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## District 725 News

### District 725 Delegate Body Meeting

Delegates from 15 affiliated Local Lodges met at District 725 headquarters in Huntington Beach for the third quarterly Delegate Body Meeting of the year on Saturday, July 16, 2011. President/DBR Gary Holt called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

Following the pledge to the flag Secretary-Treasurer Dean Brewton conducted a roll call of Delegates, Officers and Staff. Newly elected Delegates and Alternate Delegates were sworn in by ADBR Bob Gutierrez. Grand Lodge Representative Don Whitaker addressed the Delegates under a special order of business. A protest had been filed by sister Virginia Cobb in the election for District 725 President/Directing Business Representative, and brother Whitaker was assigned to rerun the election. Brothers Dennis Ingram, Tommy Roberson and Kendrick Bridges were appointed to serve on the District 725 Election Committee as Tellers in the runoff election. After instructing the Delegates and the Tellers, brother Whitaker conducted the election. When all the ballots were counted, brother Gary Holt was declared the winner by more than a two to one margin. Brother Whitaker then administered the oath of office to President/DBR Gary Holt and the meeting returned to the normal order of business.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved by the Delegates, and the Financial Report was reviewed and accepted as presented by ST Dean Brewton. Official communications to the lodge were read to the Delegate Body, and President/DBR Gary Holt gave the President's Report.

**"The IAM International Staff meeting was held in Toronto, Canada this year from June 11th through the 17th. Part**



*From left to right: JP Fletcher, Dennis Ingram, Billy Williams, Michael Zercher & Kim Hamilton-Alarcon received the oath of office from DL 725 ADBR Bob Gutierrez on July 16, 2011.*



*Grand Lodge Representative Don Whitaker administered the oath of office to Gary Holt following his successful re-election to the office of President/DBR on July 16, 2011.*

**of our staff meeting was devoted to a Young Members Symposium, where we discussed ways to get our younger members more involved in our union. James Kalani from Area 5 was chosen to represent District 725. I'd like James to give you a brief report on the Young Workers Symposium,"** P/DBR Holt said.

**"Thank you. It was an honor to be selected to represent the younger members of District Lodge 725 in Toronto, Canada." James Kalani said. "Our main goal was to find ways to bridge the gap between older and younger members. This seminar was an important first step toward achieving that goal. It was a great experience, and I look forward to participating in these forums in the future."**

**"I'd like to take this opportunity to ask everybody here today to become sponsoring members of the Machinists Non Partisan Political League,"** President/DBR Holt said. **"This has been a year of unprecedented attacks on worker's rights. The wealthy special interests in our country have declared war on unions. They've spent hundreds of millions of dollars to get their friends elected to high offices, and now the politicians they bought**

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**and paid for are passing laws that strip worker's rights and cripple our unions. From Wisconsin to Maine, Indiana, Ohio and Florida, law makers are throwing workers under the bus and lying to the American people that busting unions will magically 'balance the budget'. This is totally crazy. It's time for labor in both the private and public sector to rise up and make our voices heard before the corporate special interests take away everything we've fought for over the last seventy-five years."**

**"The IAM doesn't use dues money for politics. Instead, we ask our members to make voluntary contributions to the MNPL. We will never be able to out spend the wealthy special interests that have vowed to destroy us. But we can educate our membership and we can vote them out of office. So I strongly urge each and everyone here today to become sponsoring members of the MNPL. The future of our union literally depends on it."**

**"So far this year we filed four NLRB petitions," Organizing Director Brian Miller said. "Out of those four petitions one was withdrawn, we won one, we lost one and we have one pending election."**

**"As I reported at the last meeting, we filed the first petition at DS2 Customs and Border Patrol at Brown Field. We had an election set for January 13th, but they fell apart when management started putting pressure on them, so we withdrew. Our second petition was filed in Area 6. Brother Mike Cook made contact with a group of service contractors who work on the U.S. Army's C-12 program at McClellan Air Field. When these workers transitioned from DynCorp to L-3 Vertex they realized why they needed a union to represent them. Although the company ran an anti-union campaign, the workers prevailed in their election on April 28th by an 80% margin. Brother Cook is now in the process of negotiating their first labor agreement."**

