

# CWA RMC 7750

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

APRIL 10, 2013

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The General Membership Meeting was opened at 12:05 p.m. by President, Henry Hanna.

Present: Henry Hanna, Elouise Leber, Kay Kautz, Colleen Lackey, John Smrekar, Bonnie Hanna, Karen Ugolini and Bob Smith.

A package was available to each attending member containing the agenda, the minutes of the last general membership meeting, the President's Report, the minutes of the last E-Board meeting, the statements from our Bellco Business Savings and Checking accounts.

A very nice luncheon was prepared by Bonnie and the members dined while going over the last minutes.



Elouise made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting, Bonnie seconded and the motion carried.

### **President's Report:**

Shortly after the last meeting, I received a letter from National RMC requesting support for the Senate Resolution 4 rules reform package. The most significant reform is replacing the current "silent" filibuster with the "talking" filibuster so that when the Senate votes for continued debate there is a debate. The period of debate ends when all comments are exhausted. This will increase accountability by making the filibuster a public exercise and discouraging frivolous filibusters.

I signed a petition on behalf of the members of RMC 7750 and sent the petition to Washington DC. All signed petitions were presented to senators on January 17, 2013. A weak compromise of Senate Resolution 4 was passed shortly after.

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On February 4, 2013 I attended a District 7 conference call.

On the agenda item **AT&T Legacy T**, regarding healthcare; there is an online petition organized through [www.signon.org](http://www.signon.org) to address the large increases in healthcare costs. About 2600 people have signed so far. Judy asked that any information like this be forwarded to her so she can share with the other chapters. The large increase of healthcare cost and online petition was subsequently discussed at the RMC National conference. RMC National released a document that explains how AT&T imposed huge increases on Pre-Medicare retirees. Copies of document titled, "AT&T Imposes Huge Increases on Pre-Medicare Retirees" is attached. All 401(K) money has been moved into another plan which limits investment options. The plan is now called AT&T Retirement and the change took effect in mid-December.

On February 27, 2013 I attended a general membership meeting for RMC 7777 at the invitation of Polly Peixoto. The meeting was mostly casual and pleasant with a catered lunch and a guest speaker who narrated and showed photographs he took while traveling to China and India.

Arrangements were made to attend the RMC Convention as a delegate and the CWA Convention as a guest April 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> in Pittsburgh, PA. The airline tickets and hotel room will cost \$1,489.20 and the cost for shuttle service is \$51.10. Cost of meals is unknown at this time.

On April 8, 2013 I attended a District 7 conference call.

On the agenda item **AT&T Legacy T**, a letter from AT&T regarding pension funding was discussed. After SBC purchased AT&T, SBC combined all pension funds into one. CWA had objected to it at the time because AT&T's fund was overfunded while the rest of SBC's fund was underfunded. In 2013, the fund's liabilities began to exceed assets. AT&T's plan to address this is to contribute to the fund \$9.5 billion in AT&T Mobility stock. This proposal is currently being reviewed by the U.S. Department of Labor.

### **Vice President's Report:**

Julie was excused because of car trouble and being unable to get to Denver.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

I handled more incoming dues payments. We now have 92 paid members. Unpaid members will have until May 31, 2013 to make payment and if no dues have been

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received for the last two years, they will be dropped from the membership list and no longer receive information from us. June 1 will begin the cleanup of the database.

### **Secretary's Report:**

I have sent several e-mails reminding members about payment of dues and thanking those who have paid.

I have been forwarding informational e-mails about Union matters.

I have pulled the membership list from the database and gone over it for unpaid members, invalid e-mails and incorrect mailing addresses.

### **Community Service:**

Bonnie: She volunteered to find out about a summer picnic location if members are interested. City Park (Colorado & 23<sup>rd</sup>) was one location. They have paddle boats to rent on the lake. There is a \$97 charge for covered picnic areas. There are no concerts scheduled for this year to date. Would members prefer a weekday evening, a weekend day or evening? There is also a Wildlife Sanctuary near Hudson if you like to view animals and picnic. Ft. Collins has a Wildlife Refuge for Birds. We need to send out an e-mail to see if there is any interest and where and when it should be.

She also reviewed the Colorado Guide to Fairs and Festivals. Some interesting ones were:

**May** 4 – 5 Denver - Cinco de Mayo

May 17<sup>th</sup> – Pueblo – Wild, Wild West Festival

May 24–27 - Denver Arts Festival

**June** 1-2 – Denver - Capitol Hill Peoples Fair in Civic Center Park

June 1–2 –Denver – Denver Chalk Festival in Larimer Square

June 8–9 – Ft. Collins - Taste of Ft. Collins in Civic Center Park

June 14 – Central City – Annual Bed Races

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June 14-15 – Frisco – Colorado Barbecue Challenge

June 22-23 – Downtown Ft. Collins – 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Brewers Festival with over 50 different brews. Music and food will also be available.

**July 5-7** – Cherry Creek Arts Festival

July 12-14 – Denver – Colorado Irish Festival in Clement Park

July 19-21 – Denver – Colorado Black Arts Festival

July 20 – Castle Rock WineFest at The Grange in the Meadows.

**Aug. 2-6** – Loveland – Larimer County Fair with PRCA Rodeo at the fairgrounds on I25.

Always open – Loveland Sculpture Park at 2908 Aspen Drive in Loveland.  
Recommended by member Colleen.

Aug. 3 – Littleton – Blue Star Blues Festival in Clement Park

Aug. 9-11 – Denver County Fair at the National Western Complex.

Aug. 10-11 – Denver – Colorado Scottish Festival and Rocky Mountain Highland Games in Highland Heritage Park

Aug. 16-18 – Ft. Collins – Bohemian Nights at New West Fest downtown Ft. Collins

Aug. 30 to Sept. 2 – Denver - A Taste of Colorado in Civic Center Park

**Sept. 20-21** – Ft. Collins – Fortoberfest – Downtown Ft. Collins

### **Finance Committee:**

No report.

### **Membership Committee:**

Colleen said they have not done anything with the Calling Tree yet as they are waiting for an updated membership list to determine who is already getting messages and who needs to be called. This will start after the membership list is updated. Karen has volunteered to help. Henry and Kay have asked the local to give us names and addresses of members who have retired so we can contact them about joining our local. Several employees got VTP in December.

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**By-Laws Committee:**

No report.

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

None.

**Good and Welfare:**

Bonnie asked if there were any preferences for lunch. She had received a comment about having pizza too many times. We agreed she is doing a very nice job and should continue as is.

Karen suggested that if there were only going to be 15 or 20 members at the picnic, perhaps someone might like to volunteer hosting it at their home.

ConAgra is running a promotion to feed the children. Any product of theirs that has a red push pin on it will have a number beside it that can be entered on their website. A contribution will be made for every number entered.

Numbers were drawn for the door prizes. The winners were:

3 – Kay – Gift certificate for the Olive Garden

7 – Karen – Gift certificate for Mimi's

5 – John – Razor & shaving cream

2 – Henry – Passed

9 – Bob – Car Care Kit

4 – Elouise – Passed

1 – Bonnie – Passed

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6 – Colleen – Hot Sauce



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At 1:48 John made a motion to adjourn, Karen seconded and we were adjourned.

**Our next meeting is July 10, 2013.**

In Unity,

Kay Kautz

Secretary