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## Blondin Named Aerospace Coordinator

At the January 9th District Council meeting, District 751 President Mark Blondin announced he has accepted a promotion with the International to serve as Aerospace Coordinator over all Boeing

contracts, as well as various other aerospace contracts in the U.S. and Canada. Mark declared, "It was a tough decision, but I believe it is a great opportunity to expand my area of responsibility.

I want to thank the members at District 751. It has been a privilege and an honor to lead District 751 for the past six years."

IAM International President Tom Buffenbarger applauded the decision. "Mark's combination of youth and experience is exactly what this Union needs in the Aerospace Coordinator position. Mark's experience at the local, district and national levels make him the ideal candidate to carry on the work of retiring Aerospace Coordinator Dick Schneider," said Buffenbarger. "I'm confident the members at Boeing and throughout the Aerospace Department will benefit from this important appointment."

As a result of this promotion, District



Blondin delivered a strong message at the 2005 Strike Sanction Meeting.

751 will have to elect a new President.

Nominations for a successor will be held at the District Council meeting on February 13th. Per the District Bylaws, the President must be nominated from the seated District Council Delegates. A petition signed by 50 or more members may also be used as a nomination, but that nominee must be a seated District Council delegate.

For a look back at Blondin's six years as District President, see page 6



District 751 President Mark Blondin updates members on the negotiation status at the 2005 Truth Rally.

## Democrats Push for Change – Senate Republicans Block Progress

Democrats assumed control of both houses of Congress for the first time in twelve years and immediately embarked on an ambitious legislative agenda to improve the lives of working families and curb ethical violations among lawmakers.

"Today we make history. Today we change the direction of our country," said Nancy Pelosi, the first woman ever to be elected Speaker of the House.

House Democrats delivered on their '100 Hour' pledge in an impressive 87 hours.

"The fight for working families didn't end on Election Day," said IAM International President Tom Buffenbarger. "We must stay involved to ensure Congress acts on the issues that matter most to America's workers."

Since Democrats took control of the

House on January 4, lawmakers have passed numerous legislation aimed at helping working families (see chart below left for details).

### House Passes 'Clean' Minimum Wage Hike; GOP Blocks Minimum Wage Increase in the Senate

The House voted overwhelmingly to increase the federal minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7.25 an hour over the next two years (Washington state minimum wage is at \$7.93 thanks to an automatic cost-of-living clause passed in 2001). The measure, which passed by a 315-116 vote, would give many low-wage workers their first raise in nearly a decade. This increase would positively impact nearly 13 million Americans.

Senate Democrats were united in the vote to help working families keep up with rising costs. However, even with several Senate Republicans voting for the increase, the final vote was 54, which fell short of the 60 votes required to end debate and bring it to a vote. This is known as a filibuster, and it is a tactic one party uses to prevent a bill from ever getting out of the Senate. They literally talk the bill to death.

Republicans are now holding the livelihood of working men and women hostage in an attempt to include more business tax cuts in the bill. By attaching these business tax cuts, Senate Republicans are creating procedural hurdles that will delay implementation of any increase.

If the Senate minimum wage bill is passed with these tax breaks, it would then have to go to conference with the House — to reconcile the differences in bills passed. Democratic House leadership has maintained that raising the minimum wage

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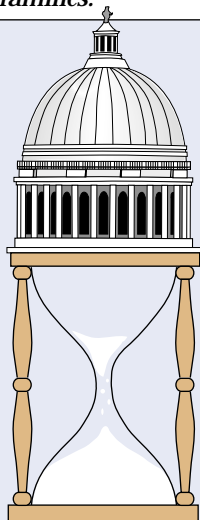


Speaker Nancy Pelosi explains Democratic bills to help working families.

### New Congress Gets It Done!

The U.S. House of Representatives, led by the new Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, passed the following bills on to the Senate in less than the 100 hours they promised:

- ✓ Raise the minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7.25 over the next two years.
- ✓ Give the federal government the ability to negotiate lower Medicare prescription drug prices for recipients.
- ✓ Cut rates on subsidized student loans from 6.8 percent to 3.4 percent over a five-year period.
- ✓ Cut \$14 billion in federal oil and tax breaks doled out to corporate giants such as Exxon, instead investing the money in renewable-energy programs.
- ✓ Expand federally-funded stem cell research.
- ✓ Bolster terrorism-fighting efforts with more cargo inspections.
- ✓ Approved changes on internal House rules dealing with ethics, lobbying and budgeting.
- ✓ Restore collective bargaining rights to more than 40,000 airport screeners with the TSA.



Senate Majority Leader Lisa Brown discusses the Aerospace Incentives Accountability Bill with 751 Political Director Larry Brown.

## Bill Aims to Grow Family Wage Aerospace Jobs

Even before the state legislative session opened in Olympia on January 8th, District 751 was working hard on a bill aimed at bringing accountability for companies taking advantage of aerospace incentives – the Aerospace Incentives Accountability and Responsibility Act.

District 751 Political Coordinator Larry Brown has been instrumental in drafting the bill and working with various groups to ensure there is enough support for passage. This bill requires any company that receives aerospace tax incentives must not encourage or discourage workers in a Union organizing effort. This would make a tremendous difference in our efforts to organize these subcontractors – many of whom are performing work that used to be done by our members at Boeing.

District 751 President Mark Blondin noted, "This bill would not only help others in the community by raising standards at other aerospace firms, it would also help our members at Boeing. If the outside firms are paying wages and benefits these jobs deserve, there is less chance the work will be offloaded from Boeing. Yet this can only happen if employees can vote for a Union without being coerced, threatened or intimidated."

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### Escape to the Wild

Member wins caribou hunting trip of a lifetime through Union contest. See him on an upcoming episode.

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### Paycheck Slow?

The end of last year Boeing subcontracted the printing and distribution of paychecks for members who are not currently signed up for direct deposit. As a result of this change, many members are not getting their paychecks on time and are having to wait for them. If you are one of these people, please contact your Business Rep immediately so the Union can collect the pertinent information to address this issue.



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## REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

# Thanks for the Privilege of Serving District 751

by Mark Blondin,  
District President

As most of you are probably aware, I have been offered and have accepted a job with the International Lodge as Aerospace Coordinator. I was honored to be considered by the International President for the job and will work very hard to be successful in my new assignment. I want to share our success at 751 with the smaller Locals and Districts under my new jurisdiction and hopefully make a difference in those communities. I firmly believe that by raising the economic bar in other contracts in our industry, it will benefit 751 as well at the bargaining table – just as organizing non-union shops raises the standard of living in individual communities.

This new opportunity would not have been offered were it not for the successes we achieved together in Eastern and Western Washington. The Machinists



are a force to be reckoned with in Washington State, and it is due to the hard work and perseverance of generations of Machinist Union members. In addition to current working Union members, I honor all the retirees who came here before us and set the direction that we have moved. We cannot

ever forget their contributions or their current economic conditions. I firmly believe that as the current generation of workers is getting near retirement age, we can make a difference in retiree benefits. I encourage all retirees to join the District 751 Retired Club. It is time for social change in the area of health care, prescription drug costs, and pension benefits.

During the past several years, we worked hard, **all 751 Members**, while enduring some of the most difficult economic times in decades. Were it not for the Machinist membership statewide doing the right things at the right time, and for the right reasons, we would not

have been nearly as successful as we were. The Washington State communities we work in are better off because of IAM members statewide.

I have always considered representing our membership an honor and a gift, and I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent you during all the years. Thank you for allowing me to be your Union Steward, your Site Safety Committee Rep, your Local Lodge Officer, your Delegate to Grand Lodge Conventions, your Business Representative, your President and your Directing Business Representative, as well as every other job or duty that you have entrusted in me. You gave me many opportunities, and I hope you feel I did you right.

