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Health Fair Was a Grand Slam at Target Field

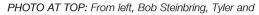


The fourth annual LaborCare + Benefits Health Fair 2012 was a huge success, according to many BAC Local 1 MN/ND members. The May 5 family focused event was held at Target Field. It was organized through a joint effort by Medica and local trade health and welfare funds. Participants had opportunities to speak with vendors and health care professionals, gather educational material and consider a more proactive approach to preventive health care through free health screenings. "There were about 300 biometric screenings completed," says Medica's Director of Communications Larry

> Bussey. "The sponsors were very enthusiastic with the

number of engagements they had with the attendees, too." Many took a free behind-thescenes tour of the ballpark visiting areas such as the Twins Clubhouse, the press box and exclusive home plate

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his father Jim Dreyling attend the LaborCare Health + Benefits Fair at Target Field May 5. Steinbring and Dreyling are active BAC Local 1 members. ABOVE LEFT: BAC Local 1 Retiree Jim Geiger and wife Sharon. ABOVE RIGHT: Robin Donovick, executive director of BAC International Health Fund in Washington D.C., was a first time attendee to the health fair. She'll share her experience with other states looking to offer a health fair to their membership.

Anderson Pedals for Those Who Can't

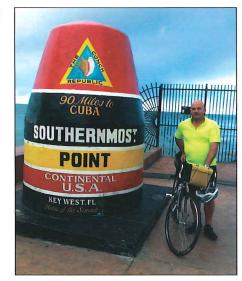
By Patricia Johnson

"When it ended I wish it was just the start," says Roger Anderson, as he reflects on his 2,554 mile bike trip from Key West, Fla., to Angle Inlet, Minn.

Anderson grew up near Highway 2 in Brookston, Minn., about 30 miles west of Duluth. He'd often see cyclists travel this roadway that stretched from Portland, Ore., to Portland, Maine, and dreamt of doing the same, but the time was never right. "You can't cross the Rockies until June. I'm a masonry contractor and you can't take a vacation in June," he says. So Anderson, owner of Harbor City Masonry in Duluth, decided instead to ride a bike from the southern most point of the United States to its northern most point; a route he could accomplish during the late winter months.

As he sat in his winter home in Florida, he put his three-point plan in to place. He ordered a Trek 550 cross

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Roger Anderson prepares to leave Key West, Fla., for his 2,554 Pedaling for Those Who Can't bike trip.

Anderson

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country bike, gave up beer the week before, and when the bike arrived, he got on it in Key West, Fla. It was February 10, the first day of his Pedaling for Those Who Can't bike trip. On March 2, his wife, Dianne, picked him up in St. Louis, Mo., so he could escape the cold weather for a month. He later resumed his bike trip and finished in Angle Inlet, Minn., on April 19.

He didn't train before the trip opting instead to have the early days of the trip serve as the training period. The first day he rode 80 miles. "It was too much," he says. The next day he rode 35, and the third day, 60. After that he felt pretty much in shape.

Anderson chuckles at his plan. "If you're stupid enough, any plan can come together," he says. Still his bike trip offered him a way to help others and confirmed his belief in people.

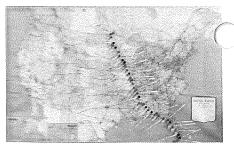
Anderson chose three charities to raise money for: the ALS Foundation in honor of a friend; the Northern Lights Foundation, founded by a friend, which assists families with financial needs and children with life threatening illnesses, and the third, Amberwing Center for Youth and Family Well-Being, in memory of his father who committed suicide at the age of 25.

Born in to poverty, Anderson moved out the day after high school graduation with only the clothes on his back. In 1977 he became a bricklayer and in 1985 he started his own masonry business.

Dianne followed him the first three days of the trip. For the next 19 days, he saw people that he'd never seen before nor will see again. "It was very interesting in the mountain regions. The poverty is dramatic," he says. "You're totally anonymous. They don't know your background. You're nonthreatening, too, because you're approaching people on a bike. Not in a Cadillac Escalade. They come up and talk to you. I had great conversations with people."

