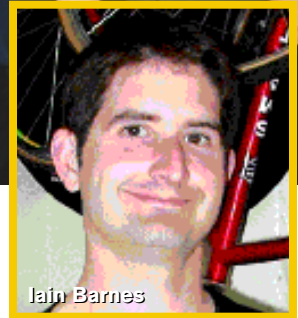


# IBEW FO

# Scholar

*The IBEW Founders' Scholarships honor the dedicated wiremen and linemen who, on November 28, 1891, organized the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.*



Iain Barnes

As many as 12 scholarships are granted annually on a competitive basis to promote educational opportunities

and skill development for IBEW members. To meet the requirements, eligible candidates submit letters of recommendation, academic transcripts, SAT or ACT test scores, a personal résumé, and a 250- to 500-word essay titled "How the Founders' Scholarship Will Benefit the Brotherhood and the Electrical Industry."

Four individuals were chosen to receive scholarships on April 18, 2000, after the Selection Committee considered all the applications. International President J. J. Barry thanked the committee for "what we consider a very important aspect of the Brotherhood's business." President Barry and International Secretary-Treasurer Edwin D. Hill are happy to announce the following recipients.

## *Iain Barnes*

In 1992, Brother Iain Barnes became a member of Local Union 230, Victoria, British Columbia. He graduated in the top 5 percent of his class in 1996 as a journeyman wireman. Brother Barnes received an overall grade average of 95.4 percent, which earned him the Top Apprentice Award in Local 230 as well as in all of British Columbia. He is establishing a new goal by pursuing an electrical engineering degree.

He is presently employed with Elite Engineering Ltd., where some of his assigned duties include designing, drafting, and service which encompasses protection and control, power quality, coordination studies, and high- and low-voltage distribution design. Emery Electric Ltd. previously employed him as a journeyman electrician where he performed a variety of projects and assignments. Brother Barnes has served in positions in the commercial, residential, and institutional sectors of the electrical construction industry.

Brother Barnes is a passionate cyclist and

# UNDERS' *Arts* WINNERS

Left to right are Frank J. Monahan of the U.S. Catholic Conference; International President J. J. Barry; Don Yamamoto, U.S. Ambassador-Elect to Djibouti in East Africa; International Secretary-Treasurer Edwin D. Hill; Frederic M. Smoak, vice president of Lynx Investment Advisory Inc.; and Douglas A. Fisher, director of the IBEW Department of Research and Technical Services.

has competed in velodrome sprint cycling at the national level. He was provincial champion from 1997 to 1999 and has managed and organized local cycling events. He also served as a timing official at the 1998 World Cup in Victoria.

Brother Barnes believes the IBEW has always been associated with the best and brightest in the electrical field, so why not spread that reputation into the fields of engineering, management and research? In his words, "This scholarship can provide that stepping stone allowing us to carry the union torch to a new level."

According to Michael S. Kirby, business manager of Local 230, "Brother Barnes has been a very diligent worker and a credit to the trade." Terry Hunter, professional engineer, Elite Engineering, states, "Brother Barnes would make a good representative for your scholarship, as he [is] professional, intelligent, hard working, and safety conscious."

## *Kenneth Elliott*

Brother Kenneth Elliott has 20 years of experience in the electrical construction industry. He was initiated into Local 317, Huntington, West Virginia, in 1978 and completed the journeyman line-man course sponsored by the National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (NJATC). Although Brother Elliott is now restricted by a back injury, he desires to continue to make a meaningful contribution to organized labor. Local 317 Business Manager Brent Gray says, "Brother Elliot suffered a back injury while working at the trade and is unsure if he will be able to continue doing construction work. He is currently continuing his education at Marshall University, pursuing a degree in business."

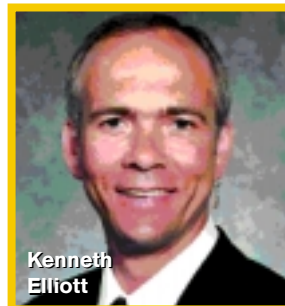
John Wallace, Ph.D., director of the

Small Business Institute at Marshall University states, "He communicates well in writing, analyzes complex situations with ease, and is a delight to have as a student. I give him my highest recommendation."

Daniel Holbrook, Ph.D., Regents Bachelor of Arts Degree Program coordi-

nator at Marshall University said, "Ken's record speaks for itself. His grade point average is 4.0. He has devoted himself to his education with a vigor that is rare, and clearly has the ability to do well in even the most challenging classes."

