I hope everyone had a great Holiday weekend with their

families and friends. Starting with safety the incidents have

improved greatly over the last few months, and that means there has been fewer potential injuries. Keep up the good work and remember we all want to go home injury free and be with our families.

One the Union front things have been going well lately, we are all working on being prepared for the upcoming negotiations and will have another group meeting scheduled very soon. Remember if you have and suggestions, questions or comments for the upcoming negotiation get in touch with your grievance person, signup for the emails on the USW 1440 web page, or feel free to email me. I met with our International rep on the 22nd to go over the progress and to make sure we are all on the same understanding on how things will proceed. I would like to thank everyone on the negotiations group for all of their hard work this far and the hard work that is still to come.

Last Wednesday I was invited to Manufacturing seminar at UC Davis Campus about the ways they are trying to improve in all aspects of the manufacturing world that was hosted by John Garamendi. There were about 50 people in attendance as it was an invite only event. I was able to meet people from all different types of businesses such as the Lawrence Livermore Lab to Almond Orchard farmers. Not only was it a very informative meeting, we gained a lot of great resources and connections. After the seminar we were able to tour some of their facility’s that are very impressive on many levels hopefully we will be able to get a good working relationship with UC Davis so we all can grow in the future.

To Clear the air, I received a letter from the International Trade Administration in response to the letter we sent regarding the antidumping (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD). The final results will be announced for the CVD on June 13th and

AD results on June 20th.

In Solidarity

Ben Salazar

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Submit your email to receive Contract updates and other important notifications.

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

Simple as that!

You will receive updates of the contract by email.

Take a look around the website.

**Presidents letter**

**Stay Connected!**

It is more important than ever to stay updated with recent items, both union and non-union. We suggest many ways to stay connected, Our Primary way is to join in on the monthly meetings at the hall. This is the best way because it gives information out and allows instant feedback and questions.

Other secondary ways include this Rank and Filer,

Facebook at **www.facebook.com/usw1440** which is updated by our local.

The local union website at the following **http://uswlocals.org/local-1440** this website is newly founded by the local and will be updated to fit our own shape and need.

How invested are **YOU** in **Your** union?

Join, Campaign, Contribute,

Be part of the movement that you want to see.





# Corporate Greed at its Worst

Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) fought tooth and nail with General Motors president Mary Barra over the closing of the Lordstown, Ohio auto plant that ceased production on March 6. He knew that 1,400 permanent well-paying manufacturing jobs would be lost and would have devastating effects on the city that has been building cars for General Motors since 1966.

But Senator Brown was also aware of the ripple effect that would be caused by the loss of these jobs in the Youngstown area.

The Lordstown plant is just the first of five North American plants GM has scheduled for closing in the coming months. More jobs will be lost and thousands of jobs in the supply chain will also disappear.

The steel industry could be hit hard with United Steelworker slowdowns in the Mahoning Valley. It brings back memories of “Black Monday” when 41 years ago Youngstown Sheet and Tube closed its Campbell Works Mill laying off 5,000 steelworkers. During the next five years, almost 50,000 people would lose jobs in steel and related industries in the Youngstown area.

The main issue here is automobiles but Senator Brown, a champion of the steel industry, knows how hard the Lordstown plant closing will be on Ohio steelworkers.

Senator Brown described the closing as “shameful.” GM reaped a massive tax break from last year’s GOP tax bill but did not invest that money in American jobs and moved production to Mexico. Brown called the decision “corporate greed at its worst.”





**Rapid Response:**

**No Vote Until NAFTA is Fixed**

For a quarter century, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) has failed workers. CEOs continue to shutter factories in the U.S. while pursuing low wages and lax environmental standards as they set up shop in Mexico. For those U.S. workers who hang on to their jobs, there is still downward pressure on wages and benefits from this lopsided playing field. In Mexico, workers struggle to make gains.

Right now, at the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, a U.S. worker makes around $24 an hour. In Mexico, Goodyear pays workers less than $2 an hour. The company recently made a $500 million investment in a brand-new facility in Mexico. They also announced layoffs in the U.S. This broken system isn’t designed to benefit workers here or in Mexico. It’s designed to maximize corporate profits.

