south, which is deep in the heart of Gold Rush Country in Mariposa County, is just plain tough. Crewmembers maintain safe driving conditions for the motoring public year-round on some of the most treacherous roads in the state, from rescuing crash victims to diverting traffic safely around accidents.

Coulterville's Operator Norm Morrison helps first responders with traffic control and sometimes assists crash victims with CPR and First Aid, since driving off the mountain along Hwy. 49 does happen. (All of these members are trained in CPR and First Aid.) Lead Worker Gene Mendenhall provides road maintenance, often working alongside fast drivers who are more focused on their cell phones than his safety!

It takes a lot of guts to do what these guys do every day without a second thought. Maintenance Supervisor Matthew Mariscal can't say enough about his crew, as they work thanklessly in varied weather conditions, and their responsibilities are critical to the well-being of California's residents.



Coulterville maintenance workers include, from left, Norm Morrison, Dan Burgess, Kevin Scofield, Gene Mendenhall and Matthew Mariscal.

An advertisement for OE Federal Credit Union. The background is a photograph of a woman in a bikini jumping off the back of a white boat into the water. The text "IT'S MORE FUN ON THE WATER" is overlaid in large, bold, white and yellow letters. Below this, a dark blue box contains the text "GET YOUR NEW BOAT THIS SUMMER WITH OEFEDERAL CREDIT UNION" in yellow and white. At the bottom, white text reads "APPLY ONLINE AT OEFEDERAL.ORG, CALL 800.877.4444, OR VISIT A LOCAL BRANCH". The NCUA logo is in the bottom right corner.



# PUBLIC EMPLOYEE NEWS

By Tim Neep, director

## Supreme Court may have delivered a blow, but we're ready

Yes, it's happened. The Supreme Court ruled in favor of Mark Janus in June, stating (somehow) that it is unconstitutional to collect fair share fees from public employees, even though, said employees will continue to benefit from union representation, just like a shoplifter who raises the price of items for those who actually wait in line and pay. Once groups see this happening, what's to keep all fees covering benefit costs for associations from being met with the same kind of opposition? It may not be fair, but these are the cards we've been dealt, and we are not taking it lightly.

Your Local 3 Public Employees Division, which represents some 7,000 members in California and Nevada, have been prepared and ready for this fight all along. We've worked hard with legislators to create a new California law giving Public Employee unions the right to participate in orientations and other onboarding to sign up new workers and provide also information about the full bargaining unit every 120 days. We've already been in the field getting signatures on recommitment cards for current members, asking them to put their loyalty in writing to the union that has protected them for so long ... and they have. We've met and brainstormed with the California Labor Federation and other Public Employee trades unions (like Communication Workers of America (CWA), California School Employee Association (CSEA), American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and Stationary Engineers) on strategies to get the right message to the public about the fallacy of this decision, the anti-union billionaires behind it and that Labor is coming back even stronger and with a vengeance.

If the anti-union billionaires who funded this case think they can stamp out decades of progress made by unions, they are dead wrong. The strength and power of our union doesn't come from money; it comes from members like you.

## Police officers reach out to their communities and local politicians

By Allen Dunbar, business representative



Local 3's City of Mendota Police Officers host community barbecues and events for the kids.



Public Employee Business Rep. Felix Mario Huerta Jr. (middle) meets with other union affiliates to discuss the impact of the Janus decision.

This decision may result in the end of a long era of labor peace. Strike against us, and you can bet we'll drive ever tougher bargains. Why? Because we won't allow a court decision to stand in the way of our fight for good jobs, safe workplaces and dignity at work for everyone. If history tells us anything, it's that working people always rise to counterbalance the growing power of corporate CEOs and the politicians they bankroll. We'll fight harder, we'll ensure accountable, pro-labor politicians are elected and we'll come out even stronger.

Want to know how you can join the fight? Call your local district office and ask for your Public Employee business agent. This great staff of mine can lead you in the right direction for empowering and protecting your union. Remember, it's an election year. The General Election may be months away, but the work begins now to get politicians on our side in office.

The City of Mendota Police Officers are working with the community to be more dependable and accountable. Over the next six months, these officers will be hosting barbecues for the community, sporting events and movie nights for the kids. They are also meeting with local politicians who are running for office to hold them accountable and express the importance of hiring more police officers to make the City of Mendota safer for its residents. There will also be an important measure on this very issue (hiring more police officers and improving and protecting public parks and recreation) in November's Primary Election. Stay tuned for further details about this ballot measure.

The Mendota Police Officers just settled with a one-year, 6 percent raise, with the possibility of another 6 percent raise in January 2019, if the November ballot measure passes. I want to thank Police Association President Carlos Esqueda and Vice President Sindy Ayala for their time and effort to get this done.

## IUOE offers great training in Texas

By Mike De Anda, business representative

I recently visited the new International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Training and Conference Center located in Crosby, Texas to attend new business representative training. The entire property encompasses nearly 250 acres with multiple training buildings and pads with the newest equipment onsite and facilities that include classrooms, shops, labs and training rooms for simulators and virtual reality. This facility is all-inclusive, with the newest technology. The main building includes a store, conference rooms, over 200 dorms, laundry facilities, a cafeteria that serves three meals a day, a recreational fitness center, including a pool, spa and weight room with treadmills/steppers, and a bar and lounge. This state-of-the art facility is impressive, to say the least.



The new IUOE Training and Conference Center in Crosby, Texas.

New business representatives from all over the United States, Canada and Europe attended the training, and everyone found it very beneficial. I learned about Janus vs. AFSCME, the

Freedom of Information Act, Davis-Bacon, the Wagner Act, Taft-Hartley, organizing, labor harmony, grievances and much more. I left with several key skills, techniques and strategies to further assist the membership by protecting their working conditions, wages and benefits. Also, I gained new tips for negotiations that I can put into practice today and some that I can develop over time. These training conferences are a great way to help create and preserve skills

that strengthen the union as a whole. I look forward to future training at this facility.

## Lake County chief steward raises the bar on unionism

By Joe Louis Wildman, business representative

Kerry Sheehan was nominated recently to be a steward, and pending her appointment, she will be elected as the Lake County Employees Association (LCEA) chief steward per the LCEA bylaws. She's eager to get to work on the issues facing her co-workers.

Kerry grew up in a union household in South Boston and was an activist at a young age. In third grade, she successfully petitioned her school to change a rule so girls and boys could play together at recess. The school made the change, cementing her beliefs that she can make a difference.

In 2009, Kerry was working for Sonoma County in a substance abuse program that was slated for privatization. While fighting against the plan, she went through steward training. Unfortunately, she received her steward certificate the same week she was laid-off. This didn't faze her, however, as she started working in San Francisco, where she was a social worker, a steward and a contributor to her union's newsletter. She moved to Lake County, went to work for the Lake County Department of Social Services and immediately joined the union. She began attending meetings, took steward training and jumped in with both feet.

"The chief steward should be active in training and then in providing follow-up support to stewards who are helping members in the workplace," she said.

Having worked on grievances and discipline in San Francisco, Kerry is interested in raising the skill level of LCEA's stewards and the union participation of its members.



LCEA Chief Steward Kerry Sheehan.

"Lake County is a pretty laid-back community, and the union members are no different," she said. "I'm concerned that folks may be a bit too complacent. There isn't a strong union history in Lake County, but I have a lot of hope, because the active union leadership here is highly motivated. Both the union and the management in Lake County know that we need to have hope and that we need to work together on retention of good employees."

"Many Lake County employees don't realize how important and valuable the union is in protecting their livelihood and their rights in the long run, so they don't see the immediate value that they get from their dues," she observed. "We have a lot of work to do."

"Since the County is so spread out geographically, and we have members in so many different worksites, my focus is going to be on the website and the newsletters and other forms of communication that don't require constant driving. Also, I plan to work closely with the business agent [OE3] on grievances and discipline, freeing up the other board members to work on other important things. We as members need to step-up, so things don't all fall on a few people who end up burning out."

"Before I'm done being chief steward, I want to define this work clearly, so when I'm done, the next person to take this job knows exactly what the chief steward does, and the transition is seamless."

The LCEA and Local 3 are lucky to have members like Kerry Sheehan.



# 28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SURVEYORS COMPETITION IS THE BIGGEST EVER!!

As they have done for 28 years, new and seasoned surveyors in the Northern California Surveyors Joint Apprenticeship Committee (NCSJAC) program stormed the Alameda Headquarters on a spring Saturday to compete in the challenging and ever-evolving NCSJAC Surveyors Competition. Unique to this competition, however, was the sheer number of students who participated – 162. To accommodate this huge amount, teams were divided among two groups with five tasks each, which included intriguing names like, “I Need Closure,” “My Little Polygon” and “The Great Pacing Challenge.”

According to NCSJAC Administrator Joanie Thornton, the number of participants signifies the improving economy, as surveyors are in demand now more than ever. To fill the needs, these students come from all over with different backgrounds, but they share a few things in common: A love of being outside, a competitive drive and a desire to enjoy a lucrative career in one of the fastest-growing fields Local 3 represents.

