SHOW SOLIDARITY: WEAR RED ON THURSDAYS

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By: Tori Pratt, Vice President

The action of organizing and encouraging a group of people to take collective action in pursuit of a particular objective.

Who is our mobilization committee? WE ALL ARE. Have you been reading the bargaining updates? How do we get the company to listen to what we want? The company will pay attention if we all get together and mobilize!!! We all know to wear red on Thursday’s. Did you know that management actually looks to see how many of us are wearing red vs how many are not? Have you liked CWA6300 on Facebook yet? We post all of our upcoming events. What can you do? PARTICIPATE AND MOBILIZE
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American Income Life Mailing to CWA Members and Retirees
By Michael Mehringer, President

American Income Life Insurance Company will be sending out their annual beneficiary forms as well as a letter to your homes explaining that they will be providing our Members with a $4,000 dollar accidental death and dismemberment policy free of charge. The requirement to receive this benefit is that you are a Dues Paying Member in good standing or retiree that was a Dues Paying Member in good standing. When you receive this notification it will request that you return the enclosed card to receive a certificate and to designate your beneficiary. This is not mandatory to receive the benefit. If you choose not to return this card, the monetary benefit will be credited to your estate and may be taxed. If you do return the card, a representative from American Income Life will be calling to setup an appointment to come to your home, at which time they will do a presentation on more insurance plans available, you are not required to purchase additional insurance. If you have a need for additional insurance, please consider American Income Life as they are a 100% Union company and have in the past paid out to many CWA Members for their losses. If you have any questions feel free to contact me at 314.991.0200 ext. 236.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Bill Patterson Retirement
Pictured L-R Bill Patterson, Retiree; Jeff Allan, Centurylink Steward

2017
When someone first contacts an attorney to handle their worker's compensation claim, the first thing they usually ask is, “how long will this take?” I always say the same thing to everyone. We have one opportunity to do your case correctly and do not want to simply rush to get the matter resolved without taking into consideration the effect of closing the matter. If you resolve the claim and additional issues come forward, you are not going to have any avenue to address your problems. You cannot re-open the case once you have signed the settlement papers. This does not necessarily mean you did something wrong on your own or that if you hired an attorney they did not do a good job as there can often be unexpected issues. It simply means that you should make sure you really consider what if any additional problems could arise before making the decision to close the case.

The most likely mistake made when resolving a claim quickly is the waiver for future medical care. I am not just talking about care that you may need years down the road. I am discussing the care that is needed either because you find that after returning to work, you are still having problems or the care recommended by the treating physician. The way to deal with these potential problems is to slow down and make sure you are really ready to move the case. My recommendation is that an injured employee should not look at moving the claim until they are back at full duty for at least 60 days. I think it is important to evaluate how the injured worker is doing after being back and doing their job.

I would also recommend that you obtain a complete copy of the treating doctor’s records to confirm that no future care is recommended. The fact that the workers’ compensation selected physician released you from care does not mean you are fine. Many times people return to the doctor after full release due to ongoing or sometimes increasing problems. When the adjuster or the attorney for the company advises you that you have been placed at MMI (maximum medical improvement) and no additional care is needed, you do not have to simply accept that explanation. You are in the best position to determine if you need more care. They are simply trying to close out the matter.

That is why you will often get a notice of a conference docket shortly after your release. The employer is trying to move the case as fast as possible to avoid any issues. While I understand the desire to get monetary benefits quickly, it is important not to waive additional benefits. What occurs at a conference docket is that you are confronted by the company’s lawyers, who know exactly what they are doing. They are the ones that will explain to you what they feel you are entitled to get. They are not working for you and are under no legal obligation to provide you with your options. It is simply their job to get you to sign the papers to close the claim. You do not have to make any decision at the time of the Court date. I would advise you to take the papers home and really consider if it is in your best interest to sign and close your case. If you do not understand something, do not be afraid to call someone with knowledge and ask questions. The time to get help is before you sign and not after you discover a problem down the road.

I am hopeful that after reading the article, you will understand that there is simply no set time limit to move the case and that it is more important to make sure that you are covered and get all the benefits you are entitled to get. If you have any questions about this matter, please feel free to call.

Michael C. Goldberg
Attorney at Law
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Let me begin this article by wishing everyone a Happy, Healthy, Prosperous and Blessed New Year.


Members working under these Agreements that have suggestions on improvements that should be made in the new contract are encouraged to submit the changes in writing, at least 90 days prior to the expiration date of the Agreement to the Union Office to the attention of Vice President Ebeling.

DEATH: In case you missed the names of the Printing Sector Members that passed away in 2016 that were reported in the 6300 Newsletter they are: Wilson Mann, 2/5/2015, Post-Dispatch Chapel; Victor Cooper, 11/1/2015, Post-Dispatch Chapel; Roger Kaehler, 12/31/2015, Post-Dispatch Chapel; Curtis Johnston, 2/21/2016, Post-Dispatch Chapel; Theodore Klages, 3/3/2016, Masters Typographers; Charles Sum, 4/25/2016, Post-Dispatch Chapel; John Harrington, 6/7/2016, Steck Typesetting and Wayne Petrus, 8/22/2016, Post-Dispatch Chapel.

