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Union Voice

**From The Desk Of
Rita Rogers**

Hello All:

The union was notified that the company is in the process of making plans to **outsource** or should I say **insource** the Stock Rooms, Truckers and some Material Handlers jobs!

The union has formed committees for each area and has requested detailed information, from the company, regarding the plans and other data. The committees will review the methods and processes and make proposals and/or recommendations in an effort to protect our jobs! Yes, the fight continues.

At a time when we are facing layoffs, you would think the company would do their best to keep every job here and at least one more person working during these tough times instead of bidding good union Jobs away!

Well, until they realize dedicated and respected employees not only produce the best products but also take pride and ownership in their companies, we will continue the fight!!! For this fight is not only about the employees, it is about our families and communities.

Rita Rogers
ADBR



Buying American: What About U.S.-Built Toyotas?

*By Larry Wilson
Communicator*

The - Buy American - debate. Several consumers and a UAW official said that buying American cars during this time of crisis for the Big Three was an act of economic patriotism.

But there is another angle to the - Buy American - debate.

That is the broader context of the ever-climbing unemployment rates across all American industries. During this time of massive unemployment, many transplanted foreign carmakers continue to operate assembly plants, manufacturing facilities and research & development centers in the U.S. All of that, obviously, provides jobs to American workers at a time when unemployment is worse than it's been in 25 years.

So, that raises the question: In the context of - Buy American, how do consumers or industry officials/analysts

feel about Americans buying a foreign car especially when it was built in a plant located in Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, or any number of states?

The answer depends in part on geography — that is, how the current crisis is impacting people in the most economically-devastated industrial states that are home to Big Three facilities and other manufacturing plants — Michigan being first and

foremost among them. Many buyers in Michigan still strongly adhere to a Buy American stance, transplants aside.

Exactly what does it mean any more to say Buy American? If you look at the suppliers who make parts and components for the Big Three, well, many of them are also making parts for Hondas and Nissans and other foreign carmakers. So when you buy one of those imports, you're also supporting those American-based suppliers.

Some - Buy American - supporters point out that, even if you buy, say, a Honda Accord built in Ohio, by American workers, the profits still go back to the parent company, based in Japan and therefore don't help Detroit's carmakers.

A lot of the revenues earned by the transplants are re-invested in their U.S. facilities.

I'm personally not planning on purchasing a new vehicle any time soon. What with the problems with our aviation industry due to the economy it might be very tempting otherwise. I listen to all the car ads on TV and the radio making it very tempting to take delivery of a new car or truck. I'm a big believer in Buying American/Buying Union. It's a dilemma that makes me think. Is it better to purchase an American vehicle made from foreign suppliers or in foreign plants? Or purchase a foreign vehicle made here in the United States.

Resources- Information taken from several websites.

**American HeartWalk
Learn and Live
Saturday June 13th
Cessna Stadium**

Walk Starts At 9:00 a.m.

As most of you are aware, the time for the American Heart Walk is upon us again, and once again we need your help in making this years walk a success.

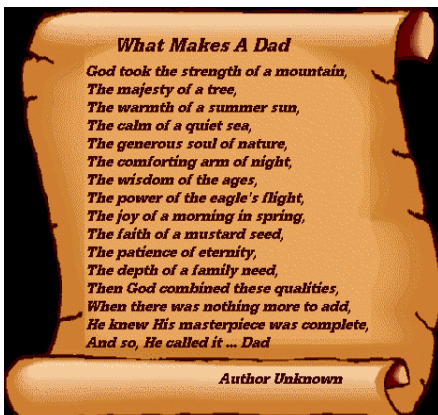
Our ADBR Rita Rogers has put out the call for you as stewards to get involved and become a team captain or find someone in your areas who would be interested in becoming one, regardless of what you choose to do please get out and find walkers and donors to this worthy cause.

This year's walk will be on Saturday June 13, 2009 at Cessna Stadium with late money turn in at 8am, warm up at 8:45am with the walk starting at 9am until 12pm.

The plant chairs have Heart Walk information and pledge forms in the Union offices, please contact anyone of the plant chairs to get your packets today, and help the Machinist Union make this year's campaign a success's get out and walk.....

The Economy Is Not Working For Working Families Today—And Health Care Is A Major Part Of The Problem.

Across America, families are making hard decisions between paying for health care and paying for other necessities and struggling with a system that is too often cruel and inefficient.



What Makes A Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... Dad

Author Unknown

**Happy Fathers Day
Sunday June 21st, 2009**



June Is Busting Out All Over



Well this is your sister coming at you again for the safety Committee. We meet every second Wednesday at 4:00 pm in the old first aid room in plant 2.

