



May 18, 2018
Volume 19, Issue 5

In this Issue

A Few Thoughts from the
Unit Chairman

Things That Make You Go HMMM

5 Ways to Contact your Union

Phone: (815) 235-9713
Fax: (815) 232-7762
E-Mail: uswlocal745@comcast.net
Mail: 2496 E. Maize Rd.
Freeport, IL 61032
Website: uswlocals.org/local-745-freeport-il

United Steelworkers

Local Union No. 745
2496 E. Maize Road
Freeport, IL 61032

815/235-9713

The Classifieds

A FEW THOUGHTS FROM THE UNIT CHAIRMAN

by Cecelia Stacy

*Stronger Together
Enforcing our Contract,
Fighting for Justice
United*

First and foremost, I would like to take a moment and thank our two GNC members who withstood the last two years: Mrs. Jacqueline O’Neal and Mr. Bernard Baker. Your hard work and dedication to the union will not go unknown; I will forever be grateful. Jackie has served this district for 29 years and 12 of those 29 years were served on many committees helping make the union stronger step by step and brick by brick. Thank you for the long hours you gave at the Tuesday night Board Meetings, the many committees you served on, and your dedication to the union. Bernard came aboard with the willingness and intent to fulfill a need. Thank you for being the only male in 12 years to take on this challenge and these responsibilities. Even though it was short lived (2 years), your time and dedication to the Union is

greatly appreciated. Doors of opportunities will open, stay alert stay alive.

Second, I would like to give a BIG Thank You to the Classified Staff. Thank you for the many opportunities awarded me. The knowledge and understanding I’ve gained of Unions will live within me forever. I would like to thank each and every word of encouragement and appreciation that has come forth in many ways. I’ve heard you loud and clear and if it helps to know, I’m still listening. It was not an easy task in any way, shape or form. My mom and dad would say, "Anything that doesn’t kill you can only make you stronger." I stand before you today knowing that I can do all things through Christ Jesus who gives me strength. It’s in him that I live, I move, and I have my being. God Bless you all, it been my pleasure serving you and our Union for the last 6 years.

Thank you, Director Mike Millsap. The WOS would not be who we are without your support. Legal Advisor Mark Trone, Thank you. You have a heart for what you do and it shows. This last contract was huge, we moved some mountains and

made room for even greater opportunities. Thank you for all your hard work. USW Local 745 President Don Hill, which way do I go, where do I begin. Thank you for your hard work, you took on this role at a critical time. You picked up the pieces and started putting things back together. You desired to rebuild things that had been broken, and you did just that. Thank you for building back the trust we the Classified Staff needed. Thank you for your knowledge, your hard work, your fairness and your honesty. Last but not least, Secretary Mary Meier, thank you for your dedication. You have gone above and beyond your required duties. You have taught your computer how to do everything but get up and walk. You are a great access to our local, we would be lost without you. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

Congratulations to our new officers:

- President: Todd Hasting
- Vice President: Kip Kuhlemeier
- Unit Chair: LuAnne Beintema
- Unit Secretary: Andrea Misek
- GNC: Cindy Erb, Denise Hayunga, Ricky Robinson

Paras Licenses

All Para’s licenses who are due to expire will expire as of June 30, 2018.

As of April 21, the renewal process has opened. All must be done online and there will be a \$50.00 fee that is refundable.

If more information and/or help is needed, ROE8 is located at 27 South State Avenue, Suite 101, and the phone number is (815) 297-9032.

Recipe for Happiness

- 4 cups of Love
- 2 cups of Loyalty
- 3 cups of Kindness
- 4 cups of Understanding
- 1 cup Friendship
- 5 spoons of Hope
- 5 spoons of Faith
- 2 Barrels of Laughter

Take love and loyalty and mix thoroughly with faith. Blend it with tenderness, kindness and understanding, add hope and friendship. Sprinkle abundantly with laughter. Bake with sunshine. Serve daily with generous helpings.



