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28-Day Strike Ends With 80% Ratification Vote

After 28 days on the picket lines, 80 percent of the members voted to accept



751 President Mark Blondin announces the vote results.

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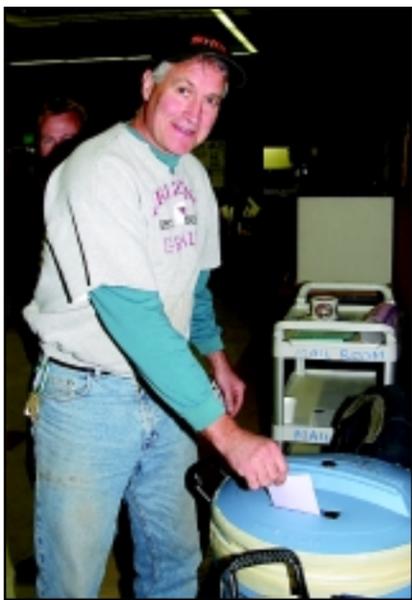
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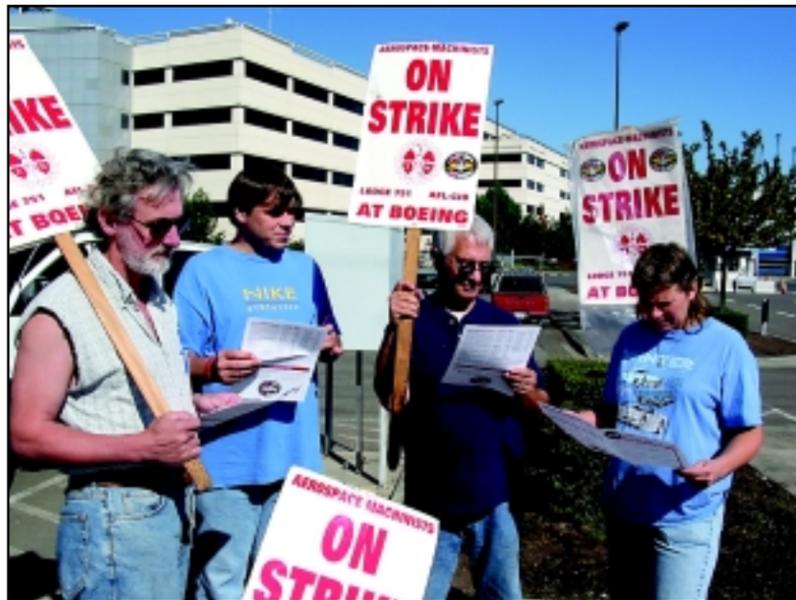
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Above: Members cheer as the 80 percent approval vote is announced. The ratification settled the strike in 28 days.



A member casts his ballot at the Seattle Union Hall on September 29.



Members standing picket duty in Seattle review details of the revised offer from Boeing.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

8% Ratification Bonus – The tentative date for payment of the 8 percent ratification bonus is November 10th. This will be based on wages earned from September 2, 2004 through September 1, 2005.

Unused Sick Leave Payout – Members whose eligibility date occurred between 9-02-05 and 9-29-05, who were not paid their hours and/or bonus hours for anything over 40 hours of unused sick leave per 8.4(e) should see that adjustment in their paycheck on 10-27-05.

Labor Day Holiday – Boeing refused to pay the September 5th Labor Day holiday because we were on strike at the time of the holiday. We disagree with this interpretation of the contract language. The Union has filed a grievance to pursue holiday pay on this issue.

Unclaimed Strike Checks – Any unclaimed strike checks were returned to the International Headquarters on Friday, October 21st and will be redeposited into the strike fund. To request any unclaimed check, see the process outlined on page 3.

Union Dues – Members are entitled to a strike stamp for the month of September. Since the strike was settled September 30, members will owe full dues for October. If members had dues deducted from their first check following the strike and also had September dues taken, they will be entitled to a refund of the September dues, which will be processed in late October.

Strike Offers Opportunity to Help with Hurricane Relief

During the strike, many members seized the opportunity to help others and ventured down south to help victims of Hurricane Katrina. Several members attended Red Cross Training in hopes of getting to the region, but were not deployed before the strike ended.

751-member Jim Arnesen got to travel to the region and provide hands-on help. "My church has a disaster relief group that started after 9-11," Jim stated. "Since I was on strike, I volunteered to go and help those displaced by the hurricane as part of the

Scientology Volunteer Ministers. It was a very rewarding experience."

Initially, Jim helped people at various shelters just east of Baton Rouge – doing whatever he could to assist the Red Cross volunteers. A highlight was getting to play with the children because if the kids were happy, the parents were happy. It was a much needed distraction for the kids and welcome relief for the parents.

He spent several days working to convert an abandoned grocery store into a viable supply distribution station. The task

was especially challenging because about 25 tractor trailers full of supplies came in each day while other supplies were being dispersed out to those in need at the same time.

He spent another day taking people to Baton Rouge and transporting others to Mississippi. On other days he distributed food, toiletries and essential supplies into areas where people could not get out of their homes. Several of the deliveries inspired spontaneous prayer circles and wor-

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Several 751 members went to the hurricane region to help with the recovery effort.



Holding the Line

For 28 days, members kept the lines strong in every location.

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The stories from the picket lines are as unique as our members. A few members share their experiences.

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VOTE

in the General Election

TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 8th

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REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

Solidarity Forced Boeing to Do the Right Thing

by **Mark Blondin,**
District President



I am so proud of our membership for the strength and courage you showed in agreeing with the Union leadership and turning down the substandard contract offer from Boeing. You stayed out until a satisfactory contract was achieved. The 80 percent ratification shows that the membership was unified, and, for the most part, pleased with the deal.

No contract is perfect. Some members are upset with the 17% increase in pension for future retirees to \$70, but it is nonetheless a substantial increase. This contract is now the model contract for the nation.

Let's put things in perspective - St Louis got \$60 in pension; however, they paid substantially more in health care and eliminated retiree medical for new hires. The same is true for the Lockheed Martin contract in Georgia. They negotiated \$66 in pension, but took cuts in health care and retiree medical.

I want to personally thank all the Stewards and members. We secured a contract with no takeaways - something that hasn't been achieved in any industry in years. We protected retiree medical for new hires, and current retirees have no takeaways on their medical.

We stood up for machine operators, as well as our brothers and sisters in Wichita. We got seniority in the Team Leader selection process. We got some security for assembly mechanics and forklift drivers. The health care costs are among the lowest in the nation.

You showed your integrity and ethics were not for sale. You earned this contract because of your solidarity and unity, and I personally want to thank you for all of your support throughout the strike and throughout the years.

Although some members might feel we didn't get enough in one area or another, it is the job of the negotiating team to try to get progress in issues

important to all of the members.

It's a shame Boeing failed to offer anything to current retirees. Boeing knows and acknowledged they have no legal obligation to bargain for retirees. The Union will continue to work to change the laws so Boeing will be obligated to bargain in good faith on behalf of our retirees.

The Union also wants to thank our Governor, Christine Gregoire, for her steadfast efforts to get the two sides back to the bargaining table. Immediately after the strike was announced, she called asking how she could help. Throughout the strike, she was in constant contact, searching for ways to bring a satisfactory resolution. Her commitment to our membership is appreciated.

Our members at Edwards Air Force Base also deserve recognition for holding the line in a remote location. It was lonely, but you showed Boeing they could not divide the membership by geographic locations.

