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## “You’re Getting to Them!”

Yesterday, company representatives got up from the bargaining table in New York for a call with company management in D.C. about our mobilization efforts. There’s no question, our bargainers say, “You’re getting to them. We hear it from the company.” Great work! Keep it up!

### REMEMBER:

- **WORK SAFELY**
- **WORK CAREFULLY**
- **PACK UP ALL PERSONAL BELONGINGS AT THE END OF YOUR TOUR**



Here’s a brief round-up of just some of the activities that have been getting under the company’s skin.

### Picketing, Rallying, Then Picketing and Rallying Some More

Thursday saw picket lines at hundreds of Verizon locations across the East . . . a huge **Boston** rally with 1,000 IBEW and CWA members at Verizon’s New England headquarters, led by motorcycles . . . close to 200 **L. 1400** members traveled to the Boston rally . . . **L. 2336**’s rally

and BBQ in Washington, D.C. . . . joint CWA & IBEW rally in **Newark** . . . . **L. 2205** picketed at the Airport Rd. CSSC, Luck Ave. CO & Oakland Blvd. CMC and members have put up signs in their personal cars . . . rally in **Syracuse** . . . 200 members of **L. 1101** and **L. 1105** went back to 140 West St. and took over half the street; “the crowd kept growing and growing over the lunch hour” **L. 2275** in Virginia has been practice picketing all week at Smithfield, Stafford, Manassas, Chesapeake, Virginia Beach and Courtland with the help of retirees (and has been continuing its COPE and EFCA sign-ups!) . . . picketing at all Brooklyn garages, with larger rallies at 7 garages by members of **L. 1109** and **L. 1105** . . .



### Calling a Rat a Rat

Did anyone lose a giant rat? One was seen in Andover, MA, where **CWA L. 1400** and **IBEW** locals picketed; the locals also picketed in Worcester and Taunton, MA . . . strangely, a giant rat also turned up in Patchogue, NY . . .



### Look, Ma, We’re on TV!

4 rallies on Staten Island, each with 75-100 members of **L. 1102** & **L. 1105** got “terrific press” . . . **L. 1118**’s rally of 115 people was covered by all 3 networks, the Time-Warner channel, and the local paper . . . for more news coverage, look at [www.cwa-union.org/Verizon](http://www.cwa-union.org/Verizon) . . .



## “All Hands on Deck”

At L. 1104, “It’s been all hands on deck” . . . at L. 2011’s rally and march, the “hands” included children, husbands and retirees—one retiree even brought her father who was a retiree from Fourco Glass Co. . . .



## Living up the workplace

L. 2204 members waved red flags at 12pm, 3pm, 6pm, and 9pm . . . at L. 2201, it’s “flyers, flyers, flyers!”, a “Contact Ivan and Denny” campaign, training picket captains, vehicle checks and solidarity walk-ins in the garages, solidarity stand-ups in call centers and inside groups daily, black on Fridays, buttons, and decorating our offices in red . . . L. 2202 held Crazy Hat Day . . .



## How Many Different Kinds of Red Food Are There, Anyway?

L. 13100 call center workers had a “red lunch,” where all the food was either red or in red bowls; and they’ve posted “These boots were made for walking” flyers in cubicles and have shoes and boots with them . . . speaking of shoes, Newark call center workers wore sneakers because the company is sneaking our jobs out of the bargaining unit . . . L. 13500 members are also holding “red lunches,” as well as burying copies of the contract in caskets that are carried out by chief stewards acting as pallbearers; members also stood at 3pm for 3 minutes and waved paper hands that said, “Hands Off My Health Care!” . . . we don’t know what color the food was, but L. 2108 passed out 500 red balloons at the call center in Silver Spring, MD, and had a “Decorate Your Cubicle in Red” contest . . .

## Attention, Customers

This morning and continuing throughout the day, members are distributing “Customer Service Alert” flyers to warn the public of possible service problems during a strike; customers are urged to contact Seidenberg and ask for a fair settlement . . . L. 1102 and L. 1105 passed out 2,000 flyers on the Staten Island side of the Staten Island ferry while L. 1101 passed out another 3,000 at transit locations including the Manhattan side of the ferry, Penn Station, the Port Authority, and subway stations near Verizon locations . . . in Pittsburgh, L. 13000 and L. 13500 passed out the flyers at VZ buildings at 201 Stanwix Street and 416 4th Ave. . .



## Much More to Come

Today, L. 13000 and L.13500 will rally at two locations in Center City, Philadelphia . . . hundreds of members will march from L. 1103’s office to the bargaining hotel in Rye, N.Y., a half mile away for a “good old CWA a\*\*-kicking rally” . . . tomorrow, L. 2204 will rally at the Hampton, VA, Fiber Solutions Center.



Be sure to send reports and pictures of your local’s activities to your District office or to [kraab@cwa-union.org](mailto:kraab@cwa-union.org)



### Stand Rock Solid

To all my union Brothers and Sisters we need to stand rock solid against Verizon. They cannot afford to have us strike with the competition breathing down Verizon's neck. We all need to stand tall and proud, because we are the reason why Verizon is the company it is today and Management knows they cannot run the company without us.

~ Philip Valastro  
Mayor, Village of Chester, N.Y.

### We Haven't Forgotten 1989

My husband is a retiree of CWA Local 1108 and I just wanted you to know that we haven't forgotten the strike of 1989. We continue to support all union activities. We wear red on Thursdays and I just got a red bracelet from the Farm Workers' Union in remembrance of Cesar Chavez and the continued struggle of workers everywhere. As long as one person struggles, we ALL struggle! **Solidarity** is one of the most important values for union (and nonunion) people to remember. As long as we stick together as a bargaining unit we cannot be defeated. There is, truly, nothing lower than a SCAB! These people should be treated as the vile traitors they are.

Please keep the bulletins coming so that we can continue to be a strong support for our union brothers and sisters!

~ Gail

