

As a membership, did you know about this?



Dear Labor Activist,

What a surprise. Another massive corporation is looking out for its executives and big investors at the expense of workers. This time, it's AT&T. In current contract negotiations with its workers, AT&T keeps pushing for cuts in quality jobs, health care benefits and standard of living increases.

The contract has expired, and negotiators are working around the clock to reach a new agreement, but AT&T is insistent on making draconian cuts. The company claims these cuts are necessary because of the poor economy, even though telecom continues to expand and remain profitable.

Just last year, AT&T made \$12.9 billion in profits--almost a billion more than the previous year, and its CEO Randall Stephenson received more than \$15 million in compensation.

Sign our petition in support of AT&T workers. Lets show AT&T the whole labor movement is mobilized behind its workers.

AT&T can and should be a leader in supporting quality middle class jobs and benefits, which make communities and our economy stronger and increase demand for AT&T's services. But instead, AT&T's demands would weaken the economy at a critical time in our country.

The Communications Workers of America, which represents AT&T workers, has shown the company how to save money without placing the entire burden on workers. But, AT&T executives are looking to use the current economic crisis to hoard even more profits for themselves. This is exactly the wrong thing to do.

Sign our petition urging AT&T to do the right thing and stop cutting jobs and benefits.

Fortune Magazine recently named AT&T the world's Most Admired Telecom Company. In response, AT&T CEO Stephenson said, *"This honor is a real tribute to the competitive drive, the passion to serve and the innovative spirit that defines the people of AT&T."*

But actions speak louder than words. If AT&T really cares about its employees, it will stop trying to squeeze wage increases and benefits from them, and start supporting more quality jobs, a better standard of living and real health care reform.

The contract negotiations with AT&T are a critical moment for workers across the country and for the U.S. economy. In these tough times, the best thing we can do is strengthen America's workers and the middle class--and that means ensuring there are more quality jobs with good wages and health care for all. **Show AT&T that America's workers are united. Sign the petition today.**

In solidarity,

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And a proud member of the Washington-Baltimore Newspaper Guild, Local 32035, TNG-CWA, AFL-CIO

MetLife retirewise® Seminars start Thursday, April 23

Think you are too young to plan for retirement? Think you waited too long? Don't disregard this message yet. MetLife retirewise® Seminars start Thursday, April 23, 2009, and will run until Thursday, May 14. MetLife is offering an opportunity to American Airlines employees to attend retirewise® seminars at no cost to AA, or to the employee (spouses are also welcome). These sessions offer information on more than just retirement including protecting wealth, retirement taxes, and estate planning. The Tulsa Base location for the 4-week, 2-hour course, will be Administration Building, Leadership Center #2, (A-1-E8). The dates for all four seminars are Thursday, April 23; Thursday, April 30; Thursday, May 7; and Thursday, May 14. Time for all four sessions will be from 1730 to 1930 (5:30 pm – 7:30 pm). For more information, and to enroll, visit the MetLife website at: www.metliferetirewise.com, and enter "American Airlines," or, phone 1-877-590-0985, Ext. 1704.



TWU Membership supported Civic Activities

American Airlines Bicycle Club:

April 14th - Bike Building for the Tulsa Tough Kids Bike Giveaway. If you know a child 3rd - 5th grade who needs a bicycle sign them up for a free bicycle at tulsatough.com. The bikes will be given away in May along with a bike helmet. The child must attend bicycle safety classes to get the free bicycle. Please hurry there is a limited number and they go quick.

- April 18th - AA Bicycle Club's Spring Picnic and Ride at Hunter park

- May 30th and 31st - Tulsa Tough Bike Rides and Races - all TWU members interested in riding in these fun events are encouraged to sign up on the American Airlines team when you register.

- If you want to get involved with our bicycle club or have any questions about cycling with us please contact Duane Friesen at planewires@vaolrnet.com.

Sensational Saturday Snack Sackers:

The Sensational Saturday Snack Sackers is a group of AA and TWU employees who get together at the community Food Bank on the first Saturday of each month during the school year to run an assembly line bagging up food for the Food 4 Kids Program. May 2nd will be our last Saturday to work this school year and we would welcome more TWU members and family who want to help. Kids must be 14 years old to work on the assembly line. We work for 2 hours and have a great time doing something that touches a lot of hungry kids in Northeastern Oklahoma. You will never have this much fun, doing this much good, while working this hard anywhere else! Contact Duane Friesen at planewires@valornet.com if you want more information about helping us.

Welfare and Entertainment Activities



-VS- Iowa Barnstormers

Where: BOK Arena

Time: 7:00 pm

Vouchers for FREE tickets are available at the Union Hall. Limited to 10 vouchers per person. Each person must pick up their own vouchers.