The first week of March, District 751 held town hall meetings at the Everett, Auburn and Renton Union Halls to give members on all three shifts an opportunity to candidly express their concerns and provide feedback. Action taken by our union resulted in more than 16,000 members working at Boeing receiving a pay increase of some sort that included back pay for many (see wage disparity article below and blue box on page 6 for specific pay adjustments). At the town halls, some members expressed frustration that many did not receive an increase. The fact is our Union pushed Boeing to address pay issues by demanding to bargain over wage disparity, arbitrary practices, and inconsistencies in the way they promoted and paid some members higher rates than others with similar experience. This provided our Union the opportunity under the law to address some of our other issues (we also made many other proposals Boeing would not agree to).

On the wage disparity and minimum increases, hearing the background and what led to discussions on wages. It was emphasized that our union will never pass on an opportunity to make improvements and support our members. To achieve these pay adjustments, we did not give anything up. While we made proposals so all members would get an increase, which Boeing refused; we could not pass on an opportunity to make improvements for so many members. The discussion also focused on opportunities for members to have their wages reviewed if they are in a classification where the company pays more for experience (see chart on page 6 for list Continued on Page 7

Members Receive Back Pay to Resolve Wage Disparity from Hiring Practices

“It pays to be union” is a theme that resonated from Frederickson to Everett as IAM 751 members began to see pay increases and back pay to correct wage disparity issues in Boeing’s hiring practices that occurred over the past few years. The pay increases and back pay are the results of union action that challenged Boeing’s arbitrary hiring practices, demanded to bargain the effects of the wage disparity created and utilized LOU #45 in our contract.

Last month’s Aero Mechanic reported more than 16,000 members saw a pay increase, with many receiving back pay as well. The pay increases (see blue box page 6 for summary of improvements) extended beyond just raising the minimum rates and rates for anyone below the new minimum.

Many of our members impacted by Boeing’s wage disparity practice of paying new employees with similar experience higher pay rates than members currently on the payroll are excited to reap the benefits of our Union’s action. The amount of back pay varies by job number and previous experience, but is retroactive to when Boeing revised rates and began paying new hires the higher rate in that particular job.

Numerous members working in Facilities/Maintenance also received back pay if they were hired under the pre-employment assessment test and had similar experience to newer members whose pay was higher as determined by their previous experience. Some members impacted have already received back pay in their checks and reviews continue to occur based on the agreement.

751 Member Glenn Goddard is one member who received a pay adjustment and back pay. He hired into Boeing as an 87210 Electronic Tech Precision Machine Tool Maintenance in July 2014 with more than 20 years experience in the Navy maintaining nuclear reactors in submarines throughout the Pacific Fleet. “It pays to be union is true. To receive thousands in back pay was a pleasant surprise and acknowledged the more than two decades of experience I had when I hired into Boeing. Even a few weeks ago, I was still getting paid less than someone who hired in two months ago, and I have been at Boeing 4.5 years. It is nice to have this pay disparity corrected,” said Glenn. “Without union representation, this wouldn’t have happened. Our Union helps equal the playing field.”

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Members at DRG Fairchild approve new two-year contract

Workers at the former UYC Aerospace Systems (now Collins Aerospace) in Everett ratified their first union contract by 89 percent on March 8th and are now proud IAM members. These skilled workers build landing gear for the 737, 747 and 767 tankers. They voted in March of last year for union representation to gain a voice on the job and remained united throughout the process. “I was proud to watch these workers make a difference for themselves and their co-workers. These workers came together, chose to be represented by a union and raised their standard of living – setting a foundation for the future,” said IAM District 751 President Jon Holden. “This is a perfect example for others working for aerospace vendors in Snohomish County or anywhere in the state of what can be achieved when workers have the right to bargain.”

Some highlights of the three-year agreement include the following:

• 3 percent General Wage Increase each year of the contract.
REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our Union Always Advocating for Our Members

By JON HOLDEN
IAM 751 District President

Our union will always take every opportunity to make improvements for the members we represent. This is a message I conveyed at our March town hall meetings as we explained the improvements secured through efforts bargaining wage disparity issues and increasing the minimum rates at Boeing, as well as the results of our efforts bargaining over Boeing’s Verification Optimization Plan that looks to cut QA jobs.

First, I want to thank all the members who took the time to attend the meetings, provide feedback and ask questions. I hope many shared the information they learned with others when they returned to the shop. That face-to-face interaction is how we become stronger – having more informed members, better engaged and realizing our union is your advocate and is continually pushing to improve the lives of our members.

Many of the meetings frustrated that they didn’t receive a pay adjustment or increase. Others questioned why a new hire could be making the same rate as someone who has been at Boeing for 4-5 years. Those attending the town halls learned that our Union had pushed for an increase for everyone in progression, increases for those at the maximum rates and many other improvements when we had the opportunity to raise issues to Boeing. Under this long-term agreement, we don’t have maximum leverage to compel the Company to address all our issues.

