

## May President Report

It was very sad to see the CFS/CMC turn off its lights on April 15, 2009 at 6:00 pm. It was a lot of history with that department, with PNB, USW and now Qwest. I was in Washington DC at an Equity Conference for that week. I did drop by the week before to say good-bye to those folks. We did as much as we could for assistance in schooling and applying for unemployment and for those that followed their work. It's been announced Qwest will be closing the Kiosk's in Westlake Center, Federal Way and the Super Mall. I wish them all the best of luck.

Qwest has done an expansion of the Qfinit Observation System in certain consumer centers, allowing 100% of consultants to be recorded across all Mass Markets and Network Organizations. I met with Matt Perkotich Field Force manager for Washington. The company has put on hold the GPS for cell phones on home garaging since they were stopping home garaging on May 4, 2009. It was reported that Qwest lost 12,000 landlines for the month of April alone.

JWJ Mothers Leading the Way Health Care Reform Rally and March is May 30<sup>th</sup>, it starts at Pratt Park at 18<sup>th</sup> Ave S in the Central District at 12:30 pm. We are looking for at least 10 people to participate, if you are interested please let me know. A few of us attended the May 1<sup>st</sup> Rally and March for Human Rights Day. Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> the Community Services Committee helped out at the Ballard post office collecting food for the Food Life Line. It was great helping out and the post office also provided food. We have updated all the Union bulletin boards. I'm in process of getting the committee chairs and contact info posted as well. We will be having an open house on June 10<sup>th</sup> in Bell Plaza from 11am to 2 pm in Room 403 for committee's and officers. We will be handing out flyers as we get closer to the date.

AT&T is currently working without a contract. They are still at the table but talks are not going well. AT&T reported profit for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter is over 9-billion but yet they want to increase the premiums for health by triple. The other AT&T units contract expires in August and they could be out till then from what I'm hearing. We also have Zoey's Catering and have reached a bargaining contract with them.

Currently we are working with MV Transportation; they are one of our bargaining units in Redmond. Due to cut backs and downsizing with Microsoft, there are some changes that may be coming with their contract. No details have been released yet since it has not been presented and voted on by the members yet. We are doing everything possible to preserve jobs. We just finished an advance stewards training class.

I have been contacted by several technical schools for training to be held here at the Local in the evening and weekends. I'm still checking into that to see what the process is to allow this.

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