



And so you asked...

Around the union

By Jonathan Hunt
President-Business Representative



Current contracts open:

C-TRAN, C-VAN, Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods, Laidlaw Corvallis City Transit/Schools, Portland Public Schools, AMR Josephine County, Rogue Valley Transit District (RVTD), WHEELS and Salem Area Mass Transit (in December).

This election cycle is very important. We have an initiative in Salem that needs to pass. I encourage all of our members in the Salem-Keizer area to remind your friends and family that this is your job we're talking about and urge them to vote. The governor's race is going to be close. Labor households are going to make the difference

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Update

By Sam Schwarz
Vice President



At TriMet, we are concerned that the training department has assigned the same voting members to both the accident reviews and appeals. After all, what are the chances of them changing their mind if they vote to give the operator a preventable accident (PA) in reviews and then have to vote on the same accident in appeals?

When you make out yellow cards or meal break forms, send a copy to the Union office. We cannot depend on scheduling to send us copies. Many runs are so bad that the operators do not get a break of 10 minutes or more until five hours into the run.

Transportation Director Michael Ford has issued a letter to operators saying if you have less than 40 hours of time loss you can get a second week of hold-back vacation. The District and ATU have yet to bargain over this, and contractually we are owed 65 weeks of summer vacation.

At Portland Public Schools, we have several issues. Randy Shaw attends the DCU meetings and keeps the Union informed on what is going on. At C-TRAN, the negotiations are ongoing, and we will continue to hold our ground. Salem Area Mass Transit, WHEELS and Laidlaw Corvallis have many concerns. We will address them all.

I attended the International pension trust conference and learned many things that will help ensure our future.



The Oregon AFL-CIO's Endorsements for 2006

The Oregon AFL-CIO evaluates candidates based on their positions and actions on affordable health care, family wage jobs, workplace rights, fair funding for public services, union rights and more.

GOVERNOR:

Ted Kulongoski

LABOR COMMISSIONER:

Dan Gardner

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION:

Susan Castillo

STATE SENATE:

- SD 3: Alan Bates*
- SD 4: Floyd Prozanski*
- SD 6: Bill Morrisette*
- SD 7: Vicki Walker*
- SD 8: Frank Morse*
- SD 10: Paul Evans*
- SD 11: Peter Courtney*
- SD 16: Elizabeth "Betsy" Johnson*
- SD 17: Brad Avakian*
- SD 19: Richard Devlin*
- SD 20: Kurt Schrader*
- SD 24: Rod Monroe*
- SD 26: Rick Metsger*

BALLOT MEASURES:

- No on Measure 40*
- Judges by District*
- No on Measure 41*
- Bill Sizemore's Shell Game*
- Yes on Measure 44*
- Prescription Drug Purchasing Pool*
- No on Measure 45*
- Term Limits*
- No on Measures 46 and 47*
- Campaign Finance*
- No on Measure 48*
- Colorado TABOR Failed Experiment*

STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

- HD 3: Howard Owens*
- HD 5: Peter Buckley*
- HD 8: Paul Holvey*
- HD 9: Arnie Roblan*
- HD 11: Phil Barnhart*
- HD 12: Elizabeth Terry Beyer*
- HD 13: Nancy Nathanson*
- HD 16: Sara Gelsner*
- HD 17: Dan Thackaberry*
- HD 19: Brian Grisham*
- HD 20: Vicki Berger*
- HD 21: Brian Clem*
- HD 22: Betty Komp*
- HD 23: Jason Brown*
- HD 24: Sal Peralta*
- HD 25: Charles "Chuck" Lee*
- HD 27: Tobias Read*
- HD 28: Jeff Barker*
- HD 29: Chuck Riley*
- HD 30: David Edwards*
- HD 31: Brad Witt*
- HD 32: Deborah Boone*
- HD 33: Mitch Greenlick*
- HD 34: Suzanne Bonamici*
- HD 35: Larry Galizio*
- HD 36: Mary Nolan*
- HD 37: Scott Bruun*
- HD 38: Greg MacPherson*
- HD 40: Dave Hunt*
- HD 41: Carolyn Tomei*
- HD 42: Diane Rosenbaum*
- HD 43: Chip Shields*
- HD 44: Tina Kotek*
- HD 45: Jackie Dingfelder*
- HD 46: Ben Cannon*
- HD 47: Jeff Merkley*
- HD 48: Mike Schaufler*
- HD 49: Rob Brading*
- HD 58: Jim Gilbertson*
- HD 59: Bob Jenson*