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Protecting Members’ Rights Each Day

Every day Union Stewards are busy working to enforce our contract and protect the rights of our members. Recently two of our Union Stewards on the Everett flight line had success in correcting issues short of having to file a grievance. One Steward ensured QA members impacted made agreement that no further inspections were taking place on a particular aircraft type while another Steward protected a member’s overtime.

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The member was very happy that he was able to have Phil Voyk represent him and resolve the Sunday overtime issue quickly.

It is important to have active Stewards who speak up and have open communication with not only our members but the shop floor managers to report an incident to Stewards, but regular interaction with management and HR to resolve issues.

Our Stewards do a great job every day working on behalf of our members. Often times their efforts go unnoticed. There are countless examples of Stewards pushing back and challenging management decisions that get resolved on the shop floor. I want to thank all our Stewards for the job they do,” said Business Rep Spencer Burris.
For the Blue Streak Emergent Operations (A-3934) in Renton, safety is ingrained into every aspect of their workday. This crew has gone more than 14 years without an injury because members look out for each other every day and are conscious of all safety procedures.

While nearly every job at Boeing has some sort of inherent danger, the blue streak shop has more than most and many unique situations as they travel throughout the factory and airplane to perform their work – making their safety record even more impressive.

“With all the hazards that go along with a blue streak shop, you know they have made safety first and truly watch out for each other to be able to go 14 years without an injury,” said Business Rep Rich McCabe. “I hope their example will inspire other shops to make safety their top priority.”

Union Yes for Workers at Zenetex at Whidbey Naval Air Station

Union Yes was the resounding vote of workers at Zenetex at NAS Whidbey on March 12. These talented mechanics perform maintenance on the P-3 Orion planes for the Navy and are the latest group of workers to join District 751 to gain rights on the job and a path to a better future.

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Nothing is a Gift: Shift Differential

Nothing is a gift is true of all contract language. Shift differential isn’t something Boeing (or any employer) gave us, but is the result of solidarity and sacrifices made by members who came before us. The following graphic shows the history of this benefit in the IAM-Boeing contract.

Chelsea Mason, 751 Legislative & Political Director

Effective March 11, IAM District 751 has hired Chelsea Mason (Orvella) to serve as Legislative and Political Director. The position became open after Larry Brown was elected to serve as President of the Washington State Labor Council.

Chelsea has an extensive background in the legislative, political and labor fields that spans more than two decades. Over the years in different assignments, she has worked closely with 751 on a variety of issues including workforce training, tax incentive accountability and reauthorization of the Export-Import bank.

“Chelsea has years of experience serving as an advocate for workers, along with nearly a decade of serving in a Washington Congressional office. She grew up in a union family and is passionate about fighting for worker issues,” said District 751 President Jon Holden. “Larry Brown left huge shoes to fill at 751, but we are confident Chelsea brings the knowledge, passion and drive to be effective for our members at the local, state and federal level.”

Chelsea began her career working in Congressman Adam Smith’s office, including serving as labor liaison and senior field representative. From there, she spent three years working for the Washington State Labor Council helping union members who were laid-off or facing plant closures to access benefits from the Workforce Investment Act and Trade Adjustment Assistance.

For the past seven years, Chelsea has served as Legislative Director for SPEEA (Society of Professional Engineering Employees in Aerospace, which represents engineers and technicians at The Boeing Company) – a position that had her working closely with District 751.

In addition, Chelsea has focused on workforce development and training in recent years, serving on various state boards to improve training for aerospace and technology related careers. She is the labor rep for the AFL-CIO on the U.S. Department of Labor’s Workforce Information Advisory Council. Recently, she was appointed to serve as the labor rep for the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges – a position Larry Brown held for many years.

For the past year, Chelsea has co-chaired the Workforce Development Work Group for the Choose Washington New Middle Market Airplane (NMA) Council to promote designing and building the next plane in our state. In that role, she helped compile a comprehensive and collaborative strategy to support the needs of Washington’s workers and aerospace employers for the future. Just as important, the report showcased the unique training programs throughout our state from K-12 through 4-year universities – showing why our workforce infrastructure is second to none.

Chelsea continually strives to help workers through public policy and legislation.

Chelsea’s devotion to the labor movement and desire to help workers began at an early age – growing up in a strong union household with her father serving as president of the local Longshoremen’s Union.

She graduated from George Washington University with a Bachelor’s Degree in English and is currently finishing up her Master’s Degree in Nonprofit Management.

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Touting Union Benefits to Next Generation of Female Workers

On March 21 and March 22, District 751 took part in “Women Fly” at the Museum of Flight. The event is for youth who are interested in aviation, aerospace and STEM futures. Area middle school and high school girls participated in a day of motivational and career-oriented activities that allowed them to connect with professional women from colleges, employers, our union, aviation groups and local industries. Nearly 500 area students took part in the event.

