President’s Roundup
By Shirley Block

Summer is here, bringing lots of visitors to our beautiful Rose City. This will mean more people on our buses and trains. No matter where you work, please remember: your schedules are written as a guide. Drive safe to protect your passengers and yourself. NEVER SPEED to make up time. There is lots of construction all over the state that will impact our schedules as well. Not to mention, people driving around that are from out of town and have no idea where they’re going. There will be more youth on the buses now that school is out. Please don’t get into disputes over the fare. Hydrate yourself with plenty of fluids (just the legal fluids).

For the Rail Operators, please take the extra time to read your TRAIN ORDERS. Signal violations as well as train orders are reported to be extremely high. I have the highest confidence that the rail operators will get this under control. Be the professionals that you are. Make sure you’re on the lookout for slow orders, and follow them, because we know ODOT’s out there with their radar guns.

There is this rumor going around that I agreed to TriMet putting an eighth camera on buses. We have had two meetings on it with no meeting of the minds. The camera is in the wrong location as far as I’m concerned.

The other thing that we’re keeping our eyes on is management doing our work. I have brought this to Patrick Preuzzer’s attention more than once. Our work is our work and we will fight to keep it. I’ve had several people report to me that they can’t get off work and see their manager because they are not in the office, because they’re on the road doing our work. Meetings are not being held in a timely manner, because they’re on the road doing our work. It has to stop.

ATU Local 757
Election 2018 Winners

**PRESIDENT**
Shirley Block

**VICE PRESIDENT**
Jonathan Hunt

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY-TREASURER**
Mary Longoria

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JOIN US FOR THE ATU 757 ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC!
Sunday, July 22, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Blue Lake Park, (Chinook A and B) 20500 NE Marine Dr., Fairview
Music by the Kirk Green Band
Come join us for food and fun! We’ll have bingo, caricature artists, watermelon-eating contests, raffle prizes, a 50/50 fundraiser for Labor’s Community Services Agency, and more!
You must sign in at registration to receive meal and raffle tickets. Parking is $5 per car. We look forward to seeing everyone there! And if you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Union Hall at 503-232-9144!
Hi, all fellow drivers,

This is my last article for you to enjoy. I hope you’ll welcome Jimmy Apple- hanz, our new Executive Board Officer! Have a great summer whether you work or not. Enjoy yourselves and your families. I hope to see you all at the ATU picnic on July 22 Blue Lake Park, 10am to 4pm.

See you on the 13th of August for our enjoyable in-service days!

Hello, everyone!

It looks to be my very last article as your Liaison Officer. It has been quite an experience representing all of you. We have had many challenges over the last eleven years that have demonstrated true solidarity. I want to thank all of you for electing me and entrusting me with all of the responsibility that goes along with the position of Liaison Officer. I have retired from the position. Warren Hoefl and I have been working many hours in preparation for this transition where I will pass the baton to him.

Please welcome Warren Hoefl as your new Liaison Officer. I will remain as a Shop Steward. We will also continue to work together on the Paratransit Conference along with Shop Steward Klari Czard.

Please feel free to contact your new officer and your shop stewards as issues arise. This is what we are here for. Your Weingarten Rights are posted on the union board. Weingarten Rights serve as a witness to the actual content of an investigation. Object to intimidating tactics or confusing questions. Help an employee avoid making fatal admissions. Advise an employee when appropriate against denying everything and thereby giving the appearance of guilt or dishonesty. Counsel an employee against losing her or his temper. Discourage an employee from informing on others. Raise extenuating factors as to remember how important they are if an issue occurs where discipline can happen.

Please invoke your rights when you believe that the discussion can lead to discipline. “If this discussion could in any way lead to my being disciplined or terminated, or affect my personal work-
ing conditions, I request that my union representative be present at this meeting. Until my representative arrives, I choose not to participate in this discussion.” The management can send you home and reschedule the meeting or require that you remain until excused. If you are unjustly delayed in a return to work, they need to make payment.

