

Next Union Meeting

Tuesday, January 13, 2009
6:00 pm
Boeing Machinists' Hall
9125 15th Place South
Seattle, WA 98108
South Entrance

We will be meeting back at the Machinists' Hall next month. We had temporarily met at the Tukwila Community Center during the strike at Boeing. Now that it's over, and our 3 month commitment in Tukwila was met, we can go back to the regular meeting place. We appreciate your understanding during this transition.

MCI Technical Tune-up Class

Vice-Chairman Logan Brenden reports that GLS sent 3 mechanics to Louisville, KY for a seminar sponsored by MCI. Lee Benoun, Chris Palmer and Logan were among 58 attendees from around the country. There were classes on A/C, brakes, engine transmissions, electrical, and charging/starting systems. They kept a busy schedule as each class covered a week's worth of material in just 2 hours. CDs of these classes were given to the attendees to take home. It was very beneficial and a great opportunity to establish contact info and some camaraderie with their fellow mechanics. A good time was had by all!

Nominations for Chairperson

At our last meeting, nominations were taken for the position of Local Chairperson. Those candidates are (alphabetically): John George, Larry Gregg, Rodney Overgaard and Patty Snell.

Look for ballots in the mail. Be sure to put a return address on the OUTSIDE envelope. The ballot goes in a smaller blank envelope that will assure anonymity. The winner must get a 50% + 1 vote majority. If no one does, the person with the lowest number of votes will be dropped from the ballot and a second election will occur.

Uniform Issues

A few people still do not have uniforms. Justin is working to get this resolved. There have been a few issues with the new supplier. Hopefully, things will improve in the future. Additionally, the company is accepting order forms for the 2009 allotment of uniforms.

Holiday Carolers Meet Their Goal

Congratulations to all the people involved in the Holiday Caroling Contest. They exceeded their goal of \$1,000.00 with the final tally expected to be over \$1,200.00. Excellent job!

A poster was placed on the Double Decker bus indicating that this year's performance was in honor of Jeannie Houchens and Kiki Garrison.

Thanks to all who participated in this wonderful event!!!

Judy Lindberg Resigns

We are sad to report that Judy Lindberg has resigned from GLS. She has been with our company for nearly 6 years. Her positive attitude and helpfulness were always apparent. We will miss her dearly and wish her well in her future endeavors.

Union Wishes to Assist with Bid Process

Members at our last meeting voted to pursue a Letter of Agreement with GLS to outline the responsibilities for conducting the bids. It would be beneficial to have the union take over the process. We tried it as an experiment a couple of years ago and it received positive feedback. When the procedure was returned to Operations, there were some concerns. The dispatchers are trying to do their regular job and assign the bids at the same time. They often did not have time to go over all the options available to a driver when he or she was bidding. Having a union rep in the office, solely dedicated to doing the bids, would help immensely.

Concerns Regarding Requested Ski Bids

A topic of discussion at the last meeting concerned requested ski bids. It was discussed that any driver who is requested for a ski bid, should notify Gray Line (BEFORE the bidding process) of their intent to accept or reject the ski trip. If they wish to accept their request, it is theirs. If they do not want it, it could be posted for bid for other drivers. We are in discussion with the company regarding this.

Safety Dept. Training Classes

President Brian Donald reports that the company has agreed to mass e-mailings pertaining to future training classes. This will greatly benefit some of the part-time workers who do not visit the office regularly to see the postings. To be entered in these OPTIONAL e-mailings, members need to give their

current e-mail addresses to Dispatch. You can contact them at:

GLS_Dispatch@HollandAmerica.com

Keep Up-to-Date with Local 161

Be sure to check out our Local's website for any updates. It has several features including a copy of the current contract, copies of company forms, links to other sites related to our union, etc.

Stay informed.

www.utulocal161.org

Thought for the Day

In setting your goals, shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars!