Good news came to workers on the 767 line on Friday, May 23, as the Defense Department reported the long-awaited 767 tanker deal. With the 767 line as a backdrop, hundreds of Boeing employees joined elected officials, Company executives and Union leaders for the announcement that will ensure production continues on the 767 for years to come. The $16 billion deal for the initial 100 planes will potentially save thousands of jobs and breathed new life into the 767 line, which was down to a 28 plane backlog.

Yet the order would never have become a reality without the diligence, determination and hard work of the entire Washington Congressional Delegation and the leadership of Congressman Norm Dicks. District 751 President Mark Blondin applauded the order and declared, "This order demonstrates Washington State is willing to take the necessary action to get the job done and is committed to preserving jobs for this region. The announcement shows when we work together – 'We Can Do It!'"

"Despite the many obstacles we faced in putting together this unique military leasing contract, our entire Washington Congressional Delegation, including Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell, pulled together and worked the necessary details." The an-

Tanker Deal Details
- Initial order for 100 767 tankers valued at $16 billion
- Potential for additional orders of up to 500 planes
- Production of first tanker to begin in 2004 in Everett

The initial order for this new airborne surveillance and command and control plane (AEW&C) came from Australia and has been dubbed "Project Wedgetail" (named after the Australian Wedgetail Eagle). At the start, the project employs 43 hourly employees (nearly 60 hourly jobs). Demonstrating that we can still compete against other Boeing locations and the world, our members on Seattle Field recently began work on the first 737 aircraft to be equipped with next generation airborne surveillance capability.

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Tanker Deal Demonstrates “We Can Do It” With United Effort

By Mark Blondin, District President

The 767 Tanker announcement was welcome news to our workforce that has endured the steepest decline in the history of aerospace through a Congressional review of the lease next week, we are assured that the lease will happen when we build, at a minimum, 100 new 767 Tankers for the Air Force. This number will most certainly grow to several hundred before this program even begins. The members I met that Friday night in the Everett plant were overjoyed at the best news we’ve had in quite some time. Rep. Congressional Delegation, led by Congressman Norm Dicks, Senator Maria Cantwell, and Senator Patty Murray really persevered and saw this through to completion. They have and deserve our utmost gratitude. One member I met said, “It’s almost like the days of Magnuson and Jackson.” I agree. This statement of respect should make our Delegation proud, and they sure made me proud to have them represent our interests. Eighteen months ago, it was a long shot. Over the duration of those eighteen months we faced major obstacles in Congress, but our elected officials really fought for us and really delivered.

Our priority now is to land the 7E7. And we will need all our legislative, community, and membership support to pull this off. When I lobbied Congress in Washington D.C. last week, every legislator from our State assured me that after the tankers, building the 7E7 in the State of Washington was their top priority.

Well, they delivered the tanker order, and I have no doubt that they will do everything possible to help Washington State win the 7E7. However, they can’t do it alone. We ALL MUST do our part. If you want your job, you must participate in this process to keep it here in our State. SPEA members must step up and do their part. Now more than ever, employees of Boeing must do their part. The 7E7 will benefit all, including those in the surrounding communities. Whether it is attending public hearings, sending a letter to the editor of local newspapers, talking to neighbors, posting 7E7 yard signs or window signs, or calling to local businesses wanting them to GET the contract to 29 cents.

Sure, the ultimate decision will be up to Boeing, but we already have the deepest est. pool of skilled aerospace workers right here in the State of Washington. We already met most of the criteria, but there is work to do in areas that can make this state a better place to do business and create jobs. We must get our communities involved in helping in these areas to assure our participation in the 7E7. Many local leaders are supportive already. Our Governor, our Congresswoman, our Congressmen, and County Executives, and others are committed and helping. But in order to do this, everyone needs to step up and be on board. We need your help. Participate in the process. See your Steward for details.

751-A to Vote Bylaws Changes

The Local 751-A Bylaws Committee has proposed a number of changes to the Local 751-A Bylaws. The proposed changes were read for the first time at the May 25-26, 2003 AEMC meeting.

The second reading of the proposed changes will take place at the June 5th 6 p.m. Local A Meeting. Immediately after the second reading on June 5th, mem- bers in attendance will vote on the proposed changes. A majority affirmative vote of those in attendance at the meeting is needed for adoption.

Cola Generates 18¢ Effective June 6

Effective June 6, 2003, an 18 cent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will be added to the hourly wage rate for IAM members at Boeing, which brings the total hourly COLA gain for the current contract to 29 cents.

