

# Report of the Retired Members' Council to the 74th CWA Convention

Pittsburgh, PA April 22 – 23, 2013 The CWA Retired Members' Council (RMC) remains an important organization that gives retirees a voice in their union and in politics, and enhances the power of Locals in bargaining, mobilizing, legislative and political action campaigns.

#### The Council continues to grow in size and influence

- The RMC has over 50,000 members, an increase of more than 4,000 since the last Convention.
- The Council has 212 chapters, covering every CWA district and sector in nearly every state and in Washington, DC and Puerto Rico. Thirteen chapters have been added since the last Convention.
- The Council's website, www.cwaretirees.org, includes timely features on issues affecting retirees, instructions on becoming a member of the RMC and where to find a local retiree chapter. The website also provides links to affinity groups like the Alliance for Retired Americans.

### **Activities of the Council and Chapters**

Retirees support the union in every area of bargaining, mobilizing, legislative and political action.

- Chapters adopted Verizon Wireless stores both within Districts 1 and 2-13 as well as in other areas of the country during the year-long Verizon bargaining mobilization.
- Telephone Town Hall meetings were held to mobilize retirees for legislative and political action.
- Retirees attended rallies in support of CWA bargaining and for national issues such as climate change
- Chapters registered new voters and phone-banked to get out the vote for local, regional and national candidates in the 2012 election
- Retirees called, visited and wrote to their Members of Congress on the issues important to the union such as the Call Center bill, Senate rules reform and collective bargaining rights,

#### Goals for the coming years

In addition to organizing more local, regional and state chapters, increasing the membership of existing chapters, and strengthening the union, the goals are to:

- Stay engaged in the fights for retirement security, economic justice and democracy.
- Increase participation in the CWA Political Acton Fund.
- Encourage Locals to give the gift of Council lifetime membership to their retiring members.
- Work with the Alliance for Retired Americans at the national, state and local level for social justice for seniors.
- Work with other retiree and community-based allies for the betterment of all older Americans.

#### Chapters of the CWA Retired Members' Council

#### District 1

District 2-13

1022	Millstone Twnsp	NJ
1032	Ewing	NJ
1036	West Trenton	NJ
1039	Trenton	NJ
1040	Trenton	NJ
1080	Elizabeth	NJ
1085	Woodbury Hgts	NJ
	Maywood	NJ
1101	New York	NY
1102	Staten Island	NY
1103	Port Chester	NY
1104	Farmingdale	NY
1106	Queens Village	NY
1108	Patchogue	NY
1109	Brooklyn	NY
1118	Albany	NY
1122	Buffalo	NY
1123	Syracuse	NY
1126	New York Mills	NY
1141	Latham	NY
1150	New York	NY
1170	Rochester	NY
1180	New York	NY
1190	Tribeca	NY
1298	Hamden	CT
1365	Sturbridge	MA
2001	Charleston	WV
	Chase	MD
	Baltimore	MD
	Williamsport	MD
	Salisbury	MD
	Annapolis	MD
	Beltsville	MD
	Cumberland	MD
	Richmond	VA
	Virginia Beach	VA
	Norton	VA
	Newport News	VA
	Annandale	VA
	Woodbridge	VA
	Washington	DC
20901*	•	VA
	Pittsburgh	PA
	Darby	PA
	Philadelphia	PA
	Clifton Heights	PA
	Folsom	PA
	Boyertown	PA
	Wagontown	PA
	Doylestown	PA
	Altoona	PA
13031		PA
	New Tripoli	PA
	Wilkes Barre	PA
	Pittsburgh	PA
	New Castle	PA
	Dubois	PA
	Greensburg	PA PA
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12050	Wilkinsburg	PA