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Amalgamated Transit Union Division 757



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ATU Local 757 Officer Reports

TriMet Lift As reported by LES GREEN



First I want to commend all of the Laidlaw lift drivers who have volunteered to work the additional shifts that are open each week due to our lack of drivers. But remember, balance should be the order of the day, and do not short-shift our lives with work.

Another bug appears to be starting to show up in our manifests (the three ride same time pickup), and since running late does not register with dispatch, I would like to make public the CSI that I just sent to Debra Maercklein and to scheduling, dispatch and customer service with a request of a reply in writing. It is as follows:

"Today I had the bad luck of seeing just how our main office treats its drivers on making an unmeetable manifest work by not informing its drivers on rides that have cancelled earlier but this information was not sent out to the driver. So instead of giving the driver a heads up, the driver went to the rides in question and received the response that it cancelled that ride - costing time, even wear and tear on our bus fleet. I can handle the no response to running late, but to not inform the driver on cancellations cannot be tolerated. This has happened to me for the last two weeks, putting my route behind (time wise) and disrupting our riders' timetables for work and doctors' appointments. Drivers do not need another level of stress which is being created by scheduling, dispatch and customer service as they must take responsibility for not keeping the drivers informed. So all sections suffer, and another level of stress is added to the driver. Since this seems to be an ongoing problem creating many customer complaints for drivers, I will be monitoring my manifests plus informing Laidlaw lift drivers to copy to me if they have this problem for the next month."

Have a great November, and be safe out there.

TriMet Salaried Employees As reported by JIM FOWLER

The issue of on-time performance (OTP) checks by rail supervisors is a hot item at the time of writing this article; I'll be trying to set up a meeting with Peggy Hanson, Jay Jackson, Terry Dolan, and Sam to discuss the issue. Why are we going to single out a few operators, then initiate a discipline action while they're trying to operate their train or are on a break at the end

of the line? There must be a better and simpler way for the District to achieve OTP goals.

We also need to talk about fit checks for operators. We need to be trained as to just what the District is looking for. What do they mean by re-instruction for the operator, and how consistent can we be with performing road relief fit checks?

The District has issued a memo telling all field ops personnel to wear their yellow vests when outside of their vehicle. I would urge everyone to ask that three different sizes be provided to accommodate the different layers of clothing we wear depending on weather conditions.

All properties have voted to move forward with the Denise Carthern wrongful termination arbitration. I will keep you posted.

Some of you have raised the question about the Kentucky River decision, which prohibits nursing supervisors from belonging to a union. Susan Stoner, the ATU attorney, states this is a private sector issue that won't affect us any time soon, but this current administration is on a mission, so no one is safe.

The ATU still has not seen the final draft of the work assignment standard operating procedure for road supervisors/dispatchers, so we have not turned the duties over to the station agents yet.

I am currently trying to get a side letter to clear up the issue of initial uniform allowance for all "white shirts."

Once again it seems we need to revisit the issue of single inspection shifts for our inspectors. It's our contention they simply aren't safe; even the police won't go onto certain platforms alone.

If any of you haven't heard, Mr. Stellar has been "separated" from the District. I'm not sure what that means - only that he no longer works for the District. So much for hiring from the outside.

Laidlaw Portland Public Schools

As reported by KENDALL GREENAWALT JR

First, I would like to thank Tim Norwood for donating his door prize to Lynn Metz. Thank you, Tim.

If there are any problems, please come and see Anne Tompte or me or give one of us a call. We are here for you. But we can't help if you don't come to us with your problems.

Our accident committee consists of these drivers: Betty Beatty, Dorothy Bergon, Joseph Jesse, Anne Tompte and myself. The alternates are Don Petersen and James Wright. I am currently working on the problem of drivers being removed from their routes by the school district. Our drivers need to know when they will be allowed to bid on the routes that they are removed from. District policies on this matter

need to be changed.