The new 18 cents was generated under the federal government’s Consumer Price Index for the Quarter February, March and April 2003.
Union Steps Up Efforts on Boeing Issues

With help from our members, state legislators have taken action on the issues Boeing initially identified as needing work. These included education, transportation, shoreline growth, use tax, and I-codes (permitting process). However, as the Aero Mec-hane went to print, the Union continued efforts on the remaining items that must be resolved to get the new plane.

Here is a brief summary of the remaining issues:

Unemployment Reform

Just what is the goal of unemployment reform? To make sure all employers pay fairly into the system and cover the employees they layoff. The present system charges businesses unfairly—traditionally Boeing is among those that have had to subsidize other industries.

The Union has been aggressively working with the task force appointed for unemployment insurance (UI) reform to ensure Boeing and other companies pay a fair and equitable portion of the taxes. Yet the Union has a second goal in participating in the UI negotiations—to ensure the benefits our laid-off members collect are protected.

Progress is being made on the issue and negotiations continue.

Mukilteo Rail-Port

Another key element in bringing the 7E7 to Everett is the Mukilteo Rail-Port. This Union has spent months working hard to develop a plan for a rail-port in Mukilteo that addresses the needs of labor, business, citizens and environmental groups. We successfully revised the Shoreline Growth Act to allow this port, but still have a few final hurdles that need membership action.

The Everett Planning Department will hold a final public hearing June 17th before making their final decision. Prior to that hearing, we need members (especially those living in the Everett/Mukilteo area) to write letters requesting support of the port’s plan for a new pier to allow cargo to the Boeing plant. Letters should stress that the economic vitality of the region and good family-wage jobs will depend on it. Personalize it with how your job could be impacted. It is also important to note that public access to the shoreline can still be accommodated under the port’s proposal.

Letters should be addressed to: Paul Roberts, Director, City of Everett Planning Department, 2930 Wetmore, 8th Floor, Everett, WA 98201-4044.

Members can also attend the public hearing on the pier issue, which will be held June 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Wall Street Building in Everett (2930 Wetmore, 8th Floor; phone 425-287-8731).

751 members Mark Little (l) and Ronnie Behnke (r) get an update on our issues from Representative Eric Pettigrew, who sits on the Five Corners Alliance.

Council and assisting with their communication plan.

So do your part, get involved, talk about the issues, convince others of the importance these jobs. Call into talk shows, write letters to the editor, and do your part to steer conversations in a positive direction.

Keep in mind there are so many advantages to building the 7E7 here and much of Boeing’s criteria has already been met, such as:

- The highest-skilled aerospace workers in the world.
- Capacity in current facilities.
- Existing airports next to production facilities.
- Deep water ports in Puget Sound, as well as the proposed rail-port facility in Mukilteo.
- We have made significant progress on transportation, which is one of Boeing’s top concerns and has been for quite some time. In fact, Boeing first approached the state about transportation projects in 1990.
- State legislators stepped up and passed a 5 cent gas tax, which will cost the average driver about $30 a year. Before you jump on Tim Eyman’s anti-tax bandwagon and sign an initiative to overturn the increase, you must decide if your job is worth more than $30 a year.

With all these things working for us, our task becomes how to fix the remaining issues, such as unemployment insurance reform and other regulatory issues before the 7E7 site proposal is submitted on June 20. This Union is aggressively working with a number of groups focused on these goals. The Five Corners Alliance brings together leaders from the four state caucuses, along with the Governor, to specifically address Boeing issues. In addition, 751 has a seat on the Unemployment Insurance negotiating committee to ensure Boeing (and businesses) pay a fair tax rate, but also to ensure our laid-off members’ benefits are protected.

The Union is working closely with the entire Washington Congressional Delegation to show strong support for Boeing. The Regional Partnership has stepped up efforts with the local media and general public to win support for the 7E7. Our Union is also participating in the Governor’s Economic Development Planning Department on the Mukilteo Rail-Port.

Spread the Word

Help us educate the public about what Boeing means to this region. Hand this insert out anywhere and everywhere you spend cash, credit/debit cards or checks. For a full page of inserts, visit www.iam751.org/7e7.

751 members Kent Sprague, George Nethercut, Roy Wilkinson, Mark Little.

How To Help

- Send support letter to Everett Planning Department on the Mukilteo Rail-Port.
- Wear “We Can Do It” stickers.
- Help construct (June 11) and distribute (June 14) yard signs.
- Use Boeing Dollar inserts with all purchases/bills.
- Display “We Can Do It!” window clings - available June 16.
- Visit www.iam751.org/7e7 for action alerts.
- Spread the word “We Can Do It!” and convince friends and neighbors to support our efforts.

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every time you pay a bill, buy groceries or gasoline, or eat at a restaurant. You’ll be amazed at how quickly the message spreads (see box below for more details).

