

# President's Report – August 2009

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## **Members of Local 730,**

It's hard to believe that we are closing in on another Labor Day. I hope all of you took some time to be with your family and friends during the course of the summer season. If not, you still have some time to make it happen.

## **PP3 Press Removal Project**

The first pick/lift of the crown was successfully made on Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> with two Gantry Cranes. This section weighed in at 360 tons and stood over two stories tall. Our trade's people did an outstanding job. There will be several picks and they should be completed sometime mid to late October.

This has been a bittersweet job for all of those involved, and I continue to be amazed by all the talent we have here, along with the professionalism that the project is being completed with. The one thing I can say with a great deal of pride is, "we are GRMP employees and will always be held in high regard."

## **Health and Safety Representative Opening on First/Second Shift**

We had eight applicants. The interviews have been completed. Three names have been submitted to the Regional Director for his input and to be forwarded to Detroit for the final

## **Transfers**

A lot of our members are on the move to new locations. We have had several hundred of our brothers and sisters move to other locations within the last 30 to 60 days. Between the SAP program and transfers the Personnel Department has resembled a busy terminal for travelers. This has been very emotional and hard to witness at times.

I would like to wish our Vice President, Kathy Challenger, 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift Rep Kenny Alksnis, Benefit Reps Denise DeBoer, Mike Cook, Sylvia Lillard, H & S Reps Ron Reese and Leon Chase, and Apprentice Coordinator Wayne Major the very best in their transfers to their new locations. Your commitment and friendship will be greatly missed.

**"Labor Fest 2009" on September 7<sup>th</sup> 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m.**

The event is planned around the Solidarity Monument at the Gerald R. Ford Museum. There will be free admission to the Public Museum, free carousel rides, arts & crafts at Ah-Nab-Awen Park and food vendors. Come and enjoy the day with your family and friends. Volunteers are still needed, call 616-485-5529 or 616-446-2596.

selection. It is our hope to have the new representative in place sometime around Labor Day.

### **Special Tribute History Book**

A special tribute history book dedicated to all of the men and women who worked at the GRMP from 1936 – 2009 has been compiled by Lucy Hellickson. Lucy is a Communications Specialist from the GM Powertrain Plant in Bay City, MI. Sue VanDuyn, the Plant Manager's Secretary also spent a great deal of her own time on this project. A special thanks to both of them for a job well done. You can pick up a copy at the Union Hall or in the Transitional Self Help Center in the plant.

### **Grand Valley Labor News**

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