We endured many tests – tough negotiations, a plant sale, 9/11/2001, and other events. But, I always told myself, “trust the members” and you **always** delivered. I never doubted your strength. When times got tough, we got tougher – together. We are strong because we do stick together. Some have tried to divide us, and you, the members, simply would

not allow it. When the membership statewide of District 751 is unified and on the same page, no entity can beat us down.

I have learned a lot here in my 27 plus years as a 751 member. I’m going to take all these tools you gave me, and the positives we gained together, and help other Districts. I want to assure you that I will be involved in the next Boeing and Triumph negotiations and obviously am always willing to help District 751, in any way that I can. We are a statewide Union and all members, no matter how big the unit, make us the great District that we are.

Thanks for everything, and I know I’ll be seeing you in the very near future as we gear up for the Triumph negotiations and our 2008 Boeing negotiations. We’re all in this together.

## First Contract Approved with 100% Vote

751 members working at Hard Metal Solutions ratified their first contract by an impressive 100 percent. However, employees weren’t the only ones satisfied with the contract, management was also pleased with the agreement. The employer acknowledges that the Machinists Union has outstanding benefits that they can offer to the workforce in a contract. This helps keep turnover to a minimum and to attract other skilled personnel to guarantee their success.

The ten members working at this aerospace fabricator will receive a \$.60 per hour raise in the first year, a \$.70 an hour raise in the second year and a \$.80 raise in the third. In addition, \$.75 per hour the first year increased to \$1 the second and third year of this agreement will go to the Western Metals Pension Fund, which will help in planning employee’s retirement.

Business Rep Ray Baumgardner, who helped with the negotiations, noted, “The members are happy and ecstatic. The 100 percent vote demonstrates they ap-



Union members at Hard Metal Solutions (an aerospace fabrication firm) ratified their first IAM contract with a 100 percent yes vote.

prove of the contract and appreciate having Union representation.”

Organizing Director Jesse Cote explains, “This contract ensures these employees grow as the company does and helps bring them more in line with wages and benefits this industry demands. This is a win-win situation for the workforce

and the company.”

The contract also spelled out paid holidays, sick leave and vacation – guaranteeing these benefits for the future. The company is currently growing and looking for additional workers to help with their increased work packages.

## Verification Phase to Begin on Dependent Eligibility

In November, Boeing announced a new process for confirming that dependents meet the eligibility requirements for Company health plan coverage. During the verification phase of this process, which runs from early February until early May, employees and retirees will be asked to submit documentation confirming the eligibility of their dependents. A personalized packet which outlines the steps they need to take will be mailed to homes in early to mid-February. A detailed documentation matrix listing the acceptable documents will be included in the packet. Documentation should be mailed in the postage-paid envelope included in the packet by May 1 to meet the deadline of May 11, 2007.

If all appropriate documentation is submitted, employees and retirees will

receive a letter within about two weeks verifying that dependent eligibility is confirmed and health plan coverage is maintained. If documentation is incomplete, they will receive a letter indicating that additional documentation is required



Secretary-Treasurer Susan Palmer (center) conveys concerns members have raised on the Company’s dependent audit.

to confirm eligibility.

The Union continues to meet with Boeing benefits to voice concerns on the

process and to ensure a safety net for unforeseen circumstances is in place. The Union has conveyed questions members have asked and the need for reassurance the information will be secure. The Union also emphasized the need for clear communication.

District 751 Secretary-Treasurer Susan Palmer, who also sits on the Benefits Committee, noted, “We want to ensure our members get their questions answered and understand the process.”

Boeing stressed that throughout the verification phase of this process, if dependents are found to be ineligible for coverage – or if employees or retirees do not submit the documentation required by the deadline, their dependents will be removed from Boeing health plan coverage retroactively to January 1, 2007.

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# Crane Operators at Boeing Named Best in the World

Recently, 751 Union Steward Todd Campbell got a chance to demonstrate the skills and abilities of our crane operators at the North American Crane Bureau (NACB) Professional Development Conference. While attending this national conference, Todd competed against about 350 other crane operators from across the country in a crane simulation rodeo. By the end of the rodeo, there was no question our Boeing crane operators have tremendous talent, as Todd captured first place and won the world championship.

Operators were required to move loads on the simulator through an obstacle course with both speed and accuracy. Because the simulator would also detect load angles and load swing, the course required additional skills and experience to win.

While Todd downplayed the victory, he was proud to discuss the wide array of skills crane operators at Boeing possess.

"We are highly skilled operators who move multi-million dollar loads every day – without mishaps – while ensuring the safety of those on the factory floor below," explained Todd. "Calculating the load angles and rigging takes experience, which is what we bring to the table. We are efficient, accurate and have a

proven track record. We have helped Boeing succeed and want to do so in the future, as well."

These trained professionals operate the complex overhead cranes in the Boeing factories, as well as many other types of cranes. Most of our crane operators bring years of experience running all different kinds of cranes including construction cranes, mobile cranes, gantry cranes and overhead cranes. They have received extensive training in rigging loads, hoists, load angles, and working to tight tolerances.

Recently, Todd and Steward Steve Parsley met with Business Reps Stan Johnson and Grievance Coordinator Tom Wroblewski to voice their concerns over the direction Boeing was going with the 787 program in regard to moving airplane parts, which does not currently plan to utilize our crane operators' skills. The crane operators believe their precision work and



Photo courtesy of Boeing media.

*Our members who work as crane operators are highly skilled workers who move multi-million dollar parts daily with precision.*

impeccable record should earn them work on the 787 program.

The Stewards hope Todd's recent championship will help highlight the crane operators' precision skills.

"We realize that everything is going to be different on the 787 and new equipment will be used. However, moves using what management calls the 'boat loader' should be done by qualified, experienced crane operators. When you're talking multi-million dollar parts, you have to get it right," Todd stated. "This is our specialty and what we have been trained for – use the talents that are already on their payroll and let us be part of future programs, as well."

Before this meeting, the Union had advised Boeing of its concerns about crane operators for the 787 program. With a world championship in their ranks and a proven record, the Union will continue to push for a commitment to tap into the crane operators' talents for the



*Todd Campbell displays his trophy deeming him world champion crane operator.*

787. Our crane operators can help the new program be successful and it is in the best interests of all parties to properly utilize the talents of our members. When you have the best in the world, why not use them?



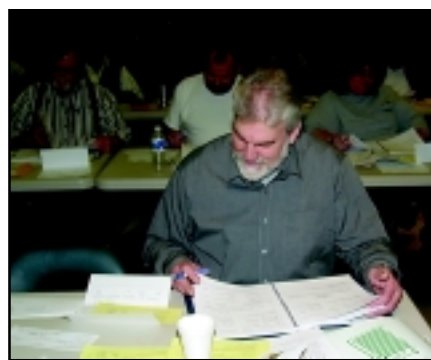
*L to R: Stewards Steve Parsley and Todd Campbell meet with Business Reps Stan Johnson and Tom Wroblewski to discuss crane operators and the 787 program.*

## Officers Trained for Audits

In working to help better prepare our Union officers, District 751 Secretary-Treasurer Susan Palmer requested the U.S. Department of Labor provide hands-on training for our local lodge financial officers and auditors.

"For many of our officers their first elected position is auditor, yet they are not given formal training. This workshop gives them hands-on experience in going over the books, conducting an audit, and searching for discrepancies," noted 751 Secretary-Treasurer Susan Palmer. "It will ensure they have the required skills to better perform their duties at the Union."

Representatives from the Department of Labor, Office of Labor-Management Standards (OLMS) presented the one-day workshop on January 24th. The purpose of the workshop was to familiarize these officials with how to conduct an audit. The OLMS Trustee Guide features a 10-step audit designed to help Trustees carry out their responsibilities. The workshop provides an opportunity, through a series of exercises involving financial records from a fictitious union, to see how the skills and techniques discussed in the Guide should be applied



*751-E Secretary-Treasurer Kent Crawford reviews books in a mock audit.*

in "real world" situations.