Union Stewards will be reaching out to area businesses, who are willing to put up a sign to “Land the 7E7 in Washington.” Business Reps and staff are holding shop floor meetings to educate the members on these very important issues. We need members to attend the June 17th hearing on the Everett Port to ensure the Mukilteo Rail-Port plan is approved. And the list goes on.

Look for and display “We Can Do It!” visibility items such as stickers, buttons, yard signs, posters, and window clings. Everyone must become a spokesperson for the effort to convince all citizens “We Can Do It!” Get everyone talking about the importance of keeping
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Nominations shall be made for the following Local Lodge Officers for a three-year term as described in the table below, in each first Local Lodge meeting in September (see chart for specific information). Elections for the first Local Lodge will be held in October as described in the table below.

**NOMINATION QUALIFICATIONS:**

Candidate must be a member of the respective Local at the time of nomination, in good standing, and free from delinquencies of any nature to the Local Lodge, District Lodge or Grand Lodge. Candidates must have been a member of the Local Lodge or of a Local Lodge affiliated with District 751 for one year at the time of nomination; and shall be working at the trade for six months prior to the nomination. Candidates in Local Lodge 751-E, 1123, and 86 shall have attended at least 50% of the meetings of his/her Local Lodge during the 12-month period ending the day of nominations.

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS:**

Absentee ballots shall be issued in accordance with the IAM Constitution. To qualify for an absentee ballot, one of the following conditions must be met. A member must:

1) Reside more than 25 miles from the designated balloting place.
2) Be confined with a verified illness.
3) Be on vacation.
4) Be on IAM business approved by the Local, District or Grand Lodge.
5) Be on approved employer travel assignment outside the area.
6) Be on Reserve Military Leave or qualifying U.S. Family Leave Laws.

Any member entitled to receive an absentee ballot (per one of the above reasons) shall make a written request, stating the reason. Such request must be mailed singly or personally delivered by the member requesting the absentee ballot not later than 30 days before the election. For Local Lodge 751-E and F, direct absentee ballot requests to: District Secretary-Treasurer, 9125 15th Pl. S., Seattle, WA. 99108 or personally delivered to one of the following offices: Auburn - 201 A Street SW, Everett - 8729 Airport Rd., Renton - 233 Burnett N., Seattle - 9135 15th Pl. S. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. NOTE: Auburn, Everett & Renton halls are closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m. For Local 86 and 751, mail or personally deliver absentee ballot requests to: IAM & AW Ballot Request, 4226 E. Mission, Spokane, WA. 99202. Vote on Local Lodge election.

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HSI Provides Training for a Safer Workplace

Born out of the 1989 Collective Bargaining Agreement, the IAM/Boeing Health and Safety Institute (HSI) has a proud history of providing training to IAM members and their managers. While much of the training and services delivered has been in effect for years, many fail to realize the unique nature and history of this program.

In 1989, HSI’s Manual Objective stated, “It is the objective of both parties to this Agreement to maintain high standards of occupational health and safety in the plants of the Company and to provide a positive climate for addressing all health and safety issues. The Company, in cooperation with the Union, will provide programs and systems which seek to prevent and eliminate, as far as possible, industrial injuries and illnesses.”

From that first mutual agreement, HSI has been a proponent of peer training – seeing it as a way not only adding credibility to the training but also a method to take into the expert knowledge of the employees doing the work to teach others the safety aspects of the job. By putting an employee off the floor for a short time, the shop, in return, is rewarded with a “shop expert” that is always available.

HSI first developed the Lockout, Tag, Tryout course, with input from subject matter experts and had trained peer instructors deliver the information to Puget Sound and Wichita Facilities employees. Building on the success of employee involvement, HSI again used subject matter experts to develop a Hazard Communication Training class in answer to a WISHA citation. Peer instructors taught the course to co-workers.

Since that time in the early 1990’s, HSI has increased its portfolio of training courses, starting with classes primarily purchased from and delivered by outside sources (i.e. National Safety Council’s “Principles of Occupational Safety and Health”). Next, HSI began purchasing courses with train-the-trainer packages to steer toward the goal of peer training. Examples of this type of training include Move Smart and Incident Investigation. While classes of this type are still offered, training conceived, developed and delivered under the auspices of the Health and Safety Institute are now available – making them more Boeing specific and tailored in nature. Safety Monitoring and Job Safety Analysis (JSA) writing are two examples of HSI developed courses.

A huge success for HSI, SHEA, the Company, and most importantly, the employees on the floor, was the Partnering for Safety Program within the former Wings organizations. HSI provided approximately 120 hours of safety training (of all three styles) to the IAM/Boeing Health and Safety Coordinators, a newly created position. Safety Coordinators, who were Union members chosen from the shop floor, assisted in the implementation of their Organization’s Safety Program with the intent of improving their safety record. In the first two years of implementation, there was a 22 percent decrease in injuries.

