

UFCW Members and Quaker Workers Win Big in Powerball

Last week, 20 UFCW/RWDSU Local 110 members who work as Quaker Oats shipping employees in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, received some overwhelmingly good news- they had all won the lottery! The 'Shipping 20,' as they're calling themselves, proudly donned their union shirts to present their winning ticket.



Members of 'The Shipping 20' from the Quaker Oats plant in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, react as their winning \$241 million Powerball ticket was scanned Wednesday at the Iowa Lottery headquarters in Des Moines.

Since it was the only winning ticket in last week's Powerball lottery, the group will split a whopping \$242 million prize. The winnings are the 15th largest in Powerball history and the largest ever in Iowa. Since the group decided to opt for the lump sum, each worker will receive \$5.6 million, after taxes. One winner named Mike, 55, who has worked at Quaker for nearly 35 years, said he plans to keep working and will take some time before making any big decisions.

"I think it makes my kids be debt-free, and that was my main goal," he said.

"These guys have worked very hard for many years, and they want to use their good fortune to make life better for others at the plant and in their community. This is a great American story but also a great union story. These are some of the most decent and generous people you'll ever meet, and all of our members couldn't be happier for them," said Al Hartl Jr., president of Local 110 of the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union. **OP**

UFCW President Joe Hansen Statement on June Immigration Reform: Progress is Still Needed

UFCW International President Joe Hansen released the following statement in response to the Supreme Court's decision striking down most of Arizona's immigration law.

"The Supreme Court has rightly struck down the majority of Arizona's controversial immigration law. This decision is a repudiation of those advocating a patchwork of extreme state laws and reaffirms the federal government's constitutional role in setting immigration policy.

We are disappointed the law's provision encouraging racial profiling survived and hope it will be overturned in the near future. It is time to move forward on this critical issue. President Obama started that process by issuing a common sense order to prevent the deportation of young immigrants who serve our nation.

It is now time for Congress to get to work on comprehensive immigration reform that includes a path to citizenship for those who work hard and play by the rules. Only then can we truly fix our broken immigration system." **OP**

Members will Travel to L.A. to Participate in Largest Anti-Walmart Rally Ever

On Saturday June 30, 10,000 residents concerned about the growth of Los Angeles' low wage economy and the influence of the nation's largest retailer will march through L.A.'s Chinatown to call for an end to the "Walmartization" of L.A. jobs. Saturday's march and rally will be the largest anti-Walmart demonstration in history.

Demonstrators will include Walmart associates from stores, workers at Walmart warehouses, local residents, community organizations, faith leaders and union members who have united in a growing campaign to keep Walmart out of Chinatown and make the retailer change the way it treats workers and communities.



Saturday's event will begin with a rally in Los Angeles State Historic Park and will proceed along Broadway to the intersection of Broadway and Cesar Chavez Ave. There, under Chinatown's historic dragon gate, speakers will make their statements.



This effort to hold Walmart accountable to the concerns of workers and communities has gained new energy in recent months as the bribery scandal and purported cover up, allegations of new labor violations at warehouses and the company's aggressive efforts to open a Chinatown store against the wishes of local residents have raised new and deeper concerns about Walmart and its practices. **OP**

Members from UFCW Locals 881, 1546, and 400 Feed the Hungry in Chicago and Washington, D.C.



Members from UFCW Locals 881 and 1546 partner with Smithfield Foods and Dominick's to make a donation to the Greater Chicago Food Depository and the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

On June 19, members from UFCW Locals 881 and 1546 partnered with Smithfield and Dominick's to participate in the Chicago area Feeding the Hungry event. Over 60,000 pounds of protein were donated to both the Greater Chicago Food Depository and the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

On June 21, the Feeding the Hungry campaign continued in Washington, D.C. Members from UFCW Local 400 joined Smithfield to donate 30,000 pounds of protein to the Capital Area Food Bank.



"Our sincerest thanks to Smithfield and the United Food and Commercial Workers Union for this donation of 30,000 pounds of protein that will enable us to feed those in our region who are at risk of hunger," said Lynn Brantley, President & CEO of the Capital Area Food Bank.

The Feeding the Hungry campaign is a commitment by the UFCW and Smithfield to deliver 20 million servings of protein over the course of three years to food assistance organizations across the country. Last week, the UFCW and Smithfield reached the 15 million servings mark for the Feeding the Hungry campaign. **OP**