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Monthly Meetings

March 2011

3/10	3:30pm	E-Board Mtg.
3/15	7:20am	Regular Business Mtgs
	3:20pm	
	6:20pm	
	11:20pm	
3/16	12 noon	Local 105-2 (Silver Steel)
	3 p.m.	
3/17	12 noon	Local 105 Retirees Potluck
3/21	6:00pm	Delegates @ Q-C Fed

All meetings @ USW Local 105 Union Hall
Unless designated otherwise

From the President:

Check Your Checks

For those of you that just don't bother looking at your check stubs at all because you trust that they are correct. That may be a costly mistake. It is important to check to make sure you are being paid right. I have been saying this for a while now and we have been experiencing a lot of errors. The payroll exceptions used to be centralized in payroll where Dan Jobst took care of it. Then it was turned over to about 10 admins in the plant and we also went to using a vendor (Hewitt) to run the payroll. Now it is no longer going to be admins entering the exceptions, it is the department supervisors that are doing this now. No mater who does it we just want to be paid right and paid when we are supposed. Keep checking and we will continue to address issues as they come up. If you have an error take it to your supervisor and let us know.

Bus Trip to Madison this Saturday!

The Quad City Federation of Labor Executive Board is asking you to join us on our trip to Madison this Saturday, March 12. The AFL-CIO and International union presidents are expecting 100,000 plus in attendance for the largest protest yet.

Bus leaves from the Laborer's 309 Hall
2835 W. 7th Avenue
Rock Island, IL

9:30 a.m. Load

10:00 a.m. Leave

3:00 p.m. Rally

5:00 p.m. load and return

6:00 p.m. Arrive back at the Laborer's Hall

FREE - there are still a handful of seats available to reserve a seat call: 309-738-3196
email: quadcityfed@netexpress.net

This Saturday, union members, farmers, and the good people of Wisconsin are convening yet again on their state's capitol for what organizers are billing the largest protest to-date in Madison.

There are signs that public pressure is working, and the Governor is now willing to negotiate the budget repair bill. But let's be clear, this has never been about the budget, and rather than repair anything, it would unleash all kinds of damage to the working people of Wisconsin. Under Governor Walker's original proposals, it would:

-Abolish collective bargaining for all public employees except police and firefighters.

-Increase health care costs on public workers by up to 400%

-Reduce Medicaid eligibility from 200% of poverty rate to 133% - resulting in 65,000 men, women and children losing health care

-Permit the Governor to sell public utilities, with absolutely no oversight or even a bidding process!

-Let health insurance companies no longer cover any preventative birth control for women, while still permitting coverage of Viagra (this is not a joke)

If you haven't been to Madison, now is your chance. Come with us this Saturday and witness one of the most amazing democratic movements since the Civil Rights Movement.

Next Time, Know Better!

Those of you who voted for the young Republicans that are in office trying to strip public workers of union bargaining rights caused the problem.

Yes, former President Ronald Reagan made a lot of good decisions, but remember what he did to the air traffic controllers. He stripped them of union bargaining rights and then he fired them.

These newly elected politicians that are trying to copy Reagan are trying to break the unions. Unions are the backbone of this great nation. Most of you senior citizens who voted for them, don't be surprised if they go after your pensions, social security and Medicare next.

I'm disappointed at some Christians that insult and put down our President of the U.S.A. The bible tells us to pray for all that are in authority. 1 Timothy 2:1-3 and 1 Peter 2:13-17. Let's not be like Rush Limbaugh. He wants our president to fail. Pray that God gives President Obama Godly wisdom to get us out of the mess he inherited.

Next time you vote be more careful who you vote for. You who never vote do not have any right to complain. I heard a man in congress said that if you keep repeating a lie over and over like the Nazis did, people will believe it. Billy Graham once said, "Beware of the politician that preaches religion, and beware of the preacher that preaches politics."

God Bless America

Retired Union Brother, Oscar Perez

Labor quote for the week of March 7, 2011

<http://www.unionist.com/big-labor/labor-quote>

"It's like trying to fix a small leak in your roof by burning your house down."

-- Madison, Wis. police union leader Brian Austin on Governor Scott Walker's inflammatory proposal to outlaw most public employee bargaining as a way to "balance the budget."

Retirees, Mark your calendar!

On May 20 there will be an open house at our union hall, located at 880 Devils Glen Road in Bettendorf, IA for you to learn what S.O.A.R. (Steelworkers Organization of Active Retirees) is all about.

Anytime between the hours of 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, May 20 you may stop by the hall to talk with our Local SOAR officers.

105 Contest Continues

This week's number for direct deposit users to add to the cents of their deposit amount is 104. If the sum equals 105, you win a free T-shirt.



Democracy Trampled in Wisconsin

"In 30 minutes, 18 state senators undid 50 years of civil rights in Wisconsin."

- Wisconsin Senator Mark Miller (D)

Late yesterday evening as spectators screamed "you are cowards," the Senate majority in Wisconsin rammed through devastating legislation that strips public employees of their bargaining rights.

Termed the "nuclear option," Governor Walker and his Senate allies removed the financial components of the unpopular budget bill, which allowed them to get around the rule of needing 20 Senators to vote on a fiscal matter. They hadn't had that number since the fourteen Senate Democrats left the state three weeks ago in order to block a vote.

As part of the process yesterday evening, those spearheading this effort engaged in questionable and possibly illegal actions that run afoul of the state's open meeting laws.

The vote was 18-1. Only Republicans voted, with Senator Dale Schultz (R) being the single no vote.

These actions:

- Show that Governor Walker and his Senate allies have no regard for public opinion, which is strongly in favor of public sector collective bargaining rights.
- Attest to the fact that none of the provisions on bargaining rights had anything to do with the budget as has been repeatedly claimed.
- Point to the ideologically-driven, deep-pocket funders who seek an anti-union agenda through the politicians they support.

The bill now moves to the Assembly. Recall efforts are underway targeting a number of Senators who have supported these extremist measures. Stay engaged with Rapid Response for upcoming solidarity actions and for information on how you can support the key legislative fights happening in your state.

The fight goes on!