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Neil Sidhu, a member of Teamsters Local 213 since August 2013, is a technical operator at Sun-Rype Kelowna — Photo by Dan Jackson

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# **Moving forward in 2015**

By Walter Canta, Secretary-Treasurer

Teamsters Local 213



The business agents, office staff, and the executive board of Teamsters Local 213 wish all members a very happy and prosperous new year.

We welcome the 660 new and returning members to the local union. Their names take up three pages of this magazine beginning on Pg. 18.

This edition of *Today's Teamsters* also highlights the fine work being done by our members at Sun-Rype in Kelowna.

After 17 and a half months, the Ikea labour dispute is now resolved. Both the employer and union agreed to use the services of mediator Vince Ready to end the dispute. Both parties understood there would be risks from this decision, but they were far apart and knew that it was needed.

The local would like to commend the members of Ikea for their strength while on the picket line for all those months and express our gratitude to all those other 213 members and members of other unions who went to the site to show their support. Thank you!

Don Doerksen, construction division assistant, retired on Oct. 1, 2014. With the approval of the executive board, Tony Santavenere is the new construction division assistant. The local has also brought back Rob Moody to fill Santavenere's position as business agent.

Santavenere was able to ride sidekick to Doerksen for a few months to get familiar with the construction industry and learn the complexities. He has had many meetings with members and is continuing our fight to hold onto Local 213 jurisdiction.

Recently, Business Agent Randy Valouche announced that he was moving onto new opportunities, so a motion was put forward and passed at the December executive board meeting to hire two new business agents: Anthony Krieger (who appeared on the cover of the last *Today's Teamsters*) and Jim Loyst. They will be working out of the Vancouver office.

I would also like to mention Glennis Romhanyi who recently retired. On behalf of the membership of Local 213, I'd like to thank her for all her time and effort providing administrative support to local union members during 36 years of service. Congratulations Glennis.

As mentioned in the last edition of *Today's Teamsters*, Local 213 was developing a conduct of work agreement for the Construction Division. It has been in place for approximately six

months and is getting positive responses from both members and employers.

The Joint Training School and Training Coordinator Michael Evans rolled out the Pipeline and Heavy Industry Warehouse Program in Sept. 2014. It was received with enthusiasm from the members who attended. See Pg. 6 and visit the Teamsters Local 213 website (www.teamsters213.org) for more information.

As I have travelled to work sites throughout B.C., there have been questions about the Health and Welfare Hour Bank and Dry Fund. There were concerns that the benefits were not there.

The Board of the Teamsters Local 213 Health and Welfare Plan are pleased to announce that there has been a change to the Dry Fund. There were 11 divisions within the old fund. Now there are just two plans for the fund with better benefits and a totally different approach.

A letter explaining the changes will be sent to members who are affected. Members who are aware of the changes are getting them added to their agreements. The plan is to get all 11 divisions converted into the two new plans within the next two or three years.

In November 2014, you may have seen notices at your work site stating that Teamsters Canada President Robert Bouvier had announced his retirement effective May 2015. A special convention will be held on Jan. 13 to nominate candidates for the position of president. There are at least two people interested.

Brother Stan Hennessy is the president of Teamsters Local 31 as well as a Teamsters International vice president and the national assistant to the president of Teamsters Canada.

The other potential candidate, Brother Francois Laporte from Quebec, is a union representative, communications specialist, organizer, director of government affairs, and an assistant to the president of Teamsters Canada.

It is likely that there will be an election. Ballots would be mailed to all members in mid February. Completed ballots would have to be returned by mid March.

Teamsters Local 213 encourages all members to learn about the candidates by reading the materials you receive and make plans to attend an upcoming union meeting. We urge all members to vote. The outcome of this election will be very important to us all.

I would personally like to wish you and your family all the best in 2015.



Local 213 delegates Rachel Glew, Ramona Knoll, Edith St. Arnaud, Shawna Rydall and Jane Morgan, and from Local 155, Loralee Wilson.



Teamsters International Vice President Becky Strzechowski

# A week of mobilization, solidarity, and sisterhood

"Teamster women are on the move," said Teamsters General President Jim Hoffa to the audience of Teamsters from the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. "You've got energy, drive, and direction, and I'm excited about that!"

Six members of Teamsters Local 213 joined 1,000 of their union sisters at the Teamster Women's Conference in Chicago in September 2014.

Shawna Rydall, a shop steward and dump truck driver at West K Concrete, attended her first women's Teamsters conference this year. She said she especially appreciated the workshop for Canadian delegates and another on how to communicate information to co-workers in an appropriate manner. "The speakers were informative and entertaining and the information was useful for work and life situations

alike." Rydall said the last general session was "empowering, informative, and fun...Meeting a lot of the other Teamster women was really great and I can't wait to go to the next one!"

Edith St. Arnauld, an owner-operator at Purolator Courier for 19 years, was also a first-time attendee. She also enjoyed the workshop for Canadians. Other highlights were "the great positive energy, meeting other teamsters and hearing what



Many of the delegates were moved by the plight of Local 213 members working at the Ikea store in Richmond and found ways to show their support.

their issues are, meeting the other ladies from our local who came on the trip, and the fabulous city of Chicago...It was an amazing experience, I learned a lot, and hope to get the chance to do it again."

Jane Morgan, with Yellow Cabs of Victoria for 20 years, said this is the second conference she has been to and she found it just as informative as the first. Also a shop steward for 14 years, Morgan said "It is nice to be reminded that as women in the workforce we are not alone and stand strong together. I found the Canadian workshop taught me

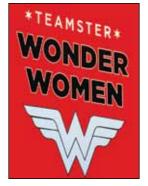
a lot about seeing other people's sides to the problems that arise. Maybe I am not always right, just most of the time," she laughed.

