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## Boeing Expansion Is Good News for Puget Sound

In September, District 751 welcomed news that Boeing will be bringing work back and expanding its capabilities in Puget Sound. The announcement is a testament to the skills and abilities of our members and SPEEA members here in Washington State.

"We are glad to see Boeing re-investing in Puget Sound – especially after

years of moving work from Puget Sound to outside suppliers. It obviously dispels the myth that Washington is not a 'business friendly' state," said District 751 President Tom Wroblewski. "We are optimistic this could signal a change in attitude and mean that Chicago finally recognizes the tremendous resources they have in their workforce here. Boeing should harness these talents every chance they get – it is why they have been successful through the years."

While Boeing has yet to release specific details on the work, it has confirmed it will be expanding its manufacturing research center in Seattle and expanding composites work at the Auburn fabrication plant. Both expansions are to help Boeing increase its internal manufacturing capabilities and represent a



*L to R: Business Rep Emerson Hamilton, District President Tom Wroblewski and Jonathan Doddo discuss investments and new work in the 9.101 building.*



*L to R: Steward Mark Brown, Business Rep Mark Johnson and District President Tom Wroblewski discuss that communication will be key to successfully taking on more composite work in Auburn.*

significant investment in this region by the aerospace giant.

A large amount of the floor space in the 9.101 building has been dedicated to the F-22 program, which will be winding down at the end of this year. The plan is to transform much of that space into an Advanced Developmental Composites facility that will most likely initially focus on work for the 787-9 (a new derivative of the Dreamliner).

Members in the 9.101 building were pleased to hear the Company was making capital investments and plans for

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*Reggie Newman works on a part in the 17-45 building. Auburn will be expanding to take on more composite work in the future.*

## Rising to Record Rates in Renton

The Boeing Co.'s plan to increase production of 737s beyond its all-time record rate represents a real challenge – but one that Machinists can achieve, District 751 members working at Renton said.

"It's going to involve a lot of teamwork and a lot of cooperation from a lot of different people to make it work," said Karla Kinsella, a waterstrider who works on the 737 line.

Boeing announced on Sept. 15 that it plans to start producing 38 737s a month, starting in the second quarter of 2013. The announcement comes on the heels of a previously announced plan to bump production to 35 a month in 2012, up from the current rate of 31.5 a month.

"Increasing production is in response to customer demand for this plane," Boeing Commercial Airplanes chief Jim Albaugh said.

Boeing already has a 2,000-jet backlog for 737s, and expects new orders as a result of ongoing sales campaigns and because current customers are expected to exercise options to add more planes to orders already on the books.

The decision proves how vital Boeing's experienced Puget Sound workers are to the company, District 751 President



*Phuong Nguyen is one of the members who will help increase 737 production to 38 planes per month.*

the rate, Boeing spokespeople said the company will hire a few hundred more workers and invest in new tooling for Renton.

That part was good news for Machinists on the Renton shop floor, who over the past decade have seen a steady stream of announcements of plans to move Boeing manufacturing outside the company's Puget Sound core – moves that have all too often backfired on the company's Chicago leadership.

"That's what I like to see – keeping it here, in house and in the Puget Sound area," said Wade Balmer, a Renton inspector. "We want to see all our family and friends keep working."

But the ramp-up is a real challenge that will only succeed "if we have enough people to support it and if we have enough parts coming in," said Balmer, who said he remembers the disastrous production ramp-up

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*Member Isaiah Ferguson, a wing assembler in Renton, sees the 737 rate increase as a positive step.*

Tom Wroblewski said.

"The fact that Boeing is able to build jets at this all-time record rate is a testament to the skills and experience of the workforce here in Puget Sound," he said. "They are an asset Boeing can't replicate anywhere else."

To increase



*Senator Patty Murray energized a crowded Seattle Hall asking members to help get her re-elected so she can continue fighting for working families.*

## Re-Electing Murray is Top Priority in Election

Leaders of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers praised incumbent U.S. Sen. Patty Murray for her work on behalf of Washington's working families, and called on union members to support her re-election campaign.

"Our candidates bring one word to the campaign — jobs," said IAM International President Tom Buffenbarger. "We've got to keep senators in Washington, D.C., who understand what that four-letter word means."

"She has fought for us on every issue we've asked of her," added IAM General Vice President Gary Allen.

Murray spoke to nearly 400 members of the Machinists and Painters unions who gathered at IAM District 751's Seattle Union Hall on Sept. 7, along with representatives from other labor organizations.

She drew praise from District 751 President Tom Wroblewski. Unlike Rossi, he said, "Nobody has to wonder which Washington Patty Murray works for."

Murray attacked Rossi's positions that favor Wall

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# REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

## IAM Members Ready to Help Boeing Ramp Up and Expand

by **Tom Wroblewski**,  
District President

Last month, as we were celebrating this union's 75-year history, the Boeing Co. made two big announcements that will affect District 751 members well into the future: the plan to expand its manufacturing and R&D capacities in Puget Sound and its decision to increase the 737 production rates in Renton.

We're still working on getting the details on both plans from the company to better understand what impact these moves will mean for each one of our members.

I'm quietly optimistic. It's great to see Boeing growing its Puget Sound business again, after a decade where it seemed that the leadership group in Chicago was dead set on destroying everything we had built here together.

But a few things have become clear: First, Boeing's outsourcing schemes – with the 787 in particular – have failed. We warned Chicago time and again that this would happen, only to have the company and the analysts tell us that we were wrong. So it was a bit gratifying to read one analyst, who said flat-out that "the unions were right all along."

Secondly, it seems that the gang in Chicago is at long last (maybe) starting to realize what an invaluable resource it has here in Puget Sound – that being the skills, experience and dedication of our members and the other Boeing employ-



ees. You'll never hear them say it out loud, but I will: Boeing couldn't ramp up to 38 737s a month in Renton if it didn't have you. And if it wasn't for the steady revenues generated by our 737 and 777 teams, Boeing wouldn't have the cash to pay for Chicago's 787 blunders. They really ought to thank you.

Finally, it's clear to me that Boeing can only be successful in the future if it utilizes all of its assets to the fullest. That means an end to the attacks on the workforce. We must all work together to meet the challenges ahead of us, but we will never be one Boeing so long as the leadership group in Chicago hangs on to its "us-against-them" gang mentality. It's time for that attitude to go.

Boeing doesn't need to bring in high-priced outside consultants to improve its corporate culture and fix its production processes. We already have 25,000 manufacturing experts on the payroll – all of the proud Machinists who prove our worth every day. It's time the Harvard MBAs started to listen to the true experts – all of you who know how to get things done.

On a different topic, you'll find a list of District 751 political endorsements in this month's *AeroMechanic*, along with several stories about how we as a union have been active during the fall campaigns.

As a union, we decided to back these candidates and ballot issues after a long, thoughtful – and democratic – process. The District's Legislative Committee is made up of representatives from each Lo-

cal Lodge, who are union members like you. They met repeatedly, starting this summer, to study the issues and interview the candidates. They made their judgments based on one idea above all: Does this candidate, or this ballot measure, advance the cause of working people in our state?

After the Legislative Committee makes its recommendations, it reports to the District Council, which is also made up of shop floor union members. They discuss the committee recommendations, and then vote on the proposed endorsements.

In some cases, the District Council votes to make contributions to the candidates or causes we've decided to support. That isn't dues money. All the money we give to campaigns comes from the Machinists Non-Partisan League, which gets voluntary contributions from members, or money raised through events like the Local 751-F bowling tournament and the 751-C Fall Golf Classic, which both were held in September.

We also recruit volunteers to make phone calls on behalf of candidates or causes, and to go door-to-door to talk with voters.

Why do we do this? The same reason Corporate America does – to elect political leaders and approve ballot measures that represent our interests, only in our case, that's the cause of working families.

To that end, I'd like to call your attention to one candidate District 751 strongly supports, and one ballot measure we strongly oppose.

The candidate we support is U.S. Sen. Patty Murray. There is no stronger advo-

cate for Washington's aerospace industry than Patty Murray. As this union's International President, Tom Buffenbarger, said at a rally in our Seattle Hall last month, "if it wasn't for her, brothers and sisters, the Europeans would be building our tankers now."

Senator Murray has supported legislation that helps working people, she has fought for and won funding to help train the next generation of aerospace workers in this state, and she has led the fight against European subsidies to EADS. She is a clear and articulate voice on our behalf in Congress, and she stands in sharp contrast with her opponent, Dino Rossi, who can't seem to decide how he feels about the Airbus subsidies. But he is crystal clear when it comes to support-

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## Aircraft Assembly Instructor Wanted for Sno-Isle Skills Center

Sno-Isle Tech Skills Center in Everett is introducing a new Aircraft Assembly program for area high school students to provide a path for them to qualify for entry level aerospace jobs after graduation.

