Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have had a lot of questions concerning Covid-19 recently regarding

some members that have tested positive for the virus and how the membership is being notified. I have been in contact with the company and with the Contra Costa County health office to find out how notification should be handled. According to the County officials anyone that is in direct contact within 6 feet for over 15 minutes is to be notified. We have also discussed about broadening the notification to the area of the person that has Covid, or that has been in contact with someone infected with Covid. We are still working on how this is to done, whether it is posted in the area or if it needs to be a verbal conversation in such a way so the persons HIPPA laws are not violated. Once I can get a definite answer from legal and or the County health office the company will start notifying the division / area.

Yet no matter how you view this situation, we have been dealing with it for the last 6 or so months and it does not appear to be completely going away anytime soon. We all must still follow all of the protocols put forward with the face masks, social distancing, and cleaning your area with the materials the company is providing to help protect ourselves and our coworkers.

**Please remember that chemicals and cleaners may not be brought on site without approval from safety and health first.**

Union meetings should be starting up again in October with some limitations and rules we will need to follow, it is looking as if we will be limited to a maximum of 25 people for social distancing and masks will be required. There will be an email going out from the local as well as a posted notice letting everyone know what the rules will be once I have confirmation from USW that we are able to start holding regular meetings.

Any questions, concerns or ideas on the best way to notify people of possible Covid exposure please feel free to email me at salazar.usw1440@gmail.com.

In Solidarity, Ben Salazar

**Presidents letter**



**Retirements:**

**Delmonte, Patrick, Utility Tec - Spares**

**6/9/1998 - 09/04/2020 – 22 Years**

**Samson, Jeff, MTE - Electrical Tin Maintenance**

**3/2/1987 - 09/10/2020 -33Years**

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

Union Meetings Are

**Postponed till further notice**

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**Women of Steel**

Hi Brothers and Sisters,

Due to COVID restrictions we have not been able to have regular WOS meetings. We have work to do and we need your help! Several events are coming up fast and will be here before we know it. The first is our Elections for Local City and National Governments! This is a crucial election year and if you are NOT registered to VOTE please go register TODAY!  Pass on to everyone you know to go register it’s easy and several ways to do it. We have included from Vote. gov how to get registered so you will be able to VOTE in the upcoming elections in November! It’s NOT too late.

**California voter registration deadlines**

* **In Person:** 15 days before Election Day.
* **By Mail:** Postmarked 15 days before Election Day.
* **Online:** 15 days before Election Day.

**Election Day Registration:** If the voter registration deadline has passed, you can still conditionally register to vote and cast a provisional ballot in person at your County Elections Office at any time up to and including Election Day. Your provisional ballot will be counted when your County Elections Official verifies your voter registration.

Don’t wait Get involved Get educated Go VOTE!

Next, we have the holidays coming up and we would like to give back to people in our community! If you know of someone or group that needs a little lift this season due to the plight of 2020 (pandemic, fire, etc.) or have any suggestions on what we can do to brighten someone’s day please call or email me at the number and email below! Let’s end this year with some positive happiness!

In Solidarity

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The work of Steelworkers Organizing Committee begins in 1942 with a set of founding principles - values that still guide us today:

- To unite in one organization, regardless of creed, color or nationality, all workmen and working women eligible for membership.

- To increase the wages, and improve the conditions of employment of our members by legislation, joint agreements or other legitimate means.

- To endeavor to obtain by joint negotiation or legislative enactment a six-hour day and five-day week.

- To strive for a minimum wage scale for all members of our organization.

- To provide for the education of our children by lawfully prohibiting their employment until they have reached eighteen years of age

- To secure equitable statutory old-age pension, workman’s compensation and unemployment insurance laws.

- To enforce existing just laws and to secure the repeal of those which are unjust.

- To secure by legislative enactment, laws protecting the limbs, lives and health of our members; (laws) establishing our right to organize; (laws) preventing the employment of privately armed guards during labor disputes and such other legislation as will be beneficial.

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