We will resume contract negotiations in Federal Mediation along with Region 2 and Region 3.

The offers that the Company presented in the last round were proposals rather than proposals that came in too low for this economy. We can hope that they will present a reasonable offer in the next round. In the meantime…

As ATU members, we are often called upon to contribute time and effort to bolster the strength and solidarity of our union. But the hard work is usually rewarded and we can eventually triumph if we continue to follow the path that we feel to be right. If fear creates walls, then hope and confidence can build bridges…

may all of our futures benefit from our focus on success!

Brothers and Sisters,

Well, school is out but the work is not done, and we still have a lot to do. We need to start getting ready for the next school year and hope all goes well…

We all know this year was total chaos, from losing drivers to losing good staff members (meaning ones that actually listened to the members). We lost routes had routes cut up. Broken-down buses. And the list goes on.

We really need to check everything we do and be professional. Alex and I need to be informed as to what goes on with our members (meaning the drivers) so what I mean by this is if you get called into management for disciplinary reasons we need to know about it.

All of you are covered by the union in the summer as well so if you need to talk to one of us just pick up the phone and call us. My number is 503-309-4787

I hope all of you have a great summer and have fun. Don’t forget the barbecue on July 22 at Blue Lake Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In Solidarity.

I hope your summer is starting off on a good note. The discipline has finally started to go down. That was a lot of hard work and a lot of grievances, but the future is looking like it will be much better for operators moving forward.

There are already two slow orders for sun kinks. I was a little frustrated with the one on the Yellow Line after all the bala- last tapping was done last year. Keep your speed down and take the time you need at the end of the line. It is not on the rail operator to make up the lost time by sacrificing their breaks.

With all the radiating that has been going on to make sure our speed is kept in check, it is not worth it speeding to make up for the scheduling problems. Remember it the slow orders weren’t looked at until TriMet knew there was a problem. It is not our responsibility to take care of deficiencies with the system by sacrificing our breaks, or speeding.

Most rail operators eat in their cab at some point during their day. Please make sure you clean up after yourself. There has been more than once I have walked into a cab and it had sunflower seed shells all over.

Thanks! In solidarity.

Hello, Union clan! Life is good!

I figured a way to avoid the damp chilly winters in Portland: retire and move to Mexico from November til April. I live an hour north of Puerto Vallarta with my wife and 2 border collies. 80 degrees and a half-mile walk to the Pacific Ocean, with numerous inexpensive tasty places to eat along the way. Dental and medical care is cheap and professional. Prescriptions are very inexpensive. Everyone always greets you on the streets in a most friendly manner.

One sensible traffic system they have is flashing green lights. The green light starts flashing alerting you that it will turn yellow soon. Many more drivers stop at the yellow because of this brilliant warning system. And the buses are cheap, on time and frequent. Maybe not on the newer side, but a good way to get around and not have to rent a car. The drivers keep their change on a tray and bills tucked in the dashboard. I have never seen any attempt to steal the pesos or threaten the driver.

I do not believe this would hold true on a TriMet bus. I remember one time my cooler with my lunch vanished right from the proximity of my bus seat while driving my route. I guess somebody was quite hungry. So it goes!

I play in an over-50 Futbol Mexican League (AKA soccer) and hold my own, except for my Spanish, which is poco o poco. My player card has my name as Timotes Terrible, which is Terrible Tim, as I was known to my Portland passen- gers. It was easier to remember my name and I was not so terrible. My Nayarit teammates all call me Terrible, which fortunately is not how I play on the field.

A short but sweet STEW. Want to thank the COFFIN DODGERS golf group, Mark, Ted, Mike, etc. at Sahalee Golf Course for letting me join the group for a round on the links. Keeping active physically and mentally can enhance your life significantly.

