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**Meetings & Events**

**July 2018**

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

**All meetings @ USW Local 105 Union Hall**  
**Unless designated otherwise**

Starting at 9:00AM – 4:00PM on **SATURDAY, JULY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**. Overtime system will be down intermittently for few seconds due to patching activity on SQL server.

This will be a Plant-wide outage, and the Davenport Overtime Sign-Up application will not be functional intermittently during this time period. The system should resume normal operations by 4:00 PM

**Don't blame unions for corporate greed**

(Reprinted from Q-C Times Opinion page 7/3/2018)

(By Greg Cusack)

In today's world of tax cuts for the rich, shameless corruption at the highest levels of government, and repeated effort to weaken or destroy the safety net upon which most Americans depend (or will inevitably depend as they get older), The Quad-City Times editorial board thinks it is the unions that represent "shameless gluttony."

Incredible.

It was not public employee unions that created the underfunded pension mess in Illinois, but decades of irresponsible politicians, many of them Democrats, who refused to authorize the necessary annual contributions. Had that been done, there would be no problem.

On Sunday, the editorial said that unions must ditch the "fantasy" they have been living in because private wages stagnated and private pensions "went the way of the dodo." Yes, lady and gentlemen, that is true, but it is one more sign of the greed of the corporate world. My God, look at the facts: Most wages of middle and lower income

people have been stagnant for decades even as the "earnings" of the CEOs and upper management soared. The creator of the 401(k) plan — that was intended to supplement, not replace pensions — lamented last year about the consequences for most workers. Managers saved money by eliminating pensions, but did not delegate any of those savings to the workers but, as in everything else, to themselves.

Has the editorial board forgotten the history of labor and business conflict in this country? Without unions, people worked in unsafe, miserable conditions, over long hours and

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**SCHEDULED OUTAGE -- Davenport Overtime Sign-up Application Outage**

**TO:** DPW Users

**WHAT:** Planned Outage on Davenport Overtime Sign-up system.

**WHEN:** 9:00AM, Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup> 2018

**IMPACT:** Davenport Overtime Sign-up system won't be available.

**Expected Duration:** Few Seconds with in this time period

**Duration:**

for a pittance. Before unions, workers had no benefits and when they lost their job were completely on their own.

Is that the kind of world the editorial board wants us to return to? I confess, I believe it is the one we are actually returning to under current policies.

Unions have repeatedly fought to extend the wages and benefits they enjoy to more workers, including the private sector. It is not the unions' fault that corporate and governmental policy have repeatedly squeezed private workers and downsized their benefits.

Look, I do not believe that every program or policy sought by any union is automatically good; in fact, when I was a politician in Iowa, I opposed quite a few. But, my Lord, ladies and gentlemen, destroying unions will not make our country better or our people happier. Just the contrary.

I plead with the editorial board to take a step back and study the history of labor, business, and government in this country. It will discover that, for most of our history, working people have constantly had to struggle for fair and just wages and for the kind of benefits that will not leave them helpless in the inevitable fate of becoming ill or disabled.

Sunday's editorial seemed so out of step with the other fine things the editorial has written of late that I had trouble understanding it.



### **Arconic Bix Runners Bix 7 Road Races Reminder:**

The Arconic Life program maximum reimbursement shall be the EARLIEST BIX entry fee for the year. You will need to submit documentation that you finished the Bix 7 along with a copy of your receipt or check.

**Kid's Bix** – Do not pay for your child when you sign them up for the race. There will be no reimbursements made by the Health & Wellness Committee for that race. Registration is now online only. Get your coupon code from John Riches (x2248 or [John.Riches@arconic.com](mailto:John.Riches@arconic.com)) so Arconic employees' kids can run for free

### **105 Contest Continues**

This week's number for direct deposit users to add to the cents of their deposit amount is 94. If the sum totals 105 you win a free T-shirt.



**SOAR 11-4**

The Steelworkers Organization of Active Retirees will be having special guests at their regular August and September meetings which are held at the USW Local 105 Union Hall located at 880 Devils Glen Road in Bettendorf.

SGT Jeff Nelson from the Bettendorf Police Department will be joining us at our August 2 @ 1:30pm meeting to share with us the latest and greatest scams being pulled on seniors. It is important we educate ourselves about these scammers and learn how to protect ourselves from

becoming their latest victim. If you are interested, please join us and feel free to bring a friend.

On September 6 @1:30pm SOAR will once again have a representative from the Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) give a presentation about signing up for Medicare. He will answer your questions and talk about setting up individual private conversations to help walk through the program. It is very valuable information and we hope you can join us and as always feel free to bring a friend.

Any questions contact: Bonnie Carey 309-721-7908 or Jerry Porter 309-912-1156



### **Local 105 and IBEW Golf Tournament**

This year's golf tournament will be held Thursday, August 9 at Glynn's Creek Golf course near Scott County Park. Players are expected to be there 45 minutes before the 9am shotgun start. Entry forms are available at the gates and at the hall and must be turned in by Wednesday, August 1. Questions, or if you need help getting a team together or would like to be placed on a team leave your name and phone number with Joe Dobesh, at 563 320-1741.

### **Arconic: 'Smart manufacturing'**

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[https://qctimes.com/business/on-the-cutting-edge-of-the-most-high-tech-businesses/article\\_cf3d5220-d1ef-5751-b7c1-96c238074864.html](https://qctimes.com/business/on-the-cutting-edge-of-the-most-high-tech-businesses/article_cf3d5220-d1ef-5751-b7c1-96c238074864.html)

Last week, Arconic announced it will provide aluminum for the new 2018 Jeep Wrangler, and Plant Manager Nandu Srinivasan said some of the materials will be developed at Davenport Works. The aluminum will allow the Jeep to shed 75 pounds from the previous model, and is one of the latest examples of Arconic's "smart manufacturing."

Srinivasan said Arconic is using scanners to track aluminum products and imprint a "digital thread," so customers can trace any issues back to the source. Also, Davenport Works is retrofitting equipment with sensors, to detect issues before humans could identify them.

"Similar to how vehicles can monitor the road and automatically stop before an accident occurs, our machines can detect issues before the equipment or the product is damaged," Srinivasan said.

### **Attention: Arconic Employees**

Last week we had a recent retiree call and inform us that he just received notice that he had not specified a beneficiary on his Arconic life insurance. He has been married for over 40 years so his wife was on file for health insurance benefits all those years, just not as a life insurance beneficiary. Please take the time to check to see if you have a life insurance beneficiary on file with Arconic by calling Hewitt at 1-844-927-2664 or Met Life directly at 1-800-451-4192.