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Years as USW Member: **off and on since 1996**

Hometown: **Elizabethtown, Ky.**

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

One of the most unusual things is that being a Steelworker previously in a plant that closed is that I walked into another USW facility and was able to run for office. I've been local president more than half the time I've been employed there.

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

It puts a face to our movement. We're not just talking about numbers; we're talking about people. We should have been doing this all along.

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

Anything that impacts the quality of life of our members will be on the table. But we're not concerned about that. Whenever we've come together we've always won. Solidarity is more important than anything the company proposes to change.

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

I've been a political activist since 2011. I'm also a legislative agent for the state. I sit in on house labor and industry committee, and I'm basically there to protect us from bills that take away rights from workers. There's lots of money involved, and it's not like court. You can go to a committee hearing and lie all day long.

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

Drive through at McDonalds. I don't care which window.

**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?**

It's a tossup between Trumka because I admire him, and something about going to dinner with Scott Walker, just to aggravate him. There's something a little fun about that. They have a hard time dealing with an educated member.

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

I think it's the way we've been articulating our message. If you're not recharged after this, I don't know what it will take. The brother from the Moral Monday movement, he got done, and I thought, I could take on anybody right now.

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

I want to recharge, renew my strength and recommit myself to the movement. There are people who need me, and I want to make a difference.

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

We've already started: posting things on Facebook, making things accessible. We've been trying to create a culture of activism, and lots of thing said here at the convention are in line with that.