Big thanks to all my fellow UNION clan for doing a great service to the community. KEEP UNION STRONG! You are the BACKBONE of the company, as TOP heavy as it may be. Salud! Slainte! L’chiam! And remember! The passenger is not always right. Live to en- joy! See you at next Retiree meeting. UNION STRONG!
Retirees’ Corner

Retired members, you are cordially invited to join us for the annual ATU 757 Retirees’ Picnic on Wednesday, July 11! The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Woodstock Park, which is at the corner of SE 47th Ave. & SE Steele St., in Portland. Lunch will be prepared by Grill Master (and ATU Vice President) Jon Hunt and ATU Staff.

Please RSVP by July 6 to confirm your attendance, by calling the Union Hall at 503-232-9144. We hope to see you there!


We do not have any 50-year retirees celebrating their birthdays this month – but to all of our retirees, we say: thank you for your service, sisters & brothers!

IN MEMORIAM: Max Collings

There will not be a meeting of the Retired Member Chapter in July due to the Independence Day holiday. Instead, members are encouraged to attend the Annual Retiree Picnic on July 11.

The August meeting of the Retired Member Chapter will take place Wednesday, Aug. 1, at Westmoreland Union Manor, 6404 SE 23rd Ave, Portland.

ATU 757 JULY & AUGUST MEETINGS

SPECIAL NOTICE:

Sisters & brothers,
The Northwest Labor Press will publish only one issue in August — the Labor Day Edition on Aug. 24. The date comes after our Meeting Week cycle next month. For your convenience, a list of our August meeting dates are listed here.

CHARTER
Charter members meet at 6 p.m. Monday, July 16 and Monday, August 20, at the Salvation Army, Rose Center for Seniors, 211 NE 18th Ave., Portland. The Charter day meeting is 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 17, and Tuesday, August 21, at Schopper Hall, 1801 NE Couch St., Portland.

SALEM TRANSIT/MV
Salem members meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 17, and Tuesday, August 21, at the Salem Senior Center 50+, 2615 Portland Road NE

LANE TRANSIT
Eugene members meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 18, and Wednesday, August 22, at the Woodworkers Local Lodge, 1124 South A St., Springfield.

FIRST STUDENT-CORVALLIS
The July Continuation meeting is canceled due to ATU’s Summer Picnic. All members are encouraged to join us between 10am and 4pm at Blue Lake Park, 20500 NE Marine Dr., Fairview, OR. Corrivalis members meet at our new time, 5 p.m. Sunday, August 26, at Woodstock’s Pizza, 1045 NW King Blvd, Corvallis.

PPS-FIRST STUDENT PORTLAND
The July and August Continuation meetings for Portland Public Schools and First Student Portland members are CANCELED due to the summer break. Enjoy your summer, sisters & brothers!

ROGUE VALLEY TRANSPORTATION
Southern Oregon members meet 6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 21, and Saturday, August 25, at Jackson Creek Pizza Company, 317 E Main St., Medford.

COIC/Bend
Central Oregon members meet 6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 21, and Saturday, August 25, at Black Bear Diner, 1465 NE 3rd St., Bend.

TILLAMOOK/TCTD
The July Continuation meeting is canceled due to ATU’s Summer Picnic. All members are encouraged to join us between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at Blue Lake Park, 20500 NE Marine Dr., Fairview, OR. Tillamook members meet 1 p.m. Sunday, August 26, at Rendezvous Bar and Grill, 214 Pacific Ave, Tillamook.

VALLEY TRANSIT
Walla Walla members meet 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 21, and Saturday, August 25, at WSDOT Maintenance Building, 1210 G Street, Walla Walla.

C-TRAN/C-VAN
The July Continuation meeting is canceled due to ATU’s Summer Picnic. All members are encouraged to join us between 10am and 4pm at Blue Lake Park, 20500 NE Marine Dr., Fairview, OR. Vancouver-area members meet 6 p.m. Sunday, August 26, at 2212 NE Andresen, Vancouver.