Please remember to check the Union board in order to stay informed on all the issues at hand. As your Executive Board officer, it is my duty to you to do all I can to make your job easier. With your cooperation and patience, I can do this. Together we can hold Laidlaw to a higher standard.

Salem Area Transit

As reported by KEN RICHINS

Salem Union Meetings for October and November have been moved to Best Western Black Bear Inn, 1600 Motor Court NE, off Market Street just east of I-5. This change was due to the fact that Salem Inn was booked on our scheduled meeting nights through December. We will post the December meeting place as soon as a meeting room is located and scheduled.

Applications for a \$2,000-\$5,000 scholarship to attend college or a technical or vocational post-secondary school for the first time are now available to ATU members and children. Applications must be postmarked no later than Jan. 31, 2007. All applicants will receive a questionnaire and a bibliography of suggested references for the required essay on organized labor. The 500-word essay must be mailed no later than March 15, 2007. You may obtain details from your local Union officer or online at www.atu757.com. Click on the 2006-2007 ATU Melvin W. Schoppert Scholarship link.

The Union and the District have reached mutual agreement to postpone formal negotiations until after the November election. All language suggestions that have been turned in will be presented for consideration.

A special thanks to all who volunteered to put up lawn signs and help spread the word about the transit levy.

C-TRAN/C-VAN

As reported by ROY JENNINGS



At September's C-TRAN board of directors meeting, the board gave a rosy account of how great the fixed route and paratransit operators are!

They told how C-TRAN's drivers go out of their way to help the citizens of Clark County. They stated how wonderful the drivers here at C-TRAN truly are. I hope management keeps this praise in mind as we continue to negotiate the operators' contract.

Also during the September board meeting, the board heard from an out-

side consultant on whether or not to give a pay raise to C-TRAN by classification. The consultant recommended that only two classifications should receive a pay raise. One was a non-bargaining unit, and the other was our very own paratransit dispatchers. It's a good thing that the paratransit dispatchers' contract is going to be negotiated next year. The consultant then went on to state that everyone here at C-TRAN should continue to receive their cost-of-living increases as well as their current benefits. That's great news for our current contract negotiating team.

If you have been following my last two Bulletin articles, I'd like to report that the Union and management have come to an agreement/understanding concerning the assault on one of our members. The Union, management and the grievant are totally happy with the outcome.

Due to my upcoming vacation, next month's article will be submitted by Scott Miller, ATU's C-TRAN liaison officer. I look forward to reading it. I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving.

TriMet Center Transportation

As reported by ALAN EISENBERG



Quite a few important issues are raising their venomous heads again. They are breaks and operators in conflict with each other.

First, the breaks. Please for your own health and safety get out of the seat at the end of the line. Make sure to write out a yellow card describing where the running time problems exist, and always request a written response.

Now for the second problem. Please speak to your Union rep about the problem before going to management. Be kind to each other, and don't stress each other. We should be helping each other, not lying back and letting your leader do all the work when you are a few blocks back in view of a fellow operator. Life out there is tough, so help each other.

Having a seat problem? Write a white card. Bad seats are just that, bad seats. Don't get hurt by one. It could be pain you'll have for the rest of your life.

TriMet Merlo Transportation

As reported by BRUCE HANSEN

We at TriMet are facing tighter schedules, as we all know. For years we have been told to fill out the yellow

cards, and for years nothing has been done. We ask that you please fill out the yellow cards on any route that you are having problems with, i.e., meeting schedules, getting break times, getting lunch time at an appropriate time (not at the beginning or the end of the route), or any route where you are not getting enough time for bathroom breaks. This will document a pattern of routes that have problems for us to follow up on. We need your continued help and support with this matter.

One major grievance that I have filed pertains to the BDS policy. BDS policy at Merlo is being handed to us in a report card format, covering early, lates, leaving the end of line late, pulling out of the yard late, etc. This is in violation of our BDS policy. Operation managers are not to have direct contact with us in regard to BDS information or issues.