Sno-Isle is currently searching for an instructor for this program. Any member (laid-off, retired or active) with the proper skills could become a high school instructor teaching 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders the basics of aircraft assembly:

- Tool identification and use;
- Aluminum/titanium metal drilling;

- Riveting;
- Fastener installation;
- Part installation;

This program is designed to provide students with basic knowledge that will assist them in qualifying for entry level aircraft mechanic training programs offered by local aircraft manufacturing industries and community/technical colleges. Curriculum framework and training materials will be provided by Boeing and Aviation Technical Services.

You can become a Washington state

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This could be a perfect job for recent retirees willing to share their skills.

## Boeing Health Care Open Enrollment in November

This year's open enrollment for medical and dental plans for members at Boeing will be from November 4 through December 3. Look for additional information in the November *Aero Mechanic*, in Union News bulletins and in mailings to your home from Boeing.

This year's open enrollment packets will also contain information about how to enroll children up to age 26 on your plan. This was part of the new health care reform law, which will go into affect for Boeing employees in January.

## Candy Drive for Kids

The Salvation Army of White Center is asking for donations of Halloween candy to help disadvantaged children living in the White Center neighborhood of Seattle. Anyone who would like to help with this effort can drop off donations of unopened, individually wrapped Halloween candy at any of the 751 Union Halls. Donations will be accepted through Wednesday, October 27.

Questions can be directed to Mark Johnson at the Auburn Hall (253) 833-5590.

Thanks for your help. It is just another way the Union is helping out our greater community.



## ECF Now Accepting Applications for Trustee Positions

Boeing employees interested in making a difference in the communities where they live and work are encouraged to apply to be candidates for the Boeing Employees Community Fund of Puget Sound's board of trustees. The application period is open Sept. 13 through Oct. 13, and all current ECF members are eligible.

Employees who would like to apply



to be an ECF trustee, but who are not currently an ECF member, may join ECF by visiting the "Powering Healthy Communities" site on the Boeing internal Web and clicking on "Join the Team."

Elections will be held in December for four open positions, each two-year terms, and successful candidates

will join the board in January 2011. ECF trustees visit nonprofit agencies, review grant requests and decide which programs will receive funds by ECF pooled fund dollars.

For more information about how to apply, employees may contact Colette Ogle at 206-544-9246 or [Colette.j.ogle@boeing.com](mailto:Colette.j.ogle@boeing.com).

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# POLITICAL ACTION

## Keeping Our Tanker in the Forefront

The skill and experience of the workers at Boeing are what gives the company the deciding edge in the competition to build aerial refueling tankers for the U.S. Air Force, executives said during a recent rally in Everett.

Members of Washington's Congressional delegation vowed to support those workers, to make sure that they end up building the next generation of Air Force tankers — not Airbus workers in France.

"We respect our competitors," said U.S. Rep. Jay Inslee. "They make some of the best croissants in the world. But we make the best airplanes."

Hundreds of Machinists and other Boeing workers gathered for the rally, which was held on the 767 assembly line inside Boeing's Everett factory on Sept. 27. They heard Boeing Commercial Airplanes President call them "the best aerospace workers in the world," while other executives also talked about how that would make a big difference in the tanker competition.

"We've got outstanding proven performers, both from the commercial and military programs," said Jean Chamberlain, director of 767 tanker program. "We've done our prep work and we've got the team."

That's a stark contrast compared to the competing EADS proposal, said U.S.

Rep. Rick Larsen.

"We have a place to build this tanker," he said. "We have the people to build this tanker. We have the experience to build this tanker. What do they have? Illegal subsidies."

U.S. Sen. Patty Murray called the Machinists and other workers at Boeing the "most skilled, best-trained, most productive aerospace workers in the world." Murray vowed to "fight for your jobs and the jobs of your neighbors and friends." She described how she introduced legislation in the Senate to require the Pentagon to include the illegal subsidies that EADS has received as one of the bid criteria.

"You've had to compete against the treasuries of foreign governments," she told the workers inside the factory. "I will not stop fighting for this contract till the next generation of tankers is taking

off from right outside these doors."

"Nobody is going to beat you out of this contract," Murray vowed.

Inslee, who introduced similar legislation in the House, agreed, and said it was time to end Europe's unfair advantage in aerospace. "We're getting steroids out of baseball," he said. "We're ending cheating on Wall Street. It's time to cut the subsidies out of tanker competitions."

U.S. Rep. Norm Dicks, who chairs the Defense Appropriations subcommittee in the House of Representatives, noted the long and tortured history of the tanker and said it's time for the saga to end.

"This is the third time, and this time we will win and win decisively," Dicks said. "The 767 is the right airplane, this is the right time to win this competition and you're going to do it."

But it won't end well unless voters continue to support the Democrats who back Boeing, warned U.S. Rep. Jim McDermott.

"Patty Murray has to be reelected to the U.S. Senate to lead the fight for the tanker program," McDermott said. "You can imagine what would have happened if she hadn't been there to derail the misguided attempt by John McCain to send this contract to Airbus."

Likewise, if Democrats fail to support candidates like Larsen, they'll lose the majority in the House, which will limit Dicks' ability to fight for the tanker, McDermott said.

"But here's what it means if we win," he said. "We get the contracts at the end of this year and we start building planes in Everett."



Speaking at a tanker rally in Everett, Senator Murray told of legislation she introduced to require the Pentagon to include illegal subsidies EADS received as one of the bid criteria.

## I-1082: Good for Insurance Co. - Not You

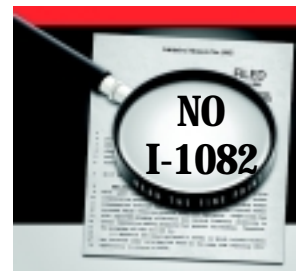
There's no doubt about it: I-1082 can be a little complicated. When you talk about workers' compensation, the insurance industry, and related rules & regulations, a lot of people's eyes glaze over — even though the issues are very important.

Under the guise of workers' compensation "reform," I-1082 is actually a massive power grab by the insurance industry, written by insurance industry lobbyists, to gain excessive profits at the expense of workers, small businesses, and taxpayers in our state. Just like an insurance policy, its fine print is filled with hidden provisions, all at your expense.

In fact, the fine print of I-1082 gives special exemptions to workers' compensation insurers that no other line of insurance is allowed — not car, not home, not life or health. It exempts private workers' compensation insurance companies from almost all of the oversight and consumer protections covering every other type of insurance sold in the state. I-1082 also lets insurers set their own rates and allows them to wrongfully deny and delay legitimate claims with virtually no way to hold them accountable.

That's why the insurance industry and its allies will spend millions of dollars to try to pass I-1082.

This isn't about "reform," this is about greed, pure and simple. We've seen what the insurance industry has done to healthcare — and we can't let them do the same thing to workers' compensation here in Washington.



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## Rossi: Illegal Subsidies Shouldn't Count

Dino Rossi's recent comments about whether the Pentagon should apply recent World Trade Organization rulings to the upcoming U.S. Air Force tanker bidding show he's not ready to fill Patty Murray's tennis shoes in the halls of Congress, said members of the state's Congressional delegation.

"If you have to clarify your answer on this one, you're just not ready," said U.S. Rep. Rick Larsen.

Inslee, Larsen and U.S. Rep. Norm Dicks joined Washington labor leaders — including Machinists District 751 Legislative

Director Larry Brown — in a Sept. 21 telephone press conference to discuss Murray's move that day to introduce legislation in the Senate that would require the Pentagon to include the WTO findings against EADS and Boeing among its criteria as it weighs bids for the KC-X tanker contract. Similar legislation co-sponsored by Inslee sailed through the U.S. House of Representatives earlier this year on a 410-8 vote.

In a speech on the Senate floor, Murray called her amendment "a common-sense, straightforward way to protect Ameri-

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## 751 RECOMMENDED CANDIDATES & BALLOT MEASURES FOR NOVEMBER 2nd ELECTION

### VOTE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION Tuesday, November 2

#### FEDERAL RACES

##### U.S. Senate

✓ Patty Murray, D

##### U.S. Congress

- ✓ 1st Dist. - Jay Inslee, D
- ✓ 2nd Dist. - Rick Larsen, D
- ✓ 3rd Dist. - Denny Heck, D▲
- ✓ 4th Dist. - Jay Clough, \* D
- ✓ 6th Dist. - Norm Dicks, D
- ✓ 7th Dist. - Jim McDermott, D
- ✓ 8th Dist. - Suzan DelBene\*, D
- ✓ 9th Dist. - Adam Smith, D

##### KING CO. COUNCIL, Pos. 8

✓ Joe McDermott, \* D

##### PIERCE CO. AUDITOR

✓ Julie Anderson, \* NP

##### SNOHOMISH CO. PROSECUTOR

✓ Mark Roe, \* D

#### STATE-WIDE INITIATIVES

##### INITIATIVE I-1053 - NO

✓ NO on Initiative I-1053 - Requires 2/3's super majority legislative vote for any state revenue increases. Gives power to obstruct budget to a 34% minority of lawmakers.

