



Local Lodge 1746

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There is so much going on in the Union world that I do not know where to begin. Let's start with Fast Track. Right now the President seems to be using bullying tactics to sway the minds of some of our congress people to vote for what can be a devastating trade deal. Apparently those tactics worked on some of our very own. We know that Jim Himes was on the fence, but we never thought that he would be a cheap date. For his vote to support the trade deal, all he received in return was a flight on Air force one to the G7 summit in Germany. We warned him that this is a bad deal for American jobs and he said that he thinks that we are wrong and it will help the U.S economy. I guess Himes has a bad memory and forgot what NAFTA did to the U.S economy. With that being said, more to come on fast track because the fight is far from over.

Last month we had Machinists from District 26 and 15 in D.C paying visits to all of our congressmen and women to remind them on the cons of this trade agreement. While we were in D.C, there were several pieces of legislation that were up for a vote, including fast track. The one that hit me the hardest was the funding for Amtrak to help update our railways. Congress shot that bill down the day after the deadly train accident in Philadelphia. This behavior is a clear indication that the working class citizens of this country are not a first priority even though our tax dollars are supposed to take care of infrastructure.

Connecticut State Council of Machinists (CSCM) semi-annual Conference was held this past weekend and was a huge success. Amongst the speakers were: Dan Drew- Mayor of Middletown, Richard Blumenthal, James Conigliaro- DBR district 15 in New York, Nancy Wyman, Matthew Lesser-, Lori Pelletier – Connecticut AFL-CIO, John Larson, Bruce Olsson- Assistant Director for political action from IAM ,Troy Jackson, Bill Shortell, Jeremy Brecher and GLR Jim Smith.

All of the speakers had their own story to tell, while keeping the audience captivated with issues ranging from how to organize to fast track. The meeting was very informational and I urge members to attend the next conference as the Saturday meeting is open to all IAM members. I also want to wish everyone a safe summer. Kirby Boyce

ORGANIZED LABOR RECOGNITION NIGHT

Rock Cats vs. Richmond Flying
Squirrels

Saturday, June 27, 2015

Gates open at 5:05 PM

Games Time is 6:35 PM

For the fifth year, Local Lodge 1746 has purchased 200 vouchers so that our members and their families can attend a fun-filled evening in New Britain.

Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis and may be reserved by calling the Local at **860-568-3000** between 8 am and 3:45 pm, Monday through Friday.

In addition to the game and recognition of various Labor Organizations; the Rock Cats and the Connecticut Building and Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO will be collecting household and toiletry items to raise supplies for the John J. Driscoll UNITED LABOR AGENCY.

Be sure to bring your donations

to the game!



The next Monthly Meeting is
Sunday, June 14, 2015 at 11:00 am



EAP Corner

For IAM Local Lodge 1746:
P&W in East Hartford
*Please feel free to contact me
with any of your issues or concerns
and know that it will be in
total confidentiality.*

*Lenny Ward-EAP Coordinator, LAP-C Certified,
NAADAC / NCAC Certified, AFL-CIO
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Professional) Certified.*

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Save the date:

Friday, September 11, 2015
**The Machinist Club will hold it's 5th
Annual
Golf Tournament for Charity**
at
TWIN HILLS COUNTRY CLUB
Route 31 in Coventry CT
Registration 10 am, Tee time 11 am

More to come.....



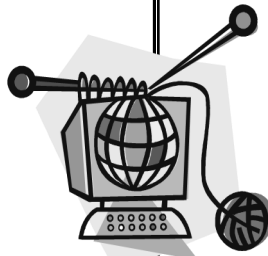
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