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Union Voice

From The Desk Of Rita Rogers



**Hello:
And Happy
New Year!**

Hope everyone had a good holiday! We've had a tough year; hopefully the New Year will bring a brighter light.

The company hasn't shared any new information or decision as to Salina's Jobs coming to Wichita or being outsourced elsewhere. I attended Local Lodge 2328's monthly lodge meeting Saturday December 12th, 2009; the members are taking it one day at a time! They appreciate the support they have from the other locals as they wait for more answers.

I'm hearing more complaints from members who are changing jobs (because their jobs are going to Mexico), bumping (per the contract), or just returning back to their home department, that feel the company is trying to force them out. They are being threatened with termination alleging their time or workmanship is not 100%.

I'm aware of a few that were so afraid of losing their jobs that they hastily retired and because they weren't prepared they're having a hard time making ends meet.

Please: Stewards, Members, Co-Workers if someone in your shop is facing this type of treatment please step up. Contact your union leadership. If they want to leave that's their choice. Neither management nor their co-workers have the right to tell someone that they need to retire or mistreat them.

I always remind our younger members and

management that a senior will visit them someday! So be careful how you treat people.

We are preparing Arbitration cases at the District including the Out-Sourcing one with Hawker-BeechCraft. We will continue discussions with the company regarding the overall business plan, jobs, and most important what this mean to the employees!

I hope everyone had a chance to review the article by our International President R. Thomas Buffenbarger in Tuesday December 15th Wichita Eagle newspaper, and acknowledge that our International President Tom Buffenbarger is keeping his focus on Wichita and will continue to seek support and relief for all. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Rita
ADBR

2009 Needy Family Christmas Raffle

Your Christmas Committee wishes to give a **Big Thanks** to everyone that made this years drawing a huge success.

This year was an especially difficult year with the economy and all the layoffs. But thanks to those companies, the different departments at Hawker Beechcraft and individuals

that donated prizes, the money raised this year from the sale of tickets wouldn't have been possible.

Thank you to all the plant chairs, e-board officers, stewards and everyone else that worked so hard to sell tickets. And a big thanks especially to all of you that bought tickets.

The last big thank you goes out to all the members of the Christmas Committee that put in a lot of hard work and long hours doing all the behind the scenes work that made this years drawing run smoothly.

We raised \$8,000 to be distributed between 32 very needy, deserving and thankful families.

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday.
Paul Garrett

Chairman LL733 Christmas Committee

Pictures taken during this year's drawing. More pictures on the bottom of page 2.



January Monthly Meeting

Saturday January 9th, 2010

E-Board Meets at 12:30 pm

Regular Meeting at 2:00 pm

Wichita Area Union Label

and Service Trades Council

29th Annual Chili and Hobo Supper

Come join us for all you can eat chili, hobo stew, desserts, and beverages, while playing BINGO and winning many prizes.

February 13, 2010

5:30 until ?

3830 S. Meridian

Adults \$6.00

Children 6 yrs to 12 yrs \$2.50

5 yrs and younger FREE





**Happy New Year!!!
It's Time To Count
Our Blessings**

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



Well sisters and brothers we made it through another year. Now all the old things are behind us and it's time to reach for something brand new. Not a time to wonder who moved the cheese and made a big change in our lives that we weren't looking for. But to start to see what we ourselves can do to make things bigger and better. We sometimes think that all is lost because one door has closed. But all that does is to let you know that there is another door waiting for you to push it open.

I was once told a story of a man that had to walk through a cemetery just to get home each evening. Because there was work being done on the road that normally took him home. Going through the cemetery at night is what he had to do, and it was very scary.

We sometimes have to go in a direction that we don't want to go in order to make it home. You see in the darkness of the cemetery it was mysterious and terrifying, but he did come out on the other side and was happy to be home. What he feared might have happen never happened. Sometimes scary thoughts aren't as bad as they seem. It's just the beginning of a new life if you can only let go of the old.

We have had the pain of loosing our brothers and sisters and close family members. Just remember this one thing that God has given you a lot. He let them into your life for a while, and how good it was. My Son passed right before Christmas and at first I asked God why? Then I saw that for 23 years I had someone who loved me and I loved him.

The holidays are just days, they may be different, but they are the same, just days. And if we look at what we have, the rest is not as bad as we think. Being safe in all that we do, even if you're not convinced, let's us be here one more day

and maybe adding more days to our lives, and more life to our days.

Now we have to look ahead and know that what we have is much more than you may think. Just imagine, what if I had lost all those things, how would I, or could I go on. Every part of our bodies is important and we need to take care of them. Our bodies are given to us only once.

Hope you had a very blessed and Merry Christmas. And a Happy New Year!!!
With solidarity your sister,
Linda Ligons
God is good all the time all the time He is good.

MNPL

The Machinists Non-Partisan Political League had our annual yearly drawing in December. This could not be a success without the commitment of our strong membership.

Also a special thanks to Rody Rodehorst, Pat and Leroy Lehman, L.L. 733 and the MNPL department at headquarters for all their donations.

MNPL was created in 1947 to allow IAM Members to gather individual contributions, coordinate political activities and elect Candidates who support IAM Members, Jobs and their families.

There was also new contract



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language in 2001 to allow our members to do MNPL check-off through payroll deduction. If you would like to start that deduction please get with your Shop Steward or Plant Chair.

In Solidarity,
Shaun Junkins
Legislative Resolutions/MNPL
Chairperson

Pictured at right is Pat Lehman reading out the name of a lucky winner in this year's drawing.



Pictured at right is John Hilyard receiving his prize from Shaun Junkins.



Pictured at left is Joe Hicks receiving his prize from Shaun Junkins.



Pictured at left is Joe Cook receiving his prize from Shaun Junkins.

Continued: Pictures taken during this year's Christmas raffle drawing.

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