##### INITIATIVE I-1082 - NO

✓ NO on Init I-1082 - Concerns handing over the state Workers' Compensation System to for-profit insurance companies like AIG.

##### INITIATIVE I-1098 - YES

✓ YES on Init I-1098 - Imposes state income tax on the wealthiest 1.5% of state households (\$400,000 for couples, \$200,000 for individuals) while cutting taxes for middle class.

##### INITIATIVE I-1100 & 1105 - NO

✓ NO on Init I-1100 & 1105 - Both would privatize our state liquor stores, which would eliminate more than 1,000 good family-wage jobs and cost the state hundreds of millions of dollars per year.

##### INITIATIVE I-1107 - NO

✓ NO on Init I-1107 - Would eliminate legislature-approved taxes on soda pop, candy, gum and bottled water.

##### REFERENDUM 52 - YES

✓ YES on Ref. 52 - The "Schools & Jobs Referendum" to issue \$505 million in bonds to create some 30,000 jobs doing energy repair and retrofitting work at public schools, state colleges and universities.

#### STATE LEGISLATURE

##### 1st District

- ✓ House 1 Derek Sanford, \* D▲
- ✓ House 2 Luis Moscoso, \* D▲

##### 2nd District

- ✓ House 2 Tom Campbell, R

##### 3rd District

- ✓ House 1 Andy Billig, \* D▲
- ✓ House 2 Timm Ormsby, D

##### 5th District

- ✓ House 1 Greg Hoover, \* D
- ✓ House 2 David Spring

##### 6th District

- ✓ Senate Chris Marr, D
- ✓ House 2 John Driscoll, D

##### 11th District

- ✓ House 1 Zack Hudgins, D
- ✓ House 2 Bob Hasegawa, D

##### 17th District

- ✓ House 1 Tim Probst, D

##### 18th District

- ✓ House 1 Dennis Kampe, \* D▲

##### 19th District

- ✓ House 2 Brian Blake, D

##### 21st District

- ✓ House 1 Mary Helen Roberts, D
- ✓ House 2 Marko Liias, \* D

##### 22nd District

- ✓ House 1 Chris Reykdal, \* D▲
- ✓ House 2 Sam Hunt, D

##### 23rd District

- ✓ House 1 Sherry Appleton, D
- ✓ House 2 Christine Rolles, D

##### 24th District

- ✓ House 1 Kevin VanDeWege, D

##### 25th District

- ✓ House 1 John Thompson, \* D
- ✓ House 2 Dawn Morrell, D

##### 26th District

- ✓ Senate Derek Kilmer, D
- ✓ House 1 Sumner Schoenike, \* D

##### 27th District

- ✓ House 1 Laurie Jenkins, D▲

##### 28th District

- ✓ House 2 Tami Green, D

##### 29th District

- ✓ Senate Steve Conway, \* D
- ✓ House 2 Steve Kirby, D

##### 30th District

- ✓ House 1 Mark Miloscia, D
- ✓ House 2 Carol Gregory, D

##### 32nd District

- ✓ Senate Maralyn Chase, D
- ✓ House 1 Cindy Ryu, \* D▲

##### 33rd District

- ✓ Senate Karen Keiser, D
- ✓ House 1 Tina Orwell, D
- ✓ House 2 Dave Upthegrove, D

##### 34th District

- ✓ Senate Sharon Nelson, D▲
- ✓ House 1 Eileen Cody, D
- ✓ House 2 Joe Fitzgibbon, D

##### 36th District

- ✓ Senate Jeanne Kohl-Welles, D
- ✓ House 2 Mary Lou Dickerson, D

##### 37th District

- ✓ Senate Adam Kline, D

##### 38th District

- ✓ Senate Nick Harper, D
- ✓ House 1 John McCoy, D
- ✓ House 2 Mike Sells, D

##### 41st District

- ✓ Senate Randy Gordon, D

##### 42nd District

- ✓ House 1 Al Jensen, \* D▲

##### 43rd District

- ✓ Senate Ed Murray, D
- ✓ House 2 Frank Chopp, D

##### 44th District

- ✓ House 1 Hans Dunshee, D

##### 45th District

- ✓ Senate Eric Oemig, D
- ✓ House 1 Roger Goodman, D

##### 46th District

- ✓ Senate Scott White, D▲
- ✓ House 1 David Frock, \* D▲
- ✓ House 2 Phyllis Kenney, D

##### 47th District

- ✓ Senate Claudia Kauffman, D
- ✓ House 1 Geoff Simpson, D
- ✓ House 2 Pat Sullivan, D

##### 49th District

- ✓ House 1 Jim Jacks, D
- ✓ House 2 Jim Moeller, D

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\* Denotes Challenger  
▲ Denotes Open Seat  
NP denotes non-partisan



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Street at the expense of working people, and mocked his recent attacks against her support of federal funding that helped local governments keep teachers and cops on the job — funds that were generated by eliminating certain corporate tax breaks.

“Who in the world would support corporate tax loopholes over education for kids?” Murray asked.

Republicans like Rossi “want to go back to the policies of George W. Bush that took care of the wealthy on the backs of you and your grandchildren,” Murray said.

Yet this election is not just about party, said Ray Sesma, the general vice president of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades. “It is about people who really care about America’s working men and women,” he said. “Patty Murray is second to none as a Senator. We’re there now when she needs us and we’ll be there for her down the



“Murray Fights for Us” was the message members brought to the Sept. 7 rally.



road.” Murray attacked Rossi for accepting support from South Carolina Sen. Jim DeMint, who worked behind the scenes to lure Boeing’s second 787 line to Charleston. On the other hand, Buffenbarger praised Murray for her support of Washington’s aerospace industry, for at-



Above: Hundreds of Union members packed the Seattle Hall and pledged to help ensure Patty Murray remains our voice in the U.S. Senate.

Left: Murray personalizes a yard sign for Steward Anna Truong, who regularly volunteers to help our political program.

tacking unfair European Union subsidies to Airbus and for supporting funding of aerospace apprenticeships that will train the next generation of Washington aerospace workers.

Above all, Murray’s been a tenacious advocate in support of Boeing’s bid to build the next generation of U.S. Air Force refueling tankers, Buffenbarger said. “If it were not for Patty, brothers and sisters, Europeans would be building the tanker right now.”

Allen agreed, and told the Fightin’ Machinists that Murray “is a fighter also — she deserves our support.”

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can aerospace jobs from unfair European competition.” She said the changes would target “a major job-creating project — the Air Force’s aerial refueling tanker contract — as a place where we can begin to restore fairness for our aerospace workers.”

The amendment was co-sponsored by Sen. Sam Brownback, a Kansas Republican.

The three Congressional representatives said they supported the Murray/Brownback amendment — and all three were sharply critical of Rossi, who had told editors of the Tacoma News-Tribune the day before that he saw no reason for including the subsidy issue in the tanker evaluation.

“Not as far as I’m concerned, no,” Rossi said.

Rossi later backtracked from his statements, saying everyone had misunderstood his answer. He issued a statement saying he thinks the WTO findings on aerospace subsidies should be applied to the Airbus bid, but not Boeing’s. He also vowed to support Boeing by fighting against labor unions on questions like the Employee Free Choice Act — which, District 751 officials noted, has no effect on Boeing and is totally unrelated to the issues of the tanker or WTO.

Rossi’s performance, at best, shows him to be an inept politician, the Congressmen said.

“When it comes to this question, you should have had your answer ready 10 years ago,” said Larsen. “Anybody who has a position on this should have been practicing saying it for years, not just making it up at the last minute.”

Otherwise, the Republican challenger simply hasn’t been paying attention during the long-running debate over what is now the biggest job-creating program for Washington state, the Congressmen said.

“I was just appalled by Dino Rossi’s lack of understanding on this issue, on this tanker competition, and how important the U.S. case is,” said Congressman Dicks, who chairs the

House Defense Appropriations Committee that must approve funding for whatever tanker the Air Force picks.

Pointing to the WTO findings against Europe, released earlier this year, Dicks noted that “Airbus has received illegal and unjust launch aid on a whole series of planes, but especially the A330, which is the plane on which their bid is based. Apparently Rossi was unaware of that.”

