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The value of a union membership: Dollars and sense

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What would you do with $579,000? That’s a pretty sizable chunk of money, isn’t it? You could buy a quality home for you and your family. You could afford college at a top-rated 4-year university for your children. You could save for a reasonable retirement making your family comfortable in your golden years. That’s the kind of money that can make a real difference in a family’s quality of life, and the good news is that those of us who are union members are already receiving it.

A new report out last month, compiled by the Century Foundation, clearly shows the financial benefits we enjoy by being union members. On average, the report showed, union workers earn 27.7 percent more money each year than non-union manufacturing workers. Add up that additional money each year over the length of an average working person’s career, and that is the amount you would get over and above what your non-union counterparts make in a working career - $579,000.

The difference for workers who do maintenance and repair work – like many of our members do – is even bigger: an additional 36.1 percent each year, or $686,000 over a lifetime. The authors of the report called this the “union premium.” They said that once it is “translated into lifetime wealth differences, the cumulative effect of the union premium becomes staggering. … Like buying a house or saving for retirement, joining a union is one of the most consequential financial decisions a worker can make.”

The Century Foundation report – which you can read for yourself online at www.wcfc.org -- makes the argument that unions need to do new things to help more people join unions.

I have to agree. I grew up in a union family, and I’ve seen the benefit that generations of union membership can bring. Washington State has one of the highest rates of union membership in America. It’s an important reason why our communities are great places to live. Union workers have more money to spend at local businesses, and we pay to support better schools, roads, parks and government services – like police and fire departments.

District 751 works hard to help workers form new unions, like we did at Cadence Aerospace-Giddens this spring. There are three main reasons why, No. 1 being – as we already know, when working people have more money to spend in their communities, that improves the prosperity and quality of life of everyone else who lives there too.

It’s also in our own self-interest to do this. As long as there are workers getting paid rock-bottom wages to do manufacturing work, that’s going to put downward pressure on the wages we can negotiate for ourselves as Machinists Union members.

And finally, it’s just the right thing to do. Much of the work done by workers at non-union aerospace suppliers in our state is very similar to the work we do. In fact, in many cases, it’s our Machinists who were working at Boeing, before the company decided to outsource it.

The work they do requires similar

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Local lodge barbecues planned for August

District 751 members and their families are invited to the annual membership appreciation barbecues, held in conjunction with local lodge meetings in August at the Seattle Union Hall.

“This is a great opportunity to come out, have some fun and some food and get to know your fellow Machinists Union members from outside your shop or site, or even from another company,” said District 751 President Jon Holden. The schedule for the barbecues is:

Local E (electronics and avionics) – 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Aug 5;
Local A (assembly mechanics, cranes, forklift, painters, flight line mechanics, wing line, structures and factory service) – 5 p.m. Aug. 6 and 10 a.m. Aug. 13;
Local F (inspectors, toolroom clerks and MPRFs) – 5 p.m. Aug. 12 and 10 a.m. Aug. 14; and
Local G (machinists, toolmakers, facilities) – 5 p.m. Aug. 13 and 10 a.m. Aug. 20.

In addition, Local 86 Machinists in Spokane will hold their annual membership picnic from 4-9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, at Valley Mission Park, 11123 E. Mission Ave., Spokane Valley. Also, the IAM 751 Retirement Club will hold its annual picnic on Aug. 10, at the Seattle Union Hall. Music, entertainment and games will begin at 11 a.m., with a potluck picnic starting at noon.

Local 1951 is planning their picnics/barbecue for Sunday, Sept. 13 from 1:30 to 7 p.m. at Fullbright Park (4508 Main Street, Union Gap, WA).

Summer school: Member education classes continue

District 751’s membership education classes will continue this summer, with sessions in July and August in Auburn, Seattle and Everett.

The classes are free and are taught by educators from the Washington State Labor Education and Research Center at South Seattle College.

The classes are recommended for stewards and are open to all members who want to learn more about our union, our contract with Boeing in particular and the labor movement in general.

Union Class schedule for Unit 4 – Communication and Mobilization is now available and open to all members (see listing below). This class focuses on the steward as a leader in the workspace.

The emphasis is on communication skills and how to get members engaged in the process of building union power and solving problems.

IAM 751 members take part in a discussion during membership education classes at the Seattle Union Hall.

Seattle Union Hall (9135 15th Place S.)
Tuesday, July 28, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m.

Auburn Union Hall (201 A St. SW)
Thursday, July 30, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m.

Everett Union Hall (8729 Airport Rd)
Tuesday, Aug. 4, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m.

Members can register, and the taxes for the “Union Class Registration” button on the left-hand side of the home page.
As pressure intensified on the Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) and the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP), only Congressmen Adam Smith, Denny Heck and Jim McDermott backed workers by voting no on TPA.

Following is Congressman Adam Smith’s statement opposing Trade Promotion Authority, which does a good job of pointing out the flaws in the legislation:

“Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) and the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP), as they are currently being discussed, do not do enough to protect workers and the environment at home and abroad.

