

## Glaziers Local 740 awards pins to longtime union members

Glass Workers Local 740 honored longtime members with pins Dec. 19 at a retirees' luncheon in Northeast Portland.

In a special presentation, Bill Vonderohe (pictured) received a 50-year gold card, a watch, and special plaque. Vonderohe has been an officer of the union since 1967, most recently as the local's recording secretary. He chairs the retirees' club as well.

Karl Werner was on hand to receive a 55-year pin, and Robert Johnson and Robin Knutson took home 45-year pins. Thirty-five year pins were presented

to Alan Brown, Frank Fath, Eddy Gardner and Charles Voepel. Martin Vasquez was not present. Also not attending were 40-year members Timothy Triden and Tim Washington; 50-

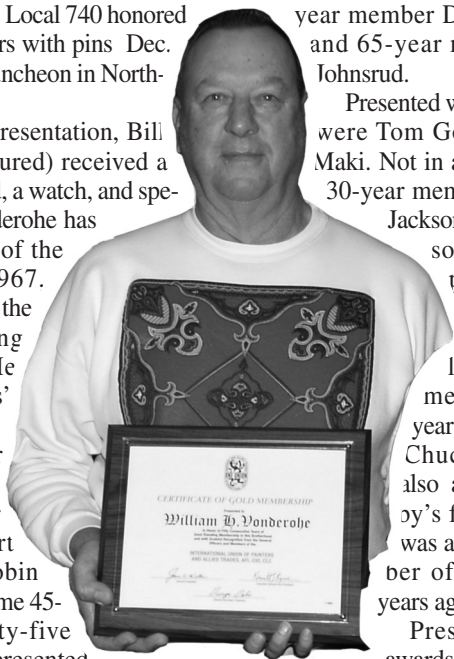
year member Donald Hansen, and 65-year member James Johnsrud.

Presented with 30-year pins were Tom Golden and Eric Maki. Not in attendance were 30-year members Lawrence Jackson, Henry Johanson, Bryon Temple, and Jerry Thomas.

The local's longest-serving member, with 67 years — 85-year-old Chuck Boothby — also attended. Boothby's father, William, was a founding member of the local 101 years ago.

Presenting the awards were Local 740 President Alan Brown and Business Representative Jerry Fisher.

Membership pins of 5 to 25 years will be presented at the Local's regular membership meeting in January.



Retirees of Glass Workers Local 740 gathered for a holiday luncheon and membership pin ceremony Dec. 19 in Portland. Among those attending was Chuck Boothby (seated), the local's longest-serving member with 67 years.

## NW labor history association puts out call for papers on CIO

The Pacific Northwest Labor History Association (PNLHA) has put out a call for presentations, workshops, and papers for its conference May 3-5 in Portland.

PNLHA is a non-profit association dedicated to preserving the history and heritage of workers in the Pacific Northwest, which includes Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia. Members are trade unionists, students, academics, and others who share an interest in the history and heritage of workers in the region.

The theme of this year's conference, its 45th, is "Labor Under Attack: Learning from the Past and Preparing for the Future."

The association is seeking proposals related to the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Congress of Indus-

trial Organizations (CIO) and its connection to workers, politics, and community activist groups.

In its call for papers PNLHA encourages participatory methods for program presentations, including panel discussions, oral histories, and the arts.

The deadline for proposals is Tuesday, Jan. 15.

For more information, or to submit a proposal, contact Laurie Mercier at [lmecier@vancouver.wsu.edu](mailto:lmecier@vancouver.wsu.edu).

The conference will be held at University Place Hotel and Conference Center in downtown Portland. A bloc of rooms has been reserved for conference attendees.

The Oregon Historical Society will host a reception and registration on Friday, May 3.

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it well."

On the floor with Campbell at the time of the Clackamas Town Center shooting were fellow Local 350 members Julie Anderson, Suzanne Baughman, Jaime Scheneman Cooper, Devon Halleman, Andrew Mickelson, Michael Smith, and Beth Spreadborough, as well as supervisors Jodi Edmeier and Teresa Raihala-Sethe (both former members). Local 350 members Karey Ammons, Holle Burbach and Local 350 President Fred Yungbluth came in voluntarily after hearing about the situation, and members Lori Gillingham,

Kory Oman, Megan Pointer, and Ben Postlewait all dealt with the continuing aftermath as they came on the next shift.

Campbell says C-COM Director Bob Cozzie arrived within minutes of hearing about the situation on the news, as did operations manager Mark Spross, who happened to be driving by the Town Center at the time.

"We had a lot of support from management as well as our union brothers and sisters," said Campbell.

(Editor's Note: Don Loving is communications director of Oregon AF-SCME Council 75.)

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opened a new facility in Coos County. The AFL-CIO's Housing Investment Trust (HIT) financed \$22 million of the \$30 million construction project, and some 225 union construction workers were employed under a project labor agreement with general contractor Neenan Architecture.

Early in 2012, construction unions held several informational pickets at the Port of Vancouver, where an out-of-state, nonunion contractor was employing foreign and out-of-state workers to build an export terminal expansion for United Grain.

Postal worker unions held several rallies throughout the year to protest the

postmaster general's plan to shutter half of all mail processing facilities in the United States and end Saturday mail delivery.

In Oregon politics, the Clackamas County board of commissioners in January unanimously passed a resolution prioritizing the use of local source hiring of workers and materials that provide family wage jobs whenever it puts out for bid public construction projects and/or personal and professional service contracts.

In the November election, a union-sponsored ballot initiative diverting Oregon's corporate kicker tax refund to schools passed by a wide margin. Labor also helped reject Measure 84, an

attempt to phase out inheritance taxes on large estates.

Union members knocked on over 115,000 doors and made over 315,000 phone calls in the Oregon AFL-CIO's election program, where labor-backed Democrats picked up four seats in the Oregon House, retaking the majority there while holding on to 16-14 majority in the Oregon Senate.

Meanwhile, in Washington, labor-endorsed Democrat Jay Inslee won the governor's race, but Democrats held the state senate by only 26-23, and in December, two Democrats announced a power-sharing deal to turn the chamber over to Republicans.



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