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

“For me, it is usual to see people who work 40 hours or more and still live in poverty. We are supposed to live well if we work full-time.”

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

“Solidarity and unity mean that my co-workers and I come back to work after a hard contract negotiation and almost a lock out. Last year, most of us were laid off for six months during contract talks. To sustain unity, we met a lot and talked a lot about what was going on in negotiations.”

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

“We will try to get back the benefits that we gave up in our last contract negotiation. They cut everything. For future negotiations, we hope we can get those benefits back, but it will be hard because the economy is so bad.”

**What’s your favorite alternative fact?**

“I don’t understand alternative facts. What is that?”

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

“I know it has nothing to do with the labor movement, but I prefer Drake because I like his music and maybe we could have a good time.”

**What’s the best thing about the convention so far?**

“The best thing about the convention so far was the opportunity to see in person Napoleon Gomez. I went to Mexico last year and met a lot of Mineros. They idolize him.”

**What things do you hope to do while you’re here?**

“Since this is my first time here, I want to learn how the process of the resolutions works.”

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

“I want to educate our members on how the resolutions work in the convention and put that to work in our local meetings.”

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