

Director of Maintenance Craft Report. . . by Jeff Stagner

— Maintenance Updates —

As most of you already know, our former Assistant Craft Director, Ted Ewald, has retired. Since I became a steward in 2014, Ted has been a true partner to me. He has an incredible wealth of knowledge and experience that will surely be missed. For me, I'll miss the daily conversations we had, the genuine support and camaraderie we shared, and his sense of humor. Ted is someone that I can depend on, someone I can trust, someone I can turn to for help and someone that always has my back. Most importantly, Ted is a true union brother and a good man. "Congratulations, Ted, on your well-deserved retirement

and I can't wait to catch up with you over a beer!" The Maintenance Craft officers and stewards have had a busy and rather successful year. First, we continue to make progress in custodial staffing. In the city, we worked with management to correct inaccurate staffing packages. As a result, two part-time custodial jobs were converted to full-time. In addition, the custodial staffing package for the P&DC was reviewed and corrected – resulting in the approval to create two new full time custodial positions. We were extremely successful in securing monetary settlements for cross-occupational group assignments, improperly

subcontracted work, and holiday/overtime related issues. In our continuing effort to recapture our work, we have signed an agreement with management that will allow for forklift repair training. We are also working with management to find a local welding training program.

Finally, we are working with management on ways to improve working conditions. As a result of our discussions, management has agreed to install two filtered water bottle fillers/water fountains. Management is also looking at repairing the satellite break rooms and remodeling restrooms.

The Struggle Continues . . .

Area Office Director Report . . . by Chester Edwards

Information On Cola Increase And NTFT Jobs

Second Significant Cola Increase of 2017 Announced

08/11/2017 - In accordance with the 2015-2018 Collective Bargaining Agreement, career employees represented by the APWU will receive 13 cents per hour cost-of-living adjustment

(COLA) effective September 2. The increase is the result of an increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI-W). The increase will appear in paychecks dated **September 22, 2017 (Pay Period 19-2017)**, and will total **\$270.00 per year**.

Something You Should Know if You Have a NTFT Job

NTFT employees will normally work the number of hours (daily and/or weekly) identified in their bid assignment, except in an emergency. These employees are entitled to out of schedule premium for hours worked outside their normal schedule.

If you are a NTFT, they can change your reporting time but you must still work the number of hours you are regularly scheduled to work.

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