Pertaining to the report card, Mr. Booker is asking questions about FMLA, OFLA and sick time. If anyone has been asked inappropriate questions regarding these three items, please contact your Union rep.

Remember always, health and safety first. Take your breaks.

TriMet Light Rail Maintenance

As reported by MICHAEL CONNER



I hope everybody votes or has voted in the general election. I spent some time doing "labor neighbor" canvassing over the last two months, and it

seems with every election the working person loses a little more. Unions have to be political so that we as part of a democratic society can protect our rights. Some of our members don't understand why we get involved with some of the political issues that we do, but as the transit industry consists mostly of public entities, as such we are under constant attack by big money to take away what little we have. If you are interested in why the labor movement supports the things we do, give me a call.

Sign-up: Seems like it should be a simple process, but not so. The problems just seem to continue. For starters, we have seen the garbage truck jobs put back on temporarily after the postponement of the sign-up. We have involved the safety department in this issue, as facilities managers could care less about safety as it applies to the removal of garbage. When the garbage trucks were purchased, accidents went way down. Also, when you use the proper tool, i.e., a garbage truck, it is

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always better than the exposure to a material that is a back injury waiting to happen, not to mention that with the extra handling of a noxious material like garbage, the hazards increase.

The next problem area is the pressure washer and platform cleaner jobs. If the District does not desist from using the scrubber machine around the open track way, we will be notifying OSHA. This is already in the works. The District may like to try and blow off the Union, but OSHA fines are something even the thickest-headed managers seem to understand.

And last but not least, the rail vehicle mechanics sign-up: A grievance has been filed and is moving to Step 3 over Mark Grove and the Portland Streetcar managers putting their evil heads together to restrict seniority. Seniority is always the province of the Union, and Mark Grove has no business meddling in it.

And when it comes to Mark Grove, we should all pay very close attention to the way the body shop relief jobs are being used. The Union scheduled a meeting on Halloween with Tony Bryant on this issue. Let me or Joe Ruffin know if you are used for any body work if you have not bid a relief job. Furthermore, you who are body shop reliefs should only be used in the body shop if someone is off due to illness or vacation, etc. If you are reliefs, you cannot be used because they are behind in the body shop and just need someone to do the dirt jobs the body shop supervisor doesn't want to assign to the regular body shop personnel. This includes when a car is in the north shop and is being disassembled or reassembled for the work that has historically been done in the body shop by body mechanics. Now that Mr. Grove has the relief jobs he shoved down our throats, we will make sure he follows the definition of a relief.

Also, the Union will be discussing with OSHA the fact that the chipping hammer does not have the proper support per OSHA regulations. Just because Mr. Grove made promises to his superiors about the cost of the type one paint restorations and the time it would take to do them, and then has not been able to deliver, does not mean he can dictate to override your collective bargaining rights. I plan to apply more pressure to rail equipment management as we watch what happens on this issue. Solidarity is important on this issue, as high profile as the rail system is to the community. The rail mechanics hold a lot of power as to how a low-level manager like Mark Grove is perceived by his superiors. Mr. Grove's future is dependent on how he deals with your group. Protect your rights; let the Union know when they are being abused.

MV Transportation As reported by DENNIS TONG

I'll begin my report by thanking the seven operators who attended our meeting Oct. 15. They were all engaged participants who demonstrated interest in their Union's involvement with important workplace issues. This was an opportunity for rank-and-file members to directly address their Union representatives with their concerns and to proactively work together to solve problems that are common to all of us.

There were two announced agenda items considered. The first was whether to make any changes to the current vacation bidding procedure. After extensive discussion about different proposals that would have substantially changed the bidding guidelines, President Jon Hunt advised that changing significantly the intent of the existing language in our labor agreement (Article 20, Section 20.7) would require a vote by all the MV operators. Therefore, the vacation sign-up will proceed this November essentially unchanged from last year. The company will provide a master calendar for 2007, and the number of operators granted vacation time off using the existing guidelines will be strictly adhered to.

