



Local Lodge 1746

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Facts about the Trans Pacific Partnership

Right now the Machinist Union is doing a lot of work with our elected officials to make sure that the Trans Pacific Partnership or TPP is not accepted. There was a big lobby day held on March 4th in Washington DC, where hundreds of Machinists from across the country voiced their dissatisfaction with TPP.

What is the TPP? The TPP is a major trade agreement with 11 other Pacific Rim countries including Vietnam, Mexico and Japan. Right now negotiations are in their final stages and Fast track is being used to approve the agreement through the use of TPA which stands for Trade Promotion Authority. Trade agreements are not just about exports, but imports as well. The surge in imports to the U.S in the early 2000's damaged the manufacturing sector, leading to job losses and harming the long term health of our economy. Employment in this sector fell from about 17 million in the 1990's, to under 13 million currently. U.S Trade representatives call the TPP the most progressive trade agreement in history but that still remains to be seen. Success should not be measured relative to the status quo, but whether the agreement is strong enough to bring about meaningful lasting improvements to people's lives, economic growth, and addressing the negative impacts of globalization? These are the big questions that our elected representatives need to answer. Improved transparency is essential to understanding key components of TPP and to ensure it has a positive impact.

Article written by Kirby Boyce

It's finally here, Happy spring. Hopefully the snow will be out of the way soon.

On March 18, Local 1746 elected two new EH&S Reps: Therese Hervieux and Gary Stickles. Please welcome them. It will be an interesting educational experience for them and I am fully confident that they will do a great job. EH&S is within all of us. We want to come into work with every part of our body intact and leave from work also intact. It's not just about injuries, it's also about being exposed to chemicals. Know what you are working with and also know where you can find the Material Safety data sheets when needed. If you need some help interpreting what everything means, you can see a union EH&S Rep for more information. The IAMAW LL 1746 EH&S Reps are awesome. They truly care about the membership and do their best to represent them in any way they can.

I am also looking for someone to take over the United Way Local Lodge 1746 position. I participate on the IAMAW District 26 level. I want to thank Gerry Martin for all of help through many years of dedication for the United Way and the many fishing activities he ran for them. Please contact Local Lodge President Nancy Flagg if interested. I myself used United Way for help with my daughter Tiffany dealing with her disabilities. They were instrumental in locating the agencies that were needed for us. I have also used the 211 info line and have had agencies to help my family out with elder care and dementia and Alzheimer's care. These rob it's victim of their memory and is very difficult for the entire family.

There are still openings for the Women's / Human Rights Committee. Please contact me or President Nancy Flagg. We need to have more women involved at every level.

April 28th is Workers Memorial Day. This is when we honor and pray for all the deceased and injured members across the country. This day is never changed. There is a ceremony held in New Britain, Groton and the State Capitol in Hartford.

AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL.

Yours in Solidarity, Deb Belancik.

**The next Monthly Meeting is
Sunday, April 12, 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.*

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LAP-C Certified
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Show your SOLIDARITY

**Our Union Sisters and Brothers
From UTC/IFSOA (Security workforce)
Begin negotiations on Tuesday, April 21, 2015
Their Contract expires on May 17, 2015**

**The only effective answer to
organized greed is organized labor.
—Thomas Donahue**

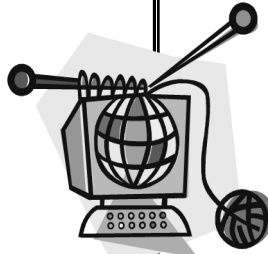
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