“The biggest problem facing our economy is a vanishing middle class. Corporations are incentivized to value customers, shareholders, and executives over their workers resulting in less take home pay and benefits. This is evidenced by the bottom 90 percent of Americans owning less than a fraction of total U.S. wealth. TPA and TPP are far from the only or even largest contributors, but they provide the wrong incentives allowing corporations to grow and benefit from undervaluing workers both here and abroad.

“This trade framework is skewed to benefit corporations; an example of this is the investor-state dispute settlement. This mechanism gives corporations the private right to sue countries directly for what they may deem to be unfair or unfair treatment by the host government. Meanwhile, workers do not have the same right of action should a country violate its worker or environmental obligations under the agreement. For example, if a corporation perceives that a country violates its worker or environmental protection law it has the right to sue that country. If it violates worker or environmental law in its home country, corporations may be held responsible. However, unless workers can bring suit, the wrongdoer will be under no such obligation. Workers have a lower bar to jump over. They can bring suit in their own country, whereas corporations have the option of utilizing the dispute settlement mechanism of the agreement to bring suit in a distant country.

“Employees can sue the company they work for over a pay cut and still be entitled to their benefits. Yet corporations can sue countries because of a pay cut and not have to provide that employee with benefits. And if the corporation wins, the employee can lose their job. This is a great incentive for corporations to value shareholders and executives over workers.

“For the record, I am not against trade agreements. I believe in the benefits of trade and I voted against the Central American Free Trade Agreement precisely because it lacked protections for labor and the environment. In 2007, the May 10th Agreement was reached and it provided enforceable protections for workers and the environment. However, the promises of this agreement have not yet been fully realized and much more work is left to be done. Although on paper enforcement standards have improved, our government has not demonstrated to American and international workers its commitment to fully doing the job.

“I often hear an argument in support of TPA and TPP that if we don’t support a trade deal if I believed that American and global corporate culture was committed to paying workers fairly and ensuring their safety in the workplace. However, skyrocketing executive pay and huge stock buybacks at the expense of worker compensation convince me that there is an insufficient commitment to preserving the middle class. Too many businesses value executives, shareholders, and customers over workers, who today are not being adequately compensated for the work they do.

“A grow up in the SeaTac area where my father worked as a ramp serviceman for United Airlines and my mother stayed at home to raise the family. As a blue collar worker in the 1980s, my father was a member of the union and was paid $16 an hour with benefits. His job allowed him to provide for my family and to support my educational and professional goals. Unfortunately, his job today would pay only $9.73, making it impossible for a family to enjoy the financial security and upward mobility mine did.

“Trade agreements should create sound incentives and reinforce business cultures that value workers, as they have the ability to help spread these practices worldwide. We must do more to support the companies in the 9th District and around the country that are doing so already. Unfortunately, Wall Street and trade deals too often reward these companies’ competitors that improve their bottom line by shortchanging their employees—many of whom are not being adequately compensated for their work.

“In voting against TPA, it is my hope the Administration will take a step back and better engage on strengthening compliance with worker and environmental protections through trade agreements. When I supported trade agreements in the past, I believed the commitment to strong enforcement would result in tangible improvements. I want to be able to support future trade agreements, but until our record improves, these deals will fail to deliver on their promise of shared economic prosperity for American businesses and workers.”

NOTE: Despite Smith, Heck and McDermott voting no, TPA was signed into law on June 29th.
AIM-Sumner steward helps union member keep his job

A Machinists Union member at AIM Aerospace-Sumner is still on the job, thanks to the timely intervention of his union steward.

Without Union Steward Greg Clark, the union member would likely have been fired. Business Rep Brett Coty explained, "He prevented the member from losing his job."

The situation arose in April.

Machinists at AIM work under a performance and attendance policy based on "infractions." Piling up five infractions in a six-month period results in termination.

In this case, the worker – who already had used up all his sick leave – called in sick. That should have resulted in him receiving his fourth infraction. His supervisor, in fact, wrote him up for it and submitted the paperwork to Human Resources.

But the HR staff didn’t act on the paperwork for two weeks, until the worker called in sick again. At that point, the staffers processed both the fourth and fifth infractions, and it looked as if the worker would be fired when he came in the next day.

But Clark argued that HR had dragged its feet processing the paperwork, which meant it was unclear to the union member how many infractions he actually had.

"We’re expected to do our jobs in a timely fashion," Clark said. "Why can’t we expect HR to do its job in a timely fashion too?"

To her credit, the HR director listened and agreed with the union steward. The fourth infraction was removed from the file, and the fifth infraction went into the workers file as his fourth – allowing him to keep his job.

"She’s pretty good to work with," Clark said. "She’ll listen to both sides of the story."

Clark did a good job of working with AIM’s HR leadership to solve the problem in a way that was good for the union member, Coty said.

