



The Flame



Northern Michigan University Clerical/Technical Union Local 1950

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LOCAL 1950 NEWS

Our first membership meeting of the year will be Wednesday, September 8 in the Marquette/Nicolet rooms of the University Center.

MENU
Taco Bar



LABOR DAY PARADE AND PICNIC September 6, 2004

The theme of this year's Labor Day parade and picnic is "Let's Take Back America". The festivities will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the HPER parking lot, for those who wish to march in the parade. The parade begins at 11:00 and will be followed by a day-long picnic and rally at Mattson's Lower Harbor Park.



This year the lunch menu will be pasties, dessert, and pop. Tickets for the lunch will be available at the start of the parade.

Let's have a good UAW showing!

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

Heroes in Hairnets

Rosie the Riveters changed the face of American industry

by Jennifer John
from the July/August 2004 *Solidarity*

She may have been your mother, your grandmother or your aunt. Or she may have been you. There was a song written about her and a first-class stamp issued in her honor.

A World War II poster immortalized a bandanna-clad woman flexing an imposing bicep confidently proclaiming "We Can Do It!" She was "Rosie the Riveter."

But Rosies were destined to last only as long as the war. When it ended, most put down their tools and returned to raising children and homemaking.

"I hated to lose my job, but I was glad the war was over," said Arleene Tran, 79, of Holt, Mich., who was an inspector at the Oldsmobile plant in nearby Lansing.

When *Solidarity* heard about the new Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park in Richmond, Calif., we called for Rosies — and received more than 300 letters, e-mails and phone calls. This issue honors the 6 million Rosies who from 1941 to 1945 helped build America's war machine when 15 million men and women were called to serve.

Meeting Schedule for 2004-2005
The monthly meeting are being held in the Explorer Rooms

October 13
November 3
December 1
January 12
February 2
March 2
April 6

Spring Luncheon - May 11
Great Lakes Rooms

Current Representation Districts

Chief Steward - Grace Albert

District 1 - *Jan Crawford* - Cohodas

District 2 - *Beth Sanderson* - Services Building, Quad II (except Magers), Jacobetti Center, PEIF, Superior Dome, Berry Events Center

District 3 - *Gary Jerry* - West Science, Learning Resources, Magers, New Science Facility, Whitman

District 4 - *Vacant* - University Center, Lee Hall, Art & Design North and South, Gries Hall, McClintock, Thomas Fine Arts, and Hedgcock.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Nita Thomas	Sept 6	Jana Nicholls	Sept 17
Terri Williams	Sept 7	Chyrl Hemmila	Sept 17
Norma Miller	Sept 8	Stephanie Bengry	Sept 18
Diana Waters	Sept 9	Kathryn Malay	Sept 18
Carrie Snowaert	Sept 9	Michelle Kimball	Sept 21
Randy Krieg	Sept 10	Krystal Rintala	Sept 22
Pat Frenn	Sept 11	Dawn Wilder	Sept 23
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Mary Beth Reed	Sept 14		

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Heroes in Hairnets (cont. from p. 1)

The oldest Rosie to respond was 97-year-old Thelma Ratcliff Etherington, one of the first woman welders hired at Globe American Stove Co. in Kokomo, Ind., where she made lifeboats for battleships. Etherington died Jan. 11, just seven days before her birthday.

Bette Torgerson Roberts of Friendship, Wis., at 78 our youngest Rosie, took a train to Milwaukee in 1944 to work at Allis Chalmers building B-29 bombers on the midnight shift.

With the total U.S. labor pool at 73 million, the Rosie movement boosted the number of working women to 20 million, from 20 percent of the workforce in 1941 to 36 percent in 1945. That may not seem like such a big deal today, but more than 60 years ago women in manufacturing

jobs — long thought of as men's work — was unheard-of. According to a UAW-CIO press release, in 1944 about 350,000 Rosies were UAW members, out of a total membership of more than 1 million. In that same year female defense workers earned an average of \$31.21 a week; men doing the same work earned \$54.65 a week. But life and work on the home front wasn't easy. The work was physically and mentally taxing. The UAW and other unions involved in military production took a no-strike pledge after the Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor. Gas, tires, shoes and anything made of metal was rationed, but most folks didn't discuss the war.

