

# Local Lodge 733



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# Union Voice



## Local Lodge 733 Golf Tournament

Benefiting Guide Dogs of America  
May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

Hidden Lakes Golf Course  
6020 S. Greenwich Road, Derby Ks. 67037  
Four-person scramble format. Mulligans will be available for purchase.  
7:00am Registration, 8:00am Shotgun start, \$75.00 a person or \$300.00 for a team.

All participants receive:

1. Green fees and cart
2. Range balls
3. Luncheon
4. Various contests and door prizes including

Hole-In-One Contest, Putting Contests, Longest Drive, Closest-to-Pin and Flight Champions.

Mail registration & check to:

Local Lodge 733  
Attn. Spring Classic  
3830 S. Meridian  
Wichita, Kansas 67217

For additional information contact  
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## From the Desk of Rita Rogers

### Oh What Times!

Unfortunately for some, not so good times. Hopefully, everyone is hanging in there as we face these challenging layoffs and this upside down economy.

While I would like to think that we may soon see the light at the end of the tunnel, Chairman and CEO of Hawker Beechcraft, Bill Boisture's, memo dated April 14, 2009 stated:

*"... We see further erosion of the economy, increasing uncertainty in the marketplace and a continued decline in consumer demand for new aircraft, services and support. To adjust, we must act now to decrease our 2009 and 2010 production levels*

*and in turn, reduce the size of our work force. The reductions will extend across all levels of the company, including senior management, and will occur in stages throughout the year as we finalize reduced production rates."*

Surely, this seems to tell us the light is much further away. Your Union leaders, from the stewards to the International level, will continue to address issues that affect you. No matter what we face or whether you are a Junior, In-between or Senior, everyone deserves the right to be treated with respect and dignity. You are the eyes and ears; continue to watch out for each other. Contact your union leadership if you need assistance.

Rita Rogers  
Asst DBR

## Best paid CEOs take home millions, despite market decline:

Lita Epstein

Even though stock prices have plummeted and staff cuts are prevalent, the 10 best paid CEOs still took home millions in compensation in 2008, predominantly in stock options and grants, according to an analysis by CNNMoney.com. The top earner was Sanjay Jha, CEO of Motorola, who took home a total pay package of \$104.5 million; the lowest of the top 10, who got "just" \$25.6 million, was A.G. Lafley, CEO of Procter & Gamble.

But the two who might inspire the greatest shock and maybe anger, given how many billions of dollars their companies took in bailout funds, are Kenneth Chenault, CEO of American Express, whose total compensation was \$42.8 million, and

Vikram Pandit, CEO of Citigroup, whose total compensation was \$38.2 million. Congress needs to act quickly to be sure they don't see compensation near these levels again until they pay back the government bailout funds.

According to an analysis by CNNMoney.com, this man made \$285,519 per day last year, making

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**There Are Only Two Words  
That Describe The Meaning  
Of Memorial Day.  
"Thank You"  
May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

## \$75.00 per Person

By Linda Callen

That was the price of a woman's life on March 11, 1913. It is important that we remember the sacrifices that women have made down through history. My grandmother was an immigrant worker. She used to tell me stories of how, after my grandfather died, she was forced to work sometimes sixteen hours a day for eleven cents an hour in a thread factory to feed her three children.

There are few stories more tragic than the story of the women that worked in the garment industry. The Triangle Waist Company was typical of many sweatshops located in Manhattan. The Triangle Company employed 500 workers most of which were low paid immigrant workers that were forced to work extremely long hours for not even

a fraction of what their underpaid male counterparts were earning, many as young as fifteen.

Add to that the extremely unsafe working conditions and you had the life of most women who knew all too well that their lives were not long lived. It wasn't anything uncommon for them to be forced to work sixteen or more hours a day in six story or higher buildings with very little ventilation and a lot of the time the doors were locked so as to keep the workers in and the union organizers out.

It was just such circumstances that caused 146 deaths on March 26, 1911 at the Triangle Waist Company in Manhattan. Even though the owners of the shop were found not guilty of anything in a court of law and turned

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## April Showers Bring Spring May Flowers



Well this is your sister coming at you again from the safety committee. We meet every second Wednesday at plant 2 in the old first aid room. Please come

join us and give us your input on how to be safe at work and at home. Let us know if things are not safe in your work area and we will address it and let the proper people know about it.

May is the best time of the year. Every thing is blooming and you see the earth come alive. What was all brown starts to turn green? The leaves bud out and you see people you haven't seen in a while because it was too cold to come out.

The sounds change from quiet to the sounds of lawn mowers, tree trimmer's, kids playing and this is when safety should come in to play.

Make sure you have the proper gloves and eye wear and that you don't get in too big of a hurry and turn around and step on that rake which could get you knocked out.

Lawn mowers should be serviced each season letting the professional who know what he or she is doing work on them. Making sure the blades are put on right and on tight so you don't have something flying all over the yard. Before you cut your grass make sure that there are no objects in the grass like twigs, tree limbs and rocks that can be propelled which could do serious damage to you or someone else. Keep all pesticides out of the reach of children. Keep that garden hose up so as not to trip on it.

