



The Flame



Northern Michigan University Clerical/Technical Union Local 1950

November 2003

LOCAL 1950 NEWS

Membership meeting
Wednesday, December 3, 2003
Marquette/Nicolet/Cadillac Rooms

MENU

- Broccoli and cheese soup
- Beef vegetable soup
- Tossed salad/dressing
- Bread basket
- Cheese cubes
- Coffee/tea/skim milk/soda
- Rocky road layer cake

After Holiday Party
Tuesday, January 20
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
UpFront & Company



REMINDER: Check the Local website periodically for messages.
<http://uaw1950.nmu.edu/>

2004 Election Issue!!

SOCIAL SECURITY:

(This is worth reading. It is short and to the point.)

Perhaps we are asking the wrong questions during election years. Our Senators and Congresswomen do not pay into Social Security and, of course, they do not collect from it. You see, Social Security benefits were not suitable for persons of their rare elevation in society. They felt they should have a special plan for themselves. So, many years ago they voted in their own benefit plan.

In more recent years, no congressperson has felt the need to change it. After all, it is a great plan. (7709) For all practical purposes their plan works like this:

When they retire, they continue to draw the same pay until they die. Except it may increase from time to time for cost of living adjustments. For example, former Senator Byrd and Congressman White and their wives may expect to draw \$7,800,000.00 (that's Seven Million, Eight-Hundred Thousand Dollars), with their wives drawing \$275,000.00 during the last years of their lives. This is calculated on an average life span for each of those two Dignitaries. Younger Dignitaries who retire at an early age, will receive much more during the rest of their lives.

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Friday, May 2nd, 2003 marked a sad passing. After more than a hundred and two years in Fulton New York, the Nestlé Company shut down its very first Chocolate factory in the United States, putting over 417 men and women out of work.

The majority of these employees were just within reach of their retirement. Now they must start over again. Nestlé has moved the plant's Nestlé Crunch bar production to Brazil, the Nesquik line to another state, and sold off the Peters brand of chocolate that had been produced at this factory for most of its history.

For years these employees put forth every effort, met every demand, and fought every fight possible to save this factory. Each and every time the Company raised the bar, the employees met the challenge. This was not enough for Nestlé.

Over the past twenty years, New York State, Oswego County, and the City of Fulton brought Nestlé tax break after tax break, incentive after incentive. These were not enough. Seven years ago the City of Fulton undertook a multi-million dollar water and sewer upgrade and overhaul specifically intended for the Nestlé plant. The people of this town, many of them Nestlé employees, retirees, family, or friends, all understood. What was good for Nestlé was good for the town. They emphatically supported these upgrades with their tax dollars. This was not enough for Nestlé.

Nestlé announced that the plant would close and that this was strictly a "business decision" and was not open to discussion. THAT was enough for Nestlé. The Nestlé company is huge. It manufactures more than just candy bars. There are the drinks: Juicy

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Membership Meeting Dates

January 14 - Explorer Rooms
 February 4 - Explorer Rooms
 March 10 - Explorer Rooms
 April 7 - Explorer Rooms
 Luncheon May 19 - Lake Rooms

Most of the stuff people
 worry about
 never happens.

Every path has some
 puddles.

You can't unsay a
 cruel thing.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Nicole Norman	Dec 1
Della Cheney	Dec 4
Jan Syria	Dec 5
Stacy Sommers	Dec 5
Don Duquette	Dec 12
Nina Parkkonen	Dec 18
Andrea Jordon	Dec 18
Ruth Ann Holm	Dec 22
Dernadette Norden	Dec 29

**Have a wonderful
day!**

NATIONAL NEWS

Juice, Nestea, Nesquick, Nescafé, Coffee Mate, and Carnation Instant Breakfast. There are the pet foods: Purina, Mighty Dog, Alpo, Fancy Feast, Friskies, and Tidy Cat.

There are the prepared foods: Lean Cuisine, and Stouffers. And the candy: Nestle' Crunch & Chocolate, Baby Ruth, Wonka, Sweet-tarts, Butterfinger, Goobers, Raisinets, and Bit-o-Honey to name a few.

Nestlé wants still more. Who was first in line last year when the trustees of the Hershey Foundation considered selling their controlling share of the Hershey Companies? Nestlé was! Considering their "Just Business" decisions, where would they move Hershey Pennsylvania's production lines to? Hershey Brazil? Hershey Thailand? Remember, it's just business.

So the next time you're buying a candy bar, coffee creamer, Cocoa, Chocolate Milk, or dog food, (2079) please take the time to think about the little town in upstate New York that has 417 newly unemployed workers, and will never again have the smell of chocolate in the air when it's about to rain. Then make your choice; Nestlé or another brand. Maybe, just maybe, Nestlé will then realize it isn't just business any more.

If you think this lament is worthy, I'd appreciate it if you would take the time to share it. (8410) Support American produced products - Keep Jobs in the U.S.A.

Buy American!

Thanks, Sue Tollefson

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I've learned....

That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

I've learned....

That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask.

I've learned....

That money doesn't buy class.

I've learned....

That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

I've learned...