HSI also proved that tools developed for use in one program can easily be adapted and used for other programs. In conjunction with Partnering for Safety, HSI created an HSI Safety Coordinator Manual. HSI staff created a training manual to teach this material to HSI Program Managers and field personnel. The manual is a great tool for safety coordinators and safety instructors alike.

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Motor of Eff

Nearly every day our members working in Facilities must replace or repair a motor somewhere in the Boeing Company. While these individuals are well versed in fixing the motors, they had received little training to ensure the most energy efficient motor is being used — until now.

Thanksgiving, a collaborative effort between the IAM/Boeing Quality Through Training Program (QTPP) and the joint SPEEA/Boeing Ed Wells Initiative, several hourly facilities employees and engineers took a two-day class last month actually specializing with motor systems management. This training will help employees make informed decisions that will save Boeing energy and money for years to come.

Why a class on motors? Electric rates have skyrocketed since 2000 causing a renewed emphasis on energy and conservation. Facts show:

• Electric motor systems account for 33 percent of electric use, 60 percent of energy consumption for manufacturing, and 70 percent of this in manufacturing.

• Motor energy costs can exceed $1 million annually in large industrial plants.

• The average motor consumes 50-60 percent energy of an electric motor.

• Average energy consumption in the United States is 100 times its purchase price in electricity over a 10-year period. Since many motors operate 20-30 years for 40-80 hours per week, increased efficiency can yield huge savings.

• Proper motor management can reduce energy costs by 20-30 percent.

Gott Recognized for Saving Co-Worker’s Life

Thanks to quick thinking and swift action by Lee Gott, a 751-member Roosevelt Bryant can enjoy his retirement. Lee has been a long-time member of the Renton Site Safety Committee and has taken numerous safety training classes. While at Romeo’s retirement luncheon, Lee noticed Romeo go to the back of the room to answer a call while refueling their car. When they finished pumping and touched the nozzle, the fire started. Romeo couldn’t breathe, choking. When Lee realized Romeo couldn’t breath, he immediately performed the Heimlich maneuver, swerved a call while refueling their car.

Among those injured were:
• An individual suffered burns to the thigh.
• Most had on rubber-soled shoes.

Static electricity is another hazard that can start fires during refueling. A recent study of 150 static electricity fires at gas stations showed:

• Most fires occurred after the person got in their car.
• Most had on rubber-soled shoes.

To sum it up, rules for safe refueling:
1) Don’t smoke.
2) Don’t talk on your cell phone.
3) Don’t use your cell phone when pumping gas. Leave it inside the vehicle and turn it off.
4) NEVER get back into your vehicle.

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Though the results of the annual Employees Community Fund (ECF) campaign are not yet available, organizers believe Boeing employees displayed an incredible amount of generosity and responded well to the hard work of ECF boosters.

During the two-week campaign, boosters talked with co-workers about ECF and answered questions about how employees can help their communities. All gifts to ECF go to support local community nonprofits that help people in need. A special thanks to boosters and employees for their personal support and commitment to making their communities stronger. By putting together creative events, more people were involved and everyone had a great time.

There were street fairs, motorcycle and car shows, dunk tanks, golf games, baseball throws, eating contests, parades, karaoke and various other entertaining programs.

While the actual drive is over, it’s never too late to give to ECF. Employees can begin their contributions at any time. For more information about the Fund and for campaign results in June, visit the Community & Education Relations website at http://community.web.boeing.com/mrregion/

Thanks again for all who gave and took part in the fun, creative events throughout the drive.

Engineer Ken O’Donnell (l) and 751 member Joe Grass (center) test output capacity of motors in a recent class. Motor energy costs up to 18 percent. Before the class, many in Boeing had no common tool for electric motor management and failed motors were often repaired rather than replaced because of tight production deadlines instead of considering whether it would be better in the long term to replace the motor with a more efficient design. With the additional training and a computer program developed by the U.S. Department of Energy that helps analyze each situation, employees now can make an informed motor repair/replace decision that will benefit Boeing for years to come and ensure we get the most out of every motor.

Volunteering at the Tacoma Mission has become a regular event for the Hastings family. Above: Vickie Hastings (center) and daughter Amanda Mark help out in the kitchen.

Volunteers on a ‘Mission’ to Serve

At least one weekend a month, 751 members and their families visit both the Tacoma Rescue Mission and the Everett Gospel Mission. There, volunteers prepare meals, serve food and provide company to those less fortunate.