The time he spent talking with people helped Anderson confirm what he already knew - poverty doesn't make you mean, it just makes you poor. Recalling his childhood, he finds poverty is no different today. "We are all a lot more alike than people realize," he says.

He'd speak with his crew back in Duluth every morning for an hour or two, and he'd plan his route using his iPhone. He'd travel the side roads, sometimes dirt roads, staying away from the big



cities. Only 500 miles of his trip had a shoulder, the rest of the trip he peddled in traffic. Anderson wore a helmet, but never headphones. He needed to be aware of his surroundings. For the first 22 days, he rode ahead of the tornadoes, at times stopping early in the day to allow them to pass. He had four flat tires and replaced two during the long trek. He lost a total of 21 pounds.

The greatest memory was his chance stop in Selma, Ala., where the civil rights marches began in the early 1960s. As Anderson visited its National Voting Rights Museum and Institute he was awe struck when the curator handed him a donation. Knowing that a one-time oppressed people with far fewer rights than he, now 50 years later was handing him, a white man, a donation "blew him away," he says.

His wife and two adult sons were a supportive force for him throughout the trip. On April 29 a wrap up party was held with more than 350 people in attendance including representatives from all three charities. Although total donations have yet to be finalized, Anderson estimates it will be in the thousands.

Since the trip, he and his wife have gone on a three mile bike ride. "I still don't like to exercise," he says. Some day after retirement though, Anderson might do the Highway 2 bike ride, if he's physically up to it.

"To see the country from one end to the other at 5 mph is really neat," he says. "Every day is such a wonder."

Maybe for Anderson, this will be a "start" of greater trips to come.

Google "Roger Anderson's Bike Trip" to view his Facebook page. Email Anderson at roger@harborcitymasonry.com for information on making a donation.

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For information on life insurance, log on to http://www.bac1mn-nd.org.

"Having Coffee" Has Different Meaning for Steinmetz

By Patricia Johnson

"I can talk unless my ambulance beeper goes off," says Tom Steinmetz. Such is the beginning of our conversation.

About 23 years ago, Al
Johnson, his boss at the
time, encouraged Steinmetz
to take the emergency
medical technician (EMT)
training because as his
boss told him, "it's good to
have trained people on the
job. Someday you'll have
coffee with someone you saved,'
"Steinmetz says. "And that's
happened. I've treated guys on
jobsites and taken care of situations
until the medical team arrived. It's
paid off."

Steinmetz retired in January 2012 after 42 years as a BAC Local 1 MN/ND union member. He was born and raised in Browerville, Minn., about 135 miles northwest of Minneapolis. Throughout the years he moved where the work took him, St. Paul, Brainerd and Randall, Minn., about 17 miles east of Browerville.

After high school he served in the U.S. Army as a communications specialist. He later met his wife of almost 43 years, Ramona, at the Browerville Dairy Queen where she was a carhop. Today he and his wife make their home in Browerville. They have two adult sons, Dave and Mike and an adult daughter, Dawn, along with five grandkids, ages 2 months to 13 years.

"One of the nicest projects I was on was the Kandiyohi Law Enforcement Center," he says. "And Camp Ripley had some really nice projects. I worked there on and off for about seven years." Along the way, he worked for a variety of companies, some still in business, others not: Mike Cray Construction, Gugenberger Construction, Duncan Concrete, and McGough at University of Minnesota - Morris, and also



Tom Steinmetz accepts a donation for Browerville Ambulance Service from the Browerville Sportsman's Club.

Knutson Construction, and Johnson-Nelson Masonry where he was a foreman for 20 years.

In the early 1970s when Steinmetz was a laborer for Cray, his coworkers saw that he had an interest in becoming a bricklayer. During those years there was a ton of work to be done, so he completed masonry training using his GI bill at St. Paul Vocational Technical School. He continued to work for Cray until work slowed down.

Steinmetz completed his EMT training at a technical college in Wadena, Minn. Every two years he completes a state refresher course. "I haven't been able to give that up yet," he says. For the past eight years he's been co-director for the Browerville Ambulance Service which is city-owned. There are a total of 14 volunteer EMTs with two on call at all times. According to the Browerville city Web site, Browerville Ambulance also provides service to Clarissa and the surrounding area as designated by the Todd County Sheriff. The service also serves as backup for the Long Prairie Hospital when their ambulance is out of service.

