

President's Report - March 2009

Greetings Members of Local 730,

March 4 Worker Orientation Meetings

The Worker Orientation meetings that were held at our union hall on March 4 were deemed a success. We had representatives from the:

- State of Michigan
- Friend of the Court
- Grand Rapids Public Library
- Mainstay Financial
- Grade Point Computer Classes
- Social Security
- Michigan Works
- United Way
- GM Legal
- Representatives from several colleges
- Our EAP Rep Angie VanArnam
- Self Help Coordinators Mike Vincent and Chris Raterink, along with our management counterparts

February 27 Suicide Prevention Class

On February 27, Angie VanArnam, Steve Rop, and I attended a Suicide Prevention class with EAP counterparts from GM, Ford, and Chrysler in Dearborn, Michigan. The session was very informative and was well participated in by all.

February 20 Joint Funds Meeting

On February 20, Brian Brown and Brian Rivet from the International were in to see Steve and me to discuss Joint Funds and to give us some ideas in regards to the plant winding down and some options we might have to use the funds. Currently, we have approximately \$1.3 million. Remember, it is Joint Funds - hourly and salary. Discussions are underway with the Key Four regarding this.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 18 West Michigan Career Fair

Where: Lettinga Campus
6191 Kraft Ave, Grand Rapids

Time: 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

March 18 and 26 Resume/Interview Skills

This workshop will be held in the plant and is a great first step to building a strong resume and will give you a better understanding of the interview process. Call to reserve your seat 1(866) 634-7432.

March 18 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. March 26 12 to 2 p.m.

Sunday, March 22 Pancake Breakfast

West Michigan Union Label Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for 9:30 am to 1 p.m. at Region 1D. Tickets are only \$5, and children under 10 eat free. There will be a door prize and union product displays.

April 9 Deadline for Local 730 Scholarships

Applications are now available for the Local 730 Active and Retired Members Scholarship. The deadline for applications to be turned into the union hall is 4 p.m. Thursday, April 9, 2009. There will be six \$2000 scholarships awarded this year and are good for any college in the U.S. or trade school that is approved by our Executive Board. Recipients will be announced at the April 21 membership meeting.

April 29th Worker Orientation Meetings

Another Worker Orientation Seminar has been scheduled to help our members - Wednesday, April 29, 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 3:00 p.m., at the Local 730 Union Hall. All GRMP employees are welcome - salary and hourly, working and laid off.

May 14 (Tentatively) Job Fair

Potentially, 75 different employers will be in attendance. Visit the transition center for more information.

Location: Michigan National Guard Armory
1200 44th Street SW

Time: To be determined.

Transition Center

Web Site: www.transitionselfhelpcenter.com Phone: (866) 634-7432

Due to the closing of the plant and the loss of revenue associated with dues coming into the Local, we had to make a decision, but not without a heavy heart, to lay off our secretary Jenny Bacon. She has been a loyal and dedicated employee to this Local for over 17 years. We wish her the best in her future. Thanks for all your years of service. We will miss you.

In solidarity,
Greg Golembiewski, President