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## Student Participants

Olugbala Akintude had been involved in a non-profit youth program, but once he had children of his own, he realized he needed to start giving to them, so he set out on a new career and enrolled in the NCSJAC Program. Former Fresno State football player Jacob Hicks wanted a challenging career, while first-place competition winner Chaz Dupuis had been a sales and marketing rep. for athletic gear in Massachusetts. Josh Brook used to manage a grocery store, while Jamal Marable joined the program through the Helmets to Hardhats Program after serving in the Navy.

Most of the students have a math background but didn’t want to work in an office environment.

Former bio-medical project manager Leah Marks said she just couldn’t handle “the soul-crushing experience” of office life. With her new career change, she’s been involved in the fire cleanup in her native community of Santa Rosa. Ironically, her party chief in the field, Brandon Lubarsky, was her party chief in the competition!

“It’s good money,” said Hugo Cruz, about a career as a Local 3 surveyor. For him, the decision to leave the fire academy and join the program was “life-changing,” as it has been for many surveyors who had been working non-union before, like Jeffrey Ross.

“It’s fast money,” said Fernando Espinosa. “You can move up fast, and it pays the bills.”

The event is always competitive fun with great prizes, but it’s also a way to gauge the talent going into the field. According to California and Nevada Civil Engineering and Land Surveyors Association (CELSA) Executive Secretary Eric Angstadt, “This is the best group we’ve ever had in the history of the program. We appreciate your work ethic and your skills.”

Congratulations to the winners, and many thanks to the staff and instructors who volunteer their time to make the event such a success! These include Jeff Nielsen, Fred Seiji, Eric Wilson, Hector Estrada, Tom Finnegan, Alfredo Gomez, Justin King, Ben Klevmoen, Julian Ruiz, Brad Thomas, Socorro Vera, Terry Warren and Cameron Walton.

## Group A



**First-Place Crew:** From left, Chainman Joshua Sanders and Apprentice Jesse Wilkinson. (Not pictured: Joseph Chatterton.)



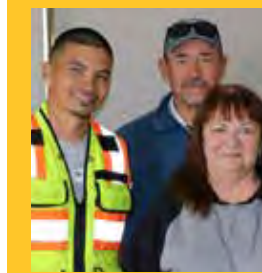
**Second-Place Crew:** From left: Chainman Kevin Eversole, Party Chief Steve Cho and Apprentice Robert Fox.

**Third-Place Crew:**  
Party Chief Mark Barroll  
Chainman Ray Rodriguez  
Apprentice Arthur Whitten

**Fourth-Place Crew:**  
Party Chief Casey Cash  
Chainman Jesus Dorado Ureno  
Apprentice Alexandro Martinez



From left: Fernando Espinosa, Brett Curtis and Wayne Shoeffler.



From left: Elias Lano-Cutter, Jared D’Alo and Ryan Phillips.



Anthony Jordan focuses in.



From left: Senquiao Lin and Liz Fleischman.



From left: Ricardo Valencia and Instructor Hector Estrada.



From left: George Ruiz and Edgar Bustamante.

## Group B



**First-Place Crew:** From left, Chainman Arnold Hernandez, Apprentice Chaz Dupuis and Party Chief Daniel Considine.



**Second-Place Crew:** From left: Apprentice Israel Calderon, Chainman Dylan Saecho and Party Chief Aidan Sanchez.

**Third-Place Crew:**  
Party Chief Ryan Roth  
Chainman David Slenkovich Vega  
Apprentice Christopher Weller

**Fourth-Place Crew:**  
Party Chief Brock Adams  
Chainman Leo Refil  
Apprentice Trevor Cunningham



From left: Participants Mark Gahl, Phyllis Pryor and Joel Thornton.



From left: Instructor Alfredo Gomez, Maria Fragoso Galerea, Jamal Marable and Tyler Cook.

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## HANDS-ON COMPETITION WINNERS

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## Local 3 Hawaii Primary Election Recommendations

Hawaii’s Primary Election: Aug. 12

If there is a particular race that does not appear on this list, then a recommendation may not have been reached at press time or that particular race was not deemed worthy of our endorsement. Please check our website ([www.oe3.org](http://www.oe3.org)) for up-to-date endorsements, and most importantly ... **VOTE!!**

### HAWAII DISTRICT 17

**U.S. Senate**  
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### Kauai – Kauai County

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## Saving on home renovations

Summer is the perfect time to start thinking about home improvements. What I hear from members is that they want to make home renovations but don’t want to spend a lot of money.

Before making final decisions, I highly suggest checking out OE Federal Credit Union, which offers a Home Equity Line of Credit (HELOC) that is geared toward home renovations and debt consolidation. With a HELOC, you use the equity in your home, instead of taking out an additional loan.

Renovations don’t come cheap. In fact, the average kitchen remodel tops \$60,000, and bathroom overhauls can cost \$18,000. Taking the time to plan can help cut down on those costs.

Real estate professionals at the Credit Union put together the following tips to save money on home improvement projects:

•**Think before you do a complete remodel.** Instead of gutting the space and starting from scratch, think about giving the outdated area a fresh coat of paint, new light fixtures and some minor décor upgrades. Potential money saved: \$30,000.

•**Consider long-term benefits.** It often makes sense to pay more now, if it’ll save you big down the line. This can be anything from purchasing pre-primed and painted house siding (to save on future painting costs) to hardwood floors. Potential money saved: \$5,000 to \$20,000.

•**Increase efficiency, not size.** Cramped kitchen? Don’t assume you need to push out or remove walls to make it work. Instead, reorganize your kitchen for optimal efficiency and save

tens of thousands of dollars. Upgrade your cabinets with lazy susans, pullout drawers, dividers and more. Consider hiring a professional organizer to show you how to maximize your space. Money saved: Up to \$25,000.

•**Shop around for a contractor.** Find someone professional, reliable and willing to give you a decent price. Check out at least three different contractors before making your decision. Ask for references and meet with each contractor in person. Also, be sure to sign a detailed contract. Potential money saved: \$2,000 to \$6,000.

•**Lend a hand.** Save big by doing some of the demolition work yourself. Sand walls to prep them for painting. You can also lend a hand with the cleanup, instead of hiring a crew. Money saved: \$200 to \$3,000.

•**Pick decent mid-grade materials.** When long-term functionality is not a standard, choose the mid-grade option. One area where you’ll see this at play is in carpeting. Polyester carpeting will run you \$1 to \$2 per square foot, while wool costs \$9 to \$11 per square foot. Money saved: \$400 (for a 40-square-foot area).

If you are not currently a Credit Union member, I encourage you to join. If you would like to share an OE Federal Credit Union membership with your immediate family, visit [www.oefederal.org](http://www.oefederal.org) or call (800) 877-4444.



District 17 VOTE members rally behind Hawaii gubernatorial candidate Colleen Hanabusa.



Hawaii District Rep. Pane Meatoga and gubernatorial candidate Colleen Hanabusa visit at a recent Local 3 VOTE event.

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**Honorees at the Retiree Picnic include:**

Front row, from left: Dale V. Hume, Raul Ruiz, Eugene Damron, Ubaldo Valencia, Paul Bazzell and Timothy Brune.

Back row, from left: Treasurer Dave Harrison, Financial Secretary Justin Diston, Rec. Corres. Jim Sullivan, Allen Mullen, Dave Silva, David Schooley, Business Manager Russ Burns, Frankie Briggs, Vice President Steve Ingersoll and President Dan Reding.





# FRINGE BENEFITS

By Sonya Brown, director

## Fringe Benefits district visits

A representative from the Fringe Benefits Office or the OE3 Trust Funds Office will be available to meet with you and answer questions at your district office twice a month. Please contact the Fringe Benefits Office at (800) 532-2105 to schedule an appointment. An appointment is recommended; however, we do our best to accommodate walk-ins.

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Third Wednesday (July 18) Eureka

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By Bob Miller,  
fund representative/client services

## OE3 Trust Funds district visits

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26<sup>th</sup> MORGAN HILL

## WHO'S WHO AT THE RETIREE PICNIC

**A** From left: Member Services Manager Jennie Armstrong, Bev Hicks, Barb Hicks and Retiree Jerry Hicks.

**B** Fifty-year honoree Dale Hume and his wife, Cindy, pose with their grandchildren, Karina and Jake Bolotin.

**D** Retiree Leonard Verkuyll and Marylou Allen.

**E** From left: Evelyn Loforth, Vic Loforth and Elizabeth Sebova play Bingo at the Retiree Picnic.

**F** Fifty-year honoree Dave Silva, right, and his son, Surveyor David Silva.

**G** From left: Bobbie Burns and James Burns, who is the father of Oakland Business Rep. Ken Burns.

**H** Laura and Bill Osborne.

**I** Colleen and Bill Thomas.

**J** Retiree Vern Bartlett lives the good life at the Retiree Picnic.

**K** From left: Financial Secretary Justin Diston and District 70 Retiree Paul Schellpfeffer.

**L** From left: New Retiree Bran Eubanks and Rec. Corres. Secretary Jim Sullivan.

**M** From left: Vice President Steve Ingersoll visits with Retiree Russell Pierzina.

**N** From left: Retiree Robert McCoy and Treasurer Dave Harrison.

**O** From left: Sandy Thomason, Business Manager Russ Burns and Tommy Thomason.

**P** From left: Daniel and Susan Torres visit with President Dan Reding.



# RETIREEES ENJOY THE GOOD LIFE AT DIXON PICNIC

By Sonya Brown, Fringe Benefits director

**J**

We had another beautiful day at this year's Retiree Picnic in Dixon on Saturday, June 9. Everyone had a marvelous time trading old war stories, some of which were probably true! Delicious BBQ was served, and a great time was had by all.