"It is excellent training— especially for those just starting out," stated Local E Recording Secretary Dan Meddaugh. "I wish I would have had it 20 years ago when I was a local lodge auditor."

Local F Auditor Terri Myette added, "The workshop presented a lot of good information. It gives us hands-on experience and is very helpful."

"This taught us how to search for irregularities, how to double check figures and how to check back and ensure it was an approved expense," stated Local E Secretary-Treasurer Kent Crawford.

*Secretary-Treasurer Susan Palmer arranged training for all local lodge financial officers.*



*L to R: 751 Political Coordinator Larry Brown, Congressman Jim McDermott, and District President Mark Blondin*

## New Congress Takes Swift Action

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should be a straightforward endeavor that even Republicans can agree to without more tax cuts for business.

### House Passes Medicare Drug Bill

On January 12<sup>th</sup>, the House passed the Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act of 2007 (H.R. 4). This bill requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to negotiate lower drug prices for those enrolled in Medicare prescription drug plans. The idea behind the bill is to use the economic leverage of the millions of people in the Medicare program to drive a better bargain with drug makers similar to the substantial discounts the Veterans Affairs Department negotiates for veterans. The bill also requires HHS to report to Congress every six months on the progress of drug price negotiations.

"This vote is a resounding victory for America's seniors over the special interests," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) said in a statement. "As pharmaceutical companies reap record profits, it is clear that the President's flawed prescription drug plan is benefiting drug

companies more than America's seniors and people with disabilities."

Under the current Medicare drug program, seniors enroll in private plans administered by insurers, pay a monthly premium and a portion of their medicine. The plans themselves determine which medicines they will cover and how much they will pay. The current law specifically forbids the HHS secretary from negotiating a better price.

### House Strips Tax Cuts from Big Oil

On January 19, the House voted 264-163 to cut \$14 billion in federal oil and tax breaks doled out to corporate giants such as Exxon, instead investing the money in renewable-energy programs. It is ridiculous that while oil companies are making record profits, they should be receiving tax breaks from the government. The bill was the final piece of legislation in the Democrats highly-touted 100-Hour war to push through legislation beneficial to working Americans.

While Democrats delivered swift action in the House, Republicans can kill similar legislation in the Senate by using the filibuster, which requires 60 votes to end and Democrats hold only 51 seats.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

# 751 Volunteers Help 'Harvest' Food for the Needy

Over the holidays, 751 members again turned out in force to take over the Northwest Harvest warehouse. This day of caring has become a tradition at 751 and gives members an avenue to give back to their community during the holidays. Many bring family members and make it a family event to help those who are less fortunate.

751 volunteers helped sort and package over 15,000 pounds of food, which is enough to feed 1500 families. Members made boxes, sorted through large bins and packaged groceries for distribution at Northwest Harvest headquarters downtown.

Special thanks to the following members and their families who donated time at the Northwest Harvest warehouse this year: Bruce Bob Anderson, David Bennett, David Bowling, George Braun, Larry Brown, Brett Coty, Kelly Coty, Mike Cummins, Karl Frisk, Randy Haviland, Phil Hicks, Jon Holden, John Isaacks, Connie Kelliher, Kailee Kelliher, Pat Kinsella, Garth Luark, Tom Lux, John Lux, Ron McGaha, Scot McKenzie, Al Myers, Robert O'Hara, Stephen Olson, Jason Redrup, Duane Roope, Phil Salyers, Mannie Soto, Ivana Stewart, Wayne Wilson, Tom Wroblewski, and Leon Wroblewski.



After sorting through and packaging over 15,000 pounds of food, 751 volunteers pose for a group photo outside the Northwest Harvest Warehouse in Seattle.



Members made hundreds of boxes to sort the 15,000 pounds of food.



Jason Redrup distributes bags of soup for the needy.



Brett and Kelly Coty worked as a team to put together food boxes for the needy.

# 751 Santas Help Salvation Army with Christmas Toy Distribution

A handful of 751 members got into the Christmas spirit when they volunteered to help with a local event for the needy – the Salvation Army Toys for Tots Distribution. Gathering at the Qwest Event Center, volunteers spent the day stocking tables with age-appropriate toys for the many families that came through the facility.

District 751 President Mark Blondin serves on the local Salvation Army board and offered to recruit 751 volunteers to help with the event. Yet 751 began assisting long before the doors opened on distribution day. Those who had trucks went around to the various collection sites, picked up the toys and delivered them to the Event Center.

Editor Connie Kelliher brought her 8-year old daughter, Kailee, and noted, "Kailee enjoyed helping parents pick out the right gift for their kids. It really opened her eyes to how many families are in need and helped her realize what the spirit of Christmas is all about."

Stewards Garth Luark and Duane Roope helped keep the stuffed animal table stocked.



Grievance Coordinator Tom Wroblewski (l) and Union Steward Rick McKinney helped parents find the right gifts for their kids at the Salvation Army Toys for Tots distribution.



Photo left: Vennie Murphy (l) and David Henry get into the holiday spirit as they help pass out toys.

# 751 Continues to Help in Community

751 members continued to help improve the quality of life for area residents with several community service projects in January. Members helped build a wheelchair ramp for an area resident in North Bend the weekend of January 20th. Thanks to the following who helped with the project: Eric Engebretson, Raymond Miller, George Braun, Rick McCabe and Rick McKinney. Special thanks to Vennie Murphy who not only helped coordinate the project on Saturday, but returned on Sunday to complete the ramp.

Thanks to all who turned out to help.

Members put the hand rail a ramp for a resident in North Bend.



Volunteers take a group photo after completing the North Bend Ramp.



751 members filled the street to march from Franklin High School to the MLK Memorial in an inspirational rally and march to remember the work of Martin Luther King Jr.

## Members March to Honor Martin Luther King Jr.

As the country paused to remember Martin Luther King Jr for his tremendous contribution to civil and human rights, so did many of our members. Seattle, which has one of the largest and most active annual MLK celebrations in the country, celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> annual event.



751's Abdul-aleem Ahmed served as moderator.

District 751 was a big part of this annual celebration as Abdul-aleem Ahmed, Clifton Wyatt and Lem Charleston volunteered on the event planning committee. Nearly 100

members took the day off of work to participate in the event. 751 continues to push to get MLK as a recognized holiday. This year's theme of Solidarity for Peace Human Rights and Economic Justice carries on the legacy of Dr. King, as well as the theme of the Union.

751 Health and Benefits Representative Abdul-aleem Ahmed served as moderator – introducing the speakers and helping to lead the march and rally.

As Seattle City Councilman Larry Gossett spoke of the history of the civil rights movement, he recalled his start of pushing for civil rights when he was arrested as a student at Franklin High School in 1967 for staging a sit in to promote civil rights. He



8 year old Isaiah Barnett inspired the crowd at the rally.

noted that a \$1 million contract for a small business that employs 10 people would enable that company to grow significantly and potentially double in size," K.C. stated. "It was dramatic to think in those terms of how important a role small business plays. I found the open discussion very interesting and educational. Overall, it was very uplifting, encouraging and inspiring."

Isaiah Barnett, a local 8 year old, inspired the crowd with an emotional recitation of a portion of King's 1957 address to a freed o m rally.

Union Steward K . C . White

usually attends the MLK celebration in Everett. This year he decided to travel to Seattle. He not only took part in the march and rally, but also attended workshops in the morning.

"The workshop focused on ensuring schools are adequately training students for jobs of the future. A lady from a small business asked one of our Stewards how much impact a \$1 million contract would have on Boeing. She then



Several thousand marched through the streets of Seattle to remember Martin Luther King Jr and to promote Solidarity for Peace Human Rights and Economic.



