

Chairman's Report by Steve Rop, Chairman

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Sub Councils in Toledo

I want to thank the membership for sending myself and the Shop Committee to their respective sub councils. All of the locals have issues with Document 8 and WFG. In reviewing local union reports on what other plants are doing, and based on GM's own metrics, it does not make sense to close the plant.

Plant Closing

By now all of you know about the devastating news announced by General Motors Vice President Tim Lee on Monday, October 13. As a committee, we were just as shocked as everyone else. We know that members have many questions that we are working on to get answers too. There is a lot of speculation as to what will happen. At the point there is a closing agreement negotiated, it will be done by the International Union and the corporation.

We have supplied information to the region to be forwarded to Detroit to best suit the needs of our members. Things that normally come with a Closing Agreement are:

- Paragraph 96 Moves
- Preferential Treatment on Appendix A Moves
- Enhanced Relocations
- Retirement Packages, et cetera

As we find out information, we will pass it along, but I will ask for the membership's patience as we get through this.

Also available, our Employee Assistance Program (EAP) services. Our EAP representative Angie VanArnum can be reached at 246-3151. Also there will be available counselors to talk to, which appointments can be made through Angie.

Congratulations

Lauri Veneman has been appointed as the first shift Benefit Rep to replace Jolan Jackson, who retired.

Also, Leon Chase has been appointed as the second shift alternate Health and Safety Rep, replacing Mike Mansfield who resigned.

We also have posted the second shift full time Benefit Rep position to fill the vacancy created by Lauri's appointment.

Safety

I would like to ask the membership to continue to **“take two”** more seriously now than ever before. With the news we received last week, you might not be as focused as before with what's on your mind. Just continue to be aware of your surroundings and to use all of the services available to you to help get through this.

In solidarity,

Steve Rop, Shop Chair