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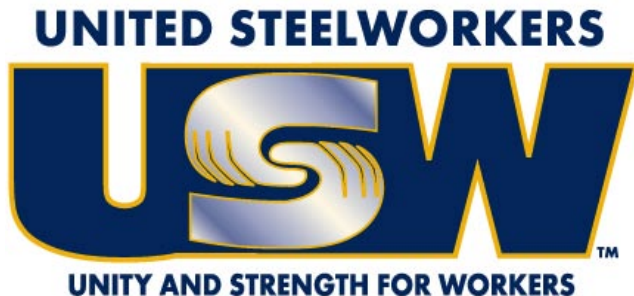


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Local 1440



Sisters and Brothers

The USW is no stranger to fighting for a more just economy for everyone. It's in our blood and has been from the day we were formed. That's why we're supporting the 99 percent who have been left behind as the grassroots "Occupy Wall Street" movement grows.

USW International President Leo W. Gerard offered our union's support last week and since then many other unions have also expressed solidarity. AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka said the union movement is "opening arms and hearts" to these brave activists who are fighting for all of us.

Around the nation, Steelworkers and other unions are joining Occupy Wall Street events and lending support to the students, the unemployed and others who are demanding jobs, a fair economy and a better future. We're opening our union halls, buying pizza, making signs, joining demonstrations and helping out in any way we can.

Here's how you can show support:

- [Visit our Web site \(www.usw.org\)](http://www.usw.org) to check out the media coverage and for ideas on how to talk about the movement and our support.

You'll find [video of President Gerard](#), such as his appearance on the [Thom Hartmann Show](#).

"As President Kennedy used to say, 'a rising tide lifts all boats,'" said Gerard, "Right now the rising tide has lifted the yachts and sank the dinghies.

The Drug & Alcohol Committee of Local 1440 wishes to share the 12 Steps of Recovery

9th Step

Made direct amends to such people wherever possible except when to do so would insure them or others.

Made it right where we could.

In experience, making amends is a two-stage process. Not only do we make amends to the person we've harmed; we follow up on those amends with a serious change in our behavior. As a result of working the 9th step we are free to live in the present

10th Step

Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

Hereafter relationships are just one indication that the quality of our lives has improved dramatically. Such indications merely reflect the intangible but very real changes that have taken place inside us.

Having so considered our day, not omitting to take due note of things we done, and having searched our hearts with neither fear nor favor, we can truly thank God for the blessings we have received.

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How the Proposed American Jobs Act Helps Manufacturing and USW Jobs

September 2011 -- President Obama's proposed "American Jobs Act" is a much needed plan to help get our nation back to work and our economy back on track.

Tens of thousands of USW jobs could be created or secured if we help make this proposal reality.

What's at Stake?

- The Economic Policy Institute is estimating the president's plan could create 4.3 million new jobs.
- And the Alliance for American Manufacturing in a study with the University of Massachusetts-Amherst says that for every \$1 billion in infrastructure spending, 18,000 new jobs would be created, including jobs in metals, concrete, cement, glass, rubber, plastics, wood and steel. Among other things, President Obama's plan, which adds no new government spending, calls for modernizing schools and investing \$50 billion in rebuilding roads, bridges, transit, port, rail, communications and energy systems. That supports a potential 900,000 jobs in many of our core manufacturing industries. And since we know every manufacturing job pays on average 10-50 percent more than service sector jobs and supports five more jobs in a community, the ripple effect could be huge.

The jobs plan is also a good reason to push other parts of our agenda, including the creation and implementation of a coordinated manufacturing policy that would:

Establish a national infrastructure bank to leverage capital for large scale transportation and energy projects.

Reshape the tax code in a revenue neutral way to provide incentives for job creation and investment. Research and development tax credits should help firms that not only innovate in America but also make their products here.

Lower tax rates for manufacturing activity in America and eliminate tax shelters for hedge funds or financial transactions that have no real value.

Consistent with our international obligations, apply "Buy America" domestic content provisions to all federal spending to ensure that American workers and businesses get the first shot at procurement contracts.

Shift some education investment to rebuilding our vocational and technical skills program, which would address looming shortages in the manufacturing sector.

Refocus the trade agenda by giving American businesses new tools to counter China's currency manipulation, industrial subsidies, intellectual property theft and barriers to market access.

Condition new federal loan guarantees for energy projects on the utilization of domestic supply chains for construction. Focusing on manufacturing not only helps solve the need for jobs, but also will lower our trade deficit, which will make it easier for America to pay its bills. We simply cannot continue to allow Congress to do nothing to address our jobs crisis!

Stay informed. Stand and fight for jobs!
American Jobs Act Tool Kit: www.usw.org/jobs

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Employers and employees alike have learned that **in union there is strength**, that a coordination of individual effort means an elimination of waste, a bettering of living conditions, and is in fact, the father of prosperity."

- Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1929

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Have You Been Sworn In Yet?

Our Union Meetings are held every
2nd Thursday of the month
Our Next Meeting will be on
November 10th
5:30 PM at the Union Hall
677 Cumberland Street
Pittsburg, CA

Your Wage Safety Representative's

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Solidarity with Verizon Workers!

45,000 Verizon and Verizon Wireless workers are back on the job after a two-week strike, but they are still fighting the company's attack on their living standards. **Verizon Wireless** has already slashed health benefits, and Verizon wants to do the same to pension, benefits for injured workers, sick leave, and health care for retirees. And they want to ship more jobs overseas.

If you're buying a new iPhone, consider getting your service from **AT&T** which has a unionized workforce and respects workers' rights.



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LOCAL'S WEBSITE



www.usw1440.com

The C.A.A. Office Hours

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	7:00 to 11:00 am.
Thursday	12:30 to 4:30 pm.
Friday	12:30 to 4:30 pm.



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Is it time to get your prescription turned in for better eyesight?

Optical Fittings



Optical Fittings for prescription safety glasses are offered every Thursday from 9am – 1pm and every Friday from 9am-4pm at the S&S Trailer next to the EMT office. No appointment needed!

Note: Employees must bring a copy of their eyeglass prescription with them, and it can't be more than 2 years old. They must also bring the green S&S voucher signed off by their Department Manager.



Safety Corner

9 Tips for Driving on Halloween

To help everyone bring home treats - not tragedies - follow these tips for a

Safe Halloween:

1. Start watching for trick-or-treaters as you leave work in the afternoon or early evening.
2. Don't use a cell phone while driving through neighborhoods. A single distraction could lead to a tragedy.
3. Stay well below the posted speed limit.
4. Pay attention to what's happening on sidewalks and roadways. Watch for children darting across streets, especially between parked cars.
5. Be extra alert when pulling in and out of driveways.
6. Do not assume children can see you and are paying attention. You need to take that responsibility.
7. Drivers should also check that all lights on their car work.
8. Do not pass other vehicles that have stopped in the roadway. They could be dropping off children.
9. If you're driving a group of children, but staying in the running vehicle at the curb, be sure to put on your hazard lights to alert other motorists.

**Be All You Can Be Safely
YOUR SAFETY
REPRESENTATIVE**