Be a Trustee for the Employees Community Fund

Make a difference in your community by becoming a member of the Employees Community Fund (ECF) Board of Trustees. May 14 through June 16, members of the Fund can apply to be one of eight candidates who will vie for four positions on the board in an election this fall. A two-year commitment is required, with first-year Trustees spending up to 25 percent and second-year Trustees spending up to 50 percent of their time on Fund business. Trustees manage day-to-day operations of the Fund, participate on boards of local United Ways and make funding decisions. Some off-hour work is required. If you have the time, energy and commitment to be a Trustee, call 206-655-6987 for an application.
Letter to the Editor: Presidential Visit Costs Workers

I see by the newspaper (Seattle Times, May 12, 2003), that (non-union) workers in an Airlite plant in Omaha will be docked a day’s pay so that they can backdrop a speech by President Bush – on how he’s going to put money in their pocket.

I am a proud member of the Machinists Union. Whether management requires me to do precision measurement of machined parts, or whether management requires me to listen to someone’s speech, I and my co-workers expect to be paid the union-negotiated and contracted pay rate. If we are required to work on a Saturday, management pays us overtime.

I can speak for myself and believe my co-workers, that should management attempt NOT to pay us for time at work, we would be out the door.

I don’t feel a bit sorry for the non-union, free riding workers having to work off the clock and lose a day’s pay, I mean except for the operation – when they were neutered.

Carl Schwartz, Retired member

(Note: After the event received much publicity in newspapers, the workers were paid for the time.)

Safety Tip: Avoid Cell Phone Use at Gas Stations

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While filling it with gas. If you absolutely HAVE to get in your vehicle while the gas is pumping, make sure you get out, close the door and TOUCH METAL before you pull the nozzle out. This way the static from your body will be discharged before you ever remove the nozzle.

The Petroleum Equipment Institute is trying to make the public aware of this danger. For more info go to http://www.pei.org and click “Stop Static”.

Share this information with others, especially those who have kids in the car while pumping gas. If this were to happen to them, they may not be able to get the children out in time.

First Annual Local Lodge 751-A
CAR AND MOTORCYCLE SHOW & SHINE
RAFFLES GIVEAWAYS MUSIC FOOD

Where:
Machinists District Lodge 751 Parking Lot
9125 15th Place S.
Seattle, WA 98108

Fundraiser for Guide Dogs of America
Vendor booths are available for $100 to any member business/vendor that would like to advertise their products at the event.

Entry fee $15.00 per vehicle
Please mail entries to: Local A Show & Shine, 9125 15th Place S., Seattle, WA 98108 Make checks payable to Guide Dogs of America

For Questions and Registration Information
Contact Stephanie Wilson at 425-235-3777
Kourpias Urges Retiree Action

The Alliance for Retired Americans held their first regional conference at 751’s Seattle Union hall on May 6th. The message delegates heard at the conference was also delivered to 751 retirees the previous day as Alliance President and retired IAM International President George Kourpias addressed a packed Union Hall 751 at both events.

Kourpias emphasized that seniors have a responsibility to be active politically and know what is happening in Congress, and at the state and local levels. The ONLY way to correct things is to be involved.

Kourpias spoke at length on the importance of preserving Social Security, as well as stopping any efforts to privatize Social Security. He reported on the need to improve Medicare, obtain a true prescription drug program that helps all citizens of this country, and provide health care for all citizens. Kourpias stated, “If we can cut $750 billion in taxes, then we can spend $600 billion for a universal comprehensive plan for Americans. Every other industrialized country in the world provides health care.”

He noted that many seniors spend two-thirds of their income on prescription drugs and that is wrong. Recently, the pharmaceutical industry convinced the FDA it was unsafe to take seniors to Canada to purchase prescription drugs. The Alliance will continue to organize these trips to save seniors money on their prescriptions.

April 751 Retirement Club Minutes

by Mary Wood,
Retired Club Secretary

At the May 11th business meeting, Al Wydick called the meeting to order at 11 a.m. The Lord’s Prayer was said followed by the flag salute and the singing of “God Bless America.”

All officers were present. Minutes were accepted as printed. No communications. Financial Report was accepted as read.

The Club welcomed Dan Ivuhae as a new member.

District President: District President Mark Blondin applauded the 600+ retirees that attended the meeting on May 5th to hear George Kourpias, retired IAM International President and current President of the Alliance for Retired Americans. He added he hoped more retirees will get active in pursuing much-needed changes in our political system, i.e., Medicare, prescription drugs, and Social Security.

Political Director Linda Lanham gave an update on progress in Olympia and noted it looks promising that a prescription drug bill will pass the legislature this year. While it is not everything we had hoped for, it is a good start and something to build on for the future. Call 1-800-562-6000 and tell your state legislators to support HB2914 - the prescription drug bill. Urge friends and family to make the call, as well.

