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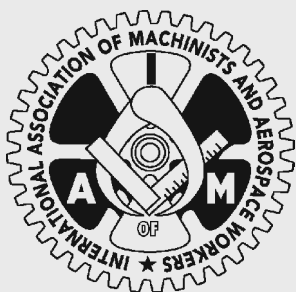
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November 2008

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for South Central Federation of Labor Delegates (6), Safety Representative (1), and Shop Committee (2). The number behind the office is the number to be elected.

In accordance with the Bylaws of Local Lodge 873, Article II Section 2A "Any member who does not attend fifty percent (50%) of the regular lodge meetings during the 12-month period ending the date of the close of nominations shall not be eligible for any office of the local lodge or election as a Steward, Committeeman, or Delegate".

NOMINATIONS

Those members wishing to run for an office may contact a member of the nominating committee prior to November 6, 2008 to have their name placed in nomination. Members of the nominating committee are Doug Flouro, Tim Shookman, Steve Buechler, Jim Fritz, Jim Checolinski, President Hoekstra or Recording Sec'y. Marla Ryan.

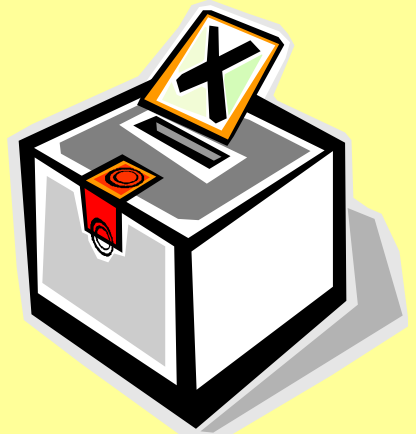
Nominations will also be accepted from the floor during the November 6, 2008 Union meetings.

If nominated from the floor, the person nominated must be present.

ELECTION

All eligible members nominated will have their name placed on the December 4, 2008 Election Ballot. Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. December 4, 2008.

Marla C. Ryan
Recording Sec'y.
Local Lodge 873



President's Report

The end is in sight with only 22 days until the Presidential election, we all have had enough of the circus. I have been questioned by folks on both sides of the fence, "why does the Union feel the need to be a part of this fiasco?" The answer as I see it is that we have no choice. Special interest groups and corporate lobbyist spend millions of dollars to make sure their interests are protected. We as Union members can not compete with the money spent however we can and do compete at a grass roots level. Although Union members represent only about 12% of the population, we have routinely made up 25% of the voters in this country. This makes us a political force to be reckoned with. Why do Union households vote at such a high rate? The answer is clear, we know what is at stake and we refuse to leave it to chance. So, what is at stake and what do we stand to gain? Some of the important issues in this election to us are the Employee Free Choice Act, Healthcare reform and "Free" vs. Fair trade to name a few. These issues are very important to the membership as we attempt to improve our lot in life through collective bargaining. Every one of these issues will increase bargaining power as we look forward to the new contract in 2010. The reason this Union and others have endorsed Senator Obama for president is that we believe he supports workers on issues which are important to our everyday lives

as well as bargaining power.

I encourage you to think about Union strength at the bargaining table when making your decision on whom to vote for on Nov. 4. I personally respect everyone's choice. The important thing is that we all vote and let our voices be heard.

VOTE November 4th

Alex Hoekstra

President 873

2nd reading a vote of proposed bylaw change

The monthly dues of this lodge shall be an amount equal to two times the hourly earnings of each Local Lodge member plus \$15.00, hourly earning shall include hourly rates, cost of living allowances, bonus's and incentive earning, or, an amount equal to Grand Lodge and District per capita taxes and all affiliation fees plus \$12.00 whichever is greater.

