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Local Number/USW District #: **11-205, District: 11**

Employer, Job Title: **Continental Cement Company, Laborer**

Years as USW Member: **Member for 7 years**

Hometown: **Hannibal, MO**

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

I am a female doing what is typically considered a “man’s job.” There are only two other females in my local. Hannibal, MO, is Mark Twain’s inspiration for his books so it labeled as America’s hometown.

**What does this year’s theme, “A Union That Works” mean to you?**

“A Union that Works means having security. I have a union that’s going to work for it, support me and have my back.

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

The most important ones are healthcare, wages and retirement. We lost our retiree’s insurance in our last contract. I’m sure that will come up again. I no longer have a pension. Those are the most important issues that we struggle with at the bargaining table.

**What is the most “political” thing you have done?**

I go to my state house when it’s in session. I try to take local members, too. We’ve had the right-to-work struggle. We recently were successful in getting our representative to take a walk and not vote. It saved us from having the bill being pushed through to the Senate.

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

I would say that with their ignorance and their lack of understanding of modern America they don’t really have any options as far as a career path.

**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?**

I would probably say Scott Walker because I would want him to see what a union thug is. I’d want him to see that I’m a mother and I’m a union thug. What he’s doing to union members in Wisconsin is unacceptable. He’s hurting families and that’s what I would spend my time with him saying.

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

Meeting people, getting to network, seeing old friends I haven’t seen in a long time and getting new ideas.

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

I hope to continue to network. We’re really working on building the Next Gen program in our district so while I’m here I’m hoping to come up with new alliances for that.

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

I haven’t yet decided, but there’ll be a multitude of ways that we use the experience of this convention. I know organizing is a huge thing and we’ve got some of that going on where I live.