Our union has been working with our allies in Mexico and Canada for years to bring attention to the problems. We have an opportunity to get it right as NAFTA is renegotiated. There’s been progress, but not enough. We need swift and certain enforcement of labor provisions. Mexican workers must be able to freely bargain for a better future, and not be subjected to threats and violence when attempting to form an independent union. We also need to fix problems in the proposed deal, like the monopoly rights for pharmaceutical corporations that will keep drug prices sky high.

This week and next, workers across America are taking action by sending their U.S. Representatives a simple message: **No Vote Until NAFTA is Fixed!**

# Corporate Greed at its Worst







We will be teaming up with

W.O.S. Local 5 for their

**Veterans Project**.

Please come help support your WOS and the Veterans of our community.

All are welcome!

Please let me know if you plan on attending food will be provided.

Contact: Steph DeLaRosa

**May 5th @ 5:30pm**

**Local #5**

**1333 Pine St. #A Martinez ca.**

**Online @ www.icdupi.com**

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**Upcoming Meetings**



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

**Thurs, May 9th**

5:30PM At the Union Hall

677 Cumberland Street

Pittsburg, CA 94565

Phone: 925-432-7396

**Retirements:**

**Shott, Steven – 32 Years**

**Op. Tech 2 PCM/Rolling Division 03/30/87 - 04/26/19**

**Pedersen, Russell – 30 Years**

**Electrical Planner PLTCM/Rolling Division 08/15/88 – 04/26/19**

**Jenkins, Norman – 30 Years**

**Machinist Machine Shop 02/06/89 – 04/30/19**

**Rutledge, Jeff – 23 Years**

**MTM-Mechanical PLTCM/Rolling Division 11/20/95– 04/05/19**

**We Want to Wish our Union Brothers A prosper and Healthy Retirement**

**Information & Resources**

**Incidents and Injuries**

 What do you do if you are involved in an incident, have an injury or witness an incident? Stop, don’t move the equipment and notify your supervisor. If it is an injury call the first responders and 6200 in addition to calling your supervisor and not moving anything. You **ALWAYS** have the EMT’s come to you, **DO NOT** leave the area unless there is situation that could cause more injury to you or others. You could potentially drop blood over the floors, pass out or make it harder for the EMT’s and first responders to find you. Make sure you give 6200 clear concise information IE: is the injured breathing, bleeding, unconscious, chest pains, **DO NOT** just say “we have a man down”!

 Give your supervisor information as to what happened so that they can start an incident report in the system. Prior to **ANY** investigation, make sure your wage safety representative has been notified AND is present during the interview.

Bob Bedoya: 925-250-0026      John Passur: 925-250-0251

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Your WAGE Safety Reps

U.S. Equal Employment

Opportunity Commission

Oakland Office 800-669-4000

Website www.eeoc.gov

**CA Dept. of**

**Fair Employment & Housing**

Discrimination Cases 800-884-1684

Website www.dfeh.ca.gov

**National Labor**

**Relation Board**

Oakland Office 510-637-3300

Website www.nlrb.gov

**CA Dept. of**

**Industrial Relations**

CAL/OSHA 800-963-9424

Oakland Office 510-286-7000

Website www.dir.ca.gov

**CA Employment**

**Development Department**

Disability Insurance 800-480-3287

Unemployment Insurance 800-300-5616

Paid Family Leave 877-238-4373

Website www.edd.ca.gov

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**From your contracting out Chairmen**

Do you see a contractor doing a membership job? That member may not even know they should be getting that work!

If you see something, say something!

But who do you get ahold of?

Please contact Luke Adkins for any questions and concerns.

**Adkins.usw1440@gmail.com**

**Drug & Alcohol Committee**

If you’re struggling to overcome an addiction, no one needs to tell you it’s tough – you’re living it. Sometimes you could use a few encouraging words to remind you that you’re not in this alone and that, yes, change really is possible.

The path of healing starts with a single step, and if you need any assistance, do not hesitate to reach out.

In solidarity;

Charles Bell Jesse Victor

Work: 925-439-6142 Cell: 707-290-3080

Cell: 925-595-5807

**Grievance Committee**

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**Lashon Craig - Rolling Grievance**

**Steph DeLaRosa - M & I Grievance**

**Joe Perez - Sheet Mill Grievance**

**Mike Miller - Tin Mill Grievance**

**Phil Blasingame - Wage & Rate**

**Luke Adkins - Contracting Out**

**Ramil Jose - Bishop Wisecarver**

**Dan Evans - Roll Technology West**