

NEWSLETTER CAW LOCAL 127



July 30,2008 - Newsletter

I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who took the time to cast a vote during these last elections. I would like to wish everyone who was elected all the best as they settle in on their respective roles. On a personal note, I would like to acknowledge everyone for the support that I received. Thank-you to Sister Cheryl Gibson, I would like to thank her for being respectful as we went through this process together and I look forward to working with everyone for the next three years

Brother Johnston and I are committed to make these newsletters a regular feature in our workplaces.

WHAT IS HAPPENING AT OUR LOCAL.

SOME DATES OF INTEREST

1) Corn Roast; Aug 3rd

Open to all members and their families. Once again thanks to Cheryl Haddock for supplying all of the food again this year.

2) Labour Day: Monday Sept 1st

We have once again partnered up with C.K. Labour Council to bring this day of celebration to our local.

3) Open House: Friday Sept 12th

We have decided to hold an open house at the hall. This will be a meet and greet with some drink specials, give aways and more importantly a great opportunity to build solidarity. Please remember to bring your partners out, as this is a very important way of getting to know everybody.

4) Congratulations to the following 5 students on winning the \$500.00 Bursaries.

- 1) Ashley Parker -daughter of Mark Parker (Daymonds Unit)
- 2) Jessica Foott -daughter of Leonard Foott (International Unit)
- 3) Cara Duquette- daughter of Larry Duquette (International Unit)
- 4) Natalie Broadbent- daughter of Mike Broadbent (Meritor Unit)
- 5) Joe Faubert -son of Glen Faubert (Woodbridge, Tilbury Unit)

5) Manufacturing Matters Campaign:

For the 2nd stage of our National campaign, we are asking all of our members to donate any used work boots, there will be a drop box at the hall. We will be collecting them on Labour day. We will then announce where we are going to take them to. Please see the notices in your workplace.

STAY TUNED

ORGANIZING

We currently have the following organizing drives ongoing.

- 1) Dana
- 2) Fabtech
- 3) Sobeys

Please remember: If you know anyone in these workplaces, please call the hall at 519-354-3450. It is important that we try to organize the unorganized.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

- 1) **United Way – The Good Neighbours Program: Deryl Hall Giera , is looking for volunteers, if you are interested in helping out this great program please call Deryl at 519-354-0430 or email her @deryl@unitedway.chatham-kent.on.ca**

- 2) **Chatham Kent Safety Village:**

Since we are a donator of over \$100,000.00 to the Safety Village(along with other CAW Locals in Chatham Kent) we are entitled to have the village for a day. We will be partnering up with the other CAW Locals, we are hopefully looking at a time in September or October.
I will keep everyone posted.

PLANT CLOSING:

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of the Continental (Siemens) membership and leadership (both active and retired) all the best in the future. Nothing is more disheartening than seeing first hand your family, friend or neighbour loose their job through no fault of their own! This unit has been in our local since May 25, 1955.

A good job in securing the best package available to Brother Bill Rose and since the extension was granted to Brother Rob Trahan, We will miss all of the rank and file members. Good luck Brothers and Sisters. All the best.

In closing, on behalf of our local I would like to congratulate Brother Ken Lewenza (President Local 444) and support him as he seeks to replace the retiring Brother Hargrove as the next President of our National Union. The date of the convention will be Sept 5th and 6th, we will be sending our Constitution Delegates.

I would be remised not to end my report without wishing Brothers Formosa and Jacobs all the best in their retirement . On behalf of CAW Local 127 active and retired members

WELL DONE BROTHERS

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**Until next time
I remain**

**In Solidarity
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