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Meetings & Events September 2018

10/4	1:30pm	S.O.A.R. Meeting
10/11	3:30 pm	Committeeperson Mtg. E-Board Mtg.
10/15	6 pm	Q-C Fed Delegates Mtg @Local 25
10/16	6:20am	Regular Business Mtg
	7:20am	" " "
	3:20pm	" " "
	6:20pm	" " "
	11:20pm	" " "
10/17	12 noon	Local 105-2 (Sivyer Steel)
	3 pm	Local 105-2 (Sivyer Steel)
10/25	12 noon	Local 105 Retirees Potluck

All meetings @ USW Local 105 Union Hall
Unless designated otherwise

USW Local 105 Solidary March/Pub Crawl

WHEN: Saturday, October 6, 2018, starting at 2 p.m.

WHERE: The East Village of Davenport. We start at "Bootleggers"

WHO: USW Local 105 members, family & friends.

Save some Greenbacks!

Our current Arconic contract expires May 15, 2019.



105 Contest Continues

This week's number for direct deposit users to add to the cents of their deposit amount is 30. If the sum totals 105 you win a free T-shirt.



Veteran's Day Request Form

Veterans may request Veterans Day off by submitting the Veterans Day Request Form by October 11, 2018. You must provide a copy of your honorable discharge certificate or a copy of your DD214. No requests will be approved without this documentation attached.

Bernie Sanders praises Jeff Bezos for hiking Amazon minimum wage to \$15

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/bernie-sanders-praises-jeff-bezos-151000315.html>

- Sen. Bernie Sanders is praising Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos for increasing Amazon's minimum wage to \$15.
- The Vermont senator has been fighting for years to increase the U.S. minimum wage to \$15.
- He is calling on other executives and firms to do the same thing.

Sen. Bernie Sanders praised CEO Jeff Bezos on Tuesday after Amazon AMZN announced that it will increase the minimum wage for its workers to \$15 per hour for all U.S. employees.

"It is no secret that I have been a harsh critic of the wage and employment practices of Amazon and its owner Jeff Bezos," Sanders said. "It has been my view that the middle class and working families of this country should not have to subsidize Mr. Bezos, the wealthiest person on Earth, because many of his Amazon employees earned wages that were so low that they were forced to go on government programs like food stamps, Medicaid and subsidized housing."

Last month, Sanders introduced legislation named the Bezos Act that would tax corporations for every dollar their low-wage workers receive in government health-care benefits or food stamps.

The Vermont senator on Tuesday congratulated Bezos "for doing exactly the right thing." Amazon said it will also start advocating for an increase to the federal minimum wage.

"Today, I want to give credit where credit is due," Sanders said.

Sanders has been fighting for several years to increase the minimum wage in the United States to \$15 per hour. In his statement, Sanders also thanked Amazon workers who reached out to his office asking for support fighting for a minimum wage hike.

The senator said Amazon's announcement, "could well be a shot heard around the world." Sanders called on other profitable companies to make similar moves.

"Bottom line is that in the richest county in the history of the world, no full-time employee should be living in poverty," Sanders said.

Bezos thanked Sanders on Twitter and said he "hopes others will join in."

Oct 01, 2018

USW Looks Forward to Working with USTR to Continue to Improve New NAFTA-USMCA

(Pittsburgh) -- United Steelworkers (USW) International President Leo W. Gerard issued the following statement after renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement was completed.

"The effort to achieve the goal of a fair trade agreement that protects workers in the United States, Canada and Mexico is far from over.

"There are provisions in the draft agreement between the United States and Mexico that represent

improvements over NAFTA, but there are also provisions that must be removed. Further, we have not evaluated what changes resulted from the just-concluded agreement to include Canada.

"In the area of workers' rights, the draft text we have seen includes significant improvements over the existing NAFTA and is stronger than the rejected Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). It goes farther than any prior trade agreement. That is encouraging, but it is not yet enough. Efforts to protect the rights of workers in all countries that will be party to this deal are not finished.

"The impact of the deal must be measured not only by what is in the final agreement, but also by what Mexico adopts legislatively to implement its commitments. Also, what will the Trump Administration and Congress do to ensure that the provisions of any final agreement are effectively applied, monitored and enforced? Strong text in an agreement backed up by legislative changes in Mexico will only matter if they are fully and faithfully enforced.

"It is vital to understand that this debate is not about free trade, protectionism or ivory-tower academic arguments. It is about what will happen to real people. NAFTA's long-term impact has been devastating, and reforms are sorely needed.

"The members of the USW, the largest industrial union in North America, have suffered from the devastating impact of NAFTA on manufacturing and employment in both the United States and Canada. And workers in Mexico, who now make no more than they did before NAFTA, never benefited from the massive profits that multinational corporations realized as a result of the agreement.

"The USW and other labor groups have worked closely with U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer since the United States initiated renegotiation of NAFTA. Labor has provided concrete and specific recommendations. Ambassador Lighthizer has worked diligently and seriously to resolve these issues.

"Reversing the negative impact of NAFTA has been a priority of the USW since the day Congress approved it nearly 25 years ago.

"The key question now is whether this new agreement, when final, will make a measurable difference in workers' lives and whether workers will have confidence in the new provisions and the commitment of government to enforce those provisions.

"Also critical is what provisions will be negotiated relative to the Section 232 actions on steel and aluminum. From the beginning, the USW has made it clear that Canada should not have been subject to Section 232 measures. Our economies are integrated, and our national security interests are intertwined, as are our steel and aluminum markets. The U.S. has no stronger or more reliable economic and national security partner. The impacts of any provisions in this area are key concerns not only on a bilateral basis, but for the USW, whose members work in this sector in both countries.

"The USW looks forward to continuing to work with the Administration, Congress and our colleagues in Mexico and Canada to ensure that a final agreement and all of the implementing provisions promote broadly-shared prosperity for all workers in North America. We remain hopeful that the provisions will measure up and are committed to making this happen."