Business Reps’ Report: Business Rep Zack Zarutskie reported on the open medical open enrollment period in May, which also affects retirees. He encouraged everyone to study the plans carefully.

Zack also reported on various fundraisers for Guide Dogs of America, including the car and motorcycle show on Saturday, July 26th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Seattle Union Hall. Entry is $15 for vehicles. The event will feature food, giveaways, raffles and various local vendors. Contact Stephanie at 253-235-3777.

Health & Welfare: Ill brothers and sisters this past month included: Barbara Clevis, Robert Goodspeed, Adeline Ramsey, Joyce Zima, Charles O’Sullivan, Berle Brooks, Wilfred Jeffrey, Gene Marchelha, Cherte Menke, Marie Anderson, Larry Stuivenga.

A moment of silence for the following members who have passed away: Joseph Avila, James Bell, Yvonne DeMoney, Lafayette Drew, Willis Dudley, John Ellis, Robert Erland, Donald Ferber, Richard Ferris, Othel Garrett, Wilbur Hulse, James Hunter, Howard Kalber, Michael Klein,

Retirement News

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by Mary Wood,
Retired Club Secretary

At the May 11th business meeting, Al Wydick called the meeting to order at 11 a.m. The Lord’s Prayer was said followed by the flag salute and the singing of “God Bless America.”

All officers were present. Minutes were accepted as printed. No communications. Financial Report was accepted as read.

The Club welcomed Dan Ivuhae as a new member.

District President: District President Mark Blondin applauded the 600+ retirees that attended the meeting on May 5th to hear George Kourpias, retired IAM International President and current President of the Alliance for Retired Americans. He added he hoped more retirees will get active in pursuing much-needed changes in our political system, i.e., Medicare, prescription drugs, and Social Security.

Political Director Linda Lanham gave an update on progress in Olympia and noted it looks promising that a prescription drug bill will pass the legislature this year. While it is not everything we had hoped for, it is a good start and something to build on for the future. Call 1-800-562-6000 and tell your state legislators to support HB2914 - the prescription drug bill. Urge friends and family to make the call, as well.

Business Reps’ Report: Business Rep Zack Zarutskie reported on the open medical open enrollment period in May, which also affects retirees. He encouraged everyone to study the plans carefully.

Zack also reported on various fundraisers for Guide Dogs of America, including the car and motorcycle show on Saturday, July 26th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Seattle Union Hall. Entry is $15 for vehicles. The event will feature food, giveaways, raffles and various local vendors. Contact Stephanie at 253-235-3777.

Health & Welfare: Ill brothers and sisters this past month included: Barbara Clevis, Robert Goodspeed, Adeline Ramsey, Joyce Zima, Charles O’Sullivan, Berle Brooks, Wilfred Jeffrey, Gene Marchelha, Cherte Menke, Marie Anderson, Larry Stuivenga.

A moment of silence for the following members who have passed away: Joseph Avila, James Bell, Yvonne DeMoney, Lafayette Drew, Willis Dudley, John Ellis, Robert Erland, Donald Ferber, Richard Ferris, Othel Garrett, Wilbur Hulse, James Hunter, Howard Kalber, Michael Klein,

Retiree Picnic Monday, July 14

Woodland Park, Stove 6, Noon

District 751 President Mark Blondin addresses retirees who packed the Seattle Union Hall on May 5th to hear George Kourpias speak.

Carmine Riccardelli (r) discusses issues affecting seniors with Alliance President George Kourpias. (l) while Sylvia Green listens intently.

Congratulations to the following members who retired from Boeing:

- David Osborne
- Michael Petro
- Walter Reis
- Guendolin Rice
- Mary Roach
- Kenneth Scaife
- Victor Schloer
- Judith Shaffett
- Rodney Shumate
- Dale G. Smith
- Vernon Sylvester
- Ken Tombarge
- Kenneth White
- Selma Young

Charles Klemmert, Lila Larsen, Hazel Lohasie, Charles Longden, Ruth Lunka, Terry Lush, Otto Marquardt, George McLaughlin, Harry Mezek, Robert Miller, John O’Keefe, Morris Olson, Peter Paulson, Ulysses Phillips, Max Pinimal, Marvin Reed, Wyatt Richardson, Julisa Skalka, Continued on page 11

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ATTENTION TO AD RULES

Each single ad must be 25 words or less and put on a separate piece of paper. Ads are free only to members - active, laid-off, or retiree. For best response, include phone number in ad. For credit union, ask for a credit union receipt. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Deadline For Next Issue June 16th

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WANTED: CANOE or small boat- any size up to 12’ long and up to $150. 425-271-8789