"As a union, we have formal grievance processes that we can use when a member is unfairly disciplined, he said. "But sometimes all it takes is for a steward to go to management and say ‘Hey, what’s happening to my union brother isn’t fair.’"

"That’s what Greg did in this situation and it resulted in a union member keeping his job."

Negotiations begin for URS members at NAS Whidbey

Negotiations for a new contract for IAM members working for URS at NAS Whidbey began in late June. After numerous meetings and surveys of the membership, the IAM presented a comprehensive proposal designed to address issues members have identified as important.

While some tentative agreements have been reached, additional negotiations were needed. The next bargaining session is scheduled for July 21.

These workers originally voted for the Union in 2011 when URS was the employer, got a follow-on contract with L3 and now are again employed by URS. They perform maintenance on U.S. Navy EA-18G Growler electronic warfare jets.

AFL-CIO organizing workshops train new group of recruiters

Union officers and members from across the Northwest -- including British Columbia -- attended a three-day AFL-CIO organizing workshop at the 751 Seattle Hall. Officers from all four District 751 local lodges in Puget Sound, plus some from Eastern Washington, took part. Union members learned one-on-one communication skills, had role playing for unionizing campaigns, practiced house calling scenarios, and took part in leadership building workshops.

District 751 Organizers Jesse Cote and Loren Guzzone led several of the sessions. 751 members taking part in the session: Melissa Allen, Charles Cesmat, Jason Chan, Matt Hardy, Ira Carterman, Chris Baker, Pam Harris, Greg Oden, Mark Shear, and Darrin Truitt.

The IAM negotiating team for URS Whidbey discuss proposals during a caucus from meeting with the Company. District President Jon Holden is leading the talks, along with Chief of Staff Richard Jackson and members from the bargaining unit.

IAM-Boeing Apprentice Applications Accepted

The IAM/Boeing Joint Apprenticeship Committee will accept applications for new apprentices beginning July 20, 2015 for the following trades:

- Blue Streak Mechanic
- Composite Manufacturing Tech
- Manufacturing Machinist

All Boeing and non-Boeing candidates may apply for open positions that are posted through the Boeing Global Staffing on-line requisition system at http://www.boeing.com/careers during the advertised application acceptance period. Applicant minimum qualification requirements will be clearly stated on the requisitions. Applicants may apply for one or more apprenticeship programs.

All applicants for an apprenticeship must be at least 18 years of age; be eligible for hire or rehire at Boeing; have never been enrolled in or completed an IAM/Boeing Joint Apprenticeship program; have a GED or a high school diploma; have US person status; meet specific defined vocational training or trade related work experience requirements for the apprenticeship program being applied for; and be able to perform the physical requirements of the apprenticeship. For the Industrial Electronic Maintenance Technician Program applicants must be able to distinguish between primary colors.

Please visit the http://www.iam-boeing-apprenticeship.com website for specifics on minimum requirements and help with the application process.

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Nominations and elections for Local Lodge Officers in 751-E, 751-F, 86 and 1123 shall be made as described in the table below (nominations in each first Local Lodge meeting in September, 2015 and the first Local Lodge meeting in October, 2015, per the IAM Constitution).

**CREDENTIALS:**
Candidates for all Union positions must be in good standing and free from delinquencies of any nature to the Grand Lodge, District or Local Lodge of the IAM.

In Local Lodges 751-E, 86, and 1123, a nominee shall be required to have attended at least 50% of the Local Lodge meetings during the 12-month period ending the date of the close of nominations (per requirements of the Local Lodge meeting).

In Local Lodge 751-F, candidates are encouraged to have attended at least 50% of the Local Lodge meetings during the 12-month period ending the date of the close of nominations.

Candidates must be a member of the respective Local at the time of nomination and have been a member of the Local for one year at the time of nomination (or of a Local affiliated with District 751 for Local Lodges 751-E & 751-F). Candidates shall be working at the trade as defined in the IAM Constitution in Sec. 4, Art. II for six months prior to the nomination.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**
- Candidates must be working at the trade as defined (in Local Lodges 751-E & 751-F).
- Candidates will be working at the trade as defined in the IAM Constitution in Sec. 4, Art. II for six months prior to the nomination.

**NOMINEES ACCEPTANCE:**
All nominations must be made from the floor by a member in good standing.

**ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE:**
All members in good standing, whose dues are paid through August 2015, and retired Union members, are eligible to vote in their respective Local Lodge election.

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS:**
- Absentee ballots are issued in accordance with the IAM Constitution (can use form above right). Any member entitled to receive an absentee ballot (per the reasons listed on form) will make a one-time ballot request. An IAM scholarship is given out every year and Stephanie is driven, determined and exudes a positive energy that shows she will succeed at any task she sets her sights on.