I also want to thank our members at Triumph Composites in Spokane. Once the contract was ratified, they immedi-

ately began recalling the members who were laid-off and have even called back additional members. Your support is truly appreciated.

I want to thank all of the negotiators: Roy Moore, J.C. "Zack" Zaratkiewicz, Ernie McCarthy, Tom Wroblewski, Emerson Hamilton, Stan Johnson, Ed Lutgen, Don Fike, Mark Johnson, Gary Jackson, Bill Stanley, Bruce Spalding, Sue Palmer, and Larry Brown. I also want to thank all of the Business Reps, Staff and office employees who helped prepare for this contract and who helped lead a successful strike. But most of all, I want to thank the Stewards and members. I have always believed that when you trust in the membership and in the judgment of the membership, you can't lose. Thanks again for making me proud to be a member of this Union - Mark

Chillin' in China

Four members were a long way from home when the strike commenced on September 2nd. These individuals were in China performing functional test support for the passenger to freighter conversion. Immediately upon learning the vote results, they constructed picket signs and put together a make shift picket line until their return flight was booked. In the photo left to right are: Rick Hoffer, Phil Hall, Lenny Hall, and Jeff Stubbins.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Donated Strike Check Greatly Appreciated

My mother retired from Boeing after 25 years of service. About 2 years ago, she and my dad moved to Mississippi to live out their golden years. Unfortunately, they were hit by Hurricane Katrina and lost everything. I was helping out in the Auburn Union Hall, when someone asked me how my mom and dad were doing. When I explained they had lost everything but their lives and the dog, 751-member Laurie Gochanor overheard the conversation. I had worked with her years ago when I hired in. She signed over one of her strike checks to my parents in an effort to help. Not only would I like to thank her but so would my parents. I also sent one of my strike checks, as well as one of my husband's to help with their rebuilding effort.

Thank you Laurie Gochanor for all of your kindness.

Sincerely, **Georgia Mackinnon** (and my parents Ray and Sue Mann, 3460 Helene Dr., Pass Christian MS 39571)

Boeing Should Help Current Retirees

About the pension plan. I've wanted to write this letter ever since I read about Leroy Miller in the August *Aero Mechanic*. I know just how he feels. I'm lots worse off than he is.

I worked for 30 years and 1 month for Boeing. I retired in 1981. They gave us \$14 per year of service and only counted 29 years of my time. How can you live on



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that? And now I hear people are kicking about the \$60 they get. I got \$406 for a pension, and I pay \$95 for my doctor appointments. My Medicare comes to \$300 a month.

After working that many years, we should at least get a COLA or increase every other year. One we wouldn't be ashamed of.

I have a son and daughter working at Boeing. I hope they get a better deal than I got!

I will pray for all of you. I hope we'll get something.

Sincerely,

Elvera Anderson, retired member

Members' Generosity Appreciated

On September 24, my daughters and I brought cold drinks, ice, and snacks to the striking Boeing machinists. Upon entering the building, we were directed to a room overflowing with what we thought were donations for the workers on strike.

To my surprise, they were collecting donations and cash for the victims of Katrina. Then they offered to make us fresh sandwiches for lunch. Here are people with no income, continuing to give to their neighbors. I also learned

that one of the main reasons for their strike was the elimination of retirement benefits for future workers. They told me they cared about the next generation, and our children, too. Accepting the Company's proposal was referred to as "eating our young."

The long-term employees may benefit from a new contract, and don't we all want to advance in our careers. Isn't it the American way to prosper?

Union wages, and their benefits, have supported my family for close to 100 years. My husband, father, brother, and grandfathers were (are) union members. My family has medical insurance, and the premiums are covered through the Union. Several friends with non-union, mid-level jobs cannot afford, and don't have, medical because the premiums are over \$1000 per month. I've witnessed this first hand. Our teachers, with families, in the Snohomish School District pay nearly 50% of their salary to cover premiums.

We should all support the Boeing Machinists who generously support others, even in their own time of need. The people we met today are the heart and soul of this country. Their actions prove what I call family values, and patriotism. I want my daughters to be kind, thoughtful, and loving adults; to stand up for what they believe in. If we don't display unity, the American dream will disintegrate. Good luck to the fighting Machinists!

Very Truly,
Christy Furuness

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Volunteers Ensured Strike Check Distribution Flowed Smoothly

Saturdays turned into strike check day in September and early October. Per the Constitution, eligible members could collect \$150 per week beginning the third week of a strike. The International made a surprise ruling and determined our striking members would be granted a third strike check, which was much appreciated by the members who had been

walking the line.

Now that the strike is over and the final mass distribution has occurred, members are asking how to pick up any unclaimed strike checks since the International only allowed 751 to keep the checks through October 21. On that date, 751 had to return the checks to the International to be placed back into the Strike Fund.

Procedure to Claim Strike Checks

Members who did not pick up their checks by October 21, must follow the procedure below to claim any unreceived checks.

1) Contact Suzan Merritt on 206-764-0319 or 1-800-763-1301, ext. 3319. Please have name, Social Security Number, and number of checks you are requesting.

2) District 751 will then submit a letter to the International on your behalf requesting your remaining strike checks.

3) The International will send the checks to District 751. Members will then have to pick up the checks in the Seattle Union hall ONLY.

Thanks to the hundreds of members who sacrificed their Saturdays to ensure that the check distribution ran in an or-

If you did not receive one of your strike checks, call 1-800-763-1301, ext. 3319 to begin the process.



Above: Members in the south end picked up their strike checks at Green River Community College.



Members volunteered to help sort, file and staple checks together week to week.



Photo left: Members pick up checks at the Seattle Union Hall.

derly fashion. Without their assistance, things would have been chaotic and long lines could have occurred.

A very special thanks to the Strike Check Committee (consisting of Heather

Barstow, Kent Sprague, Joe Crockett, Keith Hanson, Jason Redrup, and Chuck Ayers), who put in countless hours sorting, filing and stapling the checks during the week.

Members Approve New Offer with 80 Percent Vote

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achieved better job security and preserved retiree health care for current retirees, current members and future hires," stated Blondin. "Our members have integrity and ethics and didn't sell each other out."

"I want to thank Governor Christine Gregoire for her efforts to get both sides back to the table and to resolve this strike," Blondin added. "We also received tremendous support from other unions in our region, including SPEEA, and we will continue to be there for all of them. Unions working together in our region showed what true solidarity is."

Our strike at Boeing was seen as a crucial test for the labor movement. Despite three years of consistent profits, the plane maker sought deep cuts in health care and insisted they could not offer a pension benefit higher than Lockheed's \$66 per month. A victory for the Company would have triggered a renewed assault on employees and union members at successful companies nationwide.

Industry observers reported this as "the last union with any power in the U.S." Teal Group analyst Richard Aboulafla offered his perspective calling our strike, "a battle to preserve eroding benefits and security that no other union has the power to fight."

Changes from the first offer included:

- \$70 per month for pension.

- Kept health care at 2002 costs - defeating Boeing's proposal to eliminate a no-cost plan and pass on between \$2,000 and \$4,000 per year in costs.

- Maintained Retiree Medical at 2002 level. Boeing backed off the proposal to eliminate retiree medical for new hires, as well as the proposal to have those

under 50 earn the coverage back at 3-1/3 percent per year.

- Restored layoff medical benefit to six months. First proposal would have reduced it to three months.

