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Local 655 contract updates

Union Members are among those workers in our country who have a contract that assures them good wages, benefits and working conditions.

Local 655 is working hard to improve and modify those agreements for our membership. Close to 25 contracts remain on hold awaiting the completion of the Greater St. Louis Food Employers' Council (GSLFEC) (Schnucks, Dierbergs and Shop 'n Save) negotiations, which determine the outcome of the Health and Welfare portion of their contracts.

Your Union leadership has addressed these contracts on hold at a recent Health and Welfare Trust meeting. We were able to gain an extension that will maintain our members' level of benefits until those contract(s) are ratified.



2007 Contract Negotiations

Schnuck Markets GSLFEC (Greater St. Louis Food Employers' Council). Contract expires May 13, 2007. Opening meetings were held Sunday, February 11, 2007. The contract is on a day-to-day extension. Negotiations are ongoing.

Dierbergs Market GSLFEC (Greater St. Louis Food Employers' Council). Contract expires May 13, 2007. Opening meetings were held Sunday, February 11, 2007. The contract is on a day-to-day extension. Negotiations are ongoing.

Shop 'n Save GSLFEC (Greater St. Louis Food Employers' Council). Contract expires May 13, 2007. Opening meetings were held Sunday, February 11, 2007. The contract is on a day-to-day extension. Negotiations are ongoing.

Value City. Contract expires May 12, 2007. An opening letter has been sent to the Company. An opening meeting was held on Sunday, March 18, 2007. The contract has been extended to June 11, 2007 at which time it will be extended on a day-to-day basis.

Queens Pacific. Contract expires May 25, 2007. An opening letter has been sent to the Company. An opening meeting was held on Monday, March 26, 2007. The contract is on a day to day extension pending the impact of the GSLFEC contract on Health and Welfare. No negotiations are scheduled at this time.

Kroger. Contract expires May 31, 2007. An opening letter has been sent to the Company. Opening contract meetings were held April 11 (Rolla area) and April 18 (Wentzville area). The contract is on a day to day extension pending the impact of the GSLFEC contract on Health and Welfare. No negotiations are scheduled at this time.

Double G Brands. Contract expires June 1, 2007. An opening letter has been sent to the Company. The contract is on a day to day extension pending the impact of the GSLFEC contract on Health and Welfare. No negotiations are scheduled at this time.

Brown Shoe Inc. Contract expires June 15, 2007. An opening letter has been sent to the Company. The contract is on a day to day extension pending the impact of the GSLFEC contract on Health & Welfare. Negotiations are scheduled.

Opened Contracts
Holten Meat. Contract expires July 31, 2007. An opening letter has been sent to the Company. No negotiations are scheduled at this time.

Fricks Market. Contract expires September 2, 2007. An opening letter has been sent to the Company. No negotiations are scheduled at this time.

Straubs Markets. Contract expires September 15, 2007. An opening letters has been sent to the Company. No negotiations are scheduled at this time.

Expiring Contracts 2007
St. John's Mercy Medical Center. Contract expires October 22, 2007.

Packers By Products. Contract expires October 25, 2007.

McKesson Corporation. Contract expires November 30, 2007.

Completed Contracts

Denton Service Station. A one-year contract has been signed March 12, 2007, with an expiration date of April 1, 2008.

Western Plastics. A new agreement on the wage and health and welfare opener was ratified on April 11, 2007.

American Beverage. A new three-year contract was ratified Tuesday, July 10 by an overwhelming majority.

Extended Contracts

Foodland, Holly Hills. The contract is on a day-to-day extension. No negotiations are scheduled at this time.

McDonnell's Market. The contract is on a day-to-day extension pending the impact of the GSLFEC contract on Health and Welfare.

Wonder Bread. The contract has been extended to August 19 due to the bankruptcy of the parent company, Interstate Brands.

Dolly Madison. The contract has been extended to August 19 due to the bankruptcy of the parent company, Interstate Brands.

Darling International. The contract is on a day-to-day extension pending the impact of the GSLFEC contract on Health and Welfare.

St. Genevieve Country Mart. The contract is on a day-to-day extension pending the impact of the GSLFEC contract on Health and Welfare.

Droeges Super Market, Washington. An opening meeting was held on January 16, 2007. The contract is on a day to day extension pending the impact of the GSLFEC contract on Health and Welfare. No negotiations are scheduled at this time.

Sav A Lot, Otto. An opening meeting was held on Wednesday, January 31, 2007. Negotiations are ongoing.

Roziers A G Market, Perryville. An opening meeting was held on Wednesday, January 17, 2007. The contract is on a day-to-day extension pending the impact of the GSLFEC contract on Health and Welfare. No negotiations are scheduled at this time.

