First Contract Overwhelmingly Approved at URS JBLM

A group of District 751 members who work for a civilian contractor at Joint Base Lewis-McChord has approved its first union contract.

As a result of their vote for the contract, the employees of URS Corp. are in line to receive their first pay raises in the past three years.

The contract was ratified July 19 with a 76-percent yes vote. The three-year deal took effect on Aug. 3, and covers nearly 400 URS Corp. workers at JBLM who work on military helicopters and site maintenance.

The promise of raises — after three years with no pay increases — made a big difference, said Jeff Sayres, who had worked with the group at JBLM for 23 years and who served on the union’s negotiating team.

“Pay was a big deal,” he said. “We haven’t had a raise in three years. This contract is something we can count on for the next three years.”

Under the terms of the agreement, the URS workers at JBLM will get:

- Wage increases of 2.75 percent in the first year, 3 percent in the second year and 3.25 percent in the third year,
- Additional 25-cent-an-hour raises in both the second and third years of the contract, for workers in seven job categories, plus premium pay for everyone working nights and weekends and performing particularly difficult or hazardous tasks also would go up,
- Two additional paid vacation days in 2013, a third added vacation day in 2014, plus two paid administrative leave days,
- An increase in cash payments for workers who opt out of company-provided health insurance, while those who stay in the company plan would pay a smaller share of the premium.

Machinists Instruct Area Teachers on Skills Required to Build Airplanes

Ten Puget Sound school teachers have a better idea of what goes on at the Boeing Co. — and how to better prepare their students to work there — after spending nine days with District 751 Machinists and other company employees.

The 10 were part of a first-ever “externship” at Boeing, which brought math, science and technology teachers from Snohomish and King County high schools and middle schools for factory tours and meetings with Boeing employees.

The externship was organized by IAM/Boeing Joint Programs, Global Corporate Citizenship, Aerospace Academy, Workforce Development Council of Snohomish County, and Washington Alliance for Better Schools, as part of a joint effort by the union and company to make educators more aware of the opportunities Puget Sound students have for careers in aerospace.

“Our goal was to provide them with teaching tools for their classrooms and hands-on experience in the factories,” said Grace Holland, a Joint Programs administrator who was the union’s point person for the project. “We need them to help spread the word among teenagers, that whether you go to a university, community college or apprenticeship, there will be opportunities for you to have good careers in aerospace.”

That was important, said Melissa Wrenchy, who teaches at the STEM School in Redmond, because not everyone wants to be a software engineer.

Union Steward Ray Meduna talks with Puget Sound science, math and technology teachers about the work he does for Boeing in Everett.

As the fall political campaigns heat up, District 751 officers are looking for volunteers to help out with “Labor Neighbor” activities.

“Labor Neighbor is a great way for new members to get involved with union volunteer work,” said Larry Brown, the District’s Legislative Director. “You don’t have to be a union steward or officer to do it, and it doesn’t have to take too much of your time — you can make a big difference in one afternoon.”

There are two kinds of Labor Neighbor activities: walks and phone banking.

The walks, which take place on weekends, involve groups of union volunteers — working in pairs — who go to the homes of other union members in different neighborhoods to talk about the importance of voting in the upcoming election and particularly voting for union-endorsed candidates.

“Labor Neighbor walks are the best kind of door-to-door campaigning,” said David Henry, a District 751 Council delegate who was an active Labor Neighbor volunteer during the primary election season.

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• A new pension benefit, provided through the International Association of Machinists National Pension Plan was the first union contract for the group. The URS workers voted to join District 751 in December. Negotiations with the company started in May.

“It’s always a battle to get to a first contract,” said Business Rep Jon Holden, who led the contract talks. “But this agreement with URS establishes improvements in the areas defined by the membership as important. The membership can be proud of the foundation that they built. We will be able to build upon it in the future.”

“Now that we have this first contract in place, we’ll move forward and get better,” Sayres added. “We’re all on the same track now, and we need to stay there, work together and get it done.”

In 2011, more than 220 workers with URS at Whidbey Island Naval Air Station ratified their first Machinists Union contract, which similarly granted them wage increases, a pension and increases in paid leave time.

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“It really shows us how important it is to have hands-on experience for our students,” she said. “It can be used to motivate kids.”

Trevor Lewis, who teaches at Voyager Middle School in Mukilteo, said he’s been using robotics to get his students interested in manufacturing careers, because they allow students to explore everything from designing systems to machining and installing components. He was looking for tips at Boeing to take back to his class.

“It’s teaching kids to get excited about math and science, and also teaching them how to swing a hammer,” he said.