Many Stewards and members braved the cold weather to take part in the 25th annual MLK celebration.

## February: Black History Month - Martin Luther King and Labor

by Robert Dobbs,  
New York Labor History Assoc

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., whose tragic death from an assassin's bullet occurred 39 years ago, was more than a Baptist preacher who became this country's outstanding civil rights leader. He was a social thinker who, early in his career, began to look beyond civil rights for blacks, becoming convinced that the way to their full emancipation lies in their commonality with working people as a whole and with organized workers in particular.

In his first book, *Stride Toward Freedom*, King concluded that, "For both (Negro and white workers), living standards need to be raised to levels consistent with our national resources. White and Negro workers have mutual aspirations for a fairer share of the products of industries and farms."

### AFL-CIO Speech

Carrying this idea further in a speech to the 1961 AFL-CIO convention, King said, "The duality of interests of labor and Negroes makes any crisis that lacerates you a crisis from which we bleed."

Probably the most dramatic demonstration of the growing labor-black alliance was the great March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in August, 1963, in which many AFL-CIO and non-affiliated unions participated. The late Walter

Reuther, leader of the United Auto Workers, was one of the four national figures in the march's leadership. The demonstration's five demands, read from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial were: Congressional action on a civil rights bill; a \$2 minimum wage; desegregated schools; a public works program to ease unemployment; and federal action to bar job discrimination.

The highlight was the oration by King which became known as the "I have a dream" speech. Heard and seen by many millions, the 34-year old leader in turn inspired his fellow countrymen, white and black, with a vision of a racially united society.

### Nobel Peace Prize Winner

In the next few years, King began a number of projects and became the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. He initiated voting rights projects in the South including the Selma, Alabama march; worked for the ensuing victory of congressional passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and organized campaigns for improved housing and jobs in Chicago.

These years also saw King consider

further the economic factors of racial discrimination. He started thinking then about what became known as the Poor People's Campaign, whose brief life began only after King's death.

Its one notable demonstration, led by King's successors in his Southern Christian leadership conference, was a gathering of thousands of people, mainly blacks, in a tent city in Washington. The campaign demanded a national commitment to a \$30 billion anti-poverty effort, including a policy of full employment, a guaranteed income by law, and money for the construction of at least a half million low-cost housing units a year.

In the mid-1960's, King became more concerned about the economic and human tragedy of the Vietnam War. In particular, he condemned the slowdown of President Lyndon Johnson's anti-poverty program as the cost of the war cut into budget appropriations that would otherwise have gone to build what Johnson had called "The Great Society." King went public in opposition to the war, joining four anti-war senators at a peace rally in Los Angeles.

A speech to the staff of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in No-



Martin Luther King Jr.

vember, 1966 declared the only way to achieve the promise of equal opportunity for all Americans was through fundamental social and economic change. He said it was time to "question the values upon which America thrives; three evils – racism, materialism and militarism."

An assassin's bullet killed King on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee. He was there to support a strike of city sanitation workers, led by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME).

More than a strike, the action had become a challenge to a white establishment smug in its assumption that the city's black population was satisfied with its lot. It had also become a blazing struggle of oppressed people demanding dignity and respect as human beings.

King died four days before he was to lead a protest march on behalf of the strikers. Probably because of his death, the march was much larger than anticipated. Thus, 40,000 people of all color went to Memphis to mourn King and support 1,300 striking black sanitation workers. The workers as Local 1733 of AFSCME, won their fight and paved the way for the growth of organized labor in Memphis into a movement that has played a meaningful role in the economic and perhaps even development of their city.

# District President Mark Blondin - Strong

As Mark Blondin moves on to his new position as Aerospace Coordinator, it seems appropriate to look back at his six years as District President – at the many accomplishments we made together during some of the worst economic times in our history.

From nearly the moment Mark Blondin took office as District 751 President, he was bombarded with challenges. Yet with his leadership and the solidarity of our membership, this Union not only maintained its ground, but made many improvements despite some very trying economic times and a constantly changing company. Throughout the time, the Union’s focus has been on preserving and increasing these good-paying, family-wage jobs.

Just a few of the noteworthy accomplishments we achieved together:

- Started an Organizing Department to unionize non-Union aerospace companies to raise the living standard in our communities. This effort will also help at the bargaining table with Boeing to have contractors unionized with family wages and benefits.
  - Promoted fundraising for Guide Dogs of America – a charity started by the Machinists Union. This year District 751 contributions will reach \$1 million.
  - Paid off all buildings so District 751 now owns all Union halls outright (except for the Renton Hall, where we only lease office space).
  - Added a staff assistant to help improve service to members in Eastern Washington.
  - Raised visibility for bargaining units in Eastern Washington.
  - Joined the steering committee at Hanford for the HAMMER Training Facility and pushed for additional funding for this state-of-the-art training center.
  - Successfully negotiated contracts for Boeing facilities that were sold. These include: Triumph in Spokane, GKN in Kent, and BAE.
- For members at Boeing, we:
- United in membership solidarity in 2005 for a 28-day strike, which defeated every single takeaway proposal Boeing had proposed.
  - Kept health care at 1999 rates despite double digit inflation nearly every year.
  - Increased pension benefits by 40 percent.
  - Maintained medical coverage for retirees, both past and future – ensuring that new hires will still receive retiree medical. We are one of the ONLY payrolls at Boeing to still have this benefit.
  - Got members’ recall rights extended significantly during two contracts.
  - Landed the 787 for the Puget Sound region despite



March 2001 – District 751 President Mark Blondin talks with Renton workers regarding Boeing’s announcement to move Corporate Headquarters. This followed news reports the Renton plant would close.



June 2001 - Blondin joins steering committee for HAMMER Training Facility at Hanford to secure additional funding for the Center.

incredible odds.

In the six years there were dramatic changes, but every step of the way the Union was there fighting for the members and to preserve our jobs.

As Blondin took office February 2001, Boeing announced plans to move the 747-X wings production to Japan. The very next week a news story reported Boeing was considering closing the Renton plant and moving the assembly line to Everett. The Union filed an information request and enlisted help from elected officials to stop such a move. In June 2001, Boeing abandoned plans to close Renton and move production to Everett citing that flexibility would be lost if all the production lines were consolidated in one building.

In March 2001, Boeing shocked the region with the announcement that it was moving Corporate Headquarters out of Seattle.

Just one week after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, Boeing announced massive layoffs. The Union immediately began working to minimize the job loss to our members and provide a safety net for those affected. In the next three years, the Union applied and secured Trade Adjustment Assistance to help laid-off members. The Union worked closely with federal officials to secure federal unemployment extensions, the National Emergency grant, as well as obtaining extended state benefits so workers in retraining programs were eligible for up to 113 weeks of benefits. This amounted to millions of dollars to help our laid-off members bridge the transition. The Union also organized job fairs to help members find new employment following the dramatic layoffs.

As layoffs continued over the next several



Dec. 2001 - At a press conference in the Everett factory, District President Blondin and Senators Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray began the long road to securing the Air Force refueling tankers for the 767 line.

years, the Union continued pushing to get additional assistance for our members at both the federal and state level.

In December 2001, the Union began its initial push to secure the Air Force refueling tanker for the 767 line. Since then, we have worked continuously with the Washington Congressional delegation to push for this much-needed airplane.

As soon as Boeing announced plans to close or sell the Spokane plant, Union members pulled together and rallied to save those jobs. The Union worked closely with federal, state and local elected officials in a united effort to maintain those jobs. Members organized rallies and letter writing campaigns to highlight the urgency. In January 2003, Spokane members approved the first contract for Triumph Composites. Mem-



Sept. 2001 – A day after Boeing announced massive layoffs, District 751 President Mark Blondin (center) speaks at a news conference to report Congressional activities to reduce the impact on our members. Behind Blondin are, from left. U.S. Rep Jay Inslee, 751 Secretary-Treasurer Bruce Spalding, U.S. Reps Norm Dick and Jim McDermott.



