

Welcome from our new Education Committee:

In March President Jody Juarez appointed new Education Committee members. Those new members are Alex Jones, Chris White, Mark Peterson, Justus Smith and Shaun Zimmerman. The committee appointed Alex Jones as its chairmen and Chris White as its Vice chairmen. Mark Peterson was appointed recording secretary. This committee is committed to promoting and supervising a broad education program and will encourage participation by the membership. The Education committee will also update current news on the locals facebook page and website. Another function of the committee is to run the Locals George C. Amis scholarship. Look to Page 2 to find out more information on how to apply for this year's George C. Amis scholarship. If you are looking to get involved and love writing and educating. Please join the Education Committee by contacting President Jody Juarez down at the union hall.

The Beginning History of Local 307:

In 1945, United Rubber, Cork, Linoleum and Plastic Workers of America chartered the employees of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company as Local 307 URW. Shortly after that in 1946 the big four rubber companies conceded and 18.8 cent per hours general was increase. But also gained six paid holidays. Local 307 at that time had not secured a contract with Goodyear, but was awarded these benefits as members of the URW. By 1947 the first contract for secured by URW Local 307. The right to bargain, the grievance procedure (including arbitration), One week of vacation after one year of service; and two weeks of vacation after five years of service; three weeks of vacation after 15 years; eleven and one-half cents per hour general wage increase were guaranteed. The company wide contract was settled February of 1947.

27th Annual George C. Amis Memorial Scholarships

The George C. Amis scholarship provides four separate scholarships this year to the sons and daughters of our USW Local 307 member's. These scholarships are for continued education after High school and will be awarded in the amount of \$1,250 to the two chosen from each category.

College student– College students attending a higher education institution in the fall of this year.

Skilled trade student– Current student of a higher education institute, returning in the fall of this year.

Scholarship Rules:

- 1.) Applicants must be a member or have a parent or legal guardian who is a member of USW Local 307, AFL-CIO.
- 2.) Applicant must be either entering into a higher education institute for the fall semester of this year, or returning to a higher education institution and must be enrolled as a full time student.
- 3.) Fill out the application at the bottom of this page and attach a billfold size photo of the applicant.
(Additional applications can be obtained at the union hall or at uswlocal307.org/usw-local-307-topeka-ks.)

Either: Mail the Scholarship application and picture to– 1603 NW Taylor St, Topeka, KS 66608

**Or drop-off at the union hall at the mailing address
Above.**

***All applicants must be in the USW Local 307 Union Office by 4:30 p.m. Monday May 29th, 2023.**

APPLICATION FOR USW LOCAL 307 GEROGE C. AMIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Student's Name _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ High School _____

Name of 307 member who qualifies entry _____

School attending next fall _____

The Secret Trades of Labor

By: Alex Jones



Every now and then you encounter an individual that just seems to have people gravitate towards them. I remember the first time I met Eric Thompson at work. All I knew about him was that he was a Chiefs fan and constantly carried a smile on his face. He's always talking to everybody and loves a good conversation about football. It wasn't long after I started talking to Eric about football that I realized he had a bigger passion and that was BBQ.

Eric has had a passion for bbq since he was a little kid. When asked who was his biggest influence when it came to bbq he immediately mentioned his Uncle PT. When Eric was as young as 12 he loved when his Uncle PT was rolling smoke on the bbq grill. He taught Eric the ins and outs of the bbq game and helped him hone his skills as a competitive smoker. Fast forward several years to 2020. That's when the world decided to shut down.

When Eric was at home due to Covid he decided to utilize his time getting his bbq business started. He started up his catering business and began entering bbq competitions. After that it wasn't long before he was making a name for himself with the bbq enthusiast's at Goodyear. People throughout the RTBC were raving about his bbq. Still to this day Eric is growing and expanding his business. So if your like me and don't care much for Topeka bbq then stop over to Harbor Freight and try some of Eric's authentic KC bbq. Most days you will find his truck "Big-E's KC Q and Smoke" parked in the parking lot at Harbor Freight in the evening. For more information on how to contact Eric please go to his Facebook page "Big-E's KC Q and Smoke". Thank you Eric for following your passion. All of us at Local 307 wish you the best!



