

**Report of the Retired
Members' Council to the
71st CWA Convention**



**Communications Workers
of America
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Washington, D.C.**

The CWA Retired Members' Council continues to be a vital and dynamic organization that gives retirees a voice in their union and in politics, and boosts the active membership's bargaining, mobilizing and legislative campaigns.

The Council is always growing, and the past year has been no exception:

- The RMC has 42,000 members today, an increase of 4,000 since the previous convention.
- We have 186 chapters, covering every CWA sector and all states, as well as Washington, D.C.
- The Council is online, helping recruit new retirees and keeping current members active and informed. The website, www.CWAretirees.com, includes timely features, such as health care issues affecting retirees, and provides links to affinity groups, a list of chapters and officers and a link to join the Council.

Locals & Retirees: A Valuable Partnership

Locals can benefit enormously from active retiree chapters and are encouraged to support the work of the Council in several ways:

- Give the gift of Council lifetime membership to their retiring members. The one-time \$25 payment per retiree can be automatically deducted from a locals' dues check. (Contact the CWA Secretary-Treasurer's office at hgibson@cwa-union.org for more information.)
- Organize a retiree chapter or band with other locals to form regional or statewide chapters.
- Put a link to the RMC website on their own website

Goals for the Coming Year

In addition to our mission to organize more local, regional and state chapters and increase the membership of existing chapters, strengthening the Council and CWA at large, we will:

- Stay engaged in the fights for health care reform and the Employee Free Choice Act, realizing that both bills are critical to retirement security
 - Unlike pension benefits, health coverage for retirees is not guaranteed or protected by law. Instead, it depends on strong collective bargaining agreements backed by mobilized union members and retirees. The Council will stand with CWA in the fight to maintain quality and affordable health benefits in every round of negotiations with every employer.
 - Revitalizing America's union movement by passing Employee Free Choice will provide new opportunities for millions of workers to negotiate for fair wages and benefits, helping rebuild our middle class and restore retirement security.
- Work with the Alliance for Retired Americans at the state and local level for social justice for seniors.
- Work with other retiree and community-based organizations for the betterment of our members and all older Americans.

Chapters of the Retired Members' Council

District 1		District 3		District 4 continued	
1022 BORDENTOWN	NJ	3060 WINSTON SALEM	NC	4900 INDIANAPOLIS	IN
1032 HARMONY TWP	NJ	3104 POMPANO BEACH	FL	District 6	
1034 TRENTON	NJ	3106 JACKSONVILLE	FL	6016 NORMAN	OK
1039 EAST WINDSOR	NJ	3109 PENSACOLA	FL	6127 MIDLAND	TX
1040 MANALAPAN	NJ	3111 FT PIERCE	FL	6132 AUSTIN	TX
1085 SWEDESBORO	NJ	3112 WEST PALM BEACH	FL	6137 CORPUS CHRISTI	TX
1089 FAIR LAWN	NJ	3201 LEESBURG	GA	6139 NEDERLAND	TX
1101 WAPPINGER FALLS	NY	3204 ATLANTA	GA	6143 LIVE OAK	TX
1102 STATEN ISLAND	NY	3212 FORTSON	GA	6171 SAN ANGELO	TX
1103 THORNWOOD	NY	3220 CLAXTON	GA	6200 IOWA PARK	TX
1104 FARMINGDALE	NY	3263 FLOWERY BRANCH	GA	6201 HASLET	TX
1106 WEST BABLOON	NY	3310 LOUISVILLE	KY	6214 TYLER	TX
1108 MEDFORD	NY	3603 CHARLOTTE	NC	6218 SAN AUGUSTINE	TX
1109 BROOKLYN	NY	3802 HARRISON	TN	6222 HOUSTON	TX
1118 SCOTIA	NY	3805 KNOXVILLE	TN	6229 MISSION	TX
1122 LOCKPORT	NY	3808 NASHVILLE	TN	6290 ENNIS	TX
1123 SYRACUSE	NY	3902 BIRMINGHAM	AL	6301 NIXA	MO
1126 YORKVILLE	NY	3904 RAINBOW CITY	AL	6314 BOONVILLE	MO
1150 STATEN ISLAND	NY	District 4		6320 BELLEVILLE	IL
1170 ROCHESTER	NY	4009 TROY	MI	6327 KANSAS CITY	MO
1180 SOUTH OZONE PK	NY	4013 ORION	MI	6360 GLADSTONE	MO
1190 CORAM	NY	4025 MARQUETTE	MI	6733 EL PASO	TX
1298 LAKEVILLE	CT	4034 KENTWOOD	MI	District 7	
1365 SALEM	NH	4050 DETROIT	MI	7011 ALBUQUERQUE	NM
District 2		4100 YPSILANTI	MI	7102 JOHNSTON	IA
2001 CHARLESTON	WV	4108 SAGINAW	MI	7200 RICHFIELD	MN
2101 MIDDLE RIVER	MD	4217 FREEBURG	IL	7212 ST CLOUD	MN
2105 WILLIAMSPORT	MD	4250 CICERO	IL	7219 PELICAN RAPIDS	MN
2106 NEWARK	MD	4290 WOODRIDGE	IL	7290 WATERLOO	NE
2107 ANNAPOLIS	MD	4302 AKRON	OH	7301 BISMARCK	ND
2108 RIVA	MD	4309 WARRENSVILLE HTS	OH	7303 FARGO	ND
2109 CUMBERLAND	MD	4319 TOLEDO	OH	7400 OMAHA	NE
2201 SPRING GROVE	VA	4320 GROVE CITY	OH	7500 SIOUX FALLS	SD
2202 CHESAPEAKE	VA	4321 ZANESVILLE	OH	7505 DEADWOOD	SD
2204 ROCKY MOUNT	VA	4322 XENIA	OH	7601 LARAMIE	WY
2205 HAMPTON	VA	4340 EUCLID	OH	7750 THORNTON	CO
2222 MANASSAS	VA	4603 GERMANTOWN	WI	7777 DENVER	CO
2275 ZUNI	VA	4621 APPLETON	WI	7800 RENTON	WA
2336 UPPER MARLBORO	MD	4640 EAU CLAIRE	WI	7803 RENTON	WA
20901* NORTON	VA	4690 MUSKEGO	WI	7810 OLYMPIA	WA