District 751 had a booth and distributed useful information on the various hourly jobs at Boeing. We highlighted the rich education benefits Machinists members at Boeing receive through our contractual education benefits Machinists Union members have at Boeing. “It is exciting to educate the next generation of potential aerospace workers about the benefits of Machinists Union membership,” said Heather Barstow.

“We encouraged students to pursue manufacturing jobs at Boeing that have union representation, which in turn provide outstanding contractual educational benefits as well as earning a good wage.”

First Contract Ratified at Collins Aerospace

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• $1.50 per hour lead pay differential
• Promotions will result in the greater of a 10% increase or to the rate of pay upon entering into a higher job classification OR the minimum rate of pay of a higher job classification.
• Payments of $1,000 in 2019; $500 in 2020 and $500 in 2021 that members can choose to receive as either a lump sum payment, a tax deferred 401(k) contribution or a tax-free health savings account contribution.
• Preserved existing health and welfare and retirement language.
• Established a grievance and arbitration procedure so members have a right to challenge any complaints or disputes arising out of their working conditions in the shop or anything with their contract.
• The Company shall only initiate discipline for just cause and must maintain progressive discipline.
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IAM Joint Programs Administrator Heather Barstow explains career options to area students, as well as explaining the free college available through our IAM-Boeing contract and free online college for IAM family members.

Educating Others on the Value of Rights on the Job

Educating the next generation of aerospace and manufacturing workers on the benefits of union membership is a continual process. The challenge is getting an audience with these folks so they not only can understand the advantages of union membership but reach out and embrace it should the opportunity arise.

Recently, 751 Steward Coordinator Ed Lutgen and 751 Organizer Jason Chan addressed apprentices from the Aerospace Joint Apprenticeship Committee (AJAC) to enlighten them on rights on the job and the advantage of union membership. Our representatives spoke to both the Advanced Manufacturing Prep class and Manufacturing Academy.

“It was an honor to speak with AJAC students to educate them on what rights and benefits could be gained by union membership,” said IAM 751 Organizer Jason Chan. “These prospective employees were attentive, enthusiastic, and asked many questions regarding the contrast between being covered by a collective bargaining agreement and being an at-will employee. I believe we left an indelible mark on what the ‘union difference’ is, and hopefully empowered these hard working men and women to strive for union representation upon graduation from their respective programs.”

“We need more workers to understand the power the have when they stand together to secure their fair share and gain rights at work,” said Ed Lutgen. “Today, the only thing that stands in the way of the CEO’s and executives taking more of the profits, is having a union and getting your pay and benefits in writing.”

Free College for IAM Members & Their Family

Our union offers a Free College Benefit to ALL Machinists Union members, retirees and their families. Currently, this online college allows you and your family members to earn an associate degree free of charge from Eastern Gateway Community College. The two year degree is transferrable to a four-year degree.

This free benefit is open to members in good standing, retirees and their families (defined as spouse, children, stepchildren, children-in-law, dependents, grandchildren and parents). Potential students’ membership will be verified by the union.

To talk with union represented assistants, call 888-590-9009.

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751 Volunteers Help Others

751 members were busy helping others throughout the region with various community service projects during the month of March.

Volunteers were able to build two wheelchair ramps for 751 retirees. 751 Retiree Michael Campbell and his wife Susan were so appreciative of the ramp at their Lakebay house. Likewise, 751 Retiree Paul Temple called the day after the ramp was built to express his gratitude and report how great the ramp works. “I have already used the ramp several times and was so happy I can now get outside to play with our dog in the yard. A bonus was that a volunteer (Bill Finnegan) was a former co-worker so we had a chance to catch up on things.”

Volunteers also completed a road clean-up in Everett, as well as preparing and serving meals at both the Everett Gospel Mission and The Rescue Mission in Tacoma several weekends each month.

To learn of upcoming projects, visit the IAM website at www.iam751.org and click on the calendar.


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Union Steward Katie Finnegan brought in 327 peanut butter jars as part of our peanut butter drive that runs through May 3.

Spread the Love: Peanut Butter Drive for Food Banks

Our Union’s annual peanut butter drive runs through May 3. Donations can be brought to any IAM 751 union hall in Puget Sound, or to monthly local lodge meetings at the Seattle Union Hall.

Peanut butter collected at the Auburn, Renton and Seattle union halls will go to the Pierce County Central Labor Council, which will pool all the peanut butter collected by unions in Pierce County and give it to the Emergency Food Network, which supplies 60 food banks in the greater Tacoma area.

Peanut butter collected at the Everett Union Hall will be contributed to the Snohomish County Labor Council for distribution to food banks in Snohomish County.

The group of Machinists who collect the most peanut butter will get bragging rights, and the knowledge they are helping feed hungry children in their community this summer.

Organizers encourage union members to buy union-made peanut butter brands like Jif or Adams, and to buy it whenever possible from unionized grocery stores. However, all donations will be accepted.

Above: Volunteers Vennie Murphy and Bill Finnegan pose with 751 Retiree Paul Temple and his wife on the finished ramp in Graham. Paul worked with Bill so the two had a chance to catch up when the ramp was complete.