Rachel Glew, working since March 2014 as a Warehouse Level 2 tool crib attendant for Bantrel Constructors Co. at the Kitimat Modernization Project, said, "I've enjoyed being immersed into the Teamsters' culture. As a new Teamster, I was delighted to be selected to attend the 2014 Teamsters Women Conference. For me, the highlight was the opening ceremonies. I was moved by the speak-

ers, and was left with a sense of empowerment found in my new sisterhood. The workshop for Canadian's Only was a terrific experience. I learned many useful coping techniques to deal with stressful situations including some very handy breathing exercises." Glew said the delegates were also reminded that strong leaders need to take care of themselves too, both body and mind.

"Attending the conference made me realize that I am a part of such a wonderful organization. The Teamsters have provided me with a new sense of validation. Our union is strong and united. It serves to protect its members and will stand behind all of us. I will take pride in my growing connections and look forward to meeting more sisters in the future. The conference has shown me that our little team in the tool crib is part of a much larger collective family."

International Vice President Becky Strzechowski said "When Teamster women get together at this conference, we learn from each other, network, hear from magnificent speakers, attend workshops, and rally to show our union pride and stand up for workers' rights."





# Construction update

By Tony Santavenere

The last half of 2014 was a very exciting time for me when Walter Canta and Ray Zigmont gave me the opportunity to replace Brother Don Doerksen as the Construction Division Assistant. I would like to thank Don for all his assistance during my transition and wish him and Irene all the best in their retirement on the Sunshine Coast.

We have a few construction projects under way and a couple starting up relatively soon.

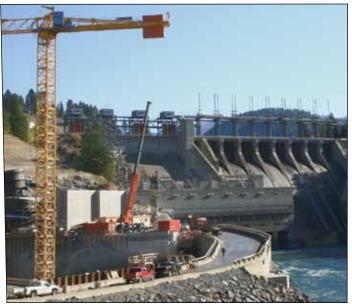
The Kitimat Modernization Project is expecting to have its first drop of metal by March of 2015 with full ramp up on the project by the last quarter of 2015. We currently have about 250 Teamsters working on this project.

The Waneta and Mica dam projects are likely to be completed later this year.

The Generating Replacement Project on the John Hart Dam in Campbell River has begun. Our first Teamster member has been dispatched to the project and Upland Excavating, one of our signatory companies, is working on the site. Blasting and tunneling are expected to begin in December 2015, so we will have more Teamsters on this project soon.

Fortis Tilbury's LNG Facility Expansion Project in Delta is set to begin construction soon. This will generate some work for Teamsters in the Construction Division in the Lower Mainland.

We could be expecting a construction boom with the premier's tax regime cuts on LNG. Could this be enough to entice major players in the LNG sector to go ahead on these projects? Petronas (Pacific North West LNG) will be announcing a final decision on the project soon. Chevron Canada (Kitimat LNG) could be in jeopardy with Apache Corporation pulling out of the project, leaving Chevron looking for a new partner. The approval process for LNG Canada (Shell) is expected to be completed in



The upgrade of the Waneta Dam is wrapping up.

mid-2015 and the decision to move to the development stage could be made in late 2015 or early 2016.

Teamsters, Labourer's and Operating Engineers recently joined together to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Northern Gateway Pipeline. The MOU guarantees that our members will play an important role in building this project. Northern Gateway still has hurdles to cross with First Nations bands, environmental groups and provincial and federal restrictions. We are encouraging our members to support the Northern Gateway Project. It will secure a better economic future for ourselves and our families. You can check out our website for more information on the Northern Gateway Project.

We were also in Victoria lobbying the MLAs and ministries on why it would be a huge asset to have the BC Building Trades help build Site C Dam. We are waiting to see if the project gets the go ahead.

With all of these projects and others under consideration, the future could be very positive. Be assured Teamsters Local 213 will be there to secure as much work for our members as possible.

#### **Owners/Operators**

## Negotiated rates not being respected By Amneet Sekhon



As the winter season approached, jobs wrapped up with not much work paying the proper unionized rate.

Early last year, we tried very hard to secure a large job site for our members that would have provided nine months of steady hauling for up to 60 trucks and ponies per day. It was a joint venture between Southwest Contracting and Bel Pacific for excavating and shoring but it was lost to the non-union sector. It hurts to see these jobs lost but it is even more upsetting to see that many of our own members are working at the site and accepting the much lower rates.

Hopefully the industry will wake up this spring and jobs will come up that accept the negotiated rate that is necessary to operate a vehicle safely and allow drivers to make a decent living and put food on the table for themselves and their families. 🎇



# The Kitimat Modernization Project in full swing

By Jason Conway

Last year was good for construction in the Northwest. The Kitimat Modernization Project continues in full swing through the winter season. The project is about 75% complete and set to wind up in the latter part of this year.

Our construction members continue to play a key role in this project with more than 250 employed by different contractors in many different classifications including truck drivers, forklift drivers, and bus drivers as well as numerous warehouse and tool crib jobs in the material handling and procurement sector.

Recently, the Teamsters Local 213 Joint Training School offered its Class 3 Warehouse Certification Course. Some of our members are taking advantage of the course to upgrade and tweak their skills, but the course also provides telehandler and forklift training which are big parts of material handling.

Teamsters Local 213 remains positive about the future of the Northwest with the next projects possibly being the proposed Petronas liquefied natural gas plant at Lelu Island or the port expansion in Prince Rupert. These projects will bring opportunities and prosperity to our members and their families and greatly needed employment for the communities in the Northwest.

Some of our signatory companies have grown as a result of

new construction work in the Northwest and Teamsters Local 213 would like to see this continue in the area.

Another project we are watching is the Northern Gateway Enbridge Pipeline. I recently attended the Enbridge Summit in Prince George with Vice President Mike Croy and Roy Finley from Teamsters Canada. Enbridge made a good presentation and it gave us the opportunity to meet with community leaders and local contractors to talk about the training and skills that our members would bring to the table if and when the project starts. I am supportive of the Enbridge Line. It is going to provide many jobs along the path to Kitimat.

The northern area continues to grow with many projects being proposed, including dams, LNG plants and pipelines. Teamsters Local 213 are staying positive that these projects will go through and that we will be invited to play a key part in building them and ensuring their success. Construction Division Assistant Tony Santavanere is working closely with the other building trades and talking with some of the key players to help strengthen our position and future in construction.

