

RWU Information

RWU 2016 Annual Report Available

The RWU *Annual Report* is now available to all members and the general public. Members who receive *The Highball* by mail may have already noticed your personal copy of the *Report* inside your copy of this newsletter which you should have received in the mail. All new members who join throughout the course of 2016 will have the *Report* mailed to them as well. And everyone can access the *Report* on the RWU website.

The RWU *Annual Report* began five years ago. It is a summary of what the organization has achieved and accomplished over the course of the preceding year, what campaigns and events it has engaged in, resolutions adopted, along with the general state of the organization. Please take the time to look it over.

RWU Launches First Ever Fund Appeal Drive this Spring

Railroad Workers United (RWU) is a membership based organization, and as such, the vast majority of our funding comes from our members through their annual dues. We have kept the dues at \$50 a year (that's just \$4.16 a month!) since we were founded nearly 10 years ago. And we hope to keep them that way to ensure maximum membership and participation in the organization. That said, we are living in extraordinary times which call for extraordinary action. And that takes money.

Therefore, RWU will engage in our first ever fundraising drive this spring. We encourage all members and supporters to contribute what they can, either as a one-time or a recurring donation. More details are available on the website.

Things that we have taken for granted for so long - Railroad Retirement (1935); The Federal Employers' Liability Act

Railroad Workers Memorial Day
The RWU Steering Committee announced that it will observe the 2016 Railroad Workers Memorial Day on May 1st. The committee will be holding a memorial service at the RWU headquarters in Washington, D.C. at 10:00 AM. The service will be open to the public and will feature a keynote address by RWU President, James M. McInerney, and a presentation of the RWU flag to the National Railroad Laborers' Union. The service will be broadcasted on the RWU website and on the RWU Facebook Page.

RWU Facebook Page
The RWU Facebook Page continues to grow and attract new members. As of 1/27/16, we had 10,000 members. The RWU Facebook Page is a great way to stay connected with the RWU and to learn more about our organization. We encourage all members to like and share our posts. We also encourage non-members to like and share our posts. We will continue to post news, photos, and videos from our organization. We will also post information about our upcoming events and campaigns.

RWU Steering Committee
The RWU Steering Committee met on April 28th, 2016, at the RWU headquarters in Washington, D.C. The committee discussed the RWU's financial situation and the RWU's fundraising efforts. The committee also discussed the RWU's relationship with the National Railroad Laborers' Union and the RWU's relationship with the American Railway Union. The committee will continue to work on these issues and will report back to the RWU membership at the next meeting.

RWU Steps Up Defense of Scapegated Canadian Railroad Workers
The RWU has stepped up its defense of Canadian railroad workers who have been scapegated for the 2015 rail strike. The RWU has filed a lawsuit with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) to force the Canadian National Railway (CN) to reinstate the workers and to pay them back pay. The RWU has also filed a lawsuit with the NLRB to force the CN to pay the workers' legal fees. The RWU has also filed a lawsuit with the NLRB to force the CN to pay the workers' back pay. The RWU has also filed a lawsuit with the NLRB to force the CN to pay the workers' back pay.

Official Website
The RWU's official website is now live. The website provides information about the RWU's history, mission, and values. The website also provides information about the RWU's current campaigns and events. The website is a great resource for members and non-members alike. We encourage all members to visit the website and to share it with their friends and family.

RWU Organizes in Defense of Railroad Worker Whistleblowers
The RWU has organized a campaign to defend railroad worker whistleblowers. The RWU has filed a lawsuit with the NLRB to force the National Railroad Laborers' Union (NRLU) to reinstate the whistleblowers and to pay them back pay. The RWU has also filed a lawsuit with the NLRB to force the NRLU to pay the whistleblowers' legal fees. The RWU has also filed a lawsuit with the NLRB to force the NRLU to pay the whistleblowers' back pay. The RWU has also filed a lawsuit with the NLRB to force the NRLU to pay the whistleblowers' back pay.

(1908); the union shop provision of the RLA (1951); Amtrak (1971); good wages, benefits and working conditions and a minimum of two in the cab (1830), are all under attack by rail CEO's, boards of directors, and politicians alike. We as railroad workers have our work cut out for us. To win the battles that loom on the horizon, we need to educate, organize, and motivate ... and raise some necessary funds to assist us in this effort. Let's face it, \$4 a month from a small group of committed rail workers - no matter how committed - is not a lot of money to run a national organization with.

Throughout the spring, we will be posting notices on the RWU website and Facebook Page, and sending out email appeals to donate. Those of you who get this newsletter in the mail got a hard copy fundraising letter along with it. Please, donate what you can and help build Railroad Workers United!