- Added seniority language to team leader selection process. In addition, the Union and Company will jointly develop criteria and an interview process through the Joint Programs.

- Secured, in writing, that current leads will not lose grade or pay as a result of team leaders.
- Clarified LOU

#37 Material Delivery that vendors will not install parts or components on the airplane. Also added language that our forklift drivers will deliver parts within the factory. Company will conduct quar-



Deniece Griffin and Earl Roland review the offer at the Seattle Hall.

terly reviews to update the Union on the status and discuss ways to improve the process.

- Withdrew proposal to cut Wichita out of the economic package.

- Withdrew proposal to have simultaneous multiple machine operation.

- 8% ratification bonus based on earnings from 9/2/04 through 9/1/05. Tentatively scheduled to be paid 11/10/05.

- Two \$3,000 lump sum payments. Payable 12/1/06 and 12/1/07.

International Tom Buffenbarger praised the membership and stated, "This Agreement, and the dramatic improvement over what the Company originally proposed, should be the last word in any debate over the value of a militant union and a determined membership in today's cutthroat economic environment."

Holding the line on health care is huge - especially as others continue to accept cost shifting and eliminating benefits for new hires. Our members accomplished something no one else has done since the 1990's. Be proud of your accomplishments and for holding the line.

Triumph Members Recalled to Work

Machinists Union members at Triumph Composites in Spokane, who were surplus shortly after our strike began, were glad members at Boeing held strong on the picket lines and defeated all of the takeaways Boeing had proposed.

Immediately after the Boeing contract was ratified, Triumph Composite sent notices for our members there to return to work. In addition, Triumph has hired 11 additional members onto their payroll since our strike ended.

With the Union contract expiring at Triumph in 18 months, members there are hoping our success will carry over into their contract. Holding the line on health care is a huge issue in every employer across the country. Hopefully, we have set a new pattern at Boeing - one that other employers will follow.

Thanks again to all the Triumph employees for their support!

751 RECOMMENDED CANDIDATES

Vote in the General Election - Tuesday, November 8th

<p>King County Executive</p> <p>✓ Ron Sims, D</p> <p>King County Council</p> <p>District 1 ✓ Bob Ferguson, D</p> <p>District 2 ✓ Larry Gossett, D</p> <p>District 4 ✓ Larry Phillips, D</p> <p>District 5 ✓ Julia Patterson, D</p> <p>District 8 ✓ Dow Constantine, D</p> <p>King County Sheriff</p> <p>✓ Sue Rahr, NP</p> <p>Mayor, City of Seattle</p> <p>✓ Greg Nickels, D</p>	<p>Mayor, City of Everett</p> <p>✓ Ray Stephanson, NP</p> <p>Seattle City Council</p> <p>District 5 ✓ Dwight Pelz*, D</p> <p>Port of Seattle Commissioner</p> <p>Position 4 ✓ Pat Davis, NP</p> <p>Seattle Monorail Authority</p> <p>Position 8 ✓ Cindi Laws, NP</p> <p>Everett City Council</p> <p>Position 1 ✓ Paul Roberts*, NP</p> <p>Position 2 ✓ Mark Olson, NP</p>	<p>Everett Port Commission</p> <p>Position 2 ✓ Connie Niva*, NP</p> <p>Auburn City Council</p> <p>Position 4 ✓ Nancy Backus*, NP</p> <p>Seattle School Board</p> <p>District 7 ✓ Linda Thompson-Black*, NP</p> <p>YES on Seattle Advisory Measure No. 1</p> <p>If approved, would advise mayor and city council that every person in U.S. should have an equal right to quality health care. Would take steps to secure that right.</p>	<p>State Representative</p> <p>District 19, Pos. 1 ✓ Dean Takko, D</p> <p>District 26, Pos. 2 ✓ Derek Kilmer, D</p> <p>YES on Initiative 901</p> <p>Healthy Indoor Air for All Washington (No Smoking Indoors)</p> <p>NO on I-330</p> <p>Changes laws governing claims for negligent health care</p>
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*Denotes Challenger

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Members Make Day of Caring a Huge Success

While our members may have spent the month of September on strike against Boeing, many utilized the time off from Boeing to help with various community service projects throughout the region.



Lois Holton and Becky Beasley helped organize goods at the St. Vincent DePaul thrift store.



751 members built a horse fence at Equifriends Therapeutic as one of the seven Day of Caring projects 751 completed for Snohomish County's Day of Caring.

On Friday, September 16, over 70 Machinists members hit the streets as part of United Way of Snohomish County's 14th annual Day of Caring. Our members took on seven different community service projects over a span of two days. The value of the work cannot be measured.

Members constructed a wheelchair ramp, put together outdoor shelters, and built horse fencing. Others planted trees and washed windows at the Little Red Schoolhouse. Another group painted walls and moved furniture at Families & Friends, while others repaired bicycles for Christmas House at the Sharing Wheels Program. Members

also sorted and organized goods at St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store.

Suzanne Moreau, Director of the Puget Sound Labor Agency for Snohomish County, stated, "The



Members construct a wheelchair ramp as part of Snohomish County's Day of Caring.

Machinists Union basically covered the county with volunteers for the Day of Caring. Your members put the community first and showed they care about others. They were outstanding, as far as the assistance they provided to our organizations. I can't say enough about how they pull together to help the community."



Beyond the Day of Caring activities, members also served meals at the Tacoma Rescue Mission and Everett Gospel Mission, performed a road clean-up project, helped with a yard clean-up for a disabled retired member, and constructed several additional wheelchair ramps for area residents.

Members Hit the Road at the Pierce County Hunger Walk

751 Union Steward Darry Woodson and his daughter Shelby were two of our members who took part in Pierce County's annual Hunger Walk. Darry and Shelby, who attends Bethel Junior High, take part in the event each year. They stopped to pose with the Hunger Walk mascot "Bag Dude" before setting out on the walk. Over 1,300 people participated or volunteered despite the rainy weather. The walk raised more than \$250,000 to help provide food for those in need.



Members Still Help with Hurricane

Throughout the strike, members continued to bring in clothing and household goods to help those affected by Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita.

The donations filled one of the large meeting rooms in the Seattle Union Hall and completely filled the Salvation Army's large delivery truck.

The Salvation Army representative noted, "I am always amazed at the generosity of the Machinists Union members. They not only give their time to help out the community, but contribute monetarily, as well as donating clothing and household goods to help out those in need. These contributions will certainly help those who are struggling to recover from the recent hurricanes."



751 members donated clothing and household goods that filled a huge truck to help victims of the recent hurricanes.



Team 751 members walking in the Breast Cancer walk braved rainy weather to help out this very worthy cause. Many of our walkers were cancer survivors themselves.

Making Strides for Breast Cancer

On Sunday, October 2nd, twenty-six 751 members and their families participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk. This year, 751 did more than just walk and donate money. Our Union helped with registration and some even volunteered to be route marshals. Overall, the event raised over \$300,000 and we were glad to be a part of it. For many of those participating, it was very personal and they were proud to wear the survivor ribbon.

Thanks to the Stewards, members, and their families who participated, which included the following: Becky Beasley, Garth Luark, Gus Gustaveson, Duane Roope, Wayne Wilson, Don Ingerslev, Hans Peschau, Gene Kinder, Tina Wilson, John and Pat Jorgensen, Gloria Millsaps, Stephanie Schuman, Lucille Mullins, Dave Hamre,

Michael Byrne, Carlos Lopez, Debbie Karnes, Debbie Donnell and family, Hans and Stephanie Ulstein, Phillip Roberts, Connie Kelliher and Sue Palmer.