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	Winston-Salem	NC
	Pompano Beach Jacksonville	FL FL
	Orlando	FL
	Pensacola	FL
	Fort Pierce	FL
	West Palm Beach	FL
	Albany	GA
	Columbus	GA
	Savannah	GΑ
	Norcross	GA
3310	Louisville	ΚY
3402	Alexandria	LA
3511	Jackson	MS
3603	Charlotte	NC
	Chattanooga	TN
	Knoxville	TN
	Nashville	TN
	Birmingham	AL
	Gadsden	AL
30901*	Atlanta	GA
District 4	Couthfield	N / I
	Southfield Waterford	MI MI
	Wells	MI
	Grand Rapids	MI
	Detroit	MI
	Detroit	MI
	Saginaw	MI
	Belleville	IL
4250	Lynwood	IL
	Lemont	IL
4302	Akron	ОН
4309	Cleveland	ОН
4319	Toledo	ОН
	Columbus	ОН
4322	Dayton	ОН
	Zanesville	ОН
	Brooklyn Hgts	ОН
	Milwaukee	WI
	Appleton	WI
	Eau Claire	WI
	Muskego	WI
	Indianapolis <i>Holland</i>	IN
40901*	Holiana	MI
District 6	Oklahoma City	OK
	Midland	TX
	Austin	TX
	Corpus Christi	TX
	Beaumont	TX
	San Antonio	TX
	Krum	TX
	Wichita Falls	TX
	Fort Worth	TX
6218	Lufkin	TX
6222	Houston	TX
6229	Harlingen	TX
	Midland	TX
	St Louis	MO
	Springfield	MO
	Linn Creek	МО
	Kansas City	МО
6360	Kansas City	МО

#### Chapters of the CWA Retired Members' Council

	6733	El Paso	TX
District 7			
<u>District 1</u>	7026	Tucson	ΑZ
		Des Moines	IA.
	7171	Homboldt	IA
	7200	Minneapolis	MN
		St Paul	MN
	7212	Brainerd	MN
	7219	Pelican Rapids	MN
	7250	Coon Rapids	MN
	7290	Omaha	NE
	7301	Bismarck	ND
	7303	Fargo	ND
	7400	Omaha	NE
	7401	Grand Island	NE
	7470	Lincoln	NE
	7500	Sioux Falls	SD
	7505	Sturgis	SD
	7601	Cheyenne	WY
	7702	Pueblo	co
	7707	Fort Collins	co
	7708	Colorado Springs	co
	7743	Grand Junction	co
		Denver	CO
		Englewood	CO
	7800	Seattle	WA
		Renton	WA
		Olympia	WA
		Vancouver	WA
		Spokane	WA
		Portland	OR
		Junction City	OR
		Phoenix	ΑZ
		Albuquerque	NM
		Woods Cross	UT
	70901*	Solon	IA
District 9			
		Los Angeles	CA
		Berkeley	CA
		Modesto	CA
		Paramount	CA
		Fresno	CA
		Hayward	CA
		Sparks	NV
		Oakland	CA
		Bakersfield	CA
		Stockton	CA
		Sacramento	CA
		San Jose	CA
		Pasadena	CA
		San Diego	CA
		Orange	CA
A.E.A. (C)A./A	9586	San Fernando	CA
AFA-CWA	07040	Coottle	10/0
		Seattle	WA
		Oakland	CA
ILIE CWA	29012	Fountain Valley	CA
<u>IUE-CWA</u>	04004	Schoncatady.	NIV
		Schenectady Rochester	NY NY
		Trenton	N Y NJ
			NJ NY
	81468	Clinton	
			MS
	03/01	Louisville	KY

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	84775 Dayton	OH
	84798 Dayton	OH
	84801 Dayton	OH
IUE-CWA		
	84808 Evansville	IN
Media Workers**		
	14170 Queens Village	NY
	14430 Homer Glen	IL
	14827 Pittsburgh	PA
	31003 New York	NY
	31041 Providence	RI
	31167 Manchester	NH
	31222 Concord	NH
	32035 Washington	DC
	33225 San Juan	PR
	34071 Chicago	IL
	39521 San Francisco	CA
	51011 New York	NY
	51016 New York	NY
	52031 Lanham	MD
	52212 Moundsville	WV
	54041 Chicago	IL
	54042 Cleveland	ОН
	59053 Burbank	CA
	59057 N. Hollywood	CA

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<sup>\*</sup>Denotes regional chapter #Denotes statewide chapter New chapters are in bold italic