The IAM scholarships are given out every year and are available to a handful of members and their children. You can learn more about the scholarship programs by visiting goiam.org. Applications for the 2016 IAM Scholarship will be available in October.
Morrison relates to people in need: ‘I’ve been there; I’ve been that’

Judy Morrison knows what it’s like to wake up in the morning wondering whether there will be anything for her or her children to eat that day. She also knows how powerful it can be when a stranger steps up to offer a helping hand. “I’ve been there,” Morrison explained. “I’ve been that.”

Today, Morrison is one of the trustees of the Employees Community Fund at Boeing, where she helps direct grant money to the kinds of social service agencies that help people living the kind of life that she used to live.

She lists some of the major grants that the fund has made this year. Agencies that provide housing and recovery services for mothers with substance abuse issues, training programs to give homeless teens job skills and stable housing.

“I wish these kinds of groups had been around for me,” she said. “Or that I had known about them.”

Morrison, now 53 and working for Boeing Emergent Operations North in the Everett Blanket Shop, describes a life that’s as handscrubbable as it gets. Her parents divorced when she was 14, she was in foster care at 15, and by the time she was 16, she was on her own and living on the streets.

She was in a dead-end life until she got pregnant, which motivated her to start making changes in her life. Morrison settled down a bit, marrying a man who helped her get through school. She worked sewing boat covers and furniture upholstery, and she also sewed a lot of her family’s clothes. She also worked at Trader Joe’s, which was a good job, but one that didn’t offer full-time hours. Three years ago, she found her way to Boeing, which put her tailoring skills to work in the blanket shop.

“I’m grateful for it,” Morrison said. “We work at a fast pace building and sewing blankets for all Boeing airplanes. We also have to troubleshoot and fix blankets from other suppliers.”

Last year, Morrison heard about the Employees Community Fund at Boeing.

“ECF, as it’s commonly called, has been supported by members of District 751 ever since its founding in 1951 and the union has always encouraged our members to participate. Four hourly and four salaried employees serve on the ECF Board of Trustees and decide how money donated by Boeing employees is allocated. All the overhead for ECF is paid by Boeing, so 100% of employee dollars goes to community organizations.”

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Walker told her about some of the programs ECF funds – groups like Phoebe’s House, which provides help to single mothers with drug or alcohol addiction, helping them to get sober and enroll in school or job training.

Morrison was moved – she went online at TotalAccess and signed up to start giving to ECF “within the hour,” Morrison said. “I’ve been there; I’ve been that.”

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“It was time,” she said. “My kids are grown. I want to give back.”

Morrison said one of her big goals is to increase awareness of all the good ECF does in the community – buying wheelchair-accessible vans for Volunteers of America in Everett, for example, or $353,000 for a new USO center at SeaTac, where members of the Armed Forces and their families can relax for a while traveling to and from deployments or assignments to new duty stations.

Only 12 percent of Machinists Union members who work at Boeing currently donate to ECF, Morrison said.

“We could do a lot better,” she said. “I’d love to see it at 80 or 100 percent. If we did that, we could see the end of the cycle of poverty in our area, in our lifetimes.”

Morrison encourages others to join ECF and take advantage of this unique opportunity to give back. Simply fill out the payroll deduction card above and return it to Mailcode: 1F-93.

Morrison goes to crew meetings to talk up ECF – all it takes is a commitment of $5 or more (or even $7.51!) a paycheck. In her role as a trustee, she goes to meetings, reviews grant proposals and visits nonprofits that are helping people who need help today, just like she needed help decades ago – and then she goes to work at the Blanket Shop.

“I’m having the time of my life,” Morrison said.

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MVPs offering helping hand throughout the region

751 volunteers help prepare and serve breakfast at the Rescue Mission the second and fourth weekends each month.

Everett MVPs clean up our stretch of road. L to R: John Kassy, Brian Butler, Don Myers, Bob McMurray and Adrian Camez.

Above: John Kassy helps with the Everett road clean up.

Left: George Braun works on fixing a truck at the Toy Rescue Mission.

Photo left: MVPs built a ramp for a retired member in Tacoma.

Helping on a recent Auburn road clean up L to R: Rob Carran, George Braun, Dave Henry, Terri Myette and Clark Fremong.
Flight for Sight runners jog for a good cause

More than 110 runners took part in this year’s Flight for Sight Fun Run, which raised more than $14,000 for Guide Dogs of America.

The 14th annual run was held June 6 on a new course that left the Everett Union Hall, ran parallel to the Paine Field flight line, wound through the streets around the Bomarc complex, then headed back to the Everett Hall along Airport Road.

“We had a great group of volunteers. Thanks to them and our sponsors, we had a very successful event,” said Business Rep Grace Holland. “This event is great for families and folks of all ages. We had participants as young as 3 years old up to 85 years old. Jim Hages has celebrated his birthday week with us the past two years and at 85 years young he ran the 10K – way to go Jim! Over the 14 years the event has raised over $165,000 for Guide Dogs of America.”