Jan. 2002 – Above: Families braved the cold weather in Spokane after Boeing announced it would sell or close the plant.

Jan. 2003 - Photo right: Spokane members vote to approve a first contract with Triumph Composites after Boeing sells the Spokane plant.



Feb. 2002 - Photo right: Laid-off 751-Member Duy Tran (who was recalled in 2006) spoke at a rally at the State Capitol to urge lawmakers to not cut human services which were needed to help our laid-off members.



Dec. 2001 - Over 2,000 people packed the Seattle Union Hall for a job fair to meet with companies in hopes of landing re-employment after layoff.

Photo right: Aug 2003 - Scot McKenzie puts up a "We Can Do It" sign.



April 2003 - 751 members from the State Capitol to oppose Boeing efforts helped ensure those jobs

# g Leadership Through Tough Times

March - 2003. In response to Boeing's ask list to consider placing the 7E7 in Washington, 751 began an intensive lobbying effort in Olympia.



Members are currently preparing for their second contract with Triumph, which expires in May of this year.

In 2003 when Boeing revealed criteria required for selecting a location for the 7E7, the Union immediately put together a legislative strategy, as well as a public relations campaign to improve the state's chances. By working with a broad coalition of business, labor, community and elected officials, we succeeded in securing what is now the 787 for Everett. Stewards and members played an integral role in the 'We Can Do It' campaign - attending rallies, writing letters, putting up signs, contacting local businesses and distributing information.

Beginning in 2001, the Union began an ongoing effort to ensure that aluminum jobs remained in the state. The Wenatchee plant stopped production during the energy crisis of 2001. Workers remained on the payroll as part of an agreement the Union helped negotiate with Chelan County PUD where Alcoa resold their electricity for profit. We continued to work closely with state and federal officials for legislation to protect these jobs. In March 2004, Governor Locke signed into law a bill to preserve jobs at the Alcoa aluminum plants in Wenatchee and Ferndale until cheaper-electric rates were available. In October 2004, the Wenatchee plant restarted production.

In May 2004, Boeing began recall-



June 2003 - 751 members pack an unemployment reform hearing in an effort to land the 7E7.



2003 - Members turned out in force for rallies in Everett and Auburn to land the 7E7 in Washington state.



Dec. 2003 - Blondin on stage with Governor Locke, Senator Cantwell and other officials to celebrate Washington getting the 7E7.



Jan. 2004 - Members at Wenatchee rally at PA rate increases that jobs in our state. 751's jobs remain here today.



Feb 2004 - Blondin speaks at a press conference with U.S. Senator Cantwell urging Congress to approve extending unemployment benefits.



Aug 2005 - Over a thousand members attended the rally to support negotiators during 2005 negotiations.

Below: Sept. 2005 - Members on the line in the 2005 strike.

ing members from layoff. The recalls have been steady ever since with over 6,500 members getting rehired and nearly 1,000 new hires joining the payroll, as well. The Union greets the rehires and new employees at the Friday orientations.

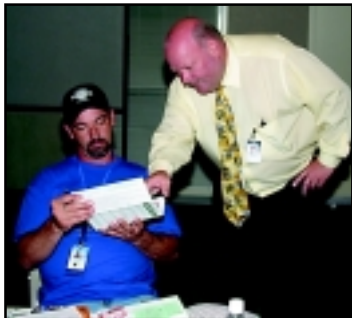
In June 2004, Boeing won the Multi-mission Maritime Aircraft (MMA) contract with the Navy, which secured the future of the Renton plant for at least the next 10 years.

In 2005, members at Boeing came together in solidarity and showed America that workers can still make a stand against a major corporation and win. Members were motivated early and regularly took part in shop floor meetings, focus groups, and turned out in force for the Truth Rally to hear an update in the final days of negotiations. When Boeing refused to budge from their takeaway offers, members did the right thing and withheld their labor for 28 days.

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March 2006 - Blondin meets with Governor Gregoire to inform her that companies were using the incentives to move Boeing jobs right outside the factory at half the pay and benefits. 751 introduced a bill in 2007 to help stop this activity.



Recalls continue at Boeing. Above Business Rep Mark Johnson (r) answers questions at new hire orientation.



July 2003 - Blondin (r) and Secretary-Treasurer Bruce Spalding during one of his visits to the members at Grand Coulee Dam.

The incredible solidarity got Boeing to retract their takeaway offers (one of which was preserving retiree medical for new hires). Members voted to accept the revised offer by 80 percent.

In 2006, recalls continued as Boeing sales continued to pick up. CEO Alan Mulally resigned to accept a job at Ford and was replaced by Scott Carson.

The Union has been meeting regularly with Carson to improve communication lines well before negotiations next year. The Union continues to push to secure additional 787 work for our members. In August 2006, the Union ensured our members will service the Large Cargo Freighter, which carries 787 parts. In addition, 751 forklift drivers will deliver the 787 parts to the factory after they have been unloaded from the plane.

In late 2006, the Union negotiated a new contract for employees at GKN. The offer was accepted by 86 percent of the members.

After learning that aerospace tax incentives were paid to companies who move Boeing jobs right outside the factory at half the pay and benefits, the Union began working to correct this situation. In 2007, we are pushing to get the Aerospace Incentives Accountability and Responsibility Act passed in Olympia. The bill requires aerospace companies who collect the incentives to remain neutral toward Union organizing efforts. This could help raise the standards at other aerospace companies. If the outside firms are paying wages and benefits those jobs deserve, there is less chance the work will be offloaded from Boeing and it will make our

job at the bargaining table easier, as well.

Blondin will continue working for the members of 751 in his new job as Aerospace Coordinator. He looks forward to taking part in the upcoming Triumph negotiations and 2008 Boeing negotiations.



Dec. 2006 - Members at GKN in Kent ratified their new contract by 86 percent. Above members discuss the proposal with Grievance Coordinator Tom Wroblewski.

# Local 751-F Garage Sale Generates Green for Guide Dogs

Local F's first garage sale to raise money for Guide Dogs was a huge success – bringing in over \$6,400 for the worthwhile charity.

Members not only had a chance to get rid of some unwanted items, they picked up some good deals. The items were as varied as the shoppers. Area residents near the Seattle Hall also enjoyed the chance to get gently used items at a good price.



Secretary-Treasurer Susan Palmer (far left) and District President Mark Blondin (far right) accept the \$6,400 proceeds from the Local F Garage Sale from Brett Coty, Ronnie Behnke and Robley Evans (who organized the event).



Robley Evans (l) waits to total the items Business Rep Paul Knebel selected at the garage sale.



Members browse through the items that filled one of the meeting halls in Seattle.

## Joint Programs Workshops Can Help Plan Finances for Your Retirement

IAM/Boeing Joint Programs regularly offers several workshops to assist members in planning for their golden years. The Personal Money Management workshop and Boeing Retirement Workshops are offered in Auburn, Everett and Tukwila.

The Boeing Retirement Workshop fills up fast as members want to know how the retirement process works, how pension benefits are calculated, different ways to collect VIP funds and information on retiree medical.

The Personal Money Management Seminar is for anyone who wants a comfortable retirement or has other

financial goals such as your child's college education or a new home. It is never too early or too late to start planning. Learn about your VIP options, how to maximize your Boeing pension options, about tax favored investing and proper asset allocation, calculate your post-Boeing income and examine creative budgeting.

Check the schedule and register for the workshop that is most convenient.