**"Our third petition was filed for the workers from SPS Technologies in Santa Ana. This unit of 168 workers makes fasteners for the aerospace industry, and they had a lot of problems in the workplace. Brothers Calixto Tapia and Mike Bellestri worked very hard on this campaign, and the group seemed very solid in spite of the nasty anti-union campaign the company ran**



*LL 2228 member James Kalani reported on the IAM Young Worker's Symposium held in Toronto, Canada June 11th through 17th.*



*Delegates from 16 Affiliated Local Lodges gathered for the third quarterly Delegate Body meeting in Huntington Beach on July 16, 2011.*

**against them. We filed their petition on March 31st, and held our Vote YES blitz from May 5th through May 7th and we secured a 60% showing of interest, which was enough to proceed to election on May 12th. The company threatened to shut the plant down and lay everybody off if they voted for the union, but the workers promised to vote 'yes' in spite of these threats. A few days before the election the company removed one of the machines from the shop, and they sent in a group of people to walk around the shop with clip boards measuring tapes. The company's last-ditch effort worked, and the workers lost their election 94 to 61."**

**"Our fourth petition was filed for the workers of Zenetex LLC at NAS North Island. This unit of 113 service contractors work on the FA-18 Center Barrel program for the US Navy alongside our Federal Sector members. Brothers Jim Crosswell, Don Gresham and Doug McNamara have been working with me on this campaign, and we have an election**

**date set for August 1st. Wish us luck!"**

The District 725 Bylaw Committee Report was given by Dean Brewton. Bylaw proposals submitted to the District Lodge were reviewed and voted upon by the Delegate Body. None of the proposed bylaws were passed.

There was no Old Business brought before the Lodge. There was one Executive Board Recommended Motion to donate \$1,000 to the Sacramento Classic Auto Show to benefit the Guide Dogs of America. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Under New Business, a motion was made to repair or replace the industrial stove in the Area 4 union hall. The motion also passed by unanimous consent.

GLR Ray Rivera won \$82.00 in the 50/50 raffle, which he donated to MNPL.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm with a moment of silence for the following members who passed away since our last Delegate Body Meeting: Gladys Mason, Retired Area 3 Director; Ken Secor, LL1125; Stan Plaketta, LL 2024; Perlita Rentoria, LL 1125 and Frank Pavalino, LL 755.

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## District 725 News

### Virginia Cobb Honored for 50 Years of IAM Membership

Area 1 Director Virginia Cobb was honored recently for achieving a milestone of 50 years of continuous IAM membership. Western Territory GVP Gary Allen and International President Tom Buffenbarger presented sister Cobb with her 50 year Gold Card and recognized her dedication and service to the membership over the years.

Virginia voluntarily joined the IAM in February 1961 when she was hired by General Dynamics Astronautics Division in San Diego, CA. General Dynamics was an open shop at that time, but her father was an IAM officer and activist from Chicago, Illinois so she joined the IAM without hesitation. She became a Local Lodge 2215 Shop Steward in 1962 and was elected to many different positions over the next nine years, including District 50 Delegate and Local Lodge 2215 Recording Secretary. She worked tirelessly on the "Union Shop" drive at that resulted in a union security clause in the General Dynamics contract.

Ten years later, in 1971, Virginia won the election for Business Representative. She was the first woman ever elected to that position in District 50, and one of the first women elected to serve in this capacity in the IAM. In her new role as Business Representative, Virginia fought to improve wages, benefits and pensions at the bargaining table, and earned a reputation as a formidable opponent in arbitration.

Shortly after District Lodge 725 was formed in 1994, Virginia was appointed Area 1 Director in 1995 by then President/DBR Calvin Duncan. For the last 10 years Virginia has negotiated industry leading first contracts in District 725's growing Service Contract Act sector.

Western Territory General Vice President Gary Allen presented sister Cobb with framed letter of commendation at the June 2011 Local Lodge 1125 meeting.

**"We are proud to honor her fifty years of IAM membership,"** GVP Allen said. **"Her skills and**



(From Left to Right) Western Territory GVP Gary Allen, Area 1 Director Virginia Cobb and LL1125 President Rob York.