With nearly a third of the Machinists Union workforce at Boeing eligible to retire at any time, it’s essential for the future of both Boeing and the union to get more young people interested about working in aerospace, said District President Tom Wrobleski.

“This summer externship was just a first step,” he said. “We’re going to try any number of new approaches to do that.”

Holland thanked all the Machinists who made time to talk with the teachers during the factory tours.

“The cool thing for me is that everybody we met with was so excited to share what they do,” she said. “Everybody’s so proud of what they do for Boeing.”
**POLITICAL ACTION**

**Pushing for Better U.S. Trade Policy**

When the subject of international trade is the topic of discussion, your District is at the table. On July 20, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative Ambassador Demetrios Marantis met with representatives of the IAM, SPEEA, the Martin Luther King County Labor Council, other unions and the Washington Fair Trade Coalition.

The subject of the meeting was the ongoing negotiations on the Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership Agreement. This multilateral free trade agreement aims to further liberalize the economies of the Asia-Pacific region. The IAM and the rest of this coalition expressed grave concerns with the secrecy of the negotiations and a number of controversial clauses in draft agreements leaked to the public.

Legislative Director Larry Brown criticized the way our trade agreements have been negotiated in the past and the ill effect on American workers in aerospace. Brown recounted that since 1970 when Airbus was founded with illegal launch aid, the IAM has opposed failed trade policies that have seriously cost Washington state jobs, eroded small family farms, subjected cities and Washington state to the risk of investor-state lawsuits—challenging our sovereign laws, hurt real ‘investors’ trying to hold on to their homes and educate their families, and prioritized corporate interests over state programs.

Labor and social justice leaders also cautioned that the U.S. Trade Rep has hurt its credibility by not delivering its promises in past trade deals of more jobs, enforceable labor standards, sustainable development and environmental protections. The U.S. Trade Rep needs to go beyond words and promises. Ambassador Marantis promised to take our concerns seriously and continue the dialogue. Our union will continue to speak out and advocate for worker and environmental friendly trade policies.

**Judge Defers Hawker Bonus Decision**

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court in New York deferred a ruling on a highly controversial proposal to pay more than $5.3 million in bonuses to eight top executives at Hawker Beechcraft. At the conclusion of a three-hour hearing last week, Judge Stuart Beechcraft deferred a ruling on the bonus request while the IAM Trade Representative to raise concerns over the Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership Agreement.

The IAM noted the “complete irony and hypocrisy” of a motion seeking to provide millions in bonuses for executives at a company struggling to survive.

“The attempt to implement such a lucrative bonus program for the very executives who led Hawker Beechcraft into bankruptcy is particularly outrageous after thousands of Hawker employees have already lost their jobs and thousands more could lose jobs under the new owners’ benefits,” said IAM Aerospace Coordinator Ron Eldridge.

Hawker’s claims its executives are “talented and capable group” with much work left to do before the company can emerge from bankruptcy, including possible closing of facilities, cutting the workforce and “resolving” the fate of employees’ pension plans.

**Volunteers Needed for Upcoming Labor Neighbor Activities**

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only talking with union people just like you,” he said. “And you’re talking about issues that you both care about—state and federal policies that create good jobs and collective bargaining rights. They tend to be good, friendly conversations.

They’re effective, too, said Max Brown, a coordinator for the Washington State Labor Council, which organizes the Labor Neighbor events.

“Walks are the most persuasive mode of contact that we have,” he said. “When we hit someone at the door, they are significantly more likely to vote for the union-endorsed candidate.”

While Labor Neighbor walks are highly effective, phone banking allows one volunteer to reach more people.

Several unions—including District 751—have set up phone banking centers. (Ours is at the Seattle Union Hall.) All of them use computers to automatically dial the home numbers of union members, and to automatically screen out disconnected numbers and calls that aren’t answered.

Because of that, there’s no dialing or even hanging up to redial, Brown said.

As a result, “a volunteer shift can go pretty quickly,” he said. “You spend most of your time actually talking to people—union members like yourself who are concerned about the same kinds of issues you are, particularly when it comes to jobs, the economy and our rights to join unions.”

District 751 is asking for volunteers to help get him elected.

“Jay was one of our champions in Congress when we were fighting to get the Air Force tanker deal for Boeing,” he said. “He also was one of the very few to speak out on behalf of our union and for the NLRB during our fight last year, telling Romney and the other Republicans to back off and let the courts do their job.”

In Eastern Washington, Inslee has stood up for Hanford worker pensions and has fought against Republican attacks in Congress to lower safety standards in the nuclear industry—both important issues for Local 1951 members who work at the Hanford site.