"Labor supports our troops" celebrated this Labor Day

Labor Day is fast approaching, and in St. Louis the day begins with one of the largest parades in the country.

Monday, Sept. 3, thousands of union members and their families will converge on Downtown St. Louis with a 7 a.m. parade line-up and a 9 a.m. parade through the streets of downtown.

This year, as a special tribute to our armed forces and veterans, thousands of union members will line the streets in red, white and blue t-shirts while handing out American Flags.

In addition a "Homeless Heroes' Coat Fund" will begin as area unions collect winter

coats for homeless veterans along the parade route.

Believe it or not, there are hundreds of veterans in our region who, after serving their country, come home to no job, no place to live and no real support.

Show your support, and bring coats and jackets to the parade. Drop off areas will be designated prior to the start of the parade.

Local 655 will have t-shirts and flags available for our members. The location on where to meet will be announced in August.

For more information, please contact your Union Representative at 636-394-6500.

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Mr. Lappe goes to Washington

When you have a dream, pursue it. Jimmy Lappe 24, an active union member and dedicated Shop Steward at the Schnucks Grandview store, has accepted an internship position with the UFCW International Political Action Department.



"I'm excited to have a chance to work in DC and face so many new challenges," said Jimmy.

He will begin the program this fall where he will be involved in national political activities. Jimmy's responsibilities will include his participation on Capitol Hill in meetings, hearings, conference

calls, campaign activities and legislation.

"The experience and exposure in Washington D.C. is far and above anything an individual can learn in a classroom," said Michael J. Wilson, UFCW International Political Director.

Mr. Lappe, has a strong history of union activism, and has worked directly with Local 655 in the Organizing Department under the Special Projects Union Representative (S.P.U.R.) program.

Jimmy graduated from the University of Missouri-St. Louis in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in political science.

Congratulations Jim! Local 655 is proud of you and we know you will do a great job.



Young workers united Come catch a good time!

Come join us for some highflying good times. UFCW Local 655's Young Workers United will be at the 18th annual softball tournament on August 14th, 15th & 16th and August 20th, 21st & 22nd.

Make sure you stop by the Young Workers United booth, there will be plenty of information for you.

- YOU CAN:**
- See how you can WIN AN IPOD NANO
 - Register to vote
 - Learn about the International's VIP Program. (Volunteers in Politics)
 - Grab an Education Grant from the Local and the International

- Pick up a Calendar of UFCW Local 655 monthly meeting dates
 - New member packets will be available
 - Catch some bumper stickers
- Make sure you stop by when you come to cheer your team on and have a great time!



SEE YOU THERE!!

40-Hour request forms due before Aug. 1 for members at Schnucks, Dierbergs and Shop 'n Save

If you want to obtain a (forty) 40-hour schedule, it is necessary to submit in writing, your request form to the Labor Relations/Human Resource Department of your company. Forty-hour request forms may be obtained at your worksite and must be submitted prior to Aug. 1.

The company will offer available positions to the most senior individual within the respective group (i.e. Master Food or Specialty Department) in each

company's grouping of stores (division, district, zone, region etc.) or by the entire bargaining unit who has indicated to the company in writing that they desire to work a forty (40) hour schedule.

Requests received after August 1 will be added to the request list as of February 1, 2008.

If you have any problem obtaining a request form, please contact your Union Representative.

Local 655 grant winners

In June at the regular monthly meeting 10 members' grant applications were drawn to win a \$150.00 check to help them in their pursuit of higher education.

- The winners are:
- From Shop 'n Save:**
 Donnetta Jenkins, Maplewood
- From Dierbergs:**
 Kelly Chambers, Telegraph
 Evan Shaw, 94 Crossing
 Tina Podaril, Warson Woods
 Eric Zigler, 94 Crossing
- From Schnucks:**
 Gabe Gronemeyer, O'Fallon
 Angie Hamond, O'Fallon
 Ashley Jackson, Sierra Vista

Latoya Lewis, Cross Keys
 Julie Mueller, Woodsmill

The random drawings for these grants are open to all members of UFCW Local 655 who are enrolled in post-high school higher education.

Please contact your Union Representative to complete an application for the January drawing. Winners will receive a letter of congratulations and will be required to verify enrollment by sending a copy of their last semester grade report. Upon receipt a check will be mailed.

New applications are required for each drawing. The next winner could be you. Don't forget to apply.

**Join the action, find out what's going on
Be a part of the discussion**

ATTEND YOUR NEXT UNION MEETING

WHEN: Tuesday, July 24 **TIME:** Morning meeting - 9 a.m.

WHERE: UFCW Local 655 Meeting Hall **or**
 300Weidman Road
 Ballwin, MO 63011 **Evening meeting - 7 p.m.**

After reading this page take it to your break room.