

Political Front

By Jack Tucker

Weyerhaeuser Settles Contract, Lays Off Workers – And Pays a Price For It...

Weyerhaeuser Co. hasn't helped its cause by laying off 140 AWPPW-represented workers at its Springfield liner-board mill just days after it settled its contract with the union. Last month the Eugene Water and Electric Board cancelled an energy conservation credit worth \$3 million per month because of the layoffs. And, a few days later, union protesters greeted shareholders at the Willamette Industries shareholder meeting, at which Weyerhaeuser hoped to win enough votes to take over Willamette.

July 2001

Fred Meyer pulls Pictsweet mushrooms from shelves

A few weeks ago several members of AFSCME Local 2067 along with OPEU and other organized groups attended a rally at the Pictsweet mushroom plant on State and Cordon Rd. NE. We went there to support the employees in their efforts to demand that Pictsweet recognize and bargain with PCUN (the Northwest Treeplanters and Farmworkers United). They were trying to organize and form a union that would allow them to bargain better benefits and stop the abusive working conditions at Pictsweet's Salem farm.

Salem's Mayor Mike Swaim, has since convinced Fred Meyer Stores to pull Pictsweet brand mushrooms from their shelves, because of the abusive working conditions and the company's refusal to recognize the organized efforts of the employees.

Postal workers protest PRIVATIZATION!

Also the National Association of Letter Carriers and the American Postal Workers Union successfully held a rally in Portland last month, where they were 150-strong, to protest plans to privatize the Postal Service and restrict collective bargaining for postal workers...

Hilton Hotel to staff "new" Hilton Tower with Local 9 members

Kudos too . . . to "HERE" Local 9 for its new three-year agreement with the Portland Hilton. They gained a 10.5% increase in wages, maintenance of benefits and the best health plan in the Oregon hotel industry as well as a commitment by the Hilton to staff its new Hilton Tower with "HERE" Local 9 members when it opens its doors in the Spring of 2002.

(Sonya, please insert the photo of Mr. DeLong adjusting his glasses)

Local 2067 President meets with the City Manager

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On July 10, 2001 Local 2067 President Jack Tucker and two other Local Executive Board members Sonny Mauldin and Yoly Solis met with the City Manager Bob DeLong. They had conversations on

improving open communications between employees and management, current management style, and viewpoints of how the city's management staff and the local's membership can work together to form a more autonomous relationship. Also at the meeting, they discussed wellness programs and how they benefit all insurance rate-payers. Mr. DeLong was concerned that the city employees came as close as we did to going out on strike during the last bargaining session and said we should never have come that close. He also said, he will do what he can to make things go more smoothly this next bargaining session. Mr. DeLong would like to improve relationships between management / employees one and way of doing this is to be more visible and accessible. Although he is a very busy person, he said he will work hard on doing just that. Maybe we could give him some "more" (one on one) feedback on intimidating management style and some of the harassing work environments!

When I explained our ongoing efforts to establish some sort of "Wellness" program for the City of Salem, Mr. DeLong said he is very supportive. In fact, he has already provided our Health Benefits committee with information on the Wellness program he had in Puyallup, Washington where he was the City Manager.

Mark your calendar now- September 13th! You'll want to attend this meeting.
Mr. DeLong was invited and accepted to be our guest at our September Membership meeting.

Meeting Updates:

Membership Services Group

Good & Welfare / Membership
Social Activities / Holiday
Aug. 8 5:30 pm

Health Benefits Comm.

Aug. TBA

Newsletter Committee

Aug. (prod.) TBA

Budget Committee

Aug. TBA

Stewards Meeting

Aug. 2 6:00 p.m.

Executive Board

Aug. 2 7:00 p.m.

General Membership Meeting

Aug. 9 6:00

Upcoming in September

Stewards Meeting

September 6, 6:00

Membership meeting

September 13 (Guest) City Manager

The above meetings are held at
The Union Hall located at

3831 Fairview Industrial Dr. SE
Suite # 100
Salem, Oregon 97302

503- 370-2522

(side bar)

Deadline for Sept. issue of Your Local Voice

Aug. 17th for articles

Aug.. 28th. Prod. / Dist.

Submit Articles to:

Guido Coszalter
(coszalter@worldnet.att.net)

or Jack Tucker
(jw Tucker@qwest.net)

Summer Picnic

By Mike Higgs



Local 2067 Logo “Design” Contest

Passing the “BUCK”

Our Local member responsible for the “BUCK” for the month of Sept. will be Alice Norton. Alice will have in her possession, prepaid access to flowers, gift fruit baskets and gift certificates to restaurants and other stores.

Please contact Alice (in Public Works, Customer Service) if you know of someone in your department or division that has suffered a loss of a family member, will be going to the hospital or off work sick for a period of time. Our Good & Welfare Committee wants to make sure you know we are thinking of your well being when you are sick or are suffering a loss.

Health Benefits

Insert by Susan Ballard

Retiree **w/ photo** -Photo (mvc-001S) = President Tucker & Jan Carter

Jan Carter retired after 29 years working for the City of Salem. Jan worked in the water department for most of that time.

P.E.O.P.L.E.

Cornilia Murphy -Photo (mvc-002S) = Cornilia Murphy

Seasonal Employees attend Membership meeting

Seasonal employees working for the City of Salem were invited to attend the July Membership meeting. The employees that attended had an opportunity to get to meet the movers and shakers of Local 2067 and ask any questions they may have had. Although the turnout could have been larger, the people that were present were highly motivated and wanted to find out what they could do to help organize the other Seasonal employees.

As a gesture of appreciation all the seasonal employees that attended the July Membership meeting were invited to be guests of the Local at the Volcanoes baseball game on Friday August 3rd.

There is a meeting scheduled in August to try to bring them all together, all AFSCME Local 2067 members should try to encourage a strong attendance of seasonal employees at that meeting.

Emergency Executive Board meeting

Local 2067 President Jack Tucker called an emergency E-Board meeting on July 26, 2001.

The reason for the emergency meeting was to elect and fill the vacant position of Vice President / Chief Steward.

Dwayne Flemings the recently elected Vice President / Chief Steward has resigned his position as of July 23, 2001. Dwayne stated he had been offered another position elsewhere and that it was too attractive for him to refuse. Dwayne had only been in the position of Vice President / Chief Steward for one month but prior to that had been very active as a Shop Steward covering several departments within Public Works Operations. Dwayne was also an active member of our successful bargaining team during the last contract negotiations.

As a result of the emergency E-Board meeting on July 26, 2001, a special election was held where Mike Higgs (from Parks Operations) was nominated and subsequently elected to fill the empty position of Vice President / Chief Steward for the remainder of the term.

As a result of electing Mike Higgs to this position, his position on the Executive Board is now empty. Nominations for the position of E-Board will open immediately. An election of the nominees will be conducted by the E-Board at their next meeting (Sept. 6th).