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Local Union No. 3, I.B.E.W. Retirees Association
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9th, 2024, at 11:30 AM. It will be held at Houligan's Sports Grill, located at 1643 US Highway 1, Ormond Beach FL 32174. All brothers and sisters along with their spouses are welcome.

Our bi-annual luncheon was held at the Diplomat hotel in Hollywood on March 11th. Our chapter was well represented and is doing well as far as the Florida chapters go.

At the luncheon, Business Manager Erikson spoke about several items. Our pension is very strong, and we have one of the highest funded pensions in the country. However, our medical fund took a hit due to Covid. We have paid out more than we took in due to massive unemployment along with increased medical bills. We had to reach into our reserves to cover expenses. He also expressed the need for Local 3 to support Joe Biden in the upcoming election as he is a friend of the IBEW and Local Union #3.

At this time, I do not have the unemployment numbers from the last general A meeting but I am assuming that they are similar to last month's numbers.

Dues for 2023/24 are still only \$15.00. Anyone who has not paid, please see Paul Dietrich at our next meeting or mail your dues to the address at the top of this page. The dues year begins every September.

Fraternally yours,
Michael Manfredi

The latest General Membership Meeting took place on February 8th. Some of the news updates are listed below:

- IBEW Founders' Scholarship applications are due by May 1st
- Reading of the Executive Board meeting minutes from January 8th and January 22nd
- Moment of silence for the anniversary of Harry Van Arsdale Jr.'s passing on February 16th. Please consider joining the HVA Jr. Memorial Association or making an additional contribution if already a member.
- Trial Board report from January 16th. The Executive Board acts as the Trial Board of Local 3.
- 124 years ago, in February 1900, Local Assembly 5468 of the Knights of Labor affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) as Local Union 3. The 125th anniversary celebration will be held next year.
- The 37th Annual Spring Art Festival will be hosted by the JIB on May 6th-11th.
- General Membership meeting was called into recess and the Electrical Workers Death Benefit Society (EWDBS) Board of Directors 85th annual meeting was called into session by vote of the members present. 10 incumbent directors were re-elected, as no competing nominations were declared, and Recording Secretary Michael Loreto submitted 1 vote per incumbent director. Treasurer Damon Armstrong delivered the 2023 annual report.
- To update or verify your beneficiary and certificate, please call EWDBS at (718) 591-4400.
- State Senator Jessica Ramos hosted her third town hall meeting on the Metropolitan Park proposal on Wednesday, February 7th. Over 40 members of Local 3 attended and participated in the town hall meeting.
- Edwin Lopez announced his retirement. Business Manager Christopher Erikson read his bio, and Edwin addressed the membership from the podium. A third-generation member of Local 3, Edwin became the Executive Secretary of NYECA in 2005.
- New phase of the Furlough Plan started on January 2nd.
- IBEW Officers meeting on February 5th-6th in Washington, D.C. International President Ken Cooper announced future work opportunities (chip plants, solar farms, transmission lines, etc.). Organizing goal of 1 million IBEW members in the U.S. and Canada. Local 3 members approved the hire of rank and file organizers.
- Received two letters of appreciation from signatory contractors for Local 3 members' contributions to the Target Fund to help successful bids (NEAD Electric and E-J Electric).