

...ATI lockout enters fourth month

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will push a bill to extend unemployment benefits an additional six months for workers who are locked-out in a labor dispute. His proposal got a hearing Nov. 16 before the Oregon House Business and Labor Committee.

Rodgers points out that the locked-out workers are out of work through no fault of their own, but they face obstacles to re-employment that other unemployment insurance recipients don't. Prospective employers might be reluctant to hire them because they would return to ATI when the labor dispute ends.

Member spirits remain high,

though, Rodgers said, in part because of the backing of many unions and members of the community — who've contributed or visited the picket line with donations of food.

"The support has just been amazing, and it really has helped to motivate and keep our guys' morale up."

And Local 7150 continues to help others of the community who are in even tougher straits. On Oct. 14, a dozen locked-out workers painted the house of a local family who needed to sell because of their daughter's illness. On Nov. 21, USW 7150 sponsored a benefit that raised over \$12,000 to help a local

mom whose six-year-old daughter is battling leukemia.

No meetings are scheduled with the company.

"We're prepared for the long haul," Rodgers said.

WANT TO HELP?

USW Local 7150 is planning a Dec. 19 Christmas function, with a goal of giving a \$100 gift card to the child of every locked-out union member. Checks made out to USW 7150 can be sent to the union hall at 1400 Salem Ave., Albany, 97321, with a note indicating the contribution is for the Christmas fund.

Oregon children's charities benefit from BULL Session

Seven children's charities in Oregon have a special reason to be grateful this year. Cash donations totaling \$300,000 from BULL Session Charity Events, a coalition of business, union and labor leaders, will help provide support services for children. Organizations that received a donation included Albertina Kerr's

Children's Developmental Health Services, Gales Creek Camp, March of Dimes, Swindells Resource Center of Providence Child Center, Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel, Shriners Hospitals for Children-Portland, and the Wheel to Walk Foundation.

The checks were distributed during a Nov. 17 ceremony at the offices of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA). Contributions were raised over two days at the 25th annual BULL Session golf tour-

namment and auction on Sept. 14-15. This year's activities took place at the Oregon Convention Center and The Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club in Aloha, Oregon. More than 400 golfers took part in the tournament.

Since 1991, the BULL Session has raised over \$5.5 million.

"We could not have done that without the generosity of our partners in the labor and business communities," said Doug McQuown, BULL Session vice president and CEO of Arctic Sheet Metal.

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