The Local 3 Officers and staff appreciate each and every one of our Retirees who attended, as well as those who were unable to attend. A big thank you for creating the foundation upon which this great union was built.

Congratulations to those members who were honored at the event for reaching key milestones as members of this great organization. These events remind us that the benefits we receive today as Local 3 members are only possible because of our Retirees.



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# Protecting Your Eyes from the Sun

Whether their operating equipment, performing heavy duty repairs, surveying a jobsite or providing highway maintenance, Local 3 members often find themselves working long hours outdoors and in the bright sunlight. Without proper eye protection, this extended exposure to the sun's invisible ultraviolet (UV) light can lead to cataracts, short-term vision loss and even blindness. To prevent this, those who spend any time working outside should wear glasses marked with a "U," which indicates the lenses will have ample protection from UV rays.

## Glare Reduction

Even if you work in an enclosed cab or under an umbrella, awning or other cover, glare and reflected light from water, sand, sheet metal or concrete can cause headaches, eye fatigue, redness, dryness and irritation. If that describes your work environment, use mirrored, polarized or darkly tinted lenses marked with an "L," which indicates they are made to reduce glare.

## Variable Lenses

Sometimes a job requires frequent transition from inside to outside, and since eyes can sometimes take several minutes to adjust to different lighting, variable lenses can be a good option. Rather than switching between clear and tinted lenses, variable lenses rapidly change from tinted to clear or back again based on UV exposure. Glasses with variable lenses are marked with a "V."

## Anti-Fogging

All eyewear is susceptible to fogging from heat, humidity, exertion and rapid changes in temperature, which are impossible to avoid at the height of summer. Eyewear with an anti-fog lens coating is available. Because a cheap coating may not last or work properly, look for eyewear with high-quality coatings to ensure the anti-fog protection is effective, durable and long-lasting.



Gradechecker Patrick Johnston protects his eyes from the sun while working for Papich Construction.



## Election season isn't over!

Our 30<sup>th</sup> Annual District Picnic was recently held at Rowell Ranch in Castro Valley. It was a beautiful day, and the picnic was a huge success. Thank you to all who came out! District staff work hard to put the picnic on, and it's rewarding to see everybody having fun. Be sure to check the OE3 website at [www.oe3.org](http://www.oe3.org) for pictures from the picnic.

It's been very busy, and our members, like those with **Central Concrete** and **Cemex**, are working tons of hours. **American Pavement Systems** is performing \$3 million worth of slurry and asphalt-rubber chip seal throughout Contra Costa County. **Mission Valley Rock and Asphalt** in Sunol is steadily producing rock. With all of this work, it's a great time to recruit qualified individuals. If you know of any experienced non-union



Members process rock at Mission Valley Rock and Asphalt.

operators looking to become union, have them stop by the Hall to talk to our district staff.

It's still political season, as the General Election is coming up on Nov. 6, and we need all the help we can get. Have you called your Voice of the Engineer (VOTE) coordinator, Business Rep. **Ken Burns**? Volunteering provides a great opportunity to network and interact with your fellow members and staff. There are many ways to help, such as phone banking, precinct walking and helping with mailers. Strengthen your union, help your fellow members and get involved before the election is over. Most importantly, don't forget to vote! Continue to read your *Engineers News* and check our website for up-to-date recommendations, endorsements and information.

Our next District Meeting is Sept. 12 at the Sheet Metal Workers Local 104 in San Leandro. Come talk with other members and hear from Local 3 staff about what is going on in your union. Member participation is what makes this union strong!

## Caltrans members help with snow and fire

Local 3's Caltrans members keep our roads plowed and safe during winter, but few people realize they also help with fires during the hotter months. When a wildfire breaks out, our Caltrans members are often among the first on the scene, providing firefighters with support and communication abilities through the Highway Emergency Response Center (HERC). Let's continue to show our appreciation for all that these union brothers and sisters do, and remember to Slow Down for the Cone Zone as you travel this summer.

November's General Election is right around the corner, and the Eureka District is fully committed to making sure our members have a say at all levels of government. As union members, we have a tremendous opportunity to make ourselves heard, since our collective voices have more influence than a single voice. Our union strength and our commitment to working families' values, like a living wage, good benefits and safe working conditions, can make a positive change in our area. Take advantage of volunteering opportunities through the Voice of the Engineer (VOTE) program, and remember, volunteers can earn gift cards and other rewards.

Thank you to the fantastic apprentices who stepped up and represented Local 3, knocking on doors for Humboldt County Supervisors **Virginia Bass** (District 04) and **Ryan Sundberg** (District 05). Apprentice **Brandon Hubbard** impressed the Bass campaign with his ability to get out there and talk to the residents. Apprentice **Matt Bilderback** walked a lot to finish the Bass campaign's contact list, getting through

many addresses. Apprentice **Nick Ramirez** also did a great job, despite being outside his comfort zone. Apprentice **Yoshi Yashki-Jansen**, his wife, **Carmella**, and their daughter, **Soltice**, took on McKinleyville's Fifth District, knocking on doors for the Sundberg campaign and making volunteering fun. If you see these individuals, thank them for being on the front lines and getting the word out about candidates who support working people.

Our next District Meeting is at 7 p.m. on Sept. 11 in the Conference Room at the Best Western Plus Bayshore Inn, 3500 Broadway Ave., Eureka. The Retiree Meeting is at 2 p.m. (A lunch buffet will be available at 1:30 p.m.) Make sure to come out for these meetings, as a little time spent on behalf of your union can make a huge difference. Thank you all for your continued support for our district.



From left: Apprentice Yoshi Yashki-Jansen and his daughter Soltice and wife Carmella, Apprentice Nick Ramirez and Apprentice Matt Bilderback enjoy a meal together after precinct walking.

## Elko picnic this month

*From Reno*

**Q&D Construction** is busy on a \$42.6 million project on I-80 from the California state line to Keystone Avenue in Reno, as well as numerous subdivisions and other private work. **Road and Highway Builders (RHB)** is working on the \$8.2 million Hwy. 395 project from I-80 to McCarran Boulevard and the \$15.1 million Reno Stead Airport project. **Granite Construction** is working on the shared-use path at Incline Village, a project that will extend through the year. **Sierra Nevada Construction (SNC)** is busy on several rehabilitation projects for the City of Reno and one in Douglas County on Pinenut Road.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped with the District Picnic last month and to all of our members and their families for a good turnout and great time. For your convenience, the Reno and Elko offices are open until 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from April through October. Remember to keep all of your contact information, registration and any necessary certifications current. Call the Reno office, if you have any questions.

## Work begins on San Francisco's second tallest building

Housing continues to drive much of the private work in San Francisco. **A & B Construction** has Excavator Operator **Herman Judkins** working on a condo project near McAllister and Hyde streets. On Larkin Street, **Sheedy** Tower Crane Operator **Boyd McBride** is helping to erect an eight-story building that will house about 60 condo units. At Golden Gate and Jones streets, **EBI** is doing the excavation and **Malcolm Drilling** is doing the shoring and pile work on a \$90 million, 14-story, 400-unit apartment building. Members on the project include Excavator Operator **William Messenger**, Drill Operator **Robert Moran** and grout plant and Pump Operator **Chase Peralta**.

The Oceanwide Center in the South of Market (SoMa) neighborhood will be the second tallest building in San Francisco. **Silverado** is on the project with Excavator Operator **Jorge Aparicio** digging around the pile caps in preparation for a tower crane and Excavator Operator **Luis Santana** loading trucks with the spoils. **Malcolm Drilling** is also onsite with operators **Chris McCombe**, **Eric Silva**, **Nathan Nottanagel** and **Barry Viola**.

Near Caesar Chavez and Shotwell streets, **Cahill Contractors** is working on a \$40 million, nine-story building that will include 94 senior housing units. **Azul Works** is demolishing the existing building to make room for the new one with Excavator Operator **Mario Gutierrez**. A tower crane and lift will be onsite soon.

Infrastructure updates are continuing as the city builds out. In Bernal Heights, **Anvil Builders** started the Putnam Street Water Main replacement project. Operators **Felipe Briseno**, **Alberto Marquez** and **Robert**

*From Elko*

In Battle Mountain, **Q&D Construction** was able to complete a pipeline project for Southwest Gas and continues to work on I-80 in Carlin and at the Mote Interchange for the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT). **RHB** completed the Winnemucca Municipal Airport paving job and moved on to other paving projects in Carlin and on the Lamoille Highway. **Ames Construction**, **Granite Construction** and **N. A. Degerstrom, Inc.** are busy on mining projects in Eureka, Midas, Winnemucca, Battle Mountain and Carlin.

Our Annual District Picnic is on July 7 at the VFW hall in downtown Elko. Some great barbecue will be served and fantastic prizes will be raffled off. Tickets are available at the Elko Office or by contacting business agents **Chris Conner** at (510) 846-4257 or **Bill Bodin** at (775) 846-8338. Tickets will also be available at the door. Have a safe and happy Fourth of July!