RETIREE DUES: A Union Dues Reminder for Print and Media Sector Retirees. Dues are $3.00 each month or $36.00 for the year 2017. COPE Voluntary Contributions can be added to the dues check as long as it is noted on the check or you can make out a separate check made out to CWA COPE PCC – Committee on Political Education and any amount will be very much appreciated. In recent elections corporations and big business has spent millions of dollars in their efforts to defeat Labor Friendly Candidates and unfortunately with considerable success.

COPE Dollars allow Unions to have money and people power to win fair labor laws and strengthen collective bargaining rights. Pro – Worker Candidates fight for issues such as Stronger Worker Rights, Organizing, Health Care, Sensible Fair Trade Policies, Secure Jobs and Pension Protection. You will be hearing more about Labors effort to put Right to Work on the ballot in 2018.

DUES RECEIPTS: Any Print and Media Sector Member that would like a Dues Receipt for 2016 please call the Union Office at 314-991-0200 and request the receipt from the Administrative Assistant and it will be mailed to you.

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**ST. LOUIS CARDINALS**

**Day at the Ballpark**

to Benefit Community Services Committee

**June 24th, 2016 6:15pm**

**St. Louis Cardinals vs. Pittsburgh Pirates**

Sections 127, 128, 129 & 130

$30 per ticket ($63 @ the box office)

For tickets please contact Tori Pratt at CWA Local 6300 314.991.0200 ext. 245

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

Butch Kuntz Retirement

Pictured L-R , Butch Kuntz, Retiree; Jeff Allan, Centurylink Steward
ANNUAL CWA LOCAL 6300 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Each year, Local 6300 will offer three (3) college scholarships, each for $1,500.00 per school year, $750.00 per semester.

Scholarship eligibility and award criteria are as follows:

☐ Active CWA Local 6300 Members in good standing, spouse of Member or dependent child who is graduating high school or is currently enrolled full time (minimum of 12 credit hours) in a trade or technical school, college, university or private school.

☐ Verification of enrollment will be required.

☐ Money will be held in a trust at the winner’s choice of school.

☐ Only one scholarship will be awarded to a family per year.

☐ Previous winners of CWA Local 6310, 6320 or 6300’s scholarships are ineligible.

☐ Limit one entry per student.

☐ Include with the application, an essay of no less than 500 words depicting your personal view on the What Right To Work Will Mean for the State of Missouri (parental assistance encouraged).

☐ Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Plagiarism will disqualify entry.

☐ Winners will be determined by merit of qualified applications, judged by the Local’s Scholarship Committee and announced at the June 2017 General Membership Meeting.

☐ Completed application with attached essay on the History of Union and Why Unions are So Critical must be postmarked by March 31, 2017 and mailed to CWA Local 6300, 2258 Grissom Drive, Saint Louis, MO 63146.

CWA Local 6300 Scholarship
Official Application for the 2017 Fall and 2018 Spring Semesters

Applicant Information (please print)
Name ________________________________________________________________
Address _________________________________________________________________________
City ___________________________________________ State ____________ Zip ___________________
College _______________________________________________________________________

Member’s Information (please print)
Name ________________________________________________________________
Address _________________________________________________________________________
City____________________________________   State____________Zip ___________________
Phone # _________________________________________

I am an active dues – paying Member in good standing of CWA Local 6300 and the above applicant is either myself, my spouse or my dependent child, who is graduating high school by June 2017 or is currently enrolled full time (minimum of 12 credit hours) in a trade or technical school, college, university or private school.

Member’s Signature ____________________________________________________________
Correction from last newsletter: The Thanksgiving Gift Cards were for Shop’n Save not Schnucks, we no longer patronize Schnucks.

Next Meetings:
March 15
April 19

Motions January 18, 2017

Motion: Motion Erin Gagnon, second Mike Paplanus to join CWA City Council in sponsoring a month of the Faith Labor Breakfast. John Ebeling asked for Local 6300 to donate $500.00 to sponsor a month which will be determined at a later date. M/S/C. Motion carried.

Motions February 15, 2017

Motion: Motion Darrel Loving to purchase a full page ad and two tickets for a total of $200 for the CLUW Brunch on March 18th, second Erin Gagnon. M/S/C. Motion carried.

Motion: Motion Mike Songer, second Doug Hull to purchase a $125.00 sponsor for the 2017 Labor /United Way Fundraiser trap shoot. M/S/C Motion carried.

Motion: Motion Mike Lavoie to send 8 people to attend. Mike Lavoie has 4 people from Legislative Committee picked out to attend them are: Mike Lavoie, Mike Paplanus, Mike Songer, Shenease Gregory. Then from Local 6300 we would also have Mark Johnson and Tori Pratt.to the 2017 Missouri Joint Legislative Conference March 26 through March 29 in Jefferson City. Estimated cost $10,163.22. M/S/C Motion carried.

