

Retiree gets 72-year pin from Bricklayers Local 1

Leonard "Shorty" Pardue — a 72-year member of the Bricklayers Union — received a lifetime achievement award April 5 at the annual pin dinner of Portland Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 1.

Pardue, 99, is the only member of Local 1 to ever reach this milestone.

He started in the trade as an apprentice in 1936 in Oklahoma. After moving to Portland in 1940, he joined Local 1 and, two years later, started his own company, L.C. Pardue. He maintained his union membership as a contractor.

Pardue retired in the early '70s and his son, Lenny, took over the business. Both men attended the awards presentation, which drew an estimated 225 members and spouses.

In addition to Pardue, Local 1 recognized 50-year pin recipients



"Shorty" Pardue (center) listens as Local 1 Business Manager Keith Wright reads inscription on plaque that was presented to the 72-year member. To the right is President Matt Eleazer.

Stuart Henshaw, Ernest Mills and Delbert Perkins; 40-year members Bill Belanger, Scott Cronholm, Sydney Hall III, and Milford Peterson; and 25-year recipients Greg Neilson and Kelly Smith.

Also receiving a special award — and some cash — was apprentice Jacob Amos. Amos finished

second in last year's Western States Brick & Tile contest held at the international union's training center in Washington, D.C. Apprentices nationwide compete in regional contests to qualify for the national finals. An 80 percent apprentice at the time, Amos beat out more than 30 other apprentices to finish second.

War protest May 1 could shut down ports coastwise

Rumors have been flying that longshore workers are going to stop work May 1 to call for the immediate, safe return of U.S. troops in Iraq.

At its Feb. 8 meeting, the longshore caucus of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) debated and adopted a resolution calling for an eight-hour stop-work meeting May 1 at ports in California, Oregon, and Washington, at which members would have a chance to speak out in opposition to the war.

ILWU represents 25,000 dock workers at ports on the West Coast and in Hawaii and Alaska. Caucus delegates are democratically elected representatives from every longshore local who set policy for the Longshore Division.

Under the ILWU contract with the

employer group, the Pacific Maritime Association (PMA), the union is allowed to call mandatory-attendance union meetings on the second shift, which workers attend while still on the clock. That's a right that's pretty much unique in the American labor movement. But to call a meeting for the first shift, during the day, requires the PMA to sign off on it. And the PMA wasn't interested in protesting the war. In fact, they make money shipping war material.

So ILWU's official position is that it is no longer coordinating a day shift stop-work action on May 1. That doesn't rule out activists in some locations from taking some kind of action; it just won't have the official sanction of the union.

Union musicians will entertain at Vancouver Share fundraiser

VANCOUVER — Union musicians Patrick Lamb, Linda Hornbuckle, and Norman Sylvester will be performing at the 7th annual Share-a-Bowl soup dinner and concert Sunday, April 27, at Skyview High School, 1300 NW 139th

Street in Vancouver.

Share is a non-profit program that assists the homeless to find shelter and food in Southwest Washington. The event is a fundraiser for Share.

Lamb, Hornbuckle and Sylvester are members of Portland-based Musicians Local 99. Joining them at the fundraiser will be Karen Therese and Michael Allen Harrison.

The Share-a-Bowl event includes a special soup dinner, followed by the concert. Proceeds will benefit Share's Children's Program, including its backpack and summer lunch programs.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$5 for children 5 to 12. Dinner starts at 4 p.m., with the concert set for 6 p.m.

For more information or to order tickets, call 360 887-8556 or log on to www.sharevancouver.org.

Oregon Alliance for Retired Americans to convene April 26 at ILWU Hall in Portland

The Oregon Alliance for Retired Americans will hold its 5th annual convention April 26 at the International Longshore and Warehouse Union Hall, 2435 NW Naito Parkway, Portland.

Registration for the convention, which opens at 9 a.m. and runs until 3 p.m., is \$25 and includes lunch.

For more information, call the Oregon ARA at 503-284-8591.

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