Having Inslee as governor would be “good for Washington working people in general and great for us as Machinists,” Brown said. “That’s why we’re asking for volunteers to help get him elected.”

**Make a Difference by Volunteering a Few Hours**

If you would like to volunteer a few hours to help contact fellow Union members about the upcoming election, fill in the form below and return it to the Seattle Union Hall, Attn: David Henry, 9125 15th Pl. S., Seattle, WA 98108 OR call David Henry at 206-764-0007 or email him at davidh@iam751.org.

I would like to help: ___ Phone bank ___ Yard Signs ___ Other

**Labor Neighbor Walks**

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751 Political Director Larry Brown (far right) joined other labor and social justice leaders in a meeting with the Deputy U.S. Trade Representative to raise concerns over the Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership Agreement.
Rodeo Rounds Up Forklift Drivers

You didn’t need a lasso, just good driving skills to enter the annual Boeing Material Handling Forklift Rodeo. This internal competition was held on June 23 at the Kent Space Center to select eight team members to compete at the Regional and State level competitions, as part of the Governor’s Safety Conference in September.

The event attracted drivers from all sites throughout the region. Drivers persevered through unexpected weather conditions and competed fiercely. Like a real rodeo, forklift drivers from various Boeing sites showcased their talents and skills with a focus on the safe operation of the equipment. Drivers had to maneuver a tricky course, pick up pallets, barrels, and various stack loads while avoiding strategic cones on the challenging course.

In addition to battling the clock, drivers had to maneuver in forward and reverse through a slalom course while carrying a raw egg on a construction cone. If a tennis ball is knocked over or the egg is dropped, you lose points.

President’s Column: As MAX Orders Stack Up, Contract Extension Looks Even Better

When they’re finished, the Legislative Committee makes its recommendations to the full District Council, which is made up of elected union members and other District 751 volunteers who have taken part in “Labor Neighbor” walks throughout Puget Sound. They’ve gone door-to-door talking with union members, like themselves, to remind them about the upcoming election, talk about the endorsements labor unions have made and answer any questions their neighbors might have.

Other volunteers have taken part in Labor Neighbor phone banking, putting in a few hours at our Seattle Union Hall to call union families at home to remind them how important it is for them to vote.

We’ll be taking part in more Labor Neighbor activities during this fall’s general election, and I’d urge you to take part.

Whatever your political beliefs, please make sure you’re registered to vote and then go out and do it. Whether you’re Democrat, Republican or Independent, all of us should agree that the more people who take part in our democratic process, the better it is for America, and making America better is what the labor movement is all about.

Finally, I’d like to offer my congratulations to a former District 751 member on his recent promotion. As anyone who’s met Ray Conner knows, the new chief executive of Boeing Commercial Airplanes got his start with the company as a Machinist in 1977, and a few weeks after he hired into the company, he was out on strike with us, which might just make him the only top executive at Boeing to ever walk a picket line.

Do I think that Ray Conner will cut us a break as Commercial Airplanes CEO, just because he’s a former Machinist? No. But he comes from a three-generation Boeing family, and he’s also got hands-on experience, which gives him knowledge and an insight into how airplanes are actually built. That’s good news for both our union and our communities here in Puget Sound, and it’s great news for the Boeing Co.

So congratulations, Ray. The Machinists Union looks forward to a long and mutually beneficial partnership here in Puget Sound.

Community Rallies in Support of Strike Workers

On July 17, the labor community came out to rally in force and in solidarity for fellow trade unionists. Hundreds assembled in support of the striking workers from the Davis Wire Corporation in Kent. The 85 production workers have been on strike since December of last year. Members of the Machinists Union, Plumbers and Pipefitters, Letter Carriers, Teachers and many others joined the striking Teamsters Local 117 on the picket line.

Those attending the July 17 rally were told of horrific working conditions at the Davis Wire facility. For years these workers have suffered sweatshop conditions. In violation of state and federal laws, these union members have been denied work breaks and lunch times. Even taking a break to go to the bathroom can result in discipline from the boss.

“Workers at Davis Wire have taken bold, courageous steps to challenge an unjust employer. Their fight for human dignity and respect on the job is an inspiration to working families across the country who struggle every day to make ends meet,” said Local 117 Secretary-Treasurer Tracey Thompson.

Washington State Labor Council president Jeff Johnson exhorted the crowd to chant loud enough for the billionaire owner in Chicago to hear our cries for justice on the job.

751 Political Director Larry Brown, Pam Lux and 751 retiree Tom Lux were among the hundreds who turned out to support the workers at Davis Wire who have been without a contract since last December. Workers have suffered sweatshop conditions where on the job injuries are common.

