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President's Report

By Mike Roth- UAW Local 592 President

The Union had a Special Election for Vice-President, District 3 Chief Steward and SGT at Arms on Feb. 25th and run-off election for Vice-President and District 3 Chief Steward on March 4th. The results of the elections are:

February 25th

Vice-President

Mary Johnson

8

Bonnie Cannegieter

51

Alton "AJ" Jackson

66—Runoff

Todd Anderson

89—Runoff

Dave T. Funk

53

District 3 Chief Steward

Neil Weisensel

16

Bill Henson

18

Keith Sword

12

Sergeant-At-Arms

John Cartwright

Elected-Ran Unopposed

March 4th results;

Vice-President

Alton "AJ" Jackson

126— Elected

Todd Anderson

108

District 3 Chief Steward

Bill Henson

30-Elected

Neil Weisensel

16

Thank you to all who ran for office. It is nice to see a lot of interest in running for positions with-in the Local. Thank you to Bob Collins for your time as Sergeant- At-Arms. A special thanks goes to Todd Anderson for his dedication and service to the Local during his terms in office.

I would also like to thank the Election Committee for doing a good job.

Congratulations to Alton "AJ" Jackson, Bill Henson and John Cartwright, we

know you will do a great job representing the membership in your newly elected positions.

Overtime (10.8) Arbitration

The 10.8 grievance that was slated for arbitration March 30th has been settled. The settlement makes our members whole for any losses. The Bargaining Committee maintains it's position that if you report for scheduled extended hours shift (overtime hours), you are guaranteed work or pay for the hours that you are so scheduled.

Five Furlough days

The Union and the Company were able to come to an agreement over the Company mandated unpaid furlough dates of Monday, April 13, 2009; Friday, May 22, 2009; Friday, September 4, 2009; Monday, October 12, 2009 and Wednesday, November 25, 2009.

The agreed to terms are:

- The Company will allow bargaining Unit employees to elect to waive their right to short-work week benefits (should they otherwise qualify for this benefit); or
- Voluntarily elect vacation hours for the hours to cover an unpaid furlough date; or

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- Borrow vacation hours in 1-day increments from their 2009-10 vacation in effect on June 1, 2009 if the employee's 2008-09 vacation total is at less than the hours required for the April 13, 2009 or May 22, 2009 dates.
- If a member has made an election and later needs to modify that election for some reason, a new election form will need to be completed by the member and on file prior to the payroll cutoff for the affected pay period.
- Unpaid excused day

This agreement was made on a non-precedent setting basis.

Even though we are entitled to the Short Work Week Benefit if eligible, this benefit will be paid out of the S.U.B. fund and could negatively impact the fund for those that are already on lay-off. The S.U.B. fund is paying out \$56,000—\$60,000 a month to our members that have been laid-off.

If you have any questions, please contact your Chief Steward or Bargaining Committee.

**In Solidarity,
Mike Roth**

**UAW LOCAL 592
3rd annual
GOLF PLAY DAY**

Thursday July 2, 2009

At

Macktown Golf Course

2221 Freeport Rd

Rockton, IL

\$40 – 18 holes w/cart + Dinner

\$30 - 9 holes w/cart + Dinner

**Dinner at Poison Ivy
(former Croc's Pub)**

5765 Elevator Rd

Roscoe, IL

Choice of Italian Beef or Meatball sandwich

Contact Roberta Oslund @ 394-3068

Or

Email roberta.oslund@hs.utc.com

\$10 deposit per golfer due by June 15, 2009

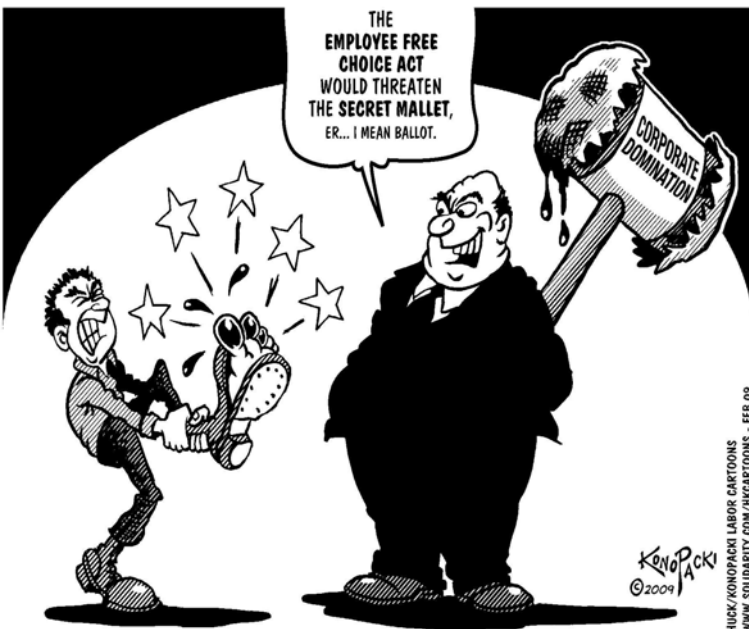
Local 592 is looking for volunteers to help with the UAW Building Association Bingo.