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**Bill Gates' High School Address to MT. WHITNEY
HIGH SCHOOL in Visalia, California.**

Love him or hate him, he sure hits the nail on the head with this!

To anyone with kids of any age, here's some advice. Bill Gates gave a speech at a High School about 11 things they did not and will not learn in school. He talks about how feel-good, politically correct (6534) teachings created a generation of kids with no concept of reality and how this concept set them up for failure in the real world.

Rule 1: Life is not fair - get used to it!

Rule 2: The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

Rule 3: You will NOT make \$60,000 a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice-president with a car phone until you earn both.

Rule 4: If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss.

Rule 5: Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your Grandparents had a different word for burger flipping -

they called it opportunity.

Rule 6: If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

Rule 7: Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you thought you were. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parent's generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.

Rule 8: Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life HAS NOT. In some schools they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as MANY TIMES as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

Rule 9: Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you FIND YOURSELF. Do that on your own time.

Rule 10: Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

Rule 11: Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.

What A Great Answer



In case we find ourselves starting to believe all the anti-American sentiment and negativity about our government and its policies, we should remember Tony Blair's words to his own people.

During a recent interview, Prime Minister Tony Blair of Great Britain was quoted giving the following answer to one of his parliament members as to why he believes so much in America and its President. And does he think they are on the right track?

Blair's reply — "A simple way to take measure of a country is to look at...how many want in...and how many want out."

Heros in Hairnets (cont. from p. 2, col. 3)

"It wasn't like it is today, where every little thing is on the news the minute it happens," said Mary Geisler, 80, of Warren, Mich.

"You just didn't talk about it, since many did not know where their loved ones were."

Rosies did more than build bombs.

By simply doing their part, they carved out new roles for American women and changed the workplace forever.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

WISE UP

The normal American woman eats about 300 lbs. of sugar a year, watches 3 hours of TV a day, and cannot comfortably walk up a single flight of stairs with two full grocery bags. No wonder osteoporosis is such a worry. Luckily, it's never too late to build better bones. Whatever your age, start today and make sure you take in plenty of the minerals needed for bone health. Forget about calcium supplements and Tums - it makes no sense to ingest isolated calcium in a brittle chalky form. Get your calcium and natural way - from whole foods and herbs that contain all the minerals you need for healthy bones. Here's a plan to make sure you get 1200 to 1400 mg of calcium every day.

* Eat 2 cups of cooked green beans (500 mg). Don't overdo chard, beet greens, or spinach, since they can block calcium absorption.

* Eat 1/2 cup of plain organic whole-milk yogurt (200 mg). Culturing breaks down the lactose and makes the calcium very accessible. If you are a vegetarian, load up on greens.

* Snack on a small handful of figs, raisins, dates, or prunes (100 mg)

* Drink two cups of nettle or oatstraw infusion (600 mg).

Some excellent sources of calcium are:

1 C fruited yogurt = 350 mg (many containers are only 6 oz.)

1 oz. swiss, Monterey Jack, mozzarella, cheddar cheese = 200-300 mg.

1 C Raisin Bran = 1000

1 oz. sesame seeds = 280

1 C homemade mac and cheese = 350

1 C fortified OJ - 300 mg

Susun Weed in her article, Bone-Deep Advice, says "I will tell you that the vast majority of women I know in their 80s and 90s - fat ones, skinny ones, tall ones and short one - who are still strong and flexible and have not had any broken ones, all tell me basically the same thing. "Did I take hormones? Oh my no. Just tell women to work in their gardens, eat their vegetables, and have some yogurt." "

Thanks to Dr. John McLean,
McLean Family Chiropractic

The people who are starting college this fall across the nation were born in 1985. They are too young to remember the first space shuttle blowing up.

Their lifetime has always included AIDS.

Bottle caps have always been screw off and plastic. (8348)

The CD was introduced the year they were born.

They have always had an answering machine.

They have always had cable.