Left: 751 volunteers helping with the Graham ramp pose for a group photo after finishing the project.
Members Receive Back Pay to Resolve Wage Disparity from Boeing’s Inconsistent Hiring Practices

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employment assessment test rather than his experience. Recently, he logged into TotalAccess and discovered he not only received a raise to compensate him for his previous experience, but back pay for the past few years, as well.

“I appreciate the union pursuing this and securing back pay so Boeing’s hiring practices are more consistent, and I am being properly paid for my experience. My new rate is about a 10 percent raise,” said Josh. “I wasn’t expecting to see a raise, much less the back pay. It pays to be union.”

In the 9-101 building in Seattle, a number of members were positively impacted by our Union’s action.

“It is great to get paid for what you know. It was good to have our Union advocating on this issue since I had more than 20 years experience when I hired into Boeing,” said Mark Hefner, who hired into Boeing 4 years ago as a Machine Repair Mechanic. “It was a nice surprise to see the back pay in my paycheck and my new wage rate. I had been in unions before I came to Boeing so I appreciate what a union does and what our Union did for us here.”

Nick Flack hired into Boeing in 2013 as a Grade 9 Crane Maintenance Mechanic. “I wasn’t expecting anything since I completed my progression and reached maximum pay in January. The back pay left me fixed in the discrepancy from when Boeing changed their hiring practice and gave me credit for my years of previous experience,” said Nick. “I appreciate our Union challenging Boeing on this issue and making sure the process is fair and consistent.”

But Union Steward Josh Koopmans, who works in the 9-101, also received a pay adjustment and retroactive pay. He hired into Boeing as a Utility Man in 2015 and found when he tested for promotion to the 81409 Crane Maintenance Mechanic. His increase was a result of raising the minimum rates by $4 an hour, which is retroactive to January 1. Some members attending the town hall meetings expressed frustration if they were in the 4-5 year seniority range and did not receive a pay increase. The fact that our Union pushed for other improvements, but without the expiration of a contract as leverage, nothing compelled Boeing to address other issues. When a 4 and a half year member complained that a new hire is now making the same, a senior member noted, “I have 10 years in, and lots of experience. We are all equal after 6 years and I guarantee you I know more than the 6 year person. But I would never suggest to keep others wages low.”

Another member who goes by Five-0 noted, “Let’s not forget our founding fathers of the labor movement and their hard work and sacrifices. We must always remember those below us and strive to bring the bottom up to share in all of our success.”

Any members who believe that they were impacted by the wage disparity issues (see job number list below) can ask to have their pay reviewed. If your job is on the list and you want a review of your pay, print out your Boeing work history including wage rates and a copy of your resume showing accurate work experience prior to Boeing (padding a resume could result in termination so be sure it is legitimate experience) and give it to your Steward, who will in turn hand it over to a Business Rep. Boeing is conducting an audit, but it is always a good idea to be proactive in case your file was somehow missed in their audit.

It is a manual adjustment for each member receiving increases because of the new minimum rates that were effective January 1. Therefore, it will take a couple months to ensure all hours paid are captured. The Company is paying the back pay in batches, and it will be retroactive to January 1 when you receive it. Again, our Union will never stop fighting to improve wages and benefits for our members and will continue to use every resource, legal avenue and opportunity to fight for improvements for our members.

Below are some of the positive improvements secured for our members when we demanded to bargain Boeing’s wage disparity and utilized LDU #45. We presented many other proposals. Below are the improvements secured at this time.

Minimum Pay Rate Increase:
Effective Jan. 1, 2019 the minimum rates will increase by the following:
• $4 an hour increase to grades 1 – 11
• $820A minimum increased to $15.00 an hour.
• Those employees who are below the new minimum rate will have base rates increased to the new minimum rate. Employees currently making wages above those levels will not see any change to their wages.
• Boeing is manually adjusting rates retroactive to January 1 to ensure all hours paid are captured, which will take a couple months. However, all increases to the new minimum will be retroactive to Jan. 1, 2019.

Second Shift Differential:
Effective March 8, 2019
• Second shift differential will increase from $0.75 to $1/hour

Experience-Based Offers:
Effective March 8, 2019
• In jobs where the Company is offering experienced-based wage rates, Boeing will review those employees previously hired (internally or externally) to ensure their current pay rate aligns with equivalent experience factors. Pay adjustments will be retroactive to the date at which the Company started to bring in new employees at the higher amounts.

Facilities Assessment vs Experience Adjustment.
Company will review for potential adjustment facilities or Equipment Services members hired based on a pre-employment assessment, and then Boeing switched to experience to determine pay rates. Those hired under the assessment will be individually reviewed to determine if experience would have afforded them the higher rate with pay adjustments retroactive to May 25, 2016.

