**Presidents letter**

During this time with the Covid-19 we have been busy trying to get answers on the forever changing conditions and laws with what is going on. At this time, we have had meetings with the company to find out what they are doing and planning to do to make sure we are as safe as possible. One of the questions we have been asked a lot is how is UPI an essential business? Tin plate is an essential part in canned goods, Silgan Containers is a major stake holder in the California market for canned goods and we supply Silgan with 100% of their material to make the cans. In the Sheet side we have customers that use our Steel for products that also fall under the essential rules. During this time make sure to keep your social distance, wash your hand and just make sure to stay safe. As things change, we will do our best to keep you informed though the Union email blast and Website.

The International is working on putting out some information on the Covid-19 as we receive it, we will have it sent out.

In solidarity,

Ben Salazar



**Position openings in the union.**

**In the last month’s union meeting the E-Board took a vote and announced the new candidates for the open positions. We would like to congratulate our new Vice President Martin Fox, and guide position Patrick Jenson.**

Union Meetings Are Held the 2nd Thursday Of Every Month. Our Next Meeting Will Be

**Thurs, April 9th**

5:30PM At the Union Hall

677 Cumberland Street

Pittsburg, CA 94565

Phone: 925-432-7396

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# USW: U.S. Virus Response Must Do More to Protect All Workers

**Contact:** R.J. Hufnagel, rhufnagel@usw.org, 412-562-2450

(Pittsburgh) – The United Steelworkers (USW) today called the Families First Coronavirus Response Act a good first step in the effort to contain the disease and support struggling workers, but said that more action is needed to protect the health and economic well-being of Americans.

“Passage of this bill was important and necessary, but it doesn’t come close to solving all of the problems that workers and families will be facing in the coming weeks and months,” said USW International President Thomas M. Conway. “There are too many loopholes that companies could exploit, and too many Americans who could end up left behind to fend for themselves.

“Congress must continue to work to provide support and relief for everyone affected by this pandemic, no matter where they live or where they work.”

For example, the measure provides for paid sick and family leave for workers, but that stipulation only applies to workplaces with more than 50 but less than 500 employees.

“The paid sick leave requirement has the potential to leave millions of workers – including some in the areas of health care and emergency response – with no option for paid sick or family leave. This is simply unacceptable,” Conway said.

“This is just the beginning of what must be an ongoing effort to support working people. Congress is already debating further measures to address this crisis, and as they do they must be sure to cover every worker in every workplace,” Conway said. “Any upcoming pieces of legislation must close the loopholes that leave essential workers without paid time off, and must ensure that any relief provided to corporations be used for the benefit of workers, and not exploited by wealthy executives for their own personal gain.

“This is an international crisis unlike any we’ve seen in generations, and it’s going to require a response coordinated across party lines, across borders, across the traditional labor-management divide,” Conway said. “We must all stand together and put the needs of workers and families first, and we will emerge from this stronger than ever.”

**Coronavirus**

**Staying Healthy**

**1 Wash your hands with soap and hand sanitizer,**

**especially after visiting the bathroom and before eating.**

**2 Avoid touching your face--especially your eyes, nose and mouth.**

**3.Stay home for any respiratory illness, and consult your healthcare provider.**

**More information is available atWWW.USW.ORG/COVID19**

**Retirements:**

**Malone, Dan - Op Tec 1 - PLTCM/Rolling 5/15/1977-03/27/2020**

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* Go to: **uswlocals.org/local-1440**
* Click on the link “stay updated”
* Fill out the form and Submit.

**Due to the COVID-19 virus,  
UPI is limiting face-to-face contact.  
Please read the entire notice.**

**\*\*\*\*Signing Bonus\*\*\*\***  
The Signing Bonus payment will be on:

Tuesday April 7, 2020  
If you currently pick up your paycheck Please note, Live Checks will be mailed to the address on file on **Friday April 3, 2020.**

Direct Deposits: If you currently have direct deposit the bonus check WILL BE directly deposited to your balance account.  
Vouchers will be mailed to the address on file.  
  
If you would like to contribute a portion of the bonus to your 401K account you may do so by completing the BONUS 401K form. This one-time deduction cannot exceed the maximum of 75% of the bonus amount that is to be paid.  
**Make sure that you fill out your name, social security number, the percentage amount, your signature, the date and your badge #.**

**The form must be received by NOON on Friday March 27, 2020.**

The form is available in Payroll and the union website under “Docs & Files”. It can be faxed to 925-439-6179, Drop it in the box located in the Payroll lobby or email directly to Yvonne or Karen at the below email address.  
  
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