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Life Works for Android

The software development team has recently identified an issue with the mobile app for some Android users. It has now been fixed and an update is available.

If you are still having issues, you may want to delete the current mobile app from your Android device and re-download it from the Google Play store.

Meetings & Events May 2024

5/16	3:30 pm	Comm. & E. Board Mtg
5/20		Quad City Fed. Of Labor
5/21	6:20 am	Regular Business Mtg
	7:20 am	" "
	3:20 pm	" "
	6:20 pm	" "
	11:20 pm	" "
5/23	4:30 pm	Local 105-1 (Bowe Machine)

Starbucks's at 53rd & Elmore

Voted Union Yes!!

Workers at Starbucks on 53rd Street in Davenport voted to unionize with Starbucks Workers United. The next step for them is to bargain their first contract. Please stop by this store to congratulate and support them!!

Brothers and Sisters!
 G Gomez, Paul Meier, and Tony Peck here as your Communication Action Team (CAT). We are going to keep you and your families involved and informed. Keep your eyes on the Forerunner or Listen to the Steel Revolution Podcast for upcoming solidarity events. We are planning some things for the remainder of 2024 and have a lot planned for leading up to the 2026 contract! We look forward to celebrating solidarity with you. When you see us, let us know what you would like to see in future events!

**BE SURE TO
 READ YOUR
 UNION
 NEWSPAPER TO
 STAY IN TOUCH!**

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2024

MacDonald “Mac” Smith Scholarship

MacDonald Smith, better known as Mac, was a second-generation Iowa Labor Union lawyer. He started working in his father's law firm at the age of ten. Early on Mac learned the challenges and importance of being an advocate for the working person. Throughout his life he worked diligently, both politically and academically, to advocate and represent those working people regardless of their financial status or diversity.

\$1000 SCHOLARSHIP FOR COLLEGE, TRADE SCHOOL OR APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS

Eligible applicants are the immediate family members (children/grandchildren, stepchildren/grandchildren, foster children/grandchildren, spouses) of individuals who are members in good standing of a recognized labor union.

Application available on March 1, 2024

Application & Essay deadline June 1, 2024

Recipient announced by July 1, 2024

Recognition at the Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO Convention in August 2024

FOR MORE INFO OR QUESTIONS
515-262-9571
iowaafcio.org/mac-smith-scholarship

Rapid Response Conference

Vice President Roy Hutt and I attended the Rapid Response Conference in Washington D.C this week. We joined Assistant to the Director Jeff Harford and Staff Rep Bill Campbell to talk to Senator Joni Ernst and Representative Mariannette Miller-Meeks about the following issues:

Support funding and staffing for the NLRB- This issue has directly affected us here as the Union has filed several Labor Board charges that have taken much longer to get addressed than it should. Because of the underfunding and staffing, we have been waiting on responses for over a year on some of our charges.

China's shipbuilding and maritime practices- Our International Union filed a 301-trade case challenging China's unfair trade practices that have resulted in our country only building 10 commercial vessels in the last year, while China made over 1,000 during the same period. This affects our supply chain and could add thousands of jobs if we can get back to making more of these vessels here in the U.S. Both congresswomen showed support for this.

Opposing the merger of US Steel and Nippon Steel- Nippon Steel is a Japanese company with financial ties to China. Them owning US Steel would be potentially catastrophic to jobs here in the

US and also our sovereignty if in the future we needed steel to fortify our military. Both Congresswomen showed great support in our fight against this.

Minimum staffing levels for nursing home- Understaffing of these facilities have reduced the overall quality of care, put workers in harm's way, and have created unsafe environments. Do we really want our loved ones to be in facilities that do not have enough staffing to take care of them?
Trade Adjustment Assistance- Bad trade agreements have negatively impacted workers for decades. TAA provides job training benefits for workers who lose their jobs because of dumped and subsidized imports, changes in tariffs, and trade agreements. Unfortunately, workers have not been able to access these benefits because Congress has not reauthorized the program since its expiration on June 30, 2022.

We dropped off a packet to the others that we were not able to meet with us. I think it's important to point out we met with our legislators whether they were red or blue. These are not political issues; these are Labor issues that affect workers here in Iowa and all over the US!

Lee Shaffer
Recording Secretary

Know your contract and benefits

Dependent children's healthcare coverage

For dependent children, they have healthcare coverage through the end of the month they turn 26 unless the following applies.

Your unmarried child over the age of 26 who is not capable of self-support due to a physical or mental disability that occurred before the age of 26 and who is principally supported by you.

Attention Retirees

In an effort to get you the weekly Forerunner in a timely fashion, we are doing a trial of sending the Forerunner via email each week. If you are interested, please contact the Union Hall at 563-355-1181 and provide us your email address or simply send an email to Steelworkers@uswlocal105.com stating you wish to be added to the email list.

With Deepest Sympathy:

The Family of:

Patrick Wagner (Retired Member)
Wanda Hughes – Leanne Hughes' Mother,
Clifford Hinton's Mother-In Law
Jason Ramirez – Rose Scheper's(Retiree)
Son
Leo Ruth-Former Local 105 President