It may be a complex issue, but it’s vitally important to Washington’s economy, said Inslee. “It’s inconceivable to me that someone running for the Senate in the state of Washington wouldn’t understand the home-town implications,” he said. “This is the \$64,000 question in the state of Washington right now. We need all hands on deck on this issue, and that means Republican or Democrat. We need a Senator who will

fight for Boeing and make it their top priority.”

Washington State Labor Council spokesman David Groves said Rossi had drawn “an uninformed line in the sand on this issue,” trying to create a partisan debate over a point upon which Democrats and Republicans have agreed from the start. “That kind of demonstrates how out-of-touch Mr. Rossi’s statement was on that issue.”

“He’s had a long time to make himself familiar with the nuances of the WTO rulings and the tanker fight, and if he’s still this confused, that’s a troubling sign,” Brown said. “He either doesn’t care about Boeing or doesn’t care about Boeing workers — either way, that’s not good for us as Machinists or for Washington as a whole.”

Sen. Murray, on the other hand, “gets it,” Brown said. “She’s fought for Boeing, for our jobs and she’s clearly on our side. We’re going to work hard to support people who support us, and that certainly would include Patty Murray.”



U.S. Rep. Rick Larsen knows the need to consider illegal subsidies in any tanker decision and noted if Dino Rossi had to clarify his answer on this issue — he’s not ready for U.S. Senate.



I-1082 is actually a massive power grab by the insurance industry to turn our state run workers’ comp system into a for profit system ran by companies like AIG.

## I-1082: Good for Insurance Co; Not for You

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Workers’ compensation insurance is there when you and your family need it. If you’re injured on the job, workers’ compensation pays your doctor bills and provides some income until you can work again.

If passed, I-1082 would allow workers’ comp insurers to gain exorbitant profits at the expense of Wash. state workers, small businesses, and taxpayers — by jacking up premiums and delaying or denying legitimate claims, with little or no public oversight.

Facts to remember about Initiative 1082: No oversight. No regulation. No accountability.

• The Office of Financial Management estimates that I-1082 will cost state and local governments \$250 million over five years.

• Under I-1082 insurance companies will be able to cherry-pick large and less risky businesses, then jack up rates for small businesses and leave them nowhere to turn. Meanwhile, the state would have to cover the high-risk occupations, destroying the required risk-spread to keep prices lower, and burdening state taxpayers.

• I-1082 privatization will add a profit motive to our public non-profit system. Wall Street-based insurance companies like AIG (America’s biggest private workers’ compensation insurer) are driven by profit, not what’s good for you.

• Washington currently offers better benefits at a lower cost to employers than most states. Premiums are lower because 1) there is no profit in a public system 2) there are no commissions, brokerage, or marketing costs

and 3) a single insurer is able to capture economies of scale not available to private insurers in a competitive market.

• From 1999-2008, administrative expenses for Washington’s State Fund were 18 percent of total benefits. The national average for the same period is 68 percent.

• Not only do we have comparatively low premiums, the system’s costs to employers in Washington state are the fifth lowest of any state in the nation.

Workers’ compensation insurance has been called a “grand compromise” between workers and business owners that benefits them both.

It is a no-fault, non-profit system that safeguards employers from lawsuits over job-related injuries, while providing medical insurance and partial wage compensation to injured workers.

Workers comp, like Social Security, is a contract: The public has said to workers — those who put bodies and limbs at risk — that if injured you get compensated, and you don’t have to sue.

For nearly 100 years, our state has grown with a public system that provides insurance coverage for employers and workers through either the State Fund or through self-insurance for some of the largest employers. A recent study by Americans for Insurance Reform found:

• Over the 5-year period ending in 2008, the cost to private insurers to run their workers’ compensation systems in other states was more than 90% higher than Wash. state’s costs to run its state system.

• From 2004 to 2008, Washington workers received \$1.29 in benefits for every dollar paid in premiums. By contrast, the private insurer payout was 62 cents for every dollar in premiums paid.

Don’t allow a hostile takeover of Washington’s public non-profit workers’ compensation system. Vote No on I-1082.



# Skating to Bronze in US Nationals Competition

by Rosanne Tomy

By 2012, athletes from around the world hope to see a new sport listed on the Olympic roster – one that District 751 member Tim Golden has wanted to see reach the Olympics for quite some time. And there's good reason. Since high school, Tim has dedicated many days and nights to becoming the most competitive athlete he could be – ensuring that he will one day have the opportunity to try out for the USA Olympic Team.

Inline speed skating is a sport that

many of us haven't yet become familiar with. Much like the ice speed skating that our own Apolo Ohno has made a fan favorite here in Washington, the inline sport involves racing on inline skates in a variety of different time and distance races. The sport is so similar that many athletes compete in both.

In discussing the bid to get the sport in the Olympic Games, Tim explained that inline speed skating is "up for Olympic sport hopefully this summer. For now, it would just be outdoor but it's a start. The sport is really beginning to get a lot of national publicity. A lot of the skaters that you see compete on the ice, like Apolo Ohno, they were all on our team skating inline before. A lot of them started with inline, but since it wasn't recognized as a sport they went to the ice."

Even though it's not yet an Olympic sport, there are still a lot of ways for athletes to compete in inline speed skating. With skating events all over the world, medaled athletes like Tim have the opportunity to travel abroad to do what they love most. "I've been invited to the three Pistes in France. Three bank tracks I would skate on for one full week, seven days I think. We would skate on a different track every other day. It takes a day to travel



Above: Tim Golden (right) receives one of his medals at the U.S. Nationals.

Photo right: Tim won a total of four bronze medals at this year's competition.



751 member Tim Golden (far left) competes in the outdoor nationals world team trials earlier this year.

by bullet train to each of the locations."

At this year's US National event, Tim took home four bronze medals. He medaled in time trial, 500 meter, 1500 meter, and 5000 meter races. That didn't come easy – his training regiment is one that requires a dedication where many would fall short. "This whole season, I practiced three to four times a week and then the rest of the time is spent in the gym. Right before the competition, I focus on more outdoor practice and also on core exercise training."

Tim, a 23-year Machinists Union member working in Everett, has been involved in speed skating for almost three decades. "My Mom dropped me off at the rink when I was in school. I put the skates on and here I am. I fell in love with the competition part. Since it was offered as a sport, I ended up doing speed skating all through high school."

And he doesn't appear to be slowing down anytime soon. "I'm going to try out for the Olympic Long Track Oval for ice. I will try out for inline skating too, but not this year. Primarily this year I will shoot for the ice. That is, until it becomes an official sport. Then I might

try out for inline skating next year."

As a master of the competitive sport, Tim has a chance to make it. "If my times are really good, I'll have a chance there to make the Olympic Team. It's just a different world out there with the ice. But if I have a chance at it, I'm going to go for the ice."

Anyone who knows Tim can see that he's got the drive to get him far – in either sport. And his persistence and diligence to be the best goes unmatched. He explained that his major emphasis during all of his years of training has been the knowledge that "if you really want to accomplish a goal out there you can do it."

Tim added, "there are kids out there who will come up to me and say, 'You're as old as my Dad and you're winning medals!' I just tell them it doesn't matter how old you are – I think it's being persistent. I always tell them don't ever give up! It was on my bucket list to get those medals and I've done it."

With that positive attitude, we can all look forward to a follow-up from Tim in the coming years. Only this time, we'll be talking Olympic medals.

## District Bylaws Changes to be Voted at November Meetings

At the October 5th District Council Meeting, the District Bylaws Committee's recommendations were approved by the District Council delegates for presentation to the Local Lodges. The following are the changes approved by Council and will be voted on at the November Local Lodge meetings by members in attendance. Deleted language is crossed out and in blue. New language is in bold italics and red ink. A brief explanation of the reason for the change follows.

**ARTICLE VII - Section 4. ~~The monthly dues of this District Lodge and affiliated Local Lodges shall be a rate consisting of an additional \$4.78 per capita added to the current calculated dues rates available per the IAM Constitution as of August 31<sup>st</sup> 2008 to become effective January 1, 2009 which reflects the changes made at the 2008 Grand Lodge Convention. Any additional fixed assessments per the IAM constitution shall be added when appropriate. Beginning January 1, 2010, dues of the lodge will be indexed to the CPI-W Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (not seasonally adjusted) for the US every August 31<sup>st</sup> thereafter. It will be adjusted according to the percentage change from the year prior to become effective January 1 of the succeeding year in accordance with the IAM Constitution.~~**

***The Formula for the monthly dues of this District Lodge and its affiliated local lodges shall be a uniform rate equal to two and 1/4 (2.25) times the weighted average hourly earnings per collective bargaining unit as of August 31 each year (excluding bonus pay), and any Grand Lodge***

***per capita tax increases effective January 1, 2011 and thereafter. The final calculation will be rounded to the nearest .05 cents (nickel).***

***The monthly dues for collective bargaining units under the jurisdiction of this District Lodge will be calculated using the District Lodge formula above however the minimum monthly rate shall be calculated at 50% above the current Grand Lodge per capita rate rounded to the nearest .05 cents (nickel).***

Reason for change: The dues formula we voted on two years ago did not allow the District to capture all the increases to the Grand Lodge per capita. These proposed changes ensure the District can sustain the level of representation and service currently provided today and maintain our strength as a full-service District. The revised formula captures the increases Grand Lodge has approved in the simplest formula (based on the old dues formula which was used for decades). In addition, dues now have the potential to go down (they could not go down under the formula passed in 2008).

New language also establishes a minimum dues rate.

***ARTICLE X All elected and/or appointed officers and employees of the District shall be retired from duty on the first day of the month following the 65<sup>th</sup> birthday; except that an officer, subject to the provisions of these bylaws, may complete an unexpired term of office if it is less than one (1) year beyond the 65<sup>th</sup> birthday.***

Reason for change: To bring District bylaws in compliance with state law.

## Sunrise Dental: A Union Option

Sunrise Dental is the first dental group

to unionize in Washington State, and some Puget Sound Sunrise Dental offices are represented by IAM District 751. Because Sunrise employees are Union members and are committed to serving

Union families, they have special offers/discounts for IAM members to help you receive top quality dental work with the least out-of-pocket expenses.



We recognize that choosing a dentist is a highly personal choice, but

wanted to provide this additional option that may save you money or provide additional services, while also patronizing a Union dental office.

Visit [www.sunrisedental.com](http://www.sunrisedental.com) to find one of the 32 locations. Be sure to ask about specials for IAM 751 members.

## Chance to Divert Lump Sum at Boeing to VIP Begins October 1

IAM members at Boeing who want to divert their annual \$1,500 Lump Sum Payment to their Voluntary Investment Plan (VIP) must take action between October 1 and October 29.

To be eligible to receive the lump sum and to divert it to your VIP, you must be represented by IAM Districts 751, 24 or 70 and be actively employed, on a leave of absence of 90 days or less, or on approved military leave on September 3, 2010.

If you want to divert your lump sum to your VIP account, you must make election through Boeing TotalAccess. Keep in mind you must divert your entire lump sum. No partial diversion is allowed. Step-by-step instructions for both phone and web were printed in the last *Aero Mechanic*, are available online at [www.iam751.org/lumpsum.htm](http://www.iam751.org/lumpsum.htm) and on Union bulletin boards.

If you choose not to divert your lump sum, no action is required. It will be automatically paid on the regularly scheduled

November 18, 2010 hourly payday.

The window for electing to divert your lump sum to your VIP begins at 6 a.m. Pacific time on October 1 and **must be done no later than 1 p.m. Pacific time on October 29, 2010.** You can make your election online or, if you need help, over the telephone.

Whether you make your diversion online or over the phone, a confirmation statement will be mailed to you within two to three business days.

If you choose to divert your lump sum payment to your VIP account, the lump sum will be posted to your account on the regularly scheduled November 18 hourly payday. You can see it in your VIP account the following day by going to your VIP account at Boeing Savings Plans Online.

To view some of the frequently asked questions, visit [www.iam751.org/lumpsum.htm](http://www.iam751.org/lumpsum.htm).



# Boeing Expansion Is Good News for Puget Sound

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after the F-22 program ends. “This should mean more job security. Increasing our expertise in composites and learning new skills is a win-win for everyone. I can feel more secure in my job and Boeing can be better prepared to remain at the top of the aerospace industry well into the future,” one member noted.

Boeing Spokeswoman Chris McHugh was quoted in the Seattle Times as saying, “We are investing in both our people and in our infrastructure and assets for the future. This is really a reflection of Boeing’s long-term commitment to the Puget Sound region.”

Boeing has also acknowledged plans to expand its composite capabilities at the Auburn Fabrication plant to ensure the facility is viable and productive long into the future. For months our skilled members have fixed many of the problems on the 787 supply chain – proving their workmanship and expertise. The challenge will be keeping up with current airplane rates while at the same time making the transition to more composite and hard metal work.

“It is good news for us and much better than hearing about layoffs and co-workers

going out the door,” stated M.R. Moses, who works in Auburn and has 21 years at Boeing.



John Cox works on a part in Auburn.

Members working in lot-time assembly in the 17-45 building may be one of the first groups impacted by such a transition. Management has indicated they will be moving the lot time work area and offloading some work to make room for the new composite work. Many of these workers have previous composite experience, which they hope will bode well in securing a different job to work on composites.

While many members are cautiously optimistic, the expansion also brings up many questions that have yet to be answered. Questions like how will training be implemented and who will be selected. As new machines are installed, what happens to the previous work package and workers who performed that work?

District 751 President Tom Wroblewski has encouraged Boeing to harness the incredible knowledge of the 25,000 Machinists consultants currently on the payroll.

“We are excited that Boeing wants to refresh and reinvigorate the technology and utilize the tremendous resource they have in their workforce here. As the Company evolves, the Union must be a part of shaping a strong aerospace future for Puget Sound and ensure our members remain

a vital part of the process and are provided an opportunity to grow in a new direction and learn new job skills,” Wroblewski said. “Getting our members involved in any changes or transformation will be key.”

Wroblewski cautioned that Boeing should be transparent with its plans and have open communication – especially with the workforce and provide required training so we are all successful long into the future.

IAM/Boeing Joint Programs should be utilized to help identify and deliver any required training and technology needs.

“After all the hand-wringing when they sent some 787 work to South Carolina,



L to R: District President Tom Wroblewski, Business Rep Emerson Hamilton, O.C. Vickers, Jason Sluyter and Ryan Swenson talk about the transition in the 9.101 from the F-22 program to an Advanced Developmental Composite Center.

this move gives us more confidence Boeing wants to continue a long-term relationship here in Washington. Boeing workers in the Puget Sound area have invested a lifetime of experience in building and maintaining airplanes,” said Wroblewski. “Their training and qualifications are second to none, and we want to see this generational knowledge continue to be a tradition in our state. We are hopeful that this move by Boeing to expand work in Washington is a signal that they understand the value our members provide to the company.”

While the Union is still waiting for specific details on the expansion and its timing, one thing won’t change – the Machinists Union is committed to making Boeing successful long into the future. Our members look forward to taking on new work, learning additional skills and ensuring Boeing remains a vital part of this region for years to come.



L to R: District President Tom Wroblewski, Steward Alice Wade and Business Rep Mark Johnson discuss concerns members in lot time have raised about changing work packages.



L to R: Business Rep Mark Johnson, Steward Ron Coen and District President Tom Wroblewski discuss how expansion and changing work packages will impact existing members.

## Rising to Record Rates in Renton

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of 1997. “That’s a few ‘ifs.’”

It’s not as if the existing workforce has a lot of free time to take on more work, said Phuong Nguyen, a Machinist in Renton’s 4-81 Building.

“Right now we’re busy,” she said. “I don’t know how we’ll get seven more airplanes out. They’re short of people already.”

“We love being busy, but too much is overwhelming,” Nguyen said.

A lot will depend on how much training the existing workers will get on the new processes – and how much time new hires

will get to train before they’re thrown into the mix, said District 751 member Toby Cavendish.

“It seems we’re always asked to do that in too short a time,” he said.

Boeing needs to put some of its best people into training, said James Goodwin, who works on wings with Cavendish in Renton. “Training’s going to be key.”

A few Machinists questioned whether the goal is realistic, and many predicted there will be hiccups and headaches.

“There will be glitches at first,” Kinsella said.

But on the whole, most were supportive of the move.

“It’s good we’re going to 38 a month,” said Isaiah Ferguson, a wing assembler. “By the time we get to 38, it should be flowing smoothly. Once we’ve got our 38 handled, we’ll have our systems done in a timely fashion. We’ll be able to fill our customers’ demand.”

“I’m happy that it’s going up,” said Princie Stewart, who is a Union Steward at Renton.

“It’s positive to know they’re looking to keep things here and not move it,” she said. “It sounds more positive to hire than to lay off – I know that.”



Steward Princie Stewart and Wade Balmer are up for the challenge of increasing 737 to record rates.

Member James Goodwin believes training will be key to a smooth rate increase in Renton.