The event coincides with Breast Cancer Awareness month. Washington state has the highest incident of breast cancer in the country and Seattle has the highest rate for a metropolitan area – making early detection essential.



Hans Ulstein and his wife Stephanie, who is a breast cancer survivor, finish the walk.

OUTSIDE SUPPORT FOR OUR STRIKE

Other Unions Step Up Support for Our Strike

Throughout our 28 day strike, support came from across the country and various other unions. On Friday, September 16, union solidarity was alive and well as seven other unions joined our picket lines in front of the old Corporate Boeing Headquarters and pledged \$125,000 to help our striking members.

Having other unions stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the Machinists “shows the fight extends beyond the gates of Boeing to all American workers,” District 751 President Mark Blondin told the crowd.

Along with the Service Employees International Union, the Teamsters, United Food and Commercial Workers, Carpenters, Hotel & Restaurant Employees, the Farmworkers and the Laborers Union worked collectively to raise the \$125,000.

“Working people know that if a company as profitable as Boeing can skip on retirement and health care, everyone’s future is at risk,” said Anna Burger, national



Photo left: 751 members gathered to learn that other unions pledged \$125,000 to help our members weather the strike.



Local members of HERE and SEIU bolster our picket lines on one of the few rainy days.

Secretary-Treasurer of Service Employees International, speaking at the rally.

Diane Sosne, president of SEIU Local 1199 coordinated the local contributions. She said her members are fighting a move by Swedish Medical Center to completely rewrite their retirement options. SEIU members were eager to see our members prevail. “We need to maintain standards for unionized workers so that other workers can have a chance to have the same kind of benefits,” Sosne said. “We admire what the Machinists have been able to achieve in their years of collective bargaining.”

Beyond the financial support, the other unions also sent dozens of members to join our picket line. Chanting and marching, they energized our members on picket duty that day despite it being one of the few rainy days of the strike.



Above: District 751 President Mark Blondin addresses the crowd. Also on stage: SEIU National Secretary Anna Burger and members of the Carpenters, Teamsters, SEIU, HERE, and UFCW.



Photo left: UFCW members walked the line and pledged money to help our efforts.

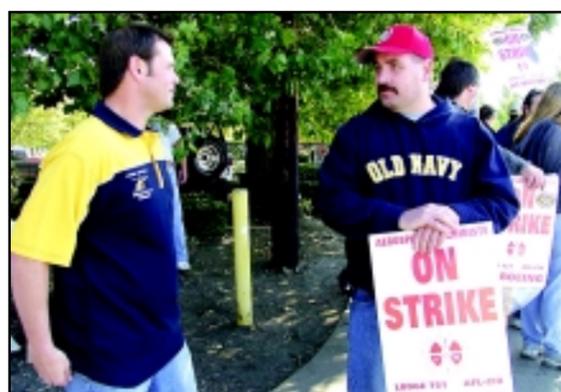
Strikers from Boeing Australia Walk Our Line in Solidarity

On Friday, September 23, members of the Australian Workers Union (AWU), who are embroiled in their own strike against Boeing, walked our picket lines in Everett and Renton to show their solidarity. While our members were on the line to improve pensions and maintain quality health care, the Australian workers were fighting for the right to have a Union contract.

Workers on the two continents called on Boeing to embrace internationally recognized labor standards, including the right of workers to form unions and to engage in meaningful collective bargaining.

Adam Szady and Adam Burgoyne have been on the picket lines in Australia since mid-June in a fight to simply allow the Union to bargain a contract on their behalf. To date, Boeing has refused to even meet and discuss the prospect of a collectively negotiated agreement and insisted instead on secret, individual employment contracts for each worker.

These AWU members are highly skilled technicians who work on the upgrade and maintenance of the Royal Australian Air Force’s (RAAF) F/A-18 Hornet fighters. Since the strike began in June, the AWU members have been manning a picket line at the gates of RAAF Base Williamtown 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



AWU striker Adam Szady (l) talks with a 751 picketer in Renton about their ongoing strike with Boeing in Australia.



Bill Shorten and Adam Burgoyne (right side) from the Australian Workers Union visit with 751 members on the Everett picket line. Their strike against Boeing began in mid-June and continues.

AWU National Secretary Bill Shorten, who also made the trip to Seattle, noted, “Boeing has argued all along that the majority of its workforce prefers to be on individual contracts, but when they get an opportunity to prove that claim, they refuse. We proposed a secret ballot as a means of bringing this dispute to an end. I don’t understand why an American company is trying to treat workers in Australia with less rights than American workers.”

Adam Borgoyne explained, “Our workers have individual contracts that Boeing can change at will. Because of that we see people who are not as qualified as they should be because the more skilled workers move on to other plants. A better package for workers will result in more qualified workers who will stay.”

The visit helped open doors for Bill Shorten to visit high-level Boeing executives to explain their situation. Hopefully, the meetings will help resolve their dispute.



SPEEA members turned out in force for a solidarity rally in Everett where they contributed \$1,245 to the hardship fund. 751 Secretary-Treasurer Bruce Spalding addresses the crowd.



Seven members of the Steelworkers Union drove down from Anacortes each Friday to bolster our picket lines for a 4-hour shift. In addition, they contributed several hundred dollars to the hardship fund.



Members from the Operating Engineers joined the picket line on several occasions during our strike.

Volunteers Keep Strike Going Behind the Scenes

There is so much more to running a strike than simply walking the picket line. Strike kitchens at each location prepare food for the hundreds of picketers dispatched that day. Firewood is continually split and delivered to stoke the burn barrels. Phones must be answered 24 hours a day,

seven days a week at each location. Members must check in, get their gate assignments and be driven to the picket location.

Thanks to all the members who stepped forward and volunteered their time to help during the strike. You made it a success.



Members volunteer for kitchen duty at the Auburn Union hall.



A member in Everett cooks up a speciality dish.



Members on the Seattle phones help reschedule picket duty.



Volunteers chop wood for burn barrels at the Auburn Union Hall.



Above: Volunteers assigned members to gates when they reported for picket duty in Renton.



Below: Members prepare sandwiches in Renton to deliver to picketers during their four-hour shift.

Everett members check in for their assigned picket duty.



Photo below: Steward Gerry Miller (r) helped coordinate the community services and job referral desk in Everett.



Retiree Jon Ancell (r) helps Ed Lutgen split wood for the burn barrels.



Walking the Line

For 28 days, our members at Boeing held the line from Everett to Frederickson and everywhere in between. Members at Edwards Air Force Base also did their part – keeping the picket line active on a highway in the middle of a desert.

For the most part, members in Puget Sound enjoyed good weather throughout the strike with very few rainy days. Members found creative ways to pass the time on the line. Barbecues were frequent in nearly every location. Many shops planned weekly barbecue days and would gather the crew at their gate in a show of solidarity. Spirits remained high as members did the right thing until Boeing returned to the bargaining table and changed their offer.



Members hold strong on the Everett picket line.



District President Mark Blondin and several other Union officials visited with a barbecue coordinated by Union Steward Donn Vey.



Another nice September afternoon on the Renton picket line. The four corners near gate K-35 were always well staffed and eager to greet passing cars and alert them to the strike.



Two members enjoy a sunny morning on the picket line at the Kent plant.



Members hold the line at near Sea-Tac Airport.

for All the Right Reasons



Picketing in the sun at the Auburn plant.