Upcoming Summer ICD classes:

How To Start a Business (5/10/2023)
Wends. 5 PM, May 10, 2023
Topeka Public Library

May 18th, 8a - 10a OR 4p - 6p
ICD Classroom
3D Printing Lab 5/18

Hail the pig - Boston butt &
Ribs (06/11/2023)
June 11th, 2023 10a - 1p
ICD Classroom

Pizza 3 Ways (07/09/2023)
Sun. July 9th, 2023 10a - 1p
ICD Classroom

Backyard Staples: Brisket/
Chicken (08/13/2023)
August 13, 2023 10a - 1p
ICD Classroom

Robert Havens
ICD Coordinator
785-234-7893



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1-844-449-4772

WWW.SELFSERVICE.GOODYEAR.COM

Remember to maintain your Username and Password for the Self Service Portal. It will help you update your personal info, view your paycheck stubs and view your retirement options.

Always remember: You can make a difference...You are the Union!

In Memory of

5/5/2022	John Cheray
5/7/2022	Harold Blunt
5/9/2022	Walter Bigham
5/11/2022	Donald Tummons
5/14/2022	Robert Elias- Active
6/3/2022	Elmer Bowen
6/15/2022	Leonard De Vader
6/21/2022	Robert Bethea
6/27/2022	Dennis Grey
7/22/2022	Carl Lovendahl
8/18/2022	Gerald Kimmel
8/19/2022	Wayne Cottril
8/26/2022	Max Hollander
8/29/2022	Anthony Cummings
9/6/2022	George Griffin
9/10/2022	David A. Crain
9/6/2022	Melvin Douglas Jr
9/13/2022	William G. Kramer
9/15/2022	Ray E. Parsons, Jr.
10/24/2022	Larry Carlson
10/27/2022	Don Elder
12/18/2022	Thomas "Turk" Chapman--Active
12/18/2022	Edward Chavez--Active
1/4/2023	Kevin Caughron
1/12/2023	William Wild
1/7/2023	Gary Smutny
1/14/2023	Roger Bontrager
1/26/2023	William Deiter
1/28/2023	Richard Moore
1/11/2023	Russell Cowhick
1/20/2023	Matthew Wright- ACTIVE
1/31/2023	Charles Franklin
3/15/2023	Homer Saxton
3/23/2023	Garry Cook
3/18/2023	Quincy Miller
3/30/2023	David Walker
3/24/2023	Rex Buttram
4/14/2023	James Rice
4/12/2023	James Skinner

RETIREMENTS

Angela Blick	1/1/2022	Brian Riniker	12/1/2022
Nicole Bayless	3/1/2022	Sandra Caraway	12/1/2022
Michael Lewis	5/1/2022	Gwen Dixon	12/1/2022
Francis Brewer	5/1/2022	Ramona Boxley	12/1/2022
Howard Neeley	6/1/2022	John Root	12/1/2022
Dennis Walter	6/1/2022	David Agnew	12/1/2022
Chris Gomez	7/1/2022	Mark Davis	12/2/2022
Daniel Ortiz	7/1/2022	Robert D. Meade	12/1/2022
Ernest Allison	7/1/2022	Lonnie Schnacker	12/1/2022
Louis Bussa	8/1/2022	Charles Mowery	12/1/2022
Kenny Garrison	9/1/2022	Ruth Utterback	12/1/2022
Barbara Gavin	9/1/2022	Jeff Simmons	12/1/2022
Norman Tyree III	10/1/2022	Sally Brown	2/1/2023
Luke Uhlmann	10/1/2022	Scott Abel	2/1/2023
Randy Terhune	11/1/2022	Joshua Snowhawk	2/1/2023
David Brainard	11/1/2022	Sharri Stowers	4/1/2023
Ray Downing III	11/1/2022	Robert Tripp	4/1/2023
Dennis Morris	12/1/2022	Timothy Willingham	4/1/2023
Jeff Haskett	12/1/2022	Cory Chandler	4/1/2023
Lyle Gooden	12/1/2022	Donald Lambrecht	5/1/2023
Mark Weber	12/1/2022		
Mark Pruett	12/1/2022		



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Education Committee

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"Our labor union has been a self-seeking group. They have raised wages, shortened hours, and provided supplemental benefits. Through collective bargaining and grievance procedures they have brought justice and democracy to the workplace."



F. Kennedy

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