

Last weekend, Charlie took two other members and myself from our retiree group to Springfield to meet with members of AFSCME legislative conference. The purpose of the trip was to personally meet and become acquainted with presidents, officers and members of other locals and sub chapters.

Personally I feel that the trip was highly successful. First of all I personally met a number of number of new people and was able to inform others of some of the things that our subchapter. In meeting people from other chapters and sub chapter we laid the groundwork for alliances for working together in upcoming endeavors.

Another important fact of the conference was presentation of workshops. I attended the workshop on Getting the work out. The purpose of the workshop work ways that union member can work to dispel of the misinformation and out right lies disseminated the politician and the media. This was a very important workshop because one of the main reasons that ordinary Americans are anti union is because of misinformation , the notion that unions in Illinois are the cause of the “so-called budget crisis” to the exorbitant pensions of union members.

Again, the trip was highly successful.