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Did you know that April 28, 2010 was internationally recognized as a day to remember and honor workers killed, disabled, injured or made sick because of their jobs? It is also the day that Occupational Health and Safety Act (OSHA Act) went into effect in 1971.

Unions have struggled for many years to make workplaces safer, but the statistics tell us that the job is not done. According to the AFL-CIO report "Death on the Job", 15 workers die every day because of job injuries. More than 4 million work-related injuries and illnesses were reported in 2007. Because of limitations in the reporting system and underreporting of injuries, the true toll is estimated to be two to three times greater. This means that 8 to 12 million American workers are injured or made sick every year.

In addition to the traditional hazards, we are facing obstacles generated by companies' financial crises, job instability, and the adoption of new production processes. The effects of these changes need to be addressed before they lead to workplace hazards.

Safety is everyone's business! Please never knowingly place, your health or life at risk by not wearing the proper PPE (Personal Protective Equipment), such as fall protection, respirators, proper gloves for handling of chemicals, hearing protection and eye protection! (TWU Base Safety Committee)

Officers Elections

Nominations will be accepted from the floor on May 24th, 2010 at the combined Shop Steward/ Membership meetings. Meeting times are as follows; 7:15am, 11:45am, 3:45pm and 11:30pm. Candidates running for office will have until 4:00pm on May 28th, 2010 to decline nomination or make any corrections to their name on the ballot. Candidates can meet with the Election committee and Scott Boswell (Representative for American Arbitration Association), May 27th 2010 to answer any questions they may have. Meeting times are 7:00am, 10:00am, 1:00pm and 4:00pm. The Election Committee will be drawing for name placement on the ballot after 4:00pm on May 28th, 2010. Reilly Echols Printing Inc. will be doing the printing, stuffing and mailing of all ballots. Ballots will be mailed to last known address of all members on June

Your Election Committee, Teresa McMillen Elaine Gibson Don Johnson Kevin Gorremans

John Richards

15, 2010. If you don't receive a ballot by June 30th, 2010, please contact Scott Boswell at 1-800-529-5218, 8:00am - 4:00pm Central Standard Time. Ballots must be returned to the Post Office Box by 9:00am on July 14, 2010. At that time the Election Committee and Mr. Boswell will pick ballots up. The Post Office Box is located at 5313 E. Independence, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74115. We will return to the TWU Union Hall at 11929 E. Pine St. for the tally of the ballots. American Arbitration Association will be handling all the processes for the counting of ballots. The Election Committee should have the results on July 14th, 2010. There will be a complete set of rules at May's Shop Steward/ Membership meetings. Please attend the meetings and feel free to ask any questions you might have. Thank you!



Northeastern Oklahoma Central Labor Council Monthly Meeting

President John Gaines opened the meeting at 7:30pm with the flag salute and a prayer. Jim Frasier from the law firm of Frasier, Frasier and Hickman, spoke briefly of two individuals running for seats in the Judicial Branch of local government. A union member, candidate for State House Seat 68, spoke of the importance to have a true friend of labor in the state legislature. Also two new Executive Board members from the AFT 6049 and the Sheet Metal Workers' 270 were also sworn in. Thank you to all in Labor for their help both as volunteers and for the food supplied for the National Association of Letter Carriers food drive on the 8th of May.

