



DELEGATE PROFILE



Steve Vonk

Name:

Local 310L, District 11

Local Number/USW District #:

Bridgestone Firestone, Local president

Employer, Job Title:

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Agricultural and forestry tires

Years as USW Member:

What does your local do or make?

Des Moines, Iowa

Hometown:

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

"Des Moines is a nice place to grow up and live. The people are very friendly, and it's a politically active state."

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

"We're gearing up for contract talks this June. Unity among the members, along with education, will be important for our success."

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

"Vladimir Putin. I'd like to get an idea of how he thinks."

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

"The power of solidarity."

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

"Health care is number one. Then pensions and seniority."

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

"Take part in all of the activities that the International has put together for us and share what we learned with the membership. After all, we are here on their dime. I also enjoy showing people around who have never been to Las Vegas."

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What's your favorite alternative fact?

"Donald Trump cares about working men and women."

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

"Solidarity is power."