



The Flame



Northern Michigan University Clerical/Technical Union Local 1950
<http://uaw1950.nmu.edu/>

January 2006

Volunteering for the UP 200 Sled Dog Race

I first became involved in the UP 200 Sled Dog Race in 1992 when I saw the race for the first time in downtown Marquette. It was exciting to be drawn into the excitement of the dogs barking and jumping ready to do their job, the crowds interacting with the mushers and their dogs, families joining together in all the noise and energy in the count down for the dogs to take off with their mushers on the back of their sleds – 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, GO!!! The flashbulbs flashing, the crowds cheering and the dogs sprinting from the starting line carrying their musher down the street, around the curve (hopefully upright) and into the dark trails with only the musher light on his hat to show the way. Sounds exciting doesn't it? Well, that's how I got hooked.

I started working with the Start/Finish Committee by attending meetings and helping out where they needed me. I did traffic control on Washington Street to some very unhappy drivers who wanted to get where they weren't allowed, to crowd control at the bottom of Washington Street where the quick right turn occurs and the mushers try to keep their sleds upright, some succeed and some do not. The crowds are rambunctious to say the least at this sight. Then I got involved with the Opening/Closing Ceremonies which involves contacting our state and city representatives, along with the sponsors of the race who donate dollars and the people who do in-kind sponsorship to come and speak to the crowds and kick off the race. (5574) I also make contact with the Marine Color Guard and the schools to have the kids sing, and the Marquette Male Chorus who are always willing to be involved and sound great doing it.

I still am the coordinator for the opening/closing ceremonies and I now have a few new jobs. I work at the registration table for the mushers on the day before the race handing out their packets with rules and guidelines and

(Cont. p.6)



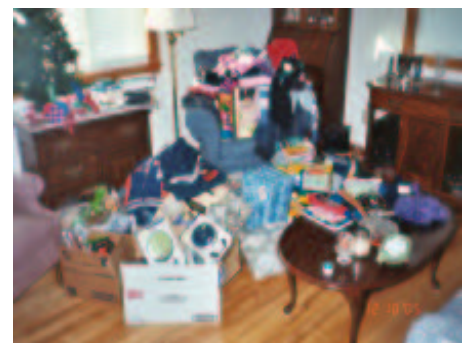
Pat Woods and friend

Adopted Family

by Phyllis Zaenglein

Words can't fully express the gratitude from the Community Services Committee for the generous outpouring of gifts you gave to our adopted family. DW wasn't sure it would work with such short notice to you. It seemed that the bags and boxes would never end.

Karen Smith, Sally Olson, Pat Woods, DW and I wrapped gifts in my house for 3 hours on Sunday afternoon, December 18. The packages were boxed and taken to Sister Ludmilla, who distributed them to the family. This must have been absolutely the greatest Christmas the family ever had. (See page 5 for the thank yous).



Unwrapped gifts

NMU's Bookstore donated a sweatshirt for each family member and the boxes needed for the delivery. We thank them for their generosity.

More pictures and a list of your contributions may be seen on pages 6 and 7.

Volunteers are needed for the UP200 Dog Sled Race, Feb 17-19, 2006.
Contact Pat Woods @ 2563.

GOOD NEWS

Janet Koski received a Bachelor Degree in Computer Information Systems. Congratulations, Janet.



January Birthdays



| | | | |
|--------|--------------------|--------|-------------------|
| Jan 1 | Jan Crawford | Jan 19 | Kay Mandersheid |
| Jan 8 | Ronny Paris | Jan 20 | Kristi Harvala |
| Jan 8 | Debbie Williams | Jan 20 | Jennifer Lauren |
| Jan 10 | Margaret Schwalm | Jan 24 | Suzanne Hellman |
| Jan 12 | Cindy Klienschmidt | Jan 26 | Maggie Salinger |
| Jan 14 | Lind Sides | Jan 27 | Cara Kamps |
| Jan 16 | Bev Evans | Jan 31 | Madeline Anderson |
| Jan 17 | Cindy Schwartz | Jan 31 | Wendy Carlson |

The December "Take a Break" drawing winners were: Marsha Bartle, Kathy Maki, and Barbara Lantz.