**determination have earned the respect of employers, community and civic organizations and all of organized labor. Displaying the finest of IAM principals, she has improved the lives of tens of thousands of working families. Her efforts on their behalf will continue to provide security and better conditions in the workplace for many generations to come."**

**"It's not every staff meeting that we get to award a gold card for 50 years of continuous dues paying membership,"** IP Tom Buffenbarger said. **"A majority of those 50 years has been spent looking out for the interests of our members. Virginia, it is my honor to present this gold card to you today in front of all your peers. You earned it. You deserve it. And we appreciate it."**



IAM International President Tom Buffenbarger presented Virginia Cobb with her 50 year Life Membership card at the IAM&AW International Staff Meeting in Toronto, Canada.

## Election Notice

### Local Lodge 720-E

LL 720-E announces nominations and election of LL Officers. **Nominations** shall be held on Thursday **November 10, 2011** during the regular membership meetings at 1:30 pm & 3:00 pm at the Air Transport Hall located at 12109 Hawthorne Blvd, Hawthorne, CA. **Election** shall be held on **Thursday, December 8, 2011** at the same location. **Polls** shall be open from **9:00 am to 5:00 pm**. Open positions are as follows:

- (1) President
- (1) Vice President
- (1) Recording Secretary
- (1) Secretary-Treasurer
- (1) Conductor-Sentinel
- (3) Trustees
- (3) Auditors

All of the above positions are for a three year term. Absentee ballot requests will be honored for Constitutional offices only. Absentee ballot requests should be sent to the following address:

IAM&AW LL 720-E Recording Secretary  
5402 Bolsa Avenue  
Huntington Beach, CA 92649

## Eye on the Economy

### CA Unemployment Rate Rises to 12.0%

California's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by **0.2** percentage point to **12.0%** in July. Over the last two months, California's unemployment rate has risen by **0.3** percentage point. In contrast, the rate fell in each of the five months prior to June, with the decrease over the period totaling 0.8 percentage point. The July 2011 rate remained 0.5 percentage point *lower* than its recession peak of 12.5% in September-December 2010.

The U.S. unemployment rate fell by **0.1** percentage point in July to **9.1%**. This reversed a string of three consecutive rate increases which totaled a combined 0.4 percentage point. Although the U.S. unemployment rate has trended downward over the course of the current expansion, it has done so only slowly and unevenly. The nation's July 2011 rate was 0.3 percentage point higher than in March 2011, but 0.7 percentage point lower than in November 2010, and a full percentage point lower than its October 2009 peak during the recession.

## On The Hill

### Deep In Boeing's Pocket: Darrell Issa

Congressman Darrell Issa (R-CA) is drawing heat from fellow members of Congress for his controversial advocacy on behalf of The Boeing Company. Recently Issa issued a highly unusual subpoena for an extensive list of confidential documents related to the National Labor Relations Board's pending complaint against Boeing.

In response to the subpoena, Representatives John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI) Elijah E. Cummings (D-MD) and George Miller (D-CA) accused Issa of using his position as House Oversight Chairman to hinder the investigation and provide assistance to Boeing.

***"You may personally disagree with the laws Congress enacted to protect workers against discrimination,"*** the Democrats wrote. ***"You may also disagree with the judge's decision in this case upholding those laws. But it is not a legitimate use of the Committee's authority to circumvent those laws on behalf of corporate interests."***

Issa is no stranger to charges of using his position as an elected official to provide aid and assistance to corporate interests. The August 15th edition of the **New York Times** ran an article entitled: ***"A Businessman in Congress Helps His District and Himself"***. The article examined in minute detail how Issa has used his position in Congress to promote legislation that increased the value of his personal investments. In one instance, more than **\$800,000** in earmarks arranged by Issa were devoted to widen a street in front of a medical plaza he owns in San Diego.

Congress historically has had more than its share of millionaires over the years, from the Rockefellers to the Kennedys. But those privileged members typically lowered their business profiles and limited their active dealings to avoid potential conflicts of interest and the political repercussions that might follow from private business decisions.