**"Tanner" Litton** are installing 48-inch water mains and eight-inch domestic waterlines. At Candlestick Point, **D W Young** has operators **Efran Ruiz**, **Jose Luis Jiminez** and **Luis Ramirez** installing storm drain and catch basins around the perimeter of the old ball park. **Foundation Constructors, Inc.** has operators **Jamal Fair** and **Darren Perlichek** driving 400 H-beam pile 200 feet deep.

**Hathaway Dinwiddie** is working on the new 15-story luxury Marriott Mission Bay Hotel between the Giants stadium and the Warrior's new Chase Center. The company also has projects in San Mateo County, including three office buildings and a parking garage in Menlo Park. **Berkel & Company** is installing auger cast piles for the project with operators **Kevin J. Bazar**, **Lawrence D. Miller** and **Gary Spencer**. **Joseph J. Albanese, Inc.** is also on the project performing underground work with operators **Francis Sanchez**, **Everand Guerrero** and **Gary Spencer**. At Sierra Point in Brisbane, **Hathaway Dinwiddie** started work on a 600,000-square-foot life science development center where **Foundation Constructors, Inc.** is installing around 1,600 piles with operators **Nelson Chinchilla** and **Gregory A. Williams**. Operators **Brian K. Curran** and **Joseph Capizzo** with **Wilsey Ham** are setting points for the project.

At Oyster Point Marina in South San Francisco, **Teichert Construction** is preparing a site for a future hotel and office building with operators **Steve Brasil**, **Joe I. Brasil**, **Scott Pearce**, **Corey D. Bassard**, **Joshua Kelly**, **Jacob R. Sandbank**, **Jason A. Bower**, **Trevor Larsen** and **Chris McBride**.



Operators Jamal Fair and Darren Perlichek work for Foundation Constructors, Inc.



## [MORGAN HILL]

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### Meet the members at Coast Counties Peterbilt

Our members at **Coast Counties Peterbilt** in Salinas keep those working in the area supplied with the truck and equipment parts they need. Seventeen-year member **Michael Chavarri**, nine-year member **Jamie Garcia** and four-year member **Pedro Ramos** run the front counter, while eight-year member **Enrique Larroud** runs the counter in the back. These members take care of all calls and walk-ins, ordering everything from headlights and wheel nuts to batteries, belts, tires, transmissions and motors. Fifteen-year member **Abel Ruiz** and six-year member **Frankie Mora** get the orders in and out and keep the shelves well-stocked with new parts. Five-year member **Johnny Davis** assists them and delivers all parts to the customers.



Member Abel Ruiz works for Coast Counties Peterbilt in Salinas.

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District Rep. Jim Jacobs

### Members work through muck and mud on levee project

**Four M Contracting** in Vacaville is owned by **Monte Molina**, a 20-year member who is proud of the unique work his company performs on levees and wetlands. The company is currently working on a \$4.5 million, three-mile-long tidal restoration project on Grizzly Island near Suisun. Operators are stripping vegetation off the levee and building it out at a much more gradual slope. First-step Apprentice **Joe Perez** is clearing vegetation out of a ditch using a long-reach excavator, while Dozer Operator **Ed Turner** follows behind him, piling up the remaining vegetation. Operator **Todd Pfyl** is cutting down the tall weeds and tules using an amphibious excavator with a mower attachment, which are then moved by Operator **Steve Godden** using a tractor and plow so they can dry out and be



From left: HDR Steve Berens and his son, HDR Cooper Berens, work for Four M Contracting.

reused on the levee's slope. GPS Dozer Operator **Jeff Larson** is grading the new levee. Father and son Heavy Duty Repairer (HDR) team **Steve** and **Cooper Berens** perform all repairs. Superintendent **Todd Carlson** orchestrates the whole project, which can be a logistical nightmare due to the soft and unstable soil conditions. A few more operators will be added to the job later this year, when subcontractor **Decker Landscaping** begins working on the project.

The recent District Picnic was a success! Thank you to all the members and their families for attending, and we hope you all enjoyed yourselves. July is typically hot, and dehydration can be a major health risk, so remember to drink plenty of water.

## [SACRAMENTO]

3920 Lennane Drive, Sacramento, CA 95834 • (916) 993-2055  
District Rep. Rob Carrion

### Strong year for subdivision work

Members with **Teichert Construction**, **Independent Construction Company**, **Goodfellows Top Grade**, **Marques Pipeline**, **DeSilva Gates**, **Lund Construction**, **McGuire and Hester**, **Mountain Cascade** and **Mozingo Construction** are getting good hours on subdivision work. Remember, all hours over 120 go toward your Health and Welfare bank of hours, helping you during the off-season.

**Independent Construction Company** is keeping 35 to 40 operators busy this summer performing \$19 million worth of mass grading on the Russell Ranch project in Folsom. Crews are excavating 2.3 million yards of dirt and rock off a small mountain to prepare for 500 lots. Most of the equipment for this job is big and requires very skilled operators. The main excavation is being performed by a new Komatsu PC-1250, a \$1.2 million excavator with a seven-yard rock bucket, which loads material onto three CAT 777 haul trucks. **Shimmick Construction** will have about 14 members working on the \$19 million El Dorado Dam Forebay modification project in Pollock Pines this summer. **Granite Construction** is working on a \$9 million bi-directional overlay paving project on Hwy. 50 from West Sunrise Boulevard to the El Dorado County line. The project is expected to keep up to 10 operators busy.

**Robert A. Bothman Construction** is busy on a \$5.2 million phase of the Folsom Boulevard Streetscape Enhancement project, which includes new sidewalks, curb and gutter, utilities and landscaping along with a new bike lane. **George Reed** is finishing the Safe Route to Schools and Rehabilitation project in Galt, which has kept over 20 operators busy. **Associated Concrete Pumping** has expanded its fleet with the purchase of a brand-new Telebelt conveyor belt truck, which extends 130 feet and distributes more than 140 yards of material per hour.

With the busy summer work season underway, please make sure you stay hydrated and know the signs of heat stroke, as it may save you or your co-worker's life. Safety first!



Members with Independent Construction Company work on the Russell Ranch project in Folsom.

## [UTAH]

8805 South Sandy Parkway, Sandy, UT 84070 • (801) 596-2677  
District Rep. Brandon Dew

### Crane training offers valuable opportunities

Our district has been keeping up with the demand for qualified crane operators, thanks to the classroom and practical training offered for National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) certifications at the Utah Joint Apprenticeship Training Center (JATC). It requires a lot of time and dedication to gain a crane certification, and



Crane Operator Riley Allen takes the NCCCO lattice boom practical test.

due to recertification requirements and other classifications for those seeking to make their skills more diverse, the process continues even after obtaining one.

The Utah JATC continues to get better year after year, thanks to the efforts

of JATC Administrator **Jeff Anderson** (who also serves as the NCCCO test-site coordinator) and his staff, who offer valuable opportunities for our membership to advance. Because the Utah JATC meets NCCCO standards, it is considered a permanent test site, allowing our Apprenticeship Program to test year-round and accommodate special situations that may come up for our members. JATC Secretary **Keira Nielson** sets members up for practice prior to the practical exam and schedules them for written and practical testing times. After former instructor **Randy Thacker's** retirement last fall, JATC Trainer **Doug Pitcher** has taken over the responsibility of training our members for the practical examinations provided at the training site. Fortunately, Randy still helps with study classes on the second Saturday leading up to the written exams and as the NCCCO Practical Examiner during testing. If the weather cooperates, the written and practical tests are generally done during January, April, May and December.

## [HAWAII]

2181 Lauwiliwili St., Kapolei, HI 96707 • For all branches, call (808) 845-7871  
District Rep. Pane Meatoga Jr.

### Lahaina Bypass opens

The fate of issues and candidates will be decided in the Primary Election on Aug. 11 and it's important that we vote as a united body to secure, protect and further our way of life. A list of endorsed candidates is available on page 12. Talk to your family, friends and neighbors and encourage them to vote for candidates who will make our state a better place to live in. There are still a lot of opportunities in our Voice of the Engineer (VOTE) program. Contact your district office for more information.

In April, the \$38.6 million Lahaina Bypass opened on Maui. Despite uncooperative weather, our members with **Hawaiian Dredging** worked hard to meet the project's deadlines. **Hawaiian Dredging** is also wrapping up the \$331 million Consolidated Car Rental Facility (CONRAC) at the airport and working on the \$37.4 million Waikiki Beachside Hotel, which should be finished in December. **Nordic PCL** is working on the \$20 million Iolani School campus expansion project, which should be completed in October. **Layton Construction Co.**

is working on the \$43 million Marriott Residence Inn, which should be completed by June of next year. **Kiewit Infrastructure West Co.** will be working on the \$60.6 million H-1 shoulder widening and Portland Cement Concrete Pavement (PCCP) rehabilitation project, with completion scheduled for January 2020.



From left: Operators Mark Kalawaia, Willy Haoale, Johnny Duarte, Richard Baker and Jeff Obrero work on CONRAC for Hawaiian Dredging.

## [STOCKTON]

1916 North Broadway, Stockton, CA 95205 • (209) 943-2332  
District Rep. Nathan Tucker

### Biggest picnic turnout ever!



Crane Operator Gus Carrillo of Myers and Sons works on the McHenry Bridge project.