I would like to thank all our members for their dedication and hard work in all fields. We appreciate your continued support.



# On the job in Kitimat



Marty Carpino on a telehandler.



Shop Steward Mike Holland.







Business agents Amneet Sekhon, Tony Santavenere and Mike Croy, Local 213 members Jaime Lufkin, Justin Roylance, Rob Brown and Carmen Walker; Secretary-Treasurer Walter Canta and Business Agent Jason Conway at the tool crib.



Note to all members

## A new Teamsters Warehousing Program

By Michael Evans, Training Co-ordinator

I reported in the last edition of *Today's Teamsters 213* that the Teamsters Local 213 Joint Training School had commissioned the creation of a warehouse training program. To be effective the program needed to be heavily influenced by the requirements of pipeline work and heavy construction. It further required content to address core competencies and the use of material-handling equipment. The result is the Pipeline and Heavy Construction Warehousing Program. The program is laid out in a 172-page manual complemented by a 920-slide PowerPoint presentation.

There was debate from the beginning as to how long the program should run. It was recognized that the costs, both for the school and the students, was influenced by its duration. On the one hand, there had to be sufficient time to effectively present the material. On the other hand, we wanted to make it as cost effective as possible. It was determined the optimum run for the program would be five days. It is understood this sets a demanding pace for the students but it also benefits them by minimizing their costs, accommodations, lost time, etc.

Any project needs to have a shakeout period. Two sessions were scheduled for Kitimat because of the number of members who were working in warehousing at the Kitimat Modernization Project. The first session ran from Aug. 11 to 15, the second from Sept. 29 to Oct. 3. The course material was tightened up and improved based on the results and feedback from these sessions.

Three additional programs were scheduled. The Vancouver course from Dec. 8 to 12 filled quickly. A second one in Vancouver will be held from Jan. 12 to 15 and it will likely fill quickly as well. A third program is scheduled for Jan. 26 to 30 in Kitimat. Opportunities will be offered in other parts of the province depending on interest throughout the year.

The program is open to all members. Members, active in construction, will receive written notice of upcoming programs. If you're interested but not in construction, please check the training page on the Local 213 website (www.teamsters213.org) or contact the Training Plan Coordinator at jts213@shaw.ca or by calling 604-874-3654.

The school would like to express its appreciation for the extraordinary work done by Meril Gudmundson, the lead author of this program, and for his continued presence as its instructor. Significant contributions were also made by local union members. Thank you for your participation. And the process of creating this program would not have been possible without key support from personnel at Leavitt Machinery. Thank you.

#### **Congratulations!**

Business Agent Jason Conway presented the certificates to the Teamster members who were among the first graduates of the new Pipeline and Heavy Construction Warehousing Program developed by the Teamsters Local 213 Joint Training School. Upon the successful completion of this 5-day program, students are certified as Class 3 warehouse persons and receive certifications in counter balance forklift and telehandler (zoom boom).







## **Meet Business Agent Paul Way on Vancouver Island**

Business Agent Paul Way started in the job last April, taking over for Dave Angus who retired. "They definitely are big shoes to fill," Way said. "Dave was very well respected and liked over here. He worked here for 19 years so he knew everybody."

Way works out of the Teamsters Local 213 offices in Nanaimo and Victoria and represents several owner-operators and hundreds of members working in 25 companies on Vancouver Island. Angus spent a few months introducing Way to the key players.

Way became a Teamster member 25 years ago when he took a job at Canadian Linen. He served 24 years as a shop steward at the company. "I really liked working at Canadian Linen, but I was looking for a change. My kids are grown so I thought I'd give it a shot." He said things are going well so far. "I like the challenge of learning new things and I really enjoy the negotiations. I like problem solving like resolving an issue so it doesn't have to go to arbitration."

> Nanaimo Membership Meeting Jan. 20, 7 p.m., Teamsters Hall



#### **Teamsters Local 213 & Concert Properties**

# great partnership

By Leslie Dyson

It's a sweet deal. Union pension funds are looking for good investments—ethical wherever possiblewhich means hiring union labour, providing benefits to the community, and keeping environmental concerns paramount.

Concert Properties, launched with pension funds from 20 B.C. local unions in 1989, is doing just that. Teamsters Local 213 has been involved from the start. Secretary-treasurer Walter Canta is on the board of Concert Properties and former secretary-treasurer Don McGill was as well for many years. Many Local 213 members have worked on Concert construction sites which are 100% union.

Brooke Sundin, on the board of Concert for over 10 years, said

Members of Teamsters Local 213 have worked on all Concert projects. Several projects, like Salt in downtown Vancouver, have won Georgie Awards, presented by the Canadian Home Builders' Association of British Columbia.

the development company began with an initial investment of \$27 million and went from success to success. "People said we were crazy." But the company is now valued at \$2 billion. In addition to providing unionized construction jobs, the union pension plans benefit from the profits.

Concert was launched at a time when the B.C. forestry and mining industries were faltering and people were being thrown out of work. The unions wanted to use their pension assets to provide good-paying union jobs and build up the plans.

"Globalization was, and still is, a great concern. We had to take very measured steps because there were lots of risks," Sundin said. "As an asset class, real estate [as opposed to forestry and mining] is the easiest to do."

Concert projects (including condominiums, townhouses, schools, police stations, etc.) began in B.C. but are now found in Alberta and Ontario as well. "Concert has never built a project that didn't come in before time and under budget," said Sundin. "And it's won many, many awards." In addition, construction is done 100% union and often to the LEEDs gold standard. Wherever possible, construction materials come from union companies and are bought locally.

#### Don Bassett

# Stick with it. Make it work for you.





What is the best way to deal with the ups and downs of a global economy? When you find a good niche, you stick with it and make it work for you.

Don Bassett, 40-year Teamsters Local 213 member and veteran truck driver at the Van Kam Freightways facility in Kelowna said those are the rules that have guided him throughout his working career.

