



Protect Yourself and Your Family with your Vote

Happy 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Local 40

#### **Greeting Sisters and Brothers**

**Business Manager** 

Congratulations to all Local 40 members on 95 Years as a Local. It was back on March 5<sup>th</sup> 1923 that Local 40 was chartered and I would like to thank those brave individuals for having the courage to stand up in a world without a Labor Relations Act, little to no rights for working people and demand rights for working men and women so we can all have good paying secure jobs. Local 40 has seen many different changes in its evolution as an entertainment Local. Some of the technological advances that Local 40 has seen include the first sound movie in 1927 as well as the first color movies in the 1930s. Local 40 has also seen the introduction of the televisions age and many of the sound and technical advance in the delivery of Motion Pictures. So as you can see Local 40 is always evolved with "New Media" and will continue to do so in digital and streaming age.

On another note Election season is soon upon us in 2018 and I would like to remind all of our members and their friends and families how important it is to **REGISTER TO VOTE**. Many generations before us fought us fought hard to give All Americans the right to vote whether it would have been through the Women Suffrage movement which started in the 1800s and resulted in the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment or the Civil Rights movement that brought Freedoms of the vote. These are examples of the political power that people hold if they continue to get involved and stay active in the issues of the day. The Labor movement this day and age is depending on all of us to make our voices heard through activism and our vote so that all of those that are striving to reach the middle class can achieve the protection of Fair Wages, Health Care for and a Safe Environment.

Your vote will strengthen the ability of IBEW to help enact policies that will continue to create more career jobs for our members by electing candidates and measures or propositions that improve and protect our rights. A few examples of the issues that our votes will help improve on, are things that strengthen Apprentice Programs, Infrastructure, Energy Policies, Certifications and Education opportunities which will all benefit our members through either more work or show that we are **The Power Professionals**. These programs and policies help future members start a path to an independent financial future and create the skill sets that are needed to help achieve the American Dream.

REGISTER TO VOTE!

Fraternally Yours, Marc Flynn **Business Manager**/ Financial Secretary YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE,

#### IBEW LOCAL 40 - NEWS & EVENTS

From the Desk of the President/Business Rep.

Attending the Los Angeles County, House of Labor Workers Congress at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel in Los Angeles on March 13, 2018 was an amazing way for Local 40 to be part of the solidarity movement of labor in California in these trying times. Sharing that experience with some of our Sisters and Brothers from many other Local Unions and Crafts, including IBEW Local 47 and IBEW Local 11, was an event to remember.



Left to right: Don Easy, President IBEW Local 40, Hector Burruel Treasurer IBEW Local 40, Stanley Stosel, Senior Assistant Business Manager IBEW Local 47, Rick Garcia, Membership Development IBEW Local 47, Robert Madrigal, President So. Cal. EWMC.

Part of the day's activities included the swearing in of the Executive Board of the Los Angeles County House of Labor which included Business Manager of IBEW Local 11 Marvin Kropke. The event included hearing from many speakers from around the City, County, State and Country, including our very own Mayor of Los Angeles Eric Garcetti, who spoke about the Solidarity of Labor in the City and Country today, the Janus case, and how we can continue to work together for the **Don Easy** future of worker's rights.

President/ **Business Rep.** 



# **Mental Health** Awarness Month

May is Mental Health Awareness month! Local 40 is hoping to raise awareness, and encourage members to take advantadge of our excellent health plans.

Members working under the **Motion Picture Agreement** may find assistance with behavorial health and wellness programs through **Optum Health**. Visit **MPIPHP.org for more info** 

**OPTUM** 



Members working under the Inside Agreement may find assistance with behavorial health and wellness programs through Kaiser Permanente. Visit the Inside Agreement Benefits page on our website for more information.

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Vice President/Sony Steward/ EWMC Delegate

Hello Brothers and Sisters, -

The importance of community outreach, getting involved, and giving back is part of the fundamental beliefs of the IBEW. The Electrical Workers Minority Caucus (EWMC) provides an opportunity for all of our members to get involved and give back to our communities.

The EMWC roots began during the Civils Rights movement, and the struggle for equal rights for minorities, even within the IBEW. In 1974, African-American and Hispanic delegates met during the 30<sup>th</sup> IBEW International Convention in Kansas City, MO, and formed the Electrical Workers Minority Caucus to address the lack of minority representation and other inequalities within the IBEW. EWMC is recognized and supported by the entire IBEW, and provides minorities an opportunity to get involved, and have their voices heard.

Another key mission to the EWMC, and the IBEW as a whole is to give back to our communities. On March 4<sup>th</sup>, Local 40 alongside the So Cal EWMC Chapter completed one of its many community service projects. We worked together with Los Ninos de la Calle Con Wendy Foundation (www.fundacionwendy.org) in the City of Anaheim, near the local Salvation Army, providing a hot lunch for any person in need. We were able to provide over 40 meals and smiling faces to a lot of good people that afternoon. Being able to help those in need is a large part of the IBEW's and So Cal EWMC's mission. Through volunteer work and community service, we are able to give back and show gratitude towards an industry and an organization that has provided us with so much.

The IBEW and Local 40 encourages us as members to give back to our communities any way we can. Whether it is through donations, volunteering, phone banking, political action, or even simply attending your general membership meetings, participating in community outreach demonstrates the type of honest and hard-working union members we are.

## To get involved or if you have questions, please contact me @ (626) 278-4494





Fraternally Yours-Juan Rodriguez Vice President





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