



## International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Ironworkers



# The Ironworker REPORT

### Work outlook looks promising for 2011-2012



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The U.S. construction market has hit rock bottom during this recession, and Local 229 has had its share of unemployment, not to mention all the journeymen and apprentices who have taken withdrawals. There is no doubt that the construction industry is at its lowest and even the nonunion has taken severe blows. I believe with the cooperation of our signatory contractors and the California District Council Local Unions, we can come out of this rut and continue to be the leader in this industry.

According to Kermit Baker from the American Institute of Architects, in 2011 we will start to see more spending in construction of hospitals, laboratories, commercial buildings, and construction starting in 2012. AGC's Ken Simonson forecasted a 5% increase in warehouse, hotel, hospital and higher education sectors. There are many other factors to consider with inflation and increase of material and fuel costs. These cost factors can adversely affect construction start up. 2012 looks more promising, according to Jim Haughey from Reed Construction Data. Haughey forecasted a 24% jump in residential and 14% increase in nonresidential.

As for Local Union 229, we have started to see a trickling of growth since 2010. We have 100 more journeymen on the books today and 13 more apprentices – 113 more workers today compared to last year!

Many projects are anticipated to start late 2011 and through 2013. San Ysidro Border Crossing (\$577 million), Downtown Homeless Center (\$32.3 million), San Diego City College (\$89.2 million), Embarcadero improvements (\$28.6 million), Camp Pendleton Hospital (\$394 million), Miramar renovation (\$7 million), Marine Corp Recruit Depot (\$56 million), San Diego Reentry Facility (\$163 million), healthcare facilities (\$700 million), San Diego County Jail (\$287 million), UCSD total projects (829 million) and Pacific Gateway Hotel-Office Complex \$1.6 billion).

Some of the projects mentioned above are still up to bid, so the opportunities for our signatory contractors are there. Local Union 229 will work together with our contractors to ensure we can obtain these jobs and recapture the market that we have lost to the non-union. We are going to have to utilize section 33 of our agreement. Section 33 allows us to make concessions with our contractors on private work, from market recovery funds to subsistence allowance.

It is our hope that a new three-year contract will be ratified by the time you receive this newsletter. Negotiating a new contract has presented numerous challenges and we are

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#### **Ironworkers Political Action League Presidents 200 Club**

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- Cesar Cabrera
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- John Sonka
- Michael La Douce
- Jack Gavett
- Juan Galvan

**Notice: All members are to report address and phone changes immediately.**

REMEMBER: To put your Book No. on payments made by check. Also, when paying by mail, please specify number of months for "Dues Only" or "Dues & Working Assessments".

## Women Building CA Conference

On the weekend of April 30, downtown Oakland was overrun by more than 625 tradeswomen eager to celebrate the mutual passion of their respective trades at the 10th Annual Women Building California Conference. This year, some of our female members represented Local Union 229 at the event, sponsored by the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California, in collaboration with Tradeswomen, Inc., an Oakland-based tradeswomen advocacy organization.

Conference workshops ranged from blueprint reading to warding off sexual harassment and surviving the downturn. As more than two million women are the main breadwinners of the family, how to boost the numbers of women in the trades was a hot topic of discussion. The event also showcased tradeswomen's art, poetry, spoken word, and music, and included workshops about building skills to help women survive and thrive in the trades, and developing leadership to help women advance on the job and in their unions.

While a few international unions sponsor women's conferences for the women in their craft, this is the only conference in the nation that assembles women from all building trades crafts. The conference brought together journey-level tradeswomen, apprentices, pre-apprentices and advocates, mostly from California but also from Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Texas, and the Washington, D.C. area.

We would personally like to thank Randy Hedgecoke, Cheryl Davey and Marisol Ortega for attending this auspicious event. Our signatory contractors want to hire more women and do the right thing. Ironworkers Local Union 229 will continue to fight for all Ironworkers who want to be union members.



Special thanks to (left to right) Marisol Ortega, Cheryl Davey and Randy Hedgecoke for representing Local 229 at the 2011 Women Building California Conference!