They cannot fathom not having a remote control.

Jay Leno has always been on the Tonight Show.

Popcorn has always been cooked in the microwave.

They never took a swim and thought about Jaws.

They can't imagine what hard contact lenses are.

They don't know who Mork was or where he was from.

They never heard: "Where's the Beef?", "I'd walk a mile for a Camel", or "de plane Boss, de plane".

They do not care who shot J. R. and have no idea who J. R. even is.

McDonald's came in Styrofoam containers.

They don't have a clue how to use a typewriter.



"The Red Hat Society began (only 6 years ago) as a result of a few women deciding to greet middle age with verve, humor, and elan. We believe silliness is the comedy relief of life, and since we are all in it together, we might as well join red-gloved hands and go for the gusto together. Underneath the frivolity, we share a bond of affection, forged by common life experiences and a genuine enthusiasm for wherever life takes us next."

Sue Ellen Cooper, Queen Mother and Founder

Nina Parkkonen, Records (1025), wonders if there is interest in starting a chapter of NMU CTs. There are over 30,000 Red Hat chapters in 22 countries, growing at 500 chapters a week. For more information, check out this site:

<http://www.redhatsociety.com/Info/howitstarted.html>

Life in the 1500's

The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be. Here are some facts about the 1500s:

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water."



Houses had thatched roofs-thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip out and off the roof. Hence the saying "It's raining cats and dogs".

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. (8857)

That's how canopy beds came into existence.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying "dirt poor." The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they adding more thresh until when you opened the door it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entranceway. Hence the saying a "thresh hold." (Getting quite an education, aren't you?)

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables

and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme, "Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old."

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could "bring home the bacon." They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and "chew the fat". Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or "upper crust".

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence the custom of holding a "wake."

England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a "bone-house" and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the "graveyard shift") to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be "saved by the bell" or was considered a "dead ringer."



And that's the truth... Now, whoever said that History was boring !!!

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. Winner in the Summer 2004 issue were Tina VandeZande, Lori Pelkola, Jeannie Wratschko, Stacy Busch, Mary Tallio, and Terry Williams.

Contributions to the FLAME from our members are greatly welcome.

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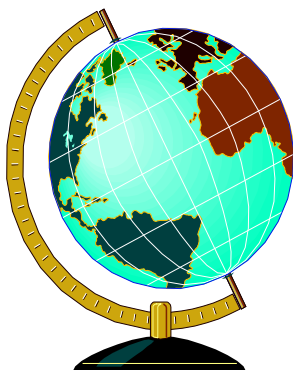
Question: What is the truest definition of Globalization?

Answer: Princess Diana’s death.

Question: How come?

Answer: An English princess with an Egyptian boyfriend crashes in a French tunnel, driving a German car with a Dutch engine, driven by a Belgian who was drunk on Scottish whisky, (check the bottle before you change the spelling) followed closely by Italian Paparazzi, on Japanese motorcycles; treated by an American doctor, using Brazilian medicines.

This is sent to you by a Texan, using Bill Gates’s technology, and you’re probably reading this on your computer, that use Taiwanese chips, and a Korean monitor, assembled by Bangladeshi workers in a Singapore plant, transported by Indian lorry-drivers, hijacked by Indonesians, unloaded by Sicilian longshoremen, and trucked to you by Mexican illegals..... That, my friends, is Globalization!!



Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing Mix

- 15 squares of saltine crackers – crushed
- 2 cups minced dry parsley
- 2 cups of dried minced onions
- 2 T dry dill weed
- ¼ cup onion salt
- ¼ cup garlic salt
- ¼ cup onion powder



To make dressing, add 1 Tbs of dry mix to 1 cup of mayo or salad dressing AND 1 cup of buttermilk or plain yogurt. (I prefer buttermilk.)

The dry mix is great sprinkled over potatoes and other vegetables

The dry ingredients cost about \$8 but it makes many, many bottles of dressing.

