



## LOCAL 2-21 C.A.T. Letter

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# 1000 DAYS

By now, all of you are well aware of the fact that Saturday, February 26, 2011, is the marking of 1000 days since our contract expired. While I predicted these negotiations were going to be a long drawn out battle, I never dreamed it would have come to this.

In recognition of this time frame, we are holding a get together at the hall on Monday, February 28, 2011. The event will run from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM and isn't going to be anything fancy. We are going to have hot dogs, sloppy joes, chips, pop, beer, ice cream and good camaraderie. When we had the June 1 solidarity day at the union hall, and again at the Union Christmas party at the Ruth Butler building, the message we heard loud and clear from those in attendance is that we need to do this more often. It's healthy for the membership to get together and BS for awhile in a relaxed atmosphere.

Although we will not be able to set up entertainment for the children this time, they certainly are invited to come along with you and have some food, sign up for a few prizes and finish the day by filling up on ice cream. And guys, this is a good way to look like the man of the house by taking your wives out for lunch.....she'll be so grateful.

We're not going overboard on prizes but everyone that walks into the hall (that's right, members, retirees, spouses and children) will have the opportunity to sign up for a 22 inch flat screen TV, a small stereo system, 2 MP3 players, 2 different size coolers, or 8 camping packs for children. It probably sounds like a weird selection of prizes but the truth is we got a good deal on everything so that's what we got. The drawing for these prizes will take place at 4:15.

This entire day is intended to be a relaxed day away from the mill where we can laugh for a change. I'm hoping to get your attention for about 10-15 minutes to share a few thoughts with you. That will happen at 12:45, 2:45, and 3:45. There will be 3 50/50 drawings throughout the day with the drawings being held immediately after each of these 3 presentations.

Even though sign up for our insurance was supposed to end this week, I have asked Paul Baeten to join us on Monday in case anyone wanted to take the opportunity to sign up for something while you are there with your spouse. Paul will have the privacy of the back room to conduct business if anyone is interested.

Thanks for being such a strong membership and for hanging in there for 1000 days. There aren't too many Locals that could withstand such a test but Local 21 is like no other. See you at the hall on Monday.....and if you see a retiree wandering around anywhere, ask him to come too.

Thank you for your support.

In Solidarity,

Bryon Branstrom