

IBEW Local 48 volunteers help light up The Grotto Festival of Lights

A holiday tradition for some members of IBEW Local 48 is volunteering to help wire and power all of the lights — 500,000 of them — at The Grotto's Festival of Lights.

Local 48 members and their employers at the National Electrical Contractors Association have been helping with the event since 1988.

"The festival wouldn't happen without NECA/IBEW Local 48," said Peter Mott, festival coordinator. "We love their can-do attitude and how they dive in and get the job done. Every year 40 NECA/IBEW Local 48 volunteers make sure that 2400 amps of power are connected safely."

The Grotto's festival is open from 5 to 9:30 p.m. nightly (except for Christ-

mas) through Monday, Dec. 30. General admission is \$9, seniors (65 and over), \$8, and children 3 to 12 years of age) is \$4.

"It's a lot of fun volunteering to help at The Grotto. You get to see good people you haven't seen in a year," said Steve Martell, a retired Local 48 member. "For those of us who have volunteered for a long time, we each have our area that we know pretty well and work on."

During this year's 31-night run, 150 concerts will be presented — five concerts each night in The Grotto's 600-seat chapel.

The Grotto is located at 8840 NE Skidmore St., Portland.



Gov. John Kitzhaber seeks fourth term

SALEM — Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber announced this month that he will seek an unprecedented fourth term as governor.

In its online Weekly Update, the Oregon AFL-CIO asked what a Kitzhaber fourth term would mean for Oregon's workers. Their response:

"It means that PERS cuts are done for the next five years: 'The Public Employees Retirement System is off the table for this governor,' Kitzhaber said shortly after the Legislature adjourned from the Fall 2013 Special Session. 'We are done. We are going to move on to other things that are important to Oregonians.'

"It means we have the opportunity to work with a governor who wants to overhaul the workforce system, giving us an opportunity to fight to ensure that Oregon's workforce system will be used to help workers get the training they need, not as a tool for employers to avoid investing in Oregon's workforce," the Oregon AFL-CIO continued.

"It also means that we will continue to have a governor who supports a worker's right to choose whether or not they want to for a union — and who will hold public entities to a high standard when it comes to respecting workers' rights."

To date, no Democrat has filed to run against Kitzhaber in the May primary. Two Republicans have filed to run for governor. They are state Rep. Dennis Richardson of Central Point, and Eastern Oregon rancher Jon Justesen.

CWA's Gail Rosebrook steps down from Labor's Community Service Agency board

Gail Rosebrook, one of the longest-serving Executive Board members for Labor's Community Service Agency (LCSA), stepped down from the volunteer position at the conclusion of the agency's quarterly meeting Dec. 4.

LCSA is a non-profit organization that operates under the auspices of the Northwest Oregon Labor Council with a 16-person board of directors. Its primary funding source is United Way of the Columbia-Willamette. LCSA works with an array of community-based and governmental organizations throughout Oregon and Southwest



Washington to provide education, information, referral services, and social service programs.

Rosebrook, a longtime member and three-term secretary-treasurer of Communications Workers of America Local 7901, has served on the board for more than 20 years. Her stepfather, Del Ricks, was LCSA's executive director for 17 years, starting in 1976.

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