What is unusual about your hometown, place of work or job?
Texas City has experienced more industrial tragedy than most. From the disaster in the early 1900s to the more recent 2005 BP Refinery explosion, events here have made the folks working here better activists for health, safety and environmental concerns than in most communities.

What does this year’s theme, “A Union That Works” mean to you?
This theme is a very simple description of our union, which encompasses all we are and do.

What issues will be important when your Local’s contract expires?
Benefits and staffing.

What is the most “political” thing you have done?
I went block walking for local city and county officials. I also ran for local union office.

What career option do you think Chris Christie and/or Rob Ford should pursue?
They can start a joint venture selling cow manure. Both seem to know a lot about bull.

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?
They can start a joint venture selling cow manure. Both seem to know a lot about bull. Jennifer Lawrence because she’s Jennifer Lawrence. I could catch up with any of the others another time.

What’s the best thing about the Convention so far?
Reverend Barber because his message was one of the most inspirational speeches I have ever heard.

What things do you hope to do while you’re here?
I want our union to establish the best policies and agendas to move forward over the next few years.

Have you yet decided how you will put the convention to work when you return home?
First and foremost is to bring back the messages and stories of the convention. I want to educate our members about our agenda, struggles and successes.