

Let me say this about that

—By Gene Klare



Spotlight on Stammer

ANITA M. STAMMER, 61, basks in the Labor Hall of Fame spotlight in this edition of the Northwest Labor Press. She is the retired executive assistant of Portland-based International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 48 and is a former member of Office and Professional Employees Local 11. She was voted into the Hall of Fame by delegates to the sponsoring Northwest Oregon Labor Retirees Council, which is affiliated with the NW Oregon Labor Council, AFL-CIO.



ANITA STAMMER

Mrs. Stammer is married to Roger D. Stammer, also a retired member of IBEW Local 48. He spent his career working in electrical equipment manufacturing plants.

ANITA MARIE TEEPLE was born on May 28, 1946 in Portland. Her father, Herman R. Teeple Jr., was a World War II veteran who was a member of IBEW Local 48, and her mother was the former Betty Gill. Her father later became business manager of Local 48 and subsequently moved up to becoming an IBEW international representative. Her parents are now deceased. Her father was in the Labor Hall of Fame.

Mrs. Stammer and her brother, Greg Teeple, are the third generation of Teeples who are union members. Greg, a former business manager of Local 48, is an international representative for the IBEW station-

ed in California's East Bay Area. Their paternal grandfather was Herman Teeple Sr., a business agent for Cooks & Assistants Local 207, now part of UNITE HERE Local 9.

AFTER GRADUATING from Grant High School in Northeast Portland, Anita Teeple attended Portland State College, which later gained university status. In 1964 she was employed as a secretary at IBEW Local 49, which represented workers in manufacturing plants and at radio and television stations. In that job, she joined Office and Professional Employees International Union Local 11 and later was elected its sergeant-at-arms. Anita and Roger Stammer were married in 1965.

In 1967 the IBEW assigned Mrs. Stammer to handle the operations of Local 2281 out of her home, which enabled her to work and still look after her two children, a son, Jay, and a daughter, Jennie. Local 2281 members were employed in a plant that made electrical water heaters. Locals 49 and 2281 were later merged into Local 48.

ANITA STAMMER made her next career move in 1984 when she was hired as a secretary in Local 48's office. Next came a job as executive assistant to Local 48's business manager, she was appointed to that post by Jerry Bruce when he was elected as the union's business manager. To hold that job she joined the IBEW and took a withdrawal card from OPEIU Local 11. Anita retired in 2006, as did Roger. Their home is in the town of Clackamas.

The Stammers' son, Jay, is vice president of the First Independent Bank in Vancouver, Wash. Jay and his wife have a son, Cole, 9, and a daughter, Ava, 6. The Stammers' daughter, Jennie Roth, is a secretary for the Pacific Northwest District Council of Carpenters in Kent, Wash. She is a member of OPEIU Local 23 of Tacoma. Jennie is the fourth-generation union member in the family. Her husband, Steve Roth, is a teacher and the football and baseball coach at Olympia High School. The Roths, who live in Olympia, have two children, Kaylie, 7, and Caden, 3.

THE STAMMERS spend time in the LaPine area in Central Oregon, where her parents had lived in retirement. Herman and Betty Teeple had built a riverside home there and also built a second home for use by their daughter and son when they and their families came to visit. Both homes now belong to Anita and her brother, Greg. Herman liked the area because it offered fishing and hunting opportunities and because while in the U.S. Army in World War II he had trained in

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Construction unions voice support for liquefied natural gas terminal

Company pledges to sign a project labor agreement if Bradwood Landing terminal is built

ASTORIA — Members of the Columbia-Pacific Building Trades Council showed their support for the Bradwood Landing liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal at a public hearing July 10 at Astoria High School.

Thirty members of various unions from both Oregon and Washington were present at the hearing and represented groups such as the Plumbers and Pipefitters, Electrical Workers, Sheet Metal Workers, Cement Masons and Laborers.

"Our affiliates have worked with NorthernStar to make this a safe and secure project, and we made that fact known to the Clatsop County Planning Commission," stated John Mohlis, executive secretary of the Columbia Pacific Building Trades Council. "We're hopeful that the Commis-

sion realized that this project is about good jobs for the county and the region. Bringing family-wage jobs to Clatsop County will be a huge boost for the people of the community."

According to a study by University of Oregon professor Dr. Phillip Romero, an LNG facility providing natural gas to the Pacific Northwest will help increase household income by between \$51 million and \$215 million, and increase employment by 5,100 to 20,300 jobs.

"The Bradwood Landing facility will help protect the industrial base of our region from foreign competitors," Mohlis said. "Bradwood provides an important competitive edge for resource-based manufacturing jobs such as pulp and paper and food processing."

The owner of the Bradwood Landing project, NorthernStar Natural Gas, recently signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Columbia-Pacific Building Trades Council, solidifying a project that has had

union support from its earliest stages.

The MOU states that the contractor chosen by NorthernStar to build the project will negotiate a project labor agreement (PLA) with the Columbia-Pacific Building Trades Council. The PLA insures that a highly-skilled local workforce will be employed to build the project, and that they will earn good wages, as well as health, pension and apprenticeship benefits, Mohlis said.

The Bradwood project will employ between 350 and 500 construction workers to build docks for LNG ships, natural gas holding tanks and infrastructure, including administration buildings.

The hearing was called by the Clatsop County Planning Commission to review the proposed zoning of the LNG import terminal located along the Columbia River, roughly 20 miles upriver from Astoria. The project will utilize the former site of the Bradwood lumber mill, which ceased operation in 1965 after more than 100 years.

If zoning changes are approved by the Clatsop County Planning Commission, the project will continue on toward both the state and federal approval processes, where labor support is expected to be strong.



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