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They Are Willing To Take The Risk



Are You????

Talk about “Outsource”. I was told by a Union Sister that back in January one of our members was hurt in L building and had to drive themselves to medical because she said the Fire Department did not come and from medical the member was put into a cab and sent out for treatment. I found this hard to believe, so I stopped one of the firemen to find out what was going on. He knew what I was talking about and told me they can’t respond if they don’t know. Seems nobody called 5-1111. I then asked him, why wouldn’t you take the injured employee to the hospital from medical in your ambulance. Again they were not called. Seems they only found out about this injury when they were called after the fact to clean up the blood! He would not tell me about our Brothers injuries but did tell me the em-

ployee was sent to a clinic in the taxi not to the Hospital. So I wonder why medical didn’t just take care of the member.

Looks like the company wants to ship us off in taxi’s to walk- in clinics to be seen by a doctor, rather than send us in the ambulance (that the Company owns) with people that are medically trained. What would happen if you were in a taxi and your condition got worse? Is the taxi driver medically trained? I seriously doubt it. The fireman I talked to also told me that their ambulance is only available on first shift, due to staff reductions as a result of their last contract. I could not believe that. He did tell me that they can still respond and treat people, they just can’t transport people. On the off shifts the Fire Department has to call an outside agency to come in with another ambulance. I guess the Company only wants the Ambulance available when the salary people are here!!! (second shift, second class, third shift?)

I have a new respect for our Union Brothers in the fire dept. I never really thought about what they did here and how much they mean to our safety. I just wanted to pass this along. If you are hurt call 5-1111 and get trained people to take care of you, not a taxi driver!!!



IAM District 26 Media Advisory



For Immediate Release -- Contact District 26 ADBR Mike Stone at 860 202-2852 or at msstone55@sbcglobal.net

Passing of the Torch:

Veteran IAM Leader Jim Parent Retires

Mike Stone Picked as New Assistant Directing Business Representative. Thursday, March 1, 2012 Kensington, CT – After a career of outstanding leadership and commitment to Connecticut workers, Jim Parent yesterday served his last day on the job and headed into what we all hope will be a long and happy retirement.

Parent stepped down from the position of Assistant Directing Business Representative of IAM District 26, a role that included serving as chief negotiator for IAM-represented UTC workers at Pratt & Whitney, Hamilton Sundstrand and UTC Power.

Parent led major battles in which IAM-represented workers squared off against United Technologies Corporation. These included a decade of upheaval at Pratt & Whitney, with a successful strike in 2001 that gained groundbreaking Job Security language, two stunning court victories stopping Pratt from moving work out of state, and a two-year struggle that saw the closure of the Cheshire plant, but with every displaced worker being assigned to jobs in Pratt's East Hartford or Middletown plants. Parent, who began work at Pratt in 1970, was first elected as a full-time IAM rep in 1981. In addition to his position as ADBR, Parent served as President of the CT State Council of Machinists, Vice President of the CT AFL-CIO, member of the CT Employment & Training Commission, and Unemployment Appeals Review Board, along with numerous other positions.

Mike Stone: A Worthy Successor Takes on a Tough Job

IAM District 26 Business Representative Mike Stone takes over the position of Assistant Directing Business Representative effective today, March 1, 2012. Stone, who has been active in the Machinists Union for the past twenty-five years, now takes on the job as chief union negotiator for IAM-represented workers at UTC. Stone has served as “second-in-command” on a number of UTC negotiations and is ready to lead the way.

Mike Stone said, “The biggest challenge remains the same – getting UTC to recognize the incredible value Connecticut workers generate for this corporation. UTC needs to show the same commitment to workers as workers show them every day. My job is to make that point crystal clear – so that all of us who make UTC so prosperous can share in that prosperity.”

Stone will serve as assistant to IAM District 26's Directing Business Representative Everett Corey, the top leader of the Machinists Union in our state.

