

VP'S Corner

By TOM O'SHEA
Vice-President/Recording Secretary

Happy Summer. I hope everyone is taking time to go on vacation and do something fun with their families. It is what we work for right? Quality time? I know prices are up on everything and it keeps getting harder to get ahead but time away from work is most important. I have written several times about the forced vacation GE workers used to get. Shut Down. For many years the plant shut down for the last two weeks of July. Production workers were forced to take two weeks off in a row. This time was set aside for machine and plant maintenance. For those forced to take Shut Down it was often the only vacation they got all year. This time-off reset the clock and provided much needed rest. The good part of Shut Down was that workers were forced to take the two weeks off in a row. The bad part was that workers were forced to take two weeks off in a row. Many times, it rained. Or was hot as h###. But if you ask members who experienced Shut Down, the majority would say it was a good time; otherwise they would have never taken the time. This is one more part of our history that has been lost. When was the last time you took two weeks off in a row?

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of IUE-CWA Local 201 Officers, Executive Board, Members, Retirees and Staff is extended to the family and friends of GE retiree Dennis "Doc" Johnson on his recent death. Doc worked at GE for 46 years and was an AAEM in bldg. 29 when he retired in 2009. His daughter Tina Johnson works in bldg. 63.

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of IUE-CWA Local 201 Officers, Executive Board, Members and Staff is extended to the family and friends of Randall Smith on his recent death. Randy was a GE Machinist, Local 201 Steward and Local 201 Sgt. At Arms.

Navigating the College Search with Dr. Karen Droisen

Thursday, August 22 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Registration Required

Navigating the college search is stressful especially if it is your first time doing it. With college counselor and tutor Dr. Karen Droisen's expert help, parents and high school students can master the art of applying for college. By the end of Dr. Droisen's presentation, the steps from making a list of college choices, writing the personal essay to at last hitting the submit button will feel manageable and even exciting.

Dr. Droisen graduated from Columbia University with a degree in English and earned her PhD from the University of Virginia. After teaching English at the college level, Dr. Droisen opened K A D Tutoring and College Counseling and is a member of the New England Association for College Admissions Counseling (NEACAC).

Navigating the College Search is being offered in person and by Zoom:

To register to attend in person, please either email sau@noblenet.org, call 781-231-4168 ext. 3107, or visit the Reference Desk.

To register for the Zoom meeting: https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZwudO6hpzsrGtGVGvEZqs7gg7q5k_NKs8rz

Onsite Substance Abuse Support

For more information please call the Employee Assistance Team Local 201/GE Working Together. Located at the Medical Center and the IUE-CWA Local 201 Union Hall.

Derek White 781-584-7641

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In coordination with the Employee Assistance Program.
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Business Agent's Column

By JUSTIN RICHARDS Business Agent

GE Report

Hope everybody is enjoying their summer thus far. As you're in the shop working, hot as H^%L, sweaty, clammy, uncomfortable, and still working your shift, look around you! We see a good amount of new machinery coming into Lynn and improvements to some of the buildings around the plant. The Company likes to portray to our membership, "Hey look at what we are doing for you guys, the machines, the investment etc." This is all a façade! The Company wants us to think this is all for us and it is a gift from the people at the top, (one of them earned an estimated 22.7 million dollars in 2021). As the Company repeatedly states, "look what we are doing, we are investing you should be happy." Are you serious? How about thank you to all the 201 members who worked through the pandemic, trekked to work in states of emergency, who bust their a*^%s in the heat and in the cold, how about thank you for our labor? Our labor gives G.E the opportunity to invest in new machinery, to pay these ridiculous compensation packages and bonuses to execs and managers! Without our labor this Company does not exist, these opportunities do not exist. G.E invests in everything but the people that have built this company.

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Thursdays are Union T-Shirt Days. Show your Solidarity and wear you Union T-Shirt

Next Local 201 Membership Meeting August 16, 2022

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MBW bargaining update

It is still early, we just had our 4th session on 7/13, the only update I really have right now is, the Company, as of now is unwilling to make any reasonable real movement on the progression.

LWWTP

I would like to welcome our newest member at the treatment plant to the 201 family! Over the past couple months, we have had 3 new members, this is great and should help with some of the staffing shortages the plant has been plagued with over the past couple years.

