

President's Report



Another year is nearly behind us. This past year has been similar to the recession back in 1980: We had the two line speed reductions, there were 172 Local 2000 members laid off indefinitely and our order bank slipped to a historic low for our plant in September, with our orders falling below 3000.

Recently things appear to be improving. As of Monday, November 13, 2009 our order bank was 14,035, which is the highest it has been since May 27, 2008. Our members who were laid off either took a temporary loan to the Brook Park or Sandusky plants or were recalled back to our plant. We are scheduled to work two 5-day weeks for the first time since we went to the 4-day work schedule. I am cautiously optimistic that we are through the worst of this recession and hoping and praying that we all have a much better year in 2010 than we did this year.

There will be changes in healthcare providers for our

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We have had a trying couple of years in the auto industry, but we have survived. During this time I have been working diligently with the local, state and national governments to secure work for OHAP that will keep this plant operating beyond 2016. These governments are willing to work with Ford to keep the plants they have in northern Ohio open. We all know that manufacturing jobs have been decreasing quite a bit over the last decade. We are fighting to maintain the jobs we have but increasing the number of jobs in Ohio is also an important objective.

We have had some orders come in and the Company has said we would be working two Fridays in December: December 4 and 11. There have been some rumors on the floor about more overtime after the first of the year, but as of yet the Company has not committed to any after January 1st. As soon as I am advised, I will advise your Bargaining and District Committeepersons know so they can inform you.

I would like to thank everyone who donated to our "Feed the Needy for Thanksgiving" drive. This year, we were able to feed more than 250 families, which means more than 1200 people had a hot meal for Thanksgiving. Considering all the recent down time we've had that was fantastic. We wouldn't have been able to feed that many if not for different local businesses donating to and offering discounts for this important charity.

by Tim Donovan

retired members, which will be effective January 1, 2010. Please pay special attention to any correspondence that you may receive between now and then to be up to date regarding the details of these changes.

If you have internet access and you aren't currently receiving e-bulletins from Local 2000, please sign up to receive them at our homepage, www.uawlocal2000.org. When the need arises to communicate important information to you, the auto alerts from our website are the most effective and quickest method of reaching you. We will not share your email addresses with any other entities.

Given recent issues with unemployment and concerns regarding the upcoming changes in the retirees' healthcare providers, our incoming call volume at the union hall has increased significantly. If you are unable to reach one of us, please be sure to leave a message with your phone number. We respond to our messages as quickly as possible and all of your concerns are of the utmost importance to us. We appreciate your patience during these trying times.

Wishing you and yours a safe and happy Christmas holiday period and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

by Nick Gallogly

Another way of helping the less fortunate this holiday season is by picking up an informational ticket from the Christmas Angel trees. Some of these kids' only gifts this Christmas will be the ones that we buy for them. If you take an informational tag from the tree please sign the sheet on the table so we can track who has the tags. This way if you lose the angel we can give you a copy of it. We will also be having the Mary Lee Tucker Cloth-A-Child Collection this month. It has been a rough year for those of us with jobs; just imagine how hard it is for so many people without jobs to make it through these times. I thank everyone who has donated so much in the past and I hope we can continue to help those in need.

I was able to negotiate the return of the remaining people that were on ILO (indefinite layoff). It may only be temporary for now but I am trying to secure work for them after the first of the year. As of right now we do not have anyone on the streets.

The LSR (line speed reduction) is over. If the company is still trying to move elements around on your job, you should contact your Committeeperson and they will get involved. John Pena is working on the jobs that the Union hasn't bought off on. The company has this notion that they can do anything they want at any time. I have been working with National UAW to change the Company's way of doing business. The Company keeps coming back to us for a bail out but they are only making our jobs harder and harder by adding more work to us.

Again I want to thank everyone for being so charitable in these poor economic times and I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Be safe!