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# CWA Local 4340

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## **Mobilization 2008**

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So, here we are. It is already the end of August and the evening temps are dropping a bit. We have been, and are, exposed to tons of airtime about the upcoming Presidential election, the Local 4340 Officer election, and the AT&T contract negotiations. In addition, we will have some interesting information available regarding the Employee Free Choice Act and other topics relevant to working families.

There have been many changes and upgrades at the Local in the past few months, and it is definitely worth checking out. Take some time and swing by the Hall and chat with your Director or the Officers and see what is up. The new roof, the AC work, hear about the new and secure computer system going in and other upgrades taking place, to name a few. See the Directors and find out what they are working on. Take a few minutes and sign up to get involved in an activity. We have something for everyone and every schedule. All you have to do is ask.

All of the above is to impress upon you that all of us are the Union. Without each other, there is no Union. We must work together and we must all be involved. Here is a tidbit about the founding of the CWA in our "CWA History – A Brief Review":

### **1947: Coming Together in One National Union: The Founding of CWA**

**In June 1947, a truly national union, the Communications Workers of America came into being. The first CWA convention took place that month in Miami with 200 delegates representing 162,000 workers.**

**The delegates adopted the first CWA Constitution that converted the former autonomous organizations of the NFTW into a three-level union: the National Union, 39 Divisions and the Locals.**

**Joseph A. Beirne was elected President and advised the delegates: "All of us must take a new view of our roles in CWA. No longer can we hope to act as 'autonomous' groups in scattered parts of the country. No longer should a division president permit his actions, aims or ideals to be bound by a first, last and always view of his local problems. We must embrace the 'all for one and one for all' philosophy of a single CWA union."**

It is time once again to "take a new view of our roles in CWA." We do not have the luxury of just 'riding the tide' and waiting to see where it will take us. Not locally, not nationally. We already know where we will go, NOWHERE! The evaporation of the middle class working family is proof positive that we must stand together as "a single CWA union!"

Stand with us and make a difference,

CWA Local 4340 Mobilization Committee

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