Not Darrell Issa. His congressional district office in Vista, CA also serves as his private business office, where he oversees a financial empire worth hundreds of millions of dollars. Issa has bought office buildings, split a holding company into separate multi-million-dollar businesses, started an insurance company, traded hundreds of millions of



*California Congressman Darrell Issa is one of the wealthiest members of congress. He is also one of the most anti-worker law makers in the House.*

dollars in securities, invested in overseas funds, retained an interest in his auto-alarm company and built up a family foundation.

Since being appointed Chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee in January, he's made it a point to use his gavel to expand corporate power and erode the institutions that promote fairness and equality in America. His political attack on the National Labor Relations Board is just the latest chapter.

During the Committee hearing on the NLRB vs. Boeing complaint in June, Chairman Issa threatened to eliminate the NLRB in retaliation for bringing the complaint against Boeing.

***"We could eliminate the NLRB or take the premise and statutorily change it,"*** Issa said. ***"This [lawsuit] could lead to repercussions in America's competitiveness."***

Representatives Elijah Cummings and George Miller, ranking members of the Oversight Committee and the Education and Workforce Committee respectively, sent a formal complaint to Chairman Issa saying the committee hearing had ***"serious potential for improper interference with a pending case"*** and showed a ***"disturbing disregard"*** for both Boeing's and the NLRB's due process rights.

In typical arrogant Darrell Issa fashion, he ignored the protests out of hand and issued the subpoena anyway.

As Issa continues to shamelessly advocate for Boeing, one thing is becoming crystal clear; Darrell Issa's staunch support for corporate interests and his self-serving congressional earmarks should be investigated not only by the House Ethics Committee, but the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

## Contact Information

### ***District 725 Headquarters:***

5402 Bolsa Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92649. Toll Free **(800) 725-9588**. Fax: **(714) 892-3485**. President/Directing Business Representative: *Gary W. Holt*. Assistant Directing Business Representative: *Robert Gutierrez*. Secretary-Treasurer: *Dean Brewton*. Organizing Director: *Brian Miller*.

### ***Area 1: San Diego***

5150 Kearny Mesa Road, San Diego, CA 92111. Toll Free: **(888) 292-5150**. Area Director: *Virginia C. Cobb*. Organizing Director: *Brian Miller*.

### ***Area 1: Chula Vista:***

590 Park Way, Chula Vista, CA 91910. **(619) 422-5386**. Business Representative: *James Crosswell*.

### ***Area 2: Rancho Cucamonga***

8233 Rochester Avenue, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730. **(909) 484-2004**. Business Representative: *Al Rosales*.

### ***Area 3: Huntington Beach***

5402 Bolsa Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92649. **(714) 898-9141**. President/Directing Business Representative: *Gary W. Holt*. Business Representative: *Mike Bellestri*. Organizing Director: *Brian Miller*. Organizer: *Calixto Tapia*.

### ***Area 4: Palmdale***

39047 North 10th Street East, Palmdale, CA 93550. **(661) 273-1433**. President/Directing Business Representative: *Gary W. Holt*. Assistant Directing Business Representative: *Robert Gutierrez*. Business Representative: *Mike Palazzo*.

### ***Area 5: Sunnyvale***

655 Vaqueros Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94085. **(408) 739-1434**. Area Director: *John Fox*. Business Representative: *Mike Cook*.

### ***Area 6: Rancho Cordova***

2749 Sunrise Blvd., Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. **(916) 635-4710**. Area Director: *John Fox*. Business Representative: *Mike Cook*.

***Attend Your  
Local Lodge  
Meetings***

**Eye on the Economy**

**Stock Tip: Be Worried. Workers are Consumers.**

*By Robert Reich*

Repeat after me: Workers are consumers. Consumers are workers.

We're slouching toward a double dip, and the stock market is imploding, because consumers – whose spending is 70% of the economy – have reached their limit.

It's not just the jobless who can't spend. It's mainly people with jobs.