Thursday afternoons always found strong lines at PSD in Seattle following a tasty barbecue.



Members on the Bellevue picket line following



Two members on the Everett line pass the time playing a game of chess.



Members on the gate to Renton field.



Members in Frederickson wave to the passing cars on Canyon Road. With only one picket line in Frederickson had quite a crowd at any time of the day or night.



Members in Auburn have a strong showing at this gate.



Members at the Spares Distribution Center



Union Steward Bob Betsworth cooked up quite a spread of barbecued chicken, salad, beans and corn along East Marginal Way in Seattle – demonstrating why they call him 'barbecue Bob.'



In Everett, members organized a tailgate party outside the 40-56 building one sunny day. Ginny Garcia helped organize the event and noted, "It was very great to see everyone. Everyone brought yummy food! The photo was taken early in the day – Lots more showed up after this was taken."

Forklift Drivers Champion Safety and Win State Title

751 forklift drivers at Boeing showed they are the best in the state by winning top honors in both the individual and team competitions at the Governor's Forklift Rodeo Championship. Mike Weinman captured the individual title of best forklift driver in Washington – beating out 20 other drivers.

Rob Jansen of Everett placed fifth; Tim Eacrett of Auburn finished sixth and Mike McAllister of Seattle was eighth. Weinman, Jansen, and Eacrett combined their scores to win the team competition, beating five other team entries. It was the second straight year that 751 drivers from Boeing won the team trophy.

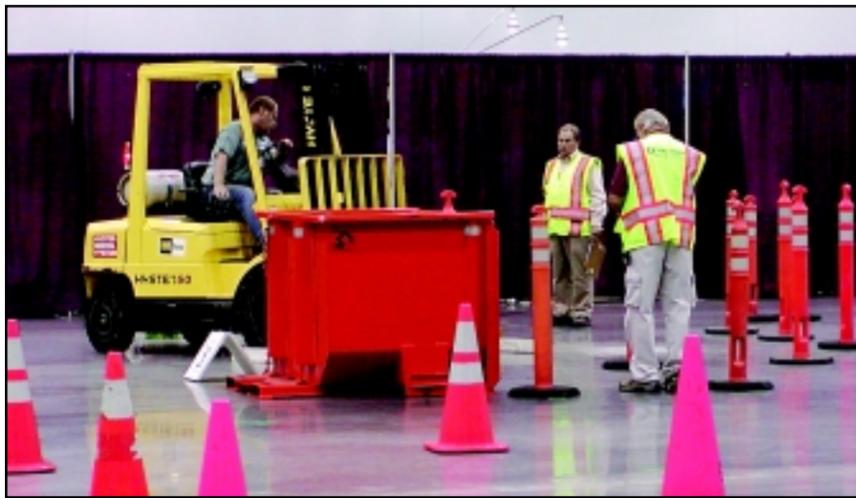
The Forklift Rodeo was the featured event at the 54th Annual Governor's Industrial Safety and Health Conference, a two-day forum providing training, tools, technologies, and strategies for workplace safety and health to some 3,000 attendees from across the state.

The forklift competition consisted of

a precision driving test in which drivers had to move odd loads, navigate narrow passages, and weave their three-ton machines through a slalom of plastic pylons. Competitors were judged on smoothness and efficiency, safe operating speeds, hazard avoidance, and maintaining maximum safe visibility. The runs were timed, but safety and precision were far more important than speed.

Yet to even get to the finals was an accomplishment in itself. First, they had to win an internal Boeing competition between approximately 200 forklift drivers. Next they had to win at the regional competition among drivers from other companies. Only the top seven drivers from regional rodeos in Spokane, the Tri Cities, and Seattle advanced to the state-wide competition.

"The forklift rodeo is another way to increase safety awareness for drivers, as well as others that work near forklifts," stated 751's Mark Little, who serves on the Governor's Committee and helped



Mike Weinman expertly maneuvers the course at the state forklift rodeo finals. His skills helped win him the individual title, as well as helping the team of 751 Boeing drivers to capture the state team title.

organize the event. "These drivers not only have exceptional skills, but practice the safety skills required to execute their jobs safely every day at work."

The Bureau of Labor Statistics says

forklifts, stackers, and other material-handling equipment are involved in approximately 68,400 accidents each year, which emphasizes the need for expert skills and heightened safety awareness.



District 751 President Mark Blondin, along with other delegates from 751 attended the IAM's first ever Organizing Summit to brainstorm new ways to grow the Union and expand our membership for the future.

Organizing Summit a Success

Nearly 1,000 Machinists from all over North America gathered in Chicago in October to kick off the IAM Organizing Summit.

International President Tom Buffenbarger called on each and every participant to organize and help grow the Union. In his opening remarks, he asked the IAM Machinists at Boeing to stand and acknowledged the courage, solidarity and integrity in defeating Boeing's takeaway proposals. Our success was noted many times throughout the organizing summit.

Each day was filled with hands on, interactive meetings and workshops. Participants came to share their ideas and stories, talk about the obstacles they've faced in past organizing campaigns and explore new opportunities for the future.

In order to produce unique and effective strategies for organizing, the participants took part in a historic e-brainstorming session in which over 120 interconnected computers allowed members to simultaneously exchange a free flow of ideas on how to better organize new members.

Conference delegates also heard from best-selling author Harry Beckwith and IAM mem-

bers who have helped lead successful organizing drives.

"The IAM has definitely made a difference for not only me, but others who have also had to fight to get proper representation in their workplace," said Renell Manns, who played a pivotal role in organizing P&B Transport in Florida.

Other sessions allowed participants the chance to take part in educational workshops covering a variety of topics, including bargaining to organize, tools and techniques for organizing, strategic targeting and positive message development.

Participants also met by territory to discuss how they will take the information and apply it to growing their territory.

Afterburners, a group of fighter pilots, gave an inspiring presentation on how to efficiently identify targets and execute organizing campaigns. They associated this to plans that fighter pilots use to win in combat.

At the conclusion of the summit, participants had delivered 464 solid organizing leads and thousands of ideas, suggestions and action plans for them to take back home.

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Wichita Members Send Message of Thanks

Members in Wichita appreciated the solidarity shown in other locations to defeat Boeing's proposal to separate Wichita from the economic package.

Members of Local 834, in Wichita, sent a signed banner expressing their thanks for the unwavering support. The banner was presented at the September 30 District Council meeting to 751's Labor History Committee (Keith Hanson, Tom Lux and Jason Redrup), who will find an appropriate location to display it in the Union hall.



Area Businesses Deliver



Burien Chevrolet was one of the many businesses that supported our strike efforts –they delivered 40 pizzas to the Seattle Union hall one night. Picket captains (right side) Rick Humiston and Dena Bartman were happy to deliver the donation out to the picket lines.

RETIREMENT NEWS

October Retired Club Minutes

by Ruth Render,
Retired Club Secretary

At the October 10th business meeting, Al Menke called the meeting to order at 11 a.m. The Lord's Prayer was said followed by the flag salute and the singing of "God Bless America" led by Ruth Render.

Roll Call of Officers: Al Wydick was excused. He is visiting his sister in Missouri who is ill. We all wish the best and will keep her in our prayers. Minutes were accepted as read.

Financial Report: The Financial Report was accepted as read.

