



Three Iron Workers combine for 215 years in the union

(ABOVE) Robert Borisch gets a standing ovation from ironworkers as he receives a 70-year membership pin from Portland-based Iron Workers Local 29 at a pin party May 22 at the Oregon Convention Center. A few moments later, Walt Richardson (pictured left) received a 75-year pin. Also recognized for 70 years in the union was Louis Aquilla. More than 500 ironworkers and their spouses enjoyed dinner and dancing at the event, which recognized members ranging from five years to 75 years. Several 65-year members were in attendance, including Robert Chais, Marvin Dorgan, Zosum Kordon, and Tommy O'Neil.

Motorcycle Poker Run June 12

The Unions for Kids Motorcycle Poker Run and Chili Cook-off, a benefit for Doernbecher Children's Hospital, will be held Saturday, June 12, at the IBEW Local 48 Hall, 15937 NE Airport Way.

The poker run starts and finishes at the hall. Registration is from 9 to 10:30 a.m. The poker run itself is a scenic and challenging round-trip ride with three checkpoints. Riders will be given a playing card at the start of the ride, at each checkpoint, and at the end of the ride. Cash prizes will be awarded to the rider with the high and low poker hands. Registration is \$10.

The chili cook-off pits chefs from the various trades. Chili will be sold and customers will vote on their favorite.

Hot dogs, hamburgers and soda also will be available.

A drawing for a 2010 Heritage Softail Classic Harley-Davidson motorcycle will take place at 4 p.m. Drawings for other raffle prizes begin at 3 p.m. Tickets are still available to win the Harley. They are \$10 each, with only 4,000 tickets sold.

All money raised is donated to Doernbecher Children's Hospital. Since its inception eight years ago, Unions for Kids has raised \$171,000. Unions for Kids is a non-profit all-volunteer organization.

For more information, go online to www.unionsforkids.org or call Lee Duncan at 503-260-5905.

Reliant Elevator acquired by Kone

Kone Elevators and Escalators has acquired Reliant Elevator Co., the largest independent union elevator service company in Oregon.

Both companies are signatory with Elevator Constructors Local 23.

Reliant is a 15-person shop located in Southeast Portland. It services more than 1,200 elevators and lifts from Corvallis to Longview.

Kone is a worldwide company with a shop at 4265 SE International Way S. Milwaukie, Oregon. The company employs two dozen elevator constructors.

Local 23 Business Manager Frank Regalado doesn't anticipate any layoffs

from the acquisition right away. "But it's always a concern down the road," he said.

The buyout does, however, leave only one independent elevator company remaining in Oregon.

Regalado said the loss of an independent company shifts more power to the four major elevator companies that essentially control the industry.

"The independents give us some relief at contract time," Regalado said.

Local 23 covers both elevator maintenance and construction workers. It represents approximately 250 workers statewide.



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