Over 1,000 people attended our recent District Picnic, the biggest turnout we've ever had! Thank you for making this one of the greatest Local 3 picnics. A lot of hard work goes into putting the picnic on, and seeing everybody having a good time is a great reward. Next year's picnic will be on the first Sunday in May, so if you didn't make it out this year, plan to come to next year's.

**Mountain Cascade** is working on Corral Hollow Road in Tracy, installing over 30,000 feet of pipe, some force

main, gravity feed and a pump station for **Mozingo's** Tracy Hills project just up the street. The work will continue through the rest of the year.

**Myers and Sons** finished the first half of the McHenry Bridge over the Stanislaus River. The company is building a working deck so **W. C. Maloney** can begin demolishing the old bridge to make room for the other half of the structure. **Teichert** is making improvements to the intersection there. The project should be complete in late 2019.

Our next District Meeting is on Sept. 4 at 7 p.m. Food will be served before the start of the meeting. Member participation is what makes this union great, so come out, talk with other members and hear from Local 3 staff about what is going on in the union.



# [ROHNERT PARK]

6225 State Farm Drive, Suite 100, Rohnert Park, CA 94928 • (707) 585-2487  
District Rep. Chris Snyder

## Members, staff receive high honors

The North Bay Fires, which destroyed a quarter million acres and close to 10,000 structures, continues to affect our district in many ways. As the region moves from recovery work to rebuilding, we can take pride in the work performed by our Local 3 brothers and sisters, like those from Caltrans who assisted first responders, cutting fire lines and maintaining fire equipment, and public safety officers in Lake County who were on the ground 24/7 once the fires broke out.

Local 3 and its partners never stopped. Apprenticeship Director **Tammy Castillo** worked with district staff to train over 300 members and get them Hazmat-certified. These members were then part of the largest debris removal operation in state history, removing over 2.1 million tons from the devastated areas. (That’s more than the 1.8 million tons of debris removed in the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.)

While our members were a key part of the cleanup, Local 3 staff fought for local hire and prevailing wage determinations. Staff from the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) worked closely with Business Manager **Russ Burns**, Treasurer **Dave Harrison** (the officer in charge of Rohnert Park District 10) and District Rep. **Chris Snyder**. They successfully fought for state prevailing wages and Hazmat protocols, as the Army Corps of Engineers attempted to use rates far below our California Master Agreement. Director of Organizing **Bruce Noel** and senior organizers **Ken Boggs** and **Michael Pickens** compiled lists of signatory contractors and worked with our associations to provide workers and equipment that could be deployed. Staff also worked with the California State License Board and the District Attorney, filing over 50 complaints against out-of-state, unlicensed contractors, some resulting in criminal charges.

“Without the efforts of Local 3, all the cleanup work would have been done by out-of-state contractors, non-union, without prevailing wage and with lesser safety standards, period!” said Sonoma County Board of Supervisors Chairman **James Gore**.

At our recent District Picnic, Sonoma County recognized Local 3 with a Blue Ribbon Certificate of Recognition for the

role our members and staff played in the cleanup and recovery efforts. Local 3 was also presented with a Gold Resolution from both houses of the California State Legislature, the highest honor from the State of California.

“We did not want to have a second disaster, and Local 3’s fight for safe working conditions ensured that workers were properly trained, protected and able to go home to their families,” said Senator **Mike McGuire**, who was key to helping ensure that prevailing wage and safety standards were a part of the cleanup.

It’s important to remember that over 30 Local 3 members lost their homes in the fires. IUOE General President **James Callahan** has expressed his deep sympathy and continues to support affected members. Tens of thousands of dollars have been given to these affected members through the IUOE Charity Fund.

**Team Ghilotti** and its president, **Glen Ghilotti**, were a big part of the fire cleanup and allies of Local 3 in the fight for prevailing wages and high safety standards. The company put dozens of our members to work after the fires. Sadly, Glen passed away on March 25. One of his Korean War army tanks was brought to our District Picnic by his family to honor his memory. We offer our best wishes to his family and look forward to working with Glen’s son, **Kevin Ghilotti**, as we continue to make **Team Ghilotti** successful.



From left: District Rep. Chris Snyder, Treasurer Dave Harrison and Business Manager Russ Burns are presented with the highest award from the state of California, the Gold Resolution, and a Blue Ribbon Certificate of Recognition, from Senator Mike McGuire and Sonoma County Board of Supervisors Vice Chairman David Rabbitt.

# [REDDING]

20308 Engineers Lane, Redding, CA 96002 • (530) 222-6093  
District Rep. Dave Kirk

## Crews busy with bridge replacements and paving

It’s been a busy summer and a lot of hours are being reported on behalf of our members. **J. F. Shea Co, Inc.** is working in Siskiyou County on a \$4.5 million paving project on I-5, a \$7.4 million bridge widening and reinforcement project on Hwy. 96, a \$4.6 million bridge upgrade on I-5 and a \$2.2 million paving project on Hwy. 263. The company is also working on a \$5.5 million paving project on Hwy. 3 in Trinity County and a \$56.9 million white paving project on I-5 in Shasta County. **Tullis, Inc.** has a \$5 million asphalt rehabilitation and sidewalk project on Hwy. 36 in Red Bluff, a \$10.3 million paving project on I-5 in Corning and a \$6.9 million undercrossing project on Hwy. 44 between Redding and Palo Cedro. **Steelhead Constructors** is working on a \$3.1 million bridge replacement project on Hwy. 89, and **S.T. Rhoades** is working on a \$2 million paving and sidewalk project in Shasta Lake City.

If you know any skilled, non-union operators who want to

improve their wages, benefits and working conditions, have them call the Hall or talk to a business agent. There are a lot of opportunities through our Apprenticeship Program, as well. If you know someone interested in becoming an apprentice, have him or her visit our website at [www.oe3.org](http://www.oe3.org) to get more information about the program and to fill out an online application.

Thank you to our Unit 12 brothers and sisters from Caltrans, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, California Department of Water Resources (DWR), California Department of Fish and Game, California Highway Patrol (CHP) Commercial Vehicle Inspection Stations (CVIS), California State Fairgrounds and Calfire Mechanics, to name a few. These men and women do an excellent job and are a big part of the Local 3 family. Stay safe in the job you perform and help the younger generation learn the trade, as they are our future.

# [YUBA CITY]

468 Century Park Drive, Yuba City, CA 95991 • (530) 743-7321  
District Rep. Ron Roman

## Summer work hours soar

As work hours and temperatures rise, it’s important to be wary of your surroundings. It doesn’t take long to overheat on a jobsite, so watch for signs of heat stroke in yourself and others. Let’s stay safe and productive.

We continue to have an exceptional season, and work hours through May are off the charts. **Kiewit’s** Oroville Dam Spillway replacement project and **MCM’s** Fifth Street Bridge replacement in Yuba City and Marysville are going strong, resulting in many dispatches. **Teichert**, **Knife River** and **Lamon Construction** are busy with numerous paving projects, and **AllAmerican Construction** is in the middle of its busiest season yet. All of this work is resulting in increased work hours at the material producing plants owned by **Teichert**, **Knife River**, **Silica Resources** and **BCJ Sand and Rock**. Our members working at shops like **Holt of California** and **Peterson CAT** are also experiencing extra hours, as they maintain all the construction



Excavator operators from Ferma Corporation work on the Oroville Dam Spillway replacement project.

equipment being put to use in the region. Even our members with **Recology Yuba-Sutter** are seeing more work than normal.

Subcontractors on **Kiewit’s** Oroville Dam Spillway replacement project include **Ferma Corporation**, **Anrak** and **Cox & Cox**. These companies are removing the top portion of the old spillway and the walls and surface of the Roller Compacted Concrete (RCC), which was put in place last year. This is being done so crews can finish placing reinforced concrete throughout the spillway. An enormous amount of work is underway at the onsite rock crushing operation in order to support the production and placement of 6-7,000 yards of RCC every day. **Kiewit** is once again under a timeline to complete the spillway by Nov. 1. Don’t hesitate to check in with the Hall to get the latest information.

Thank you to all of our Voice of the Engineer (VOTE) volunteers who phone banked and placed yard signs leading up to the Primary Election. Proposition 69 passed, securing the funds from Senate Bill (SB) 1 for infrastructure projects. However, we are now preparing for the General Election in November, where opponents of SB1 are hoping to repeal that infrastructure funding entirely. We must get labor-friendly representatives in office at all levels of government and protect infrastructure funding. Remember, you can get rewarded with \$50 to \$200 gift cards just for volunteering with the VOTE program, and other awards are also available.

Thank you to everyone who came to the District Picnic in Gridley. It was another success! Work safe and enjoy these good hours.



Operator Juan Serratos is one of many members staying busy this season.



# 2018 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

## FIRST PLACE: \$15,000 Tom J. Stapleton Memorial Scholarships

Winners will receive \$6,000 for the first year and an additional \$3,000 per-year stipend for the second, third and fourth years of college, provided they remain full-time students.



**Briana Pelayo-Figueroa**  
Fresno, Calif.  
District 50  
Parent: Raul Pelayo  
Reg# 2593151



**Dyson Bingham**  
Hooper, Utah  
District 12  
Parent: Chad Bingham  
Reg# 2416252

## SECOND PLACE: \$12,500

Winners will receive \$5,000 for the first year and an additional \$2,500 per-year stipend for the second, third and fourth years of college, provided they remain full-time students.



