

President's Report April 2009

Greg Golembiewski, President

Dear Members of Local 730,

Cesar E. Chavez Parade

On Tuesday, March 31, 2009 Steve Rop, Gilbert Arambula, Jim & Sue Levy, and myself marched in the Cesar E. Chavez Parade representing Local 730 and Region 1D. Cesar Chavez was a Mexican migrant worker who became known for standing up for workers' rights.

Possible Labor Day Event

Currently there are ongoing discussions about the possibility of some sort of a Labor Day event. Stay tuned for further information.

Cafeteria

Because of the loss of revenue and the plant closing, the cafeteria will stop serving food starting on May 1st. The vending machines will remain stocked and operational. You will still be able to eat your lunch in this area.

Standing Committees

If you are currently on a standing

Peer to Peer Training Program

The Peer to Peer Training Program which is sponsored by Michigan State AFL-CIO Human Resource Development Incorporated started April 14 & 15, 2009. The group consists of Local 730 members who are now retired. Their responsibilities are designed to enhance the ability of dislocated workers to regain and retain employment. They will be contacting our members who have left the plant through lay offs and S.A.P. programs by telephone.

Local 730 Picnic

Come out and enjoy the Local 730 Picnic on Saturday, June 20, 2009 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. at Douglas Walker Park.

Local 730 Union Hall

The Union Hall will be closed for lunch daily from 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. starting April 14, 2009. Please plan accordingly.

Scholarship Recipient Winners

Congratulations to the following winners of the Local 730 Scholarships. Each recipient will receive \$2,000 towards their 2009 fall semester. We had to select 6

committee and took a S.A.P. you can still be on a committee. If you choose not to remain on a committee please let us know by submitting a resignation letter.

Executive Board Member Resignations

Andra Jackson, Kirk Jackson, and Charlie Geerlings will be resigning from their respective Executive Board positions. Andra will be taking an Appendix A move to Fairfax, Kansas, Kirk will relocate to Arlington, Texas, and Charlie will be retiring. I would personally like to thank all of them for their years of dedicated loyal service to our membership, the community, and the cause.

Transitional Self Help Center

The Transition Center in the plant continues to be very busy helping out our members. To date we have had over 1,500 visitors through. I strongly encourage everyone to take advantage of the resources that are available to all of us both hourly and salary.

from 54 very qualified applicants. The winners will receive notification by mail with further instructions. Those receiving the scholarships this year are: Alison Bockheim, Kyle DeHaan, Joseph Donovan, Leah Granzo, Ariel VandenBosch, and Kyle Vandermeer.

In closing, I would like to say thank you to all elected and appointed union officials who recently retired. Your service and contributions have been greatly appreciated by all. To our members who took the SAP on April 1st, I wish you the best of luck in your retirement. Don't forget about the retiree's meeting the last Thursday of the month at 12:00 noon. Hope to see you there!

In solidarity,