## Member Donates Custom Bike for Guide Dogs Raffle

It’s a “state-of-the-art outlaw shop trike” and Local 751-C member Pete Cardin wants you to take it home. Cardin donated the custom-built tricycle he created to District 751 to raffle it off as a fundraiser to benefit Guide Dogs of America.

“We hope to sell a lot of tickets, so that they can put more towards the Guide Dogs,” Cardin said.

The tricycle started out as a hobby project for Cardin, who said it grew out of his frustration at the clunky shop trikes the Boeing Co. provides for workers in Auburn, where he works as a press operator.

Over the course of a year, Cardin tracked down specialized parts and accessories he wanted to put on a trike. He spent just about \$2,000 on the project.

Once he had all the components in-hand, he took them to GHY Bicycles in Renton to have it assembled. “They got all the fun of trying to figure out how to make it fit together,” Cardin said.

What emerged from the shop was an eight-speed three-wheeler (“It needed three wheels, otherwise I couldn’t fit all the stuff on it,” Cardin quipped) with engraved disk brakes, a generator for tail lights, a gold chain and matching, custom-tooled handgrips and seat. The

handlebars are attached with a black plastic skull made by a company that’s gone out of business, making it a collector’s item of sorts, he said.

Tickets are \$2 each and available at any District 751 Union Hall in Puget Sound. A drawing for the tricycle will be held after \$2,000 worth of tickets are sold.

Member Pete Cardin sits on his custom bike he donated to raffle off to raise money for Guide Dogs of America. Tickets are available at all Union offices.





# MVP's Commemorate 9/11 by Giving Back to Community

More than three dozen Machinists Union members observed the anniversary of the September 11th terror attacks by pitching in to help a retired union brother in need.

The Machinists built a new wheelchair ramp for Pete and JoAnne Caldwell of Lake Stevens, after chipping in to raise more than \$1,600 to pay for the materials. They also tackled a wide range of maintenance tasks around the Caldwells' home.

"They did an excellent job," Pete Caldwell said later. "It is my deepest and sincerest thanks to everyone who helped us out."

Both Caldwells are former Boeing employees, and Pete is a former Machinists Union steward who worked on 777s in Everett. Pete has struggled with health problems in recent years, which has made it difficult for JoAnne to keep up with the yard work and other household

projects, they said.

Union members wanted to do something to help the Caldwells, said Robley Evans, who is chairman of the Machinists Volunteer Program for Machinists District Lodge 751. They also wanted to give back to the community on September 11<sup>th</sup>,

to "do something good on a day that's got a lot of bad memories for people," he said.

The effort started prior to Labor Day, when Pete's former co-workers on the 777 line gathered for a benefit hot-dog feed that raised most of the money needed to buy the materials to build a wheelchair ramp that will allow Pete to get in and out of the front door of their house.

On the morning of Sept. 11, 39 union volunteers and members of their families showed up to help out, spending more than seven hours at the Caldwells' home.

While some people worked on the 52-foot-long wheelchair ramp, others tackled a wide range of yard work, said Local 751-C President John Lopez, who was one of the volunteers.

"There was a lot of weed-whacking going on," Lopez said. "We took out trees and shrubs, spread beauty bark and decorative rock and cleaned out two dog kennels."

Afterwards, most stayed for a barbecue hosted by Stephen Olson, one of the Machinists who helped organize the event. "The barbecue was great, and everyone had a good time," Pete Caldwell said.

The Caldwells said they're grateful for the help from their friends in the Machinists Union. "The Union was there for us when we needed them," Pete Caldwell said. "Everyone worked so hard, and as a team."



*Phil Westberg helped pull weeds in the flower beds near the house.*



*Above: The volunteer crew pose for a photo after completing the ramp and other cleanup tasks at the home. Nearly 40 volunteers turned out to help – making it a real team effort.*



*Photo Right: Kurt Workman pressured washed the aluminum carport on the property.*



*Steward Marnie Young and her son, Trevor, work on the flower beds.*



*Photo left: Members complete the framework for the 52-foot wheelchair ramp they built at retired member Pete Caldwell's house*

## Negotiation Process Moving Forward at Joint Base Lewis McChord

The IAM continues its representation of area workers covered by government contractors.

Workers at Joint Base Lewis McChord working for Boeing Aerospace Operations and DynCorp International/L3 are preparing for upcoming bargaining sessions.

In late September, BAO members completed surveys to determine issues for their upcoming negotiations. The next step for this group will be assembling the negotiating committee.

Both units showed strong solidarity by overwhelmingly voting to grant strike sanction authority the week of September 27. BAO members voted 92 percent for strike sanction while DynCorp/L3 cast an impressive 100 percent vote for strike sanction.

IAM Organizer/Representative Jesse Cote noted, "It is no



*BAO members voted 92 percent to grant strike sanction while DynCorp L3 had an impressive 100 percent strike sanction vote.*

At BAO, the Union is currently anxious to see who wins the bid so we can begin working on a transitional agreement, which must be completed within a 60-day period.

surprise that job security is the number one issue for both units in these hard economic times."

The Union is entering into negotiations for a bridge agreement as DynCorp transitions to L3. Workers at 56 different sites are covered – with a goal of negotiating regional agreements.

Members at DynCorp/L3 serve as flightline mechanics for the C12 platform.

Members at BAO perform flight instruction and load master instruction for active military on the C-17 ATS simulation platform, as well as performing maintenance on the simulators.

## President's Column

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ing pro-Wall Street and anti-union legislation.

On the other hand, we strongly oppose Initiative 1082, which would wreck our state's workers compensation system.

Right now, Washington has one of the lowest-cost workers comp systems in America, that at the same time pays some of the best benefits, in large part because it's run on a not-for-profit basis by the state. I-1082 would allow private insurance companies – including AIG – to come in and squeeze every last penny of profit they could out of the system, by increasing rates and denying legitimate claims. And it would prevent the state Insurance Commissioner from overseeing the system, to ensure companies like AIG were playing fair.

I-1082 would be bad for small business, and it would be terrible for workers. We all know somebody who has been hurt on the job and has had to jump through hoops and hurdle red tape in dealing with the company's third-party workers comp administrators. Now imagine what it would be like if the whole statewide system was run by companies that didn't have to answer to any state regulators, and that could force you to hire a lawyer and go to court to settle the simplest claim.

The decision you make when you cast that ballot is yours alone. But whatever your feelings about a specific candidate or ballot measure, the most important thing is that you do exercise your right to vote. The only way we lose is if we don't take part. It's our right and our duty, as union members, as residents of our communities, and as Americans.

### DO PATRONIZE:

The following businesses that employ fellow IAM 751 members:



Check them out at:  
[unionhomeservices.com](http://unionhomeservices.com)  
or call 1-877-779-0197



# ROLLIN' IN THE MONEY

Machinists Non-Partisan Political League (MNPL) was rolling in the green after Local F's bowling fundraiser brought in \$6,585 on September 12. Sixty-six bowlers traveled to Glacier Lanes in Everett for a festive event.

There was fun to spare and prizes for every participant, as well as a hamburger lunch to fortify bowlers for their final games. The top two teams received trophies and cash prizes. Trophies were also presented to the "We Tried" team for their efforts.

First place team consisted of Steve Johnson, Bob Bristol, Dennis Hoppe, Scott Groby and Randy Pace. Second place team consisted of Mitchell Christian, John Klepaldo, Karl Chross and Tom Murphy. John Klepaldo captured both high game and high series men's trophies while women's high game went to Joyce Wray and women's high series went to Lisa Wilkenson.

Special thanks to all who participated, donated prizes and purchased lane sponsorships.

Local F President Dwyane Johnson (far left), District President Tom Wroblewski (2nd from left) and Secretary-Treasurer Susan Palmer (far right) congratulate the team who earned the "We Tried" trophy - Judy Neumann, Billie Jo Neumann-Quiring, Kelsey Wesson, and Sandy Neumann. Felicia Neumann (not in photo) .



Business Rep Brett Coty throws a strike.



Lisa Wilkenson took home the women's high series trophy.



Local F President Dwyane Johnson (far left), District President Tom Wroblewski (2nd from left) and Secretary-Treasurer Susan Palmer (far right) congratulate the first place team of Steve Johnson, Randy Pace, Bob Bristol, Dennis Hoppe and Scott Groby.



District President Tom Wroblewski (l) presents Joyce Wray with the women's high game trophy.



Above: Carver White after nailing a strike.



The second place team consisted of L to R: Karle Chross, John Klepadlo, Thomas Murphy, and Mitchell Christian.



Left: Miyoko Johnson prepares to pick up a spare.



District President Tom Wroblewski (l) presented John Klepadlo with both men's high game and high series trophies.