**Kelsey Smith**  
Fresno, Calif.  
District 50  
Parent: Kathy Tarango  
Reg# 2574052



**Saul Martinez**  
Hollister, Calif.  
District 90  
Parent: Jose Martinez  
Reg# 4108142

## THIRD PLACE: \$10,000

Winners will receive \$4,000 for the first year and an additional \$2,000 per-year stipend for the second, third and fourth years of college, provided they remain full-time students.



**Itzel Diaz**  
Oakland, Calif.  
District 20  
Parent: Manuel Diaz  
Reg# 2606492



**Stryker Buffington**  
Scotts Valley, Calif.  
District 90  
Parent: Matthew Jordan  
Reg# 2330131

# OFFICIAL ELECTION NOTICE



## Operating Engineers Local 3 2018 Election of Officers and Executive Board Official Ballot

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District #

The ballot count will begin at 10:00AM on Saturday, September 1, 2018 at the main offices of the local in Alameda, California. Only ballots returned by US Mail to Operating Engineers Local 3, P. O. Box \_\_\_\_\_, Oakland, CA 946xx by 10AM on September 1, 2018 will be counted.

If you make a mistake on your ballot, lose your ballot, or need any materials which accompanied your ballot, you may request a replacement by calling the offices of Miller, Kaplan, Arase, LLP at \_\_\_\_\_. Duplicate ballot requests will be processed within 24 hours.

### FILLING OUT THIS BALLOT

1. Fill in the box completely: ☐
2. Vote for only the number of candidates permitted for each office
3. Place the marked ballot into the SECRET BALLOT ENVELOPE and seal the envelope.
4. Place the SECRET BALLOT ENVELOPE into the Business Reply Mail envelope which contains your voter information. The Business Reply Mail envelope will be processed and separated from the Secret Ballot Envelope prior to opening the Secret Ballot Envelope, so your personal information cannot be linked to your ballot.
5. Seal the Business Reply Mail Envelope and mail. No postage is necessary if mailed in the United States.

### Business Manager (Vote for 1)

- ☐ Russell E. Burns, Elected Incumbent
- ☐ Tony Delfino, Superintendent

### President (Vote for 1)

- ☐ Dan Reding, Elected Incumbent
- ☐ Kenneth Mendoza, Working Foreman

### Vice President (Vote for 1)

- ☐ Steve Ingersoll, Appointed Incumbent
- ☐ Donald D. Blevins, Batchman/Repairman

### Recording-Corresponding Secretary (Vote for 1)

- ☐ James K. Sullivan, Elected Incumbent

### Financial Secretary (Vote for 1)

- ☐ Justin Diston, Appointed Incumbent
- ☐ Herbert D. DeCambra, Crane Operator

### Treasurer (Vote for 1)

- ☐ Dave Harrison, Appointed Incumbent
- ☐ Michael J. Preston

### Trustee (Vote for up to 3)

- ☐ Mike Croll, Elected Incumbent
- ☐ Bruce Noel, Elected Incumbent
- ☐ Nathan Tucker, Elected Incumbent
- ☐ Darrin Judice, Excavator Operator

### Auditor (Vote for up to 3)

- ☐ Rob Carrion, Elected Incumbent
- ☐ Pane Meatoga Jr., Elected Incumbent
- ☐ Charles Lavery, Appointed Incumbent
- ☐ Mike Dodgin, Working Foreman
- ☐ Ken Holback

### Conductor (Vote for 1)

- ☐ Chris Snyder, Elected Incumbent

### Guard (Vote for 1)

- ☐ David Mercer, Equipment Operator

### District XX Executive Board Member (Vote for 1)

- ☐ Candidate Name, XXXXXXXX
- ☐ Candidate Name, XXXXXXXX

**NOTE:** Ballots for each District will be shown in the Sample Ballot above. The only difference will be in the District Number and the candidate's names as shown below.

### List of Executive Board Member Candidates

**District 01**  
David Daneluz, Appointed Incumbent

**District 04**  
Mark Fitzgerald, Elected Incumbent

**District 10**  
James D. Spain, Elected Incumbent

**District 20**  
Mario Giovannetti, Elected Incumbent

**District 30**  
Randolph P. White, Appointed Incumbent

**District 40**  
Frank Joe Rojas, Elected Incumbent

**District 50**  
Danny Henry, Elected Incumbent

**District 60**  
Jerry Seif

**District 70**  
Stan Green, Elected Incumbent

**District 80**  
Tom Sievwright, Elected Incumbent  
Donald Ogawa, Crane Operator

**District 90**  
Larry George Watson, Elected Incumbent

**District 11**  
Joseph P. Gardella, Elected Incumbent

**District 12**  
Justin Pentz, Elected Incumbent

**District 17**  
Jamie Harvest-Silva, Elected Incumbent  
William Mahoe, Dozer Operator

**NOTE:** The Sample Ballot set out above is subject to correction by the Election Committee based on a candidate's ability through the appeals process or the failure of a candidate to continue to be eligible for any reason.



# PICNIC INFORMATION, ETC. MEETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## UPCOMING PICNIC INFORMATION

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

Saturday, July 7, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

VFW Hall, 731 VFW Drive, Elko

Menu: BBQ

Cost: Retirees: Free; Family of four: \$10; Adults: \$5; Children ages 3-18: \$2; Children ages 2 and under: Free

### District 90: Morgan Hill Picnic Details

Sunday, July 15, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Christmas Hill Park, Mulberry East and West, 7351 Rosanna St., Gilroy

Menu: Tri-tip, hot dogs, beans, salad, garlic bread, beer, soda, water and ice cream

Cost: Retirees: Free; Adults: \$10 presale (\$12 at the door); Children ages 11-18: \$10; Children ages 10 and under: Free  
Other: Raffle, face painting, bounce house, James Zini Balloon Art

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

Saturday, Sept. 22, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lydgate Beach Park, 4470 Nalu Road, Kapaa

Menu: Local food and desserts

Cost: Free

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

Saturday, Sept. 29, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, 1525 Bernice St., Honolulu

Menu: Local food and desserts

Cost: Free



## DISTRICT PICNIC SCHEDULE

Nevada District 11 (Elko).....Saturday, July 7  
Morgan Hill District 90.....Sunday, July 15  
Hawaii District 17 (Kauai).....Saturday, Sept. 22  
Hawaii District 17 (Oahu).....Saturday, Sept. 29



# 2018 OE3 CRUISE

## NOVEMBER 18-25, 2018 7-NIGHT PRINCESS CRUISE TO WESTERN CARIBBEAN ROUNDRIP FROM FORT LAUDERDALE ABOARD THE REGAL PRINCESS

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## DISTRICT MEETINGS

*All meetings convene at 7 p.m.*

### July 2018

No meetings scheduled.

### August 2018

No meetings scheduled.

### September 2018

- 4<sup>th</sup> District 04: Suisun City  
Veterans Memorial Building  
427 Main St.
- 4<sup>th</sup> District 30: Stockton  
Operating Engineers' Building  
1916 North Broadway Ave.
- 5<sup>th</sup> District 50: Clovis  
Veterans Memorial District  
808 Fourth St.
- 5<sup>th</sup> District 70: Redding  
Operating Engineers' Building  
20308 Engineers Lane
- 6<sup>th</sup> District 60: Yuba City  
Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds  
Flower House Building  
442 Franklin Ave.
- 6<sup>th</sup> District 90: Morgan Hill  
Operating Engineers' Building  
325 Digital Drive
- 11<sup>th</sup> District 40: Eureka  
Best Western Inn  
Bayside Conference Room  
3500 Broadway St.
- 11<sup>th</sup> District 80: Sacramento  
Operating Engineers' Building  
3920 Lennane Drive
- 12<sup>th</sup> District 10: Rohnert Park  
Operating Engineers' Building  
6225 State Farm Drive
- 12<sup>th</sup> District 20: San Leandro  
Sheet Metal Workers Local 104  
1720 Marina Blvd.
- 13<sup>th</sup> District 01: Burlingame  
Machinists Union Hall  
1511 Rollins Road

19<sup>th</sup> District 11: Reno  
Operating Engineers' Building  
1290 Corporate Blvd.

20<sup>th</sup> District 12: Sandy  
Operating Engineers' Building  
8805 South Sandy Parkway

24<sup>th</sup> District 17: Kapolei  
Operating Engineers' Building  
2181 Lauwiliwili St.

## 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.

## 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 May 2018 and have been determined to be eligible for Honorary Membership effective July 1, 2018.

Merrill Brady	1928109
District 12: Utah	
David Crews	1774338
District 80: Sacramento	
Donald Hendrix	2182256
District 10: Rohnert Park	
Earl Kresge	0883762
District 30: Stockton	
M. W. Neu	1494196
District 90: Morgan Hill	
Carl B. Preston Jr.	1781844
District 99: Out of Area	
Jeanee Titsworth	1896083
District 10: Rohnert Park	

## 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.

## TOWN HALL MEETINGS

### July 2018

No meetings scheduled.

### August 2018

No meetings scheduled.

