

# **President's Report – July 2009**

**By: Greg Golembiewski**

Greetings Members of Local 730

The month of June was very busy with the transition of the newly elected union officials to their respective positions. Even though the plant is winding down our union reps will be very busy dealing with equipment removal issues along with those members who will be taking transfers, along with the day to day operations. So, please be patient with them as we move forward.

## **Region 1D Leadership Conference**

Marty Green, Steve Rop, Larry Palmer and I attended the IPS Conference June 14-17, 2009. There were 115 local unions present. We listened to the good, the bad, and the ugly reports of how life is at other General Motors plants. We did a lot of networking with other local unions regarding their issues. It was good therapy for everyone. The conference board had our local report out on the last day. It was very emotional to watch as Steve read our report stating that the plant was closing and this would be our last time here. As we left the conference I felt very proud of our local leadership and all the members we represent both active and retired. It has been an honor and a privilege to be part of Local 730, something that will always be near and dear to me.

## **Outside Contractors**

Due to the shortage of skilled trades' people because of SAP programs and job offers through paragraph 96, the corporation will be bringing in contractors to assist the trades people we have left with equipment removal. All contractors will belong to a union, and will comply to all of the plant safety rules. This project will begin sometime in August.

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

Apply at the Local 730 Union Hall. Deadline to submit resume and application is 3:00 pm Tues., July 28, 2009. You must be working in the plant to be eligible for application.

## **Transitional Self Help Center**

The Transitional Self Help Center in the plant is open 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The telephone numbers are 616-246-2945 or 866-634-7432.

## **Local 730 Picnic**

I would like to say thank you to the Recreation Committee and all of the volunteers who helped make our last picnic a huge success.

## **Union Hall Hours**

Please make note that the union hall hours and days of operation have changed. The union hall is open for business 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

## **Upcoming Events**

- Kent County Dems Dogs-n-Suds Picnic is Saturday August 1, 2009 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$10 each. For information call 583-9191.
- Charlie Bush's Retirement Party August 13, 2009 at 6:00 pm. For information or to purchase tickets contact Joan Deters at 616-844-0120.