Upcoming Boeing Retirement Workshop	
QTTP Auburn, 1102 15th St. SW, 17-239.1 Bldg. <u>March 1st</u> , OR <u>June 7th</u> Noon to 2 p.m. AND 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. To reserve a seat, call 253-931-3577	
QTTP Everett, 7710 Evergreen Way, 7-61 Bldg. <u>February 6th</u> , OR <u>May 8th</u> 11:30 am to 1:30 pm OR 3 pm to 5 pm To reserve a seat, call 425-342-9973	
QTTP Tukwila, 6840 Fort Dent Way, 7-68.2 Bldg. <u>February 22nd</u> OR <u>May 17th</u> 11:30 am to 1:30 pm OR 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm To reserve a seat, call 425-965-4300	

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## Union Plus Mortgage – Exclusively for Members

Union Plus Mortgage and Real Estate makes refinancing and home-buying easier and more affordable for IAM members. The benefit is offered exclusively for Union members through Chase Home Finance, one of the largest lenders in the United States.

Key program features include:

- Easy application process – over the phone or in person. Call 1-866-729-6016.
- Special first-time home buyers program.
- Strike, layoff and disability assistance.
- Unemployment and disability benefits to help you make mortgage payments when you're out of work.
- Mortgage programs for borrowers with "less than perfect" credit.
- Down payments as low as 5% – and even lower for

qualified buyers.

- \$350 toward closing costs of mortgages (for buyers who use both the real estate and mortgage portions of the program).
- Parents and children of IAM members are also eligible for Union Plus mortgages.

The program's real estate benefit, which is available by calling the same toll-free number, offers members that list a home for sale a comprehensive home warranty plan (a \$350 vlaue) at no additional cost. This home warranty plan provides members with valuable protection from unexpected breakdowns in the home's mechanical systems and appliances while their home is on the market, and for a full year after the home is sold. It also enhances the home's marketability.

## New Trustees Elected to ECF Board

Members of the Employees Community Fund (ECF) of Boeing Puget Sound have elected four new trustees to join the board. Hourly members Grace Holland and Margie Pernell, and salaried members Matthew Bull and John Reis will begin serving their two-year terms in January. The four will join four others who will serve as officers in their second year. They are Traci Shipley, president; Vicki Reece, vice president; Christina Mailand, secretary and Lem Charleston, treasurer.

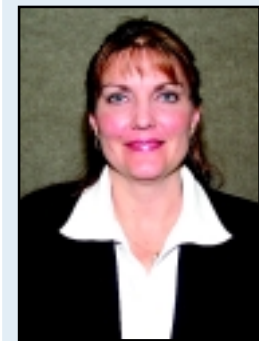


Margie Pernell

Also on the ballot this year was a proposal to increase the size of the board to up to 12 trustees. The proposal, which passed by 71 percent, will allow trustees to appoint up to four additional trustees, including retirees, to improve work flow and increase diversity of knowledge on the board.

"The board appreciates the support of the members for this important change," said Gil Petitt, board president. "It will improve the ability of future boards to function more efficiently and effectively." The board will develop a process for appointing additional board members and will share the process with the membership early next year.

For more about the Employees Community Fund of Boeing Puget Sound, please visit [http://community.web.boeing.com/nwregion/ei\\_ecf.cfm](http://community.web.boeing.com/nwregion/ei_ecf.cfm)



Grace Holland



Steward Coordinator Ed Lutgen presents Michael Carrigan with a portrait of Fred Strachota (past Local C Recording Secretary), which was drawn by retired 751-member Wayne Queen.

## Portrait Keeps Fred's Memory Alive

Retired 751-member Wayne Queen brought the memory of Fred Strachota to life in a sketch of the late Local C Recording Secretary. Wayne presented the portrait to Business Rep Harold Wilson in the early 1990's.

When Harold retired, then District President Bill Johnson moved the portrait into his office because he had worked with Fred in the shop.

Fred's stepson, Michael Carrigan recently came by the hall to retrieve the portrait. Michael worked many years as a model maker at Plant II before accepting a salaried position. He recalled how important the Union was to Fred.

The portrait will be displayed at his sister Sarah Luedtke's home so all can enjoy it at family functions. Her husband Bill also has connections to the Union and had been a 751 member in the past.

Union Steward Coordinator Ed Lutgen, who had worked with Fred in the shop, noted, "Fred was such a character. He put up a tough front, but was always there to help members. He inspired many people to get more involved in the Union. I'm glad to help keep his memory alive."

RETIREMENT NEWS

January Retiree Minutes

by Ruth Render,  
Retired Club Secretary

The meeting was called to order on January 8th by President Al Menke.

**Roll Call of Officers:** All officers were present or accounted for.

**Minutes:** It was M/S/P to accept the minutes as printed.

**Financial Report:** The reports for November and December were read by Treasurer Betty Ness. A motion was made to accept the report as read. M/S/P

**Health & Welfare:** A moment of silence was held for the following deceased members: Margery Beutlich, Donald Brown, Jr., Orlando Dishong, Dominic Gosciewski, Julius Hanseling, Roy Hatten, Esther Hibbs, Charles Horne, Mae Hudson, James Johnson, James King, Raymond Knutsen, Paul Lapella, Leo Lovin, Keith Marshall, Joe Miles, Harry Pattison, Leroy Pelkey, Richard Schmidt, Duane Scott, Arthur Sibley, Anstrom Townley, David Woods, Willie Carmen, Harley Coleman, Howard Courtney, E.J. Crust, Francis Edwards, Alvah Huff, Floyd Knudtson, Joseph Kryszczak, Homer Latta, Herold Lind, Robert Lucht, John McGraw, Sherri L. Melnick, Gerold Robertson, Robert Troupe, George Very. Sympathy cards were sent to the next of kin.

**Business Representatives' Report:** BR Paul Knebel reported GKN members ratified their new contract by 86 percent.

The Union is already beginning to work on the next Boeing contract. Your input is encouraged.

**Legislative Report:** Carl Schwartz reported our Social Security cost of living adjustment for 2007 is now in effect; a modest gain.

We will be checking for senior related issues and working with District Legislative Director Larry Brown in the state legislative session.

Preliminary steps of our contract negotiations are in gear and we will keep the pension cost-of-living issue on the agenda. The possible Congressional hearing on the pension COLA is still in the discussion with Representative McDermott's office.

We are also advocating a bill which would raise the federal minimum wage. This is important and will affect the level of quality care available in adult care facilities. Please call your Congressman and request that they vote in favor of raising the federal minimum wage. Most importantly, call Congressman Reichert and request that he vote in favor of this issue – (206) 275-3438.

Al Peppard spoke about the Annual IAM Retirees Conference attended by about 750 retired Machinists. George Kourpias and Tom Buffenbarger spoke. The main discussion topic was health care. The U.S. is the only industrialized country without universal health care. We need a system similar to Canada's. There is no reason for health care costs to be so high and for so many people to have to go without.

**Old & New Business:** None.

**Good of the Order:** Carl Schwartz warned everyone about Medicare scams in the mail asking for your personal information while claiming to be affiliated with Medicare. If you get something in the mail, read the fine print and call Medicare to find out if it is legitimate before sending your personal information and making yourself vulnerable.



Retirees attending the 11 a.m. meeting every Monday at the Seattle Union hall are treated to a free lunch at noon.

Carl also noted if you don't have access to a computer and need to use one, the public libraries have computers that you can use for free. You can set up an e-mail account and use the library to access it if you don't have the internet at home. It's a good resource.

Al Wydick warned everyone about Real Estate scams. Since his house has been on the market, he had two women come to his house asking to look around. One woman claimed to be a Real Estate agent and showed a Real Estate card. They were persistent about wanting to look right that moment so he showed them around. At one point, one of the women went to use the restroom. After they left, he noticed that his wallet was gone. This is a common scheme. If you have your house for sale, don't let this happen to you!

Tom O'Brien spoke about a neighbor who works for Boeing and complained about jobs being given to Mitsubishi. His neighbor drives a Mitsubishi car but doesn't see the connection. People need to get educated about the effects of purchasing from companies that work is offloaded to.

