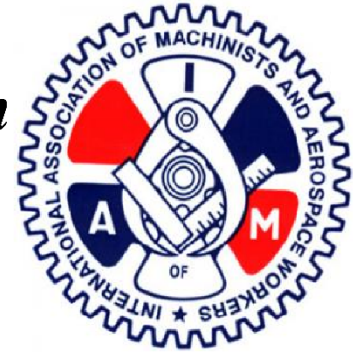




Local Lodge S6 Leadership Connection Proudly Serving Our Membership 1/12/24



New IAM International President Brian Bryant Prioritizes Working People's Rights

Brian Bryant, a former Local S6 Pipefitter, has been inaugurated as the 15th International President of IAM. His time working for our membership with the local, district, eastern territory, and executive council has shaped his vision for the future, “It is time to not just improve the state of working people, but to fundamentally transform the way working people live. We demand not just a seat at the table, but a chance to call the shots.”

In an open letter to the membership, he shared some goals for his strategy moving forward, “We are preparing to tackle the most pressing challenges facing the IAM, like sustaining our growth, membership engagement, branding our union for the future, and much more.”

Tim Suitter Appointed as Chief Steward of Bath

Following Clint Downer's resignation, Tim Suitter, a seasoned Sandblaster and experienced Union Leader, has been appointed as the new Chief Steward of Bath. He brings 14 years of experience across multiple positions, including Grievance Committee Chair, Negotiating Committee, Steward, and Communicator. He is ready to put his skillset to the test to serve the membership effectively. Meetings were held to coordinate with Stewards and the Grievance Committee to catch him up on the current state of business and plan for the road ahead. Tim is looking forward to serving the membership in his new position.

Starbucks Faces NLRB Complaint Over Store Closures in Union Dispute

The National Labor Relations Board has filed a complaint against Starbucks for closing 23 stores, including the Portland, Maine location, soon after employees voted to unionize. Shareholders are pushing for a reevaluation of the company's adherence to Human Rights standards following an independent assessment revealing issues. Starbucks is returning to negotiations with 370 unionized locations that seek to ratify contracts.

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Maine AFL-CIO Convention and Proposed Per Capita Rate Increase

The Maine AFL-CIO postponed its biennial convention to January 11th – 12th due to the tragic shooting in Lewiston. We have sent 5 representatives to vote for the next Maine AFL-CIO President, Vice President, and Executive Board and discuss a proposed per capita rate increase for member contributions. The proposal is to increase the current per capita rate of \$1.25 per member per month by 25 cents over four years to \$1.50 by 2027.

Rosie the Riveter Celebration Today

Location: Boatbuilder’s Pub (downstairs at J. R. Maxwell’s in downtown Bath). This celebration is open to everyone and aims to honor working women from the past, present, and future. Drink and appetizer deals are available. Rosie themed door prizes will be raffled off throughout the event. **Employees can get up to 2 (two) hours of unpaid time-off by signing in at the door to attend the event.** Please contact your Shop Steward or Supervisor with any questions.

General Membership Meeting: Saturday, January 20th

Location: Bath Area Senior Center - 45 Floral Street, Bath ME, 04530 - Meeting Start: 9:30 AM. Members are encouraged to attend the meeting to engage in union affairs and discussions.

Maine Lobstering Union Challenges Tracking Requirements

Maine Lobstering Union members are contesting a new Maine Department of Marine Resources regulation mandating electronic tracking on fishing vessels. While members support better fishery management, they express concerns about privacy infringement and information sharing with other industries. The lobstermen believe the 24/7 surveillance of their vessels is an infringement on their constitutional rights to privacy. GPS trackers would record their position once a minute while they are moving and cannot be shut off so long as their boats are in the water. The Local 207 members are happy to assist fisheries management with meeting those goals, but would like to do so without their personal privacy being impacted and without risk of their information being disseminated to benefit other offshore industries.

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