

Fellow Members-

First off, if you forgot to or failed to sign up for the holiday period (Thu. 7/2-Sat. 7/4) and you wish to work either your designated holiday or non-scheduled days that are included in the schedule, then I need a "buck slip" on my desk by 3PM Wednesday 6/24. If you fail to sign up, you will not be permitted to work.

The current job posting is an all manual bid post. All bids should be filled out on the yellow bid cards that are available in the Union office or the MDO office. Make sure to sign the bottom of the form otherwise your bid is void. Deposit the forms in the blue box in the main hallway outside of the Union offices before midnight 6/29.

So, recently I posted in our Facebook group about how management has been sending 2-3 trailers of our NMO/parcel post mail to Scranton every day for the employees of Scranton to break the mail down. I am meeting with management this week in an attempt to stop this inefficient practice which I feel is not only harmful to the building, but it's also negatively impacting the morale of the employees. This is a slap in the face of the workers in the Lehigh Valley who are showing up and who have shown up throughout the pandemic. Management continues to mess with the overtime here and limit the hours, but then turns and sends our mail out and pays overtime in Scranton for the mail to get worked. Part of the whole problem is that we are experiencing large numbers of Mail Handlers that haven't been coming to work due to the pandemic and its related child-care problems that have been presented. Another part is that our plant and our work floor are often mismanaged. The final piece is that some in district leadership seem hell-bent on exacting some sort of draconian policies and edicts on the LVP&DC that don't necessarily get forced on other buildings. We, the Mail Handlers, need to show up and stand up for our work and our jobs. Our brothers and sisters in Scranton will gladly continue to take our mail, work it, and get paid OT to do it, especially considering that they were on the chopping block during the last round of consolidation reports. We all know that reason and logic doesn't really make the difference when it comes to the P.O. making decisions, but with a new PMG maybe things will be changing. We know that he is not just going to sit idly by; we are sure that he has an agenda. Let's show up, stand up, and unite to show that the Mail Handlers here care about their jobs, their work, and their plant.

Finally, we have a bit of movement that is about to happen in our craft in the coming two weeks. We will be bidding adieu to Ketul Vaishnav, who is transferring to Scranton.

We wish Ketul good luck in his new assignment. We will miss his humor, kindness, and work ethic. Also running away from the parcel post section (and work in general) will be Rob Young, who is becoming a transportation supervisor. I look forward to picking on him even more since he will be a part of management now. Rob has been like a son that I dressed in clothes that were at least one size too small. The Union will be buying him a bottle of Old Spice with a Darth Vader dispenser top in honor of him joining the Dark Side. Lastly, Brother Dave Ramsey will be retiring next week ending what has been a 26 year "free ride" according to his favorite former plant manager. I will miss his humor and words of encouragement and faith. We will see him at the picnic (if it isn't canceled). We wish Dave continued good health and good luck in his future endeavors.

Stay United, Stray Strong-

*Sean*