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DISNEYLAND VACATION RENTAL-2 b’dm condo- walking distance to Disneyland. August 9-16. Sleeps 6. $700. 405-589-8843 maria.stallcup@verizon.net

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MISCELLANEOUS

HOTPOINT, 220 V window air condition unit. 509-884-3542

BIRD DINNER-4 burner, natural gas cooktop, very clean. New white porcelain cast iron bathtub. Big band records- 45’s & 78’s. 425-255-1184

BUDGETHEAT DRYER - dryers 30 years old $400. Amana portable dish washer like new. Tappan microwave 1100 watts $25. 253-891-9902

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KIRBY VACUUM, many attachments- never used, very good condition. Classic ICH9 freewa- rent over $800. Asking $550. 425-255-1804

DINING ROOM TABLE 3’ x 5’ new- blonde wood and white lacquer and 4 matching chairs $200. 425-392-4786

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5’ CRYSTAL DINE table 3/4” bevel- cost $550. 425-391-9902

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FREE AIRFARE FROM US TO MANILA-enjoy the retirement in the Philippines $65/month in a resortcondo complex owned by Boeing retiree. 206-397-5981

HOUSE FOR SALE- good location. Couple moving to retirement housing. Surrounding farms, pool, spa in home and 2 dog houses. 1309 Scarlet Oak Dr SE- Olympia. We are getting old & cannot care for yard and gardening. Has 3 apple trees that have sweet delicious apples, 1 golden apple, & a little bit of flowers $189K. Call for an ap- pointment at 360-412-6079

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Friday, June 6th, 2003

THE KONA BEACHFRONT condo, large 2 BD/2BA, spectacular view. Sleeps 6. $275 a week, 10% discount to Boeing employees, pay taxes 206-932-9146 or www.konahomecondo.com

CABIN FOR RENT- Copalis Beach, WA. Sleeps 5. Fireplace. 5 miles North of Ocean Shores-2 blocks from ocean. For reservations or information, call 253-529-5445. 478mg/night.

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HOTPOINT. 220 V window air condition unit. 18’ Bath. 32” Deep. 26’12” wide. 255-3540

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FREE

NEW COMPLETE COMPUTER-CD/DVD, 256 RAM. 40 GB HDD, 17” monitor and extras! AMD 1.3= 539.97 x p200= $609.97

NEW & USED POOL TABLES for home. Pool balls, sticks, covers, table for covers. Will room pool tables, set up and level. 253-638- 0008

Piano - BALDWIN AEROSYNCH with bench $650. 425-255-1184

NEW COMPLETE COMPUTER SYSTEM- CD burner, DVD, 256 RAM. 40 GB HDD, 17” maple and extras. AMD 1.3= 539.97 / XP2000= $609.97. 425-274-1424

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Gaylord Still, Alden Thornton, Harry Unbehnetti, Marley Wohl. Sympathy cards were sent to their families.

Travel: June 7, 2003: Jen, 63; Dave, 63. Good and Welfare: Gaylord Still, Alden Thornton, Harry and Norma Unbehnetti, Marley Wohl. Sympathy cards were sent to their families.

Lunch at Hotel Park, Woodland

Calendar of Events: June 2: Bingo June 3: Business Meeting - NOTE: A representative from IAM Cares and Metro Access will be attending to answer questions on the services these programs provide to seniors.

June 16, Bingo June 23: Video June 30: Bingo & Pie Day

Legislative Report: Cy Noble reported that the Legislature is reconvening in Olympia to try and hammer out a State budget, whereby the poor and Medicaid patients are not penalized, it is up to us to make sure we support a real prescription drug benefit for all Medicare beneficiaries. The Bush Administration proposal offers a discount drug card program run by the drug companies, with no guaranteed benefits or premiums and includes a huge gap in coverage. This is not the answer. Seniors need a plan with guaranteed benefits and premiums, and all the drugs they need at prices they can afford.

Cy added that Business Week reports that the health-care sector is "the biggest winner" in this year's list of 50 best-performing businesses. Health care accounts for seven of the top 10 companies, none of the top 20 and 18 of the 50. The company with the lowest first fifth was a pharmaceutical company — Forest Labs (FRX).

Good and Welfare: Carl Schwartz reported on the found of the convention of the Alliance for Retired Americans held on May 25. Again, we need retirees to get involved and take action. The Alliance will be an active force advocating for the programs that directly impact seniors: Social Security, Medicare, Prescription Drugs. If we all support the Alliance, we will get the attention and support of our political leaders.

Unfinished & New Business: None. Birthdays & Anniversaries: The Club celebrated the following May birthdays: Gaylord Still, Alden Thornton, Harry and Norma Unbehnetti, Marley Wohl. Sympathy cards were sent to their families.

Adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Retiree Picnic Monday, July 14

Woodland Park, Steve 6, Lunch at noon.

Event is potluck so bring a side dish or dessert to share. Union officers and staff to provide chicken and soda pop.
Workers Rally to Stand Up for Jobs

Workers demonstrated they are willing to “Stand Up for Jobs” and turned out in mass to attend the rally at the Everett Hall on Friday, May 30th. Since “community support” is one of Boeing’s criteria for the 7E7, the event was another way to display the wide-spread community backing on the project.

The rally also officially kicked off the Union’s “We Can Do It!” campaign that is aimed at landing the 7E7 in this state. It is a phrase you’ll be hearing often.

Public officials from the federal, state, county and local level stepped forward to pledge their support and reiterate that landing the 7E7 in Washington State is their top priority. In addition, members from other unions took part in the event, as well as concerned citizens.

Congressman Rick Larsen referred to the 767 tanker announcement as proof that this state can deliver great things when we work together. Other officials speaking at the event included Snohomish County Executive Bob Drewel, King County Executive Ron Sims, State Senator Aaron Reardon and U.S. Senator John Edwards, who is a presidential candidate in 2004. SPEEA Contract Administrator Bob Rommel and Washington State Labor Council President Rick Bender also addressed the crowd.

District 751 President Mark Blondin thanked those attending from other unions and the community-at-large. He noted, “You are here because you care about our community, our families and our future. Boeing jobs are the foundation of the economic stability in this region. Every Boeing job means that three other members of our community go to work outside Boeing. Winning the 7E7 work will create thousands of jobs, not just at Boeing, but at suppliers and other community businesses supported by these thousands of working families. In addition, it will expand the state’s tax base and get Washington moving toward economic recovery.”

A group of workers from the Everett mall not only attended the event, but had special t-shirts made to show their support. The front of the shirts simply had our “We Can Do It!” logo, and the back stated, “Everett Mall Goes to Bat for Boeing.”

Union Steward Otis Williams acknowledged the need for public support and stated, “If it takes a family to raise a child, it takes a community to build an airplane.”

Wedgetail Project Translates Into Jobs for Puget Sound

100 total employees. However, the hourly employees will increase to 50 by the end of June and jump to approximately 60 hourly employees when the second plane arrives in September. The current Australian order should keep the crew busy through 2006. Any additional orders would extend the program even further into the future.

Boeing has signed a contract with Turkey for four 737 AEW&C aircraft and is marketing the 737 AEW&C to other potential customers.

As commercial airlines continue to struggle, this new military plane was good news to Puget Sound workers, who have been hit hard by layoffs. Equally important, the decision to perform the work here sends a message that Boeing is still awarding new contracts and new work to this region – a sign of commitment to the future.

The first round of competition for the new surveillance plane was global, as Boeing went up against Raytheon and Airbus. After winning the contract, Boeing then looked at ALL its locations throughout the U.S. and Canada to determine the best business case of where to perform the work. When all things were measured, Puget Sound came out on top.

The new program couldn’t have been better timed for many of our members, who had been living under a WARN notice and were within days of layoff. Janene Britten is a 751 member who has changed jobs four times since 9-11 and worked under several WARN notices. For her, getting on the new program will provide some employment stability. She noted, “I feel as secure as you can in this industry today and am thankful to be a part of Wedgetail. Almost everyone working here was on death row (holding a WARN notice). It is exciting to be a part of a new program from the very first airplane. Because it is the first plane, this is really a learning experience for everyone involved. Management supports us and gives us what we need to succeed.”

Mike Wisniewski is also glad to be a part of the project. He added, “I have always been interested in cutting-edge programs, which is why I volunteered for Wedgetail. This has the potential of going out to a lot of customers and could expand into a lot more work for Puget Sound. We are working very closely with the engineers and are treated very well by management.”

Indeed, the morale in the hangar on Seattle Field reflects the enthusiasm of the program and support employees receive from management. Everyone on the project works together as a team and it shows in the progress, work and attitude.

Because it is the first plane of its type, employees essentially tear apart the entire 737 Boeing Business Jet and completely rebuild it to the airborne surveillance specifications. The system installations and modifications are extensive and include:

- Significant installation of equipment including a new power system, an aerial refueling system, a new cooling system, surveillance radar and consoles, as well as installing over 900 new wire bundles.
- Modifications to the wings, environmental control system, and hydraulic system.
- Increasing the generating power on this 737 so it is equal to capacity of 777-300.
- Extensive structural changes and reinforcements.

Those attending chanted “We Can Do It!” and applauded efforts to land the 7E7 in our state.

Workers cheer as elected officials at the federal, state and local level pledge their support to land the 7E7 in Washington state.