Ray Meduna, Monico Bretana and Paul Bartman were honored as the top fundraisers for the race. Ray has consistently been one of the top fundraisers each year, raising more than $20,000 for Guide Dogs since the fun run began.

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More than 110 runners took part in this year’s 5-kilometer and 10-kilometer run and walk.

This year’s run featured a new route along Airport Road.

Benton Union Steward Darry Woodson was one of the many members taking part in this year’s run.

District 751 Secretary-Treasurer Susan Palmer sells raffle tickets to Steward Steve Parsley, who was one of the many volunteers, while Business Rep Fergie (far right) narrates the countdown to race start.

Ray Meduna finished first in fundraising again this year and has raised more than $14,000 for Guide Dogs since the first fun run.

Paul Bartman collected $910 for Guide Dogs.

Monico Bretana finished third in fundraising with $725.

Eyeglass recycling drive continues

District 751 MVPs are joining with the Bonney Lake Lions Club this summer to collect used eyeglasses for people in need.

Collection boxes have been placed at all IAM 751 union halls in Puget Sound. The drive will run through September.

The collected glasses will be cleaned and repaired, if need be, and then sorted by prescription type.

Then, volunteer vision professionals take the donated eyeglasses to people in remote parts of developing countries, where they either don’t have access to eye doctors or can’t afford to buy glasses. The Lions Clubs also collect reading glasses and non-prescription sunglasses to give to homeless people in the Northwest.
District 751—the leading fundraiser for Guide Dogs of America across the United States and Canada—has announced dates for a series of fundraising events.

Each promises to be a good time, while also raising money for a great cause.

**Puppy Putt**

The 13th annual Puppy Putt motorcycle ride to benefit Guide Dogs of America will be Saturday, July 11 at locations around Puget Sound.

Riders will leave between 8 and 10 a.m. from Sound Harley-Davidson at 16212 Smokey Point Blvd. in Marysville and from Northwest Harley-Davidson at 8000 Freedom Lane in Lacey.

The separate groups will meet at District 751’s Seattle Union Hall—9135 15th Place S.—for an afternoon of food, music, games and fun.

Puget Sound Harley-Davidson dealers are primary sponsors, but organizers stress that Puppy Putt is an “all breed” event, open to owners of all motorcycle makes and models.

Advanced registration is $15 for a rider, and $5 for passengers. Registration will cost $20 for a rider after July 6. Registration forms are available at all District 751 union halls in Puget Sound or online at www.PuppyPutt.com.

Each rider will receive an event t-shirt, a commemorative patch and a Guide Dogs of America pin. Passengers will receive t-shirts.

Your Chance to Win a Harley

Puppy Putt 13 is raffling off a XG750 Harley Davidson. Tickets are $5 each and you need not be present to win the bike. Tickets are available at the Union Halls, local lodge meetings and from any Puppy Putt Committee member.

For details, go online at www.PuppyPutt.com or call the Everett Union Hall at (425) 355-8821.

**Guide Dogs Golf Tournament**

The annual Guide Dogs of America Golf Tournament will be Saturday, July 19, at the Willows Run Golf Course in Renton.

The tournament will be a scramble format with a shotgun start at 8 a.m.

The cost is $100, which covers greens, cart rental, tournament t-shirts, prizes and a buffet at the end of play. Entry forms are available at all District 751 union halls in Puget Sound. Entries are due by July 10. Information is also available by calling the Everett Union Hall at (425) 355-8821.

**Shoes for Puppies**

The 12th annual Shoes for Puppies horseshoe tournament will return to Maple Valley on Saturday, Aug. 8.

The tournament, which is sponsored by Local E, will start at noon Aug. 8 at the Red Dog Saloon, 18606 Renton-Maple Valley Rd. SE.

The cost is $50 per player. Entry forms are available at all IAM 751 union halls around Puget Sound. Pit sponsors are also available for $50.

Raffle tickets for a big screen TV are available from Local E officers.

**Local A car show**

The Bill Baker Memorial Steel & Wheel SuperSow is coming back to Everett on Saturday, August 15.

The annual hot rod and motorcycle show will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at IAM 751’s Everett Union Hall, 8 729 Airport Rd.

There will be live music and food during the show, along with displays of classic cars, hot rods and custom motorcycles anything on wheels.

Check-in for exhibitors will be from 8 to 9:30 a.m. The cost is $20 per vehicle if done in advance, or $25 on the day of the show. Pre-registration forms are available at all IAM 751 union halls in Puget Sound.

An LG 60-inch flat screen TV will be raffled off as part of the fundraiser and you need not be present to win. Tickets are $5 per ticket or 5 for $20. You can purchase tickets at any Union hall, at the Local A monthly lodge meetings, or from Local A officers.

**Spokane Trap Shoot**

Local 86 will hold its second annual Guide Dogs Charity Trap Shoot this summer.

The event will start with registration at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 22 at the Spokane Gun Club, 19615 E. Spokane Ave. in Greenacres. Shooting will begin at 10 a.m.

