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Meetings & Events

March 2019

3/7	1:30 pm	S.O.A.R. Mtg.
3/14	3:30 pm	Committeeperson Mtg. E-Board Mtg.
3/19	6:20am	Regular Business Mtg
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	3:20pm	" " "
	6:20pm	" " "
	11:20pm	" " "
3/20	12 noon	Local 105-2 (Sivyer Steel)
	3 pm	Local 105-2 (Sivyer Steel)
3/21	12 noon	Local 105 Retirees Potluck

All meetings @ USW Local 105 Union Hall
Unless designated otherwise

From the President:

Solidarity for a Fair Contract

Staff rep Jeff Hartford and I attended a meeting in Pittsburgh on Tuesday February 19th to discuss our upcoming contract negotiations. We spent the morning with Vice President Tom Conway and Cary Burnell to frame up our list of issues for the master contract negotiations. Also in attendance were the staff and presidents from Lafayette, Tennessee, and Massena. In the afternoon we had an informal meeting with the company representatives: Mark Vrablec, Gregg Freehling and Andrew Mlynarczyk. We had general discussion concerning the company changes with a new CEO and the impending split of the company again. The main outcome of the meeting was to set the date for starting the contract negotiations. Our bargaining committee will travel to Pittsburgh on Sunday

April 28th and then kick off the negotiations early the week of April 29th.

Let's continue to build our solidarity. We work for a profitable company and we want our "fair share" in this contract negotiations.

Our next CAT action will be to distribute a window sticker for our vehicles to show our solidarity in the plant parking lot.

Thanks for all you do to keep our Union Strong!

USW Local 105

Presents:

"Fahrenheit 11/9"

A Movie by Michael Moore



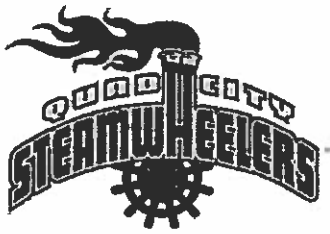
February 27, 2019 at the Union Hall

Doors Open 6:30 pm

Movie starts at 7:00 pm

Snacks and water provided

Come join your brothers and sisters for a night of Solidarity.



Solidarity with the Steamwheelers Sunday March 3 at 3:05 p.m.

Join your fellow Local 105 union brothers and sisters in this Solidarity event.

The Quad City Steamwheelers will take on the Iowa Barnstormers at the Taxslayer Center in Moline. \$10 tickets are for sale at the union hall.

A. F. Kojetinsky Scholarship Programs

We have received information on their two annual scholarship competitions. The Memorial Scholarship with a value of up to \$5,200 was developed to help students planning to pursue a four year college degree and the Vocational (Career) Education Scholarship with a value of up to \$2,600 was developed for students who choose to pursue career or technical training as opposed to a four year college experience. Applicants can apply for these scholarships while they are still in High School. Stop by the hall for complete instructions and an Application for Certification form.

A.F. Kojetinsky Scholarship Program	Recommended Deadline for Application for Certification	Postmark Deadline for Application for Scholarship
Memorial	February 28, 2019	March 29, 2019
Vocational (Career)	April 30, 2019	May 31, 2019

105 Contest Continues

This week's number for direct deposit users to add to the cents of their deposit amount is 84. If the sum totals 105 you win a free T-shirt.

U.S. Unions Bring Solidarity to Striking Mexican Workers

<https://aflcio.org/2019/2/11/us-unions-bring-solidarity-striking-mexican-workers>

A delegation of union leaders from the national AFL-CIO, the Texas AFL-CIO, the UAW and the United Steelworkers (USW) traveled to Matamoros, Mexico, last week to support tens of thousands of factory workers who have launched a wave of strikes to demand wage increases and democratic control of their unions.

Since Jan. 25, at least 48 factories that produce auto parts and other goods for export to the United States have signed agreements to increase wages by 20% and pay a bonus of 32,000 pesos (about \$1,750). This is a huge victory for the workers, most of whom make around \$2 per hour. In the past week, the strike wave has spread beyond the factories to supermarkets and other employers, with all the workers demanding "20/32."

The leaders of the Matamoros unions, which historically have been close to the employers, were forced to endorse the workers' demands.

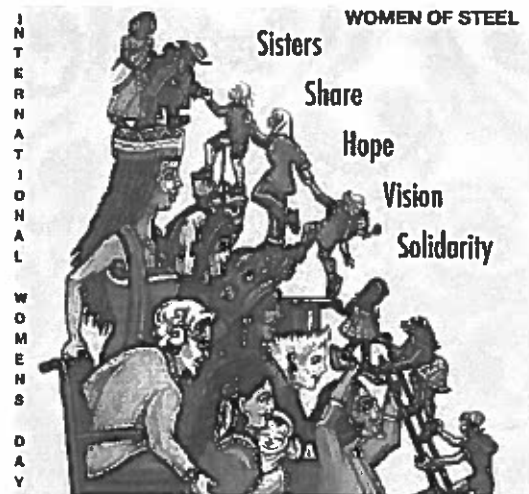
The delegation visited the picket line at Advanced Scientifics, a subsidiary of Massachusetts-based Thermo Fisher Scientifics, which produces medical supplies. Some 70 workers have been camped outside the plant 24 hours a day in near-freezing temperatures.

"It's heartbreaking to see workers who make life-saving equipment treated with so little respect," said USW District 13 Director Ruben Garza. "This is what happens when we sign trade agreements like [the North American Free Trade Agreement] that have no real protections for workers' rights."

While the wage increase and bonus are a huge victory, the employers and the Confederation of Mexican Workers unions are striking back already. In the past week, as many as 2,000 strike leaders have been fired and blacklisted, despite legal prohibitions and non-reprisal agreements signed by the employers. The U.S. delegation met with fired leaders from several factories who are planning a public protest to demand reinstatement. Here are their testimonies:

- "We were told we were fired because we offended the company."
- "The union never helped us, they deceived us. So we had to put our own courage on the line to confront them."
- "We need to be firm. I have a family, too. My greatest wish is that justice is served. I don't want just a salary, I want justice!"

"These workers—many of whom are working mothers—are fighting for the pay they're owed, for better working conditions and for respect on the job," said Texas AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Montserrat Garibay. "They are using their voices, and it is time to listen. The Mexican and U.S. governments must both demand that these U.S. companies honor their agreements and stop firing and blacklisting these courageous workers."



International Women's Day

March 8, 2019
12-4 p.m.

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Speakers & Guests

Lina Reinders -
Counts the Kicks
Cathy Kraft - Kraft
Financial
Christy Schnackel-
SENB
Ann Mohr - Human
Trafficking
Regina Hackdock -
Dress for Success

Norma Leah OVCA
Maria Bribisco-
Lulac
Nancy Stockwell-
Fury Unlaced
Dr. Troy Eden-
Breast
Thermography
Sage Sisters of
Solidarity
Phyllis Thede