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District 7 Continued

7818 OTIS ORCHARDS WA
 7901 BRIGHTWOOD OR
 7906 EUGENE OR
 70003# PHOENIX AZ
 70014# SPRINGVILLE UT
 70901* CEDAR RAPIDS IA

District 9

9000 LOS ANGELES CA
 9333 MODESTO CA
 9400 PLEASANT HILL CA
 9408 FRESNO CA
 9412 PLEASANTON CA
 9413 RENO NV
 9415 MILL VALLEY CA
 9416 BAKERSFIELD CA
 9417 STOCKTON CA
 9421 FOLSOM CA
 9423 SAN JOSE CA
 9503 WEST HILLS CA
 9505 PASADENA CA
 9509 SAN DIEGO CA
 9510 ANAHEIM CA
 9586 LONG BEACH CA

District 13

13000 PITTSBURGH PA
 13017 DARBY PA
 13019 PHILADELPHIA PA
 13020 CLIFTON HEIGHTS PA
 13021 FOLSOM PA
 13022 COLLEGEVILLE PA
 13023 WAGONTOWN PA
 13025 DOYLESTOWN PA
 13031 ALTOONA PA
 13032 HUMMELSTOWN PA
 13033 NEW TRIPOLI PA
 13035 WILKES-BARRE PA
 13044 COROPOLIS PA
 13054 NEW CASTLE PA
 13056 DUBOIS PA
 13057 GREENSBURG PA

District 13 Continued

13059 MURRYSVILLE PA
 13500 TOPTON PA
 13501 PITTSBURGH PA
 13550 PITTSBURGH PA
 13591 PITTSBURGH PA

Printing, Publishing and Media Workers Sector

14170 QUEENS VILLAGE NY
 14430 HOMER GLEN IL
 14827 PITTSBURGH PA

AFA-CWA

27010 SEATTLE WA
 29011 OAKLAND CA
 29012 FOUNTAIN VALLEY CA

TNG-CWA

31222 CONCORD NH

NABET-CWA

51011 WANTAGH NY
 51016 S PLAINFIELD NJ
 52031 SILVER SPRING MD
 52212 MOUNDSVILLE WV
 54041 CHICAGO IL
 54042 UNIVERSITY HEIGHT OH
 59053 WOODLAND HILLS CA
 59057 N.HOLLYWOOD CA

IUE-CWA

81301 SCHENECTADY NY
 81381 PITTSFORD NY
 81455 TRENTON NJ
 81468 RENSSELAER NY
 83698 JACKSON MS
 83761 LOUISVILLE KY
 84438 GREENVILLE MI
 84755 KETTERING OH
 84775 DAYTON OH
 84798 FAIRBORN OH
 84801 DAYTON OH
 84808 HENDERSON KY

** denotes regional chapter*

denotes statewide chapter