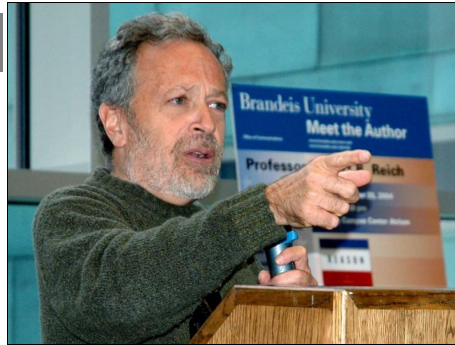
Median wages continue to fall. Weekly wages in July for Americans with jobs were **1.3 percent lower** than eight months before.

**America's median earners are now earning less (adjusted for inflation) than they earned ten years ago.**

Every CEO of every company that continues to squeeze payrolls (Verizon, are you listening? Ford?) needs to understand they're shooting themselves in the feet. Where do they expect demand for their products and services to come from?

They're doing the reverse of what Henry Ford did back in 1914 – paying his workers three times what the typical factory employee earned at the time. The *Wall Street Journal* called his action "**an economic crime**" but Ford knew it was a cunning business move. With higher wages, his workers became his customers, snapping up Model-Ts and generating huge profits.

Many on Wall Street are scratching their heads, trying to understand why the



*Robert Reich served as Secretary of Labor under President Bill Clinton. He currently serves as Chancellor's Professor of Public Policy at the University of California at Berkeley.*

stock market is plummeting. After all, they tell themselves, corporate earnings are still near record highs.

But it's becoming clear those earnings can't be sustained. Corporate earnings are the highest they've been relative to worker wages and benefits since just before the Great Depression. And the richest 1 percent of Americans are getting a higher percent of total income since just before the Great Depression.

Get it? It was only a matter of time before the boom on Wall Street turned into a bust. Economic booms cannot continue without American workers participating in them.

Foreign consumers have helped sustain earnings, but that won't continue, either. The European economy is sinking and China is pulling in the reins on growth.

What will happen to the Dow Jones Industrial Average when corporate earnings revert to their historic average relative to American wages? I've seen various estimates. They're not pretty.

**WANTED**  
Organizing Leads

District Lodge 725 is actively seeking organizing leads in California. District 725 has established the following cash incentives to reward our members for rolling up their sleeves and helping our organizing efforts.

**REWARD**

**\$50.00**  
for a lead that results in a meeting with a District Organizer

**\$100.00**  
for a lead that develops into a full organizing campaign

**\$250.00**  
for an organizing campaign that results in a first contract

Contact your District 725 Organizers:  
Brian Miller (858) 292-5150 \* Calixto Tapia (714) 898-9141

**Get in gear with the Machinists Union!**

Do your friends and family members work for non-union private sector employers, federal sector employers or service contract employers? Do they deserve a living wage, safe working conditions, overtime pay, medical benefits and a voice on the job? Do them a favor and introduce them to your District 725 Organizers.

