

Heart attack claims Laborers Local 296 business manager Little Richard Steward

L.R. "Little Richard" Steward, business manager/secretary-treasurer of Portland Laborers Local 296, died at his home on April 4. Cause of death was a heart attack. He was 58.

Steward was a 27-year member of the union, having worked in the Portland shipyards. He started as a laborer and worked his way to leadman and superintendent.

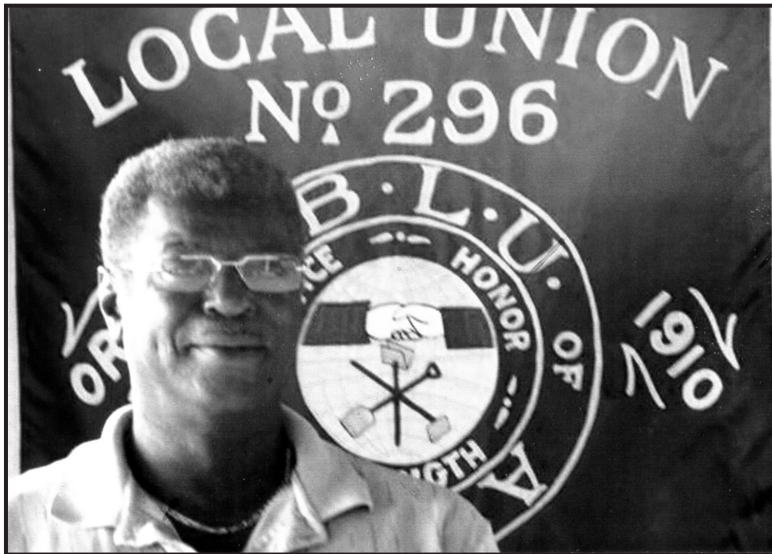
He was appointed business representative of Local 296 in 1992 and was named business manager in 1994, succeeding Jack Watterson.

Steward was active in the community and the labor movement as a whole. He served as a delegate or officer to the Pacific Coast Metal Trades Council and the Columbia-Pacific Building Trades Council. He was on the board of directors of Labor's Community Service Agency and was involved with the Metropolitan Alliance for Common Good.

L.R. Steward was born on July 14, 1948, in Malden, Missouri. He was raised on a farm and spent many hours fixing things around the house.

He graduated from Lilbourn East High School in Lilbourn, Missouri.

He traveled and worked in several



states, including Florida and California, before landing in Oregon.

In the '70s he owned and operated a barbecue restaurant called "Pig on the Pit." He also owned several car lots. He enjoyed restoring cars and riding his motorcycle — but only on Sundays.

Steward was an avid softball player and boxer, although he never disclosed his record.

He is preceded in death by his par-

ents, Everrie and Edith Steward, and two sisters.

Steward is survived by nine children; five step-children; two adopted children; 21 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two sisters; a brother and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held April 17 at Highland Community Christian Center.

Letter Carriers to collect food on Saturday, May 12

Some 3,000 letter carriers in Oregon and Clark County, Wash., will help "Stamp Out Hunger" on Saturday, May 12, part of the annual National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive.

Prior to May 12, bags will be delivered to every household. All you have to do is fill the bag with nonperishable food and leave it at your mailbox.

Letter Carriers will collect the bags and deliver them to drop points, where volunteers will sort the donations and forward them to the Oregon Food Bank.

"The food drive is particularly important this year due to a drop in the amount of food we receive from the U.S. Department of Agriculture," said Rachel Bristol, executive director of the Oregon Food Bank. "Last we saw a dramatic 26 percent decline in USDA product — a drop of 2.3 million pounds of food. We continue to look for additional sources of food to make up the loss."

Last year, the NALC Food Drive collected 1.4 million pounds of food for the Oregon Food Bank network. This year's goal is 1.5 million pounds.

The NALC Food Drive is the largest one-day collection of the year for the Portland metropolitan area, said Rick Ukena of the Oregon Food Bank. "The hard work of the letter carriers and the generosity of the postal customers helps us meet the demand for emergency food in Oregon and Southwest Washington," he said.

Labor appreciation dinner June 2

The Northwest Oregon Labor Council hosts the 10th annual Labor Appreciation and Recognition Night Saturday, June 2, at Westmoreland Union Manor.

This year's theme is "Hat Madness," so don your favorite lid for the dinner and awards ceremony, which serves as a fundraiser for Labor's Community Service Agency's Emergency Fund. The fund helps union members who have been laid off, are on strike, or experiencing some type of financial difficulty.

The labor council will be accepting nominations for persons to be recognized for their contributions to the labor community until May 18. The council also is accepting cash and prize donations for the raffle.

For more information or to order tickets, call 503-235-9444.

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