That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

This month we contributed 23 inkjets to Redeemer's youth. The total is now 53. Thanks. Keep them coming.

For What It's Worth

A Quiz for People Who Know Everything (Don't worry, the answers will be in the January FLAME.)

- (1) There's one "sport" in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends. What is it?
- (2) What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?
- (3) Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. (0797) All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?
- (4) Name the only sport in which the ball is always in possession of the team on defense, and the offensive team can score without touching the ball?
- (5) What fruit has its seeds on the outside?
- (6) In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?
- (7) Only three words in standard English begin with the letters "dw." They are all common. Name two of them.
- (8) There are fourteen punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name half of them?
- (9) Where are the lakes that are referred to in the "Los Angeles Lakers?"
- (10) There are seven ways a baseball player can legally reach first base without getting a hit. Taking a base on balls-a walk-is one way. Name the other six.
- (11) It's the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form but fresh. What is it?
- (12) Name six or more things that you can wear on your feet that begin with the letter "S."

Answers to the November Lighthouse Trivia

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| 1. Marquette, Houghton, Hancock, Ashland, Cornucopia, Superior, Duluth, Two Harbors, Silver Bay, Grand Marais, Silver Islet, Thunder Bay, Red Rock, Nipigon, Rossport, Marathon White River, Wawa, Soo Canada, Soo US, Paradise, Grand Marais, Au Train, Munising - 22 | 2. Shipwreck Coast
3. 25%
4. Edmund Fitzgerald
5. 1849
6. the 4th Order Fresnel lens
7. Grand Island North
8. Spray Falls
9. Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore
10. East Channel Light |
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Thank You

Members & Friends of NMU Local 1950,

Thank you so much for the wedding card and for thinking of me at this exciting time! Dave and I are enjoying being newlyweds and feel truly blessed by all that has taken place in the past couple of weeks!

All my love,
Christi (Little) Etelamaki
New Student Orientation Program

To the members of UAW Local 1950,

I would like to express my appreciation for the scholarship that was awarded to me. In my senior year, the money is very helpful. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Janel Cooke

Education Committee United Auto workers Local 1950

I would like to thank you for selecting me as a recipient of the UAW Local 1950 scholarship for the fall semester. It was greatly appreciated.

Thank you

Stephanie Dagenais

HEALTH AND WELFARE

A stock clerk was sent to clean up a storeroom in Maui, Hawaii. When he got back, he was complaining that the storeroom was really filthy and that he had noticed dried mouse or rat droppings in some areas. A couple days later, he started to feel like he was coming down with a stomach flu, complained of sore joints and headaches, and began to vomit. He went to bed and never really got up again. Within two days he was severely ill and weak. His blood sugar count was down to 66, and his face and eyeballs were yellow. He was rushed to the emergency at Pali-Momi, where he was diagnosed to be suffering from massive organ failure. He died shortly before midnight.

No one would have made the connection between his job and his death, had it not been for a doctor who specifically asked if he had been in a warehouse or exposed to dried rat or mouse droppings at any time. They said there is a virus (much like the Hanta virus) that lives in dried rat and mouse droppings. (8339) Once dried, these droppings are like dust and can easily be breathed in or ingested if a person does not wear protective gear or fails to wash face and hands thoroughly.

An autopsy was performed on the clerk to verify the doctor's suspicions. This is why it is extremely important to ALWAYS carefully rinse off the tops of canned sodas or foods, and to wipe off pasta packaging, cereal boxes, and so on. Almost everything you buy in a supermarket was stored in a warehouse at one time or another, and stores themselves often have rodents.

Most of us remember to wash vegetables and fruits but never think of boxes and cans. The ugly truth is, even the most modern, upper-class, super store has rats and mice. And their warehouse most assuredly does!

Whenever you buy any canned soft drink, please make sure that you wash the top with running water and soap or, if that is not available, drink with a straw.

The investigation of soda cans by the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta discovered that the tops of soda cans can be encrusted with dried rat's urine, which is so toxic it can be lethal. Canned drinks and other foodstuffs are stored in warehouses and containers that are usually infested with rodents, and then they get transported to retail outlets without being properly cleaned.



THREE (3) CHEESE JALAPENO SPREAD

1- 14.5 oz. can DelMonte Petite-cut Diced Tomatoes w/ Zesty Jalapenos, drained
8 oz. Cream Cheese, softened

¼ cup mayo

2 cups Monterey Jack Cheese, grated

1 cup Cheddar Cheese, grated

½ cup Green Onions, chopped

Mix together. Spread evenly in oven-proof dish.

Can be served hot or cold. Hot: 350 degrees, 15 minutes or till bubbly.

Serve with corn chips [the scoop kind are great] or crackers.
Chris Duscaj, former CT

NEW DAWN, a Christian based, non-denominational divorce support group, will be meeting at St. Michael's Catholic Church, across from Cohodas, at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays

Upcoming Events

Monday, December 1 4-6 p.m.	Classes resume Whitman Open House
Thursday, December 4 4-8:30 p.m.	Lighting up the Holi days
December 4 - 7	Scrooge
Saturday, December 6	Last day of classes
Monday- Saturday, December 8-13	Exam week
Saturday, December 13 10:30 a.m. - Superior Dome	Commencement
December 24-January 1	University closed



TRIVIA

This is the eighth-grade final exam from 1895 in Salina, Kansas, USA. It was taken from the original document on file at the Smokey Valley Genealogical Society and Library in Salina, KS, and reprinted by the Salina Journal.