## Jack Gavett - Apprenticeship and Training

### Upcoming classes

OSHA 30 . . . . .	June 27-30, 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (combination apprentice class) Aug. 13, 20, 27 and Sept 3, 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (four Saturdays)
Qualified Rigger . .	June 11 & 18, 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. July 30 & Aug 3, 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Post Tensioning . .	July 12 & 14, 4-8 p.m. & July 16, 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (16-hour class)
First Aid/CPR . . .	June 18, 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. July 27 & 28, 2011 4-8 p.m.

### Forklift certification upgrading

OSHA requires that each employee be evaluated every three years. Members who have cards that are nearing the three-year mark will need to be evaluated by their employer.

Please check the date on your card and if it is in need of an upgrade – you will have to send the card or a copy of the card to the apprenticeship office. Along with the card, you will need a letter from your employer stating that you have been operating their equipment and have been evaluated and found competent to operate the equipment safely.

### New First Aid / CPR certification

The American Red Cross First Aid, CPR, AED certifications are now good for two years each. Check your cards to see if they have expired; and call the office if you need to schedule a class.

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working hard to ensure a solid agreement. A recession and threats of a looming double-dip recession sets a dangerous atmosphere for negotiations. In addition, this down economy has caused a loss of a good contractor and other contractors have made significant cutbacks with a reduction of salaries.

Union field ironworkers and union signatory contractors are partners in this industry. We are rewarded when times are good and take our lumps when times are bad. But at the end of it all, we emerge with a retirement and great benefits. This is what a partnership is all about. We will continue to do our part and provide our contractors highly skilled, professional and a safe workforce.

*Work Safe,*  
**Jose A. Naranjo**  
*Business Manager/FST*

**Cesar Cabrera - Business Agent**  
**Greetings Brothers and Sisters:**



With the summer months approaching, the work outlook is starting to slowly take an upward swing. We have several projects coming up and several projected jobs that will keep the flow of work steady. Fortunately, our reinforcing work is starting to pick up again. We are working hard to secure more Union jobs. With so many projects up for grabs to the non-union sector, we have been working diligently to help our contractors bid on those projects thus enabling us to get more jobs for the members.

I cannot stress enough the importance of being drug tested and current with IMPACT. Nothing is more upsetting than dispatching an ironworker to a job only to find out he/she is ineligible and is turned around and sent home. Not only is it detrimental to the contractor but it takes a possible day of work away for somebody who has taken the time to comply with pre-job requirements. Moreover, you can be brought up on charges and potentially fined. If you are uncertain as to what your status is, you may call Mobile Medical Corp. at 916-333-6403. You may pick up forms at the hall and we have a list of the many locations throughout the county of where you can go. Please take care of your responsibilities.

Don't forget the welding shop is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 4-7 PM for those of you who are interested in upgrading your skills.

**SCHUFF STEEL** Kaiser San Diego starts 8-1-11 (Solar Panel Support Framing) Camp Pendleton Naval Hospital starts 8-15-11 (4-story new hospital) Illumina San Diego starts 10-3- 11 (5-story office building) Temecula Hospital 1-2-12 (5-story new hospital) and Scripps Hospital starts 1-2-12 (8-story new hospital).

**QUALITY REINFORCING** County Operations Bldg, Hoover HS, Mt. Miguel HS, Vulcan Materials, Sharp Cancer Center, Granite Hills HS, P-742 BEQ, Westfield UTC, Pt. Loma HS, P- 1019 Counter Battery, CDC Grossmont HS and Oceanside Aquatics Center.

**KAYLAKE REINFORCING** San Diego Airport (starts near the end of June, consists of the bridges, 3 pavilions and a baggage tunnel), Olivenhain Sewer and Pump Station in Encinitas. Jobs that are still on the go are Sunroad Centrum, Carlsbad Double Track Bridge and Morse HS football upgrade.

**CMC REBAR** Ongoing jobs Proton Building, UCSD Parking Structure. Jobs coming up VA Hospital and Parking Structure, WWTP North and South, WWTP Point Loma, Scripps Cardio Vascular and paving on 78.

