

CAW Local 584 Retirees Chair Report March 2, 2011 – Chris Wilski

In Memory of Retiree Deaths since our last meeting of December 8, 2010:

Ozzie Shanks - Passed away December 25, 2010 – Age 82 - Retired July 1, 1994 – 30 Years of Service

Ed Finn – Passed away February 2, 2011 – Age 74 - Retired Jan 1, 1997 – 26 Years of Service

Bill Hawkins – Passed away Feb 10, 2011 – Age 83

Dave Noble – Passed away Feb 17, 2011 – Age 80 – Retired Nov 1, 1994 – 23 Years of Service

Tim Murphy - CAW Local 200 Windsor – Skilled Trades Chair – Passed away Dec 29, 2010 at age 69

Morley Cameron – Ford Supervisor - passed away Feb 17, 2011 at age 77

I'd like to welcome everyone back from our 3 month absence. Following our last meeting on December 8, 2010 we had our Christmas Luncheon at the Mandarin that was attended by about 35 of our retirees and spouses. A good time was had by all.

On January 29th Doug Berry, Roz Monchamp , myself and a number of active workers shared a CAW Local 1285 bus to the Hamilton Day of Action Rally. US Steel had locked out their workers since November 7th and wants to de-index their 9000 retiree pensions and eliminate defined pensions for new hires. The rally was a great success with 10,000 people that joined in.

As you are probably aware Local 584 both active and retirees strongly support the Knights Table a Brampton Soup Kitchen and Food Bank. There was a contest through Pepsi called the Pepsi Refresh Project , basically if an approved organization came up with an idea to contribute something to their community and got the most on-line votes they could get \$100,000. The contest ran from Jan 4th to February 28th and we were trying to get as many people as possible to vote for the Knights Table. We advertised on our site and on Face book and even joined up with Annette Kelly, a Human Resources manager at Thermol Polymers Ltd. In Brampton. We were less than two weeks away from the deadline and were still hanging in at 17th spot so we decided to fax a joint letter to every school principal in Brampton both public and separate asking them to ask their students to support this project by voting on line. In the end it was very disappointing as to our knowledge not one school participated. There were 5 categories and each one was won by an animal protection group. It was very disheartening .

It's tax time again and Ford Retirees will be receiving a statement from Morneau providing payment confirmation of your paid benefit premiums. The Health care premium is a medical expense and can be reported on your Income Tax Return on line 330 of Schedule 1. You will also have noticed that we are now being taxed on CAW Legal Services, this benefit used to only be taxed for active workers and now all of a sudden we are receiving a T4A slip and have to claim this.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday April 6th I will be away on holidays but Frank Marek will chair the meeting. We have invited Dean Lindsay from the CAW Retired Workers Department to our Wednesday May 4th meeting to discuss the policy letter regarding persons eligible for membership in our retirees local chapter. Also we have Ken Lewenza CAW president committed to attend and speak to our retirees at our Wednesday June 1, 2011 meeting which will also be our spring Mandarin Luncheon.