RETIRED MEMBER CHAPTER
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The August meeting of the Retired Member Chapter will take place Wednesday, August 1st, at Westmoreland Union Manor, 6404 SE 23rd Ave, Portland.

PLEASE NOTE: All ATU members are invited to attend any of the above-listed meetings.
We all need to come together to survive

By the time you read this article, the U.S. Supreme Court will have ruled in the Janus case, and we’ll know what’s to come for our public-sector members. We still don’t know how far they’ll go to limit unions’ power in this country, but we all need to be prepared.

Now that the 2018 ATU election is over (you can find results in this edition of the NW Labor Press and on our website, www.atu757.org), we all need to come together to keep this Union strong. It doesn’t matter who you voted for. It doesn’t matter if you’re happy with the results of this election or not. The threats to our labor movement are too great for any of us to ignore.

We had dozens of candidates step up to run for local and union-wide office this year. I want to thank everyone who decided to take that plunge. Whether you won or lost, running for office has proven that you care about this Union and your sisters and brothers, and that you’re ready to step up as a leader. We are all going to need you.

I can’t stress this enough: Janus is coming, and it’s going to hurt. Each and every one of us needs to step up as a leader in this Union. We need to talk to our co-workers about why the union matters. We need to show solidarity with one another’s struggles, and the struggles of working folks across the United States. We need to find opportunities to organize actions and campaigns that build member power, and then we need to flex that muscle to win better working conditions for all of our members.

We are only strong when we’re united. We don’t have to get along. We can disagree loudly with one another in union meetings. But at the end of the day, we all need to come together for the betterment of ALL OF US — otherwise, this Union will not survive, and we’ll all be living in the bosses’ world as “at-will” employees with very little to no rights to speak up about working conditions or unjust discipline, and at the mercy of whatever pay our employers decide to give us.

United We Stand!

Greetings sisters and brothers!

I’d like to take this opportunity to thank our staff here at ATU 757. Melissa, Denise, Danielle, Sherri, Krista, Jared, and Andrew, thank you all for your hard work and help making this Union better!

I would like to also take this opportunity to thank the outgoing officers.

KEN RICHINS, who is retiring from he Executive Board position in Salem, as well as assisting the president. Kenny has been a rock to this local. Thank you for your years of service, brother!

CHARISSE WALL is retiring from her role as Executive Board Officer for Portland Public Schools. Not only has Charisse worked tirelessly at her location, she has logged more volunteer hours than any other union member to date. Thank you for your years of service!

CARL FADDIS is retiring as Executive Board Officer for Lane Transit District. Carl has been a gift to this Local, and nobody brings more heart to this work. Brother, thank you for all of your years of service!

First Transit Regions 1, 2, and 3 are getting ready to go out on strike. First Transit, the subcontractor which provides TriMet LIFT service, continues to propose substandard wages and health insurance. Thanks to everyone who joined us on June 25th for a second Workers’ Rights Board event, with the community speaking out on public transit and housing accessibility. We’ll keep you posted about the next one!

With Portland Public Schools, school may be over for the year, but our fight with the District is not! Our members are standing strong, and they found their voice. They deserve a living wage and affordable health insurance. Please keep an eye out for upcoming dates as we prepare for a strike in the upcoming school year!

I’d like to think all of the candidates who participated in this year’s election. I hope you all stay involved in helping us making this union strong!

LABOR APPRECIATION NIGHT AWARD WINNERS. ATU Local 757 members Jacob Foster, Charisse Wall, and Beth Blumklotz received recognition certificates at the Labor Appreciation and Recognition Night banquet June 9 sponsored by the Northwest Oregon Labor Council (NOLC). Wall is pictured above with Bob Tackett, executive secretary-treasurer of NOLC, and Everice Moro, first vice president of NOLC. Foster and Blumklotz were unable to attend. The annual event recognizes people and businesses for their commitment to helping better the lives of workers and people in their communities. It also is a fundraiser for Labor’s Community Service Agency (LCSA). More than 300 people attended.