You have contributed another 33 cartridges to Redeemer's youth. Thanks so much.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

| | |
|--|---|
| Feature Article - UP Dog Sled Race | 1 |
| Adopted Family | 1 |
| Thank You | 2 |
| Good News | 2 |
| Birthdays | 2 |
| What makes 100 | 3 |
| Classified ads | 3 |
| Mine Explosion | 4 |
| January Events | 4 |
| The Law is the Law | 5 |

Thank You

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your kind thoughts and calls following my sinus surgery December 15. The casseroles were wonderful. It sure was nice not to have to think about what to fix for dinner.

The BEST news is that I am no longer coughing; more like a normal person.

Thanks again, Phyllis Zaenglein

"Dear Local 1950 Friends,
Thank you very much for the gift certificate and all of the good wishes I received.
Believe me, retirement is wonderful! I look forward to doing all of the things I haven't had time to do.
Thanks again and good wishes to you all."

Jean Olson

The views and opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the Editor or the Officers of Local 1950, but are those of the individual writers. Articles of interest submitted by Local 1950 members will be printed as space provides; however, they must bear the name of the writers. All articles are subject to review and editing as necessary and are subject to the approval of the Editor, the Local President, and the Officers of Local 1950.

Each issue of the Flame contains 5, 4-digit numbers of the member's choosing. If you see your number, call Rita Leppanen @ ext. 2495. She will issue a \$5 check to you. Stephanie Bengry, Janet Biolo, Janice Coombs, Randy Kreig, and Kathy Maki were the December winners.

What makes **100%** ?

What does it mean to give **MORE** than **100%** ?

Ever wonder about those people who say they are giving more than **100%** ?

We have all been to those meetings, where someone wants you to give over **100%** .

How about achieving **103%** ? What makes up **100%** in life?

Here's a little mathematical formula that might help you answer these questions:

If:

**A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W
X Y Z**

is represented as:

**1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20
21 22 23 24 25 26.**

Then:

H-A-R-D-W-O-R-K $8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 =$
98%

And

K-N-O-W-L-E-D-G-E $11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5$
= 96%

But,

A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E $1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5 =$
100%

And,

B-U-L-L-S-H-I-T $2+21+12+12+19+8+9+20 =$
103%

And, look how far ass kissing will take you.

A-S-S-K-I-S-S-I-N-G

$1+19+19+11+9+19+19+9+14+7 =$ **118%**

So, one can conclude with mathematical certainty that..

While **Hard Work** and **Knowledge** will get you close, and **Attitude** will get you there.... it's the

Bullshit and **Ass Kissing** that will put you over the top.

UAW Local 1950 Meetings

2006

Wednesday, January 11

Wednesday, February 1

Wednesday, March 1

Wednesday, April 12

All meetings are scheduled for the Marquette/Nicolet/Cadillac rooms. (5929)

Our May Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2006 in the Ontario/Michigan rooms.

FOR RENT

One-bedroom efficiency unfurnished apartment located in Gwinn. \$310 a month includes utilities. Third floor of a three story house. Stairs are inside. Built-in drawers in the bedroom. Miniature kitchen. Access to washer and dryer.

Call David at **850-266-3165** or **906-250-1809**

FOR SALE

Golden Jubilee Electrolux vacuum cleaner in beautiful condition with attachments and bags. Works great! \$250.00. Call Ronnie at 1766 or 225-0733 after 5:00. (This is one of the best canister vacs that Electrolux has made.)

MINE EXPLOSION

The following article is from the Working Families e-Activist Network, AFL-CIO.

The nation watched with horror as we learned of the 12 deaths in the mine explosion in Tallmansville, W. Va. Our hearts sank with the grief of the miners' families, compounded by the tragically erroneous reports that most of their loved ones had survived. All of our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of these men and to the men and women who worked side by side with them every day.

