

June 2017 Newsletter

President's Message:

It's great to see more of our members about to return to work from layoffs. Our goal is to see everyone back to work in the near future.

P-1: At this time, there are no confirmed orders for this production line. The company has stated that they are working on grain cars for this line, but nothing yet has been confirmed.

P-2: The order we are currently working on will run until the third week of June, 2017. The company has informed us that that they are working on another order for this line, and that there is interest in cars, but as of yet, nothing has been confirmed.

P-3: The pellet cars order we are currently producing will be completed the end of May, 2017. There will a be production of Potash cars that will follow this order, but there is a possibility of a short layoff during the transition set up.

P-5: This production line will be producing 133- 3 pack well cars (total of 399 units). This order will run until the second week of October, 2017. We have also been informed that there is currently potential for additional orders for this car type, but as of now, no extension has yet been announced.

P-7: The company has informed us that they are working on an order for 500 stainless steel cars for the pulp and paper industry. This order was secure enough to announce only a few week ago, but there has been a sale of the customers company, and this has caused delays in the confirmation of the order at this time. The company remains positive about this order, but as of yet, there is no further information in the process at this time.

The company has been working with our JH&SC pertaining to the new globally harmonized WHMIS system. The new legislation must be made aware to all employees, and all employees will be given this upgraded training as they are called back from layoffs, and the employees that are currently working will be given this two hour training package in the near future. All employees must have this training, and our JH&SC will ensure that this is done in accordance of the legislation.

Holiday pay will be deposited on the second week of July, 2017, and as posted in the plant, the shutdown will be July 31, through August 11, 2017, with a return to work date of August 14, 2017. Please keep in mind that there is a long weekend that will be paid in this period, so make sure you work you qualifying days, or have the proper arraignments made with the company prior to these dates.

As Announced and advertised, we had planed a 50th Anniversary event at Christies Conservation Area, and asked our members to R.S.V.P. to make sure we have the numbers and interest to run this event in these difficult times.

Sadly, we have had a very poor response, and therefore the social committee, along with the executive officers, have decided to postpone this event until next year when we hope to have a much better work situation and see our members back in the plant.

In Solidarity,
Steve Weller
President, USW Local 7135



Retirements

Take just a moment to play in the sun, for your relaxing days have come. Remember to keep your mind active, and enjoy life to it's fullest. You're starting a new journey and an exceptional chapter of your life. May your days be filled with elation and triumph.

We thank you for your integrity, dedication, and hard work. Congratulations on your retirement!



Brother R. Mikucewicz
May 27, 1994 - June 1, 2017
23 years



Brother R. Sampson
March 31, 1994 - May 1, 2017.
23 years



Brother Z. Mladenovic
Jun 16, 1998 - May 1, 2017
18 years



Brother T. Duffey
Oct 13, 1998 - Sept. 27, 2016
18 years



Brother R. Dziezic
July 24, 1995 - May 1, 2017
22 years.

In Memorium



Justin Gerald Hall

Brother Justin Gerald Hall passed away peacefully at home on May 4, 2017 after a courageous battle with cancer. Hall is survived by his parents and his sister, his daughters and their mother. Hall was a great Union Brother, friend, and he will be dearly missed by all his fellow USW Local 7135 Brothers and Sisters.

The 4th Annual Steve Mesic Memorial Ride



Brother Mesic was a well-respected member of our Local for 20 years, and worked at National Steel Car as a locomotive operator. He was a wonderful man with a great sense of humor and a big heart. Those who knew him, knew that he was always ready to lend a hand and was fiercely loyal to those he cared about. He was well known within the Greater Hamilton area, especially within the Croatian, health and fitness and motorcycle enthusiast communities.

Brother Mesic was tragically shot and killed by the Hamilton Police on June 7th, 2013. His passing was entirely too soon and has left many unanswered questions.

This annual memorial ride will be held rain or shine, on June 17th, 2017, and will start at T.B. McQuesten Park in Hamilton Ontario, (Upper Wentworth south side of Lincoln M. Alexander Parkway).

Registration will begin at 10:00 am and kickstands up at 12:00 noon.

The Rally will end up at the Swazzees's Restaurant & Bar in Waterford.

There will also be good food and cold drinks all at a reasonable prices.

This ride is free, however, donations for those with mental illnesses, and Brother Mesics son would be accepted and appreciated, and all types of vehicles all welcome, so come out and support a great cause. USW Local 7135 is a proud sponsor /supporter of this event, and invite our members to join us at this ride.

Grievance Committee Report

All members should realize the importance of documenting workplace qualifications, and work performed to support your claims of qualifications during times of layoffs.

Brothers and sisters should keep records of:

- Daily production
- Machines/ equipment operated
- Position and job performed on the line

It is imperative that you keep a detailed track of this information for the grievance committee to challenge the discrepancies with National Steel Cars records. These records are required before you are laid off to prevent delays or improper lay offs.

For more information, contact the Grievance Committee or vice president Sergio Vassalli, at any time.

STEELWORKER EDUCATION

**Don't Miss Your Opportunity to Apply for USW Scholarships!
Apply Now! Deadline is June 30, 2017.**

The Unit Post-Secondary School Scholarships

The Education Fund of the United Steelworkers is offering 21 scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 to qualified secondary school students across Canada. The scholarships shall be awarded to Steelworker members, or children of members, who are completing high school and starting post-secondary studies or enrolled in or graduating from CEGEP this year.

