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Introduction/Purpose

This is the first issue of CWA Local 4250 Retired Members' Chapter (RMC) #210's Newsletter, a Newsletter by and for CWA retirees. The purpose is to provide news and information in support of CWA RMC member's issues and concerns and to recruit new members to our chapter.

Newsletter Format

The newsletter is a work in progress and will undergo some growing pains. Please feel free to submit any suggestions or ideas to make it a success. Presently the plan is to publish any information that affects the members of our RMC. Summaries of our meetings or other sponsored activities/events will also be published. Additional possibilities are; to publish members experiences, good or bad dealings with obtaining benefits (medical, insurance etc.), upcoming social events of interest to retirees, information from any source which may be beneficial to retirees, maybe even a want ads column (for sale, for rent, help wanted, or whatever). At any rate, the newsletter will remain flexible, adapting to the needs of Local 4250 RMC #210 members.

CWA Local 4250 RMC #210 History

With the guidance and assistance of CWA Local 4250 President Steve Tisza and Secretary-Treasurer Liz VanDerWoude, CWA RMC #210 received our charter from the CWA National union on January 23, 2003. Local 4250 retiree Jerry Duplesys, our chapter's first president, relocated to Colorado in June of 2007. Chapter Secretary Gene Condren was appointed to the vacated position. Realizing the importance of building a strong chapter, RMC #210 began scheduling quarterly membership meetings and stepped up efforts to recruit new members. At our membership meeting on November 14, 2007, retiree Pete Kilavos was elected Chapter Vice President by acclamation. Currently, we have 19 dues paying members of CWA RMC #210.

CWA Local 4250 RMC #210 Agenda

The goals of our chapter are to promote and build union spirit among our retirees and provide support to the local and national union in attainment of our mutual concerns. Other goals are to assist retirees in understanding ongoing changes to our benefit packages and to be a resource providing retirees access to a network of other union retirees. By standing together in retirement, as we did when employed, we can fight to protect our hard-won benefits accumulated over the years in our union contracts.

Now For the News

CWA's 70th Annual Convention takes place in Las Vegas, Nevada June 22 thru June 25, 2008. A National RMC meeting will take place prior to the Convention on June 21, 2008. RMC #210 will not be sending a representative to this meeting. However, Local 4250 President Steve Tisza has contacted Ralph Maly, Vice President CWA Communications & Technologies, requesting him to speak to Local 4250 active and retired members at a place and time to be determined in the future. Details will follow at a later date.

Local 4250 is planning a union picnic this summer at the Local union office. Active and RMC members will be invited. Details will follow.

Retiree Luncheon/Breakfast

Currently we are aware of four (4) luncheon/Breakfast gatherings. Both union and management at&t Corp. retirees attend at the following locations:

NORTHWEST SUBURBS

Giuseppe's La Cantina
1062 Lee Street
Desplaines, Ill. (847-824-4230)
11:30 AM 4th Thursday of The Month
Contact: Bill Watson (847-516-1765)

WESTERN SUBURBS

Sandpiper Restaurant
Rte. 59 and Washington Street
West Chicago, Ill. (630-231-2370)
11:30 AM 1st Monday of The Month
Contact: Frank Zora (630-969-1956)

SOUTH SUBURBS

Hackneys
123rd & La Grange Road
Palos Park, Ill. (708-448-8300)
11:30 AM 3rd Tuesday of The Month
Contact: Elgin Bowen (708-422-1437)

CRYSTAL LAKE ILL.

Colonial Café (815-455-5055)
6000 NW Highway (In Front of KMART)
09:00 AM Breakfast (2nd Friday of The Month)
Contact: None

Closing

Future newsletters will only be sent to current RMC #210 members. If you are not a member of our RMC, please reconsider now and take a few minutes to join. NOTE: Our chapter is open to anyone who was a CWA union member, in good standing, upon retirement/termination of employment. It's very important now to stand in solidarity. Corporations view retiree's benefits as a huge pile of cash that they long to get their hands on. Please support your union's battle against corporate greed. Contact the CWA Local 4250 RMC with any ideas or suggestions.

In Solidarity:

Gene Condren, President CWA Local 4250 RMC #210