"I drive an 18-wheeler up and down the (Okanagan) Valley [to] places like Kelowna, Osoyoos, Salmon Arm, and Vernon," he said. "It's not a bad job. We're at \$24.56 an hour plus our benefits. In bigger cities, like Vancouver or Calgary, with bigger economies, there's more opportunity to switch jobs because there are more places to jump to when you need to. In places like Kelowna, there aren't many Teamster jobs, so when you get on with a good company, you tend to stick with it. It just makes sense."

Bassett said the union's driving members are in two divisions: city and line haul. The former service local and regional delivery routes and orders. The latter take care of inter-regional and inter-provincial work. He is among the top in seniority among the city services, along with 20 other employees and lease-operators. Canadian Freightways is the other larger-scale Teamster firm in Kelowna and there are several other smaller union companies.

He said the crew has managed to keep working relatively consistently, despite turbulent economic times and the highly competitive conditions of the trucking industry.

"It's been pretty steady overall. Some of the guys are full time; some are part time," he said. "The trucking business is very competitive. I have seen a lot of companies come and go—big and small. Big ones like CN Trucking. Then you have some non-union ones coming in too."

It's been a challenge for Van Kam, considered a fairly small firm by trucking standards, to keep going in this type of climate. The B.C.-based, family-owned operation has 46 centers—40 of them in B.C. where it does most of its business—and 6 outlets in Alberta. It does some long-distance work to Central Canada. Bassett said it is an accomplishment that the company has kept going without being forced out of business or bought up in a corporate merger.

However, he added, there are larger challenges, especially in the Interior. Economically damaging federal government initiatives like free trade agreements have a dangerous eroding effect on local economies and threaten all local industries.

"A real peeve of mine is the loss of manufacturing jobs in the Okanagan and other places," he said, adding that policies around raw-log exports and school and hospital closures in the Central Interior have worsened the situation. "Western Star Trucks in Kelowna closed; then the big glass plant in Vernon, then North Side Steel, then the mills. Kelly Douglas shut down their ware-house here and centralized everything in Calgary. These were our big manufacturing bases—places that helped keep us busy in trucking. Some new stuff has come in, but it doesn't make up for (the job losses). You can't lose those good manufacturing jobs and replace them with tourism and restaurant jobs. You need those manufacturing jobs to have an economy."

Bassett agrees that strategic bargaining strategies and union efforts to lobby governments for better economic policies are important ways to address the problems. "I don't know how, as Canadians, we can really deal with this," he said. "How do we compete with economies in other countries where wages are so much lower? Our wages aren't much more than the standard industrial wage in Canada. It's like a never-ending battle. Every country in the world wants their piece of the pie."

Nonetheless, he feels that with perseverance, things will carry on. "It's hard to predict right now. Things aren't bleak. But things aren't booming either...We still have some lumber (manufacturing). CP (Canadian Pacific) shut down the rail line to the mill here, so now we have B-trains (tractor-trailer trucks) hauling their stuff to Alberta. With a population base of a 100,000 plus, they will always need goods and services, so we will still have to supply goods to people."

Bassett, a 64-year-old career bachelor is planning to retire next year and enjoy the fruits of his labour regardless of what happens to the economy. "I'll probably stay in Kelowna. I might do some travelling, but who's to say?"









# 🌑 🌑 Staying current with demands and trends



member and lab technician Rena Raby ensures that the quality of the juice is top notch and tastes right. She tests acidity and Vitamin C levels and has developed a keen sense of different taste notes. She said she makes sure that there are no unpleasant dairy notes and that the flavour doesn't seem watered down.

Previous page: Darlene MacKenzie, 16-year member and an enrober operator.

Sun-Rype products, made by members of Teamsters Local 213 and produced for the most part in Kelowna, are well known in B.C. and available in every province in Canada and every state in the U.S., sometimes under leading supermarkets' own brand names.

Since the company was incorporated in 1946, people's tastes and preferences have changed and the company has adapted to new demands. "The trend now is to zero- to tencalorie products," company President Dave McAnerney said. There is also an increasing demand for healthy foods and Sun-Rype products have always been a good fit.

"People are concerned about sugar so we're using naturally lowered sweeteners," said Lesli Bradley, vice president of operations. "We're adapting...I guess that's the theme: change."

Fruit Source and Fruit To Go remain flagships, but the company recently introduced energy bars, under the Okanagan brand name. They are made with pea protein rather than soy isolates. Fruit pieces are blended with grains like oats, rice, and flax as well as chocolate chips, ginseng and green tea.

Watch for new 200-calorie Fruit Activ bars made with fruit and whole grains. They are Health Canada approved for providing legitimate medical benefits, said McAnerney. The Happy Heart apple cinnamon bar has oat fibre that helps reduce cholesterol and the Immniboost orange and grain bar has ingredients that activate immune cells.



Deb Chenier is a tetra brik operator and member of Teamsters Local 213 for 17 years.



Dwayne Markosky, a Sun-Rype driver for 25 years, makes many trips each shift bringing product from the Sun-Rype factory to the company warehouse across the tracks.



Gary Wanbon, 23-year member, feeding the compression

Another new product line is Frullo juices. "Packaging can make a big difference," said Bradley. The juice comes in a slim box and is made with coconut water and stevia, a natural sweetener, resulting in fewer calories and half the sugar.

"Coconut is on fire right now," she added, "but even before it was a trend, we were using it because we thought it tastes great." That was a few years ago.

The trend to gluten free is of interest to Sun-Rype for some of their new products being developed. "We have a philosophy," said Bradley. "It has to taste great and have functional benefits. We got out of artificial colours and flavours six years ago."

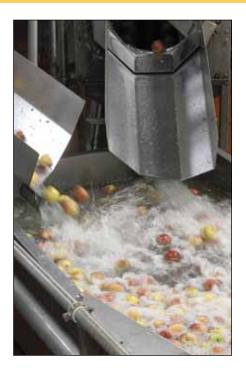
Holding onto consumer confidence is a key goal. "The trust is very high," she said.

An Ipsos Reid poll showed that Sun-Rype was among the five best-loved brands in B.C., even beating out the Canucks. "We were pretty proud of that," said McAnerney.