A couple years ago he received a call from a foreman concerning a cement finisher two blocks down the road. "I checked on him and it was cardiac all the way," Steinmetz says. He put

him in the car and drove to the Fergus Falls emergency room. Within two and a half hours the worker had heart surgery. Steinmetz said it was a surreal moment. He had never met his wife or family, yet there he stood with the man's wallet and clothes in a bag as the ambulance sped off. Today he's back to work and both gentlemen stay in touch.

Since retirement Steinmetz says there's always something going on. His wife works about three days a week and he spends most days outside. Today he'll till his large garden and sharpen a lawnmower blade for a friend. Other days may include his grandchildren or maintenance on his 40 acres of land. Then at 10 a.m. he'll have coffee with another BAC retiree Mike Hynnek. "One of the neat things the union has is a retiree supper every spring in St. Cloud," he says. "Mike Cook and Mike Ganz come up and we see some of the guys we worked with but don't see very often."

Steinmetz encourages the new guys to stay union. "You can't live on social security without those pensions. Plug along and take the good times with the bad," he says. "When the work is slow, some guys tend to stray away. When you're a bricklayer, that union is so important."

Steinmetz will also spend more time fishing. His first trip to Lake Michigan was last year. For the past 17 years he's gone to Silver Muskie Lodge in Rainey Lake, Ontario, Canada, with Johnson and another BAC retiree, Bill Bettermen. They'll go again this August. He's also still recuperating from a knee replacement two years ago and checks on an elderly brother down the road.

And during his retirement, he'll remain on call. Listening for his beeper to go off. And hopefully having coffee with those he's helped.

2012 Journeyman Upgrade Schedules

All journeyman are welcome to attend any upgrade with RSVP Call 651-487-5500 or visit us online at www.bactraining.org

MTC: Metro Training Center SLH: St. Cloud Labor Home

Date	Time	Branch Of Trade	Class
6/06/12	4 - 9 p.m. MTC	All Trades	1st Aid/CPR/AED
If an individual was o	certified in First Aid/CPR in	2010-11 they would only need to tak	e CPR/AED training this year.
08/2-09/20/2012	4 - 8 p.m. MTC	All Trades	OSHA 30

This course, for private sector personnel, covers OSHA policies, procedures and standards, as well as construction safety and health principles. Topics include scope and application of the OSHA construction standards. Special emphasis is placed on those areas that are the most hazardous, using OSHA standards as a guide. Each member will have the following qualifications at the successful completion of this course; Scaffold qualification in accordance with CFR 29, powder actuated tool certification, and Signal and Rigging in accordance with CFR 29. Members must attend all classes to attain OSHA 30 certification. Classes are held every Thursday night for 8 weeks.

We are currently taking RSVPs for upcoming classes listed below. Once we have a full class, a date will be set.

Core4/PRO-10

4 - 8:30 p.m. MTC

Blueprint Reading

4 - 8 p.m. 1 night a week for 4 weeks MTC

1st Aid/CPR/AED

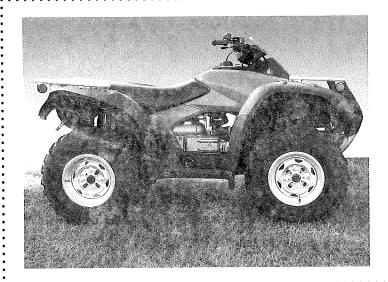
1 Evening SLH

OSHA 30

Evenings SLH

NOTE:

The Apprenticeship Training Center is now offering all members the opportunity to use the center's mockups to practice tasks and use materials that they may not perform on or use on a regular basis while on the job. Please call 651-487-5500 to schedule. Let us know what you would like to work on and we will have it set up and ready to go.



ATV Member Ride

Stompin' Grounds Lodge & Camping Akeley, MN July 14 - 15, 2012

Call Mike Ganz at 612-865-0343 for more information.

