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month and will consist of five (5) meetings starting at 6:20 AM, 7:20 AM, 3:20 PM, 6:20 PM and 11:20 PM in order to better accommodate members from all shifts.

Meetings & Events

March 2017

3/16	3:30pm	Committeeperson Mtg. E-Board Mtg.
3/16	12 noon	Local 105 Retirees Potluck
3/20	6 pm	Q-C Fed Delegates Mtg @Local 25
3/21	6:20am	Regular Business Mtg
	7:20am	" " "
	3:20pm	" " "
	6:20pm	" " "
	11:20pm	" " "
3/22	12 noon	Local 105-2 (Sivyer Steel)
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All meetings @ USW Local 105 Union Hall
Unless designated otherwise

Proposed Language:

Article VIII: Meetings

Sec 2 The time and place of the regular meeting shall be established by a majority vote of the Union. The monthly business meeting will normally be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month and will consist of five (5) meetings starting at 6:20 AM, 7:20 AM, 1:45 PM, 3:20 PM, and 6:20 PM in order to better accommodate members from all shifts.

Poker Tournament



The USW Local 105 Next Gen. committee is having a poker tournament on Friday, 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.



Proposed: Local Constitution and Bylaws Change

At this month's March regular business meetings, we will have the 2nd reading of the proposed Constitution and Bylaws Change. The vote on the change will take place at April regular business meetings.

Current Language:

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Thank you to everyone who helped and participated in the Women of Steel International Women's Day Open House that was held at the union hall this past Saturday, March 4. Topics included: LULAC; Breaking Traffic & Domestic Violence; Breast Cancer Support; SOAR; Veterans Issues; and Walk against bullying. The speakers were outstanding and very helpful to the people who attended. We have contact information on them if anyone needs it.

The Cheer Basket drawing is at the 11:20 p.m. membership meeting March 21. Get your tickets from a W.O.S. member. Watch for more events to be held at the hall to increase member awareness for issues that are affecting workers and unions.



Drawing March 21 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.. For tickets, contact: Jane Bailey, Rosa Lira-Kuhrt, Amber St. Clair, Laura Rojas, Tonya Clark, Michelle Nezworski, Sandy Conway, Nicole Trout, Jenny Trout, or Kim Heaton.

AARP Opposes Healthcare Bill Proposal raises premiums and weakens Medicare

Reprinted from:

<http://www.aarp.org/politics-society/advocacy/info-2017/aarp-opposes-healthcare-bill.html?intcmp=AE-HP-FLXSLDR-SLIDE1>

In a statement today, AARP Executive Vice President Nancy LeaMond announced AARP's opposition to the House plan that would make changes to our current health care system, such as shortening the life of Medicare, hiking costs for those who can least afford higher insurance premiums, risking seniors' ability to live independently, and giving tax breaks to big drug companies and health insurance companies:

"AARP opposes this legislation, as introduced, that would weaken Medicare, leaving the door open to a voucher program that shifts costs and risks to seniors.

"Before people even reach retirement age, big insurance companies could be allowed to charge them an age tax that adds up to thousands of dollars more per year. Older Americans need affordable health care services and prescriptions. This plan goes in the opposite direction, increasing insurance premiums for older Americans and not doing anything to lower drug costs.

"On top of the hefty premium increase for consumers, big drug companies and other special interests get a sweetheart deal.

"Finally, Medicaid cuts could impact people of all ages and put at risk the health and safety of 17.4 million children and adults with disabilities and seniors by eliminating much-needed services that allow individuals to live independently in their homes and communities. Although no one believes the current health care system is perfect, this harmful legislation would make health care less secure and less affordable.

AARP stands ready to work with both parties on legislation that puts Americans first, not the special interests.

Illinois Budget process per Ballotpedia.org

https://ballotpedia.org/Illinois_state_budget_and_finance

Illinois operates on an annual budget cycle. The sequence of key events in the budget process is as follows:

1. In **September** of the year preceding the start of the new fiscal year, the governor sends budget instructions to state agencies.

2. In **October** and **November**, agencies submit their budget requests to the governor.
3. Agency hearings are held in **November** and **December**.
4. Budget hearings with the public are held from **February** through **May**.
5. On the third Wednesday in **February**, the governor submits his or her proposed budget to the Illinois State Legislature.
6. The State Legislature passes a budget in **May**.

Illinois is one of 44 states in which the governor has line item veto authority.

The governor is constitutionally required to submit a balanced budget. In turn, the legislature must pass a balanced budget, and the budget must be balanced in order for the governor to sign it into law.

Current and previous proposed budgets and/or enacted budgets/appropriations are available at: <https://www.illinois.gov/gov/budget/Pages/BudgetBooks.aspx>

Thanks Received:

"Thanks for the retirement gifts. Thanks for the 37 years of great service that has been provided. Stay strong!" – Randy Hughes (Hot Line retiree)

With Deepest Sympathy: The Family of:

Connie Deere (Rick Deere's Step mother)
Wayne Irons (Dave Iron's father)
Kevin Brix (Retired member)

105 Contest Continues

This week's number for direct deposit users to add to the cents of their deposit amount is 68. If the sum totals 105 you win a free T-shirt



USW Local 105 Civil and Human Rights Committee Movie Night

On Wednesday, March 29, 2017 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. Movie night will be at the Local 105 Union Hall @ 880 Devils Glen Rd. in Bettendorf IA. The movie will start promptly at 6:30 P.M. Water and popcorn will be provided by the committee.



World Motor Vehicle Sales and Production Statistics

Where on the world wide web can you find yearly statistics by country of production and sales of cars, light trucks, heavy trucks and buses?

Answer: www.oica.net OICA is the International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers.