



Activity Report

a brief communication from your union

June 27, 2016

The GNC met on Friday June 24. The agenda items were: disposition of grievances, putting together a pre-negotiations survey, and discussion of current work conditions at the plant. The survey we put together will be arriving at your home in the next week, please return it by the 15th of July to your grievance committee or the union hall. Your opinions, concerns and frustrations will all be considered and reviewed, but only if we have a returned survey from you.

The July 4th vacation shutdown for the plant is next week with the majority of you required to take vacation, so be safe and enjoy your time away from Titan. The Union office will also be closed on Monday through Wednesday for the holiday and open again on Thursday with Mary at the office from 8 to 4 each day to serve our members, our retirees and any medical questions they may have, as well as the school and Valspar units.

I want to remind everyone who has a retirement check from Goodyear each month, there is now a new phone number and contact information. Aon Hewitt will now be handling these accounts and if you need a change of address, a change in bank account, or whatever reason, the new contact number is 844-449-4772 Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and online at www.selfservice.goodyear.com. The new number now actually connects you to someone in the United States, either Charlotte, NC or Woodland, TX where previously it had been off shore!

In this month's birthday meetings, Steve Strauss' comments were much like in past months, the market is still depressed and farmers are not ready to part with the cash to make any purchases.

Des Moines has laid off somewhere around 35 this past week which brings their total to 48 out on lay off, with 310 to 320 still in the plant. These numbers may be off by a few but are real close according to my contacts. Des Moines is also taking off Friday July 1 besides the scheduled vacation shut down week.

I have spoken with Lon Feary about cooling scarves or bandanas and understand that your supervisors have passed these out to all members last week. If you did not get one at that time, you should ask about one or stop and see Lon.

Just a reminder, bargaining takes place at the bargaining table with the Negotiating Committee, not on the factory floor! Submit your ideas!

*Fraternally,
Don Hill, President*

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