President’s Roundup
By Shirley Block

Brothers and Sisters,

I am happy to announce that our members who work for CC Rider in St. Helens ratified their first union contract! Congratulations to our members at CC Rider!

I am so proud to announce that I am part of the new Critical Incident Stress Management Care Team (CISM) at TriMet. This team is made up on Union members — both active and retired — and we are here to provide peer support and information to YOU after critical incidents. Our priorities are reducing your stress after a critical incident, while maintaining confidentiality, and making sure you are getting the respect you deserve in stressful situations.

WHO IS ON THE TEAM: In addition to myself, Gary Nelson, Gladys Melton, Don Huffman,Terrance Howard, and Bill Hunt are all proud members of the CISM Care Team. We have gone through extensive training so that we are prepared to assist you through stressful incidents.

HOW TO CONTACT US: call the CISM voicemail/hotline at 503-962-CISM or email CISM@TriMet.org. Leave your name, work location, and the best way to reach you. OR you can contact us directly. Find our information on the CISM flyer at your garage. We are available 24 hours a day! You can also reach out to the Cascade Employee Assistance Program by calling 800-433-2320 or texting 503-980-1777. If you have questions about confidentiality, you can

Secretary Treasurer’s Report

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Critical Incident Stress Management

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Vice President’s Report

Contract negotiations are underway

By Jonathan Hunt

Greetions, Sisters and Brothers,

Busy times around the state… contract negotiations are underway at Portland Public Schools, Tillamook, MV Canby, First Student Mechanics, Corvallis, Lane Transit District security officers, and TriMet.

We have set small-table discussions in early August for our TriMet folks. Your officers are meeting on a regular basis to prioritize the contract proposals that our members have suggested. Full contract negotiations for TriMet will open in October. We are hopeful during these discussions that we will be able to find solutions to ongoing workplace issues.

I am currently attending the Northwest Joint Conference with the California Conference Board in San Diego, California, where your ATU officers are receiving de-escalation training and additional training on grievance handling.

We have also started preparations for our 59th Annual International Convention, which takes place later this year in September.

From San Diego, I will be traveling to Mary-

Shop Stewards are needed and appreciated

By Mary Longoria

Greeting, Sisters and Brothers,

I want to write a bit about Shop Stewards and how much they are needed and appreciated. Stewards are our eyes and ears, always aware of what is going on in their department.

I was a Shop Steward in my department for six years before I ran for the Financial Secretary position. It didn’t always seem like I was getting a whole lot of support or training from my union, but when I called with a question someone always got back to me, whether it was my Executive Board Officer or a call from the ATU office.

What I didn’t know was that people took note of my work, the grievances I filed on behalf of the members in my department, whether I followed through, how I wrote my grievances, were they complete, and was the form filled out properly.

I was a Shop Steward because I believe in the union movement. I believe in standing up for my co-workers, not to be noticed or thanked, because if you are a Steward you know it doesn’t come with a whole lot of kudos from co-workers or other officers, even though they really appreciate what you do.

To all our current Stewards, please don’t hesitate to call your officer or the Union Office. Let people know who you are and that you want to get more involved. If you want more training, let us know. It may not be next week, but we will certainly make sure you are contacted the next time there is training. You, as a Steward, are a vital link between the elected officers and the members on the floor.

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Hello, Brothers and Sisters,

This month at Powell, we had two new grievances: one for sick-bank shortage and how holiday waivers are paid to part-time drivers, and the other for unjust reprimand. Both are going through the process to be heard, which is slow. I found out from Customer Service that accommodations are outranking the complaint SIPS. It was brought to Patrick, the head transportation manager, that drivers aren’t receiving the good ones, only bad and the company needs to acknowledge drivers more to help boost morale, because it’s very low towards the company. We will see what changes, if any, are made to boost morale.

I am putting this out now…it’s confirmed that we are getting audio and a wider lens on the camera above the driver. There will be information meetings at all garages in the next three months for all shifts to see what the agreement is to pull audio and what the camera angle looks like. The garage reps will be there, along with Shirley, Patrick from TriMet, and the garage manager because this change goes live October 1, 2019.

I’m pleased to say that I have been pushing for more days to do sign up and, nine months later, I’m happy to say TriMet added two days to complete the big sign ups. That’s good news for everyone, especially us on the sign-up team, since we hardly got our full breaks and lunches. We will see how this change works in July when we have the fall sign up. Our monthly safety meeting at Powell will be July 18th from 4 a.m. to noon. Until then, be safe. Remember, safety before schedules and please take your break and stay hydrated.

Hello, Brothers & Sisters.

As you may have noticed, ATU has been reaching out to you, our ATU members, to find out what areas you would like to participate and volunteer in. Whether it’s voting, helping your brothers and sisters in the field, marching in a parade, or volunteering for the Annual Union Picnic, every contribution helps.

Our membership makes everyone’s job easier and our Union stronger! Be it big or small, every time you volunteer, it makes a difference!

Currently, we are preparing for the Annual Union Picnic on Sunday, August 4th at Blue Lake Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We can always use more help with this fun and large event! At this year’s picnic, each TriMet garage has a “station” that they will be working. Center Garage will be running the “Hawaiian Shave Ice” station! We are looking for members, family, and friends to volunteer just one hour of their time for this station. To volunteer, please contact the ATU 757 office at 503-232-9144. Anyone who answers the phone will be able to help you, or you can leave a message with your contact information. When we divide the work, it gets much easier and a lot more fun! Everybody pitching in and sharing the work is the definition of a Union! With your efforts, this will be a great event!