Registration costs $70 per shooter, which covers targets, lunch, trophies and prizes.

Last year’s first-ever Local 86 trap shoot raised more than $3,800.

**Pacific Raceways**

District 751 is teaming up once again with Pacific Raceways for our 10th annual joint charity fundraising event.

Our union is selling discount $5 tickets for drag racing on Aug. 21-23 at the track, which is at 31001 144th Ave SE in Kent. Tickets are on sale at all IAM 751 union halls around Puget Sound. They are good for entry on any one day of the event. Children under 6 are free.

Racing starts at 9 a.m. all three days and will feature racing in the Lucas Oil Regional Drag Race Series and Harley-Davidson motorcycle series.

All proceeds from the sale will go to benefit Guide Dogs of America.

This will be the 10th year that District 751 and Pacific Raceways have teamed up for the “Dog Days” event. The previous nine race weekends have raised more than $53,000.

“A lot of Machinists Union members come out to race at this event, and with the help of the folks at Pacific Raceways, we have a whole lot of fun raising money for a great cause,” said event chairman Robley Evans.

**Local F Karting Challenge**

Local F will hold its third annual Guide Dogs Karting Challenge on Sept. 12 at PGP Motorsports Park at Pacific Raceways in Kent.

The event will be from 2 to 6 p.m. and will feature teams of drivers racing for two hours around the PGP track, which is at 31001 144th Ave SE. Prizes will go to the teams that complete the most overall laps in the time allowed.

The cost is $400 per team, and each team can have up to four drivers. Lunch is included in the registration fee.

Last year’s Karting Challenge raised more than $14,000.

“We’ve had lots of success and a lot of fun with this event,” said Local F President Robley Evans.

For registration information, call Ev. at (253) 350-6725.
June Retirement Club business meeting minutes

The June 8 meeting was called to order by President Jackie Boschok. John Guevarra led the prayer which was followed by the flag salute and the singing of God Bless America.

Roll Call of Officers: All officers were present or excused.

Minutes: It was M/S/P to approve the May minutes. President Boschok suspended the regular order of business to welcome District 751 Secretary-Treasurer Sue Palmer. She asked John Guevarra to join her on the stage and then thanked him and recognized him for his 65 years of union membership. She then presented John with a certificate and 65-year pin. John received a round of applause.

Financial Report: Tom Lux gave the report and announced that 16 people have signed up for the Argosy cruise in July. The report was M/S/P.

Health and Welfare: Helen Pompea gave the report. A moment of silence was observed for the following deceased 751 gave the report. A moment of silence was observed for the following deceased: George Voigt, Phil Jelinek, and Paul Hinkle. Sympathy cards were sent to the next of kin.


Business As usual Report: none.

Legislative Report: Carl Schwartz gave the report. He said our state legislature is still in double overtime. There are reports that they are meeting in the governor’s office and making some progress. Republicans are opposed to any new revenue. Democrats are trying to close some “loopholes” and enact a capital gains tax to bring in some needed revenue.

The National Alliance of Retired Americans (NARA) has released this year’s “report card” on how members of Congress voted on issues impacting seniors. It is available on the Alliance website. It is a fact that generally Republicans were rated lower in many cases much lower than Democrats on these issues.

Our delegates are looking forward to attending the national conference of the ARA in Washington D.C. from July 7 to July 10. Our chair, Jackie Boschok will be leading the delegation of five from our club.

A lot of people have announced that they are running for President of the United States. The election is still quite a ways away but the candidates need to be informed about the issues that impact seniors and asked to make their positions clear so that voters can make informed choices. Our club, the Machinists Retiree Department and the ARA will all make every effort to get these candidates to make their positions clear. Also we are still working on a proposal that would permit Medicare to negotiate lower drug prices.

Representative Dave Reichert (R-8th District) has introduced a bill (HR 1892) that would fund Foreign Trade Assistance by taking $700 million from Medicare. It doesn’t make sense but is an attack on medical care for all senior citizens. This is outrageous! Carl suggested contacting Reichert about this.

Executive Board: Lucia Raum read a motion put forward by the Executive Board requesting the approval to spend up to $400 to hire union musicians for the Retirement Club picnic on August 10. M/S/P President Boschok then led discussion about whether to have the musicians play inside or outside and it was M/S/P to have them play inside.

President’s Report: President Jackie Boschok then spoke about the Argosy cruise on Thursday, July 16. The deadline to register has been extended to June 15. She also spoke about Fast Track saying it is a big issue and the AFL-CIO is making it a priority. Representatives Suzan DelBene, Denny Heck and Adam Smith have not taken a position on this yet. Efforts are being taken to persuade them to vote no.

Jackie said the Washington State Labor Council telecasts information every Wednesday at 3 p.m. aimed at preventing Fast Track from passing in the House. There is a Fast Track 24 hour readiness team formed to act when we find out that the bill will be voted on. Let Jackie know if you want to be involved.

