

UTU Local 161 Newsletter for May 2007 – May 24, 2007

Next Union Meeting

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

6:00 p.m.

Boeing Machinist's Hall

9125 15th Place South

Seattle, WA, 98108

South Building

New Bids for the Summer

The new bids have been posted for June 8 to August 31. Union Officers will be conducting the bid assignment process.

It is most helpful if a bid is turned in at least one day early. It speeds up the process.

Bid days are as follows:

FT Drivers 1-30 - Tues. May 22

FT Drivers 30-60 – Thur. May 24

All PT Drivers - Sat. May 26

Current Issues We Are Working On:

- Possible credit card machines on Airporter
Not a viable alternative to cash bags
- Non-CDL drivers hired for luggage trucks
Not negotiated with the union
- Mt. Rainier vehicle-luggage storage
Need secure area for luggage
- Need for 2nd Connector van Thursday-Monday
Extremely busy during cruise ship days
- Gratuity clause language implementation
Company slow to implement
- New design for GLS parking lot
- New Accident Point System being proposed
- Creation of binding Accident Review Panel
- Driver/Trainer Letter of Agreement

Numerous meetings are being held regarding these topics. We will make announcements on the website when they are resolved. Stay tuned.

DOT Physical Long-Forms

Brian Donald was instrumental in changing the company practice of requiring that a copy of the long-form be filed at the GLS office. In working with Jay Rogers, they have agreed to simply keep a copy of the DOT card. The long form will be kept at Healthforce. On the release form that they have you sign, you do NOT have to check any of the boxes, unless you would like GLS to have a record of your medical history. We recommend that you do not check the boxes.

Pension Committee Meeting

On May 21st, the Pension Committee met at Holland America to get an update on how the plan is doing. We are pleased to report that this past year, the return on our investments was 10.49%. In 2005, the return was only 4.67%. So, it was a significant increase from the previous year. Statements for participants should be available soon.

Accident Reporting

Please remember, if anyone is involved in a collision, even a minor one, you must call Operations to notify them of the event. Then, an accident report form must be completed within 24 hours according to company policy. Even if you believe no damage occurred, these steps need to be followed.

If you have any questions, please contact a union Officer or the Safety Department.

Boeing Moves - July 6-9

Boeing is chartering many coaches from us for the roll-out of the new 787 in July. If you want to be a part of this event, Boeing Security is requiring that GLS share some confidential information of its drivers for background checks. You have an option here. If you do not wish to have your personal info shared with Boeing, you do not have to participate. It's that simple. Just let Operations know. The info requested would include birthdate, citizenship and Social Security number.

If you are OK with GLS sharing that info with Boeing, then you will be assigned to this event. There will still be lots of work for those who wish not to do the Boeing move.

UTU BBQ

Watch for posting for the annual UTU BBQ. The date will be announced soon on the Bentley board and the UTU website: www.utulocal161.org

Thought for the day

Experience is that marvelous thing that enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.