

October 2009 President Report

Submitted by Michael Lynch

First I want to acknowledge the passing of our former District 7 Vice President Louise Caddell on Sunday 10-4-2009 in Denver, CO. She was a pioneer for CWA locally and nationally. She has been a member of 2 different districts working on staff and the national. She was the cope lady for any of you that did not really know her. She was a hard worker and will be sadly missed. Her favorite color was red. I will really miss the red lady because she had everything red. My prayers go out to Frank her husband and her family.

Would like to congratulate Mary Taylor who has been appointed and approved the new District 7 Vice President she was Louise Caddell Assistant to the Vice President. There will be an election held at the next CWA National Convention 2010 in Washington Convention for District 7 to elect the permanent District 7 Vice President for the rest of this term thru 2011. Mary has been with CWA for over 30-plus years. Was President of her local in Minneapolis, was Secretary/Treasurer for CWA Minority Caucus for many years. I have worked with her on that board for over 6-years and she is very open minded and support her members. She is very knowledgeable and known thru out the district and CWA as a hold. She has been running things since Louise illness started over couple months ago. She is the first African American female to hold a District Vice President position on the CWA National Board.

The CWA Women Conference was held September 9th thru 12th In St Louis, Mo. JJ Zimmell attended that conference and will be reporting out on it in the October membership meeting. There's a big push for the districts and locals to activate there Women and Equity Committee's. District 7 has one of the lowest participation in CWA and the district is trying to turn that around. Some locals are combining there Equity and Women Committee together. That's something our local needs to look at.

The Tri-State Meeting was held 9-16th thru 9-19th in Cannon Beach, OR. It's a meeting of locals from Washington, Idaho and Oregon meet to discuss what going on in there locals and what we as a union can do together to support each other. Each local reports on there activities concerning there locals and believe me we are not alone with problems from the company. Its not just Qwest its all companies that CWA represent and to a degree some of the treatment is the same around the boards from all the companies for attack on unions especially when it comes to organizing and mobilizing. We got information on how to write a proposal to receive funds from CWA National for organizing which we are going to do to help grow this local. There was a very good class on Cultural Exploration With in the Union." We must go beyond to know one another and our various cultures better; we must begin to understand the broader global environment and then collectively define the union's relationship to it" The different types Oppression on Target and Non-Target Groups.

AT&T members ratified there contract for our members in District 7 with a 2-1 approval. Update can be found on website by going to: CWA-COMTECH.org, then go to CWA Communications and Technologies, Then click on Bargaining and all the reports are there.

Qwest had the safety redo for Seattle at Magnusson Park 9-23 thru 9-25 . Terry Mitchell was the for Pier and EAP. Thanks Terry.

The elections are right around the corner and the MLKCLC has been doing a lot of phone banking, rally's, and mail dropping. These are the endorsements of the MLKCLC and CWA 7800.

King County Executive Dow Constantine

Seattle City Council Position 2 Richard Conlin,
Seattle City Council Position 4 Sally Bagshaw & David Bloom
Seattle City Council Position 6 Nick Licata

Port Of Seattle 1 John Creighton
Port Of Seattle 3 Rob Holland
Port Of Seattle 4 Max Vekich

Vote NO on Initiative 1033
Vote yes on Referendum 71