Attention Golfers – Don't Miss the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers

Golf Tournament

Saturday, July 28, 2012, at Pheasant Acres Golf Club, Rogers, MN
Sponsored by the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local Union 1 Minnesota/North Dakota

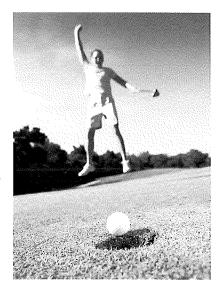
Tee Off Time: 7 a.m.; Shotgun Start - Be There to Sign In by 6:30 a.m.

COURSE REQUIREMENT: ALL GOLFERS MUST WEAR SOFT SPIKES!

SCRAMBLE TOURNAMENT – A

"Scramble" is a competition among foursomes, not individuals. Everyone in the foursome tees off. The best drive is selected, and everyone hits his/her second shot from this location. This procedure is repeated on every shot, including putting, until you putt out. The foursome will have only one score on each hole.

cost is \$85 per person – This includes green fees, golf cart, dinner, drink tickets and prizes. Deadline for reservations is July 20. Entrants will be limited to the first 144 golfers. You may make up your own foursome, or we will place you in one.



Retired members will pay \$70 for golf.

Any questions concerning the tournament can be directed to Mike Cook or Mike Hawthorne at 612-379-2966; or Dick Kentzelman at 612-889-1435.

Because each person must be on a cart, the deadline for golf reservations is July 20. No exceptions! The golf tournament is open to all members of BAC Local 1 MN/ND.

PAYMENT MUST BE MADE WITH RESERVATION – Make your check payable to BAC Golf Day. Send to BAC Local 1 MN/ND, 312 Central Ave., Room 328, Minneapolis, MN 55414.

2012 RESERVATION BAC GOLF TOURNAMENT



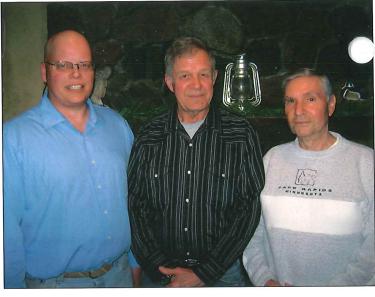
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MEMBER RECOGNITION



St. Cloud, MN
Gold Card Dinner at the Eagle's Club on April 14, 2012

From the left: Vice President Mike Ganz, 25-year member David Curtis, 40-year member Keith Burfeind, Vice President Richard Kentzelman and President Michael Cook.



Bemidji, MN Gold Card Dinner at the 71 Bar on April 21, 2012

From the left: Vice President Mike Ganz, 50-year members Ronald Jacobson and Charles Nelson.



Chisholm, MN

Iron Range Retirees Breakfast at the Iron Kettle on April 16, 2012

Attendance was low due to 6-8 inches, of what Leo Kivela referred to as, a "light dusting" of snow. From the left: Business Representative Stan Paczynski, and retirees Dennis McClellan, Eldon Etter and Leo Kivela.



Mankato, MN Gold Card Dinner at the Eagle's Club on April 27, 2012

Bill Statham was recognized for 51 years of service.

CLASS OF 2012

BAC Local 1 MN/ND Apprentice Completions

Completion banquet was held May 3 at Mancini's Char House in St. Paul

Congratulations to all for a job well done! We wish you all the best!

- BAC Local 1 MN/ND



file Finisher

From the left: Apprenticeship Coordinator Rick Martagon, Michael Penner, and Tile Instructor Rod Schmidt.



Bricklayer

From the left: Brick Instructor Dave Mensing, Spenser Dowd, Justin Korbel, Hjalmar Westie, Cody Werner, and Apprenticeship Coordinator Rick Martagon.



Pointer, Cleaner, Caulker

From the left: Nicholas Fohrman, Instructor Gary Jirovec, Brian Larson, Rickey Klande, Jason Murphy, Kenneth Rodriguez II, and Apprenticeship Coordinator Rick Martagon.

ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY

For MN & ND Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Local 1 Mutual Relief Assoc.

