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December is upon us, although as I write this it is 50 degrees and raining outside. I enjoy the weather, but it does make one wonder about the warming trends; Global perhaps?

It was an extremely active month once again for the District. We entered into contract negotiations with LL 1771 and Northern Engraving Corporation. After working with the committee and the company we were able to get to a proposal that was acceptable to the membership. I would like to thank Brenda Rediske, Lisa Jensen, Pam Crouch, and Richard Parker for the professional way they handled themselves during some tough sessions dealing with the company. Their commitment to taking the high road allowed us to keep moving forward during some trying moments. As always, these efforts take a team of people. We were assisted during the contract meetings by the following who volunteered their time to help insure a smooth and accurate vote in two separate sessions. My thanks to Vicki Peterson, James Ebert, Dawn Windsor, Patricia Livangood, Cindy Debilzen, Charlotte Kuderer and Local Lodge 1771 President Scott Morgan for giving us their time. When next you see them, please join me in thanking them for their service. My apologies to anyone I may have missed.

Well, Christmas is around the corner. This is a perfect time of the year to try and use the power of the purse to cast a vote for products "Made in the USA". I for one am constantly on the lookout for products made here, but it gets tougher all the time. That does not mean we shouldn't try. When shopping locally, which I certainly urge everyone to do if possible, make certain to look for the Made in the USA label, whether on durable goods or food products...it simply amazes me how much of our food is now shipped

from China! Also, one needs to be careful to verify the label says Made in, not Designed in, or Packaged in, or any of the other clever ways the USA label is used to cover a product's true origin. If what you are looking for is not to be found locally, the internet is a good tool to use. I have had success with the following sites: [www.allamericanclothing.com](http://www.allamericanclothing.com), [www.gokandr.com](http://www.gokandr.com), [www.nstarleather.com](http://www.nstarleather.com), [www.allusaaclothing.com](http://www.allusaaclothing.com), [www.acontinuouslean.com](http://www.acontinuouslean.com), [www.americansworking.com](http://www.americansworking.com), [www.madeinamericastore.com](http://www.madeinamericastore.com), [www.burlingtonsocks.com](http://www.burlingtonsocks.com), [www.gitman.com](http://www.gitman.com), [www.buckknives.com](http://www.buckknives.com) which provide a large assortment of goods made right here in the USA. If you can't find what you are looking for, Google it...happy shopping!

### **I WANT TO WISH YOU AND YOURS A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has provided me so much assistance over these last 6 months. It's seems funny but I can say this has been the fastest 6 months of my life that involved some of the longest days I could have imagined. But I certainly could not have done it without everyone's help and patience. To my lovely wife, Jo Beth, thanks for all of your support and understanding, this would mean nothing without you...

### **BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATIONS**

Nominations for the position of District Lodge 66 Directing Business Representative will be held at each Local Lodge Monthly Union Meeting in the month of January. Exact instructions are located elsewhere in the paper, but I have had a number of inquiries about the nomination process. This is how it works in a nutshell.

At their January Meeting, each Local Lodge will have nominations for Business Representative. Each Local can have only one nominee. If more than one individual is nominated and accepts at any meeting, there is an immediate runoff to determine the nominee from that Local, with the winner of the runoff nominated by white ballot. Any qualified member can seek nomination from any of the Local Lodges in District 66. If no more than one candidate is nominated from all of the Locals in January, they are elected by unanimous ballot to the four year term. If there are two or more nominees, an election will be held in the month of March. In answer to the question I have been asked, I will be seeking nomination from each local. At the same token, I urge anyone who feels the desire to take a turn as Business Representative to participate in the process.

### **DISTRICT LODGE 66 ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Elsewhere in this month's Union Herald you will find the rules for the 2013 District Lodge 66 annual scholarship. By action of the District Delegates the scholarship has been increased to \$750.00. Special Thanks to Cole for taking the initiative! Some of the rules have been changed so be sure to read them carefully.

### **DISTRICT 66 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOOD DRIVE**

**PROJECT SHARE: DISTRICT LODGE 66 IS HOLDING A HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE DECEMBER 10 – 14. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE, REGARDLESS OF UNION OR COMPANY AFFILIATION! PLEASE HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY AND REACH OUT TO THOSE WITH LESS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. DROP YOUR DONATIONS OFF AT THE DISTRICT LODGE OFFICE, 1307 MARKET ST., LA CROSSE FROM 8AM TO 4PM DAILY.**

### **2013 MACHINISTS UNION SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION**

Sisters and Brothers,

Following are the details of the **Machinists Union 2013 Scholarship Competition**. This competition is available to children of Machinists Union members and the member themselves.

To keep up with current times, the International has made the Scholarship Program fully accessible from the web. Please check out the web-site to see about the eligibility for competition. Additionally, applications are available via internet from the IAM Scholarship web page at **<http://www.goiam.org/iamscholarship>** for downloading. You can now download and print the three (3) different Scholarship Applications online.

- IAM Child of a Member applying for College
- IAM Child of a Member applying for Vocational/Technical School
- IAM Member applying for College

Another option is you can call the District at (608) 784-2025 and have a paper application sent to you.

At the 2004 Grand Lodge convention, the delegates voted unanimously to name one of the scholarships after Roman A. Mayfield, a 55-year member of D.L. 751, now deceased. This will be given to one of the scholarship recipients who best represent the spirit of volunteerism and the strong sense of service to their community that was a hallmark of Brother Mayfield.

Since its implementation in 1960, the Scholarship Competition has continued to grow.

Although information appears in the IAM JOURNAL as well as on the web page, please let any member you know who has children graduating and going on to college about this very valuable scholarship opportunity. We need your help letting others know in order to eliminate the many disappointments expressed in past years by members who learn about the Scholarship competition too late.

**Do not wait to request your application packet**, the sooner the better. The deadline for returning your application packet is February 25, 2013. District Lodge 66 has had 2 winners and 1 honorable mention in recent years of this competition, so apply today! Good luck to all applicants!