District President: District President Mark Blondin reported on the recent strike. He noted that the Union could not get Boeing to even negotiate on a COLA for retirees or giving an increase. It illustrates the need to change federal law. Currently, the Union can only request that Boeing negotiate changes for existing retirees. If Boeing says they don't want to talk about it, the Union must drop the issue because federal law only compels Boeing to negotiate on behalf

of current employees.

Blondin noted, to make things worse, Boeing can propose takeaways for existing retirees - such as increasing retiree medical expenses, yet the Union cannot bring up such issues. It is very frustrating and an issue we will continue to pursue to get the required changes.

It is disappointing that Boeing will not give the proper respect to the people who made the Company so successful.

He noted that most of the top executives never worked on airplanes at Boeing so it is difficult for them to feel any loyalty to our retirees. Mark thanked those retirees who gave their support during the strike.

Tom O'Brien thanked Mark for what he was able to do to protect retiree medical for those retirees who are not yet eligible for Medicare.

John Guevarra asked that the agenda of the retirees be kept on the Union's agenda. We should not be ignored. We need a copy of the bill that addresses these issues and hope to have elected officials willing to make the changes.

The question was asked why so many people voted for George Bush in these elections? Both parties need to get to the business about what's affecting everybody.

It was noted that the disparity between what CEOs make in this country compared to CEOs in other countries continues to grow. The CEOs here are making way too much money.

Barbara Flye, Chair on Initiative 330, encouraged us to vote NO on 330. She spoke on



Hank Hendrickson celebrated his 90th birthday at the October Retired Club meeting while enjoying the free lunch at noon that follows the meeting every Monday. Each month those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries are honored at the business meeting.

medical malpractice and patient safety. She advised reading Initiative 330 very carefully before voting.

Betty Ness spoke about people who go to Canada to purchase prescription drugs. Check with Costco before going to Canada. Many times Costco prices are far better.

The last Monday in October will be October Fest. Please plan to attend.

Health & Welfare: A moment of silence for the following members who have passed away: Russell Atkinson, James Heier, Milton Matson, Donald Meschke, James McElroy, Jackie Newton, Charles Renfro, Clare Seaman, Gerald Smith and Daniel Webster. Sympathy cards were sent to the families.

Calendar of Events:

Oct 31 October Fest
Nov 7 Bingo
Nov 14 Business Meeting
Nov 21 Bingo
Nov 28 Bingo

Good and Welfare: John Guevarra spoke about Molly Ivins' recent column pointing out that many of Bush's appointees are using their positions to make money for themselves and their friends yet no one

is even reporting this. She noted Tim Flanigan, Bush's nominee to deputy attorney general, was the top lawyer for Tyco, which is under investigation for its shady business dealings. In fact, the top five Bush appointees at the justice department have no prosecutorial experience, they are simply loyal to the administration.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Election of Officers was held. The following officers were elected and will take office in January:

President - Al Menke
Vice President - Al Wydick
Secretary - Ruth Render
Treasurer - Betty Ness
Sergeant-at-Arms - Leroy Miller
Trustee - Louise Burns
Trustee - Cherie Menke
Trustee - John Guevarra

Birthdays & Anniversaries: The Club celebrated the following October birthdays: Hank Hendrickson (90 years), Betty Ness, Gert Harvey. Special thanks to Mary Allen and Irene Tilford for the beautiful table decorations.

Adjournment: The business meeting adjourned at noon.

RETIRED CLUB OFFICERS

President	Al Wydick	253-876-2147
Vice President	Alvin Menke	425-235-9361
Secretary	Ruth Render	206-324-4055
Treasurer	Betty Ness	206-762-0725
Srgnt-at-Arms	Leroy Miller	206-878-0601
Trustees:	Louise Burns	206-242-5878
	Cherie Menke	425-235-9361

Union Office: (1-800-763-1301) or 206-763-1300



Louie O'Callaghan, pictured with his wife Pearl, was one of the founding members of 751. He passed away at age 104.

Louie O'Callaghan Remembered for His Role in 751 History

In September, one of 751's original members passed away - Patrick "Louie" O'Callaghan died at the age of 104. Louie was one of the founding members of District 751 and quite possibly the last one living. Throughout his life, he was very proud of his membership in the Machinists Union and the leadership role he played in the early years of 751. He served as a member of the District Council and talked often about his role in the Union, as well as his work at Boeing. Louie was a chief expeditor and worked at Plant One, Plant Two and also at the old McDermott building on Second Avenue in downtown Seattle.

Even in the last weeks of his life, Louie expressed solidarity with the striking Machinists of 751 and closely followed our strike. He talked with his daughter about the strike only a few days before he died. His remark was "I hope they stick to their guns." He would be delighted to know that the members did and that the strike was settled on the day of his memorial - a fitting tribute. At his funeral mass, his daughter Rosaleen Dickinson told the crowd of family and friends that she knew the strike had been settled that day in honor of a loyal Union man. His 50 year Union certificate was proudly displayed at his memorial.

Senior Politics

by Carl Schwartz,
Retired Club Legislative Chair

Members were reminded that choice time for the new prescription drug plan is approaching. Each retiree will have to decide which plan, if any, to enroll in.

The White House Conference on Aging will be December 11-14. Our Bill Holayter is one of the delegates. They will be discussing a wide variety of senior's issues and making recommendations to the President.

The Bush Administration has temporarily backed off from trying to change Social Security. I stress temporarily. A lot depends on how the 2006 Congressional elections go.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that the Retired Club endorse voting NO on Initiative 330.

Medicare Drug Plan Comparison Website Delayed

The planned October 13 launch of Medicare's online comparison tool at www.medicare.gov intended to help seniors choose a drug plan came and went with no service. Medicare officials would not confirm a revised date instead saying it hoped to debut its site by "mid-October."

Although seniors are more likely to call the agency's toll free helpline, 1-800-MEDICARE, their families and counselors will use the web tool to navigate through the hundreds of drug plans available regionally through private insurance companies. Insurers began marketing directly to beneficiaries on October 1. Seniors can begin to enroll in a drug plan on Nov. 15; the drug benefit will begin January 1, 2006.

Medicare Handbook Bloopers Fuels Confusion

"The administration has created a drug benefit that is so confusing, even the people running Medicare can't get it right," so judged Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, (D-NV) after learning the new Medicare handbook contains an error. Titled "Medicare and You," the guide designed to aid seniors mistakenly tells beneficia-

ries that if they qualify for an extra subsidy for their drug costs, every plan is available to them with no monthly premium. The truth is only 40 percent of the plans have no premiums. The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services explained they will not mail a corrected page to the 35 million seniors who will receive the handbook, but will instead rely on insurance companies to correct the misinformation.

A USA Today/CNN/Gallup Poll taken last week reports that 61 percent of American seniors can't understand the new Medicare drug plan. A paltry 37 percent understand the program at least somewhat. The administration should also give pause to poll figures showing 54 percent of those questioned do not plan to enroll.

"If the people who gave us this flawed drug benefit cannot correctly explain it, how can they have high hopes people will enroll?" asked Edward Coyle, Executive Director of the Alliance for Retired Americans. "This early confusion signals the problems seniors are bound to encounter."

Social Security COLA Not Enough to Cover Rising Costs

Retirees will see an average monthly increase of \$39 in their Social Security checks next year. The Social Security

Administration announced the 4.1% cost of living adjustment (COLA), the largest increase since 1991. However, one-fourth of the COLA will be eaten up by rising Medicare Part B premiums, which will increase next year by \$10.30 monthly. Additionally, beneficiaries who choose to enroll in the new Part D prescription drug benefit will pay an average of \$32 per month. Sharp spikes in energy and gasoline prices are also expected to take a significant bite out of seniors' fixed incomes. The government estimates average households will pay 48% more in natural gas and 32% more for heating oil. "Social Security's COLA will simply not be enough to cover the increasing costs of living as an older person in America," said George J. Kourpias, president of the Alliance for Retired Americans.



