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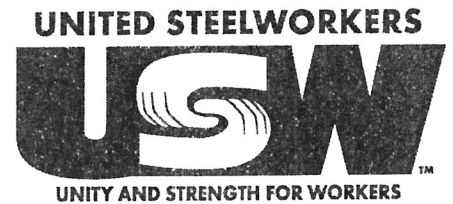
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Meetings & Events

January 2017

1/12	3:30pm	Committeeperson Mtg. E-Board Mtg.
1/16	6 pm	Q-C Fed Delegates Mtg @Local 25
1/17	6:20am	Regular Business Mtg
	7:20am	" " "
	11:20pm	" " "
	3:20pm	" " "
	6:20pm	" " "
1/18	12 noon	Local 105-2 (Sivyer Steel)
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1/19	12 noon	Local 105 Retirees Potluck

All meetings @ USW Local 105 Union Hall
Unless designated otherwise

Election Ballot Order Drawing

Results:

As a result of the drawing held yesterday for ballot order position for delegates to the Constitution Convention, candidates will be listed on the ballot in the following order:

Tim Miller
Juan Leza
Jane Bailey
Genaro Gomez "G"
Roy Hutt
Robert "Bart" Bartholomew
Tony Leza
Ric Ramirez
Pat Stock
Sandy Conway
Lee Shafer

We will be electing 4 delegates on January 17, 2017

The USW International Convention will take place April 10-13 at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, NV.

Attn: USW Members

The vote for the election of delegates to the Int. Convention will be January 17, 2017. Any ties will be determined by a coin flip.

Voting times are as follows:

5:15 am – 8:00 pm

10:00 pm – 12:00 am

Voting is at the: USW Local 105 Union Hall

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Nathaniel S. Payne Memorial Scholarship

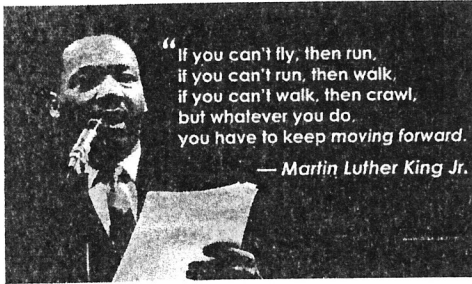
Local 105 Scholarship Applications Received:

Student's Name	Sponsor	Date Rec.
58 Brittany Coppess	Linda Coppess	1/5/2017
59 London Morrow	Leland Hadley	1/5/2017
60 London Morrow	Jennifer Williams	1/5/2017
61 Jacob Hayes	Bradley Hayes	1/5/2017
62 Jordin Witt	Jill Witt	1/6/2017
63 Aaron Escontrias	Eddie Escontrias	1/6/2017

The deadline for applications was January 6, 2017. The drawing will take place Tuesday, January 17. Alternates will also be drawn in the event of disqualification. Each member could only sponsor one applicant. The student must have completed the fall semester or quarter of college at the time of the drawing January 6, 2017. Winners will be contacted by letter. The check will be sent to and made payable to the college for the student.

105 Contest Continues

This week's number for direct deposit users to add to the cents of their deposit amount is 56. If the sum totals 105 you win a free T-shirt



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 will be available at the hall starting Monday January 16.

Bill Could Save Medicare Beneficiaries Billions of Dollars

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There is nothing wrong with being successful in business. But it's not fair that pharmaceutical companies are making record profits at the expense of consumers, who are seeing their health care costs soar. It's time to stand up to Big Pharma and send a message that they can't charge consumers whatever they want for the prescription drugs you rely on.

To begin with, you can call your Congressional Representative today, urging them to pass the "Medicare Fair Drug Pricing Act" (H.R. 4207), introduced by Rep. Jan Schakowsky (IL-09). This vital legislation would allow Medicare to negotiate prices for prescription drugs with limited to no competition, currently forbidden by law, and could save the Medicare program and millions of beneficiaries billions of dollars.

We need your voice in this fight!

Please call today 866-202-5409. Tell Congress to pass the "Medicare Fair Drug Pricing Act"!



January 11, 2017

Would ACA "Repeal and Replace" Impact You?

The Affordable Care Act's (ACA or "Obamacare") future is being debated in Congress right now. In contrast to other large-scale social programs in American history that saw changes over time – for instance, automatic cost of living adjustments weren't originally part of Social Security and prescription coverage got added to Medicare decades after its implementation – the current approach to the ACA is radically different. First, the majority in Congress wants to repeal the ACA while citing some vague principles about a replacement policy, then at a future point they'd come up with the details of an actual replacement. The strategy is being met with resistance from Democrats, a growing number of Republicans and industry experts who are concerned about massive insecurity occurring in the insurance markets and millions of Americans losing coverage. As this debate plays out, here are common ways the ACA might be impacting you:

For Active USW Members

There's no longer a need to bargain over insurance provisions such as yearly and lifetime caps on benefits because they are eliminated under the ACA. Many members also benefit from the ability to keep children on insurance until age 26. In the event of a job loss or retirement, the subsidies available through the ACA have helped ensure affordable coverage. Our smaller employers with older and sicker workers have new protections against sky-high premium costs. When employers change healthcare providers, the ACA's elimination of pre-existing conditions protects us, just as it protects pre-Medicare retirees and individuals without employer coverage. Many USW members have received no-cost mammograms, colonoscopies and other preventative care due to the ACA. Our members working in healthcare have seen fewer uninsured individuals requiring care. That leads to more financially secure employers and greater leverage to protect and improve our jobs.

For Retirees

The ACA is reducing prescription drug costs when hitting the "doughnut hole." By 2020 the "hole" will be closed completely. Previously when seniors hit this "hole," they had to pay 100 percent of costs. Additionally, the ACA provides no-cost preventative screenings, a free wellness exam when joining Medicare and protections against rising costs and age discrimination. Given that the ACA has financial provisions to shore up Medicare, the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office estimates repeal would require finding an additional \$802 billion over the next 10 years to fund Medicare.

For Our Friends and Family Members without Employer-Provided Coverage

The ACA is primarily responsible for 27 million Americans obtaining healthcare insurance since the time the law was enacted. It sets out mandates for what insurance must cover. It prevents insurers from charging women more. It also stopped the devastating practice of insurers dropping coverage because of small paperwork errors at the times when people needed the coverage the most.

Our union acknowledges that problems exist with the ACA. That's why we've been working to fix it. The excise tax provisions that were to begin in 2018 would have added new costs for many of our employers that they'd likely try to pass on to us. We've been successful in delaying this tax by two years. However, a "replacement" plan for ACA could be much worse: some of the leading ideas call for a cap or elimination of the tax exclusion on employer-sponsored insurance. That could mean much bigger taxes directly on us. As this debate plays out, our union will continue to advocate for the policies that support our healthcare needs while fighting back against those that would do us harm.

Sources: [Alliance for Retired Americans fact sheet](#), [HealthCare.gov](#), [CNN: Repealing Obamacare Impacts Everyone](#)

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