The adult CPR class has been rescheduled to Monday, July 27 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Seattle Union Hall. Medi 2 Seattle Fire Department is offering the class for free but they do take donations. Previously $200 was authorized to give to the fire union musicians for the Retirement Club picnic on August 10. M/S/P President Boschok then led discussion about whether to have the musicians play inside or outside and it was M/S/P to have them play inside.

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The Club sang Happy Birthday to them. Dan Stachowski won the drawing for the Fred Meyer gift card.

Meeting adjourned at noon.

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Retirement Club picnic on Saturday, August 10

Seattle Union Hall

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Please bring a side dish or dessert to share! All retirees & guests are welcome.

Hope to see you there on Aug. 10th!

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Arms manufacturers seem to be largely independent of union membership, with the exception of the Boeing Company, where 90% of the company’s workforce is unionized. This is due to the fact that workers in the aerospace industry are covered by a complex network of agreements that are unique to the industry.

In the auto industry, the number of unionized workers has been on the decline since the 1980s. In 2010, only 1.5 million autoworkers were unionized, down from 2.5 million in 1970. This decline can be attributed to a number of factors, including automation, outsourcing, and the globalization of the industry.

Despite these declines, there are still some companies that have a strong commitment to maintaining a union presence. One example is Tesla, which has had a successful union drive in January 2021.

In conclusion, unionization remains a significant factor in the auto and arms industries, with the degree of unionization varying greatly by company and industry. The impact of unionization on workers’ wages and benefits is a complex issue, with both positive and negative consequences.

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The image contains a page from a newspaper, including sections on legal notices, classified ads, and a section on unionization. The text is dense and contains a mix of legal and classified content. The layout is typical of a newspaper, with columns and paragraphs. There are no images or graphs on the page.
Young people entering the aerospace manufacturing industry face strong job prospects over the next decade, this year’s graduates of the Aerospace Joint Apprenticeship Committee apprenticeship programs were told.

Tens of thousands of Baby Boomers are poised to retire in the next few years, creating a huge demand for skilled and motivated workers, IAM 751 Legisla- tive Director Larry Brown and other speakers said.

“It appears that the sky is the limit for you,” Brown told the apprenticeship graduates at the ceremony where they received their journeyman cards. “Old folks like me, we’re getting out, and we need you to get in.”

AJAC graduated its second apprenticeship class in June. The 38 graduates included 10 from Eastern Washington aerospace companies, and while the majority of the new journeymen are headed into aerospace careers, a handful plan to work for advanced industries such as remanufacturing companies that support the motorscy- cling and maritime industries.

AJAC is strongly supported by District 751. Union Organizer Jesse Cote and retired IAM 751 activist Tom Lux serve on its board of directors.

“Having a highly skilled workforce is our state’s competitive advantage,” Cote said. “Through AJAC, we help ensure companies in our state have the workers they need, so that Washington remains the global leader in the aerospace industry.”

The new journeymen machinists are “well-posi- tioned for a lifetime of earning success,” said Eliza- beth Smith, the secretary for the Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council.

On average, apprentices earn $19,000 a year more than workers doing similar jobs who don’t have the advanced training, she said. In addition, apprentices earn paychecks while they train for their careers, which means they graduate without having run up a significant amount of debt, unlike many young peo- ple who decide to go to college.

“This piece of paper you receive tonight will change your life; it will change your family’s lives,” Smith said. “You’ll put this piece of paper on your resume and you’ll get jobs, good jobs, for the rest of your life.”

In the short-term, there are lots of opportu- nities for people with the right skills and moti- vation, Brown said.

A recent state survey showed that 92 per- cent of Washington aerospace companies hired new workers in the past year, and state agen- cies project that as many as 30,000 new work- ers will be needed in the next decade to replace the generation of workers now about to retire – from airframe mechanics to CNC machinists to engineering support techs.

AJAC is doing its part to meet the demand, said Lynn Strickland, the program’s executive director. There are now 330 apprentices training at 27 companies statewide, she said – getting the skills they need to advance from entry-level workers to master shop-floor aerospace workers. Each graduate of AJAC’s four-year program completes 576 hours of classroom training, on top of 8,000 hours of work under the supervision of an experienced co-worker.

The veteran machinists who trained you gave you a gift, Brown told the graduates.

“Never forget that the knowledge you have was passed on from one journeyman to you,” Brown said. “When it’s your turn, share that knowledge with oth- ers.”

Graduating apprentices look forward to aerospace careers

Retired IAM 751 activist and AJAC Steering Committee member Tom Lux helped present journeyman’s cards to the graduating apprentices.

FINANCIAL SENSE: Get ready for the ‘What-Ifs’

SCOTT WEALTH MANAGEMENT GROUP of Wells Fargo Advisors

The future holds many uncertainties, and your retirement is no exception:

“What age should I retire?”

“How long will I live in retirement?”

