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Local Lodge News

Election Results

On June 11, 2011, Local Lodge 834 held a rerun election for several positions including District Delegate, Kansas State Council, Auditor, and Second Shift Safety. The results are in and the winners were as follows:

District Delegate—David “Fonzy” Robertson

Kansas State Council—Mark Love

Audit Committee—Denise Harris

2nd Shift Safety —David “Fonzy” Robertson

Congratulations not only to winners, but to the membership as well for taking the time to participate in the political process.

A special thanks to the tellers who took the time to “man the voting booths” and count the votes to give us the results. Thanks for stepping up!

Happy Fourth of July!



Enjoy Your Union Negotiated Holiday!



Remember those who served so that we can remain a free and independent nation.

Organizing Report

We did not receive an organizing report for the month.

Attend Your Monthly Business Meeting



Communication does not begin with being understood, but with understanding.
-W. Steven Brown-

Why We Need Strong Labor Unions

The U.S. needs strong labor unions. Tragically, unions have been on a steep decline ever since Ronald Reagan busted the air traffic controllers union over twenty years ago. Global outsourcing and a steadily deteriorating U.S. job market continues to undercut union bargaining power day by day. An anti-labor, pro-corporate trend in both state and national government seems to nail the coffin shut for good. Local governments, desperate for jobs and development, waive corporate taxes just to attract a handful of \$7 jobs that end

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up shutting down local merchants.

These are desperate times for labor, exactly the conditions under which unions evolved in the first place! If unions intend to stay relevant in America, it is clear to me that what they must do is become relevant globally. Without global workplace standards, the U.S. workforce can look forward to lower and lower wages, fewer and fewer jobs, and a radical decline in our standard of living. This decline is already happening, and happening fast.

For those of you who don't know it, people in the U.S. died so we could have a five day workweek and basic safety standards... the same basic rights that people in third world sweatshops do not have. As we

watch our own rights in the workplace erode, it is easy to blame these third world people for our problems at home. But instead of tearing them down or regulating trade in protectionist ways that will hurt our economy in the long term, the solution is to raise foreign workers up, join them and fight for them. Corporations exploit these workers for low wages and eliminate our jobs because they can. What if we lived in a world in which children could not be paid pennies an hour to make tennis shoes? What if all sweatshops were illegal?

Unions eliminated child labor in the U.S. and unions can eliminate child labor globally. It won't be easy. The first hurdle

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**ATTEND YOUR LOCAL LODGE 834
 MONTHLY MEETING**
Second Saturday of Every Month
3830 S. Meridian, Wichita, Kansas 67217
Executive Board Meeting—8:30 AM
Regular Monthly Meeting—10:00 AM

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is getting past Americans' own bias. Attempts to include undocumented aliens in major unions are met with fierce resistance by blue collar Americans and conservative pundits. But corporations will never offer living wages to Americans when they can get cheap disposable labor elsewhere. The solution is not to harass the cheap disposable labor; the solution is to organize so that no matter who is doing the work, those workers must be paid a fair wage and labor under safe conditions. Then corporate outsourcing to third world countries, or insourcing, using undocumented aliens, will have no benefit. By raising the world standard, we preserve our own.

It won't be easy and it won't be pretty. But I firmly believe that if we intend to preserve our standard of living in the America, including our unions, then we need to start improving the standard of living overseas and organizing globally. Our future depends on it.

Organize for the Future

“IN THE NEWS”

Larry Greenup and Mary Certain Retire

On May 31, 2011, Brother Larry Greenup and Sister Mary Certain retired from the Boeing Company. Brother Larry, after receiving a plaque commemorating his many years of membership in our union from Local Lodge 834 President Dan Rutherford, Vice-President Craig Schiefelbein, and Shop Steward Chuck Younts, made his final walk through the north hangar and out to the parking lot. Sister Mary Certain (not pictured) did not wish to have a presentation made and her wishes were respected. Congratulations to the both of you on your retirement, and on behalf of Local Lodge 834 we wish you all the best.



From left: LL834 Vice President Craig Schiefelbein, LL834 Retiring Member Larry Greenup, LL834 President Dan Rutherford, and Shop Steward Chuck Younts Photo by Garland “Bear” Moore.

Committee Members attend Community Services Conference

Sister Leslie Davis and Brother “Fonzy” Robertson attended the 33rd Annual Kansas AFL-CIO Community Services Conference, held at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Resort and Casino in Mayetta, Kansas, May 11 thru 13. The conference provided training and resources for helping our members in working, serving, giving, building better communities and “protecting the dream.”

Speakers for the event included Mariam Krehbiel—President of United Way of Greater Topeka, Sally Zeller—Director of Safe Streets Coalition, Steve Ortiz—Tribal Chairman of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, John Ostrowski—Worker’s Compensation, McCullough, Warheim, & Lebunker law firm, Tracy Edwards—CFP, Ameriprise Financial Plan for the Future, Chris Burk—Housing and Credit Counseling Inc., Cpl. Ruben Salamanca—Narcotic and Gang Unit, Levi Henry—Coordinator for the Working Kansas Alliance and the Coalition for Keeping the Kansas Promise, and Andy Sanchez—AFL-CIO.

Leslie stated, “Both of us appreciated the opportunity to represent LL834 by attending this valuable conference. It gave us invaluable tools and training, along with the chance to network with other groups throughout the State of Kansas.”

NLRB versus Boeing (Update)

For those of you following the NLRB complaint against Boeing, you will be in for some fascinating reading. The hearing began on June 14 but the real fireworks began on June 23 when the judge rejected Boeing’s attempt to subpoena the NLRB’s investigation documents. He stated that Boeing will have the opportunity to challenge the validity of the evidence when it is presented. The NLRB and Union attorneys filed reply briefs on June 21 responding to a motion made by the Boeing Company to dismiss the charges. Boeing’s final reply brief was due June 27.

While the hearings in Seattle continue, a House Oversight and Government Reform Committee held a hearing of their own on June 17 in Charleston, South Carolina. During the hearing, committee chairman Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., reportedly threatened to eliminate the NLRB because of the complaint filed against Boeing. Amid formal complaints of improper interference and disregard for due process, Rep. Issa sought a subpoena to force NLRB general council Leon Solomon to attend the hearing. The saga continues.....