This is a summary of the annual report for the MN & ND Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Local 1 Mutual Relief Association, (Employer Identification No. 41-0164670, Plan No. 501) for the period January 1, 2011, to December 31, 2011. The annual report has been filed with the Employee Benefits Security Administration, as required under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Basic Financial Statement

The value of plan assets, after subtracting liabilities of the plan, was \$383,481 as of December 31, 2011 compared to \$429,975 as of January 1, 2011. During the plan year the plan experienced a decrease in its net assets of \$46,494. This decrease includes unrealized appreciation or depreciation in the value of plan assets; that is, the difference between the value of the plan's assets at the end of the year and the value of the assets at the beginning of the year, or the cost of assets acquired during the year. The plan had total income of \$3,253, including income from investments of \$3,253. Plan expenses were \$79,747. These expenses included \$35,850 in benefits paid and \$13,897 in other expenses.

Your Rights To Additional Information

You have the right to receive a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, on request. The items listed below are included in that report:

- 1. An accountant's report;
- 2. Financial information and information on payments to service providers;
- 3. Assets held for investment;
- 4. Transactions in excess of 5 percent of the plan assets.

To obtain a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, write or call the office of the Plan Sponsor: International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 1 MN/ND 312 Central Ave., Room 328, United Labor Center Minneapolis, MN, 55414 41-0164670 (Employer Identification Number) 612-379-2966.

You also have the right to receive from the plan administrator, on request and at no charge, a statement of the assets and liabilities of the plan and accompanying notes, or a statement of income and expenses of the plan and accompanying notes, or both. If you request a copy of the full annual report from the plan administrator, these two statements and accompanying notes will be included as part of that report. These portions of the report are furnished without charge.

You also have the legally protected right to examine the annual report at the main office of the plan:

International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 1, 312 Central Ave., Room 328, United Labor Center Minneapolis, MN, 55414

and at the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, D.C., or to obtain a copy from the U.S. Department of Labor upon payment of copying costs. Requests to the Department should be addressed to: Public Disclosure Room, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Suite N-1513, Washington, D.C. 20210.

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IMI Education Programs Reach Out to Engineers, Architects and Craftworkers

IMI has been busy this year reaching out to engineers, architects and providing continuing education for craftworkers. The month of May represented a good sampling of key IMI programs. On May 11, IMI architect and area director Pat Conway made a presentation at the Masonry Day for the Association of Licensed Architects at BAC Local 1, MN/ND. The following week IMI area director Mark Wickstrom attended the Minnesota Structural Engineers Association Seminar and Trade Show in Minneapolis reaching out to that key audience.

The month culminated in the IMI Supervisor Certification Program (SCP) – Foreman Training I in Minneapolis on May 30-31. The class had more than 30 members registered and was conducted by IMI Area Director Tom Nagy from Cleveland, Ohio. SCP, which was developed by

IMI, was designed specifically for individuals responsible for the on-site, day-to-day supervision of masonry construction, offers education and certification for current and potential supervisory personnel of signatory BAC masonry contractors. The two levels of education and certification – Foreman Level I and Foreman Level II – require 16 hours of instruction per level for certification. SCP was endorsed by the American Subcontractors Association (ASA) in 2003 and will soon be referenced by Masterspec for tile supervision which shows its continuing value in the competitive construction marketplace.

BAC Local 1 MN/ND President Mike Cook says, "The fact that this IMI program is recognized by outside authorities shows that it will be a valuable tool in keeping our crafts and contractors competitive."

To learn more about the International Masonry Institute, visit www.imiweb.org.

Health Fair

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seating. The rainy, damp day didn't deter children from enjoying the play

Participants were also invited to stay for the University of Minnesota's Men's Gopher baseball game.

Bricklayer Jim Dreyling attended with his son Tyler, 7. "There was a lot of good information, a lot of good people and very educational for all there," he says. Dreyling has been a bricklayer since 1987 and is currently working on replacing brick on Humboldt High School for the City of St. Paul Public Schools. Both went on the ballpark tour and Dreyling was amazed to learn about the water purification system. He was able to pick up helpful health

BAC Local 1 member Scott Vanderbeek and wife, Diana, are veteran health fair attendees along with their children, from the left, Ariel, Dalton, Noah and Logan.

care information to pass on to his diabetic sister. This is the first time both attended and they'll attend again next year.