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Davis Wire is owned by venture-capitalist billionaire Michael Heisley. Despite his vast fortune and the consistent profitability of his company, Heisley and his Davis Wire management team have been unwilling to bargain fairly with their employees.

Teamsters Local 117 has filed over a dozen Unfair Labor Practices with the National Labor Relations Board, accusing Davis Wire of bad faith bargaining, worker surveillance, worker intimidation, and illegal threats to shut down the facility in Kent.

Johnston described the brutal and unacceptable safety conditions in the plant where workers are disciplined for accidents for losing fingers and other injuries. The determined picketers and crowd of union activists chanted “One more day.”
Guide Dog Drive and Events Generate Big Money

District 751 members are making a huge difference in the lives of other people with their participation in Guide Dogs of America fundraising this year. In May, a drive by union stewards to increase payroll deductions to the Guide Dogs charity led to an increase of $52,000 in newly donated dollars for 2012.

Top recruiters during the drive were recognized recently at a District Council meeting. The top recruiter in new cards and money was Jared Moschkau, Randy Haviland came second and third place was Paul Richards. While many Stewards helped with the drive, several others deserve recognition as well for the extra effort: Paul Schubert, Cameron Griffin, Darry Woodson, Rob Curran, Michelle VanMeter, David Dressler, Dave Bryant, James George and John Davis.

After the drive concluded, a series of charity fundraisers in June brought in nearly $42,000 more for the California-based group, which is strongly supported by the IAM.

It costs roughly $42,000 to breed, train and place one service dog with a blind or vision-impaired person, said District President Tom Wroblewski. So the combination of the new money pledged in May and June’s fundraising total means that “two additional people will have years of increased freedom and independence,” he said.

“The hard work of our members and the generosity of our sponsors is making a real difference in the lives of real people,” Wroblewski added.

All Star Guide Dog Recruiters

1st place: Jared Moschkau
2nd place: Randy Haviland
3rd place: Paul Richards

More than $100 per month in new Guide Dog contributions:
• Paul Schubert
• Rob Curran
• Cameron Griffin
• Darry Woodson
• Michelle VanMeter

More than $75 but less than $100 per month in new contributions:
• David Dressler
• John Davis
• James George

The June events included the Flight for Sight fun run sponsored by the Women’s Committee, the 10th annual Puppy Pun poker run, a poker tournament sponsored by Local 751-C and the annual prize drawings sponsored by Locals 86, 1123 and 1951 in Eastern Washington.

The Local C poker tournament was noteworthy in that it was a first-time event, and the Eastern Washington locals set a fundraising record this year.

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Young Machinists Discuss Opportunities

A new generation of potential District 751 leaders got to meet some of their peers from around North America earlier this summer when a delegation of Young Machinists came to visit. The Young Machinists group, made up of younger activists from across the ranks of IAM & AW members, was led by Diane Babineaux, who is chief of staff to IAM International President Tom Buffenbarger.

“How each generation, the face of labor is changing,” said Babineaux. “To engage this generation of workers, the labor movement must be responsive to their needs. This meeting was an opportunity to network and brainstorm ways to develop a Young Machinists Committee in the district and involve younger members in union activities.”

The Young Machinists took part in a number of events during the group’s visit, including taking part in a conference on how to save Social Security and Medicare so that they’ll be available when the new generation just now entering the workforce retires.

They discussed ways to get more young people involved in union activities, and ways to best communicate with them, said Susanna Thomas, a Local C member who works at Auburn and took part in the meetings.

The group also toured Boeing’s Puget Sound final assembly sites in Everett and Renton, which Thomas said was a treat for some of the younger District 751 Machinists who have only worked at one plant in their so-far brief Boeings careers.

The main message for the Young Machinists – whether they’re part of District 751 or some other lodge – is that there is plenty of work to be done, Thomas said.

“It’s really important to get young people involved,” Thomas said. “There are great opportunities now, because we’re young.”

To get involved and volunteer for various activities, you do not need to be a Union Steward. Just contact any of the Union halls if you are interested in community service, political action, solidarity rallies, Young Machinists’ activities or other Union events.

Member Appreciation Barbecues in August

All workers covered by a District 751 contract in Puget Sound, and members of their families, are invited to the members appreciation barbecues, which will be held in conjunction with August local lodge meetings at the Seattle Hall. 9135 15th Place S.

Family members are also invited to stay for the lodge meetings.

