



NEWS & NOTES

From the desk of President David A. Cook
KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE

January 2013



“In our glorious fight for civil rights, we must guard against being fooled by false slogans, such as ‘right to work.’ It is a law to rob us of our civil rights and job rights. Its purpose is to destroy labor unions and the freedom of collective bargaining by which unions have improved wages and working conditions for everyone...Wherever these laws have been passed, wages are lower, job opportunities are fewer and there are no civil rights. We do not intend to let them do this to us. We demand this fraud be stopped. Our weapon is our vote.” - **Martin Luther King**, speaking about right-to-work laws in 1961.

CONGRATULATIONS RETIREES!

For the first quarter of 2013, we have had a total of 118 members retire with pension benefits.

Best wishes to all of our retirees. We are proud to be able to provide contracts that afford our members the ability to retire with the security of a pension income and medical benefits. You can also find pictures of our recent retirees on Facebook!



Wearing your UNION BUTTON shows solidarity and can be beneficial in getting YOU a better contract.

For buttons, see your Shop Steward.

CONTRACT UPDATES

For contract updates text to: **738674**

the word:

Dierbergs— for Dierbergs members

Schnucks— for Schnucks members

SNS— for Shop N Save members

For all other updates, visit our website: www.ufcw655.com

LOBBY DAYS WITH LOCAL 655

2013 will find Local 655 Staff and Membership returning to Jefferson City every week to talk with our State Legislators. **Interested?**

Call Political Director:

Merri Berry

At: 636-736-2757

Or: 1-800-882-6560



LOGO STORE NOW OPEN

Your Union Proud Logo store is now open! Share with your family Union made, made in the USA, hoodies, jackets, polos and much more! It's as easy as going to our website at:

ufcw655.com

and clicking on the



Let St. Louis know you're a UFCW Local 655 member

Automobile window decals like the one to the left, are available in stick-on or cling from your Union Representative or by calling Organizing Director Nikki Rich at 636-736-2772. Stickers are also available at the UFCW 655 office at 300 Weidman Rd., Ballwin, MO.

THE SCAB

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"A SCAB IS A TWO-LEGGED ANIMAL WITH A CORKSCREW SOUL, A WATERLOGGED BRAIN, AND A COMBINATION BACKBONE MADE OF JELLY AND GLUE. WHERE OTHERS HAVE HEARTS, HE CARRIES A TUMOR OF ROTTEN PRINCIPLES... JUDAS ISCARIOT WAS A GENTLEMAN COMPARED TO A SCAB. FOR BETRAYING HIS MASTER HE HAD THE CHARACTER TO HANG HIMSELF - THE SCAB HASN'T... THERE IS NOTHING LOWER THAN A SCAB."

JACK LONDON



Author Jack London's classic definition of a scab: someone who would cross a picket line and take a striker's job: "After God had finished the rattlesnake, the toad, the vampire, He had some awful substance left with which He made a scab. A scab is a two-legged animal with a cork-screw soul, a water-logged brain, a combination backbone of jelly and glue. Where others have hearts, he carries a tumor of rotten principles."

EDUCATION GRANT

Local 655 offers current members that are attending college, vocational school, technical school etc., the chance to win a \$150.00 grant. Twenty grants are drawn at our January membership meeting and another twenty are drawn at our June membership meeting. If you would like an application, contact your Union Representative or download the application from our website at www.ufcw655.com.

UNION DENSITY = BETTER CONTRACTS

We have to build our Union's strength in our core industries—and that's building our Union Density. We do that by organizing the workers in the non-union stores that are competing, and taking market share away from our Union stores. Non-union competition pays far less, provides no benefits and pushes workers around at will; that means unfair competition to our Union stores. Unfair competition puts downward pressure on contract wages and benefits, negatively impacting the standard of living for everyone. We have to change that. You can and must help. Wear the UNION PROUD button and tell your family and friends working at a non-union location to call UFCW Local 655 for help with better pay, benefits and treatment on the job.



EASTER HAMS

Think "Union Made" this holiday when you are buying your Easter dinner ham.

Both Double G Ham and Miller Hams are made by members of UFCW Local 655 here in Missouri.

DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS?

BE SURE YOU ARE GETTING ALL THE LATEST UNION NEWS & UPDATES.

IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING THE LABOR TRIBUNE

PLEASE CONTACT THE DUES DEPT. AND UPDATE YOUR RECORDS. 636-394-6500

UFCW LOCAL 655 UNION MEETINGS

Monthly Meetings:

4th Tuesday of each month 9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

New Member Meetings:

3rd Monday of each month 9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Union Hall: 300 Weidman Rd., Ballwin, MO 63011
636-394-6500

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!