## Hitting the Green for MNPL

Forty-eight golfers "chipped" in their money for the Machinists Non-Partisan Political League (MNPL) by taking part in the Eighth Annual Local C MNPL Golf Tournament. The event generated lots of green – raising more than \$3,200 for the political arm of the Union and money was still coming in as the *Aero Mechanic* paper went to print.

With a best ball format, the teams made for a competitive finish. A sudden death putt off determined the placing for first and second, while the third place team was just one stroke behind.

Business Reps Mark Johnson and Local C Vice President Ron Coen did a fine job as tournament coordinators. Special thanks to Keith Elliott, who donated his cooking skills and spent the day barbecuing a whole pig, ribs and chicken to feed the hungry golfers.

Special thanks to all the hole sponsors and those who donated prizes. Also thanks to the following volunteers who helped coordinate the event: Mark andCindy Johnson,Ron Coen,Dave Swan John Carter,Keith and Kathy Elloitt, Bob Belles, Mark Brown, Rob Curran, Clark Fromong, Cliff Goetsch,Wayne Haddenham, Jim Kakuschke, Jim Roberts, Doyle Sage, Thong Trang.



Rob Foley prepares to drive the ball.



L to R: James Case, Reggie Sheegog and Ernie McCarthy contemplate where in the woods they will find Ernie's last drive.



Scott Varga got closest to the pin and was on the first place team.



Jim Roberts won the longest drive.



Showing off their first place trophies: L to R: Dan Creveling, Tim Aguilar, Mike Pettingil and Scott Varga



L to R: Jim Hutchins, Gerard Cleary, Alex Bailey and Gayl Bailey comprised the second place team.



The third place team was L to R: Ron Coen, Curt Gilbert, Dave Swan and John Carter.



## RETIREMENT NEWS

### September Retired Club Minutes

by Ruth Render,  
Retired Club Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President T.J. Seibert. He requested to suspend with the regular order of business so newly appointed Club Vice President Helen Lowe could be sworn in. **M/S/P**

District President Tom Wroblewski administered the oath of office to Helen Lowe.

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

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

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

**District President's Report:** District President Tom Wroblewski reported he and District Secretary Treasurer Susan Palmer attended the Retiree Conference in Las Vegas where they accepted an award recognizing the more than 50+ years District 751 has had a successful Retired Club and our steadfast support of the Retired Department at the International.

Tom also spoke about volunteerism and the District's decades of dedication to the community. That is the theme of our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations this year – our service to the community. Tom touched on some of the fine work we have done in the community, including providing much needed low-income HUD housing since the early 1960's.

Tom also recognized retiree George Braun who recently received the Bronze Award from President Obama for his community service. The District received the Gold Award from the President – recognizing our volunteers contributed over 3000+ hours to the community in 2009.

Tom also spoke about the Times article which reported Boeing intends to bring work back in-house. We don't know the extent, but it is good news nonetheless. Finally, they are acknowledging that we have the best, most qualified aerospace workers right here.

The analysts and columnists are commenting now as well – and they're saying that the Machinists were right all along. They are saying that offloading that work was a bad move and the best workforce is right here.

**President's Report:** President T.J. Siebert thanked District President Tom Wroblewski and Secretary Treasurer Susan Palmer for the District's support of Club activities like the



District President Tom Wroblewski (l) administers the oath of office to Retired Club Vice President Helen Lowe.

picnic and Christmas dinner. He also thanked them for sending the Retired Club delegation to the Conference. As it is out of state, many wouldn't be able to attend if it weren't for that support.

Betty Ness thanked Tom for the support and explained there were so many at the Conference who did not have a Club, and we not only have one but we have so much support from the District.

T.J. noted there is a new frame on the wall with pictures from when the Retired Club was first founded. Take a moment to look at it – it's very interesting.

**Health & Benefits Report:** Health and Benefits Representative Garth Luark spoke about the disturbing story in the Times regarding abuse in adult homes. The only solution is to make sure that we visit our family and friends who are in these homes and assisted living facilities. Garth noted a great source for information is your local Senior Service Center. It's also important to network with other friends and family who have dealt with a loved one being in a home – to see what worked for them, which places they liked and which ones they stay away from.

Vice President Helen Lowe noted the article provided a help line 24/7, which is 1-866-363-4276. You will speak with a real person.

**Health & Welfare:** Helen Pompeo gave

the report. A moment of silence was observed for the following deceased members: Henry Andrade, Frank Frodsham, Raymond Gilfillan, and George Hixon. Sympathy cards were sent to next of kin. Thinking of you cards were sent to Al Wydick and Margaret Ehlke.

**Legislative Report:** Carl Schwartz reminded everyone of the importance of the upcoming election. Make sure to note the Union's recommendations on initiatives and candidates. He also spoke on Initiative 1098 and encouraged support of it.

Carl reminded everyone of the Alliance for Retired Americans State Conference on September 29, 2010.

T.J. Siebert, Betty Ness, Ruth Render, Jim Hutchins, Nancy Holland-Young, and John Guevarra all shared their experiences at the Conference (see article on conference). T.J. noted one of the most touching moments at the Conference was when 17 year old folk singer Steve Jones shared his song "Roman Mayfield" with the crowd.

**Birthdays:** September birthdays included: Ruth Render, Leroy Miller, Helen Pompeo, Louise Burns, and Robin Guevarra.

**Good and Welfare:** John Guevarra thanked Larry Brown for his continuous help with the South Park Bridge project.

A motion was made to adjourn. **M/S/P**



Celebrating September birthdays L to R: Ruth Render, Helen Pompeo, Leroy Miller, and Louise Burns.

### Retiree Activists Take Part in National Conference

by Rosanne Tomy

Last month, more than 1,000 retirees took part in the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual IAM&AW Retiree Conference in Las Vegas, NV. These retirees, referred to by International President Tom Buffenbarger as "members of the IAM family," took part in a series of discussions on topics that are critical to the seniors of today and tomorrow. Retirees were urged to mobilize to preserve Social Security and make a difference in the fall election.

T.J. Siebert, Ruth Render, Betty Ness, George Braun, and John Guevarra all attended the conference on behalf of the 751 Retired Club to gather important information to share with fellow members.

District President Tom Wroblewski and District Secretary Treasurer Susan Palmer also attended to accept an award on behalf of District 751 and the 751 Retired Club that recognized 751's dedication to retirees and more than 50 years of support to the Retired Club and the Retiree Department at the International.

Speakers covered topics like diabetes and heart disease, important topics for senior voters, pre-retirement planning, Medicare and healthcare reform, and Social Security. Retiree Club President T.J. Siebert said the speakers were all interesting, but the best part of the conference had to be the skits. "I enjoyed the role-playing skits. There was one actor who played FDR – and he was incredible." Highlight-

ing the importance of learning from the leaders of the past to build a strong future, one skit involved a conversation between President Roosevelt and President Obama.

One of the main focuses of this year's conference was the preservation of Social

Security. Richard Fiesta, Director of Government and Political Affairs for the ARA, shared some important facts about Social Security – and why we need to work hard to preserve it. In his presentation, he noted that it was on January 31, 1940 that the first recipient of a Social Security old-age benefit received her monthly check. Today, nearly 71 years after Ida May Fuller received that check, the program lifts 13 million seniors above the poverty line.



IAM Retiree Dept. Director Charlie Micallef (far left) and retired IAM Retiree Dept Director Maria Cordone (far right) presented District President Tom Wroblewski and Secretary-Treasurer Susan Palmer with a recognition award for 751's support of retirees.

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George Braun said that one of the most important things for voters to remember when weighing their support for Social Security and the candidates that support the program is its cost. "Ev-

eryone has to remember that Social Security is not a burden on the deficit. The Federal Government has never paid into Social Security – you and your employer are the only ones who pay in."

One of the most touching moments for all of the 751 delegates came when a young folk singer shared one of his songs. Nancy Holland-Young explained that he "sang a song dedicated to Roman Mayfield, a deceased member of District 751." Ruth Render agreed saying, "His music was amazing. I'll never forget it."

Thanks to the many retirees who attended and volunteered to help out, the conference was a complete success. Attendees pitched in to help anywhere they could – at the registration desk, helping with entertainment events, and as floor managers.

President Wroblewski noted that our own delegation did a great job acting as the voice and spirit of District 751 members and retirees. "You were well represented," he explained to the Retiree Club at their September 13 meeting. Tom added, "Sue Palmer and I appreciated the opportunity to attend the conference as well. It was such an honor to accept an award on your behalf."