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ANIMALS

TWO MALE TOY POODLES – one blonde, one brown w/tan. 9 months old, 10" tall with shots. \$400 each. 360-691-5890

DOG KENNEL – (3) six-foot panels, (1) six-foot with gate with roof and medium sized dog house. Thick insulation Dogloo brand \$140. 360-435-5338

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3 RESCUED MALE RAT TERRIERS – 2-8 yrs old, short hair, up-to-date on shots, neutered, microchipped, adoption thru www.RatboneRescues.com for \$100-\$125. All play well with other dogs and potty trained to a doggy door. Call for a playtime in Everett 425-238-8488 or email kj62001@aol.com for photos

AUTO PARTS & ACCESSORIES

STUDDER SNOW TIRES – 81/82 CHEVY C-10; P-195/75R14, P-215/75R14 \$60 Both pairs. Ask for Smitty or leave message 206-721-0793

65 CADDY – In-tank manifold & carb \$80. Ask for Smitty or leave message 206-721-0793

WINCH - \$750; almost new 2001 Jeep ragtop CANOPY with all the hardware \$650. Possible trade. Evenings at 206-459-0560

47-53 CHEVY pickup sheet metal parts – fenders and hood box, etc. Call for prices – all original. 253-631-5657

IGNITION – 1990 Honda Civic HB. Bought from Honda-Acura U-Fix-It. Not needed after all and can't return \$100. 253-862-5249

TRUCK CANOPY – for F250 Ford, fits 1992-1997. Excellent condition \$600. Royal blue cargo doors. 425-432-0501

STEERING COLUMNS REPAIRED – fix that unsafe, loose, tilt or telescopic column today! Columns repaired or modified. Columns and parts for sale. 425-228-3326

1989 MERCEDES 190-E – totaled by insurance company. Rebuilt engine, new tires, runs great. Passenger-side qtr panel, bumper damage. \$1K OBO. 253-952-2019

WEIGHT DISTRIBUTING HITCH – complete Valley V-5 round bar hitch. Rated 1000 lb. tongue weight, 10K lb gross trailer weight. Hitch bar with adjustable ball mount, 2 5/16" ball \$150 OBO. 425-277-9895

FREE: 2 POWER STEERING UNITS. 1953 7.5 HP short shaft Evinrude O/B motor. Runs well \$95. New battery costs \$45; will sell for \$25. 425-255-1804

CAR ALARMS – Starting at \$45. Keyless entries starting at \$40, alarm start combos starting \$80. Paging units also available. Installation available. 253-826-4378

BOATS

12' ALUMINUM boat and trailer – electric motor \$800 or 5 HP gas motor \$12K. Nights 253-536-5834 or 253-537-4310

OUTBOARD MOTOR – Sears 5 HP. Runs well \$50 OBO. 206-244-7948

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COTTAGE INDUSTRIES

SMOKEHOUSE & MORE – order now for a holiday ham, turkey and prime rib. For Thanksgiving, you must order by November 9. Smokehouse is owned and operated by laid-off 751 members. 360-886-9293

RX DRUGS from Canada- 50% less than U.S. prices! 425-251-8168

AD RULES

Each single ad must be 25 words or less. Use a separate piece of paper or ad blank for each ad, as they are pre-classified physically. Ads are free to members - active, laid-off, or retired. For best response, include phone number. Members' "cottage industries" will be OK in ads, but no commercial ads. When using own paper for ads, include information required on regular ad blank.

Deadline For Next Issue November 4th

WISH YOU HAD INVESTED IN MICROSOFT? Miss this and you'll feel the same way. Small investment, enormous income potential. Global opportunity. Xango! 206-246-4124

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PIONEER COMBINATION RADIO – eight track tape and record player with two speakers. Includes over 50 tapes and numerous records \$60. 253-927-1272

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LOVESEAT – light, multi-colored fabric \$50. Light oak coffee table and matching end table \$85. Lazy-Boy recliner – blue fabric \$90. 425-255-1184

EUREKA BOSS upright VACUUM cleaner \$10 excellent condition. 206-244-4823

LOWERY ORGAN – lift-up bench, bi-level, keyboard, tempo selects, Leslie speakers. Must see to appreciate. Mint cond. Beautiful wood \$395. 425-255-7963 or 425-226-1760

STIFFEL BRASS TABLE LAMP – approx 32" high; very decorative, excellent condition, sacrifice \$60. 425-255-7963

BUTCHER BLOCK TABLE – 100 yrs old, excellent condition, beautiful accent to any gourmet kitchen of today or cabin \$700. 425-255-1763 or 425-226-1760

BUFFET – dark brown with legs, over 60 years old \$100. 425-255-1763 or 425-226-1760

30" WHIRLPOOL RANGE – black with stainless steel top, brand new oven element, excellent cond and clean \$75. 206-248-2898

One-of-a-kind KING BED – with drawers and storage space, Beauty Rest mattress, pad, blankets, sheets. Best offer over \$1400. 360-435-7249

COMPUTER CHAIR – like new, high back, cloth, armrest, 5 rollers \$70 OBO. Contourelectric chair with vibrator & heat. In good cond. Paid \$3K; sell for \$300 obo. 425-255-9542

SOLID MAHOGANY – Drexel dining table with six chairs. Extends to seat 12. In excellent condition \$595. 253-927-1272

REFRIGERATOR – with freezer in the bottom \$250; new bathtub/shower chair \$65; new child's stroller \$25; hanging hall LIGHT \$15; rollaway single bed \$25; small apartment size table \$15; 1993 Lincoln Continental, 53K miles, green, all new tires \$9K. 206-772-1353

BUNKBEDS – complete set with mattresses, strong metal frame, full on bottom, twin on top \$250; one set COMPUTER WORK STATION – includes hutch and cabinet \$200; 1 set of complete CHEST of drawers w/mirror, pin \$125. 425-204-8764

PIANO – Baldwin acrosonic spinet, beautiful French provincial, pecan finish \$2100; Entertainment center holds 27" TV like new \$100; 4 adjustable keyboard computer desks \$75 each; 2 cubicle panels free. 425-743-0909

SOLID OAK ENTERTAINMENT CENTER – 76" high, 65" wide, 19" deep. Includes 5 adjustable shelves. Great condition \$115. 425-672-6950

SOFA W/RECLINERS 6 ft \$400; brown partial leather recliner \$150; dark oak round table with 4 chairs \$150 Auburn call 206-228-1034

LAMP – hand-painted and hand-crafted, over 50 years. Key switch operates 3-way light. Framework has antique brass finish. Each glass globe has floral design, clear chimney \$60. 425-255-7963

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WATERFRONT HOUSE – workshop at Priest Pt, near Everett Boeing. 3 BDRM, 3K sq ft home. 600 sq ft workshop on one-half acre. View of Mount Rainier, Mukilteo Lighthouse, Olympic mtns. \$1600/mo. 425-776-6948 or www.wa-waterfront.com

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Mozone Helped Many

751 members lost a friend with the passing of Dick Mozone on October 4. For the past 22 years, Dick worked for Lakeside Milam Recovery Center. His main focus was working with the Unions for which he had many friends. Dick was also a member of Alcoholics Anonymous for 30 years and was tireless in reaching out to those suffering from the disease of addiction.

