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CWA Local 4340

Mobilization 2008

September 18, 2008

What a great General Membership meeting last Tuesday! If you weren't there, you missed the summer updates, our annual budget loaded with info on where we've been and where we are going. A hint about a new Director, mobilization news, legislative walks coming up and much more.

Inspiring talks from our President Mike Plezia, Executive Vice President J Keith Estes, and a motivating speech from our Director/Attorney Chuck Degross to name a few. The message is simple, in every arena and every aspect of our lives, both personal and professional, we MUST, without fail, elect a labor-friendly administration or face the consequences! The ramifications of the next election will be felt for generations most certainly at the bargaining table.

As the largest single unit in Local 4340, the upcoming AT&T contract bargaining is a big deal. We have passed out bargaining surveys to the members who are employed by AT&T, and these must be back at the hall to be tallied no later than September 24th. Please return any you have to your rep or fax directly to the hall at 216-635-4350. Your support is critical. Read a bit about one of the CWA safeguards for our membership in the event of a strike in this short segment from "CWA History – A Brief Review"

1951: Creation of a National Defense Fund

In 1951, after two days of heated debate on the issue and a roll call vote with 133,047 in favor and 101,883 opposed, the delegates to the annual convention voted to establish a national defense fund with contributions of 50 cents per member per month.

With the right political atmosphere, it is possible that we can enter bargaining and negotiate a contract with the provisions that we need without ever touching this important fund.

It is no longer OK to sit idly by and let things happen. We must all take responsibility for our actions and our future. Not only must we each get educated on the issues and candidates, we must actively communicate this to all of our friends, family, and coworkers. In fact, we must even let the strangers in our lives know how we feel. There are organized Legislative walks available to let you do just that. I know that there are a few of us out there that just can't keep our mouths shut, so let's put that energy to good use and get the word out... Contact the Hall at 216-635-4340 OR mobilize4340@aol.com for details, **OR BETTER YET GO TO CWA4340.ORG** and make your vote count.

Remember:

Return your AT&T bargaining surveys to your rep before Sept 24th!

Contact the Hall and sign up for a Legislative walk to support working families!

Get educated on the upcoming elections and spread the word!

CWA 4340 Mobilization Committee

Tell a friend and get them to sign up for our email updates!

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