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Local Lodge 1771 Reaches Agreement with Cubic

The members of Local 1771 working with Cubic Worldwide Technical Services at Volk Field in Camp Douglas have reached a new 3 year contract. The management group from Cubic was straight forward and good to work with. I would like to thank Chief Steward Doug Cody for his assistance in reaching this agreement during what was a very busy time for him. In between proposal meetings, negotiations, and a ratification vote Doug was able to squeeze in getting married on June 23rd. Now that's multi-tasking. Congratulations Doug and thanks for your hard work!

District 66 Organizing Committee: Take Kids Fishing Day

The Union Sportsmen's Alliance coordinated a Take Kids Fishing Day on Sunday June 9th, 2013 at Pettibone Park. The District Lodge 66 Organizing Committee was again one of the major sponsors of this event. We had a great group of volunteers from District Lodge 66 and many other area Unions help the kids have a fun day. The weather was even somewhat cooperative, which has been more the exception than the rule this spring. I would like to thank all those from District 66 who were able to attend this event, with special thanks to John Davis from LL21 and Tracey Taylor from LL2191 for taking the lead.

District 66 urges Support For Striking Belshaw Adamatic Workers

All of our Local Lodges received a first appeal on behalf of the workers of Belshaw. Although no regular Lodge meetings are scheduled in July, I would urge each of the Local Lodge officers to watch your mail for a second appeal. If that should be received

please consider taking action on the request by polling your executive board. There is no point to waiting until August if assistance is requested.

It's been over three months on the picket line for members of IAM Local Lodge 79 on strike against Belshaw Adamatic, an international bakery equipment maker based in Auburn, WA.

The 60 members traded their tools for picket signs when the company refused to pass health care costs savings – proposed by the local – back down to employees, demanded huge concessions on pensions, and attempted to keep replacement workers on the job.

Dozens have pledged their solidarity with IAM Local 79 members by sending a message to Belshaw and related companies to stop the unfair treatment of workers and negotiate a fair settlement. The world's largest global union federation IndustriALL has also joined the fight by creating a message of solidarity to the strikers.

IAM members are also urged to “like” the “[IAM Local 79 on Strike at Belshaw Adamatic Bakery Group](#)” Facebook page. For more information, visit the Local Lodge 79 website through www.iam160.com.

MNPL: THE MACHINISTS NON-PARTISAN POLITICAL LEAGUE

As has been made abundantly clear both on a National and State level, participation in the political process has never been more important. As a member of the IAM, a great way to do that is through the Machinists Non-Partisan Political League, a Political Action Committee (PAC) that speaks for working men and women across the country. MNPL annual sponsoring memberships cost only \$25.00, a small price to pay for full time representation of your interests. Please consider giving your support. Donations to the MNPL are not tax deductible and can be made only by members of the IAMAW. Your Union Steward can provide you with a donation envelope or better yet, sign up for payroll deduction if it is offered through your employer. If you contact the District Lodge Office, we will be happy to send you a donation envelope or you can find the link to make a donation on our District Lodge Website, www.iamdistrict66.org. Together, we can make a difference!

Over the last few months I have been asking for general support for the MNPL. MY MISTAKE! Only members of the IAMAW can participate in our PAC with few exceptions, too complicated to make sense of. Apparently it's only easy if you can write a HUGE check to your own PAC, then deny involvement! So if you are member of the IAM and want to help the fight for a better future for yourself, your children and grandchildren, become a sponsoring member today!

Justice For JELD-WEN Campaign

Join the IAM campaign for the workers of Jeld-Wen. Do you Face Book? Like us at Justice for Jeld-Wen! The workers of Jeld-Wen need your support!

District Lodge 66 Delegate Meeting

In my articles beginning this month I will briefly report on the actions taken at our monthly District Lodge 66 Delegate meeting.

Here is a question for you...do you know who your District Lodge Delegates are? These folks are those who volunteer to serve as representatives from each Local to your District Lodge. They serve your interests by providing guidance and giving voice on your behalf to everything we do. They freely give of their time and some travel a long way to represent you. All of our delegates will be recognized in our Labor Day ad to be placed in the August edition of the Union Herald. Think about them and the rest of the people who work on your behalf at your Local Lodge, District Lodge, or on the shop floor. Take the time to thank them for the jobs they do because without them we could not exist as a Union.

District Lodge 66 held its regular Delegate meeting on June 17. As I mentioned last month I requested the District fund the purchase of a copy of the IAMAW Constitution to be distributed to each member of the District. This request was approved. We will be ordering these in the coming months, probably a few hundred at a time. When we distribute these through the Union Committees, you will notice that the front cover has been removed. In order to save money for the District in the future, the covers are being removed and will be retained at the District office. In four years, when the Constitution is revised and approved at our next Grand Lodge Convention to be held in Chicago, IL in September, 2016, we will be able to turn these covers in to be replaced by copies of the new Constitution.

The District Delegates approved the expenditure of funds to provide a District Lodge 66 T-shirt to all those who march in this year's Labor Day parade, which is just around the corner. Where does the time go to? We will also be providing candy for the kids along the parade route as we have for many years, along with refreshments for our marchers. In addition, the delegates approved a donation to be made for the Local Lodge 1030/Peerless Chain joint picnic for kids prizes.

I would also like to congratulate and thank the Western Wisconsin AFL-CIO for once again managing to raise the funds needed to hold the annual La Crosse Labor Day parade. Watch for parade details in the August edition of the Union Herald.

MEMBERS OF LOCAL LODGE 1771: Please take special notice of your September meeting schedule in next month's Union Herald for your notice of Officer Elections. As previously noted, there are no regularly scheduled Local or District Lodge meetings to be held in the month of July. Everybody stay cool, be safe, and enjoy July! Until next month...