On an annual basis, Teamster members are helping Sun-Rype process 225 million process grade Okanagan apples from BC Fruit Packers Cooperative, augmented with Washington apples only when necessary, and deliver millions of dollars worth of fruit juices and snacks.

"The fruit is as close to the tree as we can get it," said Bradley. 🋞









Ivanka Sariyska, 18-year member, is a tray pack operator.



Sukhwinder Randhawa, a 14-year member, operating the multi packer.



Daughter and mother, Kayla Thorold and Wanda Scheer, enjoy working together at the plant. — Kimm Davis photo

# Generations of Teamste working together

KAYLA THOROLD can't remember a time when she didn't want to work at Sun-Rype. That's because, as a very young child, she remembers her mother, WANDA SCHEER, coming home from the plant smelling like strawberries.

But Kayla only started working there in March 2013. Prior to that, she was a Red Seal carpenter. She gave up that job when her union company planned

to leave the Lower Mainland and return to Ontario. She refused to work for a non-union company "because they don't pay the union rate and there's no overtime and no benefits." Besides, she wanted to return to hometown of Kelowna.

Wanda started making fruit leather for Okanagan Dried Fruits in 1988 when her daughter was two months old. She moved to Kelowna to work at Sun-Rype when her old company was bought out by Sun-Rype in 1997.

"I enjoy it," she said. "There are some frustrating days because sometimes the machines don't want to cooperate. But I love the people I work with and I enjoy the management."

She discouraged Kayla from coming to work at the plant right away. "She had been on me for years wanting to work at Sun-Rype, but I wanted her to carry on with school. So, at first I was concerned, but now I see that it's been the best move. I enjoy having her there. I'm getting good reviews from management about her work ethic and I'm very proud of her."

"I love this more than construction," Kayla said. "I'm not in the elements, I'm not outside, I'm not the only girl on the job site, and I like the group of people I work with. I've known these people since I was four." That's because they were close friends of Wanda. "I'm in the kitchen. I cook all day." Being a "night owl," she thinks working graveyard shift is "great."

"I always wanted to work with this company. It's great pay and great benefits."



Miles Lauer, 25-year member on the forklift.



Dave Sackman, a 17-year member of Local 213.



Santokh Bhatia, a 15-year member.



Carpenter Ashley Serhan is a third-generation Sun-Rype employee.

THE SERHAN FAMILY has become an institution at Sun-Rype.

Ashley Serhan, a third generation Serhan working at Sun-Rype, joined the company right out of high school and began work as a food department operator. He took a few years off to get his Red Seal journeyperson carpenter ticket and supervise housing construction crews. He returned to Sun-Rype six years ago to work as a carpenter and now builds cabinets and shelves and wields a chainsaw while controlling tree growth on company property.

"I really enjoy it," he said. "I believe I'm the only third generation person here. Serhan is a good name around here. We've put in over 100 years with the three generations. A good work ethic runs in the family."

Ashley's father Carey has been employed since 1977 and currently works as a lead hand in the prep department where the juice is made. His grandmother Leona and grandfather Wally retired in the 1990s. Leona worked in the laboratory testing products and Wally did carpentry and operated equipment in the prep department.



Adam Wirachowsky (foreground) and his father Lorne are Red Seal millwrights. Lorne started at the plant as an apprentice in 1973 and has worked on just about every piece of equipment. Adam also worked at the plant as a student doing a variety of jobs including mechanics helper, forklift driver, and line worker.

#### **ADAM WIRACHOWSKY AND HIS FATHER**

**LORNE** are among 15 millwrights at the plant. Adam said he worked at the company as a student doing line work, driving a forklift, and being a mechanic's helper. "It's a good place to work and I like working in Kelowna. There's always troubleshooting with all the high-speed equipment." He said he likes working at the same place as his dad. "We get along really good."

Lorne Wirachowsky started as a millwright apprentice in 1973 and has worked on just about every piece of equipment, helping to fabricate, install, and repair the stainless steel equipment throughout the plant.









Uttam Pakkar, a microtronic spotter. The job requires great concentration because he's watching for imperfections as hundreds of Fruit Source bars fly past.

"We have to respect them and they have to respect us as well. We are pretty strong [and] we are important to this company."

# Long-term deal

Sun-Rype is one of the biggest private sector employers in the Okanagan. The well-established Kelowna plant is still the cornerstone. "We've been here since '46," said Vice President Lesli Bradley. "The exterior looks similar, but we've expanded and modernized inside."

There are 200 members of Teamsters Local 213 working at the plant and warehouse as machine operators, quality technicians, drivers, forklift operators, shippers/receivers, trades mechanics, electricians, millwrights, carpenters, and painters. "These are highly skilled trades jobs," Bradley said.

In 2012, the company decided it wanted to invest \$7 million in a new beverage line with new packaging. It was looking for labour stability and a long-term deal with Teamsters Local 213. The following year, Jimmy Pattison became the sole proprietor.

Business Agent Kimm Davis said Teamster members are covered by an eight-year agreement that carries on to 2020. "The company wanted labour continuity and the members wanted stability," she said.

Secretary-Treasurer Walter Canta said, "When the employer approached the Teamsters for an extension on the collective agreement to 2020, it came with great support from the membership that wanted to move forward and work with the employer to create as much job security as possible for all members." Canta also stressed that "Teamsters will always try to find a solution to problems with the employer.



# benefits members and company

but from time to time there may be issues that simply can't be resolved without some assistance."

Factory work can lead to musculoskeletal injuries. But health and safety are priorities for the company, Davis said. People rotate jobs to lessen the monotony and the chance for errors and engage different muscle groups.

Deb Chanier, a tetra brik operator with the company for 17 years, said "You're pretty well on your feet the whole time except for breaks, but I like to be busy. I don't like to sit."

Chanier has received extensive training and likes being rotated to different jobs. "But you need to be trained on all the equipment," she said, "and the company is working on that."

Shop Steward Lynn Detlor, a food package operator and with Sun-Rype since 1999, said she places a high priority on working with a union company. "I've been in unions for so long and that's why I wanted to get involved in being a shop steward."