The second item was whether to move an outstanding grievance regarding the provision of 10-minute breaks to Step 2 of the grievance process. The company has provided the Union with scattered data showing that approximately 65 percent of the operators document taking at least one 10-minute break during their route. Jon stated that what the company has provided so far does not meet the goal of 100 percent compliance with state and federal guidelines to settle this issue and, therefore, will be notifying the company of the Union's request for a Step 2 hearing of the grievance.

In the best interests of our own health and safety as well as those of our passengers, just remember that, "Two 29's (Text Message 29) a day will keep the blues away."

TriMet Center Maintenance As reported by CHAD MATHER



Well, the latest and greatest problems now seem to be in facilities maintenance. Our friend Judy Munroe has decided that she needs to change the rules again and ignore the contract. We have three prefilling conferences set up for new issues.

We also need to welcome our new

mechanics: Chet, Rene, Floro, Cho, Bill and Theo. All will make a great contribution to our family of diesel mechanics.

TriMet Merlo Maintenance As reported by JEFF HUNT

The past month I have had no new prefillings, with one Step 3 over a termination when the panel split its decision. The grievant will be coming soon to the membership to ask for arbitration.

I would like to clean up some rumors that are out there about the sign-up. The helper sign-up was canceled by TriMet, not the ATU. TriMet did not hire enough service workers to fill the sign-up; in fact, they were 10 people short. The problem is that they can't get them through the driver training program as fast we would like. I'm told it comes down to sharing the driver trainer's time with new operators and service workers.

The big question is, "When will the sign-up happen?" Sometime in November to sign, going into effect as early as November or as late as January — at the time I'm writing this, that's all I know.

Join me in congratulating the three new storeroom trainees: Shirley Lowe, George Tenner and Yvonne Wickersham.

TriMet Powell As reported by ROSE JORDAN-FAIRLEY

No report given.

TriMet Powell Maintenance As reported by KEVIN KINOSHITA



The fall season is upon us as summer sneaked past us; it seems as you get older, summer flies by quicker. You might want to keep an extra set of warm clothing in your locker in case you get soaked or end up staying for snow and ice. As the rainy season starts, watch out for those nasty oil slicks on the road, in the yard, and in and around the shop. Don't forget about daylight savings time and getting the flu shot.

The maintenance officers from each garage met again this month to discuss issues from their shops. This meeting lasted for two-and-a-half hours. Many maintenance issues were brought up that are connected to bus and rail. We have a lot of work ahead of us to solve these concerns, such as the ongoing boot policy, FMLA, suspensions and terminations, safety is-

sues, job postings, retirements and filling of jobs.

There are some new faces around the shop. Some are in the facilities maintenance department — the floor mechanics and the helper positions. If they look lost, give them a hand. We were all new at a different shop at one time. There was also a posting for three open storeroom positions; keep your eyes on the board. There will probably be more postings for those open jobs.

We settled one grievance in the facilities department, with the grievant getting paid. There was a non-Union employee who was doing bargaining unit work. If you see a non-Union employee doing your work, please notify your officer at the property as soon as possible so he/she can start the course of action right away.

If you have filed a grievance and are still waiting for your hearing, please be patient. We have had numerous terminations recently; for example, at the last Step 3 hearings, there were five termination cases in one day. I can't remember the last time we had that many termination cases in one day. We are also working on the unfair labor practice (ULP) cases; the hearings are set up for end of this month.

Lastly, we'd like to send our thoughts and prayers to a number of families who have recently lost loved ones: those of Ernie Northern, Larry Comer, Nels Hansen and Lee Jackson.

Rogue Valley Transportation District As reported by TOM HENNEY



No report given.

Lane Transit District As reported by WALT BOYNTON

I recently returned from five days' training in Las Vegas sponsored by the International Foundation on Pension Trusts. The training was extensive and covered many aspects of monitoring and administration of your pension trust account. There were classes for new trustees, a trustee's master program, advanced leadership summit and many more to help us manage the pension trust. It was quite a training experience. In attendance from ATU were Jon Hunt, Sam Schwarz and myself, and from LTD were Mary Adams (formerly Mary Neidig), Dianne Hellickson, Mark Pangborn and Gerry Gaydos.

We had a Step 3 hearing on assign-

ment of open work, which resulted in a deadlock and will be going to arbitration if recommended by the Executive Board and approved by the membership, which I believe it will.