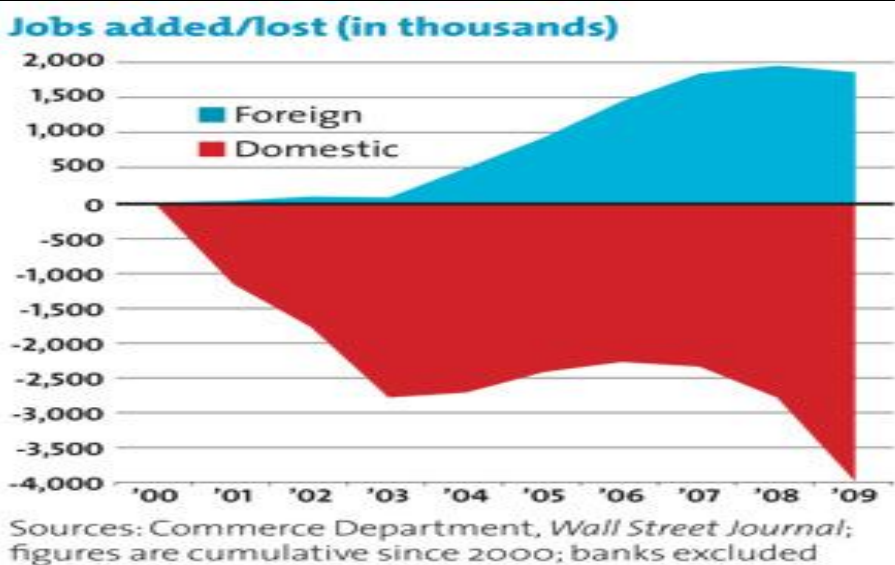
**Contact District 725 Organizers:**

Organizing Director: Brian Miller  
in San Diego (858) 292-5150

Organizer: Calixto Tapia  
in Huntington Beach (714) 898-9141

**District 725 Organizing Committee:**

Doug McNamara, Area 1 (619) 422-5386  
Young Ho, Area 2 (909) 484-2004  
Walter Melson Area 3 (714) 898-9141  
Tommy Roberson, Area 4 (661) 273-1433  
David Brewer, Area 5/6 (916) 635-4710



## Election Notice

### Local Lodge 964

LL 964 announces nominations and election of LL Officers and Delegates. **Nominations** shall be held **Tuesday November 8, 2011** during the regular first shift membership meeting at 3:30 pm at 6086 Montgomery St., Riverside, CA. **Election** shall be held **Tuesday December 13, 2011** at the same location. **Polls** shall be open from **11:00 am to 5:00 pm**. Open positions are as follows:

- (1) President
- (1) Vice President
- (1) Recording Secretary
- (1) Secretary-Treasurer
- (1) Conductor-Sentinel
- (3) Trustees
- (1) Chief Steward
- (1) Cal Conference Delegate

*All of the above positions are for a three year term. Absentee ballot requests will be honored for Constitutional offices only. Absentee ballot requests should be sent to the following address:*

IAM&AW LL 964 Recording Secretary  
8233 Rochester Avenue  
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

## Election Notice

### Local Lodge 2024

LL 2024 announces nominations and election of Local Lodge Officers. **Nominations** shall be held on Saturday **November 5, 2011** during the regular membership meeting at 12:30 pm at 5402 Bolsa Avenue, Huntington Beach, California. **Election** shall be held on **Saturday, December 3, 2011** at the same location. **Polls** shall be open from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Open positions are as follows:

- (1) President
- (1) Vice President
- (1) Recording Secretary
- (1) Secretary-Treasurer
- (1) Conductor-Sentinel
- (3) Trustees
- (3) Auditors

*All of the above positions are for a three year term. Absentee ballot requests will be honored for Constitutional offices only. Absentee ballot requests should be sent to the following address:*

IAM&AW LL 2024 Recording Secretary  
5402 Bolsa Avenue  
Huntington Beach, CA 92649

## Absentee Ballot Information

**In conformance with the IAM&AW Constitution, the following information regarding absentee ballots is hereby communicated to the membership:**

### Article II Election of Delegates

**Section 3:** Members who reside in outlying districts more than 25 miles from the designated balloting place, members who are either confined because of verified illness or on leave qualifying under U.S. and Canadian family leave laws, or on vacation, or on official IAM business approved by the LL or DL or GL, or on an employer travel assignment, or reserve military leave, as the case may be, shall be furnished absentee ballots. Members applying for an absentee ballot on the basis of residing in an outlying district more than 25 miles from the designated balloting place, shall have their eligibility to vote by absentee ballot determined by the RS and the ST before the ballot is mailed. Members found not to be eligible to vote by absentee ballot will be so notified within 10 days of the receipt of their application. Before the absentee ballots are opened and counted, the inspectors of the election shall determine the eligibility of members to vote by that method, as defined in the section, with the exception cited above.

Any member entitled to receive an absentee ballot shall make written request therefore to the RS of the LL by delivering in person or mailing such request not later than 10 days before the election. Within 48 hours after receipt of any such request, the RS shall mail the ballot if the records of the LL indicate that the applicant is eligible to vote in the election. (In those instances where LL membership records are kept and maintained by a DL with which such LL is affiliated, request for an absentee ballot shall be made to the appropriate DL Officer.)