As we watched the tragedy unfold and learned more about the mine, our grief was coupled with anger. We learned the Sago Mine had more than 270 safety violations over the past two years. In the past year alone, the mine was cited nine times for failing to enact a proper mine ventilation plan, a key to preventing fires and explosions in the mine.

Despite a record of violations and injuries much higher than the average

for coal mines of similar size, the mine's owner paid just \$24,000 in fines in the past two years—with most of the serious violations carrying a penalty of just \$247 each—far from enough to force the company to change its practices.

Why so little enforcement? As *The New York Times* put it in an editorial this morning, "the Bush administration's cramming of important posts in the Department of the Interior with biased operatives from the coal, oil and gas industry is not reassuring about general safety in the mines." The administration followed a similar practice at the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), the agency responsible for overseeing mine safety, appointing coal industry management officials to key positions, who promoted "cooperation" over enforcement.

What's more, the administration and the Republican led Congress has cut inspectors and worker safety

programs from MSHA at a time when the coal industry is growing and more resources are needed to keep our miners safe. The 2006 budget passed by Congress cuts \$4.9 million, after adjusting for inflation, from MSHA's 2005 budget.

And we cannot ignore the fact that workers in the Sago Mine did not have a union to back them up when they raised safety concerns. As John Bennett, whose father was killed in the mine accident, said on NBC's Today show yesterday: "We have no protection for our workers. We need to get the United Mine Workers back in these coal mines to protect [against] these safety violations, to protect the workers.... Now they have to work in unsafe conditions. That's why we have 12 dead men laying in the morgue right now, along with my father."

When the workers who go down in the coal mines every day have no one to speak for them, when former coal company officials are responsible for enforcing worker safety laws, when companies face only a slap on the wrist for serious, repeated violations that put their workers in grave danger, tragedies like the Sago Mine explosion are inevitable. We must do everything in our power to see safety measures are strongly enforced and workers have a real right to form a union without employer harassment or interference.

What happened to these 12 miners is an unspeakable tragedy. The grief of their families is unfathomable. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone touched by this disaster. As mine workers' advocate Mother Jones told us, we must "pray for the dead, and fight like hell for the living" to see that this kind of tragedy does not happen again.

In solidarity,
Working Families
e-Activist Network, AFL-CIO

Upcoming January Events

So many things to do, so little time...

- Jan 4 **BACK FROM BREAK FOR US**
- Jan 7 1:00pm Natl Snoshoe & Cross Cntry Ski Day (Al Quaal)
- Jan 9 5:30pm Women's B-Ball vs. Northland (Berry)
- Jan 11-13 Orientation
- Jan 13 7:35pm Hockey vs. Ferris State (Berry)
- Jan 14 7:35pm Hockey vs. Ferris State (Berry)
- Jan 16 **CLASSES BEGIN** (5721)
 - 7:30pm Men's BB vs. Minnesota - Duluth
- Jan 20 7:35pm Hockey vs. Notre Dame (Berry)
- Jan 20-22 11th Annual Heikki Lunta Winterfest - (Negaunee)
- Jan 21 11:00am Women's BB vs. Wayne State (Berry)
 - 1:00pm Swimming vs. Lewis/Mennessee Mankato (PEIF)
 - 1:00pm Men's BB vs. Wayen State (Berry)
 - 7:35pm Hockey vs. Notre Dame (Berry)
 - 2:00pm Women's BB vs. Hillsdale (Berry)
 - 4:00pm Men's BB vs. Hillsdale (Berry)
- Jan 26 5:30pm Women's BB vs. Northwood (Berry)
 - 7:30pm Men's BB vs. Northwood (Berry)
- Jan 28 1:00pm Women's BB vs. Saginaw (Berry)
 - 3:00pm Men's BB vs. Saginaw (Berry)
- Noquemanon Ski Marathon - Mqt County

More Thank Yous

Christmas 2005

Thank you so much for making this season such a happy one for so many children. With all the tragedies that have happened this past year, I thought for sure this would be a slim season but you proved me wrong. The letters from your families are enclosed, and most of them really took a good deal of time to show how much they did appreciate your help. Thank you again for your kindness.

