

## **FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**April 13, 2006**

### **Bargaining Update**

The parties met this morning in two brief sessions totaling 1 hour and 22 minutes. The Company presented the AEIF with revised proposals on Article I (Purpose and Scope), Article XXII (Safety & Health), and an unnumbered Medical Article. The Company further proposed setting aside 7 consecutive days, beginning at 7:00 a.m. this coming Monday morning, for the parties to dedicate solely to negotiations. The Company explained that it was available to meet for that period of time because the schedules of its negotiating committee all happened to be clear (the same committee that took over two weeks, March 7 - March 22, to respond to a past AEIF contract proposal). The AEIF has *always* been willing to meet for bargaining, and responded with an offer to meet beginning as early as this evening following our membership meeting, through the weekend (including the holiday), and through the following 7 day period. The Company responded that it could not meet until Monday, but contrary to its prior offer, it was no longer available to meet at 7:00 a.m., but will call that morning with a meeting time.

### **Membership Meeting**

Please plan to attend our monthly Membership Meeting today at 4:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Disabled American Veterans Hall (Chapter 131), 4610 Trenton-Franklin Road, Middletown OH. Due to limited parking, we request that only AEIF members attend.

### **Easter Hams**

UFCW Local 1099, our good neighbors headquartered in Monroe, with the support of Kroger, have generously contributed to make possible an Easter Ham distribution. With additional financial support from the AEIF, a distribution of Easter hams to each AEIF family will be held this Friday, April 14, at the Union Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. *only*. Come with identification, receive your Easter Ham, and be certain to thank our friends at Kroger and UFCW Local 1099.

- Your Executive Committee