“When should I start taking Social Security?”

“How will rising medical costs affect me?”

That’s why planning is so critical, and a good plan will take into account many of the possible uncertainties. In the process of developing your personal retirement plan, it’s important to map out these “what-ifs” – the scenarios, priorities, and choices that you’ll build into your strategy.

For example, you may have realized that your retirement priorities include spending as much time on the water as possible or staying in your lifelong home. Each represents a significant expense – perhaps a new cabin cruiser, or extensive aging-in-place upgrades and a long-term care policy — that would affect not only your retirement lifestyle but also your retirement finances.

Each priority generates questions: What if you paid up front? What if you can’t afford it? What if it affects your children or the other affect your monthly income, investments, and legacy plans? Other unexpected developments may arise, such as your company offering you an early retirement package. You may then need to decide whether you can afford to accept the early retirement package or forgo it and continue with your predetermined retirement date. Or perhaps you can reprioritize certain goals so that you can afford to take the early retirement package.

Turning What-ifs into a Plan

“Exploring the what-ifs allows you to try on decisions before you actually have to make them,” says Greg Shiveley, first vice president of the Strategic Solutions Group at Wells Fargo Advisors. “You’re able not only to design a retirement lifestyle that reflects your priorities but also to have added confidence that you’ll be able to achieve it.”

The process starts with narrow down the list of what-ifs to those scenarios most applicable to your circumstances. A couple for whom assisting family is a priority might explore the repercussions of offering financial assistance to an adult child or having an older relative move in — or both. A single person for whom independence is a priority and who has a family history of living to age 95-plus will have a very different “what- if” conversation with his or her Financial Advisor.

Shiveley notes that exploring what-if scenarios can be especially useful when a couple or individual has multiple high priorities, which may have come to light during a priority-setting exercise with their Financial Advisor. “It’s an opportunity to examine the implications of giving one goal higher priority than the other, as well as what would be required to achieve both priorities,” he explains. One outcome may prove vastly preferable to another — or small trade- offs or strategy changes could make achieving both goals possible.

Working through the options with someone who trusts you who also happens to be familiar with your finances and personal preferences — namely, your Financial Advisor — greatly simplifies the process. Regardless of the strength of that relationship, however, you remain in the driver’s seat. “While your advisor is there to provide insight and support, ultimately you make decisions about how to proceed,” Shiveley emphasizes.

What’s more, you can return to the what-if process whenever you’re faced with a major decision or a change in your circumstances. “The reports and plans that come out of this exploration are not something you just put on a shelf,” Shiveley points out. “They’re living, breathing documents that can adapt with you.”

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Mobilizing the masses for maximum effect in negotiations

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Open discussion on the last round of contract talks in 2013 was held, including how members accepted Triumph’s last, best and final offer by default (falling just short of the required two-thirds) to call a strike. Members are focused on turning around many of the concessions made in that contract. Candid discussion took place about what each member and the Union can do differently to have a better outcome, suggestions were made and ideas were brainstormed.

After that last contract was implemented, the Union learned that in the 2016 negotiations, if the new contract fails to offer the IAM Pension Plan to all employees (current and future), then the pension will be eliminated for all members at Triumph. Currently, the IAM National Pension Plan made dispensation to allow an exception since this information was not known when members were voting the offer in 2013. “As a membership, we have to be willing to strive for more and believe we deserve more for the profits we generate. Every member must communicate to Triumph that pensions are important, and you are willing to take action to maintain it,” said Holden. “Reach out to those members who didn’t attend today and bring them closer. Stand up as a group and don’t let the company divide you further. Educate all your co-workers on why it’s important to fight for these benefits. The Company will use fear and intimidation, but armed with information and solidarity, we can succeed.”

Representatives from the IAM National Pension Plan educated members on the tremendous value of having the IAM Pension. In a time of increasing financial insecurity, the IAM NPP can provide retirement security.

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Many were surprised to learn just how valuable the IAM pension is. Contributions at Triumph began at 80 cents an hour and incrementally increased to the current $1.75 an hour. “The $1.75 an hour figure is a wage diversion from past negotiations. It was choices you made as a group to have a pension and you can do it in this round of bargaining as well. Triumph caused this current situation and is making millions in profits because of your hard work. Participate in these events, stay unified and let management know you are serious about securing more of the profits you helped create,” said Business Rep Steve Warren.

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Members took educational materials on the IAM National Pension Plan. To keep the pension, current and future members must be part of the plan, which will be a tough fight in negotiations.

“When you lose something, it is never easy to get it back. It takes solidarity, determination and a commitment to make the goal a reality,” Holden added. Holden noted that 751 has focused on organizing other aerospace suppliers to raise their wages and benefits to reduce the downward pressure on our members. Following the 6 p.m. meeting, Union leaders visited the Triumph factory to talk to other workers on current issues in the plant. The message from members echoed the negotiation theme “One equal team 2016.”