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MORE CHAPTER ACTIVITY

United Steel Workers Local 1138 has been on strike from the Allegheny Technologies Incorporated, or ATI, Steel Mill located in Vandergrift PA since March! A rally in support of these strikers was held on June 9. The Pittsburgh Area Retiree Chapter was part of the several hundred that attended the rally. Cong. Conor Lamb attended and was the keynote speaker.

Vandergrift is a fair trip from the South Hills of Pittsburgh where the Chapter is headquartered. Nevertheless, the Chapter was proud to be represented at the rally. Vice President/Treasurer Joe Radovich, Brother Joe Anthony, Sister Charlotte Richards, and this writer attended. There were a couple hundred steel worker strikers and lots of their families including children that rounded out the event. Sisters and Brothers from other Unions also attended in sizeable numbers. The feeling of solidarity was in the air. The weather gods were kind to us since major rain storms were in the area, but not one drop fell on the rally. The rally provided hot dogs and burgers off the grill and snacks plus water. There were several tents with tables and chairs that were very welcome because of the hot sunny humid day.

Chapter inclusion in the rally and other similar public events is due to our affiliation with the Westmoreland County CLC. As the ATI strike lingers on it can be anticipated that the Chapter will be called upon to lend a hand at other mill rallies and demonstrations. Moreover, a very hot political season is likely next year for the mid-term election. Personal involvement in those events could be a major factor. Members that are interested and willing to attend these events can call the Chapter at 724 947 9374 to join the roster to be contacted when we learn of similar opportunities.

ATI is a world wide company, worth about \$4.1 Billion. They have many mills and operations in this area. The Chapter learned that another rally would be held at the Latrobe PA mill on June 21, another @ two hours from our base. Nevertheless, the Chapter attended. The conditions at this rally were much different than the earlier one. Thunder storms and monsoon-like rains were experienced from the time we left the South Hills from Washington PA until we returned many hours later! Vice President/Treasurer Joe Radovich, Sister Charlotte Richards, Brother Joe Anthony, and this writer attended. The rain storms made it a bit of a challenge, yet the challenge was met. Boxes of pizza were provided.

Not to rest on our laurels, another rally was scheduled for the Washington PA works on June 22. Conditions were ideal for that rally. Our little caravan also attended that rally. We met up with Local President Randy Denmen Jr. and hundreds of Steelworker families and broke bread with them and the many others from other Unions who also attended. Brother Denmen shared our view that Union members must stick together now more than ever due to the conditions faced by labor unions as we bargain for critical issues for our members.

We had broad labor support at the recent Staples rallies over a three year period. We urge our membership to be aware of these activities and invite your participation when possible.

APWU COPA FUND DRIVE WRAP UP

(The Chapter COPA fund raising drive is over. We informed National via letter that we desired to construct an Honor Roll of all contributors, including those that responded directly to National for those that chose to use the check-off method of contributing. National not only did not acknowledge the communication, they did not respond in any way. It is our belief that members who respond to spontaneous Chapter activities deserve to be recognized for that dedication. From what we could observe from the direct contributions, the final tally is in the thousands of dollars. We cannot thank all of the contributors enough for your sacrifice, except to say, "Thank you for your support." While the following list is incomplete because of foolish non-cooperation of others, it contains all donors that we are aware of.)

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HOLIDAY PARTY UPDATE

The Chapter has not broken bread together since December 2019! We will report on the upcoming Holiday Party scheduled for December 4 because you may have forgotten about the solidarity at those events, and for newer members, it will be a first for you. We will continue to harp on the party as the year goes forth because we hope to have a record turnout as we resume the social aspect of the Chapter.

While we hope to keep your interest at a high level, the actual reservation forms will not be sent for a few months. We urge in the strongest way that you mark your calendar and preserve the date. We will do all in our power to make the event the best ever! But to be the best, we need your presence to insure an unforgettable Chapter event.

THE CHAPTER IS UPDATING MEMBER'S E-MAIL ADDRESSES. IF YOU HAVE A CURRENT E-MAIL ADDRESS, OR YOU HAVE CHANGED YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS, PLEASE SEND YOUR CURRENT E-MAIL ADDRESS TO THE CHAPTER VIA E-MAIL TO jprichards1@verizon.net YOUR COOPERATION WILL BE APPRECIATED.

SHUT-IN LIST ~ Robert Gesk, Norbert Conway, Jeanne Mc Carthy, and Veronica Bujdos are on the shut-in list. Please keep a good thought for our shut-ins. There but for the grace of God..... (To be included on the shut-in list, call the Chapter at 724 947 9374.)

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