The schedule for the barbecues is:
Local 751-A: Aug. 2 at 5 p.m. and Aug. 9 at 10 a.m.;
Local 751-C: Aug. 9 at 5 p.m. and Aug. 16 at 10 a.m.;
Local 751-E: Aug. 1 at 5:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.;
Local 751-F: Aug. 8 at 5 p.m. and Aug. 10 at 10 a.m.

Eastern Washington locals will hold their own events in Spokane, Wenatchee and the Tri-Cities.

Solidarity Day at the Everett Aquasox

The Strohmco County Labor Council Solidarity night offers free admission tickets to the Everett Aquasox game on Thursday, August 9.

Members can pick up tickets for themselves and their family members at any of the Union offices. Each ticket will admit one for a general admission seat. The game against the Boise Hawks starts at 7:05 p.m. Gates open one at 6:05 p.m.

Join other union members for a night of solidarity and fun.
Members, retirees and their families enjoyed a full day of fun courtesy of the Machinists Union on Saturday, July 14. With more than 43,000 active and retired members spread across the state, the Union secured two venues to cut down on lines and reduce travel time. Thousands flocked to both the Puyallup Fairgrounds and Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe.

Activities varied at the two sites, but the central theme was fun for the day with kids rides, adult rides, pony rides, a petting farm, face painting, a DJ and karaoke, bingo and so much more.

Volunteers at the Machinists Union booth handed out balloons, propellers, window clings and other giveaways while thanking them for their membership.

Even the weather cooperated with clouds keeping the temperature cool for much of the day.

Vivian Hamblen gets a ride from her father, Matt, who works 787 in Everett.

Susanna Thomas, Loren Guzzone and Gabi Rogano were a few of the volunteers staffing the Union booth at Puyallup.

The free propellers given away at the Union booth were a hit with the kids. Left: A boy tries to fly his propeller as his dad looks on.

The DJ in Puyallup got many to join in a dance.

Everett 787 Machinists Amber Overson, Robin Sykas and Robert Byrd enjoy one of the rides at Monroe.

Left: The carousel is always a hit.

Right: Chan Tep and his twins, Emily and Henry, enjoyed the Puyallup.

All ages enjoyed playing putt putt golf at Monroe.

Photo right: 751 Member Alex Carmancho spent hours in his clown costume making balloon animals for kids at Monroe.

Characters on stilts handed out high fives to young fair goers all day at Monroe.

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At Puyallup, adults and kids took turns running in the “hamster” balls while folks at Monroe could run in the balls on a water pond.

Nothing but smiles as kids enjoyed the free rides at Puyallup.

At Monroe, traffic was terrible at least on corners of the go-cart track.

Right: Kim Giard and his son, Kayden, play bingo at Monroe.

Robbie and Melissa Ferris get ready to take their sons, Daniel and Noah, through the rides and games at Monroe.

Samarika Williams was one of the many kids who did karaoke.

Kids were all smiles as they showed off their face painting in Puyallup.

Dave Wyatt watches as his son, Evan, takes his shot on Monroe’s mini-golf course.

Left: Kids loved the petting zoo in Puyallup.

Kids were excited to receive free balloons and other giveaway items from the Machinists’ booth at both locations.

Jennifer and Richard Phung on the ferris wheel in Monroe

At too much fun, a boy naps on his mom after enjoying the festivities.

Above: District President Tom Wroblewski blasts Jordan Isaacson with bubbles.

Zara Allen enjoyed the bungee jumping at Puyallup.

Families at both locations played bingo for a chance to win Fred Meyer gift cards.

L to R: Lexi Wilson, Rob Carver, Doug Robinson, George King, and Susan Palmer volunteered at the booth in Monroe. Behind Jason Schmelzer and Fred Hoskins were busy blowing up balloons.

Left: A family enjoys a ride on the scrambler in Puyallup.

Right: Machinists’ families filled the Puyallup fairgrounds for a day of fun.

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Driving the Green for Guide Dogs

Nearly 180 golfers on 45 teams turned out for the 21st annual golf tournament to raise money for Guide Dogs of America. The golfers spread out across two courses at Willows Run: Coyote Creek and Eagles Talon. While all participants enjoyed a day of fun, the tournament drove in more than $11,000 for Guide Dogs.

The best ball format provided tight competition. The top team from each course then did a one-hole playoff to determine who was the champion that day (see winning teams far right, as well as longest drive and closest to winners). Ryan Gjersee hit a hole in one, but unfortunately, it wasn’t at one of the holes that would have earned him one of the big prizes of $25,000 or a free vacation.

Special thanks to the Machinists Volunteer Program for their help in setting up the event and various competitions throughout the day.