For absolutely delicious pretzels

- 1 bottle of Orville Reddenbacher pop corn oil
- 1 1/2 - 2 Tbs. of the above mix

OR

- 1 pkg of Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing powder mix and
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder



Add the powder to the oil and shake. Add 2-3 Tbs of the oil mixture to a 16 oz. bag of pretzels. Shake. Best if it sets a few hours/overnight. No baking needed. Pretzels don’t get soggy.

Bet you can’t eat just one!

In My Younger Days

When I was in my younger days,
I weighed a few pounds less,
I needn’t hold my tummy in
to wear a belted dress.

But now that I am older
I’ve set my body free!!
There’s comfort of elastic
where once my waist would be.

Inventors of those high-heeled shoes
my feet have not forgiven,
I have to wear a nine now,
But used to wear a seven.

And how about those pantyhose...
They’re sized by weight, you see:
So how come when I put them on,
the crotch is at my knees??

I need to wear these glasses (6140)
and the prints were getting smaller:
And it wasn’t very long ago
I know that I was taller.

Though my hair has turned to silver
and my skin no longer fits,
On the inside, I’m the same old me,
Just the outside’s changed a bit.

Hang in there gals. We still have it!

Personnel Changes

Some of these were reported in the April and/or Summer issues of the FLAME

2004 RETIREMENTS

Kay Harrington retired effective August 1st
Diane Mankamyer retired July 1
Jean Paquette retired July 1
Bev Pascoe retired July 1
Sue Cuth retired July 1
Sally Casimir retired June 5
Steve Brisson (position eliminated) September 1.
Bonnie Devine is retiring October 1.

MOVES/BUMPS/REDUCTIONS/ INCREASES/LAYOFFS

June Nelson's Senior Secretary 4D position was reduced to 30 hrs/week effective July 1

Patti Rizzio's Parking Services Coordinator 4 position in Public Safety and Police Services was increased to 11 month status effective August 8, 2004

Christi Etelamaki moved into the Native American Studies Department June 21

Ronnie Varney accepted the Principal Secretary 4B position in ACAC June 21

Tina Sehl bumped into the 4C position in Sociology/Social Work July 1

Lori Pelkola bumped into the 4C position in the Counseling Center July 1

Mary Richard resigned effective July 31st

Lori Rintala's position was increased to 35 hours/week effective August 16

Linda Roe accepted the Principal Secretary 4B position in the Dean of Students office effective July 8th

Don Duquette will be layed off effective August 31st.

Lisa Mattson accepted the Senior Secretary 4D position in Admission, effective August 14. She replaces Claudia Mankee.

Claudia Mankee moved to the Bookstore, replacing Mary Richards.

Household Hints

Wet canvas shoes can take forever to dry and often lose their shape when they finally do. Prevent both problems by stuffing the wet shoes with newspaper and placing them on a dry floor. Replace the paper every couple hours and the shoes will dry in a day, retaining their shape.

Use old dryer sheets to dust the TV and computer screen.

Tomato-based foods can stain the insides of food-storage containers, so spray the interior with cooking spray before filling it with tomato foods.

Fill an icecube tray with homemade baby food. Cover the tray with plastic wrap, and stick a wooden toothpick in each compartment. When you're ready to use some, take it out by the toothpick and heat.

Keep a plastic baggie in your purse and put trash (gum wrappers, ATM receipts, etc.) in there instead of directly in your purse.



Aug 25-27	Fall Make-up Orientation
Aug 27-29	Seafood Fest
Aug 28	Noon - Football at MTU
Aug 30	FIRST DAY OF CLASSES 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Fall Fest
Aug 31	First day of school for MAPS
Sept. 3-5	NMU Rugby 25th Reunion Weekend
Sept 4	Football at Mercyhurst
Sept 6	LABOR DAY Parade and Picnic
Sept 11	1:00 Football in the Dome against Findlay
Sept 18	Football at Wayne State

MOVING DAY and GOLFING



Records



Yvonne's Office

Rhonda's Office





Student Services



COPS Department Head/CT Golf Outing
Phyllis Zaenglein, Kristi Harvala, Pat Woods, Sue
Tollefson, and Terry Johnson
These gals are ready for the tour!