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| Matthew Moore    | Aletor Beresford-Cole          |
| Jeff Bieller     | Matthew Enderle               |
| Hazel Myers      |                                |

New Members February 2017

CWA

Retiree Paul Mullersman
Retiree John Desherlia

Print & Media Sector

| Steven Bogle | Heather Sobieralski         |
| Samuel Hamilton |                              |

Congratulations

Typer Johnson, Steward  Baby Girl
Nick Pruneau, Steward  Baby Girl
Jason Salsman, Steward  Baby Girl

Members’ Losses

| Michael Edmonds | Step-Father          |
| Randall Lightfoot | Mother          |
| Gary Long        | Father            |
| Daryl Maassen    | Mother            |
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In Sympathy

| Coletta Simpson | Retiree              |

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Retirees Meeting January 9, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Huss. He said a prayer and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Bob read the names of the deceased: June McDermott, Esther Moore Phillips, Alvin Heinz, Bud Grober and Nellie Girouard who was Treasurer of the Retirees Chapter. Several people spoke about Nellie including Vice President Earline Jones, Clara Shoals, Nancy Jinkerson (Secretary of the Chapter), Gary from The Christy (caterer of the lunch meeting), and finally Bob Huss. She was a hard worker for the Chapter as well as a dear friend. She will be greatly missed by everyone.

Secretary Nancy Jinkerson announced the lunch menu and read the minutes of the December meeting. With no corrections or additions a motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes as read.

Due to Nellie’s unexpected passing there was no Treasurer’s report. Bob promised a report at the next meeting as details of the chapter finances are being worked out.

Vice President Earline Jones spoke about issues affecting retirees and seniors and the possible effects the new Administration will likely have on our lives.

Bob Huss spoke about those issues as well and announced that Eric Greitens had just been sworn in as Governor of Missouri. Mr. Greitens has made no secret of the fact that he intends to push Right to Work as a reality in the state. He also plans budget cuts that will impact retirees and seniors. At the same time, Bob continued to urge everyone to call their legislators to make their concerns and wishes heard. Letters and e-mails are too easily ignored, but a phone call is more immediate as they are tracked easily.

Drawings were held and monies were given out as prizes.

The monthly birthday cake was won by Ron Zimmerman.

Bob told a joke.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting.

Retirees Meeting February 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Huss. He said a prayer and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. We were pleased to announce that no deaths were reported since the January meeting. He asked everyone to take a moment to remember the members who are not present because they are ill.

Secretary Nancy Jinkerson announced the lunch menu and read the minutes of the January meeting. With no corrections or additions a motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes as read.

Ron Munford gave the Treasurer’s report for both December and January. Bob thanked him for stepping up after Nellie’s passing.

Vice President Earline Jones did not have a prepared report due to her illness, but she spoke briefly about Jobs for Justice and about other issues affecting seniors and retirees.

Bob Huss spoke about those issues as well. He talked about the sale of AON to Blackstone but was uncertain about the effect it would have on retirees’ health care. He cautioned members to watch for any mail from Blackstone and to read it, not throw it away.

Per Nancy Jinkerson, Coventry has been purchased by Aetna.

In response to a question about Direct TV Bob explained how the discounts through AT&T will work. U-Verse is being phased out so the cable can be dedicated to Internet service.

He talked about the most recent bargaining report and about Right to Work which takes effect in August. Existing contracts will not be affected until the contracts expire. He urged everyone to continue contacting their legislators and to be aware of all issues, not just one. He also talked about the cuts already being made by new Missouri Governor Eric Greitens, particularly in the area of education, which was one of his big campaign issues.

Earline Jones discussed the response to phone calls she made to Senator Roy Blunt’s office expressing her concerns over President Trump’s appointees to various positions in his administration.

Per Ron Munford, the CWA newsletter is now being published bimonthly.

Bob asked for a motion to approve the payment of $50 for annual dues to Jobs For Justice. He commented on all of the good work they do. A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the payment.

The monthly birthday cake was won by Carol Javaux.

Drawings were held and monies were given out as prizes.

Bob told a joke.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting.
CWA Community Services Presents

Trivia Night Fundraiser

April 29, 2017

at CWA Local 6300, 2258 Grissom Drive
doors open 6pm, begins at 7pm

Price includes soda • BYOB
$100 per table of eight or $15 per person which includes:
$200 For The First Place • 50/50 & Baskets Raffles • Silent Auction

Prize for the Best Decorated Table Spaces
This event will fill up quickly, call to make reservations

contact the Local at 314.991.0200

The Annual CWA 6300 Kids Easter Egg Hunt!

Visit from the Easter Bunny
Face Painting
Balloon Sculptor

Age Limit 10
Saturday, April 15th
12:00 noon to 2:00pm
Call 314-991-0200 to RSVP by April 7th, Leave Members Name, Contact # & Childs Name

Location: Greensfelder Memorial Shelter at Creve Coeur Park, 13236 Streetcar Drive, Maryland Heights, MO 63043