

# Local Lodge 1529 Newsletter

## February 2012



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Next meeting is Mar.13th. at 3:45 P.M.

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### February President's Message

I want to start this month's column by explaining our involvement in the proposed natural gas moratorium in the Town of Sidney. I met on two occasions with General Manager Rick Aiken regarding this proposed moratorium that could potentially block for up to a year the installation of a previously agreed upon pipeline to bring natural gas to the new plant location next to the K-Mart Plaza, as well as the existing plant. Amphenol's decision to stay in the Sidney area was based on three primary monetary requirements: 1) The receipt of a financial incentive package from the State; 2) The acquisition of cheaper electricity through the Rural Electric Administration, and; 3) The acquisition of natural gas for the new Plant. All three of those requirements had been met when the decision to stay in Sidney was made, so obviously changes in any one of those three requirements is a source of great concern to management. I was asked to speak at the public hearing on Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, which I did, and one of our members suggested we present a petition signed by our members requesting that if a moratorium is passed it in no way would negatively impact the installation of a pipeline to the new Plant. In just two days we got just under 800 signatures on that petition, participation in which was strictly voluntary. Our intention was not to take sides in the hydraulic fracturing debate. Our concern was to make sure nothing changes in Amphenol's dealings with the State and local governments which could change their existing plans and/or their ultimate decision on how many of our members will be employed at the new facility. If their energy needs increase they will be looking elsewhere for savings, and we all know where that most likely come from. I appreciate everyone who participated in the petition, both hourly and salary employees, and the public meetings. There will be no vote on the moratorium until March, so time will tell how this issue will eventually play out.

Work is tentatively scheduled to begin on the land for the new Plant in early May. Things have been in the planning stages up to this point and we are looking forward to seeing some visible progress at the job site. Due to the significantly smaller floor space available in the new Plant the planning has taken a considerable amount of time as the company looks at the best allocation of available space. One interesting aspect of the new facility will be the combination of the company's museum and the new cafeteria, allowing employees to discover the company's past every day rather than by special appointment as has been the practice on the past. A function of the stock room is being moved to the Plating building which will eventually be home for the Shipping Department. This is the first move of what will be many that will take place as we transition into the new facility over the next 12 to 18 months.

More Work Flow Center jobs have been Post & Bid as the company continues to refine personnel requirements in different machining areas. The company has also made some changes in the positioning of some machines in Department 45 at the request of our members who work there. These changes have improved productivity and ironically were requested since the inception of the Work Flow Center. While no one is a big fan of change in this facility, our members are willing to try any changes that make sense for the business, and the more input they have in the decision making process the more "investment" they have in the success of those changes. Our members want any changes made to be successful. The alternative to success is more lost jobs in Sidney, something none of us can afford.

We have had a few issues transferring from Express Scripts to CVS Caremark for our prescription needs. One problem we have encountered is that the Federal Drug Administration protocols have changed for some prescriptions by now requiring a doctor's "authorization" for doses that exceed FDA guidelines. Those cases, regarding certain maintenance drugs, will require you to contact your doctor and ask for an authorization letter to be sent to CVS Caremark. If you have any difficulty getting a prescription filled at the pharmacy, please have the pharmacist call the CVS/Caremark Help Desk at toll-free 1-800-364-6331. Anyone who has problems with their drug prescription needs should contact Joanie Thomas at Amphenol at 563-5113. The number to contact CVS Caremark direct is 1-855-361-5698. The fax number is 1-800-378-0323 (for your doctor's use only). For anyone who needs cards for EyeMed the number to call is 1-866-723-0513, and for Delta Dental the number is 1-888-696-2713.

Bruce J. Hodges, President

## Congratulations and Best Wishes to all our members who retired in 2011

<b>Name</b>	<b>Seniority</b>	<b>Retire- ment Date</b>	<b>Dept Code</b>	
Ronald Vanloan	3/21/1966	5/1/2011	D8	923
Gary Olmstead	10/10/1966	1/1/2011	52	199
Clifford Barker	7/24/1968	10/1/2011	52	357
Lawrence Gleason Jr.	3/19/1973	1/1/2011	D8	920
Varnold Slade	6/6/1973	2/1/2011	41	199
Dawn Palmatier	9/17/1974	1/1/2011	G9	706
Daniel Sloan	5/3/1977	4/1/2011	47	362
Kevin Quick	6/8/1977	6/1/2011	D9	992
Colin Kelly	8/8/1977	1/1/2011	46	444
Wayne Oglesby	9/19/1977	12/1/2011	F4	815
Ann Walley	9/26/1977	11/1/2011	47	362
Carrie Higley	10/10/1977	8/1/2011	20	103
Marilyn Hall	10/31/1977	7/1/2011	48	362
Joseph Tanner	11/7/1977	4/1/2011	63	310
James Whitbeck	2/20/1978	10/1/2011	52	373
Deborah Kimball	6/19/1978	10/1/2011	E4	815
Cheryl Ostrander	11/8/1978	1/1/2011	59	410
John Strong Sr.	1/3/1979	7/1/2011	E7	815
Gary Lefever	10/17/1979	1/1/2011	48	342
Gerald Birdsall	1/23/1980	9/1/2011	D9	992
Daniel Spencer	3/10/1980	10/1/2011	36	362
Douglas Bennett	3/17/1980	3/1/2011	36	362
Terry Lambrecht	10/9/1980	1/1/2011	E4	815
Joyce Frazier	2/18/1981	1/1/2011	20	105
David Judd	11/17/1987	3/1/2011	E4	815
Marlene Cordner	12/1/1987	5/1/2011	20	103
Carol Bennett	7/19/1995	1/1/2011	37	150
Carol Treiber	10/16/1995	6/1/2011	49	310
Gary Johnson Sr.	11/20/1995	6/1/2011	47	362
Thomas Grant	5/12/1997	1/1/2011	37	152
Dorothy Utter	9/12/2002	9/1/2011	E5	103
Ellen Alfret	9/22/2003	5/1/2011	46	301
Gloria Schror	9/22/2003	5/1/2011	52	103
Richard Gardner	12/8/2003	3/1/2011	37	152
Frederick Mertz	12/22/2003	2/1/2011	20	103
Rhonda Scott	6/7/2004	4/1/2011	57	103
Sharon Wickes	9/14/2004	10/1/2011	48	310
Raymond Ballard	2/28/2005	11/1/2011	37	150

### Women's Committee Information

We are looking for new members to join the Women's Committee. Anyone that is interested please see a member of the committee.

We are going to have another cookbook. This will be our third and all of your favorite recipes are welcome. The deadline to submit them to any committee member will be September 5th, 2012.

We would like to thank everyone for their donation to Operation Merry Christmas. We received \$2000.00 from our union brothers and sisters and \$1750.00 from Amphenol. This was enough to help over 500 children and shut-ins.

Women Committee members are **Alice Ziglar, Nancy Hornbeck, Kathy Neil, Star Callaghan, Pam Gascon, and Gwen Grow.**