Labor Grade Promotions:
Effective for future promotions:
• Increase promotion amount to $0.75/hour per labor grade from $0.56/hour per labor grade (maintain demotion at $0.56/hour per labor grade)
• For internal promotions to jobs providing higher entry rates based on experience, Boeing will apply either the contractual promotion or match the higher offer rate, whichever is greater.
Town Hall Discussion on Wage Disparity and Boeing’s Verification Optimization Plan to Cut Inspectors

Continued from Page 1 of jobs. In addition, those hired in facilities/maintenance jobs based on the pre-employment assessment can be reviewed to determine if their experience would have afforded them a higher rate of pay since Boeing changed to paying for experience rather than assessment test scores.

NOTE: Any member who wants their pay reviewed, should provide their Union Steward with their Boeing work history, as well as a resume describing accurately their verifiable work experience prior to Boeing. If we can increase someone’s pay through the review process, we will.

Again, during discussions with Boeing our Union proposed many other improvements that Boeing refused to consider, which included:

• Additional GWI’s for all members during years where our contract does not provide GWI’s
• Increased shift differential for all shifts
• A raise for everyone in progression
• Improvements to seniority progression that included preservation of seniority progression increases when promoting
• Retirement savings improvements
• Max pay increases

The second topic of the town halls focused on Boeing’s announced QA Transformation or what they now call their Verification Optimization (VO) plan where they intend to remove thousands of individual inspection operations from the manufacturing process and lower the headcount of our IAM inspectors by 451 in 2019 (and a similar amount in 2020). Keep in mind that this VO is not self-inspection and acceptance (SI&A), which is outlined in LOE 38 in our contract with specific roles and responsibilities. Boeing is simply removing the inspections, rather than placing inspection responsibilities on our mechanics.

Our Union held town hall meetings in early December to share Boeing’s plan and also asked members to provide examples of defects not found until later in the manufacturing process, due to inspection removals. Boeing claims that VO will only be implemented in stable areas, but members have provided examples where that is not the case.

Several months of effects bargaining over these changes in working conditions concluded with a partial resolution; however, it should be noted our Union still objects to Boeing removing inspections. Keep in mind there is no contractual provision that requires any specific inspections during the manufacturing process.

We recognize this will be a long battle, and one that we will continue to fight to ensure the quality of our manufacturing process and the airplanes we build. Through our efforts we believe we will now have access to data in areas where inspections are being removed, giving us the ability to assess the area, as well as the ability to propose reinstating inspections where we believe they are still necessary for the production process.

Specific results of our efforts bargaining include:

• Ensured our right to contact regulatory agencies, including the FAA to present examples/information members have provided. (NOTE: We continue our efforts to secure a meeting with the FAA and have requested assistance from our Congressional leaders).

For jobs impacted by Verification Optimization:

• Ensures no member will be laid-off as a direct result of VO. If necessary, members will be retrained and reassigned to other available work.
• Ensures members in QA will continue to perform all sampling and process monitoring responsibilities where inspection buyoffs are required.
• Some employees will remain in current role with no changes.
• In an effort to retain more members in QA roles, some job descriptions will include revised Determining Duties and Responsibilities that focus on defect reduction, such as root cause analysis. These have not been finalized and we are continuing to discuss these with the Company.
• The Company will deploy a communication and education plan on impacts of VO to work statements.

A joint committee with the Union will be established to provide an opportunity for input into the various phases of VO implementation. Union will appoint seven QA members to this full time committee (3 for Everett, 2 for Seattle/Renton, 2 for Auburn/Frederickson). The committee will:
  • Review, discuss and understand applicable risk assessment criteria or measurements in areas being considered for VO. This committee will give us access to information that might not otherwise be available.
  • Evaluate the rationale to implement VO and provide input for consideration.
  • Have oversight, and can investigate areas that remove inspections, such as performing spot inspections. If there is degradation in quality, we can propose to reinstate inspections.
  • Quarterly reviews with the union regarding future implementation and the anticipated impact on members.

Removing inspections and discovering defects further down line is a bad decision that will cause an abundance of out-of-sequence work, more damage to the airplane, additional injuries to our members, more work at the end of the manufacturing process and the risk of late deliveries.

We will continue to encourage Boeing to retain and add inspection processes, as well as pursue a meeting with the FAA to present examples members have provided, and we will keep the membership apprised of any new developments on this very important issue.

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Right: A member voices his concerns at one of the Renton town hall meetings.

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Upcoming Guide Dogs Fundraisers: Fun for a Great Cause

Our union will once again host a series of fundraising events to support Guide Dogs of America.

District 751 is one of the top fundraisers for the California-based charity, which provides service dogs -- and training in their use -- free of charge to people who are blind or have impaired vision from across the United States and Canada. The charity was founded by a Machinists Union member.

Flight for Sight

The 18th annual Flight for Sight fun run will be Saturday, June 1, at the Everett Boeing Activity Center, 6098 36th Ave W, Everett. (NOTE: Not the Everett Union Hall due to Paine Field's new runway).

