



# Activity Report

*a brief communication from your union*

**June 9, 2016**

The GNC went to Merrillville on May 26 and 27. We discussed the process we will follow when we eventually get together to start contract talks. Director Milsap is very receptive of our concerns and is listening to what we are telling him, and although I was not part of the last negotiations, this time the approach will be different. It is my feeling the other two Titan plants are in agreement. The GNC will meet again on June 24 to discuss further what was talked about in last week's meeting and to put together a survey to gather your thoughts on what is important to membership.

The Titan Stockholders meeting was held here in Freeport on Thursday, June 2. The Stockholders had a tour of the plant led by Steve Strauss while Morry was leading around another individual on his own. It would be interesting to hear what some thoughts were of the group. I personally met Paul Reitz for the first time and we had a nice discussion on several things including the present factory economy and what the forecast may look like.

Last month we had two new retirees, Wes Pafford and Darryl Greene, congratulate them if you see them on the street. Good luck to them on their retirement and new life away from Titan. As a reminder, 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 in place 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 815-235-9713. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

For those of you who have a retirement check from Goodyear each month there will be a new number and contact information. Aon Hewitt will now be handling these accounts and if you need a change of address, or a change in bank account, or for whatever reason the new contact number is 844-449-4772 Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and online at [www.selfservice.goodyear.com](http://www.selfservice.goodyear.com). The new number will actually connect you to someone in the United States, either Charlotte, NC or Woodland, TX where previously it had been off shore!

The monthly membership meeting for June is Sunday, June 12, at 9 a.m.

*Fraternally,  
Don Hill, President*

Did you know, the human mind does not read every letter by itself, but the word as a whole. So it doesn't matter in what order the letters in a word are written.

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