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Years as USW Member: **17 years**

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What is unusual about your hometown, place of work or job?

It's a 100 year old company with old WWI and WWII presses that we still use. It's like walking through a history book when you walk through my plant.

What does this year's theme, "A Union That Works" mean to you?

For me it's a vision going forward. I love the new theme. Not only does it draw attention to how hard we work politically and in industry, but also how joining the USW can create a better standard of living for everybody and their families.

What issues will be important when your Local's contract expires?

It's pretty standard: healthcare is always the number one issue. We always want to keep quality healthcare that's also affordable.

What is the most "political" thing you have done?

I was part of the fight against SB5 in Ohio. I was one of the 5,000 locked in the statehouse in Columbus. It was amazing. It was so charged, you could feel it in the air: the solidarity, the chanting. To watch all the unions come together for one common good, it was a sight to see.

What career option do you think Chris Christie and/or Rob Ford should pursue?

Chris Christie should be a professional wrestler. He would do well at WWF.

Who would you prefer to have dinner with, and why: Hilary Clinton, Lady Gaga, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, Will Smith, Richard Trumka or Jennifer Lawrence?

Probably Lady Gaga—I think that would be the most interesting dinner. I'd be interested to see what she's like away from the show.

What's the best thing about the Convention so far?

I like the vision for the future. This is the perfect time to set our agenda for the next three years. I also want to see what role I am going to play.

What things do you hope to do while you're here?

It's important to see the direction that we're moving in. It gives you an opportunity to network with people from around the world, recharge your batteries, and go back more enthusiastic, especially heading into the political season.

Have you yet decided how you will put the convention to work when you return home?

Building on the organizing theme, I'm going to get started as soon as I get back. I'll be at home for a week and then at Linden Hall and then deployed on political assignment right away.

