

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.

Is there something you like to see in the Rank and Filer?

Do you have a question or comment on The Issues?

Get Ahold of us at Douglas.usw1440@gmail.com

“To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often.” – Winston Churchill

Last month we had a very serious accident happen to one of our Union Brothers. He fell around 9 feet and suffered some injuries. It could have been worse, and could have been prevented. Safety this year has been one of our worst in many years and it is hard to understand why we went from our best safety year ever to one that will rank up with the worst.

We all need to work on making safety our number one priority. Nobody wants to go home injured, or worse out in the back of an ambulance. Yet sadly we have seen that a few times already this year. Take the time to assess your job, and what you are working on. When operating equipment make sure you check your surroundings before moving. We all need to do better watching out for each other so we can all go home safe. If you see something that does not look right say something! Let your safety rep or someone in charge know so it can be addressed.

On the Negotiations side of things there has been some progress made but it is still slow going with not much to report yet. Proposals have been passed across the table and right now we are on hold because of scheduling conflicts until the week of the 24th.

If you have not signed up for the email updates on the web page please do so as day to day updates are given.

* In Solidarity – Ben Salazar

**Presidents letter**

We are also collecting used jeans to support the Veterans Project there is a barrel at the main gate. (please no stains)

Thank you for your continued support.



Please join us at the next

Women of Steel meeting on

**August 7th @ 4pm**.

Winner of the State Fair Raffle:

Janet Heckler from Shell.

 WOS would like to Thank all who bought raffle tickets that support our Veterans Project!

**$379 was collected which $220 of that was from Local 1440.**

 Please contact Steph DeLaRosa / x6306

**From your contracting out Chairmen**

Do you see a contractor doing a Union members 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**

**Retirements:**

**Glasser, Lee Ann - 42 Years**

**Utility Tech-Spares/Finance & Administration**

**03/14/77 - 07/31/19**

**Beasley, Gary - 28 Years**

**MTM-Machinist Machine Shop/Reliability**

**01/02/91 07/26/19 – Retirement**

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

**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**



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

**Thurs, August 8th**

5:30PM At the Union Hall

677 Cumberland Street

Pittsburg, CA 94565

Phone: 925-432-7396

**Upcoming Meetings**

**Free College for Union Members and Their Families**

The Union Plus Free College Benefit, brought to you in

partnership with AFSCME, can help you (and your family

members) afford a college education without piling on

thousands of dollars in student debt.

**What is The Union Plus Free College Benefit?**

Under an academic partnership with Eastern Gateway

Community College, the Union Plus Free College Benefit

offers grants — known as "last dollar scholarships" —

that fill the gap between any federal, state and employer

education grants for tuition, fees, and e-books for certain

online programs at Eastern Gateway.

Free College is possible thanks to the early support and

enthusiasm of AFSCME, who entered into a collaboration

with Eastern Gateway Community College in 2016. Since

2016, thousands of students have taken advantage of

millions of dollars in Free College scholarships.

Earn an Associate Degree — completely online, for FREE!

Even if you don’t qualify for student financial aid, the

Union Plus Free College Benefit will be applied to your

balance for tuition, fees and e-books.

**Imagine What You Can Achieve with the**

**FREE COLLEGE BENEFIT**

The USW Free College Benefit makes it possible

for you and your family members to earn an

associate degree completely online – for FREE.

**Business Management Degree**

Focus options include:

-Advertising

-Cyber Security

-Data Science

-Digital and Social Media

-Entrepreneurship

-Finance

-Healthcare Management

-Hospitality: Food and Beverage Management

-Hospitality: Hotel and Event Management

-Human Resources Management

-Information Systems

-Labor Studies

-Marketing

-Programming & Development

-Associate of Arts

-Criminal Justice

-Teacher Education Degree

-Paralegal

-Patient Home Navigator

-Professional Office Management

**To learn more visit : https://freecollege.usw.org/**

July Safety Message

Chemicals are in our lives on a daily basis and chemical safety affects all of us, at work and at home! Do we always respect the chemicals we work with? Do we always transfer the chemicals correctly? Do we store the chemicals correctly? Do we use the correct containers for the chemicals?

We must label ALL containers that we put chemicals into, at work we are required to do this but do we do it at home? It is easy to put chemicals into spray bottles, water bottles, milk jugs or even soda bottles as it makes it easier for us to use, transport or store, but is it right? NO! Food containers can NEVER be used for chemical storage for any reason!

CASE STUDY #1 from New Jersey Sept 11, 2014:

A total of 28 children and two adults were hospitalized Thursday after drinking a mixture of water and bleach at a day care in New Jersey. Firefighters said a substitute cook at the Growing Tree Learning Center II on Fifth St. in Jersey City was preparing water cups for the children when she accidentally poured from a bottle containing the mixture, WABC-TV reported.

CASE STUDY #2 Augusta, GA July 21, 2014:

"After a long day playing in the sun, and in the pool, he came in and he was thirsty, and that's the first thing he saw," said Hatcher. It was a spring water bottle sitting on the floor. But instead of water, Hatcher said the liquid inside the bottle was paint thinner.

April Hatcher said maintenance workers at the apartment building had been painting the unit earlier in the day and left the bottle behind. "Why would you take chemicals like this out of the original container, and pour it in a water bottle," said Hatcher.

We tried it too, pouring paint thinner in a plastic water bottle. The water and paint thinner look exactly the same.

  Chemicals can be dangerous but we can make them deadly by improper use, storage and transport of them! Let’s ALL take the time to make them safe by following the proper procedures for storage, use and transporting of them.

In Solidarity,

Your Wage Safety Reps.

**Safety**

**Union Membership.**

**A membership not only for the union.**

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

Join, Campaign, Contribute, be part of the movement that you want to see.





**Information & Resources**

ICD Presents...

**Quiz Card Winners!**

Local 2571: **Susan Lera**

Advocate: Jennifer Moreno

Local 1440: **John Campbell** Advocate: Milt Lea

Backpacks will be given to the advocates at our next meeting.

**Grievance Committee**

**Buzz Enea Jr - Grievance Chairman**

**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**



**The test results are in!**

MTM’s took a written test recently.

Covering the skills needed to preform

industrial mechanical work.

We have posted the results on

our website in an easy to read

PDF version attachment.

**Columbia Athletic Association**

**Guided Whitewater Rafting Trip**

**When: SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2019**

**8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**Who: CAA Members**

**Where: South Fork American River, Lotus, CA**

**Cost: $50 ($100+ value)**

**Includes: Guides, rafting equipment, lunch on the river, snacks and drinks**

**SPACE IS LIMITED Contact Michelle Miller at 6068, Alicia Torres at 6040, or John Passur at 6144**

**Rating: Class 3 – suitable for**

**beginners and kids 7 and up**

unity****strength****respect****united****steelworkers

**Or Download here!**



**Local 1440 T-Shirts!**

Long /Short Sleeve

Available for $20

at the union hall.

Cash only.