

CWA Local 9410



Bulletin March 2011

March 8th	Executive Board Meeting	10am	Union Hall
March 10 th	CPCU Hearing Reviewing Basic Telephone Service	2pm & 7pm	505 Van Ness Auditorium San Francisco
March 15 th	Membership Meeting and .Nominations for CWA Convention Delegate	9:00 am & 4 & 5:30pm	Union Hall
March 17 th	St. Patrick's Day	9:00 am & 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm	Union Hall Worldwide
March 20 th	Spring Begins		Worldwide
March 22 nd	Steward's Meeting	9am & 5:30pm	Union Hall

NOTICE TO THE MEMBERSHIP

NOMINATIONS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE LOCAL FOR CWA CONVENTION DELEGATE AT THE REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON MARCH 15TH AT 9:00 am, 4:00 & 5:30 pm.

CWA Convention Delegates

By Gayle Crawley, President

The CWA National Convention will be July 11, 2011 thru July 13, 2011 in Las Vegas Nevada. This will be the last annual CWA convention due to Bylaw changes voted on at last years CWA Convention. The local will be sending the President and one delegate to the convention. Please come to the March 15, 2011 membership meeting held at 240 2nd Street, San Francisco at 9:00 am, 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm. Nominations for the additional delegate to the convention will be made at these meetings, and any CWA Local 9410 member in good standing may attend and make a nomination.

CI&M Overtime

For all CIM workgroups: Please be aware that Bill Chubb has authorized technicians who are on forced overtime a 7:00am start time as well as ½ hour lunches. The Union does not agree with forced overtime, however please contact your local steward or the Union office at 415-777-9410 if you have any questions or concerns. The company has not asked C&E for help.

Safety Meetings

C&E will be having District Safety Meetings for Splicers and OPT's every other month and locally every month. The local meetings will include a Union member from each splicing work group as well as the Outside Plant Technician workgroup. Tim Franklin will represent OPT's, with Michael Francois as backup. Splicers will be represented by Derek Miracle, DEG, Norm Thomas, with Chris Andersen as backup for Johnny La Grosso's crew, Ken Burks, with Eugene Ma as back up for Rick Battaglia's crew, and Mark Burton will be the technician representing the Lightspeed workgroup. If you have safety concerns in your workgroup, please notify your Union safety representative for assistance.

In the Premise Technician environment, the District Safety representative will be Torres Sanders. Local safety representatives are still being chosen. If you are a member and are interested in being a Local CWA 9410 Safety representative, please contact President Crawley at 415-777-9410.

Public Utilities Commission

CWA Local 9410 would like you to contact the local about an upcoming PUC hearing in Sacramento on March 9, 2011 and San Francisco on March 10, 2011.

We need people to come to participate in their work clothes showing the ATT and CWA logo to show the PUC that we are the workers. The local will keep you posted on these hearings.

SMART Meter Coming Soon

by Larry Yee, Secretary-Treasurer

For many of the outside plant technician, PG&E is starting to place smart meters into many of the homes in the Bay Area. We need to know what are the health and safety risks for our members being exposed to the RF. A recommendation to the CPUC is to let consumer opt out for the POTS line connection to the Smart Meter.

I was able to speak before the CPUC on this matter and asked that they consider our member's health and safety risk with the Smart Meter RF exposure. EMF Safety Network said **"Smart Meters are radio transmitters, sending radiofrequency microwave radiation (RF) signals from both electric and gas meters. The electric meter has two transmitters. One RF signal is sent directly into your home (or business), and the other to a neighborhood data collector, which could be located on a lamppost, telephone pole, building or a home. Homes will also be used as repeaters for neighborhood RF signals."**

The next hearing in San Francisco is on Thursday, March 10, same day as the reviewing of the changes for basic telephone service.

CWA District Nine California Legislative Conference

This conference will be held in conjunction with the California Labor Federation (State Fed) Legislative Conference at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Sacramento.

It will begin on Sunday, March 20, 2011 and adjourn on Wednesday, March 23, 2011 with Thursday, March 24th as an optional lobby day.

Spring Begins

In the United States and the rest of the northern hemisphere, the first day of the spring season is the day of the year when the Sun crosses the celestial equator moving northward (on March 20th or 21st).

This day is known as the **Vernal Equinox**. It may be the best time to start planting your flowers and shrubs.



CWA Equity and Civil Right Conference

by Orange Richardson IV, Vice President

I attended the CWA Equity and Civil Right Conference in New Orleans on September 25, 2010. The conference focused on paying attention to elections and that our members need to register to VOTE in every election. With the issues in Wisconsin, we now know that "BIG BUSINESS" is trying to pass the cost back to the working people.

The conference focused on promoting the younger generation, people of color and working with the LGBT community to affect our elected officials in supporting labor issues. Remember to VOTE in every election, that way our voice is heard.

I will be having an outreach event sometime in the coming months to give our members an opportunity to socialize and voice their concerns because the next contract is right around the corner and we need to be ready. See you all very soon and be safe.

St. Patrick's Day



Saint Patrick died on March 17 in the year 461, and this date was declared a religious feast day. Traditional Lenten prohibitions were waived; dancing, drinking, and eating meat were allowed. In Ireland, most businesses, excluding restaurants and pubs, close on March 17.

In every year since 1991, March has been proclaimed Irish-American Heritage Month by the U.S. Congress. Today, St. Patrick's Day is widely celebrated in America by Irish and non-Irish alike. Many people, regardless of ethnic background, wear green clothing and items.

Traditionally, those who are caught not wearing green are pinched affectionately.



Respectfully,

**Larry Yee
Secretary/Treasurer**

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