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Machinists ‘Dog Days’ at Pacific Raceways
Aug. 17-19

District 751 is once again teaming up with Pacific Raceways in Kent for their annual “Dog Days” charity fundraising event. The annual Pacific Raceways Guide Dogs Fundraiser will be Aug. 17-19 at the Pacific Raceways drag strip, which is at 31001 144th Ave. SE in Kent.

District 751 is selling discount tickets for Pacific Raceways’ NHRA Lucas Oil Drag Race Series, which will take place that weekend.

Tickets are $5 and good for one day’s entry to the races. Tickets are on sale at all District 751 union halls in Puget Sound, in Auburn, Everett, Renton and Seattle.

All proceeds will go to Guide Dogs of America, a charity that provides service dogs to people across North America who are blind or have impaired vision. In addition to the professionals, Machinists Union drag racers are expected to take part in the weekend’s activities, said Robley Evans, who is the committee chairman for the Pacific Raceways event.

“There are probably 15 Machinists Union guys who race,” he said. “Everything from drag racers to motorcycles.”

Steel & Wheel Car Show for Guide Dogs – Saturday, Aug. 11

The eighth annual Bill Baker Memorial Steel & Wheel SuperShow is coming to Everett again this year.

The annual show for hot rods and custom motorcycles will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, at the Everett Union Hall, 1972 Airport Road.

The annual event is sponsored by Local 751-A and is a fundraiser for Guide Dogs of America.

Along with the car show, there will be food and music. Entries are $20 for those who pre-register, or $30 on the day of the event.

Forms are available at District 751 halls in Auburn, Everett, Renton and Seattle. Last year’s SuperShow attracted more than 60 custom cars and bikes and raised more than $4,922.
July Retired Club Minutes

by Ruth Rendel
Retired Club Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President T.J. Seibert on July 9. Tom Lux and Ron McGaha brought up Daphne Becker, Mailroom Coordinator, and thanked her for all the work she did to put together the packets that were handed out at the Social Security/Medicare conference in June. She made time in her already busy schedule to complete the project, and they were very appreciative. Daphne was presented with a plant.

The settlement and release form (or gag order) members are asked to sign to settle a grievance and provide compensation include language that prohibits the member or union from publicizing details of the settlement. Discussion followed about the pros and cons and why it is part of the settlement agreement.

Audit Report: Mike Keller reported the Audit Committee found one error and worked with Betty Ness to correct it. John Guevarra thanked the committee, which also included Louise Burns, for doing a great job. Daphne was presented with a plant.

Health & Welfare: Helen Pompeo gave the report. A moment of silence was observed for the following deceased members: Arlie Cofer, Floyd Harding, Patricia Herrmann, Patrick Kelley, Earl Lane, Lloyd Laws, Michael McKee, George McVay, Abel Rios, Jr., Irvin Rose, Mona Ryder, Roy Scott and Gloria Wright. Sympathy cards were sent to the next of kin.

Birthdays & Anniversaries: The following celebrated birthdays in June: Calvin Dox, Rose Molota and Ron McGaha. John and Helen Mah celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The club sang Happy Birthday.

Legislative Report: Carl Schwartz reported that on July 11 the U.S. House of Representatives was to vote to repeal the gag order that was mentioned in the July Aero Mechanic. The recommended candidates were interviewed by the District 751 Legislative Committee and the Retiree Legislative Committee and were found to support issues we are concerned about. Rick Larsen, Jim McDermott and Adam Smith all agree with our stand on Social Security – that it should not be changed except to eliminate the cap on higher-wage earners.

Good and Welfare: Robin Guevarra commented that the Aero Mechanic is an excellent newspaper and has well-written articles.

Mike Keller said his local fire department has stated they are receiving more 911 calls from people without insurance who can’t afford to go to the doctor or they wait until it is an emergency and call 911.

Local C Recording Secretary David Henry announced that phone banks are taking place every Monday night from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Conference Rooms 1 and 2 in the Seattle meeting hall. Volunteers are needed to call regarding the upcoming elections. No registration is necessary, just come in and help as long as you can.

John Guevarra spoke about the Friday Alert bulletin and an informational piece put out by the Alliance for Retired Americans. He said they both contain relevant information about political issues and provide talking points that can be used to discuss the issues with others. Both pieces were handed out at the meeting.

President Tom Wroblewski spoke to the Retiree Club about the Membership Appreciation fair on July 14. He also announced that District 751 is in contract negotiations with Hytec and URS at Joint Base Lewis McChord. Tom also spoke about the Farnborough Air Show and Boeing’s new commercial airplane chief executive Ray Conner. Tom said Ray hired in at Boeing as a Machinist and we have had a good working relationship with him in the past which we expect to continue.