It was the first visit to the health fair and Target Field for Robin Donovick, executive director for BAC International Health Fund, located in Washington D.C. "What stood out to me was the number of different vendors there were and how thorough everything was," she says. She was also impressed that the event was family focused. Donovick will take the information back to assist others in offering health fairs to their membership.



After a three-hour rain delay, U of M lost to Penn State, 1-5.

A final wrap up report is in the works and is expected to be released sometime in June. To view it, log on to LaborCare Health + Benefits Fair 2012.

Pension Fund Disqualifying Employment Rules

If you are receiving a local pension and you are considering returning to work, you may want to be aware of the local pension fund's return to work rules.

Younger than age 60: You cannot work for a contributing employer or for an employer (or in self-employment) in the same or related business as a contributing employer. Any work in the construction industry is prohibited.

Age 60 and older: You can return to work in the construction industry; however, you cannot work more than 39 hours in one month.

Age 70-1/2: As of April 1 of the year following the year in which a participant reaches age 70 ½, there are no limits on the type of work performed.

There are penalties for those who fail to comply with the return to work rules. Pension benefits are suspended for every month in which a retiree works in disqualifying employment, plus an additional six (6) months for those who did not notify the pension fund office that they were returning to work.

It is strongly recommended that you contact the pension fund office at 651-256-1801 or 800-879-4412 if you are considering returning to work. They can help you avoid the costly suspension of your benefits.

The rules above apply to those receiving an early or normal retirement pension. If you are receiving a disability pension, contact the fund office for details about employment rules for disability pensioners.

These rules are with regard to benefits from the Minnesota and North Dakota Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Pension Fund. Contact the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers for details about their pension plan's return to work rules.



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NEW MEMBERS

We welcome our new members...

Cassidy Carlson Jason Dahlen Mike Eastman Bryce Eggers Keith Foley Alex Jacobson Barry Maas Zachary Mettling William Poitra, Jr Mark Rowton Keith Rygg Michael Svoboda Abraham Wolf



DECEASED MEMBERS

We are sorry to report the deaths of these members who are listed under their pre-merger locals.

#1 MN—St. Paul Richard Politiske Philip Shavda

Philip Shayda John Turnbull

#2 MN—MinneapolisNorman Johnson
Warren Spaeth

#3 MN—Duluth Charles Lufholm

#11 MN—MankatoJohn Reichel

#15 MN—BrainerdKenneth Formo

#18 MN—Metro Area Tile Layers Leroy Emery

#1 ND—Fargo Darold Hahn

#3 ND—Grand ForksMartin Azure

#4 ND—Bismarck
Marvin Rudolf

Please notify us if you know of any member that has passed away. It is always our intention to send flowers or a memorial to the funerals of BAC Local 1 MN/ND members. However, we are not always informed until after the funeral. The Local also has to send out applications for death benefits to the family. Once the local union is notified we pass the information to Zenith American Solutions and to the International Union. They in turn will process any other pension, health or death benefits that the member might have. Your help is appreciated. Please keep your beneficiary information up-todate. Incomplete or missing information makes the process harder during an already tough time for the family.



2012 CHECK YOUR CALENDAR FOR IMPORTANT DATES

Please clip the calendar and post it in a convenient spot so it's handy when you want to check meetings and events.

Chapter 1-Minneapolis-St. Paul 312 Central Ave., Minneapolis: 4:30 p.m. June 4, Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Nov. 12 Prom Center, 484 Inwood Ave., Oakdale: All Metro members 7 p.m. Dec. 10

Chapter 3-Duluth-Hibbing-Iron Range

Duluth, Duluth Labor Center: 7 p.m. June 13, Sept. 12, Dec. 12 Hibbing, Electricians Hall: 7 p.m. Aug. 8, Nov. 14

Chapter 4-St. Cloud-Brainerd St. Cloud Labor Home, 1903 4th St. N.: 7 p.m. June 6, Aug. 1, Sept. 5, Nov. 7, Dec. 5

Chapter 8-Rochester-Faribault Rochester, Rochester Labor Hall: 7 p.m. Sept. 10, Dec. 3 Faribault, VFW: 7 p.m. Aug. 6, Nov. 5

