

# **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – DECEMBER 2009**

**By: Greg Golembiewski**

## **Dear Members of Local 730,**

It's hard to believe that it is the end of the year already and the end of the road for our brothers and sisters who have accepted Paragraph 96 moves. Their last day in the plant was Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. We wish them nothing but the best of luck at their new locations. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families as the struggle continues from the fallout of the plant closing. For those members who chose to retire, congratulations and best of luck to a healthy retirement.

## **Transition Center**

The Transition Center in the plant will close on December 17<sup>th</sup>. We are currently waiting for Michigan Works approval to send a staff member to our union hall one or two days a week to further assist our members, especially once the plant gets certified for T.A.A. (Trade Adjustment Act). A special thanks to Raul Espinoza from the union side and Mike Reinerth, our Plant Manager/Personnel Director who both worked very hard to give all of the men and women at our plant every opportunity possible for re-training, full college accreditation courses, basic computer classes, resume writing classes, conducting worker orientation programs, job fairs, plus providing all of the relocation information a transferring member would need. Thanks guys for a job well done.

## **Fitness Equipment**

Some items have already been sent to a service parts operations plant in Pontiac. The International has promised us that we will be able to keep a good percentage of the equipment until May/June time frame.

## **Local 19 Lockout**

Please take some time this holiday season to remember our brothers and sisters who have been locked out of the Light Metals Plant on Prairie Street in Grandville. Stop by or give a honk in support, or if you can walk with them for a few minutes it would be greatly appreciated.

## **Thank You's**

I would like to note that everybody in the organization has had to wear several hats as we wind down. A note of thanks to all, especially Larry Palmer who has helped out a great deal this past year amid all his own health issues and setbacks. Also Marty Green and John Wiedmayer who have been religiously taking coffee and cookies to the members of Local 19. Last, but not least, thanks to Lauri Veneman, Angie VanArnam, and Sheila Haskill who have exceeded our expectations in providing assistance to all of our members.

## **New Webmaster**

Angie VanArnam has replaced Karl Hamilton as our new webmaster. Karl has accepted a 96 move to Flint. The Local would like to thank him for all of his contributions as our webmaster. Good luck Karl.

## **Membership Meetings**

At this time there are no membership meetings scheduled until March 16, 2010. The Executive Board's meeting will be on March 10, 2010.

In closing, I would like to wish you and your families a Blessed Christmas and a healthy New Year.

In solidarity,  
Greg

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