June is as they say busting out all over with the flowers and trees and so forth in bloom. With that we will soon have warmer weather. Combine the warmer weather with the stress of where the economy is and without warning tempers can flair. Things you didn't mean to say or do can happen. First of all you should stop and think before you say or do something.

Now you ask what does this have to do with safety. When tempers flair you will say or do something that you can't take back and in a snap moment you might even become violent and before you know it the damage is done, and someone could be hurt very badly.

When you see someone who is very upset stop, think and ask yourself what is going on behind that attitude. Somebody has to be the smart one and let it go. They have a saying let sleeping dogs lie. Walk away and let things cool off.

Don't let stress get to you the power you loose can be great and you can't get it back. Then you get upset at yourself for letting things get that bad. Stress can and will kill you.

The summer holidays are coming up and the pain of loved ones that aren't here can take its toll on you and your feelings come into play. I found that music and laughter like a funny movie can change the mood and lift your spirits. Go to the lake and sit by the still waters and know life is not that bad.

A few days ago I was at the rehabilitation center. While there I saw how alone some of the seniors were. There were some with limbs missing and some who were by themselves at dinner with no one to talk to. I saw that what was going on in my life wasn't that bad after all. Some of them that I didn't even know I took time to talk to and that brought a smile to their faces.

Love yourself and then others will love you. Get out in the yard and see

how beautiful things are. Then you and only you can make a difference. Enjoy spring and enjoy life. The time we have on this earth is very precious to us so spend it wisely and have some fun while you are at it.

With all solidarity your sister,
Linda Ligons
God is good all the time all the time he is good.



Letter Carrier Food Drive A Success

On behalf of the National Association of Letter Carriers, I want to extend thanks to the citizens of Wichita for their generosity during our food drive on Saturday May 5th, 2009.

Because you opened your hearts and pantries, the Kansas Food Bank received more than 155,000 pounds of food to help people in tough situations. With the thousands of layoffs that are occurring in the Wichita area, the need is greater than ever, and you stepped up. The food drive produced more than a 15 percent increase in donations over last year.

I also want to thank all of the volunteers who came to the stations to help unload the postal vehicles. Members



New Record for Wichita Food Drive—Passes 200,000 Pound Goal

The 2009 Letter Carriers Food drive has set a new record and passed their 200,000 pound goal. Larry Gunkel of the Kansas Food Bank reports 160,614 pounds were delivered. Cathy Lamb, food drive coordinator for NALC branch 201, adds that 45,985 pounds were collected in outlying offices covered by the her branch. That gives a total to date of 205,599 pounds.

That's not a final number, though. Gunkel told Kansas Workbeat that there will be additional pick ups from Wichita post offices of food donated during this week. Cathy Lamb, coordinator for the Wichita area food drive, said, "Please help me tell everyone who help this year, a big THANK YOU! We would not have had such a great success if it was not for the help we had from this great community. Their are so many people to thank. Dillon's for the sacks, the volunteer's at the station's, the truck drivers who helped transport the food from the station's to the Food Bank. The business 's that helped by putting it up on their signs, churches that put it in their bullitens. The Letter Carriers both city and rural for all the effort and hard work on top of their normal dutys of the day. The USPS for their help. Last but not least the Kansas Food Bank for all their help in making every year more easier for all of us. God bless you all!"

Mario Cervantes, United Way labor liaison, extended his

of the Kansas Road Team deserve a big "thank you" for donating their time and vehicles to haul away all of the food collected.

Though it's called the letter carriers' food drive, it wouldn't be possible without the cooperation of the United States Postal Service. I would like to thank Mark Talbott and Brenda Bishop for their leadership and assistance in making this happen. And I want to thank all of the letter carriers of the city of Wichita and NALC Branch 201 who added this work to their day, making it a brighter day for the city and the people who need help. It was a good day to be a mailman.

PATRICK HILL
President
NALC Branch 201

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thanks to the union volunteers who helped this year. Site Coordinators – Cassie Reicher IAM LL774; Richard Flaharty IAM, Deb Tracy IAM & AW LL639, and Tony Spicer IAM LL639 Site Volunteers: Larry & Linda Wilson –IAM 733, Stuart Elliot- APWU 735, Bob Gainer-IAM 774, Marty Reicher – IAM 774; Kathy Knox – IAM774; Debbie Stewart – IAM 774; Linda Abercrombie – IAM 774; Jackie Sayama – IAM 774; Susan Chambers – IAM 774, Ruth Mullhatten - SPEEA, David Drake-SPEEA, Sharlene Shaffer – NALC, Ron Cook – Teamsters, Brian Alexander – IAM LL774, Roy Markham – IAM LL73, Don Wilmoth- IAM LL 639, Mike Munday – IAM LL639

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