### September 2018

22<sup>nd</sup> District 17: Kauai  
Picnic: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Lydgate Beach Park  
4470 Nalu Road  
Kapaa

25<sup>th</sup> District 17: Maui  
Meeting: 6 p.m.  
Maui Arts and Cultural Center  
Alexa Higashi Room  
One Cameron Way  
Kahului

26<sup>th</sup> District 17: Hilo  
Meeting: 6 p.m.  
Hilo ILWU Hall  
100 W. Lanikaula St.  
Hilo

27<sup>th</sup> District 17: Kona  
Meeting: 6 p.m.  
Sheraton Kona Resort  
at Keauhou Bay  
78-128 Ehukai St.  
Kailua-Kona



# Departed Members\*

Alvarado, Fred Mountain View, HI District 17 03-28-18	Fuller, Mark Rio Vista, CA District 04 03-12-18	Linn, Patt Auburn, CA District 80 04-26-18	Poulsen, Russell West Jordan, UT District 12 04-29-18
Atturo, Dean Vacaville, CA District 04 04-09-18	Gonzales, William Calistoga, CA District 10 02-17-18	Loando, Ronald Honolulu, HI District 17 04-10-18	Rapoza, Herbert Hilo, HI District 17 04-01-18
Branaugh, Bob Livermore, CA District 20 04-14-18	Gourley, Eddie Webb City, MO District 99 03-31-18	Luna, Phil Pacifica, CA District 01 03-15-18	Roup, Rodney Kerman, CA District 50 04-29-18
Burkhart, Glenn Gig Harbor, WA District 99 03-18-18	Hongo, Henry Aiea, HI District 17 03-16-18	Madole, Robert Yerington, NV District 11 04-23-18	Shadwick, Charles Pinole, CA District 20 03-11-18
Byer, Alban Yuba City, CA District 60 04-18-18	Kissler, Robert Buhl, ID District 99 04-13-18	Medeiros, Cheri Manteca, CA District 30 04-01-18	Walker, Ernest North Highlands, CA District 80 04-04-18
Cannon, Herbert Yuma, AZ District 99 03-10-18	Kolesar, James Forest Knoll, CA District 01 03-06-18	Nahooikaika, Charles Pahoa, HI District 17 04-04-18	Walsh, James Fallon, NV District 11 03-27-18
Dahl, Harvey San Rafael, CA District 01 01-24-18	Kraff, David Reno, NV District 11 03-04-18	Ormonde, Harry Shasta Lake, CA District 70 04-09-18	Woods, Wesley Woodland, CA District 80 04-26-18
Dalton, Larry Stonyford, CA District 60 04-12-18	Lang, Robert Ignacio, CA District 01 03-29-18	Osburn, Ronald Tracy, CA District 30 04-16-18	
Dias, George Cameron Park, CA District 80 04-24-18	Lehman, David Manteca, CA District 30 04-11-18	Payne, William Kapolei, HI District 17 03-19-18	
Foursha, Gerald Oroville, CA District 60 04-25-18	Lewis, James Spanish Fork, UT District 12 04-28-18	Peterson, Arthur Hollister, CA District 90 03-04-18	

# Deceased Dependents

Bartlett, Joan. Spouse of Bartlett, Robert 04-12-18	Humphers, Lorelei. Spouse of Humphers, Harold (dec) 02-03-17	Toland, Marguriet. Spouse of Toland, Arthur (dec) 04-08-18
Bickerdike, Patricia. Spouse of Bickerdike, John (dec) 04-19-18	Kaniho, Henrietta. Spouse of Kaniho, William (dec) 02-15-18	Tower, Barbara. Spouse of Tower, Harold (dec) 04-13-18
Connelly, Marian. Spouse of Connelly, Edward 04-10-18	Kingsley, Andrea. Spouse of Kingsley, Keith (dec) 04-22-18	Trimble, Kathryn. Spouse of Trimble, Richard 04-06-18
Cook, Kathleen. Spouse of Cook, Burton 03-08-18	Kiser, Mildred. Spouse of Kiser, Lou (dec) 04-08-18	Victorine, Josephine. Spouse of Victorine, Joaquin (dec) 03-26-18
Devine, Shirley. Spouse of Devine, J. 04-28-18	Koskinen, Virginia. Spouse of Koskinen, Oscar (dec) 04-23-18	Wheeler, Carolyn. Spouse of Wheeler, Sterling (dec) 04-27-18
Edman, Marsha. Spouse of Edman, John 04-12-18	Madrid, Angela. Spouse of Madrid, Marty 09-23-12	Worcester, Connie. Spouse of Worcester, Lee 04-29-18
Fiscalini, Leslie. Spouse of Fiscalini, Jeffrey 01-27-16	Mathers, Sherri. Spouse of Mathers, Jerry 05-12-13	Yassany, Opal. Spouse of Yassany, Norman (dec) 04-21-18
Pulver, Diana. Ex-spouse of Hicks, Ken 04-10-18	Tarpley, Rowena. Spouse of Tarpley, Bert (dec) 05-01-18	

## \*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 20-25 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 e-mail to:  
jmatos@oe3.org

\*All ads must include  
Member Registration  
Number.

FOR SALE: 2009 Aprilia 200cc scooter with very low mileage. Freeway legal. Selling for health reasons. \$2,000. Reg# 1265020.

FOR SALE: Three burial plots at Lafayette, California’s Oakmont Cemetery in the Lakeview section. Plots purchased directly from Oakmont are \$9,200 apiece, but we are asking \$8,000 for each plot, or best offer. Call (209) 471-8416. Reg# 1181671.

FOR SALE: 1975 Ford 300-cubic-inch, 6-cylinder engine with C6 transmission. Comes with radiator to tailpipe. Good driving and running, still in truck to test drive. \$1,000. Will take US silver dollars in trade. Call (408) 226-0729. Reg# 1225584.

FOR SALE: 1983 Cal Pacifica Mini Day Cruiser. 23-foot with new Chevy engine (20 hours, max speed 75 mph), steering wheel, step decks, rebuilt engine cover and stern bench, CD player, ski rope and tube, spare prop and anchor. Trailer has new tires and wheels, brake system and lines, axle bearings with Bearing Buddies, side boards, wiring and lights. \$8,000 obo. Call Dave at (650) 294-0054. Reg# 2018329.

FOR SALE: White Tonneau cover for 2011 Chevy Silverado longbed. Like new, used for only two months. Paid \$2,000, asking \$1,000. Call (530) 824-3707. Reg# 1661023.

FOR SALE: Double sheeps foot, 9’x5’. \$1,800 obo. 3 axle trailer. \$200 obo. Brand new 50cc motorcycle motor. \$100. Brand new Coast to Coast 5hp

rototiller. \$100. Craftsman 3hp air compressor, like new. \$100. Electric BBQ on stand. \$100. Bose 321 surround sound system. \$150. Call (408) 316-3890 for more information. Reg# 1797514.

FOR SALE: 2004 Dodge dually. 141,000 miles. Has air system, larger exhaust, gets great fuel mileage. Nice shape, runs excellent. Blue book value up to \$23,000, asking \$20,000. Call (408) 316-3890. Reg# 1797514.

FOR SALE: 1929 Ford AA truck. Needs 4 used 600x20 or 700x20 tires to rebuild the truck on. (707) 363-3075. Reg# 1562992.

FOR SALE: Luxury 2015 33’ bounder. Striking painted exterior, 2 slides, L-shaped sofa queen bed, 3 TVs, hi-end surround, full awning, fireplace, stainless appliances, 2 ACs, residential Samsung fridge, ice maker, micro/conv. oven. Private master, king bed, TV, closet safe. 3 color remote backup cameras, aluminum wheels, auto-leveling jack. One owner, no accidents, clear title, 8,500 miles. \$99,500. (775) 560-7373. Reg# 2346493.

FOR SALE: 2004 C32 AMG Mercedes Benz. In good condition, has 138,000 miles and an auto transmission that can be driven manually. Engine, trans, suspension, brakes and steering are all racing. Located in Aptos. \$8,000. Call (831) 684-1710. Reg# 1793996.

FOR SALE: 1963 Ford Thunderbird Landau M-Code (Tri-Power) coupe. Rare bird, only 6 known. AC, power steering, power seats, power brakes, radio, heater, skirts. Rust free and restoration started. \$22,000. Call Jerry at (408) 226-0729. Reg# 1225584.

FOR SALE: 1963 Ford F100 short-bed, sidestep pickup with 289 cubic inch engine, auto, Lokar gear shift, radio and heater. Daily driver. Some rust on roof. Owned by second owner since 1968. \$3,500. Call Jerry at (408) 226-0729. Reg# 1225584.

FOR SALE: 2000 Corvette Roadster. 300 HP, 6-speed, new black top, roll bars, Borla exhaust, high-output speakers. \$9,995. Call Mike at (916) 684-3300. Reg# 2468103.

FOR SALE: 1982 Yamaha Maxim 1100 motorcycle. Original owner, carbs rebuilt, 12k original miles. \$2,400. Call Mike at (916) 684-3300. Reg# 2468103.

FOR SALE: 2010 Harley Davidson. First owner, excellent condition, low mileage. Call (408) 439-2064 for more information. Reg# 1768970.

FOR SALE: Six hardtop Thunderbirds from 1961-1963. Located in Modesto. All need to be restored. \$12,000 or reasonable offer. Call (209) 541-4256. Reg# 1244994.