Flight for Sight includes two timed races -- 5K and 10K runs -- on a USA Track & Field certified course. There will also be a non-competitive one-mile walk. Race check-in will be from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Everett Boeing Activity Center. Racing will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Registration costs $30 in advance, or $35 on race day. Runners will get a t-shirt. Registration fee waived, if runner collects more than $30 in donations. Prizes will also be awarded to the top three fundraisers. Registration forms are available at all District 751 union halls in Puget Sound, or you can go online at www.flightforsight.com and follow the links to the online registration form.

Flight for Sight is sponsored by the District 751 Women’s Committee.

Guide Dogs Golf Tournament - July 21

The annual Guide Dogs of America Charity Golf Tournament will be Sunday, July 21, at Willows Run Golf Course in Redmond.

The tournament will be a scramble format with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. for all golfers. Cash prizes will be awarded to the first and second place teams, long drive, and closest to pin.

The cost is $110, which covers green fees, cart rental, tournament t-shirts, prizes and a lunch at the end of play. Entry forms are available at all District 751 union halls in Puget Sound or on the virtual board on our website www.iam751.org. Information is also available by calling the Everett Union Hall at (425) 355-8821.

Local C Poker Tournament Goes All in for Guide Dogs

All bets were off as 50 poker players and 52 slot players took part in the Local C Charity Tournament to raise money for Guide Dogs of America at Muckleshoot Casino on Saturday, February 23.

While the top 10 poker players split prize money and top five slot winners were also rewarded, the winning hand was dealt to Guide Dogs of America, which received more than $8,330 from the event.

Thanks to all the players and sponsors.

Local C President Jim McKenzie (far right) congratulates top three poker winners (from left): Derek An - 3rd; Les Mullen - 2nd; Duncan Earls - 1st.

Local C's poker tournament delivered more than $8,330 for Guide Dogs.

The Muckleshoot Casino offered a good time while raising money for Guide Dogs.

L to R: Local C Recording Secretary Chris Schorr congratulates slot winners Connie Kelliher, Theresa Langlois, Jerry Banks, Gary Janssen and Daphne Becker.

Other top poker winners L to R: Jason Chan 5th; ’Smooth’ Carl Gabrielson 6th; Neal Key 7th; and Jim McKenzie 8th.
Delivering a Strong Message on Senior Lobby Day

By CARL SCHWARTZ, Retiree Legislative Chair

On February 26th, retirees from across the state held their annual State Legislature Lobby Day in Olympia.

Members of our 751 Retirement Club, together with members of the Washington State Alliance for Retired Americans, participated in advocating for senior issues to members of the state legislature.

Participants first met in the United Church hall to hear speakers on senior issues that are before the legislature. Issues discussed included support for the Long Term Care bill, raising the property tax exemption for seniors, support for a capital gains tax for school funding, and an improved health care bill.

Seniors then went up “the hill” to meet with various legislators urging them to support senior issues. The day ended with a general meeting with House Speaker Frank Chopp.

Attending from the 751 Retirement Club were Jackie Boschok, Jim Hutchins, Carl Schwartz, T.J. Seibert, Larry Wade, Helen Lowe, Vennie Murphy and Tom and Pam Lux.

March Retirement Club Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on March 11, 2019 by President Jackie Boschok. She led the club in the flag salute and God Bless America and TJ Seibert led the prayer.

President Jackie Boschok suspended the regular order of business to introduce Chelsea Mason, District 751’s new Legislative Director. Chelsea stated it was her first day on the job, and she was honored and excited to be working with the Machinists. She previously served as the Legislative Director for SPEIA. (see article on page 3)

Roll Call: All officers were present or excused.

Minutes: The January meeting minutes were approved.

Executive Board Report: President Boschok read the following motion: Spend $400 to renew our club’s affiliation with the Washington State Alliance for Retired Americans in 2019, M/S/P.

President Boschok also announced that arrangements have been made for the club to attend the Tulip Festival on Thursday, April 25 in Mt. Vernon. The district vans will be used for transportation and can accommodate up to 27 people. They will depart from the Seattle Union Hall at 9 a.m. and return in the afternoon around 3 p.m. There will be a $7 entry fee to the RoozenGaarde tulip display garden. Reservations for the group to enjoy the Kiwanis’ salmon lunch for a cost of $12 to $15, depending on the portion size. Only a few seats left for the District vans. Contact Retirement Club President Jackie Boschok, ASAP at 206-890-1009 or jackieboschok@hotmail.com if you would like to go and ride in the District vans.