With that degree of seniority, Detlor, a shop steward since 2005, has seen the company go through good and bad times. "I think I have a good rapport with management [and] I can talk to the supervisors on a different level...We have to respect them and they have to respect us as well. We are pretty strong [and] we are important to this company."

With a large number of women working in the factory, Detlor said she's kept busy as the only female shop steward. "Sometimes women prefer to talk to a woman shop steward. I'm knowledgeable about the collective agreement. I can help and I will. I

can't count the number of times they have given me a hug and thanked me for helping them. It really makes me happy."

Mutual respect between management and the union is the key to success. "We have been really impressed with how Kimm and the Teamsters have worked with us," said company President Dave McAnerney.



Business Agent Kimm Davis presents Pat Kennedy, a shop steward at Sun-Rype Products, with a certificate of achievement for a Critical Incident Stress course that he took while attending the Canadian Labour Congress's Winter School last year. The course is designed to increase awareness of the long- and short-term impacts of critical incidents and gives support to unions that want to see critical incident response systems implemented in their workplaces.



Bv Ernie Borelli



# The work picture around the province

Construction in B.C. is in a transitional stage with most projects nearing completion and new projects ramping up slowly.

We've been sending our members to projects around the province with Kitimat and the Kitimat Modernization Project site leading the way. But the project is now in the final phase. Last fall, we had close to 250 members on site. The end of December saw the departure of the floatel, the floating hotel/cruise ship, from Kitimat Harbour. The ship could house 600 people.

Reminders

- 1) Members who finish or get laid off must book back into the local union hall if you wish to be called for more work.
- 2) Construction Division members and all members being dispatched to Class 1 to 4 positions must submit their 2015 driver's abstract by Feb. 1.

Other projects, such as Mica Creek and Waneta Dam, are providing steady work. Road building is ongoing, but slows as the weather changes.

Fortis Tilbury LNG Facility Expansion Project located in Delta was set to begin construction at the end of last year. This will generate some work for members in the Construction Division in the Lower Mainland.

The John Hart Dam project on Vancouver Island has seen the first couple of pre-jobs completed and is expected to ramp up soon.

The miscellaneous division has continued to see few dispatches but will hopefully pick up this year.

The dispatch of owner-operators continues in the Lower Mainland and we are getting good feedback from the membership.

As a reminder all members who finish or get laid off of work must book back into the hall if they wish to be called for more work.

If you're being dispatched to Class 1 to 4 driving positions, get your 2015 driver's abstract to me by Feb. 1.





# The workplace is no place for old-school bullying and harassment

By Bryan Savage, Legal Counsel



On Nov. 1, 2013, new Occupational Health and Safety Policies on workplace bullying and harassment came into force in British Columbia. For the first time, B.C. workers and employers are under a positive duty to refrain from and prevent harassment and bullying at work. Employees who can show that they have been injured due to such harassment and bul-

lying are entitled to compensation through WorkSafeBC.

Bullying and harassment includes behaviour that humiliates or intimidates. It can include:

- verbal aggression or threats
- insults, derogatory comments
- the spreading of malicious rumours
- personal attacks
- vandalizing personal belongings
- sabotaging work
- humiliating initiation practices/hazing
- aggressive/threatening gestures
- contemptuous body language
- cyber-bullying

Workplace bullying can come from many sources: co-workers, supervisors, employers and even external sources such as customers or suppliers. It is important to recognize, however, that not all actions at work would fall into the definition of bullying and harassment. For example, expressing a difference of opinion or offering constructive feedback would not be considered bullying or harassment. Further, reasonable management actions including work evaluation, performance management, and even discipline would not be considered bullying or harassment.

The employer is now under obligation to have a workplace policy in place to prevent or minimize bullying and harass-

ment. This policy must have reporting procedures, procedures for investigating incidents and complaints, and employees and supervisors must be trained in the policy.

A typical policy would include a first step in which the complainant would talk to the perpetrator. This step must make it clear that this is only to occur when the complainant feels comfortable. If the complainant does not feel comfortable or the first step does not resolve the issue, the employer must have a Workplace Conduct Advisor to accept a report of the complaint.

A typical example of a harassment investigation would include a verbal complaint to the advisor, followed, if necessary, by a written complaint and investigation. The advisor would need to interview both the complainant and the perpetrator. A written report with findings would then be issued by the advisor followed by remedial action and possible discipline.

For their part, employees must not take part in workplace bullying or harassment. They should report any incidents they witness of bullying or harassment and comply with their employer's workplace policies and procedures on bullying and harassment.

In addition to these duties, employees can take steps to stop harassment and bullying. If you see a co-worker bullying another co-worker you can, if comfortable, approach the bully and explain why the behaviour is inappropriate.

The Teamsters Local 213 Legal Department has observed that many of our members who received discipline for harassment and bullying were unaware that their actions were inappropriate and could cause actual harm to others. Such *old school* thoughts and behaviour was seen as a source of pride for some, a belief that "I tell it like it is." There is a reason why it is called old school behaviour.

#### Welcome to the 660 new and returning members of Teamsters Local 213

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Each year, Local 213 offers a \$500 Joseph Whiteford Scholarship to a member, spouse or the son or daughter of a member in good standing with Local 213. Call the Local 213 office at 604-876-5213 for more information.

#### **Joseph Whiteford** Scholarship



Applicants must be full-time students attending a post-secondary university, college or institute, or be in Grade 11 or 12 and have strong academic standing and be able to demonstrate financial need.