This Month's Events

Date: May 1
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Freeport Middle School
Administrative Board Meeting

Date: May 8
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: Freeport Public Library
District 145 Membership Meeting

Date: May 15
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Freeport Middle School
Administrative Board Meeting

Date: May 20
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Union Office
Local 745 Membership Meeting

Next Month's Events

Date: June 10
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Union Office
Local 745 Membership Meeting

Date: June 12
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: Freeport Public Library
District 145 Membership Meeting

Date: June 19
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Freeport Middle School
Administrative Board Meeting

Congratulations to our members with 20 plus years of service

Nancy Johnson	30 years of service
Linda Muller	30 years of service
Jacqueline O'Neal	29 years of service
Janet Schubert	24 years of service
Beth Benedetto	22 years of service
Victor Berry	20 years of service
Jennifer Casson	20 years of service
Barbara Nye	20 years of service

THINGS THAT MAKE YOU GO HMMM

Members received a letter from Northern Illinois Health Plan informing you of an Approved Medical Reimbursement Plan (AMRP), a plan that the Union did not agree to and never saw before being mailed out to our members. This is not what the negotiating committee wanted for our members. This plan was to be jointly put in place and agreed upon with the Union, the District, and 3rd party. This did not happen and is a violation to our members. This violation is being put into the hands of our legal staff. The letter also stated that your monies would be from January to December as if there is any longer a roll over. You will not lose your unused funds, they will roll over. Any money remaining from the HRA fund should still exist and is available to use.

The safety aspect in some buildings remains. Due to the seriousness of this matter, I ask the question, "If all Para's had received the Hepatitis B shots ??" In return I was told that "We can't make Para's go get the shots, all we can do is make them available." How are our members being told about these shots and are they being explained the importance of the shots and what could happen if shots are not received? Yes, the shots are available but it's important that ALL Para's realize that if blood is drawn and or skin broken due to being bitten and or scratched, it is your right to go

immediately to Burchard Hill and start the Hepatitis B shot series. This is very important to your health and wellbeing. The Hepatitis B Shot series is given in three shots. The first one is given that day, the second one is given in 1 month after the first and the 3rd is given 3 months after the second shot. If a 4th shot is necessary, that would be given within two months of the third, having received all shots within 6 months. Please ask questions and know your rights. These shots are no cost to you. After receiving the shots, if bitten or scratched causing broken skin, make a written documented report to the building nurse. The nurse in return should call the parent and inform parent of the need for a blood draw. Based upon the result of the blood work, the Para should be informed of the results.

Inspirational



I choose . . .
To live by choice, not by chance
To be motivated, not manipulated
To be useful, not used
To make changes, not excuses
To excel, not compete
I choose self-esteem, not self-pity
I choose to listen to my inner voice,
not random opinions of others.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Vicky Busker	Center	2
Samantha Erb	Senior High	6
Andrian Allen	Carl Sandburg	12
Erika Parks	JFELC	14
Lisa Condie	JFELC	16
Alison Rosheisen	Carl Sandburg	17
Arika Hartman	FMS	20
Andrea Misek	Taylor Park	21
Janet Schubert	Carl Sandburg	23
Sandra Hilton	Empire	24
Jennifer Lepka	FMS	24
Barbara Nye	Carl Sandburg	26
Vanessa Brown	FMS	28
Kay Deprisco	Carl Sandburg	31

Friends and Family Discount Program

A Friends and Family Program Discount card can be picked up at the Union office at 2496 E. Maize Road or by contacting a G.N.C. member. Area participating businesses include: Butitta Brothers, CarQuest, Brightflower Nursery, Rock Hollow Conservation Club, Dairy Queen, 4 Seasons Bowling, Loescher Heating, Hampton Inn, Cimino's Little Italy, Amsoil, Carlson Canine Camp, Freeport Quiznos, Auto Logic, and TJ's Truck Accessories.



*Coming together is a beginning;
 keeping together is progress;
 working together is success.*