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Health and Benefits: Vice President Helen Lowe read the dissected list: Local A: Myrtis Bell, Lee Bigs, Berle Bicic, Cecelia Comnelly, Jannice Conyers, John Degenstein, Tunny DeSmits, Rosario Fulgencio, Douglas Giessen, Nancy Harvey, David Kiebenger, Gary Leeper, Eugene Mousel, Rochelle Phelps, Mark Reinichek, John C. Ryan, Robert Ryder, Mavis Scanes, Billy Sidell, Lyle Stone, Ronald Swartz, Angelina Temes, Nancy Van Slyke, Gerald Wajic, Local C: John Bogus, DennisBur, Leslie Campbell, Richard Carr, George Cline, Loran Davis, Michael Earhart, Victor Felland, Michael Frederick, Ivan Gillis, Roger Glasscock, James Graham, William D. Hall, Alex Horvath, Max A. Jackson, William Logie, Robert Mayor, Elmer R. Miller, Leroy O. Miller, Clifford Morgan, Delmer Nelson, Maureen Porter, Bradley Rasmussen, Elmer Reynolds, Ross Richards, Local F: Donald Actis, Gilbert Bilston, Candace Cash, Phyllis Elliot, Julius Green, Jesse Halland, Jerry Hofferber, Gerald Larson, Wallace Longdon, Carolyn Marshall, Shirley G. Martin, Dorothy Mason, Dorothy Moore, Marie Mund, Florence Murray, James Storrie, Clayton G. Smith, PaigeSobersky, David R. Thompon, Bardette Young, Carin Zimmerman. A moment of silence was observed. Sympathy cards were sent to the next of kin.

Audit Report: TJ Seibert reported that an audit was conducted in January and all financial records for 2018 were found to be in order. It was M/S/P.

Communications: President Boschok read a letter from the Local 8 secretarial staff thanking the club for the gift cards the club gave to them in December in appreciation of all they do during the year to support retirees and the club.

Legislative Report: Carl Schwartz said our state legislature is actively working on a number of measures that impact seniors and all citizens of our state. A delegation of our members did attend Senior Lobby Day in Olympia last month and spoke about some of the proposals. A few of the measures of note are HB 1181 that would provide additional property tax relief to low income seniors beyond the current exemptions, HB 1582 which would give additional notice to mobile home owners, HB 1608 would provide more

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AD RULES
Each single ad must be 25 words or less. Use a separate piece of paper or ad blank for each ad, as they are pre-classified physically. Ads are free only to members, active, paid-for, or retired. For best response, include phone number. Competitor’s “cottage industries” will be OK on ads, but no commercial ads. When using own paper for ads, include information required on regular ad blank.
Deadline For Next Issue
April 12th
FINANCIAL $ENSE: Five Wealth-Transfer Planning Do’s and Don’ts for Remarriage

Roughly 23% of U.S. adults who are presently married have been married before.* Due to those previous relationships, spouses may face complex wealth-transfer-planning and estate-plan questions.

“It gets complicated when it’s a second or subsequent marriage, and they’re each bringing additional beneficiaries, for example, children or elderly parents, to the relationship,” says Deborah Lauer, Planning and Life Events Specialist with Wells Fargo Advisors estate planning group. “They need to be concerned that everybody is taken care of.”

These five do’s and don’ts will help you make sure the wealth transfer plan for your blended family meets your goals and needs.

1. **DO start early.** Ideally, two people considering marriage would have candid conversations about finances before the wedding. Among the topics for discussion: sharing financial obligations, such as paying the kids’ college expenses, in your new blended family. “Communication is the key,” says Scott Smith, Planning and Life Events Specialist at Wells Fargo Advisors. “Open and honest conversation goes a long way in any relationship, especially one that’s probably even more important here.” If there’s a large wealth disparity between you and your new spouse, you want to consider a prenuptial agreement, Smith says.

2. **DON’T go it alone.** Professionals can help you and your spouse-to-be work through any financial issues related to your blended family. A lawyer, financial advisor, and tax specialist can help you make sure you’ve asked all the important questions, and they can provide you with options for next steps. Because these issues can be emotional, a marriage counselor, religious advisor, or therapist can also sometimes help. “If you’re not careful, emotional issues can upset your planning,” Smith says. Identify the advisors you and your spouse-to-be already work with who could help you. Then gather all your financial information so you can review it with professionals you both trust.

3. **DO make sure you have basic estate-planning documents completed.** One of the most troubling things that can happen in a subsequent marriage is to discover an ex-spouse still has legal authority over assets or medical decisions after something bad happens. “You want to put the proper legal structure in place so you know who has the authority to manage your assets if you become incapacitated or settle your estate upon death,” Lauer says. These documents include a basic will, a durable power of attorney, living will, and a health care power of attorney, Lauer says. High-net-worth individuals may also consider a revocable living trust and other more advanced planning strategies.

4. **DON’T forget to update beneficiary information.** New couples need to update beneficiary information on life insurance policies and retirement accounts, such as 40(k) accounts, IRAs, and annuities. “It’s really premarital planning and knowing what to do to protect things,” Smith says. This includes protecting your children and protecting your new spouse. Review insurance policies, retirement accounts, and other assets that name a primary beneficiary and contingent beneficiary. Update them to reflect your new relationship. Consider discussing beneficiary designations with your estate planning attorney so the management and distribution of all of your assets is coordinated.

