



# CONTRACT 2013



## DISTRICT LODGE 26 AND ITS AFFILIATED LOCAL LODGES 700 & 1746

Pratt & Whitney came to the bargaining table on opening day with **no proposals**, just a series of business presentations. The first by *Andy Tanner V.P. of Commercial Engines* and the second by *Joe Sylvestro V.P. of Module Centers and Operations*. **While they did not bring their proposals, the intent is clear.** The future is bright with the unprecedented ramp up of the Geared Turbo Fan and there is significant investment in Connecticut.

Bright for who? The workers in **Connecticut**? Don't fool yourselves brothers and sisters - If you do materials work or receiving inspection, their plans don't include you.

The Union negotiators told the company that **their workforce is not disposable**, they have mortgages, car payments, kids and college and all the other things in their lives. *Terry Nolan* said, "**We don't view our employees as disposable.**" Brothers and sisters look around you; remember when there were thousands more employees. *Chief negotiator Mike Stone* pressed *Nolan* stating, "**there used to be 27, 000 employees now there are 2,700. The math is simple. How much of the workforce is disposable?**" While he danced around the question when pressed he reluctantly told your negotiating committee that **10% of the workforce remains today** - Well guess what brothers and sisters, the percentage is dipping into **single digits**. If you think it doesn't affect you because you don't do that work, think again! Once they eliminate this work, what is next?

In 2010 they closed **Cheshire**; previously they closed **Southington, Rocky Hill, Manchester, North Haven** and drastically reduced the number of our members in the remaining locations. *Company negotiator Nadia Villeneuve* spoke about **partnering with the union to kill the alternative engine to the F-135. Being partners with Pratt & Whitney is like being partners with the devil.**

Their proposals haven't hit the table yet, but they are going to be ugly. The company proposed to add Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup> as an additional day at the table to go over the proposals they failed to bring today. Your union agreed to the extra day **so we will meet Tuesday and Wednesday of next week**. We warned you in an earlier newsletter they had eliminated materials employees in Florida and asked you to prepare for the worst. **It looks like the worst is here.**

Union negotiators made it clear that they had no intention of recommending that workers vote for the elimination of their co-workers job. We will keep the membership informed every step of the way as the process continues.

**~Support your negotiating committee and let the company know loud and clear what you think of them sending more of your co-workers to the unemployment line!!!**