751 Business Rep Paul Knebel, worked closely with Dick in his years as 751's Social Service Organizer. He noted, "There are many members who owe their very life to Dick. He was a great friend to the Machinists and has always helped us with EAP and substance abuse type treatment. He will be sorely missed."



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STORIES FROM THE STRIKE

Seniority Brings Different Perspectives to the Line

An unlikely pair on the Renton picket line became fast friends. Marion Lauck has 52-1/2 years seniority and was walking the line for her fifth strike. She has the most seniority in her job classification, while Wendy Hopkins has six years' seniority, recently returned from 2-1/2 years on lay-off and was involved in her first strike.

Picket lines are nothing new for Marion. With over half a century of Union membership, this was her fifth strike. She recalled in the 1966 strike she picked apples to make ends meet. Marion dutifully reported for picket duty – eager to share her experiences, which is the same attitude she uses in her daily work at Boeing.

Marion wound up working for the aerospace giant after she was dared to put in an application. She filled out the questionnaire, impressed the interviewer and was hired on the spot. After just three months, she transferred to a mechanic job and three months later she was upgraded to a grade 6 position. In-

credibly, she has worked her entire career in the Renton plant – working on the KC97, KC135, 707, 727, 737-classic and 737-next generation. She boasts a perfect attendance record and strives for perfection in her work. She is proud she has never had a pick up written on her work and added that she can't stand rework. Marion hopes to work at Boeing until she reaches the 60-year mark because she loves airplanes.

In contrast, Wendy Hopkins was recalled the end of July so she didn't even receive a picket duty card. Instead, she set her own schedule and chose to picket 4 hours every other day and often stayed for an 8 hour shift. Many times she brought her daughter and other family members.

Wendy was thankful for the Union and stated, "Being laid-off and working for low wages makes me appreciate what the Union has done for all of us. I really like my job at Boeing and want to do my part in the strike."

During her layoff, she worked at Fred



On the Renton picket line Marion Lauck (r), who is one of our most senior members, visited with Wendy Hopkins (center), who was only recently recalled from layoff. Also pictured is Wendy's daughter Samantha. Both members were eager to do their part in the strike.

Meyer for \$8 per hour and was never given enough hours to qualify for medical benefits. All of this made her appreciate the Union even more.

Laid-off Member Gets Active in Our Strike

751-member Debbie Anderson may have been on layoff status during our recent strike, but she was very active in volunteering her time. Several times a week, Debbie was at the Everett hall checking in picketers, helping in the kitchen or walking the line.



Debbie Anderson

"If it wasn't for the

Union, I would not have gotten my schooling paid for after layoff, which provided the skills I needed to obtain a good job," Debbie explained. "When I walked into the Union hall, it was like coming home. Everyone is so friendly and was so supportive following my layoff so I wanted to give

back during the strike and help where I could."

During her layoff, Debbie obtained a two-year medical assistant degree from Everett Community College utilizing Union-negotiated benefits.

"I've been working at my job for two years. I hope to go back to the wire shop in the near future," Debbie added. "This really is my battle, as well, which is why I wanted to volunteer and help out."

Millie Hughes – a True Veteran

As one of our more veteran members, Millie Hughes is no stranger to strikes. In fact, with 53 years in at the Company this is her fifth strike at Boeing. Yet, she was not content to simply pull four hours of picket duty when she was assigned. Instead, she regularly showed up at the Everett Union hall asking how she could help. She put in countless hours throughout the strike - an effort that did not go unnoticed.

District 751 President Mark Blondin commended her commitment, "I want to personally thank Millie Hughes for her

efforts during the strike. Every time I was at the Everett Union Hall during the strike, Millie was there – working with the picket captains, helping in the kitchen, answering phones or whatever needed to be done. Hers is a Union career anyone could be proud of."

Millie regularly shares her wisdom and experience with other members. She took part in one of the Union focus groups prior to the strike and encouraged others, who are invited to such groups, to take advantage of the opportunity and help shape the direction of our Union.



Millie Hughes volunteered regularly to help throughout the strike.

Members Use Strike to Offer Hurricane Help

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ship services – moments he will always remember. The destruction he saw on the trip, as well as the incredible spirit of those who lost everything will not soon be forgotten.

Jim noted, "I was recalled last October



Some volunteers just stopped and asked area residents if they could help with the clean-up.

so I didn't have time on the books to go on other volunteer missions. My anniversary date was September 1st so I'm hoping to stay connected with the volunteer ministry and to have other opportunities to serve."

He emphasized that since most volunteers can't stay for an extended period of time they need a constant influx of people to help. It is a job he highly recommends.

751- Member Bob Schlimmer also got to help with the relief effort. "I was waiting for Boeing to do the right thing and watching hours of Hurricane Katrina coverage. I decided it was time for me to do the right thing and packed my truck and went to help," Bob reported.

Bob contacted his brother in California who was coordinating and delivering hundreds of cots, blankets and other supplies for the victims through his church. Bob met up with his brother in Oklahoma City and drove to Arkansas to deliver the supplies. He was anxious to help in any way possible, but was turned away by FEMA

because he lacked the necessary training. That didn't deter him from his mission.

On their own, they went to churches and offered assistance to the victims. In one week through computer research, they helped 230 of the 400 refugees at one church get back to Louisiana by reuniting them with extended family outside the disaster zone. In Gulfport, Mississippi he helped organize and deliver supplies, as well as assisting with clean-up.

Bob noted, "It was very rewarding. While in Biloxi, I would offer to help people clean up their homes. I told them I was on strike at Boeing in Seattle and came to help. They would give me a shovel, a rake or other tools and let me help with their cleanup and recovery. I went to several different families. I met so many good hearted people. The trip made me appreciate what we have here and what nature's wrath can do. It was a personal goodwill mission. I just wish I could have stayed longer and been able to help more people."

Taking In the Victims

The strike and loss of a paycheck in the month of September were the least of the worries on the mind of 751-member Kate Ball. In September, Kate and her husband Denny, took in six family members who lost everything in Hurricane Katrina. They opened their home to their extended family and are now housing her husband's older brother and his wife, their daughter and her husband and their two children.

Kate's focus during our strike was to make these displaced survivors comfortable in her home. She not only took in the six relatives, but their animals, as well which included three cats, a Rottweiler, a lab, and a boxer.

"When the New Orleaners arrived, I believed if I held them tight enough I could feel their pain. Our house is full of war stories – of broken glass and dreams dashed," Kate stated.

Her husband, Denny, was born and raised in New Orleans. When his relatives escaped the hurricane's wrath, they literally left everything behind. They fled their homes and only packed for two days - believing when the storm was over they would return home as they did in the past. Unfortunately, there was no home to go back to.

"When I told the brother and his wife to sleep in our bedroom, they insisted they didn't want to inconvenience us. I replied that we just walked across the hall to relocate. They had to come cross country," said Kate.

As others heard about their loss and the six new residents, they came forward to help. A fellow Union brother brought over an enormous ham and 10 blankets. A friend brought a camper and another delivered a 5th-wheel trailer. A family member collected \$1,000 for clothes through gift certificates from the wonderful community of Gig Harbor.

While the strike is over, life at Kate's home remains changed forever. Kate noted, "The entire country was ripped apart by this hurricane, and we will all become seamstresses to sew this back together."