

Julie Searle

Name:

Local 955, District 4

Local Number/USW District #:

PCA Corp., Fork Lift Driver

Employer, Job Title:

23 years

Corrugated box maker

What does your local do or make?

Years as USW Member: Syracuse, N.Y.

Hometown:

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

"My town is a basketball town. Everything runs around the Syracuse basketball team."

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

"We all have to come together and stand as one to support the middle class and make a better life. A strong local means better benefits and a better atmosphere at work."

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

"In our next negotiations we need to keep our 401k and keep the company contributing to that. They match up to 8.5 percent now. And that is really important."

What's your favorite alternative fact?

"I don't know how to describe my feelings about alternative facts. I am pretty straightforward. I don't believe in alternative facts."

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

"I would like to have dinner with Betty White because I think she gets it. She has been around a long time and has a good attitude. I hope I live as long and see all that she has seen."

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

"The best part of the convention so far has been interacting with all the different people from different jobs and learning what they do. Also, I got to see my friends from the Leadership-Scholarship class."

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

"In Las Vegas, I want to go to Fremont Street to see the light show and I went to the Nevada State Museum."

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

"We have a lot of new employees at PCA because we have a lot of retirees and I hope the convention will help me put together new employee packages to try to get the new workers involved in the union.