Helen Love spoke about the Blue Hills Heritage Chapter which meets in Renton at the Harley Davidson store on the last Friday of each month at 10:30 a.m. They have interesting speakers. More information can be found at the Blue Hills website: www.bluehills.org.

John Guevarra said the retiree picnic in August provides a good chance to talk to retirees who don’t attend the monthly meetings and let them know about what takes place at our meetings and encourage them to attend.

Betty Ness thanked Mike Keller and Louise Burns for their help with the audit.

Every Monday following the Retired Club meeting, those attending are provided lunch at the Seattle Union Hall.

Annual Meeting for State Alliance for Retired Americans
SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22 IN TUKWILA

All retirees and interested seniors are invited to attend the Washington State Alliance for Retired Americans (WSARA) annual meeting on Wednesday, August 22. The meeting will be held at the Teamster Hall in Tukwila (14675 Interurban Ave S). Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and meeting will be called to order at 9:30 a.m.

“Standing up and Speaking Out for Future Generations” is the theme and the day will be filled with informative speakers, educational workshops and much more. Hear from Barbara Easterling, the Alliance’s National President, on ways to push our boundaries and our comfort zones to maintain a deep commitment to our children and grandchildren.

Hear what’s up in Congress and how legislation could potentially affect Medicare and the health care system.

Celebrate Social Security’s 77th anniversary with a luncheon featuring singer/songwriter ET & the Boy, and a young emerging labor leader sharing cross-generational advocacy action.

Learn about coalition building, the richness of Washington state labor history, the importance of staying on message and accessing media during the workshops. The goal of the workshops is to train seniors to stand up and speak out for economic justice and equal opportunity!

Registration is $35 per person - lunch and parking are provided. For details please call Mike Warren at 206-226-9802.

Join us to have fun, learn and network!”
MVPs Helping Hands

The Machinists Volunteer Program (MVP) continue to provide helping hands throughout the region at the Tacoma Rescue Mission and Everett Gospel Mission, as well as at Northwest Harvest. In addition, volunteers recently took down a ramp and cleaned up our adopt a road in Kent.

Fun Run Delivers Green for Guide Dogs

The Women’s Committee Flight for Sight Fun Run delivered $13,316 for Guide Dogs of America. The Committee presented the check at the July 24 District Council meeting and also presented Janel Bromiley with a plaque for consistently volunteering her time at the event. L to R: Janel Bromiley, Susan Palmer, Susanna Thomas, Helen Lowe, Terry Myette, Tom Wroblewski, Grace Holland and James Williams.

Unity Bowl Brings Money to Spare for MNPL

Local F’s Unity Bowl raised $6,779.80 for Machinists Non-Partisan Political League (MNPL) – the Union’s political arm. Presenting the check at a recent District Council meeting was Art Schilling. L to R: Susan Palmer, Paul Veldkamp, Dwayne Johnson, Larry Brown, Mitchell Christian, Terri Myette, Tom Wroblewski, Grace Holland and James Williams.

Vehicles

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President’s Report: T.J. Seibert announced the retiree picnic will take place Monday, August 13 at the lower Woodland Park picnic area, Stove 6. This will be in place of the business meeting in August. Volunteers are needed to help set up starting at 9 a.m. Please come and help out if you can. Also bring a dish to share. The District will provide chicken and drinks. Invitations will be mailed soon.

Adjournment: T.J. thanked everyone who attended the conference on Social Security/Medicare in May. He said they did a good job of stressing the importance of the upcoming elections.

New Business: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn at 11:50 a.m.

MNPL

Cycling for Guide Dogs

Makeenna Schilling, daughter of Union Steward Art Schilling, was the winner of the custom bicycle designed and donated by 751 AERO Mechanic.

Photo left: Helping with the Kent road clean-up were L to R: Tom Lindberg, George Braun, a mission volunteer, Yennie Murphy and Rob Curran.

Photo right: Helping out at the Tacoma Rescue Mission L to R: Tom Lindberg, George Braun, a mission volunteer, Yennie Murphy and Rob Curran.

Winners of the raffle tickets for the bike were: T.J. Seibert, 1st; T.J. Seibert, 2nd; and T.J. Seibert, 3rd.

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Photo left: Robley Evans mows while Dave Eide picks up trash along our stretch of adopt a road in Kent.

Photo right: Robley Evans helps out preparing and serving meals at the Tacoma Rescue Mission.

