

Laborers' Local 566 February 2012



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"I TOLD YOU WE SHOULD HAVE UNIONIZED."



The February
meeting will
be held on
Saturday Feb. 11th
with the E-Board
at 8:30 a.m.
and the regular
meeting at 9:00
a.m.



Hope to see
you there!

A Note from Business Manager Jon W. Holsten



Another month has flown by and the construction season is fast approaching. We must be ready, willing, and able to man the jobs that make themselves available to us. When we are on a job we must always keep in mind to put forth the best effort that we can. This lets the contractor know that we can provide reliable laborers' for any and all jobs that he has. We are the ambassadors for the local. When we do this it will pay great dividends in the future for the local. A good example of this is the short job at Cargill with Plibroco. The Site Lead API Inspector/Technician from Cargill was watching our members working out there and called me asking for our wage rates. He was impressed with what he saw and told me he would present the Ottumwa Laborers' Union at the next opportunity. This is why we constantly remind you of the above mentioned things. We must sell our local to every contractor that we work for. Let's all have a safe and prosperous construction season.

Jon W. Holsten

Public Sector Organizer Darlene Navin



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Let's get something we all love...
A Good CONTRACT

**CONTRACT NEGOTIATION TIME IS HERE
FOR OUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

YOUR CONTRACT, is what *you* make *it*. It's usually the hard work of a few for the benefit of many. It concerns aspects of YOUR wages, hours, health coverage (where applicable), different types of leaves, seniority and other terms and conditions of employment allowed by Iowa law. You as CSD employees saw that dealing with a superintendent or principal as a individual put you in a weaker position. So now you work together as a group, you have representatives implement decisions on behalf of that group. Will you agree with every single decision made by your representatives? Not a chance. A strong, union membership gets the message across to the powers that be that the support staff employees are standing behind their representatives, it's understood that the heart and soul of the Union is its **MEMBERS** and the ultimate strength of your union lies in the determination and participation of its members and representatives.

SO STAND IN SOLIDARITY



POLITICS!? JUST MY OPINION

I have been doing some new things when it comes to getting involved in politics since becoming a public sector organizer and I wanted to share my opinion with you and look forward to any responses you would like to share. Always feel free to email me @ Ldnavin@aol.com

I will be the first to admit I am an advocate, I am for democracy in the workplace, just cause when it comes to discipline, equal rights for all employees. Without the Labor Movement I would not be allowed to participate in decisions in the workplace. I believe people have the capacity to come together collectively to solve their problems and have the right to be in control of decisions that affect their lives, so when I attended the Governors condition of the state speech and was not allowed entry to the house chambers, could not even get past State Police on the third floor, I was locked out and I was offended, all because I was not on his LIST of supporters.

How do we know the best choice?

Who will best represent the middle class?

Can a politician actually do what he/she says they will without adding hidden language in a proposal?

Once in office will the issues that they ran on remain important?

I look forward to your comments.

**WE HAVE GOT TO UNITE, BECAUSE WHAT THE
UNION FIGHTS FOR AND WINS AT THE BARGAIN-
ING TABLE CAN BE TAKEN AWAY IN THE
LEGISLATIVE HALLS**

IN SOLIDARITY DARLENE NAVIN

Construction Organizer Jesse Haines



Dear Brother and Sisters:

Going into 2012 we are in hope's the year starts off good and gets better. We have started off the new year talking with local contractors and some of need's they may have in the upcoming work year. We have started talks with some small contractors around the fifteen counties about bringing them on board and to try to increase our local work force. Looking back we had a good fall. One of our jobs in Appanoose County was shut down for ninety days. We do not know all of the details but we don't think it was weather related.

Looking forward we have some work coming up in the spring and hope it gets off to a good start with hopes that mother nature will be kind to us. The past few years have been very wet in the spring. In the upcoming year we will be looking for our members to step up and get more involved in our local hall and our community. Talks of work at the local schools and hospitals - sewer - roads, we need to get on top of the people we know that are involved in the planning of these projects. I hope you had a good holiday and, along with us at the hall, are looking forward to a good year.

Jesse Haines



President Obama said in his 2012 State of the Union address that he wants states to change their laws to require that all students be required to stay in high school until they graduate or turn 18 years old.

The age at which students can legally leave school varies in the states, though most have set the minimum drop-out age at 16 or 17.

There are already about 15 states, plus the District of Columbia, that have set their dropout age at 18. They include Florida and Virginia. Maryland allows students to drop out at 16.

“We also know that when students aren’t allowed to walk away from their education, more of them walk the stage to get their diploma,” he said in the State of the Union. “So tonight, I call on every State to require that all students stay in high school until they graduate or turn eighteen.”

In most countries, the age that students are allowed to leave school is the same as their minimum age for full-time employment.

Obama has set as a goal that by 2020 all adult Americans would have committed to at least one year of higher education or career training and America would have the highest proportion of college graduates in the world.

IN HONOR OF YOU FOR Y

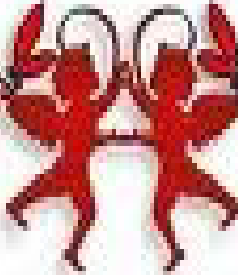


Eugene Cottrett is a 57 year member of Local 566 and is a Gold Card Holder, at 50 years each member who reaches the 50 year mark receives one. Eugene came into the Union in 1955.

FOUR YEARS OF SERVICE



Ronnie Wilson is a 55 year member of Local 566 and is also a Gold Card Holder, he came into the Union in 1957.



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



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