Applications for the Joseph Whiteford Scholarship should be addressed to:

Joseph Whiteford Scholarship Committee

Teamsters Local 213, 490 E. Broadway, Vancouver, B.C. V5T 1X3

# Winners of the 2014-2015 James R. Hoffa Memorial Scholarship

#### **OWEN MARSHALL - \$10,000**

Father Wayne Marshall works at Praxair

#### **RAY LATUMAHINA - \$1,000**

Mother Pertawati Tirta works at Ikea

#### **KAMINI BHATIA - \$1,000**

Father Sahtokh Bhatia works at Sun-Rype

#### CASANDRA SILVERI - \$1,000,

Father Giovanni works at Tree Island Steel

#### **JORDAN AUJLA - \$1,000**

Father Amanjit Aujla works at works at Bekeart Canada

#### **HANATU TAK - \$1,000**

Father Samuel Tak works at WWL

#### **YI XUE NA - \$1,000**

Father Able Na works at Expocrete

#### **ASHLEY HIIBNER - \$1,000**

Father James Hiibner works at Arrow Reload

#### **PARKER GRAY - \$1,000**

Father Lionel Gray works at Coca-Cola, Kelowna

#### **BIANCA CENTOLA - \$1,000**

Father Rocco Centola works at Lafarge



Wayne Marshall from Praxair and his son Owen Marshall, winner of a \$10,000 James H. Hoffa Memorial Scholarship.



Business Agent Greg Lacroix and Cassandra Silveri, winner of a \$1,000 scholarship and daughter of Giovanni Silveri from Tree Island Steel.



Kamini Bhatia is congratulated by Business Agent Kimm Davis for receiving a \$1,000 scholarship. Kamini is the daughter of Santokh Bhatia, a forklift driver at Sun-Rype and Teamster member since 1999.



Yi Xue Na, winner of a \$1,000 scholarship and daughter of Able Na from Expocrete.



## The James R. Hoffa Memorial Scholarship Fund

For students attending a community college, 4-year institution or a technical/vocational program, age 23 and younger, who are children or dependent grandchildren of Teamster members.

For an application, contact your Teamsters Local Union office or visit www.teamster.org

The deadline for applying to the scholarship fund is March 31, 2015.

# Recognizing long-time members from the Interior



Business Agent Andy Seminoff congratulates Merv Kulaway, a 39-year Teamster member, who has retired from O.K. Builders Supplies Ltd. Brother Kulaway received a Teamster jacket and a service pin.



Brother Allan Batuik recently retired from Kelowna Ready Mix with over 35 years of service. Brother Batiuk received his retirement package and a 35-year service pin.



Ronald Wenger, from Coca-Cola Kelowna, congratulated by Business Agent Terry Westhaver on his retirement after 35 years.



Business Agent Kimm Davis and Retiree John Norton. Brother Norton worked with Sun-Rype for 30 years. He received a Teamster jacket and a 30-year service pin.



Dave Birch has retired after 22 years of service with Praxair.



Ray Bluett has retired after 25 years at Sun-Rype.

#### Congratulations Glennis!

Glennis Romhanyi started in the Kelowna office in 1978, working full time until 1982. She then worked casual for a few years and in 1988 was hired in the Vancouver office. She worked primarily in the Dues Office up until her retirement May 15, 2014. Glennis's sense of humour (her giggle!) and kindness towards all our members is truly missed. Congratulations on your well-earned retirement Glennis!

# **Congratulations Teamsters 213 retirees**

#### March 1, 2014 to October 31, 2014

Superior Propane Inc

Abernethy, Roger Aigner, John Barnett, Larry Barz, Lyle Basi, Dave Batuik, Allen Bourque, Michael Briscoe, Donald Burns, Kenneth Butler, Dale Callsen, Peter Campbell, Paul Carleton, Cleve Chernenkoff, Harry Chisholm, Terrance Chubey, Don Coffey, Christa Coldwell, John Connor, Rod Cordeiro, Gil Cross, John Culpepper, Brent Cunning, James Davey, Alan Day, Wayne Doerksen, Donald Donchi, Leslie Dyck, Russell Fast, Robert Ferrell, Bruce Fleck, Wilfred Fuchs, Felix Gignac, Ronald Goodwin, Kenneth Greenaway, Brian Greensill, Brad Griffiths, Kenneth Groves, Terrence Gruban, Volker Hannah, Gordon Harris, Roger Henderson, Jack Hendrickson, Victor Hughes, Douglas Karslake, Robert King, Raymond Knipe, Kenneth Lake, Gerald Landry, John Lanz, Blair Lemp, Dave Lozza, Robert MacDonald, John MacGregor, Dugal MacIntosh, Edward Martinello, Harry Masson, Donald Masson, Wayne McClure, Gerald McDonell, Bryan

Michels, Daniel Miller, Robert Okanagan Beverages Ltd Arrow Transportation—Kamloops Arrow Transportation—Quesnel Ocean Pipe -Lehigh Hanson Pension Disability Credits **Bantrel Contractors Co** Steels Industrial Products Van-Kam Freightways Ltd Arrow Transportation Kamloops Unknown Pension Disability Credits Arrow Transportation Ashcroft Div. Unknown Glacier Concrete Ltd Marine Pipeline Construction Motorways Superior Propane Inc **Bvers Transport Limited** Lafarge Construction Kent St Div. Byers Transport Limited Highway Constructors Ltd. Highway Constructors Ltd. Gat Leedm Logistics Pension Disability Credits Teamsters Local 213 - B.A.'s Gilbert Smith Forest Products Ltd Sun-Rype Products Ltd. Cardinal Concrete Ltd Arrow Transportation Kamloops Salvador Ready Mix Concrete Ltd. Unknown Van-Kam Freightways Ltd OK Ready Mix Ltd Greenaway Truck & Equipment Mid-Valley Sand & Gravel Ltd Columbia Hydro Constructors Ltd. OK Ready Mix Ltd Lafarge Construction Kent St Div. Icq Propane—Superior Propane Jack Cewe Ltd. Dennis Murphy Trucking Inc Saltspring Freight-Van-Kam Swanson's Ready-Mix Ltd OK Ready Mix Ltd Sun-Rype Products Ltd. Inland Concrete Ltd. B A Dawson Blacktop Ltd YCS Holdings Ltd. Pittman Asphalt OK Builders Supplies Masonry Div. Steve's Excavating Unknown Van-Kam Freightways Ltd

Unknown

Unknown

Teamsters Local 213 - B.A.'s

**Basalite Concrete Products** 

Highway Constructors Ltd.