1999 ROAD TREAD, 19 FT. Popular, sleeps 5, mileage = 88,000, used for long trips. Top condition, just like new – inside and out. $17,000. 253-631-6445

1984 ALPENLITE LOW PROFILE, 5’5” WHEEL, 26’ x 8”. Stored in garage. $5,000 OBO. 253-630-5120

SPORTING GOODS

NEW HAVEN 12-GAUGE MOD. CHoke, $75. S&W Model 10-6 38 spc, $100. Hi-Point single-six 22 wmr, $200. Puyallup area. 360-893-0051

WANTED – Sr. citizen on fixed income seeks an inexpensive hand-push lawn mower with grass catcher. Need the exercise. If possible, Auburn/Kent area; can’t drive too far. 253-939-5667 (leave message)

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Yakima Barbecue Adds to Guide Dogs Total Contributions

District 751 members in the Yakima Valley have added to an already-record year for union fundraising in support of Guide Dogs of America. Local 1951 members working at Pexco, Edwards Equipment, Brand Trucking and Prompt Printery raised about $1,400 for Guide Dogs with a recent hot dog and hamburger feed and raffle.

Local lodge activists “went out and got a bunch of local prizes donated and then they sold tickets,” said District 751 Staff Assistant Ken Howard. “It’s great to see them get involved.”

On June 16, Local 1951 officers – including President Craig Smoot and Pexco Stewards Jennine Jensen and Katie Bronson – held a hot dog giveaway in Yakima in the parking lot of the Rite Aid and Safeway stores.

“We gave away hot dogs and union packets, sold raffle tickets and accepted donations for Guide Dogs,” said Howard.

The prizes were drawn on July 17 at a barbecue at the Pexco plant in Union Gap. Gene Newton, who works at Pexco, was the grand-prize winner in the drawing, collecting a $400 Petsmart gift certificate. Co-worker Joanna Howard won a $100 Crazy Ink gift certificate in the drawing, and Sandro Omega won a pair of Oakley sunglasses, donated by Bailey.

This year’s Eastern Washington fundraising totals for Guide Dogs jumped by 40 percent over last year’s total, which was the previous record. “That’s really outstanding,” said District 751 President Tom Wroblewski. “Our members in Eastern Washington have really embraced the cause of Guide Dogs fundraising and they’re making a real difference in people’s lives.”

A Local 1951 member – Dennis Meech of Goldendale – is the only District 751 Machinist ever to receive a service dog through Guide Dogs of America. He and his dog, Lefty, were matched together free of charge in 2010.

Meech was blinded in a motorcycle accident on his way home from work at the Roosevelt Landfill in 2007. "We can’t bring back what they lost, but we can show them they’ve got the support of their union family all across the state,” Howard said.

Well Wishes in Retirement

District 751 Staff Assistant Ken Howard and Local 1951 President Craig Smoot brought good wishes to two Local 1951 members who recently retired from contractors at the Hanford Site.

William “Bud” Higgins joined the union in 1977 and retired from Battelle on June 30 after working over three decades at the Hanford site.

Tim Heidcamp intimated into the Machinists in 1997 and retired on June 30 from CH2M Hill Plateau Remediation.

Local 1951 President Craig Smoot (l) wishes Tim Heidcamp well in his retirement from CH2M Hill Plateau Remediation.

Members Help After Fire Destroys Home

Members of Local 1951 took up a collection in July for a union brother and his family who lost their home in a fire.

The July 15 fire wiped out the home and belongings of Ken and Cindy Crocker.

Ken Crocker is an employee of Pexco in Union Gap who has been a Machinists Union member since workers at the company voted to join District 751 in 2008.

According to Yakima television station KNDO-TV, the Crocker’s home was one of three in a Yakima County mobile home park that burned early on the morning of July 15.

Six fire departments responded to the fast-moving fire, which spread to some nearby trees. “Water supply was an issue, because there are no hydrants in that mobile home park,” West Valley Deputy Fire Chief Nathan Craig told the TV station.

The three mobile homes were almost completely destroyed.

Cindy Crocker told the TV station that neighbors and members of a local church had been collecting cash and clothing for them and the others who lost everything in the fire.

Community support has been strong, but “it’s really hard, when 20 years of your life was in that house and everything’s gone,” she said.

Adding to the pain, the family’s dog, Bella, also perished in the fire, said Local 1951 President Craig Smoot.

The Crocker’s son was staying with friends the night of the fire. The Crockers brought Bella out safely, but she then ran back into the burning home, apparently intent on looking for the missing boy. Firefighters found her burned body laying next to his bed, said District 751 Staff Assistant Ken Howard.

Local 1951 members collected $214 for the family at their July barbecue at the Pexco plant. Smoot is asking other local lodges in District 751 to also pass the hat in August to help the Crockers.

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