



# Solidarity News



## CWA LOCAL 7019 LOUD AND PROUD

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CWA 7019 welcomes in the New Year with a few changes. You can now follow us on Twitter @cwa7019 and we also have a Facebook page which information can be found on.

Please visit our local webpage for Vacation Guidelines, as well as 2011 Local Agreements. If you have any questions, please call the hall.

As always, we are looking for committee members. This is a critical time for our Local with the merger and the upcoming contract expiration. We need to be prepared by having our committees functional. If you are interested, please call the hall.

## CWA Local 7019 8th Annual Local Convention

### *“We Unite, We Fight, We Make our Future”*

September 11, 2010, CWA Local 7019 held its 8th Annual Convention. For the second time since becoming a convention local, we had a balanced budget proposed and approved by the delegates. In that budget, there was no granting of funds from the Local's savings accounts to cover normal day to day expenses.

Speakers were Sen. Ed Pastor, Rebekah Friend from the AFL CIO, Mary Taylor VP D7, Joe Gosiger Staff D7 and Randy Parraz. They were all very inspirational and informative.



## Updated Century Tel/Qwest merger information



CWA, IBEW, Qwest & CenturyLink reached an agreement about the proposed merger on October 18<sup>th</sup>. CWA & IBEW were unable to get an agreement on the expansion of neutrality to the CenturyLink footprint, we did get language about good faith conversations on a going forward basis. There is also an expedited process if either party is providing information that is not factual about the other. The agreement contains employment security provisions for call center employees and commitments specific to union density.

The agreement calls for us to withdraw our interventions where we have formally intervened. We do not have to publicly support the merger.

Arizona is located in the southwest region, which also includes New Mexico and Nevada. Phoenix is the Regional headquarters, with Terry Beeler heading up the region.

## AVP BIO

My name is Mickie Wegner. I am the Area Vice President of your Unit 3.

Our Unit consists of Regional Sales Support, the SSS, OIS on the 3rd floor, Qwest Retail Sales Reps, and ATT Mobility Stores.

I have been with Qwest for 16½ years. I have been a steward for 15½ years. I love representing you all. I love working with all of you. My duty is to represent everyone to the best of my ability. I try very hard to do so. Your Area Rep in Sales Support is Tracey Johnson. Our stewards are John Lane, Mary Helen Burgess, Beverly Fisher and Ron Moran of ATT Mobility. The latter 3 are new to the position, but we happily welcome them to the family.

If anyone else is considering wanting to be a steward, please let Tracey know. It is a very interesting job. I don't think I would want to do anything else. I have been an Area Rep for 5 or 6 years in sales support. I have been an Area Vice President for about 5 years. I want to thank you all for having faith in me and our structure.

In solidarity,  
Mickie Wegner



## *Arizona Minimum wage increase will benefit workers, State's economy*

*Arizona AFL-CIO Press Release: Minimum Wage Rewards Hard Work, Helps Working Families*

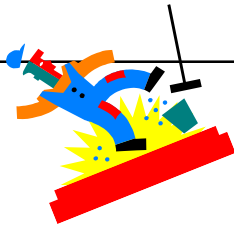
Arizona is one of seven states where the minimum wage will be modestly increasing to keep pace with a rising cost of living on New Year's Day 2011. Today, the Arizona AFL-CIO hailed the increase as crucial to helping working families and the economy recover during difficult economic

On January 1st, Arizona's minimum wage will increase to \$7.35 for hourly employees and \$4.35 for tipped employees, based on a similar rise in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The increase will primarily benefit adult workers and will not increase unemployment, according to the latest economic studies.

"The minimum wage gives workers a fighting chance to provide for their families," said Rebekah Friend, Executive Director and Secretary/Treasurer of the Arizona AFL-CIO. "These yearly minimum wage adjustments are designed to keep low-paid workers from falling behind as prices rise."

The Arizona AFL-CIO, together with a broad coalition of faith, community and labor groups, helped pass [Proposition 202](#) in 2006 to raise the minimum wage to \$6.75 an hour and index the rate to inflation.

"Arizona voters chose to support working families in 2006 when we voted overwhelmingly to raise the minimum wage. Today, that vote is still paying off," concluded Friend.



## 2010 Deadliest Workplace Tragedies

A national workplace safety organization has compiled a list of its top 10 deadliest workplace tragedies for 2010.

The [National Council for Occupational Safety and Health](#) (NCOSH) notes that a few incidents on the list received lots of news media attention during the year. However, much of the public will never hear the specifics about thousands of other workers who were also killed on the job.

NCOSH's list:

1. The [Deepwater Horizon](#) explosion on April 20 that **killed 11 workers**, injured 17 others and resulted in the largest oil spill in U.S. petroleum industry history.
2. The [Upper Big Branch](#) mine explosion in Montcoal, WV, that **killed 29 workers** on April 5.
3. On Feb. 7, at the [Kleen Energy Power Plant](#) in Middletown, CT, a massive explosion **killed 6 workers** and injured 30 others.
4. An explosion at [Tesoro Refining](#) in Anacortes, WA, on April 2 **killed 7 workers**.
5. **2 brothers were killed** and a third worker was injured in an explosion at the [AL Solution Plant](#) in New Cumberland, WV, on Dec. 9.
6. On March 2 at [Northwest Insulation](#) in Artesia, NM, **1 worker was killed** and three were injured when a fire ignited on top of a new crude oil tank.
7. **2 workers were killed** in an explosion at the [Amtec Corp.](#) rocket fuel manufacturing plant in Huntsville, AL, on May 5.
8. Investigators believe carbon monoxide poisoning caused the **death of two employees of Top Notch Cleaners of Valley**, AL, after they used buffing machines powered by propane gas inside a facility on June 12.
9. An explosion at the [Horsehead Corp.](#) zinc refinery in Monaca, PA, **killed 2 workers** and injured 2 others on July 22.
10. On July 23 at [Northeast Energy Management](#) in Cheswick, PA, **2 workers** who were welding **were burned to death** when the tank they were working on exploded, throwing them 60 feet.