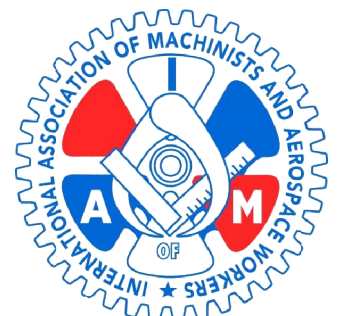
UNION MEETING

The monthly meeting for November will be held on Thursday, November 6, 2008. The meeting will start at 12:00 noon for the night shift.

The meeting for the day shift will begin at 3:30 PM. Lunch and refreshments will be served after the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP DRAWING

Brain Arndt's name was drawn at the October meeting. His name was not in the register. This month's drawing is worth \$150.00. Plan now to attend. Remember it does not cost to attend the monthly meeting. It Pays!!!





RECIPES—RECIPES—RECIPES

The women's' committee wants to publish a cookbook comprised of our members mouth watering recipes, and use the proceeds for future fundraisers.



Please submit them to any committee member.
This will be a work in progress project.

Breast Cancer Fundraiser

The women's committee is holding a raffle to raise monies for Breast Cancer. Last February, the committee was invited to attend the Leroy Butler Packer Superbowl Reunion. While there, they purchased items and autographs to raise monies this year for the Leroy Butler Breast Cancer Foundation.

Please contact one of the following committee members to buy a chance at some of these one of a kind items.

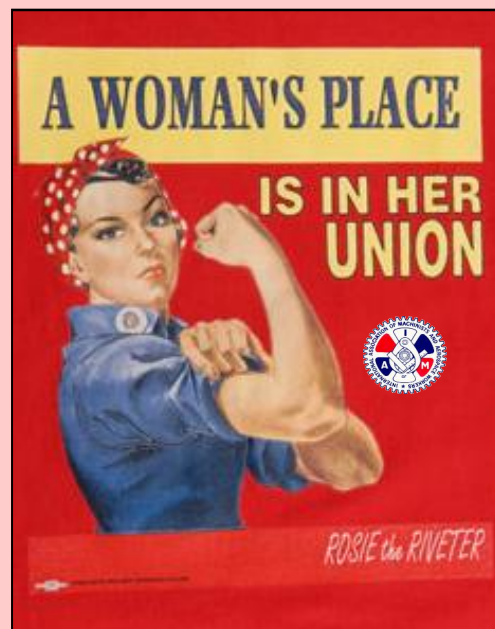
Janice Tobak, Marla Ryan, Amber Cundy, Cindy Haselow, Yolanda Pillsbury, Sheri Vree, Amanda Hielsberg, and Sandi York

Women's Tee Shirts

The cost of the shirts will be \$23.50 each.

If you are interested in purchasing a Rosie the Riveter T-shirt, please let a committee member know.

We have a few names so far, but the more orders we get the less money the shirts will cost.



2.3 Million Jobs Lost to China Since 2001

In a recent study by the Economic Policy Institute (EPI) the trade deficit with China cost 2.3 million industrial jobs from 2001 to 2007, including 1.5 million of the manufacturing variety. An economic model similar to the one used by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimated national job losses in 200 industries resulting from the trade deficit. The United States boasts the world's largest economy, but its trade deficit with China hit a record \$256 billion last year – up from \$84 billion in 2001, when China was granted entry into the World Trade Organization, (WTO).

An alarming aspect of the report is that more than two-thirds of the jobs lost were in manufacturing, where wages and benefits are better. Compounding U.S. worries, China is rapidly diversifying its export base and expanding into higher value-added commodities, such as computer and electronic products, aircraft, and auto parts and machinery – a forte of the U.S. until now.

The study also revealed that contrary to the widely-held belief that jobs lost are predominantly in low-skill, low-pay industries, the trade deficit with China has, in fact, forced workers from better-paying jobs to migrate to lower-paying sectors. Although U.S. workers displaced by trade with China are often able to find other jobs, they lost an average of \$8,146 in wages last year – a total of \$19.4 billion – because their replacement jobs paid less than the jobs they had lost, the study said.