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**Thanks for
 Donating!**

**Bucket Collection Results for:
 Conrad Andersen**

The bucket collection for I.P.S. union brother, Conrad Andersen held on Wed., Sept. 6 and Thur., Sept. 7 totaled \$2261.73. Conrad had run out of Sickness and Accident benefits. Thanks to all who donated and helped out for our union brother in need

**Meetings & Events
September 2017**

9/15 & 9/16		Local 105 Cookout
9/18	6 pm	Q-C Fed Delegates Mtg @Local 25
9/19	6:20am	Regular Business Mtg
	7:20am	" " "
	3:20pm	" " "
	6:20pm	" " "
	11:20pm	" " "
9/20	12 noon	Local 105-2 (Sivyer Steel)
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9/21	12 noon	Local 105 Retirees Potluck

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



**Welcome to this month's New and Returning
 Members!**

Department	Lname	Fname
General Mech	Foltz	Irwin
Fac Services	Alvarez	Miguel
Plate Mill	Bush	Marc
Plate Mill	Genther	Colin
Plate Mill	Gluck	Michael
Plate Mill	Solis	Adan
Plate Mill	Trigueros	Antonio
RAPD	Atwood, Jr.	Thomas C.
General Mech	Dixon	Glen J.
Insp-Pack-Ship	Williams	Jay D.
Sivyer Steel	Hausmann	Sean
Sivyer Steel	Jones	Shawn R.
Sivyer Steel	Taets	Joseph R.
Bowe	Latcham	Sean
Bowe	Mlekush	Joel

Attn: Jan 1 and Feb 1, 2018 Retirees

Reminder: If you want the \$500 bonus for notice of intent to retire you must fill out the form (available at the union hall) and turn it into Davenport Works Human Resources Department **at least three full months** before your retirement date. For complete rules see the form and its instructions.

Bargaining unit retirements are always effective on the first of the month. Pensions are a separate payroll system and are monthly as opposed to active weekly pay with the payroll week ending on Sunday.

Most Arconic bargaining unit employees are aware of the fact that to qualify for 2018 vacation pay they worked for in 2017 they have to retire January 1 or later.

What are some of the advantages of waiting to retire February 1 instead of January 1?

- 1) Three paid holidays: New Years Day and the two floating holidays, President's Day and Good Friday. You have to be an active employee as of January 1 to get paid for these. If you retire January 1, you would not get paid for these holidays.
- 2) The opportunity to use 2018 Health Care Fund flexible spending account money. For example, if you are active and during

enrollment for 2018 you elect to deposit \$1,200 for 2018, the total amount is available for reimbursement on January 1. Your contributions to the health care fund end when you retire. Eligible expenses would have to be incurred in 2018 but prior to retirement.

Thanks Received:

"Thanks for the jacket, watch, and cap and the representation over the years." – Duane Schubert (Ingot Plant Retiree)

"Thank you for the years of representation and the retirement gifts." – Scott Looney (Sheet Finishing Retiree)

"Just wanted to express my gratitude for everyone's generosity. The bucket collection was very much appreciated. Thank you!" – Conrad Andersen

105 Contest Continues

This week's number for direct deposit users to add to the cents of their deposit amount is 27. If the sum totals 105 you win a free T-shirt.

Attn: Arconic Retirees

Arconic will be sending out annual health insurance enrollment forms in October and if you and/or your wife is on Medicare you should look at the assigned coverage pages very carefully. Does it list you or your spouse as being eligible for the Medicare Part B reimbursement and is it assigning you the reimbursement by default? Don't be misled by a dollar figure for it in the Monthly Price column, it is a reimbursement (money that you receive on your monthly pension deposit). If it isn't assigning you the reimbursement or you have questions about it, please bring the form and your Medicare card to the union hall and we can help you get the benefits you are entitled to. If you purchase a Medicare Supplement Plan from a private insurance agent and the cost has been going up, you may want to compare that cost to the cost of Arconic's Med Option Plan.

Hot Dogs For Hurricanes

HELP HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF

Friday, Sept 22 & Saturday, Sept. 23

Hot Dogs and Chips \$5

Bake Goods for Sale
50/50 Drawing

T-Shirts for those who sign up to help

Serving Times:

Friday: 10am – 12:30pm
5pm – 7:30pm

Saturday: 1am – 3am
10am – 12:30pm
5pm – 7:30pm

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Just What Is A Podcast? by Charlie

Averill

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One of my favorites is one you can find on Soundcloud. Just go to www.soundcloud.com and then at the top of the page, search for Charlie Averill.

Steel Revolution 105 Podcasts

Did you know that our Local 105 puts on a podcast Steel Revolution 105 and that they are available on our website: usw105.org

Are You Thinking About Running for Office in the Union?

Article IV Officers and Elections Section 5. No member shall be eligible for election as a Local Union Officer or Grievance Committee Member unless:

- (a.) The member shall have been in continuous good standing for a period of 24 months immediately preceding the month in which the election is held, and
- (b.) The member is employed in an enterprise, public or private, or other place within the jurisdiction of the Local Union, and
- (c.) In order to be eligible for election as a Local Union Officer or Grievance Committee Member in any regular election or election to fill a vacancy, a member shall have attended at least one-third (1/3) of the regular meetings held by the member's Local Union during the twenty-four (24) month period immediately preceding the month in which the election is to be held.

Be sure to pick up a copy of the Local Constitution and Bylaws at the Union Hall for all the requirements. The next election of officers will be in April 2018.