FOR SALE: Sterling, all-terrain, 10,000-lb tow hitch. \$350 obo. 2 LT265/759X16 newly studded mud/snow tires on 8-lug aluminum. \$250 obo. Rebuildable 7.3 turbo. \$200 obo. In Auburn area. Call (408) 672-8092. Reg# 2049636.

FOR SALE: Retired heavy equipment mechanic’s MAC

number 93412096. Please call or text Ed at (408) 209-9970. Reg# 2014080.

FOR SALE: Fifth wheel RV. 2016 Bighorn by Heartland, model 3575EL. 3 slides, 6-point auto leveler jacks, 7 1/2 gal. propane tanks, 14-Ply tires, 12 gal. hot water heater, 18 cu. ft. gas electric fridge/freezer, electric fireplace, 2 AC units, king bed. Setup for washer and dryer. Used twice and stored in enclosed garage. \$59,950. Call Dan at (530) 329-2433. Reg# 1386873.

FOR SALE: Fully equipped 1990 International 4900 series truck. Used in pipeline and construction. If interested, or for a list of all tools included, please call Joe at (801) 436-5140. Reg# 2276310.

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# 1025301.

FOR SALE: 2013 Sunnybrook Sunset Creek 312BHDS travel trailer. 35 feet long with two slides. Located in Reno. \$7,900. Call (775) 391-7964 for more information. Reg# 1812811.

FOR SALE: 9 heavy duty Mac wrenches (1-3/4”, 1-13/16”, 1-1/2”, 1-11/16”, 1-5/8”, 1-7/8” and 2”), a Mueller spanner wrench (1-1/2”, 1-1/4” and 2” openings) and Snap-On 1-1/2” knocker wrench. Excellent condition. \$675. Call Ed at (541) 592-6354. Reg# 1872460.

FOR SALE: 1992 SEARC Class B RV. Sleeps 6. Stove/oven, refrigerator, bathroom, shower, excellent cabinet spaces, new tires and new battery. 79,000 miles. Runs well. Must see. Call (408) 439-7814 or (408) 439-2064 for more information. Reg# 1768970.

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and Snap-On tools. Complete sets and lots of miscellaneous tools. E-mail kdstubbs4@msn.com for a list. \$3,000. Call (435) 590-2155. Reg# 1913204.

FOR SALE: 64-acre building lot within Parowan, Utah’s city limits. Close to mountains and lakes and 13 miles from Brianhead Ski Resort. \$80,000 obo. Call (435) 590-2155 or e-mail kdstubbs4@msn.com. Reg# 1913204.

FOR SALE: 1999 Newmar Mountain Aire 34’ Class-A motorhome with gas motor, 2 slide outs, new tires, rubber roof, Banks headers, 2 ACs, 50 amp generator, convection microwave and King Dome satellite. Includes a very clean 2000 Honda CR-V pull car with leather seats. \$26,500. Call (714) 287-6275 or (714) 624-4641. Reg# 0868839.

FOR SALE: 23’ Adarbo equipment trailer. 7’ between fender wells. Almost new tires. 10,000-pound load limit. \$2,800. Call (530) 242-0413. Reg# 1273380.

FOR SALE: Assorted vintage outdoorsman magazines. “Field & Stream,” issues from ‘00 and ‘01; “Guns & Ammo,” issues from ‘70, ‘72, ‘73; “Petersen’s Hunting,” issues from ‘74, ‘75, ‘76 and ‘77; “Fawcett’s Hunting Journal,” issue #1 from ‘75; “Gun World,” June ‘70. All reasonable offers considered. Call (408) 274-5591. Reg# 2105272.

FOR SALE: Assorted vintage off road and hot rod magazines. “Hot Rod,” issues from ‘69; “Off Road,” issues from ‘74, ‘75 and ‘76; “Rod Ideas,” Summer ‘72; “Hot Rodding,” issues from ‘69; “Hi Performance Cars,” Aug. ‘72; “Car Craft,” issues from ‘68 and ‘72; “Pickup Van & 4-Wheel Drive,” from ‘74, ‘75 and ‘76. Call (408) 274-5591. Reg# 2105272.

FOR SALE: 2005 Harley-Davidson Dyna Low Rider. Thunderheaders and risers. Nice condition. \$6,500 firm. Call (707) 772-6268. Reg# 2543582.

FOR SALE: 250-gallon NorthStar spray rig with 12 volt system. Been used very little. On trailer and ready to go. \$2,500. Call (530) 432-0663. Reg# 0977661.

FOR SALE: 0.97 acre off county road in Northwest Montana. Large 30’x40’ shop with loft and wood burning stove. Updated septic, power, shared well and great views. Ready to build. Not far from national forest, mountains, rivers and streams. Address is 2 Starvation Lane, Thompson Falls, MT. \$60,000. Call Tina at (406) 210-1123. Reg# 1218471.

FOR SALE: 2-story home with 2 separate living quarters on

over 5 acres in Hayden, Idaho. 3 bed, 2 bath upstairs with huge kitchen, vaulted ceiling, forced heat, a gas and a wood fireplace. 2 bed downstairs with office, freestanding fireplace. Shop, RV parking, orchard, barn, corral, riding arena, dog shed and dog run, fire pit and more. (208) 755-0256. Reg# 1812603.

FORSALE: 26 acres in Amador County, Calif. Easy commute to Sacramento, Placerville, Lone, Lake Tahoe. Can be used for living, building a home, camping, grape growing, family outings, etc. Terrain: flat, rolling and small steep section. \$299,900. Also selling 2015 24-foot Thor Axis motorhome. Like new with low mileage, lots of storage, 3 TVs. Sleeps 5-6. \$69,900. (208) 755-0256. Reg# 1812603.

FOR SALE: Beautiful custom home with 3 large bedrooms, 2.5 baths in Pharr, TX. Built 2005 in gated community on two lots with 2,179 square feet of living space. Plantation shutters, porcelain tile, granite counters, waterfall, swimming pool and much more! \$320,000. Call (956) 605-1299 for more information. Reg# 1793995.

FOR SALE: 1-1/4 acre property in wooded forest. Bear, deer and elk pass through property on game trail. Bear living on property next door. Seven miles from Shingletown, CA behind Mountain Meadows Bible Camp. Close to Lake McCumber. \$20,000 or trade for airstream or diesel pusher motorhome. Make appointment to view. Deed in hand. Call (530) 275-6882. Reg# 1956194.

FOR SALE: 1,950-square-foot, 2-story, 3-bedroom, 2-bath home with shop in Shasta Lake, CA. Five miles from Redding and 6 minutes from boat launch. Large fenced lot, almost a half-acre. Built in 1986. Will need some TLC but is liveable. \$160,000 buy out. Call (530) 275-6882 or (530) 782-8326 (cell). Please leave a message if no answer. Reg# 1956194.

FOR SALE: Retired paving mechanic looking to sell tools from a 30-year career as a heavy duty repairer. Call for details at (925) 580-0093. Reg# 1897554.

FOR SALE: Ferguson tractor with box scraper and blade scraper. \$3,750. Also selling 36” Case bucket for \$500 and 18” Cat bucket for \$400. Call (209) 509-5696. Reg# 1043556.

FOR SALE: 1955 Oldsmobile in excellent condition and with a lot of new parts. \$31,000 obo. Text (707) 293-7564 or email tom@guiltyminds.com. Reg# 1733041.



# HUMBLE HEROISM

By John O. Matos, associate editor

Thousands of people lost their homes in the North Bay fires last October, but the homes of thousands more were saved thanks to the hard work of people like Jerry Hill, a Local 3 member working for Caltrans out of Mount Shasta. Normally, he would have spent the fall enjoying the hunting season, and last year seemed no different.

“I drew a premium tag and hunted for two days,” he said. “Then I watched the news and saw the devastation. I just couldn’t see people losing their homes and me not doing anything. I could’ve gotten the best buck in the world, but I would’ve felt like I let people down who I could’ve helped, even though I didn’t know any of them.”

Long before he went to work for Caltrans, Jerry was in the fire service, served in several volunteer fire departments and worked as a part-time firefighter, so his skills as an operator and his knowledge of firefighting were exactly what was needed. Calls poured in from contractors asking him to join them in the fight, but all it took was one, as he told the first person who contacted him that he was on his way. To get there, he was taken through six different neighborhoods destroyed by the fires, each with 100 to 200 homes.

“All that was left was the occasional chimney or barbecue and the skeletons of cars, but that was it,” he said. “Our crew worked 24 hours a day for 12 days, each of us working 16-hour shifts cutting a line around a subdivision where the Pocket Fire was. We had to cut right through people’s backyards and through their fences to get the line cut, but we actually saved that entire subdivision. You can replace a yard and a fence, but it’s a lot harder to replace your home.”

Jerry stuck it out, enduring extreme temperatures in his open-cab dozer and sleeping in bunkhouses provided for the workers. At one point, he had to camp outdoors, or as he put it, “under the smoke and the stars.” Finally, the fires were under control and Jerry returned home. He went back to hunting, as there were two days left in the season, and it was as if nature provided him with a humble reward for his home-saving heroism.

“I got a buck!” he said. “It wasn’t a big one, but I still got one.”



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