



Cory Ayers Name:

Local 2737, District 1

Local Number/USW District #:

Zimmer Bromet, General Laborer

Employer, Job Title:

Years as USW Member:

5 years

Medical and surgical products

What does your local do or make?

New Philadelphia, Ohio.

Hometown:

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

"The workforce at our facility is mostly women, with just a few men. The group that we have gets along very well."

What does this year's theme, "The Power of Unity," mean to you? How has your local benefited from putting unity into action?

"Unity means everyone coming together. Sometimes, you don't see that. Over the last few years, through Next Gen and Women of Steel, I've been seeing our unity growing stronger than it was when I first started. We come together to support each other and also to do work in the community."

What issues will be important when your local's contract expires?

"Our company started making the same products that we make overseas. So there's been a lot of worry about that. In the next contract, we have to make sure we keep all the good things that we have, especially our health insurance."

What's your favorite alternative fact?

"Make America Great Again. That has to be the most bizarre one."

Who would you prefer to have dinner with: Sean Spicer, Betty White, Vladimir Putin, Drake, or Céline Dion? Why?

"Betty White. She's been around for a long time, and she's been through so much. She's seen America from so many different angles. I'd just like to be able to learn about her life from when she grew up. And she's pretty funny, too."

What's the best thing about the convention so far?

"It's great to see everyone come together and to be so united. It's been great to hear the stories from everyone on the floor supporting the resolutions. It's definitely inspirational. And of course the speakers are always great."

What things do you hope to do while you're here?

"I'm hoping to meet new people. I've met with a lot of Next Gen people. Hopefully we can get together and share ideas and make the Next Gen program even stronger than it is now."

What in this convention will you put to work when you return home?

"I'm definitely going to talk to my local about the power of unity. Also, we are an amalgamated local, and I'll be sharing information about Next Gen with each unit president."

