



Activity Report

a brief communication from your union

May 20, 2016

The GNC worked at the hall last Friday on grievances and will be going to Merrillville on the 26th and the 27th of May. We will start going over like areas of the contract in which we have concerns and discuss them with the other two Titan plants.

The retirees had their annual picnic on Sunday, May 15, at the Jane Addams Center in Cedarville. It was a small turnout but much fun was had.

I have been asked from several members about a rumor of parts of the Des Moines plant being condemned and moving part of their ticket here to Freeport. After making a few calls I find the building to be condemned is an old wheel plant Morry had bought many years ago that is next to the factory; false rumor.

One item that is not a rumor, the Titan Stockholders meeting will be held here in Freeport on June 2, so we will all need to be cognizant of what the potential is for Freeport. A good showing for the stockholders in Freeport may mean an uptick in ticket. For those who have been in all three plants, the choice, if decisions are to be made, should be Freeport!

I have seen more and more members at the Union office talking retirement. If you are not sure where you stand with 85 points or what you have accumulated towards retirement you can always call the pension department in Pittsburgh (800-848-1953). You will receive in your mail an up-to-date accounting of your retirement status. An estimate of your retirement income can also be done at any time by filling out a simple form from the Union office and sending it to the steelworker retirement. The yearly SPT statements usually arrive in May but this year are late because of a new system and will arrive in June. Mary is in the office Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and I will help you on Wednesdays for any retirement questions at 815-235-9713. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

I have put out postings for a union day in August at Cellular field to see a White Sox game where unions will be honored and ticket prices reduced for union members. I realize this is early but time goes fast and this gives a chance to plan ahead.

Ken Wolfe will be in the office on May 23rd from 1:15 till 3:45 for workers comp issues.

*Fraternally,
Don Hill, President*

Work safely and let's win some Cubs tickets!

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