5. **DO review and update your estate plan periodically.** Even if all these issues are settled before the marriage begins, make plans to periodically review your plans with your advisors. Life events, such as children graduating from college or the birth of grandchildren, may signal the need for an update. “You can go back and change it as needed, so the plan keeps up with the changes in the family,” Lauer says. Ask yourself what has changed in your life (or your spouse’s life) since you last reviewed your estate plan.

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... politicians from pharmaceutical companies.

Congress is considering major changes to the Medicare Part D program. The new proposal would not be holding a retirement conference this year. It is disappointing, but we will keep discussing why it would be beneficial to our group and hope that the conference will be held.

**Good & Welfare:** Vennie Murphy thanked everyone who helped with the Senior Lobby Day. Jim Hutchins said he attended a recent District Council meeting and thanked them for providing the use of the van. Jim said he also attended a Local A meeting in the previous week and spoke about Good & Welfare to remind people about the Retirement Club and asked them to tell people know about the club when they hear someone is retiring. Jackie Boschk thanked everyone who went to Olympia on Senior Lobby Day. It was important for our legislators to hear from us. Vennie Murphy asked about the status of the Long Term Care bill. Jackie replied it is still alive, has passed the House, and the Senate will hold hearings.

Carl Schwartz talked about the proposal to tax capital gains on stocks and bonds. Jackie stated that many states have this tax already.

**Business:**

1. **Unfinished Business:** none

2. **March and April Birthdays:** Betty Hutchins, Ann Rose, Vera Doss, T.J. Seibert and Carl Schwartz celebrated their birthdays and Calvin and Vera Doss celebrated their anniversary. The club sang happy birthday to them.

3. **May Meetings:**

   a. **March Meeting:** A happy birthday to them.

   b. **April Meeting:**

      1. **Day:** April 2019

      2. **Time:** 11:30 a.m.

   c. **May Meeting:**

      1. **Day:** May 2019

      2. **Time:** 11:30 a.m.

   d. **June Meeting:**

      1. **Day:** June 2019

      2. **Time:** 11:30 a.m.

   e. **July Meeting:**

      1. **Day:** July 2019

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   f. **August Meeting:**

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   g. **September Meeting:**

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      2. **Time:** 11:30 a.m.

   h. **October Meeting:**

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      2. **Time:** 11:30 a.m.

   i. **November Meeting:**

      1. **Day:** November 2019

      2. **Time:** 11:30 a.m.

   j. **December Meeting:**

      1. **Day:** December 2019

      2. **Time:** 11:30 a.m.
Identifying Issues for Next Contract

Machinists Union members working at B&B Truck Service in Spokane are gearing up for their next contract. Business Rep Steve Warren recently met with the mechanics to distribute surveys aimed at prioritizing issues for the upcoming negotiations. At the meeting, members discussed issues they want to see addressed and the time table for the bargaining process.

Formal negotiations will take place in April, with the union proposal drafted from the survey results and input from members. The current contract expires on April 10.

B&B Truck Service is a general truck repair shop that handles all kinds of vehicles from company fleets to individual units of owner/operators. Our mechanics ensure all vehicles coming through the shop are in optimum condition.

Highlights of improvements in the new agreement include:

- Lead Instructor/Technician increased
- Test Instructor/Technician increased
- Pay-in-lieu of holiday, vacation, PTO/Sick – Part-time employees are compensated on a pro-rated basis for holiday, vacation and PTO/Sick.
- Contributions to IAM National Pension Plan continue at $1.75/hour for the life of the agreement.
- Two additional days bereavement if employees are required to travel over 300 miles from the work site.

These skilled instructors and technicians who provide instruction, support and maintenance services to the flight simulators for the KC-135 and KC-135 tankers in the air and a well-trained flight crew ready and available.

Thanks to Holly Johnson and Tim Weber who served on the bargaining committee from the unit and Business Rep Steve Warren.

Contract Ratified for Members at Fairchild

Machinists Union members working for service contractor DRG at Fairchild Air Force Base ratified a new two year agreement on Friday, March 15. The agreement covers IAM members working for DRG at Fairchild AFB, March AFB, Milwaukee ANGB and Hickam AFB.

Highlights of improvements in the new agreement include:

- General wage increases on 10/1/19 and 10/1/20
- Shift differential increased
- Lead/site focal pay increased
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For the second year, nearly 50 Machinists Union members and their families took part in Spokane’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Ascrowdlined the streets, the Machinists Union group marched carrying American, Irish, Canadian, and Machinists Union flags, followed by the Machinists Union trailer and five riders on horseback with flags.

Local 86 Officer Tony Wade led our committee in efforts to organize our participation to raise visibility of our union in the community. Our group was loud, proud and very patriotic. “This is a big event in Spokane so the Machinists Union should have a strong presence. It was a success, and we raised community awareness of our Union,” said Tony Wade.

Special thanks to Seth Groth Photography and Deanna Purser for providing photos from the parade.