Brother Elliott says, "If we are to compete in the world economy, we must have people who understand all aspects of the business world. This will allow us to negotiate better contracts, so that we get the best possible balance between labor costs and business profits." *(Continued on next page)*

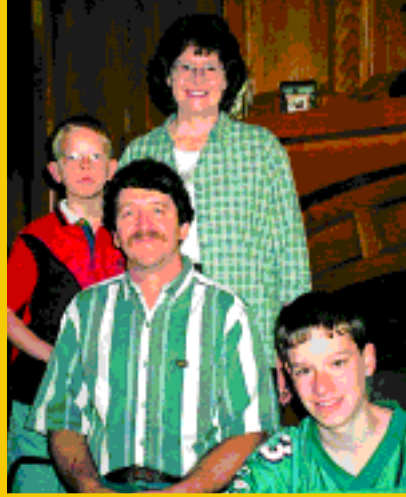


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## Christine M. Sewell

Since 1989, Sister Christine M. Sewell has been a member of Local 1455, St. Louis, Missouri. She knows the true meaning of managing her schedule. In spite of working full-time, and being a wife and mother, Sister Sewell finds the time to pursue studies in business administration at Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Missouri. Sister Sewell performs secretarial and various technical support duties for the Electrical Utility Operations Department of Alliant Energy.

Alliant Energy Key Accounts Manager Kathy Asbury says, "Chris is a very dedicated wife and mother, attending her children's school and outside activities. She also finds time to attend college at night and retains an



**Sister Christine Sewell is shown with (left to right) her son Matthew, husband David, and son Jesse.**

excellent grade point average."

Sister Sewell was instrumental in the establishment of two civic organizations in her community. She is completing the

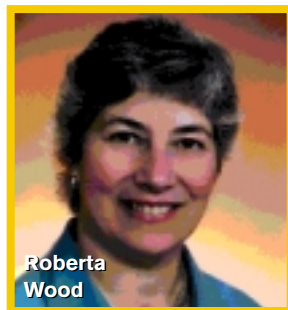
second year of her first term on the board of directors with the Friends of Sever Library. She also serves on the Children's Activities Committee and holds the office of corresponding secretary. She has also helped to establish and organize an investment club for women in the community. In addition to all that, Sister Sewell has participated in the Keokuk Labor Day parade for the past three years.

Sister Sewell states, "In order for employees to perform at their highest level of ability, education must be the top priority. Education has been, and continues to be, a vital attribute of IBEW members. The electrical industry is a very technical field, and without members willing to continue their education, the organization would have dissolved long ago."

## Roberta L. Wood

Sister Roberta L. Wood has broad experience in the labor movement. Early in her career she served as an Organizing Committee member for the International Ladies Garment Workers Union (ILGWU). Later she became a trustee for Local Union 65 of the United Steelworkers of America (USWA) and co-chair of the USWA District 31 Women's Caucus. Since 1991, she has served as steward in IBEW Local 9, Chicago, Illinois, into which she was initiated in 1989. Sister Wood has also served in multiple capacities as a member of the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW) and is currently a member of CLUW's national executive board. Since July 1982, she has been employed with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. Her duties include the maintenance, testing and repair of gas detection equipment, process control equipment, high-voltage switchgear and protective devices.

According to Kevin M. Kall, a regis-



tered professional engineer, "Ms. Wood strives to perform all of her duties thoroughly, accurately, and completely. One of her many strengths is her desire to stay abreast of current technologies and to learn about new emerging technology, which can help our operation run more efficiently."

Sister Wood wants to attend the Labor College of the George Meany Center and complete a degree in Labor Studies. She has consistently attended training courses to prepare her better for her duties in the labor movement and is fluent in Spanish. In 1998, she attended a series of courses on intelligent automation and studied integrated configuration,

system maintenance, integrated control, tools and techniques, software technologies and introduction to C programming.

Congressman Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. (D-IL) writes, "I have had the opportunity to get to know [Roberta] and observe her service on the Legislative Committee of CLUW. I believe [she] would be an excellent candidate for the IBEW scholarship."

A member of USWA Local 5544, Ed Sadlowski, said, "I have known Roberta for 25 years since she began her career at US Steel South Works. She was the first woman elected to the Executive Board of USWA Local 65, which at the time had 7,000 members. At local union meetings and district conferences, Roberta has been known for sharply raising issues of solidarity with workers' struggles everywhere. She served as one of the delegates for Local 65 to the Chicago Federation of Labor."

According to Katie Jordon, president of the Chicago Chapter of CLUW, "Roberta has always availed herself of any learning components that would help her contribute more to her union. She is a strong advocate of education for union members and sets the example by her own efforts of participation."

Sister Wood eloquently describes her vision for progress: "We must bring the collective wisdom and experience of workers from work sites into the halls of academia. I want to study how to strengthen the labor movement, activate the youth, and bring forward the contributions of those who have been on the sidelines." 