

December 22, 2016

Fellow Members-

Well surprise, surprise and happy freaking holidays from the management team at Lehigh Valley!! Forcing in people on all three days and on all three tours shouldn't be shocking to any of us. Ever since the higher ups screwed the delivery standard system up it's been the workforce that has paid the price for their stupidity, incompetence, and ineptitude. I will be meeting with Tony Mandik again today to try and clean up the mess made by people who don't seem to know or understand how to make a schedule, staff work areas, or follow the contractual provisions for allowing the most people off as possible. I'm quite sure that they will all be home with their families though, as usual.

The drawing for the \$40 Wegman's gift certificates from the Union was held today. Five cards were drawn especially for people who attended Union meetings and then one card for a person from each tour, with people who attended the meetings getting an extra chance in those drawings also. The winners were pulled from a cookie tin on the work floor by fellow members. And the winners were:

Tour 1: Elva Mejia (drawn by Brian Odums)

Tour 2: Billy Reis (drawn by Tony Miller)

Tour 3: Harvey George (drawn by Kevin Zotter)

6/24 Union Meeting #1: Brian Odums (drawn by Teresa Craig)

6/24 Union Meeting #2: Teresa Craig (drawn by Pam Baum)

12/12 Union Meeting #1: Joy Carlino (drawn by Tony Urbanavage)

12/12 Union Meeting #2: LaShonda Price (drawn by Dave Ramsay)

Union Meetings combined: Bruce Rissmiller (drawn by Bob Fennimore)

The APWU and NPMHU hosted a retirement seminar at the Hanover Township Community Center on December 15th. Federal Prep provided two interesting and informative sessions on retirement preparation. The seminar was well-received by the employees I spoke with. I also attended one of the meetings and I would recommend it to all employees. There was information that I was not aware of. You also have the chance to do a free one on one meeting to discuss your own personal situation. I will be discussing the possibility have having another seminar some time before summer with APWU President Andy Kubat.

On 12/12, we had a Branch Meeting at the Keystone Pub. While the meeting place wasn't as private as we are used to, the meeting was still successful and informative. Thanks to the Keystone Pub, though, for taking us on such short notice. The main points of conversation from President Gibson were the tentative contract, the Reading visits, and the recent government elections. Treasurer Mike Mohan once again reported about our financial status, which remains well off. I spoke about our impending conversions, the upcoming membership drive, time changes, and the upcoming job bids. I also announced that Ryan Barna will be a regular steward on Tour One now and Ray Olmo will be an alternate. Profanity/unacceptable language in such a public venue was limited to one instance...and it was by me.

In Local 308 election news, John Gibson and Mike Mohan have been re-elected by acclamation. With the job those two have done and their track record in this Local, it really was a no-brainer. I also have been re-elected via acclamation, as nobody other than me had been nominated. I thank you all for the support that I have received and I look forward to battling the challenges presented by management over the next three years and the opportunity to help this Union continue to grow and thrive.

The new Local 308 hoodie sweatshirts are in and available for purchase; see the posting on the Union boards and on the website.

I will post a new seniority list after the conversions of January 7th.

Congratulations to the following MHAs who will be getting converted to full-time regular:

Karina Anaya, Ryan Dougherty, and Juan Cepeda will be converted on December 24th. LaShonda Price, Chelsea Laudenslager, and Melanie Holland will be made regular on January 7th, 2017.

Finally, I'd like for members to wish good luck to Sherry Makkas. Sherry will be accepting a transfer to Easton on January 7th. I thank Sherry for her years of support and membership, as well as her informing me when management or the clerks were doing our work or some other contractual violation. Good Luck!

Stay United, Stay Strong-

Sean

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!