Quick update on the safety bonus ordeal. We brought it in as a Matter during our last step 2 meeting with the Company, the Company took the position that the safety program does not exist, they do not have an established safety bonus. The Chief steward is turning this matter into a grievance, and we will fight it through the grievance procedure.

AVBG

By now both front end and back end of operations should have gotten the off-cycle one dollar wage increase as well as the contractual July wage increase. It was a pleasure to meet the members downtown. During this visit we were made aware of some issues members were having. We brought these issues to the Company; some were easy to be resolved in our step 2 meeting with the managers downtown. If you have an issue and you cannot get a hold of a steward, **please call the hall at 781-598-2760**. I look forward to making another trip to all the other units again.

Ametek

We finally have signed contracts! In all honesty this was a hasty process because of miscommunications and too many people involved in editing and correcting the contract in order to finalize it. But it's done, and you all will have them soon. In the meantime you can find a digital copy at <https://www.local201.org/>. The retention bonus will be paid out the first full July pay period which is July 22nd.



AS THE ROTOR TURNS

By BOBBY ELDRIDGE
LAT&O/Logistics Executive Board

I hope everyone is having a safe summer. Remember to stay cool and drink lots of water. As we know the temperatures in the shop can get unbearable in the summer months. If you feel hot and need to sit down, notify your supervisor, and find an air conditioned room to cool off in for a little while. Make sure you voucher accordingly.

LATO

The 3rd quarter is starting off slow because of parts shortages. There is high delinquency in every engine line across LATO. New management every week it seems. But LATO make its quota every time and that has nothing to do with management. It's the workers on the floor. Great job and thank you.

Logistics

It's good to see the daily stretching classes are back and being put on by the members on the floor. The new breakroom and bathroom renovations are about to start. The upcoming Blueprint Reading and Shop Math class is full. A total of 16 people signed up and the Company is already talking about having another one in the near future. The business plan for a better delivery process is streamlining the Pack Process to use less material. The current DIP is 2.22 year to date. Forklift training is about to start for everyone not just in some areas. Everyone needs to be trained and retrained to drive the forklift. You can't say no to training, it is required.

Stay safe and I hope to see you around the shop.

Bobby

AFL-CIO Visits Lynn

By TOM O'SHEA

On Saturday July 16 the North Shore Labor Council hosted Liz Shuler, president of the AFL CIO. For those of you paying attention you know that Liz is the president of the largest labor organization in the country. There are 12.5 million members that fall under the National AFL CIO. Liz is the first woman elected to this job. She was in town stumping for the AFT (American Federation of Teachers) among others and was able to spend time helping us kick off a door knocking day for Terri Tauro. Having Liz come to the Local 201 union hall was truly a milestone moment. My interpretation of her visit is that she came partly in recognition of the years of commitment to labor that the council and our local have exhibited. Former Local 201 President Jeff Crosby and the committed labor leaders that have worked with the Council and Local 201 for many years laid the groundwork for this visit. It's not often that someone at that level has time to "drop in". "Thank you, Liz, for your support".



IUE-CWA Local 201

RETIRES COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE

No meeting in July/August,
See you in September.

For more info call Kevin 781-367-7822

Kevin D. Mahar, President
Edward Walczak, Financial Secretary

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of IUE-CWA Local 201 Officers, Executive Board, Members, Retirees and Staff is extended to the family and friends of GE retiree Raymond Donahue on his recent death. Ray was a Sheet Metal worker who retired in 1998.

Service Directory

As a service to our members and retirees, Local 201 offers classified ads at minimal rates. We encourage members to consider their brothers and sisters when hiring for odd jobs. These ads do not imply any endorsement or guarantee of workmanship by Local 201.

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Foundations - Stairs - Chimneys - Walkways - Repairs
Call 978-239-9801 Ted Crowley

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Call us at 617-699-1071

The E-Team is associated with the Essex County Community Organizations, IUE-CWA Local 201 and the Boston Tooling and Machining Association.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

LOCAL 201 IUE-CWA (AFL-CIO)

COMBINED SHOP STEWARDS & MEMBERSHIP MEETING

NO MEETING IN JULY

Signed,

ADAM KASZYNSKI, President
JUSTIN RICHARDS, Business Agent