DEARBORN
STAMPING PLANT



Loretta Burrell, President

I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. I welcome my fellow workers back to work and hope everyone is looking forward to the New Year with much anticipation that it will be an even better year than last year.

The Dearborn Stamping Plant surely is filled with anticipation as we get ready to launch the new P221 project. The DSP is a big part of this project and I am confident that we will make it a success if we can get all levels of management on the same accord.

It is imperative that we work together if this launch is to be successful and I have expressed this with all levels of management. The DSP has had other launches but none of this magnitude, so we have to make it work. We, the union reps and the hourly workers, are willing and eager to do our part.

This is also the year that we negotiate the new contract with the Company. I am hopeful that we can negotiate a fair and equitable unit agreement, and our national negotiators can do the same without work interruptions.

WELCOME GRANHOLM

I hope that the new governor, Jennifer Granholm, can make Michigan a more Union and labor-friendly state. Even though Republicans control both houses in Lansing, we've survived 12 years of Engler's anti-union and anti-labor policies. If we had been unfortunate enough to have had Posthumus elected, we really would have had reason to be concerned.

SICK AND SHUT-IN

We wish a full and speedy recovery to all of our sisters and brothers who are on medical leaves, and hope that they have a healthier new year. We also remind you that it's your responsibility to keep your medical leave current. If you have any questions regarding your medical leave, call Christy at 313-845-8174, or if you have questions regarding your benefits, call Nona at 313-845-4496.

RETIREES

We hope all of our retirees are well and are enjoying their retirements. We hope they have an even better year in 2003. It was nice to see those of you who took the time to come out to our Christmas dinner in last month.

It's always hard to replace the experience we lose when our people retire, but we wish long, happy, and healthy retirements to our new retirees. They include Y.C. Obryant, #3 Cleaner, Dept. 5210; James Emanuel, Salvage Repairman, Dept. 5940; C. Clemons, ATMWL, Dept. 5820; Edward Jones, ATMPL, Dept. 5940; Robert Dalidowich, Line Feeder, Dept. 5210; Gary Schoenberg, Oiler, Dept. 5700; Flendard Turstall, Jr., Tooling-Layout Inspector, Dept. 5070; Tommy Bell, Inventory Follow-Up, Dept. 5200; and a very special friend, Ernest Burns, #3 Cleaner, Dept. 5640. Brother Burns was also an alternate Health & Safety Rep., and a former GEN Coordinator. His contributions will be missed by all.

CONDOLENCES

We offer our deepest sympathies and condolences to all of our brothers and sisters who have recently lost a friend or loved one including Eddie Smiley, Dept 94, who lost his brother; Joan Kish, Dept. 5820, who lost her husband, Larry Smith, a former Hilo Driver in Dept. 5210; Turhan Morris, Dept. 5210, who lost his brother; Delorse (Dee) Palmer, Dept. 5070, who lost her mother; Joe Battle, Dept. 5960, who lost his mother-in-law; Chris Lucking, Dept. 5820, who lost his grandmother; R. D. Buck, Dept. 5960, who lost his stepmother; and to the families of retirees Rosevelt Turner and Curtis Roman who both recently passed. Our prayers are with you.