Remember, take your breaks as needed even if you are running late due to tight schedules and other reasons. Your health is the most important issue.

Come to the Union meetings; they are for you. Dates and times are posted on the Union bulletin boards. Solidarity, sisters and brothers, solidarity!

TriMet Light Rail Transportation As reported by MICHAEL T. OLIVER



A big light rail welcome to new light rail operators (L R O S) Jonathan Hoard, Stephen Subject, Tom Goldhammer and Bob Bennett. May your

days be short and your nights shorter, and remember: A red is a red. The next light rail class begins Jan. 14, 2007.

Voting is upon us, and what the labor movement does not need is Ron Saxton in office. Vote accordingly, vote no, and vote often.

Fred Wallace was left out of the shop steward list last month. We welcome him as he joins Dylan Ruark to represent the folks at Portland Streetcar. This is my thanking time of year, and once again we could not do it without the help of the platform cleaners, the folks who check the rails, the guys in the waste disposal trucks, the sisters and brothers who clean our trains on the main line and in the yards. Let's have a hand for the signal maintainers, the mechanics and apprentices and their supervisors. The landscapers and those who maintain the right-of-way. And to all the others who make our work, and by extension our paychecks, possible. A hearty thank you and a Happy Thanksgiving to you and your loved ones. E-mail me at mtgbo2002@msn.com.

Portland Public Schools As reported by RANDY SHAW



October was a rough month for us at PPS. We had a problem with the Pioneer Program that started year-round school this year, and we didn't find

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October Meetings

Charter

Charter members meet 7:30 p.m. Monday, November 13, in the Machinists Building, 3645 SE 32nd Ave., Portland. Charter day members meet 10 a.m. Tuesday, November 14, at Schoppert Hall, 2001 NE Couch, Portland.

Salem Transit/WHEELS

Salem members meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 14, at the Best Western Black Bear Inn, 1600 Motor Court NE, Salem.

Lane Transit

Eugene members meet 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 15, and Eugene day members meet 10 a.m. Thursday, November 16, at the Woodworkers Local Lodge, 1124 South A St., Springfield.

Corvallis Laidlaw City Transit/Schools

Corvallis members meet 7:30 p.m. Thursday, November 16, at the McKenzie Conference Center, Salsageon Suites, 1530 NW Ninth St., Corvallis.

Rogue Valley Transportation

Medford members meet 7:30 p.m. Thursday, November 16, at the Hampton Inn, 1124 Morrow Rd., Medford.

Portland and Laidlaw School Bus Drivers

Portland school bus members meet 6 p.m. Thursday, November 16, at Rigler School, 5401 NE Prescott, Portland.

C-TRAN/C-VAN

Vancouver members meet 7 p.m. Sunday, November 19, at the Laborers Hall, 2232 NE Andresen, Vancouver, WA.

Tillamook County Transportation District

Tillamook members meet 1:00 p.m. Sunday, November 19, at the Odd Fellows Hall, next door to the Bay City Fire Hall in Bay City.

AMR Northwest

AMR Northwest Josephine County, LAMAR Advertising and Valley Transit- See your liaison officers.

PLEASE NOTE: ATU members are invited to attend any of the above-listed meetings.

Hunt

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in this race. We need everyone to vote for Ted Kulongoski.

For our brothers and sisters in Washington, Deb Wallace needs your vote. She is running for State Representative and working hard for union families.

I would like to thank Clark County Commissioner Steve Stuart for helping us with the recent problem at C-TRAN regarding the interview panel for the new general manager. Steve does what he says, and we appreciate his involvement on the C-TRAN board.

We have an unfair labor practice (ULP) complaint against TriMet that is going to be heard at the end of November.

I'm working with City Commissioner Sam Adams on the tram work and hope to report good news next month.

We're still in negotiations with TriMet over the heavy rail that will operate between Wilsonville and Beaverton. ATU and the District are getting closer to a settlement.

I would like to remind all operators to take a break. If you are not getting one due to scheduling and/or running late, please document each occurrence and submit it to your employer. Make sure to submit a copy to the Union office or your Union representative. We need everyone's help to get this done, and remember: You can always stop and use the restroom.

