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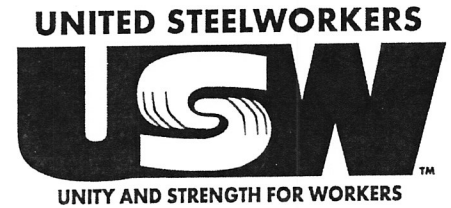
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Meetings & Events February 2017

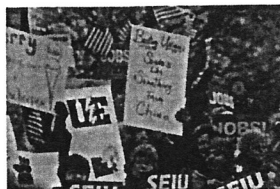
2/16	3:30pm	Committeeperson Mtg. E-Board Mtg.
2/16	12 noon	Local 105 Retirees Potluck
2/20	6 pm	Q-C Fed Delegates Mtg @Local 25
2/21	6:20am	Regular Business Mtg
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	6:20pm	" " "
	11:20pm	" " "
2/22	12 noon	Local 105-2 (Sivyer Steel)
	3 pm	Local 105-2 (Sivyer Steel)

All meetings @ USW Local 105 Union Hall
 Unless designated otherwise

Workers' Rights in Crisis: What's the future for Iowa and Illinois?

A workshop for Iowa and Illinois labor and community activists interested in examining the future of labor and employment legislation in Iowa and Illinois.

5:00—8:00 pm
 Wednesday
 February 15
 USW Hall: 880
 Devils Glen Road
 Bettendorf, IA



This class is free and open to the public. It will be led by the University of Iowa Labor Center, but it is sponsored by the Quad City Federation of labor, AFL-CIO, with support from the Iowa Federation of Labor. Dinner provided. Please come early to get a seat and finish your meal before the class begins promptly at 5PM.

RSVP: -309-788-1303 / 309-738-1446
 or email: Solidarity@quadcityfed.com

105 Contest Continues

This week's number for direct deposit users to add to the cents of their deposit amount is 23. If the sum totals 105 you win a free T-shirt

W. O. S. Cheers Basket

The Women of Steel are selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a "Cheers" basket. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The proceeds will benefit future donations on behalf of the W.O.S. The drawing will take place at the 6:20pm business meeting on March 21. For tickets, contact: Jane Bailey, Rosa Lira-Kuhr, Amber St. Clair, Laura Rojas, Tonya Clark, Michelle Nezworski, Sandy Conway, Nicole Trout, Jenny Trout, or Kim Heaton.

USW Local 105 Civil and Human Rights Committee Movie Nights

On Wednesday, February 22 we will be showing "4 Little Girls" a historical documentary which takes place in 1963 in Birmingham, Alabama.

On Wednesday, March 29 we will be showing "Salt of the Earth". This movie is a drama about safe working conditions and equal pay for workers at a New Mexico zinc mine.

Both movie nights will be at the union hall located at 880 Devils Glen Rd., in Bettendorf and will start promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Water and popcorn will be provided for free by the committee.



USW Local 105 Solidarity Night at the Mallards

USW Local 105 is having 2 solidarity nights at the Quad City Mallards in February. Friday February 17, and Friday February 24 are both 7:00PM puck drops. \$2 beer and \$2 hotdogs will be available. Tickets are \$10 each and are now available at the hall.



Poker Tournament

The USW Local 105 Next Gen. committee is having a poker tournament on March 10 at the Local 105 Union Hall to benefit the Quad Cities Autism Center. Doors will open at 6pm and the tournament will start at 7pm. Buy ins are \$30 with cash prizes awarded depending on the number of entries.



Don't forget your Sweetheart on Valentines Day February 14!

With Deepest Sympathy: The Family of:

Quincy Payne – (Retired Member)
Mark Kueter – (Ted Kueter's Father)

44¢ TO THE INTERNATIONAL UNION

This share funds the general operations of the union both in the United States and Canada. It supports specialized departments in the union like Corporate Research, Legal, Health, Safety and Environment, Education, Rapid Response, etc. These departments provide:

- The strength and resources of an international union capable of taking on the global corporations.
- Protection for Local Unions to maintain their autonomy, to set their own priorities and make their own decisions;
- Copies of USW@Work to keep you up-to-date on union developments;
- Expertise and advice on legal issues, arbitration, negotiations, public relations, education, health and safety, research and assistance, and;
- Trained full-time representatives to help Local Unions with bargaining, arbitration and other matters.