Gene Hoglund spoke about the Alaskan Way Viaduct issue. In November, Al Menke sent a letter to the Governor about the viaduct. We had 30-40 mem-

bers who sent letters as well. Governor Gregoire listened and stated if the people don't get to vote, the state will move on to the elevated option.

Robin Guevarra thanked everyone at the District for the help with the Retiree Christmas Party.

John Guevarra reminded everyone even though Democrats have the majority, our work is not done. Everyone needs to make sure important issues are addressed. Contact your reps and let them know what needs to be done.

**President's Report:** President Al Menke thanked everyone who attended and helped with the Retiree Christmas Party. He also thanked Rosanne Lawson for helping with the minutes.

**Birthdays and Anniversaries:** Recording Secretary Ruth Render read the Birthdays and Anniversaries Report. We have three December birthdays – Al Arrington, Margarette Ehlke and Ginny Edwards. We also have two January birthdays – Irene Bough and Mel King. Anniversaries for December were Leroy and Helen Miller – 58 years and Ray and Betty Ness – 52 years. There were no January anniversaries. Ruth led everyone in the singing of "Happy Birthday."

**Adjournment:** Adjourned at noon.

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Srgnt-at-Arms	Leroy Miller	206-878-0601
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	Cherie Menke	425-235-9361
	John Guevarra	206-762-3848
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Senior Politics

Medicare Price Negotiation Vote Passes in House By Wide Margin

The House voted 255-170 on January 12th to pass H.R.4, a bill that requires Medicare to use its bulk purchasing power to negotiate lower drug prices.

"Today is a milestone for the Alliance for Retired Americans, whose members have been working for years to lower the cost of prescription drugs," said Edward Coyle, Executive Director of the Alliance. "The House passed this important first step in bringing down the cost of prescription drugs for seniors. I congratulate Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and Representatives John Dingell

(D-MI), Charles Rangel (D-NY), and Pete Stark (D-CA) for their strong leadership on this bill. But we are not done. The next steps are for the Senate to follow suit, and for Congress to address other shortcomings in the 2003 Part D law, such as the doughnut hole gap in coverage."

Passage of a similar bill in the Senate is far from certain; Senate Finance Committee ranking member Charles Grassley (R-IA) said he would help lead a filibuster. President Bush, much to the pleasure of the big drug and insurance companies, is threatening to veto the legislation. Rep. Stark noted the Alliance's support of the bill on the House floor during the debate.

Retired Members  
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Retirees

Congratulations to the following members who retired from Boeing:

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James Booth	Donald Juchau
Alan Buchanan	Michael Keller
Stephen Campbell	Rodney Kensinger
Ralph Clark	Michael Keys
Delilah Deatry	David Larson
Ronald Dotson	Terence Lower
Luciana Duggan	Calvin Pleasant
Gene Fisher	Cheryl Rice
Paul Fox	Dale Rogers
Douglas Freitas	Mark Schaaf
John Gannon	Steven Schmidt
Bruce hall	Colleen Shilling
Kenneth Halvorson	Daniel Stokes
Donald Hilstad	Harold Stophilbeen
Byron Jackson	Gary Swanson
Carol Johnson	Michele Tapia
Shadrick Johnson	Steven Westfall

Calendar

- 751 Retired Club meets every Monday at 11 a.m. in the Seattle Hall (9135 15th Pl. S.). A free lunch is served at noon.
- Everett Retirees Group meets at the Everett 751 Hall (8729 Airport Rd), the fourth Tuesday (Feb. 27) at 1 p.m.
- Alliance of Retired Americans South Area Chapter meets the second Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Kent Senior Citizen Center (600 E. Smith St) to discuss issues of concern to seniors. Join us and share your opinions. For more info, contact 206-762-3848.

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2001 HONDA ACCORD VP, 4-dr. Exc cond, 69700 miles, new tires, new brakes. One owner, very clean, no dings. \$9500. 253-631-1858

New Officers & Delegate Accept the Oath of Office

L to R: Business Rep Tom Wroblewski administers the oath of office to Local F Officers Brett Coty, Ronnie Behnke, Grace Holland, Jim Roberts, David Kartes, Dwyane Johnson, James Williams, Terri Myette, Dena Bartman and Robley Evans.



Local 1951 Alternate Council Delegate Mike Krouse (r) is sworn in by District President Mark Blondin

Local C Golf Tournament July 15

The 16th annual Local C Golf Tournament to benefit Guide Dogs of America will be held Sunday, July 15 at Elk Run Golf Course in Maple Valley. The cost will be \$100 per person, which covers green fees, cart rental, tournament t-shirt, prizes and a buffet at the end of play. **The \$100 tournament fee will be waived for any individual turning in \$150 in donations to Guide Dogs.** The scramble format tournament will have

a shotgun start at 7:30 a.m. for all golfers. Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams. Individual prizes will be given for longest drive, KP and 50/50 honey pot. All other prizes will be raffled off at the end. Deadline to enter is June 15th. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact one of the following tournament co-chairs: Spencer Graham on 206-251-9021; Hole sponsorship Tony Curran on 206-280-7536.

2007 Golf Tournament Entry Form

Group Contact: Phone:

Address:

Players wishing to golf together, submit 1 form. 4 players max per team.

Name: Phone:

Shirt Size (circle one) S M L XL 2X 3X

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Entries will not be accepted unless full payment is received by JUNE 15th. Turn in \$150 in donations to waive entry fee or return checks for \$100 per player payable to: Spencer Graham, Local C Golf Tournament, 9125 15th Pl. S, Seattle, WA 98108

2007 IAM Scholarship Competition

The IAM Scholarship Competition is open each year to members of the IAM and their children throughout the United States and Canada. **Awards to members** are \$2,000 per academic year. They are granted for a specific period from one to four years leading to a Bachelor's degree or a two-year vocational/technical certification. **Awards to Children of Members** are: \$1,000 per academic year for college. All awards are renewed each year, until a Bachelor's degree is obtained or for a maxi-



mum of four years, whichever occurs first. Vocational/technical School – \$2,000 per year until certification is reached for a maximum of two years, whichever occurs first. For information on rules of eligibility or to obtain an application form, complete and return the form below. No application forms postmarked later than February 23, 2007, will be acknowledged or considered for the 2007 scholarships. No exceptions whatsoever will be permitted even if a third party is responsible for the delay.

REQUEST FOR IAM 2007 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET

Please send me an Application Packet for the 2007 IAM Scholarship Competition. If the proper packet is not received within 30 days, advise the Scholarship Department immediately. I understand that this request is not an application, and that the Application Packet must be completed and postmarked no later than February 23, 2007.

REMINDER: Please check two appropriate boxes of the three listed below and the requested application will be mailed to you. As an IAM member who will have 2 years' continuous membership in the IAM as of February 23, 2007, I am requesting an Application Form for:

☐ IAM Member requesting a College or Vocational/Technical Scholarship

☐ Child of a Member requesting a College Scholarship

☐ Child of a Member requesting a Vocational/Technical Scholarship

Print your name and address clearly:

Mail to: IAM Scholarship Program  
9000 Machinists Place, Room 117  
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772-2687

IMPORTANT: Complete this coupon and attach a SELF-ADDRESSED LABEL for reply.

# MEMBER ESCAPES TO THE WILD

When 751-member Scott Karelsen entered the Escape to the Wild contest last spring after seeing an ad in the IAM Journal, he never dreamt that he would win. Yet early in September, a film crew surprised him on the Everett flight line with the news he would be going on an all-expense paid hunting trip to the tundra of Quebec. His family was notified he won and got to be on hand at the flight line to deliver the good news.

The Machinists Union got involved in the project because of their affiliation with the Teddy Roosevelt Conservation Program (TRCP), which partners with the Outdoor Living Network (now Versus). The contest was designed to highlight an American worker and his/her passion for fishing and hunting while fulfilling their trip of a lifetime.