**PACIFIC COAST STEEL** Ongoing work bridges along I-15, Federal Courthouse (Hensel) Milcon fuel storage at Point Loma Naval Station BEQ Package #8 (Hensel & Soltek) NOAA La Jolla Laboratory Replacement Project UCSD Structural Materials & Engineering (M A Mortenson) North City Campus SD Community Parking Structure Reed Reservoir (Gateway Pacific) SD New Central Library (Turner) SDCWA San Vicente Dam Raise El Centro Unit 3 Repowering SD Airport Foundations-Bents 8-13 and Carlsbad

HS. **Starting soon** at Santa Margarita Bridge (Oceanside), Padre Dam-multiple structures, UCSD Bio-Medical Research, North Torrey Pines Road bridge improvements, SDG&E Innovation Center, Morse HS Building, SD Airport Foundations-Bents 8-13, Seacoast Inn in Ocean Beach (Soltek Pacific), San Ysidro LPOE Phase 1B, Scripps Radiation Oncology Treatment Ctr. (DPR Construction), Temecula WTP 18 MGD Upgrades (PCL), P-113 Southern Water Systems Camp Pendleton (T B Penick & Sons).

**ASBURY** Two 4-story at County Ops, North Island BEQ, Proton Center at Summer Ridge and Father Joe's in downtown.

**ARB** El Centro Power Plant starting June and Escondido Energy Plant.

**HARRIS REBAR** working on 905 bridges in Otay.

**CONCO** Carlsbad High School.

**CORESLAB STRUCTURES** San Diego City College Summer 2011, San Diego Central Library late 2011 and Vista Community Clinic Spring 2011.

**ENCLOS** San Diego Federal Courthouse, Mesa Community College in January 2012 and UCSD Jacobs Medical Center.

**CLARK PACIFIC** San Diego Federal Courthouse and County Operations Buildings.

**ORANGE COUNTY ERECTORS** a rollercoaster at Sea World.

**RCI** BP13 San Diego Airport, P2 Runway expansion, PP-13 Airport Terminal, Bover Bridge Alpine, County Operations buildings, Laurel and Kettner a parking structure, UCSD Rady Building, MCRD Parade Expansion, Rose Creek pedestrian bridge.

**SIERRA STEEL** Nagala Residence-private home in La Jolla, Peters Residence-private home, Kaiser Zion Hospital misc, Kaiser Otay misc, Morse HS misc, Mary Birch Hospital misc, USD, UCSD Medical Center and Hewlett Packard.

**MCMAHON STEEL** SD City College misc, S.D. College business and humanity misc, UCSD material and engineering misc, Jacobs Medical Center and UCSD misc.

**MARTINEZ STEEL** placing rebar at S.D. City College.

**COLUMBIA FABRICATORS** El Cajon Police Station misc.

**SOUTHWEST STAIRS** Federal Courthouse and stairs at the San Diego Airport in January.

**SME** San Diego Federal Courthouse and also has the San Diego Library starting in field approx December 2011 for 4-5 months.

**ISE** Morse HS, Hoover HS and UCSD Health Sciences East Campus.

**WHITMORE STEEL** new San Diego Central Library structural and misc., CC Del Mar, Citibank, Kaiser Permanente Medical Care, Volunteer Barrier Removal, SDG&E Palomar Energy Center, The Salk Institute Bio- Photonics Phase 2.

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Always upgrading our skills: Local 229 members attend new Wind Turbine Training in Los Angeles. Top row from left: Paul Walker, Cheryl Davey, Nehemias Lemus; standing row from left: Instructor Phil Templeton, James O'Brien, Chris Matranga, Randy Collier, Jose Samaniego, David Johnson; bottom row from left: Robert Stanson and Carlos Luna.



## 2011 CALENDAR

- July 4, 2011 . . . . .Independence Day  
HALL CLOSED
- July 5, 2011 . . . . .E-Board Meeting, 5:30PM
- July 8, 2011 . . . . .Membership Meeting, 7PM
  
- August 9, 2011 . . . .E-Board Meeting, 5:30PM
- August 12, 2011 . . .Membership Meeting, 7PM
  
- September 5, 2011. .Labor Day HALL CLOSED
- September 6, 2011. .E-Board Meeting, 5:30PM
- September 9, 2011. .Membership Meeting, 7PM