Remember when grandparents and great-grandparents stated that they only had an 8th grade education? Well, check this out. Could any of us have passed the 8th grade in 1895? (LOOK CLOSELY... THAT'S EIGHTEEN NINETY FIVE!)

8th Grade Final Exam: Salina, KS -1895

Grammar (Time, one hour)

1. Give nine rules for the use of capital letters.
2. Name the parts of speech and define those that have no modifications.
3. Define verse, stanza and paragraph.
4. What are the principal parts of a verb? Give principal parts of "lie," "play," and "run."
5. Define case; Illustrate each case.
6. What is punctuation? Give rules for principal marks of punctuation.
- 7 - 10. Write a composition of about 150 words and show therein that you understand the practical use of the rules of grammar.

The rest, yes there is more, will follow at a later date. Thanks *Pat Woods*

Each issue of the Flame contains the last 4 digits of member's social security number. This month there are 5 hidden in the newsletter. If you see your number, call Rita Leppanen@2495, who will issue a check to you for \$5.00. Grace Albert, Janice Hampton, Muriel Kangas, Cindy Schwartz, and Debbie Violetta were the winners in the last issue.

Contributions to the FLAME from our members are greatly welcome.

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WMNU-TV FUND RAISER SCHEDULE

Saturday, Nov. 29	
5 p.m. - 6 p.m.	Rick Steves' Castles & Mountains
7 p.m. - 11 p.m.	Great Performances: "Oklahoma"
Sunday, Nov. 30**	
4:00 p.m. - 6 p.m.	Hermitage Masterpieces
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.	Lawrence Welk "Italian Special"
7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	The Duttons Holiday Special Live from Branson
8:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.	Horatio's Drive
Monday, Dec. 1	
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.	Newshour with Jim Lehrer
8 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Lumberjack Life: UP Days of Yore*
9 p.m. - 11 p.m.	Amer. Sountrack: This Land is Our Land: Folk Rock Years
Tuesday, Dec. 2	
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.	Newshour with Jim Lehrer
8 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	The ABC's of Personal Finance with Julie Stav
9:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.	Jack Paar: Smart Television
Wednesday, Dec. 3	
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.	Newshour with Jim Lehrer
8 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Tennessee Ernie Ford Sings his Favorite Hymns: Amazing Grace
9:30 - 11:30 p.m.	Andre Rieu, Live in Dublin
Thursday, Dec. 4	
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.	Newshour with Jim Lehrer
8 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Ask the DNR
9:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.	Practical Sportsman "Big Buck Night"
Friday, Dec. 5	
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.	Newshour with Jim Lehrer
8 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Washington Week
8:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Wall Street Week w/Fortune
9 p.m. - 10 p.m.	Lumberjack Life: UP Days of Yore*
10 p.m. - 11 p.m.	Now with Bill Moyer's
Saturday, Dec. 6**	
4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Ask the DNR
5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.	Practical Sportsman "Big Buck Night"
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Amer. Soundtrack:
	This Land is Our Land: Folk Rock Years
9 p.m. - 11 p.m.	A Lawrence Welk Family Christmas
Sunday, Dec. 7**	
4 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Spirit Quest
4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.	Tennessee Ernie Ford Sings his Favorite Hymns: Amazing Grace
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Lawrence Welk: Milestones and Memories
9 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.	American Soundtrack: Rock & Roll 50
Monday, Dec. 8	
8 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.	Best of "Go Public"

*Introduction of new Public TV13 production.

**Could prove to be very busy phone nights due to Lawrence Welk.

This article about spamming is from TechNewsWorld: "Feds Obtain Restraining Order Against Super Spammers"

<http://www.technewsworld.com/perl/story/32069.html>

AdAware is a privacy tool, that scans your memory, registry, hard, removable and optical drives for known data-mining,



aggressive advertising, and tracking

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<http://www.lavasoftusa.com/support/download/>

I have no more pop-up. pz

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SOCIAL SECURITY

Their cost for this excellent plan is \$0.00. NADA....ZILCH.... This little perk they voted for themselves is free to them. You and I pick up the tab for this plan. The funds for this fine retirement plan come directly from the General Funds; "OUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK"!

From our own Social Security Plan, which you and I pay (or have paid) into, -every payday until we retire (which amount is matched by our employer)- we can expect to get an average of \$1,000 per month after retirement. In other words, we would have to collect our average of \$1,000 monthly benefits for 68 years and one (1) month to equal Senator Bill Bradley's benefits!

Social Security could be very good if only one small change were made. That change would be to jerk the Golden Fleece Retirement Plan from under the Senators and Congressmen. Put them into the Social Security plan with the rest of us ... then sit back and watch how fast they would fix it.

If enough people receive this, maybe a seed of awareness will be planted and maybe good changes will evolve.