

Burleigh Bulletin

United Steelworkers Local 2-232 at Briggs & Stratton

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Local Union Vice President Reports Back From USW Next Gen Conference

In November the Local Union sent me to Pittsburgh for a week to attend the first ever Next Generation Conference.

Upon my arrival I had the opportunity to meet with and learn about the different organizations within the USW. I met with the Woman of Steel, SOAR, Rapid Response, and the newly formed Veterans of Steel.

We heard from USW leadership including the new International President Tom Conway.

We were given the opportunity to join three different classes each day.

On Tuesday I took classes on Labor History, Organizing, and Bridging the Generational Gap. Wednesday I took another class on Organizing, Health and Safety, and Addressing the Changes in Laws Regarding Medical or Recreational Marijuana Use. Then each night concluded with general assembly.

Thursday was a very special day for all of us. In the morning we all boarded buses in downtown Pittsburgh and headed to one of eight locations. I went to the Farris Boys & Girls Club where I and about 60 other Steelworkers spent the morning and afternoon cleaning, organizing, painting, and working to better the community. I have never done an organized day of community activism before and it felt great.

I want to thank the Executive Board and the membership for allowing me to go to this conference. The experience is mine but the knowledge I was given there belongs to the Local. This Union is stronger because of this opportunity and I am proud to represent our great Local. Union Proud, Steelworker Strong!

Tim Reiter is Vice President of USW 2-232 and a member of the Strattec Unit



Local Union Bylaw Change

To safeguard the integrity of the union against freeloaders who would seek to become members in good standing only at crucial decision making moments, the local union has passed and adopted the following bylaw:

The Union shall have the right to collect all back dues from any member who wishes to be re-instated in the local Union but has previously withdrawn from the Union and its dues check off process. This collection of all back dues will be separate from the \$50 initiation fee and will be applicable anytime a former member withdraws and then reapplies for reinstatement. At the request of the member applying for re-instatement and with the approval of the President of the Local as well as a majority vote from the Bargaining Committee representing the member applying for re-instatement, the amount of back dues may be waived or reduced. Each request for a waived or reduced amount of back dues will be non-precedent setting and will have no bearing on any other members applying for reinstatement.

If you have any questions regarding this new bylaw, ask a union steward or officer. See complete Local Union Bylaws online.

★ STEWARDS ★

As we continue to build the union and make it stronger than ever in the New Year, we have set the goal of conducting steward elections in the following locations:

- ★ Burleigh 3rd Shift
- ★ Burleigh Fabrication, all shifts
- ★ GDC 1st & 2nd shift

To be eligible, you must be a member in good standing with a willingness to stand up against injustice.

Contact your Grievance Rep at:

262-844-3703

chance.zombor@gmail.com

REPRESENT YOUR UNION!

- ★ T-shirts
- ★ Hats
- ★ Outerwear
- ★ Stickers
- ★ More



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TEXT 2232BRIGGS TO 63566

When severe weather caused the company to offer “no work, no point” last winter, those who were signed up to receive union text messages were the first to know.

Receive important updates and information from USW by texting 2232BRIGGS to 63566 and stay in the loop!

Follow the Union Online



@Fighting232



@USW232

USWLocals.org/local-2-232

Come to my office right now! You're in trouble!

Not without my union steward.



Have a Happy Union Holiday

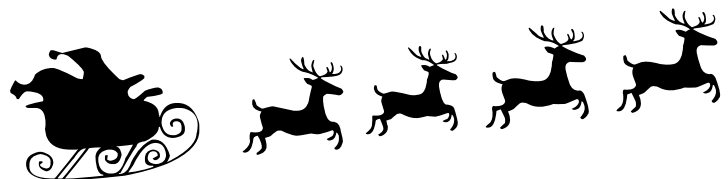
Is our Paid Holiday something the company gives us out of the kindness of its heart? Trick question... corporations don't have hearts, they exist for one reason only: to maximize profits for shareholders.

The Paid Holiday is something the union fought for in contract negotiations a long time ago. And not all Briggs & Stratton plants have enjoyed the same benefits. Our union sets us apart.

So as we enjoy the holiday, let's take some time to reflect upon our good fortune, knowing that generations of working men and women fought to establish this union and have kept it alive throughout the years. Not only do we reap the benefits of their efforts, we also have the right and the means to fight for better pay and better working conditions right now and in the future.

So enjoy your free time. Get some rest. Take care of yourself and those you love. Be safe and responsible in your time off. And say good things about your union.

And remember: **In order to receive holiday pay, you are required to work your scheduled hours the last day prior to and the first day after the holiday period.** (There are some exceptions. Check with your steward or a union officer if you are unsure.)



**Membership Meeting:
Jan 19th, 9:30 - 11:00 am
633 S. Hawley Rd.**