### Union Retirees:

Congratulations to the following members who retired from the Union:

Robert Amick	Larry Miller
Larry Belmore	Victor Mills Sr,
Stephen Brons	William Moore
Allen Cabiao	Dennis Newton
John Carr	James Nicholson
James Christopherson	Mary Null
John Clay Jr	Danny O'Neil
James Coats	Daniel Pegram
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Consola Dill	Barbara Rogers
Craig Drake	William Sapeiens
Gary Ehresman	Ernest Sheridan
Steven Elkins	Tamara Sherman
David Flesher	Velverdine
Susan Goetsch	Townsend
Brad Gritters	Billy Vanosdol
Roger Jenkins	William Walters
Mark Juby	Donald Watts
Seung Kim	Charles Wilson
Richard King	John Wilson
Sandra Kooser	Marva Young

### Save the Date -

• **Annual Retired Club Christmas Luncheon, Monday, December 13th** see November *Aero Mechanic* for additional details.

#### RETIRED CLUB OFFICERS

President	T.J. Seibert	206-329-0160
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Secretary	Ruth Render	206-324-4055
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# Green for the Guide Dogs

Recent District and Local Lodge fundraisers for Guide Dogs of America have proven very successful and demonstrate the variety of events that can bring in additional donations. Horseshoe tournaments, raffles, car shows and golf tournaments are just a few of the ways 751 raises money for this very worthwhile charity.



The Local A Steel & Wheel Car Show collected \$10,822.67 for Guide Dogs of America. Above presenting the check L to R: District Sec-Treasurer Susan Palmer, Jason Redrup, Mark Clark, Becky Dove, Rich McCabe, Kim Dove and District President Tom Wroblewski.



The District 751 Golf Tournament raised \$12,639.03 for Guide Dogs of America. Presenting the check L to R: Jon Holden, Rich McCabe, Richard Jackson, Mark Clark, District Sec-Treasurer Susan Palmer, Donovan McLeod, John Carter, Jim Roberts and District President Tom Wroblewski.



Local E's Horseshoe Tournament deliver \$2,741.80 for Guide Dogs. At the check presentation L to R: Dist. Sec-Treasurer Susan Palmer, Guerdon Ellis, Roy Wilkinson, Dan Meddaugh and Dist. President Tom Wroblewski. Special thanks to Local E President Ira Cartermann who rented a bouncy house and other games to make it a fun event for the entire family. Special thanks to the following commercial sponsors all located in Puyallup:

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Eastern Washington really stepped up their efforts for Guide Dogs this year and delivered \$4,681 from their raffle. Presenting the check L to R: Susan Palmer, Steve Warren, Chris Siegfried, Jim O'Brien, Ken Howard, Fred McNeil, Craig Smoot, Andy Cashion, Gary Swartz and Tom Wroblewski.



The Local F Mastercard Raffle raised \$7,680 for Guide Dogs. Presenting the check: District Sec-Treasurer Susan Palmer, Robley Evans, Dwyane Johnson, Paul Veltkamp, and District President Tom Wroblewski.



## EASTERN WASHINGTON

# Members at Hanford Lab Make Scientists' Ideas a Reality

For the 20-plus members working at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (operated by Battelle) on the Hanford Site in the Tri-Cities, the sky's the limit on the work they perform. Their job is not what most think of when they hear Hanford and visualize nuclear waste and cleanup – these members work on the “other side of the ranch.”

As one of 10 national research laboratories for the U.S. Department of Energy, this facility's mission is to deliver advancements in science, energy, national security and the environment. These talented members are part of the research and development center at the site, and they assist scientists and engineers to follow through on their thoughts and dreams. They produce small intricate specialized projects that must be held to tight tolerances – making continual modifications and maintaining constant one-on-one communication with the scientists and engineers.

“The work is always challenging and is set up like a model shop. This is the best job a machinist could have because of the variety of work. One day we work on projects that could help find a cure for cancer or are used on a new MRI machine and the next day we might be working on something that ends up on a space shuttle. We work on everything from saving energy to saving lives,” said Bud Higgins, a member who has worked in the lab for the past 26 years. “The demanding work is very stimulating. It is the kind of job that if you get it, you stay because you couldn't find anything better.”

While their work is very specialized, when it comes to collective bargaining and their contract, they are part of a larger group – Hanford Atomic Metal Trades

Council (HAMTC). To effectively negotiate the best contract possible, 10 affiliate Unions join together to secure one contract that covers approximately 320 employees at the site. The negotiating committee is a mixture of Stewards and Business Reps from each of the ten unions. The Machinists had a strong presence at the bargaining table with Bud Higgins and Staff Assistant Ken Howard serving as their voice.

In the current recession and with government budget cuts, Union negotiators worked hard to obtain a fair and equitable new three-year agreement, which members ratified on September 2. Bargaining was difficult and negotiations stretched out over eight months. The major challenge for the com-

mittee centered on the complicated area of wages and benefits while still maintaining the integrity of the contract as a whole.

Despite the lagging economy, workers there made impressive gains in wages and Union negotiators protected benefits.

While other workers are getting 2 percent or less in yearly raises, the bargaining committee was able to deliver general wage increases of 4 percent, 4 percent and 3.5 percent. Because the talks dragged on, the 4 percent general wage increase for 2010 is retroactive to April 3.

Pension benefits were maintained and remain one of the highest multipliers of any of the Department of



*IAM member Jim Clark works on a CNC machine in the Battelle lab at Hanford. Machinists there assist scientists and work on everything from saving energy to saving lives.*



*Bud Higgins has to drill and tap a small pin to be used on a special project at Battelle. Higgins, along with Staff Assistant Ken Howard, served as the Machinists voice at the bargaining table.*

Energy sites. Escalating health care costs proved a challenge in the negotiations. The committee strived to keep the costs down and the plan design changes in the final offer were well below what Battelle had consistently proposed.

Other improvements in the contract included: enhanced Work Contracted Out language, which provides for turn down criteria, removal of the “use it or lose it” eight hours of PT, and Working Leader provisions for all affiliates.



*Project Steward Joe Killinger (I) explains to Staff Assistant Ken Howard some of the special projects our members will be working on in the lab at Hanford.*

## Mechanics at Cummins NW Geared for Service

Employees at Cummins Northwest are experienced diesel mechanics who ensure all types of truck and equipment that enters their doors leaves in top running condition. Everything from major overhauls and rebuilds to routine preventive maintenance, these workers run the gamut, including emergency, onsite, full service and even field repairs.

These highly skilled mechanics understand the value of equipment “up time” and the need to accomplish timely and cost effective repairs when emergencies arise.

“We work on pretty much any kind of truck – anything from a Dodge pickup to a Freightliner or Peterbilt and everything in between,” stated Zack Mayer, a Machinists Union member at the Cummins location in Pendleton, Oregon.

While they specialize in Cummins engines and Cummins parts, these mechanics are experts on all types of engines, equipment, trailers and machinery. In addition, several of the members also serve as power generator technicians.

While the generators may not get a lot of use, when the power goes out it is critical the generators will run effectively. The members who work on the power generators are often out in the field – performing routine tests and main-



*Joe Escudero and Zack Mayer are two of the IAM mechanics at Cummins NW at the Pendleton, Oregon shop.*



tenance to ensure the generators are ready when circumstances require their power. Nearly every police, fire, 911, hospital, and other emergency service rely on these generators to get the job done when electricity is out. The generators are also essential for grocery stores and other businesses that may have perishables requiring refrigeration or need electricity to preserve their products. Because the generators are very large, our members must travel to various sites to perform the work. In addition to generators for buildings, they also work on lots of generators for RV's, camp trailers and

horse trailers.

Member Ted Hogeweide, who serves as the field technician at the Spokane Cummins location, noted, “I've been at Cummins 26 years and seen lots of changes. I began working on engines and took on generators about 16 years ago. There was more of a challenge with generators, and I recognized the important role they play. Basically, any place that requires power to provide essential

services must have a working generator.”

The mechanics at Cummins maintain large fleets of trucks for Boise Cascade, Swift Transportation, Walmart, and a host of other companies, as well servicing school buses for area school districts.

Because it is important to keep trucks running and freight moving, if there is a problem with any of the customers' trucks, Cummins provides 24-hour service – which may require employees to be available for call outs.

Typically, employees have completed at least a diesel technician training program prior to hiring into the company. Cummins also offers various specialized training on Cummins products and lots of in-house training so mechanics are knowledgeable of the latest technology, engines and equipment.

The Union contract is set to expire in December at both the Pendleton and Spokane plants. While they have separate contracts covering each location, the issues are pretty universal with benefits always being a top issue.

“The Union is behind us in case something happens. It is always good to have an advocate on your behalf,” Zack stated. “We hope to make some gains in the next contract – especially in the area of benefits, which was hit hard in the past.”