7¢ TO THE STRIKE AND DEFENSE FUND

A healthy Strike and Defense Fund means a strong union. As one of the largest unions in the U.S., it's essential that we keep this fund well supplied. With 7% of your dues money* plus .15% of gross earnings going into the fund, we are confident that we can keep it healthy. The fund currently exceeds \$150 million.

At the bargaining table, an ample strike fund gives us more influence and respect. Companies know we have money behind us and they know they have to consider our proposals seriously. Because of this strength, 98% of our collective agreements are settled without a strike. But, if a strike can't be avoided, and you vote to strike, the fund helps our members get by while negotiations continue. It's comforting to know that although strikes in the Steelworkers are rare, the Strike and Defense Fund is there if the need arises.

This fund is also for the Defense of our members' collective bargaining agreements. The USW is well known for its long-standing commitment to resisting employer abuse. A primary way the USW does this is through "strategic campaigns." These are generally initiated when an employer strongly resists reaching a labor agreement. The USW Strike and Defense fund helps the Strategic Campaigns Department involve an organized and mobilized membership to intervene in an employer's key relationships in order to generate pressure on them to act fairly and reasonably.

It's true -- it takes money to run a strong, progressive union. Union dues give the United Steelworkers (USW) the power to fight for your rights. And the money you contribute comes right back to you through a collective agreement and a wide range of union services.

You have a say in where your money goes. Dues are set democratically at the union's convention by delegates from your Local Union. As a union member, you help to oversee how your dues are set and how they are administered. Keep in mind you don't pay a cent in dues until you have voted to accept your first collective agreement.

Here's how each dollar is split up:

44¢ TO YOUR LOCAL UNION

When a group of workers joins the Steelworkers, a new Local Union is formed or the group joins an existing Local. This Local elects its own officers and runs its own affairs. Almost half of every dollar paid in dues -- 44¢ -- comes back to the Local Union so that it helps pay for:

- Administration of Local Union Affairs;
- Collective Bargaining;
- Member Education Programs;
- Arbitration; and
- Sending delegates to important conferences and International Union Constitutional Conventions.

It's clear that the Local Union is the mainstay of the whole organization. And so, a large part of your dues dollar goes toward keeping the Local Union active and effective.

Your Local Union spends its money according to your priorities. Financial controls ensure that the membership oversees all spending. Local Union books are audited regularly. So are the books of the entire union. In addition, the International Secretary-Treasurer issues an audited public report to the Local Unions each year. And all of this financial information is available to you.

1¢ TO POLITICAL AND LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The USW takes a stand on governmental policies that affect working people, their jobs, their economic security, their retirement and issues of social justice. One cent of each dues dollar* helps promote pro-worker political action.

Note: *Refers to dues of 1.3% of gross earnings. Additional amounts are directed to the Organizing Fund and Strike and Defense Fund. See outside flaps of this brochure for further explanation.

3¢ TO ORGANIZING

Just as you are now considering Steelworkers membership, other workers across North America want the same chance. To bring the benefits of the Steelworkers to new members, 3¢ of each dues dollar* (in addition to 2 cents per hour) pays for the resources needed to keep the Steelworkers growing in all sectors of the U.S. and Canada.

1¢ TO EDUCATION

The workplace is changing rapidly and our members need the skills to properly take care of their interests. That's why the Steelworkers offer the most extensive education program of any union. Courses on collective bargaining, labor law, Local Union leadership, health and safety, human rights, women's issues, and many other topics are available to all members. A 1% share of each dues dollar* supports this vital activity.



your USW dues dollar: the BEST INVESTMENT