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UNION DEMOCRACY

Local 701 returns to live meetings



At Local 701's first meeting since COVID hit, president Darren Glebe (right) presented Harold Pippin (left) a pin celebrating 70 years of membership. At the podium in back is business manager Jimbo Anderson.

On Saturday, Dec. 4, about 130 members of Operating Engineers Local 701 turned out for their first official union meeting since the pandemic hit with full force March 2020. And they stayed for over three hours. That included two hours during which they heard 17 months worth of meeting minutes.

The meeting was held outdoors for COVID-safety under a 40'x80' tent. Many also brought toys to contribute to needy kids

through the labor-sponsored Presents from Partners drive, including one apprentice who brought in an entire pickup bed full of toys, and asked to remain anonymous.

At the special semi-annual meeting Local 701 honored three members with pins for 70 years of continuous membership.

Headquartered in Gladstone, Local 701 brings together 3,600 crane and heavy equipment operators and stationary engineers.

