



Local Lodge 1746

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It is hard to believe that it is February already. As with any new year, we face new challenges.

First, I must report that our Administrative Assistant of 46 plus years, Dian Mitchell, has chosen to retire. Although she has agreed to work part time for the remainder of the year, her everyday presence will be greatly missed. See page 2 for celebration details!!

Another reminder for all is that UTAS and Local Lodge 743 will begin negotiations in March and Locals 700 and 1746 follow in October. There is no certain way to know at this point but if what happened at IAM Local Lodge 971 in West Palm Beach is any indication...we all have some choices to make. Although they were able to secure 2.5% increases in each year of the contract and a \$ 7.00 per month per year of service increase in the pension, they will also have to enroll in the High Deductible Health Plan beginning January 2018. In addition, any new hires, after January 31, 2016 will no longer be enrolled in the Pension Plan but will receive a 4% Company contribution into the Savings plan.

As the year goes on we will have more communications including a contract survey for all members. Our negotiating committee will be nominated in April with an election, if necessary, in May.

Nominations will be accepted for Shop Steward positions beginning February 15, 2016 until 5 pm on Monday, February 29, 2016. Elections, if necessary will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2016. Remember, in order to be eligible for a Shop Steward position one must be an active member of the bargaining unit with at least 6 months seniority and also have attended at least 50 per cent of the regular meetings of the Local Lodge held during the 12 month period ending on February 29, 2016. Watch for the Official Notice coming soon.



Industrial Aircraft Lodge 1746 and District Lodge 26
are looking for volunteers to assist in Organizing Campaigns and to work on election campaigns this fall.

If interested in either of these committees, please email President Flagg at president1746@ll1746.comcastbiz.net

REM SAFETY SUPPLY INC

Will be at the EAST HARTFORD plant
In front of L Building

**Thursday, February 18 from
6am to 11 am and 1 pm to 4 pm**

Retirement celebration
Come help us celebrate 46 years of service
In Honor of Dian R. Mitchell



Where:

The Gallery
141 New London Turnpike
Glastonbury, Connecticut 06033
(860)659-2656

When:

Saturday, April 9, 2016

2 Hour open bar

5:30 – 6:30 - Hors d'oeuvres

6:30 Sit down dinner with choice of
Prime Rib
Baked Stuffed Filet of Sole
Cauliflower steak (Vegetarian)
Music until 10:15

\$ 75 per person includes meal and gift
Please contact Howie Huestis

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Connecticut State Council of Machinists—Kirby Boyce

The CSCM biannual conference from was held January 23rd through the 24th at the Courtyard Marriott in Cromwell. LL 1137 which represents Corbin Russwin hosted the conference and did a fantastic job. Due to the inclement weather, about half of our speakers had to cancel so we made it work with some local speakers. The CSCM honored Paul Duff with the outstanding member Award for being a great activist to both the council and Local 743 where he currently serves as a shop steward and trustee. We conducted the elections and re-elections of area vice presidents along with our current e-board which include John Harry- President; Everett Corey- Executive Vice President; Kirby Boyce- Treasurer; and Shirley Dickes - Recording Secretary.

We would like to thank **Matthew Lesser State Representative** out of Middletown, who braved the snow storm to come in to the conference and talk. Matt was not on the original list of speakers but as the list started to deteriorate he stepped up and gave a great speech. Matthew touched on GE leaving the State and its impact. GE stated one of the reasons for them moving their global headquarters from Fairfield to Boston was because our taxes were too high. In actuality GE paid \$250 last year in taxes. Some of the jobs will remain here while some will move along with the relocation.

Mike Evans, GLR organizer, was able to come down from his home in Massachusetts to say a greeting from our new International President Robert Martinez. Mike is originally out of Local 743 which represents UTAS. Brother Evans has been the leader in the organizing campaign for Boeing in South Carolina. One of the biggest obstacles of the Boeing campaign is Governor Nikki Haley, who is totally against Unions and has been very vocal about it. Governor Haley also negotiated down the salaries of some of the employees at the plant saying that they make too much and at that time their salary was only \$18 and change so she brought it down to \$15 and change.

Tom Wilkinson, president of United Food and Commercial workers (UFCW) Local 371/ President of the Fairfield Central Labor Council came out to speak to us at the conference. The UFCW has started to bargain on behalf of 35,000 members that represent Stop and Shops all across New England. Brother Wilkinson was also appointed International Vice President for UFCW.

Lori Pelletier, President of the Connecticut AFL-CIO emphasized that we need to stay diligent about organizing and to make sure that what happened to Wisconsin does not happen in Connecticut. Wisconsin is the birthplace of AFSCME and now is a right to work state. Sister Pelletier mentioned that we need to go back to grass roots organizing. Wearing our union shirts to the grocery stores, sports venues, and most importantly educating our children. The Fredericks case is a very hot issue right now and is going after the public sector unions along with the fact that the right-wing has about \$900 million at their disposal for this upcoming presidential election.

Rosa DeLauro, US Representative talked about the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) and why it's important for it not to be ratified by the congress. Over 130,000 jobs have been loss due to bad trade agreements. The TPP was negotiated by business interest and did not have the middle class in mind. Rosa received an award from the council for being the National champion on opposing the TPP. She received a framed picture that read "ALL TRADE SHOULD BE FREE TRADE" with the inscription reading "Our champion Rosa DeLauro/CT State Council of Machinists/January 23, 2016.

Other speakers included **Bill Shortell, Eastern States Political Director** and **Mayor James Smith, Eastern Territory Political Coordinator and GLR**. Mayor Smith spoke about how it was to run a campaign and how he was elected as Mayor of his town. Brother Shortell spoke about his trip to Palestine in the fall and presented a slide show that displayed what those workers go through just to get to and from work every day.

All of the delegates enjoyed the conference even though the weather did not allow us to have as many speakers as we originally planned to. The delegates from Local 1746 included area Vice President Paul Koretz, Kirby Boyce, Ryan Tyrol, Regan Toomey, and Vinnie Perugini. Also, thank you to John Perretta for coming as a guest to the conference.





**The next Monthly Meeting is
Sunday, February 14, 2016 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 Certi-
fied, NAADAC / NCAC Certified, AFL-CIO
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Professional) Certified.***

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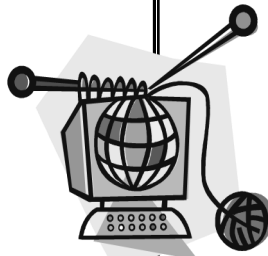
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Remember Our Troops Red-Shirt Friday's!

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