As we head into the holidays, I would like to remind everyone to be safe and take time to spend with your loved ones. I hope to see you at the next Union meeting.

Officer Reports

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out until the first of the month. Management didn't know about it until drivers brought it to my attention and I took it to them. It affected around 18 route. The drivers and I worked it out with management so they wouldn't lose 19 days of work. Some drivers bid on other routes, and others agreed to drive athletics or take the time off. To our brothers and sisters at Laidlaw, I think there were two routes that affected you, and I want to thank you for your cooperation. Kendall from Laidlaw and I keep in contact with each other on matters that pertain to each other's drivers, because we're all ATU and need to work together.

We still have a number of outstanding grievances. The District has been slow in responding, and they have complained to the Union office that I am writing too many grievances. The Union's response was, "He was only doing what he was elected to do make sure the District follows the contract." We had one driver quit because one more wheelchair was added to her route. Come see me before you do anything. I'll go with you to management and talk about it. Bob Scott has been more than willing to work with us if he can. He doesn't want to lose drivers any more than we do.

I want to thank our Union officers Jon Hunt, Sam Schwarz, and Tom Wallace — for coming to our joint PPS-Laidlaw in-service on Oct. 13, and for ATU's contribution for refreshments. We couldn't have made it

without your help. I want to thank all our volunteers who helped out.

Sandy and Robin, you outdid yourselves. Thanks. I had to laugh at break time. When the drivers hit the food line, they were grabbing food with both hands. Sandy and Robin had an "I don't believe it" look on their faces. Kim Strange jumped up on the bench to get out of the way. Sandy got in the way once and went down. Our safety officer Dave Phillips went to her rescue. He can't run the safety training department without her. Way to save your job, Dave. I heard nothing but positive things about the in-service. Two thumbs up, Dave.

WHEELS As reported by JOHN HARVEY



No report given.

Laidlaw Corvallis As reported by CHRIS GROOMS/BOB McGUIRE

No report given.

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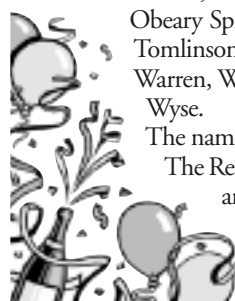
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Laidlaw Educ. Services (Portland School Bus).....JOAN NIELSEN
Laidlaw Transit Services, Inc. (TriMet Lift).....LES GREEN
Laidlaw Transit, Inc. (Corvallis City Transit).....BOB McGUIRE
Laidlaw Transit, Inc. (Corvallis Schools).....CHRIS GROOMS
MV Transportation, Inc.....DENNIS TONG
C-TRAN.....SCOTT MILLER
C-VAN.....JIM COLLELL
WHEELS.....JOHN HARVEY
Tillamook County Transportation District.....LORETTA LANE

Retirees' Corner

The following retirees will celebrate birthdays in November: Clarsie B. Ap-ley, Carroll W. Bishop, Janice S. Brown, Terry E. Brown, Judy A. Coleman, Obedell Coxeff, Robert L. Daniell, Darwin L. Eisele, James W. Gaither, Lynn F. Gartrell, Dorothy E. Hansen, **Earl W. Heaton**, Fred E. Helm, Roscoe L. Hollis, Georgia C. Lamb, Harold O. Lambert, **Ralph E. Lapp**, June E. Millhollin, Ola R. Mitchell, Mario Moll, Patrick J. Murnin, David H. Pittman, Betty L. Price, Tom R. Robbins, **Donald C. Seeley**, Obeary Spires, Kathy J. Staples, Jimmy A. Strong, Evelyn M. Tomlinson, Donald J. Tourville, Melvin O. Van Vorst, Avis I. Warren, William F. Warren, Walter F. Warren and William V. Wyse.



The names of the 50-year members are shown in bold type. The Retired Member Chapter will celebrate Christmas at its annual party from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, at the Milwaukie Elks Club, 13121 SE McLoughlin Blvd. There will be no regularly scheduled Retired Member Chapter meeting in December.