Members voting by absentee ballot shall execute and mail their ballots in accordance with the following procedure: After marking an (X) opposite the names of the candidates for whom they wish to vote, and after filling in the information required on the detachable portion of the ballot form, the members shall thereupon detach such portion of the ballot and then

## Election Notice

### Local Lodge 906

LL 906 announces nominations and election of LL Officers. **Nominations** shall be held on Sunday **November 13, 2011** during the regular membership meeting at 1:00 pm at 5402 Bolsa Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA. **Election** shall be held on **Sunday, December 11, 2011** at the Embassy Suites, 3100 East Frontera, Anaheim, CA 92806. **Polls** shall be open from **4:00 pm to 8:00 pm**. Open positions are as follows:

- (1) President
- (1) Vice President
- (1) Recording Secretary
- (1) Secretary-Treasurer
- (1) Conductor-Sentinel
- (3) Trustees
- (3) Auditors
- (1) Chief Steward

*All of the above positions are for a three year term. Absentee ballot requests will be honored for Constitutional offices only. Absentee ballot requests should be sent to the following address:*

IAM&AW LL 906 Recording Secretary  
8233 Rochester Avenue  
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91761

## Election Notice

### Local Lodge 946

LL 946 announces nominations and election of Local Lodge Officers and Delegates. **Nominations** shall be held **Tuesday November 1, 2011** during the regular membership meeting at 4:15 pm at 2749 Sunrise Blvd., Rancho Cordova, CA. **Election** shall be held **Tuesday December 6, 2011** at the same location. **Polls** shall be open from **5:00 am to 5:00 pm**. Open positions are as follows:

- (1) President
- (1) Vice President
- (1) Recording Secretary
- (1) Secretary-Treasurer
- (1) Conductor-Sentinel
- (3) Trustees
- (1) Aerojet Propulsion Chief Steward
- (1) Grievance Committee person
- (1) Safety Committee Chairperson
- (6) Negotiating Committee

*All of the above positions are for a three year term. Absentee ballot requests will be honored for Constitutional offices only. Absentee ballot requests should be sent to the following address:*

IAM&AW LL 964 Recording Secretary  
2749 Sunrise Boulevard  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95742

fold and place the upper ballot portion in a plain envelope without fixing any signature, number or other means of identification thereon. After being securely sealed, this plain envelope shall then be placed, together with the detachable stub bearing the name of the member, address, lodge number and card number, in an outer envelope bearing the word "Ballot" on its face. After being securely sealed, this envelope shall then be returned by official government mail to the RS of the absentee member's LL so that it will be received by or prior to the closing time of the polls specified in the notice of election. The RS shall turn over to the inspectors of the election all such absentee ballots unopened.

**Article B**

**Nomination and Election of Officers**

**Section 4:** Absentee ballots shall be issued and voted in accordance with the

provisions set forth in Section 3, Article II, in compliance with the following provisions: (1) the written request for an absentee ballot must be received by the RS not later than 30 days before the election; (2) the request must include contain the members full, current address; (3) if the records of the LL indicate that the applicant is eligible to vote in the election, the RS and ST shall, within 5 days of the close of nominations, mail the absentee ballot; (4) if, in the judgment of the RS and ST, the member is not entitled to vote by absentee ballot, the member will be so notified, in writing, within 10 days of the receipt of the request for an absentee ballot.

Ballots cast for candidates not nominated in conformity with these provisions (write-ins) shall not be tabulated. **Proof of membership is required prior to voting. All members are encouraged to exercise their right to vote.**

**District Lodge 725  
Retiree Club  
Meeting Schedule**

**Area 1:** The William L. Curtis Retiree Club of San Diego Meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 2:00 p.m. at the Area 1 Hall, 5150 Kearny Mesa Road, San Diego.

**Area 2:** Meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at the Home Town Buffet located at 5247 Arrow Highway, Montclair. (On the corner of Arrow Highway and Central Avenue).

**Area 3: Pensioner's Club** meets 2nd Friday of each month at 12:00 noon 12109 Hawthorne Blvd., Hawthorne. **Retirement Club** meets 1st Thursday of each month at 12:30 p.m. at District 725 Headquarters, 5402 Bolsa Avenue, Huntington Beach.

