**Presidents letter**

Brothers and Sisters the world we are living in today has been very crazy with Covid-19, Shelter in place orders, Protests, Riots and curfews along with the normal day to day stresses. There is a lot on our minds these days, including many things that can and do distract us from our daily tasks and work.

Lately we have been having a lot of incidents and what I mentioned before can be a factor among other things. Please take the 3 seconds and make sure you clear your mind before performing any tasks, make sure all of the safety devices are in place and properly used. Watch out for your coworkers to make sure they are working safely. Stay well hydrated as we have entered the hot time of year.

Lastly things have been fairly quiet on the Union front there has not been a bunch of things going on. As of this moment the Union meetings are still canceled due to the County and International request and will resume as soon as we get the ok to do so.

I want to wish everyone a safe and Happy Father's Day & 4th of July.

Any questions comments or concerns, please call the Union hall or email me at salazar.usw1440@gmail.com



**Attention:**

Due to recent resignations, our local position for **Recording Secretary** is available.

All members of USW local #1440 who are interested in the position, must notify the union in **Writing** and deliver such notice to the union hall no later than

**4pm July 8th 2020.**

**Retirements:**

**Moglie, John: (Optec 2, CC2/Sheet) 43years 5/30/1977 - 06/26/2020**

**Creel, Mark: (Optec 1, Roll Shop/Rolling) 44years 5/2/1976 - 06/26/2020**

**Cummings, Gery: (Utility Tec, Transportation/Rolling) 30years 6/10/1990 - 6/10/2020**

**Hodrick, Freddie: (MTM, Field Services/Reliability) 26years 6/20/1994 - 06/19/2020**

**Wardrip, Michael: (MTE, Field Services/Reliability) 47years 5/27/1973 - 06/26/2020**

**Felciano, Chris: (Op Tec 1, CC2/Sheet) 17years 1/6/2003 - 06/05/2020**

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

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

**July 9th unless postponed**

5:30PM At the Union Hall

677 Cumberland Street

Pittsburg, CA 94565

Phone: 925-432-7396

**Wage Safety**

**4th July Safety**

**The start of summer is the perfect time to gather with family and friends for good food and fun times. This year, celebrate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in a safe way. Our 4th of July safety tips cover a few key summer safety topics to keep you and your family safe this holiday.**

**Be careful with those fireworks:** The Red Cross recommends the safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a local show put on by professionals — If you’re lighting fireworks at your home, remember:

* Never allow small children to handle fireworks.
* Always follow the instructions on the packaging.
* Never throw or point a firework toward people, animals, or flammable materials.
* Ensure that spectators remain a safe distance from the fireworks being lit.
* Dispose of all firework materials by soaking them in water before putting them in the trash.
* Wear eye protection
* Always keep a supply of water nearby as a precaution
* Remember local laws and ordinance’s dictating and coving fireworks.
* More than 50,000 fires are caused by fireworks every year.

**Mind the grill:**

* Never grill indoors (or in any enclosed area).
* Make sure the grill is away from the house, deck, tree branches, or anything else that could catch fire.
* Keep children away from grills.
* Gas leaks, blocked tubes, and propane tanks can be a cause of grill fires and explosions.
* Never leave a grill that is in use unattended.
* Use proper grilling tools that are made specifically for cooking on the grill.

**Be wary in the water:**

As July is one of the hottest months of the year, many families turn to water activities to beat the heat. However, even fun water activities have serious risks if the proper precautions aren’t taken.

* Review safe boating practices.
* Never consume alcohol while driving a boat.
* Before boating, always check that there are enough life preservers on hand for every passenger.
* Set water safety rules for your family.
* Pools should be enclosed completely with a fence to restrict access to the area.
* Keep a first aid kit near the pool.
* Pay attention to local weather conditions, and always swim sober.

**Put on that sunscreen:**

Sun and UV ray exposure can be dangerous. Limit exposure to direct sunlight when you’re out between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., advises the Red Cross. They also recommend wearing a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a protection factor of at least 15.

**Watch out for heat stroke!**

The hot July weather and excitement of the holiday can raise your chances of becoming affected by the heat. Watch out for the signs of heat stroke, such as hot, red skin, changes in consciousness, a rapid or weak pulse, and rapid or shallow breathing. If you suspect someone is suffering from heat stroke, call 9-1-1 and move

the person to a cooler place. Meanwhile, quickly

cool the body by applying cool, wet clothes or

towels to the skin (or misting it with water) and

fanning the person. Finally, watch for signs of

breathing problems and make sure the airway

is clear. Keep the person lying down.

**FACE COVERINGS WORK AND YOU!**

These are unprecedented times we are in. We have never experienced anything like this in our life time. All that we are experiencing is real and we all respond to this life changing event differently. A couple of the big changes we must deal with on a daily bases is distancing and face coverings. If we cannot be 6 feet apart we must be wearing a face covering. This comes from the county and UPI has adopted the county rules for essential businesses.

The email that sent April 22, 2020 states what is required, this is just a small part of what is required: *“working in, or walking through, any common areas even when other people are not present (common areas include, but are not limited to, hallways, stairways, conference rooms, pulpits, breakrooms, and bathrooms).”* (UPI Notification 4-22-2020) The only exception to the rule is: “Anyone who has a concern about wearing a face covering because of a health-related issue should contact the Safety Department ASAP.”

Here is a short snippet from Contra Costa Health Services Order No. HO-COVID19-08 (April 17, 2020):

*“5. All Essential Businesses, as well as entities and organizations with workers engaged in Essential Infrastructure work, Minimum Basic Operations, or Essential Government Functions (except for Healthcare Operations, which are subject to their own regulation regarding specified face coverings), must:*

1. *Require their employees, contractors, owners, and volunteers to wear a Face Covering at the workplace and when performing work off-site any time the employee, contractor, owner, or volunteer is:”*

With heat already here, the face coverings make it harder to work due to the increased potential for heat. With this potential of increased heat, there are several things we can do for ourselves to help with this. Proper hydration is one of the key points to help with a heat illness along with cooling down. From the UPI Heat Illness

Prevention training (RBA0011): *“****Preventative Cool-Down Rest:*** *Refers to a break/rest when employees feel the need for a rest at any time to protect themselves from overheating.  When an employee requests a Preventative Cool-Down Rest, and is showing signs of Heat Illness, you must call the EMT’s to evaluate the employee.”*

We are all in this together; we can get through these challenging times together! Wear the face coverings to protect you, your coworkers and your family per the rules that have been set forth by the county.

**---Your Wage Safety Reps---**

If You have not already! And Would like to be up to date on an ever-changing data of information on local union items

Our Local email Blast can be signed up for by

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



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