Contact Mike Roth for dates and times @ 1-815-962-0600

The money generated by bingo helps us keep the building solvent. Only with your support can we maintain this building

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Workers Memorial Day

Observances April 28

Unions are scheduling Workers Memorial Day observances across the country April 28 to remember those who have suffered and died on the job and to renew the fight for safe workplaces.

An average of 15 workers a day are killed on the job every day, according to the AFL-CIO—nearly 5,500 in 2007, the latest year for which numbers are available—and another 50,000 died due to occupational diseases. Four million more are hurt or made sick by their jobs every year.

Unions have marked Workers Memorial Day since 1989, choosing April 28 as the anniversary of the creation of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Trade unionists around the world mark the day as an International Day of Mourning.

Observances this year are expected to focus on what needs to be done to regroup after eight years of workplace health and safety neglect by the Bush Administration.

Among the goals:

- Full OSHA coverage for all workers. More than 8.8 million state and local government employees, flight attendants and others have no protection under OSHA.
- Stronger criminal and civil penalties for violations. The average penalty against an employer for a “serious” violation of the OSHA law is only \$960. The median penalty in enforcement cases involving a death: only \$3,675.
- New workplace safety and health standards. In 38 years, OSHA has set standards for only 29 toxic substances. The only sig-

nificant safety and health rules issued during the Bush years came because of court order or Congressional action.

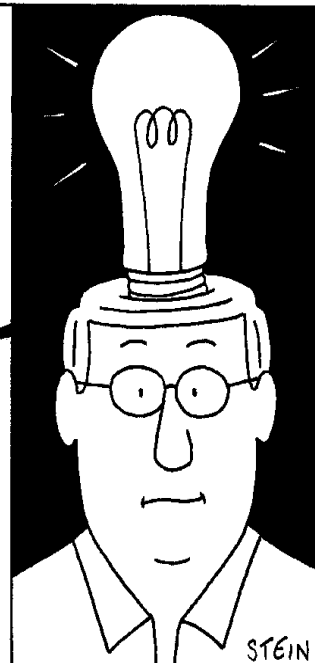
- Protections against ergonomic hazards. Musculoskeletal disorders, like back injuries and carpal tunnel syndrome, are responsible for 30 percent of all workplace injuries. A new standard to help control this problem—the Bush administration fought it for years—must be put in place.

Rockford United Labor will hold a brief ceremony at the Worker’s Memorial Day Tablet behind the E.J. “Zeke” Giorgi Building, 200 South Wyman Street at 5:00p.m., on Tuesday, April 28, 2009. Refreshments and a Safety Fair will be immediately following.

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BRIGHT IDEAS
TO
YOURSELF?

YOUR UNION,
AND THE UNION
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OBAMA'S INAUGURATION: "A DAY THAT WILL LIVE IN HISTORY"

Tuesday January 20th, 2009 will be a day that our Country will not soon forget. If I were to sum up my trip to witness Barack Obama's inauguration with two words they would be incredible and amazing! Traveling to Washington D.C. to be amongst over 2 million people celebrating the inauguration of our countries first African-American President is indescribable. As I rode the train that day, along with my family and the hundreds of other people who wanted to be a part of history. I realized that I was going to remember this day for the rest of my life, and that I might be honored enough to share it with future generations. As we made our way through the crowd and to the Capital, people were celebrating and happy and full of joy. When President Obama was sworn in, the crowd erupted like I had never heard or experienced before. To see the millions of little American flags being waved made me so proud to be an American. The energy was electric. People were crying and cheering and hugging each other and when President Obama spoke, you could hear a pin drop. For me, I was proud to be in the vast crowd of Americans, and like the others present, I had come to honor the new president, but also to feel the emotions of being present on this great historic day. It was an experience of a lifetime, and I am truly grateful to have been a part of history.

Collier Holleman



Jan. 20, 2009 - Local 592 Civil Rights Chair, Collier Holleman stands with the Capitol Building in the background as Barack Obama prepares to be sworn in as the 44th President of the United States.

Reminder!

A note from the Recording Secretary...

Please remember to notify your union office of any changes of name or address. The number to the union office is **815-962-0600**. If you know of other members who have had a change of address within the last year please remind them to notify the union office as soon as possible.

Fraternally,
Michael Rourke
Local 592 Recording Secretary

“The most faded ink lasts longer than the sharpest memory”

Roger Anclam

**Retired Region 4
Servicing Representative**



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