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Years as USW Member: **4 years as a USW Member**

Hometown: **Carleton Place, Ontario**

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

Probably that we have beers with our manager. At Queen's University our members work in a number of different departments and it tends to be pretty siloed. In my department we have a good relationship with our manager. He has even told me that he's glad I'm getting active in the union.

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

I think of the words: effective, hard-working, caring people. That's what being a member of the Steelworkers means – you're supported by people who have your back.

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

My local achieved its first collective agreement in 2012 and made great strides. For the next round of bargaining, tightening up language will definitely be a priority as the employer often tries to exploit any holes they can find.

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

The most political thing I've done is vote NDP in the last election. I'm proud that my union is at the forefront of political action and I'm looking forward to getting more involved.

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

Well, Rob Ford has gotten pretty good at begging for forgiveness so maybe he could try panhandling.

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?

What a mix of people. I would probably say all of them and then I'd be sure to bring popcorn and watch the fireworks.

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

This is my first convention. I was a bit intimidated at the start. I didn't realize it would be so big! The best part has been how welcoming everyone has been.

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

I just want to soak it all in, but I'm really looking forward to speaking to the Women of Steel resolution. I think it's fantastic that we have the Women of Steel program, supporting women and giving them space to be leaders.

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

One of the biggest workplace challenges is apathy among members. My plan is to sit down with other local delegates and strategize about the best way to share the knowledge and experience with other members.

