

372 Newsletter

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SUB Pay Issues

The Company had an issue with SUB payments to approximately 1538 employees throughout the Corporation recently. We received information from the International Union those issues have been resolved and SUB payments will be electronically transferred to the banks of the effected employees on Friday-January 29. Employee's paper checks will start being mailed out on the same date. Depending on your mail, you should receive them early next week.

Veteran's Committee

The Veteran's Committee would like to thank the members who participated in the CCW classes, which help raise money for the Vet Center.

Parking Lot

Effective Monday-February 1, 2010, Machine Shops and support departments will have a starting time of 3:00pm.

Please see your Committee Person to see if your breaks will be altered by the start time change.

Collective Bargaining Class- Reminder

Classes for Collective Bargaining will be held, free of charge, for Region 1A members, on February 20, 2010.

The Classes will be held at UAW Region 1A, located at 9650 S. Telegraph Rd. Taylor, MI. The class will be from 8:00am-4:00pm, with lunch provided.

Please call Barb Turner @ 313-291-2750 to confirm your attendance. The class is limited to 50 people on a first come first serve basis.

Schedule Update:

There are no changes to report for next week's schedule. Please see your Committee Person or Steward about any potential weekend work.

Quality Counts!!!!

The recent issue of Consumer's Report ran a list of best and worst reliable for the automotive sector.

Unfortunately, Chrysler, Dodge & Jeep brand vehicles ended up on the worst list.

We have had discussions on ways to improve the focus on quality with at least the same emphasis that has been put on quantity **in the past**.

As Toyota has been rocked with quality and recall issues, this is an opportune time for us to show the buying public that they can and should consider products like the Minivan, Nitro & Jeep Wrangler for their vehicle needs.

Word of mouth is perhaps the greatest form of advertisement for any company. It is effective, efficient and does not carry the cost burden of a typical advertising agency campaign.

However, if our workforce's morale is compromised due to the perception that, at times, quality takes a back seat to quantity, then our built in advantage of having a knowledgeable workforce being the company's sales people will surely go away.

I think we would all agree we need to focus more on solutions to current and potentially future quality issues and less on finding individual scapegoats. Unlike an NFL ref who flags and singles out one individual, Consumer's Report can and will judge all of us as one.

The Plant Co-Chairs will be available to attend team or board meetings if quality concerns are not being addressed.

SIDEBAR ARTICLES

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FOOTERS

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It is a good idea to place a small symbol at the end of each article to let the reader know that the article is finished and will not continue onto another page. Position your cursor at the end of the article, click Symbol on the Insert menu, choose the symbol you want, and then click Insert.

BORDERS

You can use page borders and text box borders to change the appearance of your newsletter. Borders on text boxes help keep different articles separate, and can set off sidebar articles from the rest of the page. To change a text box border, select it, double click its edge and choose the Colors and Lines tab in the Format Auto Shape dialog box.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: I would like to change some of the text box shading to improve the print quality. Can that be done?

A: Yes. To change the shading or color of a text box, select it and double click its borders to open the Format Text Box dialog box. Click the colors and lines tab and then choose the new color from the Color drop-down list in the Fill section.

Q: What's the best way to print this newsletter?

A: Print page 2 on the back of page 1. Fold in half and mail with or without an envelope. For best results, use a medium to heavyweight paper. If you're mailing without an envelope, seal with a label.

Q: I would like to use my own clip art. How do I change the art without changing the design?

A: To change a picture, click on the picture, then point to Picture on the Insert menu and click From File. Choose a new picture, and click Insert.

Inserting and Editing Pictures

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You can replace the pictures in this template with your company's art. Select the picture you want to replace, point to Picture in the Insert menu, and click From File. Choose a new picture and then click Insert. Select the Link to File box if you don't want to embed the art in the newsletter. This is a good idea if you need to minimize your file size; embedding a picture adds significantly to the size of the file.

To edit a picture, click on it to activate the Picture toolbar. You can use this toolbar to adjust brightness and contrast,

Choose a new picture, and click the Link to file box if you don't want to save the art with the newsletter.

change line properties and crop the image. For more detailed editing, double-click on the graphic to activate the drawing layer. ■

Q: How do I change the text and borders that appear at the bottom of every page?

A: Click Headers and Footers on the View menu. Use the Header and Footer toolbar to navigate among headers and footers, insert date or time, or format the page numbers. To change the text in the footer, select it and type your new text. To change the border, click Borders and Shading on the Format menu.

Q: Can I save a customized newsletter as a template for future editions?

A: Yes. First make any changes you want to this newsletter, then click Save As on the File menu. Choose Document Template from the Save as type drop down list (the extension should change from .doc to .dot). Save the file under a new name. Next time you want to create a newsletter, choose New from the File menu, then choose your template.