Chapter 11-Mankato-New Ulm Mankato, Mankato Eagles Club: 7 p.m. June 7, Sept. 6, Dec. 6 New Ulm, American Legion: 7 p.m. Aug. 2, Nov. 1

Chapter 15-Bemidji and ND
Bemidji, Elks Club: 5 p.m. June 14,
Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Nov. 8, Dec. 13
Bismarck, AmVets: 7 p.m. Mar. 23
(meeting and Gold Card dinner)
Dickinson, St. Anthony Club:
8 p.m. Dec. 19
Fargo, Moorhead VFW:
7 p.m. Nov. 14 (meeting and Gold Card dinner)
Grand Forks, N.D., E. Grand Forks
American Legion: 7 p.m. Aug. 8,
Nov. 15 (meeting and Gold Card dinner)

Minot, VFW: 7 p.m. June 21, Sept. 20, Dec. 18

GOLD CARD DINNERS

Letters will be mailed.

Metro Area Gold Card Luncheon Prom Center, 484 Inwood Ave., Oakdale: 11 a.m. July 12

Chapter 3-Duluth-Hibbing- Iron Range

Duluth area: Radisson Hotel, 6 p.m. Oct. 12 Iron Range: Valentini's, 6 p.m. Oct. 13

Chapter 8-Rochester-Faribault Rochester Eagle's Club: 6 p.m. June 1

Chapter 15-Bemidji and ND Bismarck, AmVets: 7 p.m. Mar. 23 7 p.m. Nov. 14 Grand Forks, American Legion: 7 p.m. Nov. 15

OTHER EVENTS

Retirees Club Breakfast meetings Jax Cafe, Minneapolis 9 a.m., Sept. 27, Dec. 6

Duluth area Retirees meetingsMiller Hill Mall food court, Duluth
9:30 a.m., First Wednesday of
each month

Iron Range Retirees Breakfast

meetings Iron Kettle, 9 a.m., Third Monday of each month



St. Cloud Retirees Breakfast meetings

Brigittes Café, 9:30 a.m., Third Thursday of each month

Executive Committee meeting 312 Central Ave., Minneapolis 9 a.m. Oct. 5

Semiannual Meeting-All of MN and ND

312 Central Ave., Minneapolis 9 a.m. Oct. 6

BAC Golf Tournament: Pheasant Acres, 7 a.m. July 28

Chapter 3 area: Grandview Golf Links, Duluth 8 a.m. Sept. 8

NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS:

In order to stay up-to-date on current events, union meetings and chapter information, please visit BAC1MN-ND.org and update your email address and cell phone number. Thank you.

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POLITICS – Our Issues

By Shar Knutson, President of the Minnesota AFL-CIO

Governor Dayton's Leadership Redeemed 2012 Session

After nearly three months of the Republican majority attacking working people, the right to vote, and standing up for corporate special interests, the Minnesota Legislature finally adjourned for 2012.

Thanks to strong leadership from Governor Mark Dayton, Legislative Democrats, and several Republicans on job creation, the 2012 session was redeemed.

In the session's final week, Democrats in the Legislature convinced enough Republicans to join them in passing a bill authorizing construction of a new Minnesota Vikings stadium and nearly \$500 million in infrastructure rehab and construction projects.

Between a jobs and infrastructure



bill and a new stadium in downtown Minneapolis, tens of thousands of Minnesotans will soon be going back to work in good-paying, family sustaining jobs.

Minnesota's working people can also be grateful that common sense prevailed and a bi-partisan majority of legislators decided not to put an irresponsible "Right to Work" constitutional amendment on the November ballot. That amendment would have allowed some workers to get the benefits of a union contract without having to pay dues.

When the Legislature convenes in January, Minnesota will face another

multi-billion dollar revenue shortfall. Minnesotans will have an opportunity to elect Legislators who will stand up for working people instead of shutting down state government to protect corporate special interests.

If we work hard enough this summer and into the fall election, we can put a new majority in control of the Legislature. We can elect a majority that will work with us instead of against us and will be a partner with Governor Dayton in building a better Minnesota.