Don't forget we have another huge project in August called the Backpack Project and if you are interested, let me know and I will place your name/organization in the computer and contact you again in July.

Very grateful for your support.

Sister Ludmilla Gramann

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to take this time to thank everyone who had a hand in making a wonderful Christmas for our family. It is very hard to believe there are so many wonderful people out there in the world. Once we are able to get on our feet we will turn around and do the same for other less fortunate people in the world. All of the clothes, toys, sheet sets & gift certificates were greatly appreciated. Thank you very much from the bottom of our hearts.

Love, Chuck

Food for Thought

What you give will be given to you as well. If time is what you give, then time is what will be given to you. If you share an act of kindness, then an act of kindness will be given back to you. Too many of us don't take the time to share small acts of kindness with each other. For what we may think is a small or insignificant act can actually mean a great deal to someone else. Timing is everything. That is why it is so important that we give when we feel the desire to give, even if it is inconvenient to do so, because someone may need your gift right now, not later.

2004-2005 Officers

President - Sue Tollefson
Vice President - Dawn Wilder
Secretary - Michelle Kimball
Treasurer - Rita Leppanen
Sergeant at Arms - Phyllis Zaenglein
Guide - Karen Smith
Tustees - Kelly Dore', Joann Jordon,
and Rhonda Peterson
Bargaining Team - Grace Albert, Gary
Jerry, Jeff Roo, and Pat Woods

District Representatives

Chief Steward - *Grace Albert*

District 1 - *Jan Crawford* - Cohodas, UC,
A&D, and Gries

District 2 - *Beth Sanderson* - Services
Building, Jacobetti Center, PEIF,
Superior Dome, and Berry Events
Center

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

District 4 - *Kimber Olli* - McClintock,
Thomas Fine Arts, and Hedcock

January 11 Lunch

Vegetable Beef and
Cheddar Cheese Soups
Tossed Salad
(Ham, turkey, carrots,
tomatoes, garbanzo
beans, purple
onions,
croutons,
cheese)
French Bread
Coffee/Tea/
Milk, Pop, Water
Chocolate Mint Pie



The FLAME is a member of the Local Union Press Association (LUPA) and the Michigan Labor Press (MLP). The FLAME is published monthly September – May by the Education Committee of UAW Local 1950 at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Michigan 49855.

Contributions to The FLAME from UAW Local 1950 membership are greatly appreciated. Submissions must be made to the Editor at dwilder@nmu.edu or Assistant Editor at pzaengle@nmu.edu by the 5th of each month in order to be reviewed for the next month's newsletter.

UP 200 (continued from p.1)

making sure their paperwork is in order. I also am in charge of the membership for the UPSDA. This is a very time consuming job and I'm still trying to get it in order. Needless to say I am kept busy along with all the other volunteers who make this race the number one race in the lower 48.

The Board consists of nine volunteers from all walks of life that got involved because they like the race and think it is an exciting adventure for the community. They work all year long to coordinate all the checkpoints in the different cities for both the UP 200 in Marquette and the Midnight Run that starts in Gwinn. The Board works on sponsorship to raise dollars and to have equipment donated to run the race that will keep the mushers, dogs and the crowds safe.

We have a board member and a snowmobile club that helps with keeping the trail packed and safe from debris. Last year we had over 600 volunteers that put their time and energy in to making it one of the safest and fastest races we have ever had. We also have the Closing Ceremonies in Mattson Lower Park where the top five mushers come with their lead dog and talk to the crowds about their adventures and to receive their winnings. It is a great time for all. Without the volunteers we couldn't do it. We are grateful every ounce of energy they give us. There are many volunteers that come from all over the United States and that definitely speaks volumes for this race.