**Area 4: Antelope Valley Retirement Club** meets Last Tuesday of each month at 12:00 noon. Area 4 Union Hall, 39047 North 10th Street East, Palmdale. **McNett Retirement Club** meets Last Wednesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. Joslyn Adult Center, 1301 West Olive Ave., Burbank.

**Area 5:** Meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Area 5 Union Hall, 655 Vaqueros Ave., Sunnyvale.

**Area 6:** Meets 1st Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m. LL 946 Union Hall, 2749 Sunrise Blvd., Rancho Cordova.

**Official Absentee Ballot Request Form**

Recording Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

IAM&AW Local Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Greetings;

As a member in good standing of IAM&AW Local Lodge \_\_\_\_\_, I hereby request an Absentee Ballot so that I may participate in the election indicated below. I am unable to cast my vote at the Union Hall for the following reason:

(Check One)

- 1. I am on authorized vacation.
- 2. I live more than 25 miles from the Union Hall. (Per Art. II Sec. 3)
- 3. I am currently on an authorized Medical Leave of Absence.
- 4. I am on authorized Military Duty.
- 5. I am on a Travel Assignment for my employer.
- 6. I am on Official Union Business assigned by the Local, District or International.

Please mail my Absentee Ballot to the address indicated above. **I understand that this request must be received by the Recording Secretary no later than thirty (30) days before the election indicated below.**

(Note: Please **Print** the requested information clearly.)

Election Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Badge/Book No: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**What Do Union  
Activists Do When  
They Retire?**

***They Join Their District  
725 Retiree Club!***

On a social level, Retiree Clubs offer members an opportunity to meet and interact for companionship and entertainment. On a political level, the clubs serve as a clearing house of information providing retirees with a chance to investigate and discuss current political issues and come together with a sense of camaraderie and solidarity in forming an organized political force. Retiree Clubs are active in our communities and serve as vital educational tools for shaping the future of labor in California.

***Join Today!***

**DL 725 Website**  
<http://iam725.org>

## Local Lodge Meetings

### Area 1

#### LL 726

Third Tuesday at 5:00 pm  
590 Park Way, Chula Vista

#### LL 755

Third Wednesday (2nd shift)  
at 12:30 am  
First Tuesday (1st shift)  
at 7:30 pm  
590 Park Way, Chula Vista

#### LL 1125

First Thursday at 4:30 pm  
5150 Kearny Mesa Rd., San Diego

### Area 2

#### LL 25

First Tuesday at 5:30 pm  
Ramada Inn, Barstow

#### LL 821

First Thursday at 4:00 pm  
8233 Rochester Avenue, Rancho Cucamonga

#### LL 906

Second Sunday at 1:30 pm  
91 Fwy at Glassel  
Embassy Suites, Anaheim

#### LL 964

Second Tuesday  
at 3:30 pm  
6086 Montgomery St., Riverside

### LL 575

Third Tuesday at 4:30 pm  
Monrovia Community Center  
119 W. Palm Avenue, Monrovia

### Area 3

#### Local Lodge 720-E

Second Thursday  
1:30 p.m. and 3:30 pm  
12109 Hawthorne Blvd., Hawthorne

#### LL 720-J

Second Saturday at 1:00 pm  
12109 Hawthorne Blvd., Hawthorne

### LL 2024

First Saturday at 12:30 pm  
5402 Bolsa Avenue, Huntington Beach

### Area 4

#### LL 727-N

Third Thursday (odd months) at 5:00 pm  
2520 West Olive Ave, Burbank  
Third Saturday (even months, except  
meeting held second Saturday in Dec.)  
at 1:00 pm  
39047 N 10th Street East, Palmdale

#### LL 727-P

First Wednesday (Swing shift)  
at 1:00 pm  
LL 727-P (Continued)  
Third Wednesday (First shift)  
at 4:00 pm  
39047 North 10th Street East, Palmdale

### Area 5

#### LL 2228

First Wednesday at 4:00 pm  
655 Vaqueros Avenue, Sunnyvale

#### LL 2231

First Sunday at 8:30 am  
655 Vaqueros Avenue, Sunnyvale

### Area 6

#### LL 946

First Tuesday at 4:00 pm  
2749 Sunrise Blvd., Rancho Cordova