For one week in September, Scott got the trip of a lifetime. The Escape to the Wild episode featuring Scott's trip will air on several dates in February on the Outdoor Living Network (now called Versus – see chart at right for specifics).

On the whirlwind trip, he spent the night in Montreal, traveled to Kuujuaq, Nunavik region of Quebec on the south side of Ungava Bay; then took a float plane about 150 miles west to the Leaf River area. There he, along with the

Scott Karelsen holds up one of the many trout he caught in Quebec.



show host Marc Pierce and a cameraman, set up camp. In 3 1/2 days, he got two caribou, caught numerous brook and lake trout and also hunted tundra grouse known as Ptarmigan.

As a life long hunter and wildlife conservationist, Scott enjoys the solitude of the wild outdoors, as well as spending time with good friends who share his love of the outdoors. He noted, "It was an intense trip with field experts. It was everything I hoped it would be, but at a frantic pace. This place was so remote. It was a trip I couldn't have made on my own."

Part of what inspired Scott to apply was two good friends and fellow Union members, who have passed away but were his hunting buddies for years.

In his application he described a fantasy trip to moose/caribou hunt in a remote site only accessible by boat or small plane so he could experience the enormity of the caribou migration and hopefully the chance at a nice bull.

He wrote: "In the past, I had discussed this trip with my two friends Clarence Bock and Jerry Landman (both had been 751 members). It was just wish talking a dream we thought would be the ultimate hunting experience for us, for we were lifetime hunters.

Clarence was always after me to go with him on one of his elk/deer hunts in Montana. In early 1997, we put in as partners and were drawn for tags in Montana. Finally, I would get to go to Big Sky country and have a hunt with a good man who I respected very much. Unfortunately, two weeks before we were to pack and leave for Montana, Clarence was killed in a roll over truck accident in an upland bird trip in Washington. I still went to Montana that year alone. I struggled to find suitable hunting areas but as time and the years went on I have



Top photo: In Everett, Scott Karelsen (l) is congratulated on winning the trip by Business Rep Stan Johnson (center) and a rep from the TV show.

Photo left: Scott Karelsen displays one of the two caribou he got in his Quebec trip.

explored Montana and became knowledgeable about where to hunt, just as Clarence once did.

Then there is Jerry. This man was full of life and a passionate hunter and outdoorsman. Jerry had been fighting cancer as well as a brain infection and passed away this year. The Lord works in strange ways. Even though Jerry was very sick, his hunting passion persisted. He applied and was drawn for a special mule deer permit. So off we went looking for a buck of a lifetime for Jerry. The place he had drawn a tag for was a spot I was very familiar with. We spotted a wonderful 5x5 mulley. Jerry could only walk a few steps then had to stop to catch his breath. I watched as he struggled over a stump to rest his rifle on. I then heard the report of his rifle and the scream of joy as he knew he had harvested his best and final deer.

We still want to make the hunt of a lifetime together; however, my two

friends will have to attend in spirit only to see me have our hunt of a lifetime. For me this would be a hunt in their honor."

Thanks to the Union partnership with TRCP and Outdoor Living Network, Scott fulfilled that dream. Watch him on this exciting trip in February (see chart below).

Watch 751-Member Scott Karelsen on Escape to the Wild, which airs on Versus network at the following times:

- Friday, February 2nd – 5:30 p.m.
- Friday, February 2nd – 9:30 p.m.
- Sunday, February 4th – 7:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, February 7th – 7 a.m

NOTE: VERSUS Network can seen on channel 34 on the following cable carriers: Comcast & Comcast Digital: Seattle, Roosevelt, King County South, Federal Way, Snohomish County, Tacoma, Pierce County, Kitsap County.

## Aerospace Bill Calls for Accountability

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It is a bold idea, but very appropriate given the current political climate and voters' demands for accountability. State policy should not exchange family wage jobs for low-income jobs – especially while giving the companies a tax break to do it.

If employers violate this law, they not only repay the tax incentives they collected, but are liable for a civil penalty equal to twice the amount of the tax incentive taken for the remainder of the year and barred from claiming a tax incentive for the next year.

Boeing's announcement last year to subcontract logistics support for the 787 (work which traditionally has been done by our members at Boeing) to a vendor near the Everett plant sparked the idea for this bill. The 2003 incentive language was originally drafted to help land the 787 for the region and to attract additional aerospace companies with new work packages to Puget Sound. No one envisioned companies using the incentives to move Boeing jobs right outside the factory at half the pay and benefits. The state loses by giving companies tax breaks and also loses its tax base as workers trade in a \$26 an hour job for a \$13 an hour job. This legislation should

counter these unintended consequences which have resulted from those aerospace incentives and give some accountability to the legislators. We are in favor of the incentives and growth of the industry, but believe workers must benefit, as well.

TMX, a subcontractor in Auburn, is a prime example. Last year workers there contacted 751 for Union representation.

TMX immediately began threatening employees and even illegally fired one person to stop the Union effort. The Union helped the fired employee receive \$50,000 to right the injustice and helped him obtain a better job. However, the firing scared any other potential workers from trying to go Union.

As the Aero Mechanic went to print, House Bill 1828 had 22 sponsors and Senate Bill 5700 had 11 sponsors. Representative Mike Sells is the prime sponsor in the House and Senator Margarita Prentice is the prime sponsor in the Senate. Other unions and the state labor council are also working to pass this legislation.

In addition, District 751 is working on several other issues, including family leave insurance, fair share health care bills, workers' compensation, vocational rehabilitation pilot and election reform.



L to R: Diane McDaniel, Larry Brown, Jeff Johnson and Jesse Cote review state bills pertaining to workers.



The IAM/Boeing Health and Safety Institute honored members of the Everett Site Safety Committee for their work to promote safety in 2006.

## Everett HSI Site Committee Recognized

by Mac McNamee

Members of the IAM/Boeing Joint Programs Everett HSI Site Committee were honored for their health and safety accomplishments at a luncheon in December. The IAM-Boeing Health and Safety Institute recognized the following HSI Site Committee IAM members: Spencer Burris, Greg Campos, Connie Dang, Art Duffy, Randy Haviland, Judy Neumann, Jason Redrup, Rod Sigvartson, Ron Watson and Clifton Wyatt along with their Boeing management partners Tom Carlson, Bill Dill, Bruce Hall, Steve Handran, Mike Lofthus, Dave Miller, and Gary Wiebusch. Judy Kimball (SHEA) and Ken Eriksen (Workplace Solutions) were

also recognized for their efforts in supporting the Everett HSI Site Committee.

The Everett Site Committee's 2006 accomplishments included active participation in incident responses and investigations, SHEAR resolutions, Everett safety fair booth staffing, Ergo Cup participation, conducted 11 safety tours in the Everett factory and training initiatives including teaching 13 Incident Investigation classes to 201 students and 14 MoveSMART classes to 144 students. Site Committee members also attended the Washington State Governor's Industrial Health & Safety Conference in Spokane and a Shop Ergonomics Screening Tools Class at the

## March 1st Deadline for 2006 Safety Shoe Claims

Don't forget that receipt for safety shoes! Each year the IAM/Boeing Health and Safety Institute (H.S.I.) allows a small grace period for employees to take care of their 2006 safety shoe reimbursement. **March 1, 2007** marks the deadline for turning in applications for safety shoe reimbursements for 2006.

Applications received after that date will not be accepted. This is also a good

time to review the guidelines for reimbursement and browse the frequently asked questions for any possible changes. Any questions can be directed to your local HSI office. For Puget Sound call (425) 965-4269 or 1-800-235-3453 or get an application online by visiting the web page at [http://iamboeing.web.boeing.com/shoe\\_general.cfm](http://iamboeing.web.boeing.com/shoe_general.cfm)