We have had the April showers now it's time for the May flowers. Also in May they have the May poles and May baskets. Make sure when picking flowers that you don't pick something that you shouldn't. I'm talking about Poison Ivy or Poison Oak. It looks nice but if you come in contact with it you should seek medical help soon.

The rash these plants cause can spread fast and is very uncomfortable. So that all you want is to scratch the itch. You should familiarize yourself with these

plants so you will know what to look for and avoid.

Next we have allergies. Get an early start by asking your doctor what you can and can not take in order for you to enjoy spring. One thing I take is a garlic tablet and that stops the drainage and headaches. It works for me, it might help you. Give it a try.

With the current economy and money being tight check sale ads in the papers to see if you can find bargains. You will be surprised by how you can save.

So get outside and enjoy spring. Go for a walk in the park which won't cost you a thing and see what life is all about.

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

**{ \$75.00 }**

lose, almost two years later in civil court they were ordered to pay \$75.00 per person to their families.

The building was "fireproof" which meant that the structure was built so that the walls were insulated so that the structure was less likely to start on fire.

Unfortunately that was not true of the stacks of flammable materials for making the popular clothing of the day as well as the waste products that were not being disposed of properly. The fire broke out in the late afternoon before the workers had finished their long shift. There were locked doors and the fire escapes were inadequate for the safe exit from the building. The rear one that was actually built to the structure could not hold the weight of the workers. This left many trapped with the only choice being the fireman's ladders. They however did not reach the floors the fire was actually on. Witnesses to the event could only stand by in horror as the bodies came crashing down to the street.

The owners of the company were brought to trial but never served any time as they were acquitted of any wrong doing and turned lose. They were then charged by the victim's families in civil court and were found guilty but were only ordered to pay a mere \$75.00 per worker to the families. What is the life of your loved one's worth? This event brought about some changes among some of the more

scrupulous business owners of the period.

Today however workers are still being exploited right here in our country. People trying to make a living for their families escape here only to be exploited by the same sort of unscrupulous businessmen that have survived and still flourish on the backs of slave labor. Most again are young underage women.

We readily attack these exploited workers because that is what we have been taught. "They are stealing our jobs" is the cry. Instead of attacking the greedy system that allows them to be brought over here we attack the victims. Instead of letting our so-called representatives know that we want them to enforce the laws already on the books to protect us from the invasion of our country we holler for reform as if there were no laws already in effect. My immigrant grand parents on my mother's side entered this country legally and were still exploited.

It shouldn't matter whether they are legal or illegal what really should matter is that they are being exploited and that we are doing nothing about it. We are sitting back and letting them under bid us for our jobs. As unionists that see the need to band together we should use our collective voice to make a noise that will be heard in the halls of Washington. The message should not be one of hate towards other workers but one that cries out for justice and new laws that would make it a felony punishable by imprisonment to employ and exploit any worker. That includes any company selling any product that comes from a third world country in which there is no enforced labor laws. That's right it is time we did away with the free trade agreements that promote the enslavement of workers world wide. Write your senators, congressmen and your president. This one actually still has a web site on which you can contact him unlike the last one who shut his down because he wasn't interested in what American citizens had to say.

Oh and when you contact your reps. here in Kansas be polite but firm. You will get a response back and it will be the same form letter from all three which will tell you that free trade is good for America which in politician speak "America" means rich contributors to their campaign funds. Don't stop, let them know that you are not asking them to reform trade that is sending our jobs out of our country you are telling them what you expect



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them to do as your representative and that how they handle the subject will affect how you vote, then stick to it. No more Republican- Democrat mind set we have to know that what we ask for are true representatives no matter what party they are affiliated with. If we continue on this path we will lose "The United States of America." Get active and show your children how it is done. Only we can pass on the wisdom that was passed to us. What value will they put on your daughters and granddaughters if you don't?

*Information for this article was taken from the ALSC web site and the Kheel Center for labor- Management at Cornell University*

**{ CEO's }**

him the highest-paid CEO in the country.

I don't know what the boards of any of these companies were thinking when they voted for these pay packages. None of these companies had outstanding years in 2008. Wonder what they'll think these CEOs should get paid if their companies have a better year in 2009 or 2010?

### **Others in the top 10 include:**

Larry Ellison, CEO and founder of Oracle, whose total compensation package was \$84.6 million, mostly in stock options. He's amassed \$26.6 billion shares of Oracle since he started the company. While he made sure he got his cut of Oracle profits over the years, shareholders just started getting their share in dividends in 2009.

Mark Hurd, CEO of Hewlett-Packard, whose total compensation package was \$34 million. Jack Fusco, CEO of Calpine, whose total compensation package was \$31.1 million. Rupert Murdoch, CEO of News Corp., whose total compensation package was \$30.1 million. David Cote, CEO of Honeywell International, whose total compensation package was \$28.7 million. Robert Iger, CEO of Walt Disney Co., whose total compensation package was \$28.4 million.

Do you think any of these CEOs truly earned these pay packages given the drop in stock price and company value in 2008?

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