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VOICE OF CARPENTERS

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LOCAL 70 DELEGATES

Ed Triezenberg; John Lehman Jr;
Michael Petrish; Lisa Marx;
Danny O'Brien; Don Sorenson;
Rick Poitras; Miguel Perry

ALTERNATES

Greg Brady; Karen Andrews;
Jennifer Coyle.

OFFICE STAFF

- Office Manager: Jenifer LeDoux
- Administrator Assistant:
Jessica Mathison

MEETINGS

Membership – 3rd Monday of the month at 7 PM at the Carpenters Training Center in Mount Vernon. The VOC meets one hour earlier.

LU70 three year anniversary

Local Union #70 was chartered on March 22, 2011 when former Everett Local 562, former Mt. Vernon Local 1532, and former Bellingham Local 762 consolidated to make one single Carpenter's Local for the North Puget Sound Area. The consolidation of the three Locals was mandated by

UBCJA General President Douglas J. McCarron.

Local 70's membership is made up of approximately 1,300 members from San Juan Island, Snohomish, Skagit, Island, and Whatcom counties.

Local 70's office recently relocated and is located at 401 E. Hickox Road in Mt.

Vernon. The office is open Monday through Friday from 7 AM to 5 PM. The office is close during lunch hour from 12 PM to 1 PM.

Be an active unionist and come sometime to a membership meeting held on the third Monday of the month at 7 PM. Remember your Union is only as strong as you make it to be!

Check out our Local VOC Activity

Local 70's VOC is a volunteer committee of the Local and for the Local made up of union members like yourself who donate their time to serve our membership and our communities in the North Puget Sound area. Our goal is also to organize all carpenters in the NPS area and in so doing improve their standard of living.

Here are some of past and upcoming events:

On July 11th, we participated in a Rally/March to boycott the Sakuma Farms and support the farm workers who were let go for their efforts to organize and form a union.

On June 28th, we walked the Marysville Relay for Life of the American Cancer Society to support our members who are survivors and remember those who have gone before us. Read below!

On August 6th through the 9th, the NWWCLC is hosting a Labor Tent at the Skagit County Fair. The Local VOC will participate in this event and is looking for volunteers to crew up the tent. Volunteers are asked to give 4 hour shifts during one of these dates. If you are interested please email Miguel Perry at mperry@nwcarpenters.org

For more information on VOC events and activities go to our Local's website "ubcja70.org". Thanks!

Relay For Life - Relay with Shannon Layer

Each year, more than 4 million people in over 20 countries take part in this global phenomenon and raise much-needed funds and awareness to save lives from cancer. During a Relay for Life event, participants and survivors celebrate what they've overcome by taking turns and walking victory laps around a track.

On June 28th, 2014, LU70 members walked the Marysville Relay for Life with Shannon Layer to find a cure for cancer. The event was held at the Marysville/Tulalip Relay for Life event at Asbery Field - 1605 7th St (6th & Union), Marysville. Job Corps students from the Cascade Job Corps center build a plywood train engine and participated in the Race for Life event taking second place. They also won best show and first place for their project. Together with the all donors we were able to raise over \$5,000 and receive the gold award for our contribution to the event.

THAT SOMEONE IS ME!



Cascade Job Corps Students with the Train Engine they built out of plywood for the Relay for Life of Marysville.



A daughter of a Sakuma farm worker holds a sign that reads, "Solidarity with Families". The Sakuma Farms let go of the workers after they decided to organize themselves and ask for higher wages and living conditions.

I began my career as a Union Carpenter in September 2002 with virtually no prior experience in construction. Since then I have graduated the apprenticeship and participated in 12 years of building the greater Seattle area. This Union has afforded my family an incredible life of security and comfort. Last March I was accepted to attend the Leadership Training Program offered at the UBC International training Center in Las Vegas. Until this point I had enjoyed the wages and benefits associated with being a Union member but

had never made an effort to get involved or do my part. Like many, I assumed that the Carpenters Union would always be here and that "someone" else will keep it alive strong. The Leadership Training Program changed my perspective on all of that. I began to see how much work goes into keeping this organization alive and what will happen if we leave it up to "someone" else. This had been my income, my work, my reputation, my future and my retirement plan for 12 years but I had never made it MY Union. All this time I had been leaving

the future of this Union up to "someone" else. That is when I decided to make this MY Union. That is when I decided that "someone" is me.

-written by Danny O'Brien

Looking for work

I want to do a special post on our face book page on "tips to finding work". Most, if not all of us have had to hustle work at some point. Walk onto a job, ask for the Foreman and then beg to be hired. I'm asking for everyone to submit "top 10" tricks to finding and keeping a job. They can be as simple as tucking in your shirt or trimming your nose hairs. Let's help our members find their next job!

Thanks!

Danny O'Brien

2nd Annual Picnic

Carpenters Local 70 second annual picnic will be held on Saturday, August 23rd 2014, at 11:00 AM at the Sedro Woolley River Front Park on 1001 River Rd in Sedro Woolley.

There will be a new journeyman recognition ceremony for all graduating apprentices held at noon. For more information please visit our website at www.ubcja70.org

We hope to see you there!

Holiday Party/Pin Presentation

Our first annual Holiday Party/Pin Presentation was a great success. We had an awesome turn out of 105 members. Some of which were collecting pins for many years of service. I am pleased to say we presented one pin to a member with 65 years in the UBC and two pins for 55 years in the UBC. We also had our longest serving female member Tammy O'Dell in attendance. She received her 40 year pin. Everyone at the party with at least 5 years of service in the UBC received a pin that night. We were very fortunate to have a fantastic venue and menu

for the party. The Cotton Tree Convention Center provided us the perfect space for our event and did a great job on the holiday décor. There was plenty of good cheer and fellowship being shared by all our united brothers and sisters. We would like to send out a special Thank You to all who attended. Plus our sincere gratitude to all the generosity our members gave to Toys For Tots. Our Tots box was overflowing with a plethora of toys ready to bring joy to a child's Christmas.

-written by Lisa Marx

TEAM = TOGETHER EVERYONE ACCOMPLISHES MORE!