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**Meetings & Events  
 November 2020**

11/12	4:00 pm	Committeeperson Mtg. E-Board Mtg.
11/16	6pm	Q-C Fed Delegates Mtg @Local 25
11/17	6:20am	Regular Business Mtg
	7:20am	" " "
	3:20pm	" " "
	6:20pm	" " "
	11:20pm	" " "
11/18	12 noon	Local 105-2 (Sivyer Steel)
	3 pm	Local 105-2 (Sivyer Steel)
11/19	4:30 pm	Local 105-1 (Bowe Machine)

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



**Congratulations to these Recent Retirees!**

Fname	Lname	Department	Date
Allan M.	Banowetz	Plate Mill	6/1/2020
Nelson	Beadel	Roll Shop	10/1/2020
Gregory J.	Bialobreski	Sheet Finishing	8/1/2020
Paul	Daniels	Sheet Finishing	9/1/2020
Ivory	Davis	Sheet Finishing	4/1/2020
William L.	Gerth	Rolling	10/1/2020
Mike L.	Gill	Rolling	10/1/2020
Thomas J.	Harrold	Sheet Finishing	9/1/2020
Alan	Horner	Insp-Pack-Ship	8/1/2020

David J.	Irons	Rolling	7/1/2020
Jay	Kaske	Rolling	8/1/2020
Steven J	Lorenz	Fac Services	8/1/2020
Nancy	Mathena	Labs	9/1/2020
Thomas J.	McNamara	Brick Masons	9/1/2020
Gregory A.	Mitchell	Ingot Plant	8/1/2020
Karen M.	Noble	Insp-Pack-Ship	7/1/2020
Michael S.	Petersen	Plate Mill	2/1/2020
Jeffrey M.	Peterson	Sheet Finishing	10/1/2020
Jeff J.	Reddin	Fac Services	9/1/2020
Mark A.	Regan	Plate Mill	6/1/2020
Daniel G.	Ruplinger	Ingot Plant	7/1/2020
Michelle L.	Salazar	Rolling	10/1/2020
Eldon R.	Sambdman	Store Room	8/1/2020
Jeffery S.	Suiter	Ingot Plant	9/1/2020
Jeffrey A.	Wendell	Sheet Finishing	6/1/2020
Martin	Wenthe	Sheet Finishing	9/1/2020

**The Boeing 737 Max is returning to the skies: What you need to know**

The first passenger flights are set for December on one U.S. airline

<https://www.sfgate.com/travel/article/Boeing-737-MAX-return-15697519.php>

Chris McGinnis , Tim Jue, SFGATE Nov. 5, 2020

Boeing's much-maligned 737 Max jet could be cleared to fly again in just a few weeks, and one U.S. airline is planning to carry passengers on the jetliner as early as December.

Although the Federal Aviation Administration has not disclosed a public timeline for the Max's return

to service, approval to lift the grounding could come as early as mid-November, according to Reuters.

Boeing executives said they expect to gain FAA recertification before the end of the year. The company will also need to get approval from the European Union Aviation Safety Agency and Transport Canada, which are conducting their own respective reviews.

The Max was grounded globally in March 2019 following two fatal crashes involving the plane type: Lion Air Flight 610 in October 2018 and Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302 in March 2019. The crashes claimed the lives of 346 people.

In both instances, pilots struggled with the Max's flight-control system, designed to prevent the plane from stalling. Boeing said it has instituted a series of hardware and software fixes to address the problem, which are in the final phase of review from the FAA.

The agency has also recommended that Max pilots undergo simulator training so they can recognize and confront problems before issues become catastrophic.

When the Max was grounded 18 months ago, airlines struggled to backfill the lost capacity of the airplanes. Hundreds of flights ended up canceled, stranding thousands of travelers. Growth and expansion plans dependent on the new plane were put on hold at many airlines.

Then came the COVID-19 pandemic.

Passenger demand has cratered to historic lows. Airlines are parking and storing hundreds of jets and deferring the deliveries of new ones, including the 737 Max.

### **American plans first 737 Max flights**

American Airlines said it plans to operate one daily Boeing 737 Max roundtrip from Dec. 29 through Jan. 4 between its Miami hub and New York's LaGuardia Airport. If it takes off, American will be the first US carrier to bring back the Max.

Our Boeing 737 Max return to service plans remain highly dependent on the FAA's recertification process," an airline spokesperson said. "To ensure American is ready to fly the 737 Max once the aircraft is certified, our crew members must be able to bid their schedules for this line of flying."

American put the flights on sale on Oct. 24. An airline spokesperson said customers will not be automatically re-accommodated if they had an existing reservation before the plane type swap.

Other U.S. airlines operating the Max are taking a wait-and-see approach before assigning the fleet type to flights.

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### **With Deepest Sympathy:**

The Family of:  
Dan Soto (Retired Member)

## **Local 105**

### **Nathaniel S. Payne Memorial Scholarship**

These educational scholarships, valued at \$500 each will be awarded to any child (natural, adopted, step, foster or grandchild) of a USW member who has been in good standing for a period of 2 years prior to the date of the drawing (except for new hires with less than two years seniority). At the time of application each applicant must be enrolled full-time in this fall's semester or quarter of college and plan to attend full time in the succeeding semester or quarter. Please see application for complete requirements.

Scholarship applications are available at the Union Hall. Completed applications must be received at the hall by Friday Dec. 4, 2020.

#### **Local 105 Scholarship Applications Received:**

	<b>Student's Name</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Date Rec.</b>
9	Lauren Buechel	James Buechel	10/27/20
10	Hailey Clark	Allen Clark	10/30/20
11	Cameron Baker	Eldon Till	11/2/20

### **Thanks Received:**

"After working at Alcoa/Arconic for 41 years, I would like to strongly encourage everyone to support your union and get more involved even when you don't always agree with them and not to take it for granted. Without it, you will lose a great deal. You need to be union strong. Thank you for the retirement gifts!"

Bill Gerth (Rolling Dept Retiree)

### **Social Security Notes & Changes:**

#### **Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) Information for 2021**

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for approximately 70 million Americans will increase 1.3 percent in 2021.

The 1.3 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits payable to more than 64 million Social Security beneficiaries in January 2021. Increased payments to more than 8 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on December 31, 2020. (Note: some people receive both Social Security and SSI benefits)

The maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$142,800.

The earnings limit for workers who are younger than "full" retirement will increase to \$18,960. (We deduct \$1 from benefits for each \$2 earned over \$18,960.)

The earnings limit for people reaching their "full" retirement age in 2021 will increase to \$50,520. (We deduct \$1 from benefits for each \$3 earned over \$50,520 until the month the worker turns "full" retirement age.)

There is no limit on earnings for workers who are "full" retirement age or older for the entire year.