



IBEW #48 volunteers help light up The Grotto Christmas Festival of Lights

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

Local 48 members and their employers at the National Electrical Contractors Association did the work on Saturday, Nov. 8.

"No rain made for a great day being outside and working together," said Terry Reigle, a business rep for Local 48 who helped

coordinate the event.

The union has helped The Grotto set up the power system since 1988.

The Festival of Lights is one of the largest Christmas choral festivals in the country. More than 55,000 people enjoy the Festival each year. Five performances are held each evening in The Grotto's 600-seat chapel, known for its cathedral quality acoustics. There is also outdoor caroling, puppet shows and a live animal petting zoo.

The event runs nightly from 5 to 9:30 p.m. through Dec. 30 (closed Christmas Day). Cost is \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors 65 and over, \$5 for kids ages 3 to 12, and free for children 2 and under. Free parking is available.

IBEW Local 48 members volunteering this year were: Ryan Albert, Daniel Arreola, Mike Benedict, Patrick Coffin, Kimberly Cole, Terri Cromwell, Jesus Cruz, Tim Em-ineth, Perry Fellman, Andrew Glenn, Nik Joslin, Marcos Kassik, Jonathan Kowalski, Brett Letourneau, Ray Lister, Kennitha Lomax, Stephen Martell, Oscar Merida, Erik Moline, Samer Obeid, Bob Palandech, Dan Poczynek, Tracey Powers, Terry Reigle, Ed Renfro, Hector Reynoso, Dan Rhein, Tim Salber, Brandon Smith, Jennifer (Hoven) Smith, Lauren Smith, Kristi Straight, Ben Texley, Elvin Thompson, James Thomsen, Debra Wisniewski, Carla Young, and Scott Zadow.



LERA hands out 'Maggie' awards

Sarah Thompson, a representative of the Oregon Nurses Association, and David Wilson, a member of Service Employees International Union Local 49 and a custodian at Mountain View High School in Vancouver, Wash., were the labor recipients of "Maggie Awards," presented by the Oregon chapter of the Labor and Employment Relations Association (LERA).

Helen Moss, a senior instructor at

the Labor Education and Research Center at the University of Oregon, received the Academic Award.

LERA presented Management Practitioner Awards to Patrice Boose of Kaiser Permanente and Bill Mullenburg of Portland General Electric.

Management-side attorney Verne Newcomb received the Emeritus Award.

The awards were presented following LERA's annual conference held last month in Portland. The awards are in memory of Magdalena "Maggie" Jacobsen, who founded the Oregon chapter of LERA while assigned to Portland as a mediator for the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

LERA is an organization that brings labor-management relations practitioners together to improve relations. The annual awards recognize people who have demonstrated commitment to the collective bargaining process with integrity and involvement in the labor relations community.



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