The race starts in downtown Marquette

We are always in need of volunteers, so if any of you are interested in volunteering one, two or more hours you can contact Cori Bodeman @ 249-2185 and let her know what you would like to do. We also offer memberships as follows:

- Puppy Membership is \$15.00
- Single Membership is \$25.00
- Family Membership is \$35.00
- Community Membership is \$50.00
- Mile Club Membership is \$125.00

You can contact me, Pat Woods at 227-2563 or 228-3072 for the membership form or for any questions you may have. We would love to have you as a part of the UP 200 Sled Dog Association.

With all the cuts that the City of Marquette has issued, we are in need of monies to keep this race in downtown Marquette and keep it alive. Please help if you can, it would be greatly appreciated.

Mush On and I hope to see you at the race in downtown Marquette on Feb. 17th. Dress warm!!

Pat Woods, Principal Secretary
Department of Music



Volunteers at Grand Marais

Gift List

2 YEAR OLD BOY

2 pants and shirt outfits,
3 sweat outfits, hat and
mittens, 2 hats, Fisher
Price Pop-on Building
set, bubbles, bubble
bath, Matchbox car,
1 sweatshirt, 1 pr. pants,
1 shirt, Crush ball,
alpha magnets,
hiking boots (darling),
9 books, roller skates,
Little Tyke truck,
surprise box, stuffed
animal, Teddy bear,
fleece throw,
dinosaur floor puzzle
8 YEAR OLD GIRL
Cabbage Patch doll,

Jump rope, colored
pencils, markers,
writing pad, sticker book,
DVD & activity book,
crayons, velvet art project,
book, 2 sweaters, 2 pr.
jeans, fleece throw, learn
how to draw book, jewelry,
CD & player, 1 shirt, 3 pr.
gloves, make-up, 1 small
doll, Ken doll, Lego writing
system – pen, 1 sweatshirt
10 YEAR OLD GIRL
Fleece throw, 3 mini
picture frames, mirror, 3 pr
mittens, 2 DVDs, bubble
bath, Lego writing system
– pen, Christmas story
book, washable markers,

Adopted Family Gift Wrapping



Karen, Sally, and DW hiding behind the finished work, ready to be delivered.

hair accessories, make-up, CD player, velvet art picture, shoes, 3 pr. gloves, 1 pr. jean, 1 pr. pink pants, 2 t-shirts, sweatshirt, scarf, hooded top
12 YEAR OLD GIRL
 Fleece throw, bead art telephone/address book, DVD, tights, necklace, slipper socks, 3 pr. gloves, battery operated tooth brush, 3 tops, 1 pr. jean, hand made fun fur scarf, make-up, earrings, sweatshirt, 1 pr. shoes,

Trend bender – diary, key chain, etc., red hat, scarf, mittens, lotion/deodorant
13 YEAR OLD GIRL
 Fleece throw, 2 sweaters, 1 pr. shoes, tights, slipper socks, DVD & CD, 2 pr. gloves, 1 pr. jeans, 1 shirt, 1 blouse, purse, makeup, hand made fun fur scarf, hat & scarf set, corduroy jacket/hooded sweatshirt, 1 sweatshirt, battery operated, tooth-brush, journal, makeup/deodorant, telephone/address book (5362)

DAD
 2 pairs gloves, home made pillow case, hand knit scarf, mug, head band, socks sweatshirt, razors and shaving cream, 1 pr. jeans 1 long sleeve shirt, 1 pull-over knit shirt
FAMILY
 DVD-VCR player, Operation game, video game gift certificate, Life game 5 sets of twin & 1 set of double sheets, pop corn popper and pop corn, votives & Christmas candle holder,

“Touched by an Angel” Collector’s Edition Video, 2 laundry baskets, various household/cleaning supplies, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, etc.
 18 stuffed animals
 \$20 gift certificate for Kohls, \$100 gift certificate for Super One, \$50 gift certificate for Shopko, \$50 gift certificate for Bonanza