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Local Lodge News

Remember Those Less Fortunate

The holidays are usually a crazy time for all of us. We are usually busy making plans, reservations, shopping, or visiting relatives. In this hustle and bustle world we live in, we sometimes forget what is really important in life. Important is whatever we want it to be. For some, it is a time to make extra money. Many of us think it is a time to devote to family while some find it to be a time to travel and see the world.

As we approach the holiday season we should all take a moment and reflect on our family, our friends and our lives. We should also remember those less fortunate than ourselves. All of us know someone who used to have that good job, or had an unfortunate circumstance that has left them in a bad position, or has lost a loved one. The holidays can be extremely hard for them or anyone for that matter. For most of us it is a joyful time and something we look forward to but for some people it is a sad and lonely time. I would challenge you to try and help at least one person or family over the holidays. Some people need as-

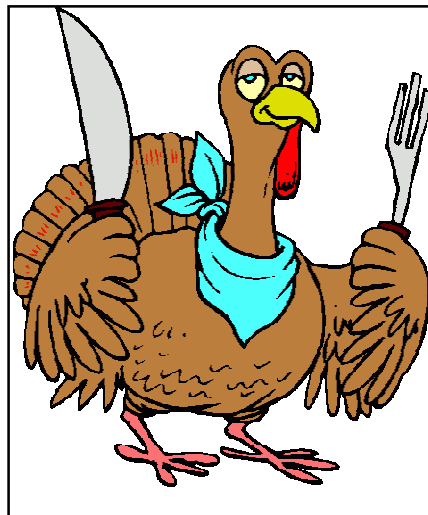
sistance around their house, some may need a good meal, and some may just need someone to talk to.

If you would like to make a donation to help someone, you can give canned goods or financial assistance to Mario Cervantes, the Union liaison to the United Way of the Plains. He can stretch a dollar a long way. Please give canned goods to your Shop Steward, Executive Board member, or drop them off at your monthly Local Lodge meeting.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your loved ones.

Seattle Tour 2011-12

A special thanks to the Local Lodge 834 members who are representing us in Seattle. We are hearing nothing but good things about the job you are doing there. While this is not the ideal situation for anyone, your efforts may secure more work for all of us in Wichita and make our future brighter. Job well done. Thank you all.



**Happy
Holidays**

**Attend Your
Monthly Business
Meeting**



Dan Rutherford
President, LL834

*Communication does not begin with
being understood, but with under-
standing.*

-W. Steven Brown-

Why Do We Still Need Labor Unions?

I get asked that question a lot as I talk with many of my friends who are not a member of a union. All I need to do is tell them about two recent cases of alleged worker abuse in warehouses which handle products for two major U.S. retailers. One warehouse is located in California and the other is in Pennsylvania. Both situations are almost identical in nature.

Both warehouses use contract labor and temporary workers. These workers were often not being paid correctly for the hours they actually worked. They were being forced to work in dangerously hot and unsafe conditions and were

A Message From the President

even threatened to be fired if they complained to management. Many worked with injuries and in pain because they were afraid of losing their job. Earlier this year, the management changed the workers from an hourly pay rate to a "piece rate" plan, which caused the workers to make even less by the end of their shift. Workers were constantly being reprimanded for not keeping up the fast pace that was set by management. Job applicants were waiting outside for the next job opening as workers were being fired and escorted out. During this past summer, when the heat was excessive, ambulances were waiting outside these warehouses for the next worker to collapse from heat stress or dehydration so they could be taken to the hospital for treatment.

The high unemployment rate has made this

situation worse than normal because so many eager job applicants are willing to work for lower pay and in unsafe conditions.

No human should ever be subjected to these working conditions. It needs to be stopped now and these companies should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. These two examples of "Sweatshops in America" is exactly the reason we still need labor unions. Unions will fight for acceptable working conditions, a living wage and benefits that every worker deserves!

*In addition, I would like to wish everyone
a very happy Thanksgiving.*





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834 MONTHLY MEETING
Second Saturday of Every Month
3830 S. Meridian
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“IN THE NEWS”

Local Lodge Union Label Delegates Attend State Fair

For twenty years the Wichita Area Union Label has attended the State Fair in Hutchinson Kansas, manning the Kansas State Union Label booth on both Saturdays of the fair. The delegates work two to four hour shifts talking to the general public, passing out literature, answering questions, and giving out promotional items to remind everyone to buy union, American made products and services. All of your Local Lodge 834 delegates attended the State Fair this year including David Robertson, Craig Shiefelbein, Kirk Church, and Garland Moore who is the current President, Wichita Area Union Label and Vice-President, Kansas State Union Label. All of the Union Label delegates work hard throughout the year to deliver the same message. Buy Union, Buy American! It Matters! The reality is, jobs moved to foreign countries benefit only the rich. American jobs benefit our country. Working Americans pay taxes, and consume products keeping our country moving. Being self-funded, the Wichita Area Union Label relies on donations and fundraisers to continue the work started so many years ago. They attend local area parades with their float, throwing union-made candy to the crowds of kids (and adults) lining the streets, as well as “manning the booth” at the state fair.

This year Elizabeth Shiefelbein, daughter of LL834 Vice-President Craig Shiefelbein, chose to work the booth at the fair as part of her school's community service requirement. Elizabeth said, “I enjoyed working the booth at the state fair. It was a good and positive experience. I think the work that is done here is very important. We need to support things made in America and keep jobs here in America. This booth, being here year after year, makes people aware of the issue and reminds them to Buy American. Most of the people that I talked to seemed very receptive to the issue of buying American.” Elizabeth, I couldn't have said it better myself.



Elizabeth Shiefelbein (far left), daughter of LL834 VP and Union Label delegate Craig Shiefelbein (middle left), worked the Kansas State Union Label booth with Larry and Mabel Moore (right). Larry is the son of retired District 70 DBR and LL834 member Dale Moore. Elizabeth worked the booth as part of her school's Community Service requirement.

We would like to thank the members of Local Lodge 834 for their many years of support and we hope you will continue to support us in the future. Please remember to “Buy Union, Buy American! It Matters!”

—Garland Moore—President, Wichita Area Union Label—

NLRB VS Boeing Update: by the LL834 Communicator

Last month, representatives from District 751 revealed subpoenaed documents that stated the Boeing Company's move to Charleston named “Project Gemini” even if “successful”, would have “long-term negative impact to 787 profitability.” The documents also state that the \$1.5 billion cost of the Charleston plant would be “significantly greater” than keeping the line in Seattle and the only real advantage to moving the work was to gain “long-term change in union leverage.” (source, Oct. 2011 Aero Mechanic)

There is also an interesting opinion in the New York Times Opinion Page written by professors of labor-law at three prominent universities. The web address is <http://www.nytimes.com/2011/10/13/opinion/labor-rights-under-republican-attack.html>.

Boeing Wichita's Future Looking a Bit Brighter

Things are looking a bit brighter in Wichita. At the last stewards meeting Brad Gorsech announced that a letter of intent has been signed for Wichita to modify a 747 that will stabilize employment for 2013. We still have to make it through 2012 but work is being added in small packages that continue to add to the head count. The company is projecting 72 tool boxes on the ground at the end of the year instead of the 25 that was projected earlier in the year. We are not out of the woods and still have obstacles to overcome but at least we are headed in the right direction.

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