Rudychuk Scholarship Placement Program

Bill Rudychuk was a Steelworker staff representative in District 3. Working primarily in mining communities, Bill was always a strong supporter of Steelworker education. In the mid-1990s, Bill passed away, leaving \$100,000 to the Steelworkers for education scholarships. The Canadian Directors of the Steelworkers are pleased to offer the Rudychuk Scholarship Placement Program, giving activists opportunities to apply their skills alongside servicing staff representatives in this unique mentoring program.

Lifelong Learning Scholarship

This year, there are 12 scholarships of \$1000 each available. These awards support USW members who are enrolled in a part-time or full-time public post-secondary or accredited labour program including correspondence or distance education. The Columbia Institute is a charitable organization established to motivate and support working people to build strong communities. Through training, education and scholarship programs, the Institute hopes to enhance the role labour activists can play in moving forward our progressive agenda inside and outside of our workplaces.

David Ellis Scholarship

The Steelworker David Ellis Scholarship is a health and safety scholarship award available to sons, daughters or grandchildren of any Steelworker member. District 3 Director Steve Hunt, District 6 Director Marty Warren and District 5 Director Daniel Roy are offering five \$500 scholarships for each District for 2017. Submissions can be either a written essay of approximately 750 - 1000 words or get creative and develop your own personal three to five minute health and safety YouTube video.

**Contact Joe Paquette for more information at 905-545-3554 or
joe.paquette@usw7135.ca, or Shawn McMullin at
shawn.mcmullin@usw7135.ca**

Steelworkers have a proud tradition of supporting worker education. Whether it is through our Back-to-the-Locals Education program, our Leadership Development Scholarship program, or labour and community sponsored courses, Steelworkers invest in giving members the skills and expertise they need to meet the political, social and economic challenges of today's global economy.

USW 7135 SCHOLARSHIPS

USW Local 7135 is offering a \$1,000 scholarship for the winner of the United Steel Worker Scholarship Program.

All entrees must be made by a family member of a USW Local 7135 member as defined by our benefits, and all applicants must be in good standing.

Applicants can submit either an essay of a minimum of 500 words or a video between 3-5 minutes. Each submission must include a reason why the applicant believes they would benefit from the scholarship program.

United Steel Workers Scholarship Program Topic: Safety, Union History or Unions in the Community.

All essays should be in the following format:

- Double-spaced
- Times New Roman, font size 12

One inch at the top, bottom and side margins

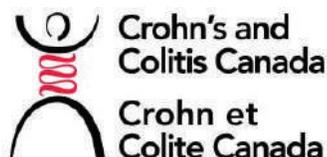


Payment will be made directly to the successful applicant after providing proof of registration and acceptance into any college or university in Canada.

Deadline to apply: No later than Tuesday, July 4, 2017.

Please contact Joe Paquette at joe.paquette@USW7135.ca or **905-544-3554 x 224** for submission details. Or contact Shawn McMullin at shawn.mcmullin@usw7135.ca

The successful applicant will be announced during the last week in July. The winner will also be posted in our plant, on the USW 7135 official website, newsletter and at the membership meeting following the announcement of the



Mike Cirino Memorial Perch Derby

The derby is June 11th, 2017.

From 8:00 to 12:00 AT Bayfront Park

The biggest yellow perch wins \$1000!

\$15 for adults, \$5 for kids.



St. Croix Bass X rods - \$99.99



Quantum Vibe Reels - \$19.99



Rapala Lures - 4 for \$19.99

Buy Tickets at:

Bill's Bait and Tackle www.billsbaitandtackle.net

905-388-5873, 858 Upper James St, Hamilton

Tickets also on sale at the event



www.facebook.com/mikecirinofishingderby



Brothers and Sisters,

Over the past many years, our social committee has chosen the artwork, layouts and designs for our Labour Day T-shirts, and this year we want to try something new.

Last year was successful, and this year we are asking our creative members to design the artwork for the backs of our shirts.

We ask that you be creative with this design, and show the spirit of what Labour Day is all about: to relay a message of hard working people, solidarity, standing united, and what we do and who we are. You can also be creative with our USW Logo as well, and we can put the logo designs up for our members to vote on.

Please keep in mind that this is a family oriented day, so we ask that you keep your submissions tasteful, without profanity or vulgar images. Any artwork submitted will be posted, but only designs that fall within the above criteria will be open to vote on. There are no restrictions on how the design can be created, as in drawn by hand or computer designed.

All submitted artwork and designs will be posted on our website for our members to select the winner.

The winning designs will have the designers signature printed on the shirts, will receive 10 shirts in the sizes requested.

Submit your artwork to joe.paquette@usw7135.ca or shawn.mcmullin@usw7135.ca by July 21, 2017.



JULY 8, 2017



3rd ANNUAL

GOLF TOURNAMENT

GOLF, BBQ AND GOOD FRIENDS!

At the beautiful Caistorville Golf Club

*Our Third Annual Golf Tournament will take place at
Caistorville Golf Club on July 8.*

**TEE OFF @ 12PM SHARP. THERE WILL BE A STEAK BBQ
TO FOLLOW, ALONG WITH MANY DOOR PRIZES
AND HOLE-IN-ONE IN BEST BALL FORMAT COMPETITION!
TICKET PRICE: \$85.00**

*Please contact Joe Paquette at joe.paquette@usw7135.ca or Sean Parker at
sean.parker@usw7135.ca for more information or to register.*



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