I want to direct you to our union’s website: www.atu757.org. Many of us are looking for ways to introduce, educate, and inform ourselves and our newer members about our Union. There is some very useful info on the website; information on grievances, mediation, arbitration, workplace assaults, organizing support, winning contracts and videos on steward training. Please take a few minutes to acquaint yourself with the website. It gives you easy access to information about ATU 757 and the main areas to support your Union!

Stay cool and hydrated in the hot weather of summer! Be safe out there!

Work together and help one another, brothers & sisters!

In Unity

Greetings, fellow brothers and sisters, It’s summertime again! Please write up buses that don’t have functioning air conditioning. None of us want to suffer in the heat. Drink plenty of water and use the restroom whenever you need to do so your schedule be damned.

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Just recently the media ran a story on one of our operators getting arrested while on duty. The media only prints one side of the story. This happens all the time. Let our member have an opportunity to tell their side of the story and to have their day in court. Unfortunately, we’ve had members who were found innocent, but the media won’t print a retraction article.

Is an electric bus better for us or not? As of right now no one knows the real impact that they will have on us. The number of electric buses that transit agencies throughout the U.S. have right now is 300. The biggest question is how long can an electric bus run on a charge and will weather and the landscape affect that range.

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they have done on this issue!
We have the results of the Carbon Monoxide tests. The results from the vendor hired to perform the testing has been released. Also, Washington State L&I is still investigating and still conducting interviews with employees.

For C-Van operators, during the last Safety Meeting we learned that the Maintenance Department has a campaign to get all the new vans up to spec to include equipment bags, tracks being installed, seats removed etc. This campaign is scheduled to be finished by July 1st. Another project we are working on with C-Tran is creating a working group to establish guidelines for behavioral contracts for passengers, and to establish some consistency within these contracts. Our goal is to create a safer working environment for C-Van operators and passengers.

A quick reminder...the ATU picnic will be August 4, 2019, at Blue Lake Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. I sure hope to see you all there!!

Ever Forward, in solidarity, Jimmy-Jim

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Names in bold print/caps are our 50-year retirees — thank you for your service, sisters & brothers!

GIDEON SIAX and GLENN WARK are 50-year members who celebrated birthdays in June, but their names were not in bold print/caps. We trust you both had wonderful birthdays!

IN MEMORIAM: Lamont Biggs and Suzanne Shearer.

The ATU 757 Retiree’s Annual Picnic will be held on Wednesday, July 10th, at Woodstock Park. The following month’s meeting will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 7th at 9:30 a.m. at Westmoreland Union Manor, 6404 SE 23rd Ave.
JULY MEETINGS

Please Note: Unless otherwise noted, all ATU members are invited to attend any of these listed meetings.

SHOP STEWARDS AND FUTURE LEADERS

Are you an ATU 757 shop steward? A rank-and-file member who’s looking to get more active in the union? Join leadership and staff every month before our Charter Meeting for the Shop Steward and Future Leaders Meeting to help us drive ATU’s organizing in 2019 and beyond!

The Shop Stewards and Future Leaders Meeting will take place at 5 p.m., Monday, July 15, at the Salvation Army, Rose Center for Seniors, 211 NE 18th Ave, Portland.

CHARTER

Charter members meet at 6 p.m. Monday, July 15, at the Salvation Army Rose Center for Seniors, 211 NE 18th Ave, Portland. The Charter day meeting is 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 16, at ATU 757 Schopport Hall, 1801 NE Couch St., Portland.

SALEM TRANSIT/MV

Salem members meet 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16, at the Broadway Commons Africa Room; 1300 Broadway Street NE; Salem.

VALLEY TRANSIT

Walla Walla members meet 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 20, at WSDOT Maintenance Building, 1210 G Street, Walla Walla.

LANE TRANSIT

Eugene members meet 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17, at the Woodworkers Local Lodge, 1124 South A St., Springfield.

PPS/FIRST STUDENT PORTLAND

The July meeting is canceled.

COIC/Bend

Central Oregon members meet 6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 20, at East Bend Library, 62080 Dean Swift Rd., Bend.

ROGUE VALLEY TRANSPORTATION

Southern Oregon members meet 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 20, at Jackson Creek Pizza Company, 317 E Main St. Medford.

TILLAMOOK/TCTD

Tillamook members meet 1 p.m. Sunday, July 21, at Rendezvous Bar and Grill, 214 Pacific Ave.

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reach out directly to the CISM Care Team Coordinator, Don Huffman, at huffmand@trimet.org.

WHEN TO CONTACT US:

Anytime you have been exposed to a situation that was disturbing or frightening on the job at TriMet. People’s reactions to stressful events vary. Whatever you’re feeling is normal. Also, your reaction may last a long time, or be quite delayed. Don’t let this keep you from reaching out.

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Three of ATU 757’s finest were recognized by the Northwest Oregon Labor Council at the 22nd Annual Labor Appreciation & Recognition Night held on June 8. Kyle Newell (center left), Joe Clyde (center right) and Terry Howard (not pictured) were honored as recipients of this year’s awards. They are examples of union members who consistently go above and beyond for their union brothers and sisters. Joining them in the festivities are Secretary Treasurer Mary Longoria and Vice President Jon Hunt.

ATU 757 Annual Union Picnic

August 4th Sunday

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Blue Lake Regional Park Chinook A & B

20500 NE Marine Dr. Fairview, OR 97024

Join us for food and fun

•Bingo•Caricature artists• Face Painting•Balloon Animals by Buttons the Clown•Picnic Meal Catered by DeAngelo’s• Hawaiian Shave Ice• Cotton Candy•Watermelon Eating Contest•Raffle Prizes •50/50 Fundraiser for LCSA & More•

[You must sign in at registration to receive meal and raffle tickets•Parking is $5 per car

Interested in volunteering? Contact Mary Longoria at the Union office (503) 232-9144

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