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THE LOCAL 300 UPDATE



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LOCAL 300 CONTRIBUTES TO HIT REALITY TV SHOW



Local 300's Jeffrey Wimette examines electrical plans on the set of ABC-TV's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition."

Electricians from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 300 volunteered their time and talent at the southern Vermont groundbreaking by a hit reality television show.

Sept. 8-9, members of the union from Sherwin Electric and Central Vermont Public Service journeyed to Athens, Vt., to volunteer for ABC-TV's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition." The award-winning program was in the small Windham County town refurbishing the home of the Vitale Family. IBEW electricians worked hand-in-hand with a crew led by Brandon-based general contractor the McKernon Group.

"The IBEW is all about helping people improve

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CONGRATS!

Our very own "Dragons from Heaven" team won the annual Lake Champlain Dragon Boat Festival earlier this summer. The squad was assembled by leader and Local 300 member Claude Brousseau in memory of his late wife, Jill Violette.

Several union members participated, including Ed Bonoyer, Kevin Boyce, Tiffany Copley, Sherry Dupont, Doug Edwards, Doug Edwards Jr., Jillian Gray, Amy James, Celeste Johnson, Kathryn Ramstack, Michael "Smiley" LaFramboise, Shawn McDonald, Florin Olteanu, Roger Pastore, Heidi Rabtoy, Grace Ross, Bruce Secor, Kasia Szabo, Kevin Vallee and Jeffrey Wimette.

More photos available at www.ibewlocal300.org.

News Alerts

LOCAL 300 JATC

The VT JATC will be sponsoring Code Update classes on October 13-14, 2007 and February 9-10, 2008. If your Vermont Electricians license is expiring and you would like to attend one of the sessions, please give Jean or Holli a call at (802) 864-5864 to sign up. The instructor for the courses is Dennis Downer and lunch will be included in the fee. The cost is \$60 for both days.

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The JATC is continually striving to better the training that we provide the apprentices that enter the IBEW Local 300 workforce. We are pleased to let you know that a \$114,797 grant from the Workforce Education and Training Fund has been approved. The money will be used to enhance the Teledata and Inside Wireman apprenticeship programs over the next two years. Look for more information over the coming months.

In an effort to update our files, we are asking that you provide us with your Vermont electrical license number and expiration date. For those of you who return the information, we will notify you of upcoming code update classes automatically. Please fill out the bottom section of this letter and return it to 3 Gregory Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403 as soon as possible.

Shelley Warren is teaching the fifth-year apprentice class and is offering journeyman participation for several of her sessions. The classes will be held from 5-6:30 p.m., including time for questions and answers. The dates are listed below, and if you would like to attend please contact Holli or Jean.

- **Tuesday, October 2 - Services, switchboards, panelboards and instrumentation**
- **Tuesday, October 23 - Grounding and Instrumentation**
- **Tuesday, December 18 - Fire Alarm/Guest Speaker**

ATTENTION JOURNEYMEN ELECTRICIANS: The VT JATC is in need of your help. Please remember to fill out evaluation forms for the apprentices working with you. We count on the information that you provide to track the progress of the apprentices and they always benefit from hearing your comments.

IBEW LOCAL 300 VACATION FUND NEWS

At long last, a payment from your account! During the week of September 24, statements and election forms for the Vacation Fund will be sent to you. Please return the election form as soon as possible, as we will begin sending your payments by October 15.

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their lives. Given that commitment, it was a no-brainer for us to get involved with this touching project," said Local 300 Business Manager George Clain.

"Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" is broadcast every Sunday at 8 p.m. on ABC. Hosted by popular television personality Ty Pennington, the show travels the country rebuilding homes of deserving families. The Vitale effort will air during the 2007-2008 season.

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