Upland Ready Mix

Ocean Concrete Lehigh Hanson

Arrow Transportation - Ashcroft

Emil Anderson Construction Co.Ltd.



Len Silvester is congratulated by Business Agent Andy Semenoff. Brother Silvester retired after 42 years of service—21 of those years at Jenkins Cartage and 22 years with OK Builders. Along with his retirement package, Brother Silvester received a Teamster jacket and 40-year service pin. "Teamsters afforded my wife and family a very good life!" he said.

Miller, Roy Moore, Don Nex, Roy Normand, Ronald Norton, John Oswald, Thomas Parkhurst, Charles Pasemko, Michael Patrola, Harbons Payne, Owen Putz, Charles Rawsthorne, Philip Reddie, Karen Sacho, Brian Sawatsky, Glen Schraeder, Blaine Schreiner, Glen Smith. Donald Smith, Lyle St. Clair, Ian Stanczyk, Edward Stanley, Richard Stefik, James Stewart, Larry Sweetman, Ken Temple, Dennis Underwood, Donald Werden, Len Weston, Byron

Unknown Pension Disability Credits Ocean Concrete Lehigh Hanson Sun-Rype Products Ltd. Pension Disability Credits Sun-Rype Products Ltd. Gen Teamsters 362 Alberta BCP Concrete Roof Tile, ULC Arrow Transportation—Kamloops Sun-Rype Products Ltd. Motorways Superior Propane Inc Hub City Paving Ltd OK Ready Mix Ltd Unknown Coca-Cola Canada Company Brentwood Enterprises Ltd. Byers Transport Limited BCP Concrete Roof Tile, ULC Jack Cewe Ltd. Van-Kam Freightways Ltd Imperial Paving Ltd Valley Rite Aggregate Div. Unknown

Lafarge Concrete Van Is. Div.

B & B Contracting (2012) Ltd.
Pension Disability Credits Plan
Unknown
Pension Disability Credits

As a retired member of Local 213, you are eligible to join the Retiree's Club. Local 213 pays the \$20 annual dues for the first two years. Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (except June, July and August) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the auditorium of the Teamsters Building in Vancouver. For more information please call 604-875-6636.

#### Are you entitled to a monthly income from the Teamsters Local 213 Pension Plan?

If your name is listed below, we do not have an address on file for you and you may be entitled to a monthly pension from the Plan. Please call the Teamsters Local 213 Members Benefit Plans office at 604-879-8627 or toll-free in BC and Yukon at 1-800-972-6241 and ask for Ada or Winnie Leong. If you know how we can contact a person listed below, please call us as well.

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#### Remembering members who have passed away

Tim Archer Dave Beyea Edward Bieker Terry Grant Christopher Hine Keith Howey

Gurjit S. Jagpal Steve Jozsa Sr. James Kazakoff Randeep Mann Ken McIntosh Wayne Palmer



#### **Unclaimed benefits**

The following members have died and the death benefit entitlement under the Teamsters Local 213 Pension Plan has not been paid. If you know the whereabouts of the spouses of these people or their next of kin, please call Ada or Winnie Leong at the Teamsters Local 213 Members Benefit Plans office at 604-879-8627 or toll-free in B.C. and the Yukon at 1-800-972-6241.

Deceased	Born	Died	Last known address
Anderson, John	1941	2005	Kamloops
Bains, Jasvir	1961	1998	Abbotsford
Baker, Dennis	1959	1997	Abbotsford
Boyde, Ivan	1942	2000	Kelowna
Gibson, Patrick	1939	2000	Merritt
Moore, Kenneth	1925	1981	Chilliwack
Smud, Al	1941	2003	Black Creek

#### Please remember...

- Keep us informed of your current address.
- If you're off work, your dues become your own responsibility or you have the right to request a withdrawal card.
- Keep the name of your beneficiary up to date. Local 213 covers all active dues-paying members for a \$2,000 death benefit. Many members remember to update their pension beneficiary, but forget about the beneficiary they have chosen for the death benefit.

#### Membership meetings in 2015

#### Northern Region

Call the Prince George office at 250-563-6564 for date of next meeting.

Fort St. John 7 p.m., Quality Inn Northern Grand

Dawson Creek 7 p.m., George Dawson Inn Prince George 7 p.m., Teamsters Union Hall

#### B.C. Interior

Call the Kelowna office at 250-765-3195 for date of next meeting.

Kelowna 7 p.m., Capri Hotel, Okanagan Room

Kamloops 7 p.m., Coast Kamloops Hotel

Castlegar 7 p.m., Super 8 Motel

Cranbrook 7 p.m., The Day's Inn Hotel

#### Vancouver Island

Call the Nanaimo office at 250-758-2314 for date of next meeting.

Nanaimo 7 p.m., Jan. 20, Teamsters Hall Campbell River/Courtenay 7 p.m., Halby Hall

#### **Teamsters Local 213**

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#### Vancouver Island

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802 Esquimalt Road Victoria, B.C. V9A 3M4 Phone: 250-388-9788

Whitehorse Phone: 1-888-876-5213

TeamstersLocal 213
Joint Training School

Pipeline & Heavy
Construction
Warehouse
Program

Open enrolment is available for the program running from Jan. 12 to 16, 2015 in Vancouver.

Please contact the Training Plan Coordinator, (604) 874-3654 for more information.

This program is open to **all members** of Teamsters Local 213.

Although it is tied to the pipeline and heavy construction industries, there is an equal stress on core competencies with many transferable skills.

Upon the successful completion of this 5-day program, students will be certified as Class 3 warehouse persons and receive certifications in counter balance forklift and telehandler (zoom boom).

The first 4 days covers:
Introduction to Warehousing
Warehousing-Safe Operations
Inventory Management Solutions
Warehouse Material Handling

Each section is followed by a quiz and the classroom portion of the training concludes with a final exam.

Day 5 is dedicated to the practical use of material-handling equipment and concludes with an evaluation.

In keeping with JTS policy, members active in our Construction Division 1 will receive a 50% bursary.

Please contact the Training Plan Coordinator at jts213@shaw.ca or (604) 874-3654, for further information or to determine your eligibility.

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