DBR Corey said: “Jim Parent has made a real difference in the lives of Connecticut workers, and has given the Machinists Union a well-deserved reputation as always being willing to negotiate, but never backing down from a fight. We'll miss him, and wish him well in retirement.” Corey added, “Mike Stone is smart, tough and experienced. Jim Parent is a tough act to follow – but if anyone can, it's Mike Stone. UTC's attacks on workers never stop. Stone is ready to face that fight, and our members are ready to follow his lead.”



**There will be steward elections in the areas of the shop listed below.
Elections will be held in accordance to the Local Lodge Bylaws.**

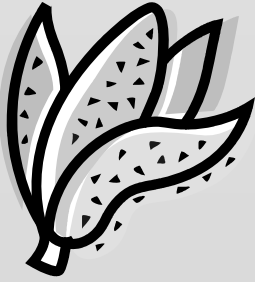


- Area 01 - 1st. shift
- Area 02 - 2nd shift
- Area 03 - 2nd shift
- Area 04 - 3rd shift
- Area 05 – all AWW shifts
- Area 06 - 1st shift



Genetically Engineered Vegetables

Submitted by Deb Belancik



We have another company rearing there ugly head when it comes to GE corn, the latest one is Dow Chemical Company. A new variety of corn is going to be sprayed with a component of Agent Orange.

Right now Dow's Agent Orange is being rubber stamped through the approval process at USDA. Tell your elected officials to stop this process for our food. We don't need anymore chemicals in our lives, especially in our food products. This stuff has not been tested for our health or safety, and should not be approved.

This means that farmers have to apply stronger chemicals to kill the weeds, and the newest version of this is 2,4-D, a major component of Agent Orange. This is the same bad stuff they killed wide swaths of jungle and made our troops very sick and killed many of them and civilians during the war in Viet Nam. To this very day, most of them that were deployed to Viet Nam are under doctor's care for exposure to Agent Orange. Some health issues even arose in there off spring.

If the USDA approves these types of chemicals you can bet in the future there will be more chemical's to come..

Tell USDA – don't approve Agent Orange Corn:
http://action.foodandwaterwatch.org/p/dia/action/public?action_KEY=9513

fwwatch@mail.democracyinaction.org

(I would like to Thank Jo Miles, Food and Water Watch for all she does for our health and safety when it comes to healthy food and water. She keeps the public informed and up to date on important issues)



OPERATION HELP A VET

(OHAV) is a program started by P&W employees as a way to express our gratitude and thanks to local Veterans who may need a helping hand at times.

OHAV works through existing agencies and shelters to provide help that isn't otherwise available. Homeless veterans, disabled veterans or veterans that may just need a little assistance are provided with a small token of our gratitude.

The Veterans Administration local liaison for homeless veterans has contacted us. They have 70 veterans in the Greater Hartford area that during this 8 week period will be transitioning from homeless status into their new home / apartment.

Welcome baskets with items that are needed to set up a new home are desperately needed. We are looking to provide each veteran with a laundry basket full of items and a note from the employees of P&W thanking them for their service and congratulating them on their new home.

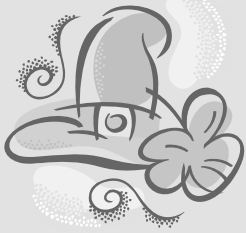
All items for this effort must be new and unused.

How Can You Help?

Employees can provide a complete laundry basket of items or can just drop off various items into baskets. Drop off points are located in **OBB, OBG, OBE, UTRC and G Bldg.**

Check us out at www.iamll1746.org for updates and

Thank you for your support!



The Next Monthly Meeting is
March 12th at 11:00 am
Happy St. Patrick's Day!



The Machinist Club



The Machinist Club will be serving Dinner on Friday, March 30th from 4 PM to 8 PM
Call 568-4234 to order

The menu will be:
***Corned Beef and Cabbage
 Dinner and Fish & Chips***

***The Tony Lee
 Band will perform
 at 9:00 PM***



EAP Corner

For IAM Local Lodge 1746: P&W in East Hartford and UTC Power in South Windsor.

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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Remember Our Troops Red-Shirt Friday's!



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